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TWO SECTIONS

Township to sign off on Brewer

By David Learn
Managing Editor

After six months of inaction, the Township Council signaled its intent Monday night to accept ownership of the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building.

The building at the moment is owned by the Clark Board of Education. The board decided July 23 to transfer title to the building to the township administration.

At the time, no one thought the transfer would take so long. School board attorney Michael Gross said at the end of that board meeting that it was a simple matter of completing paperwork once the district had filed the property title with the county.

The routine transfer became more complicated when township officials found themselves unhappy with terms of the title transfer that effectively prevent the administration from selling the building in the future. Should that happen, money from the sale goes to the school board, effectively preventing the township administration from using proceeds of the sale to offset the construction a new municipal building.

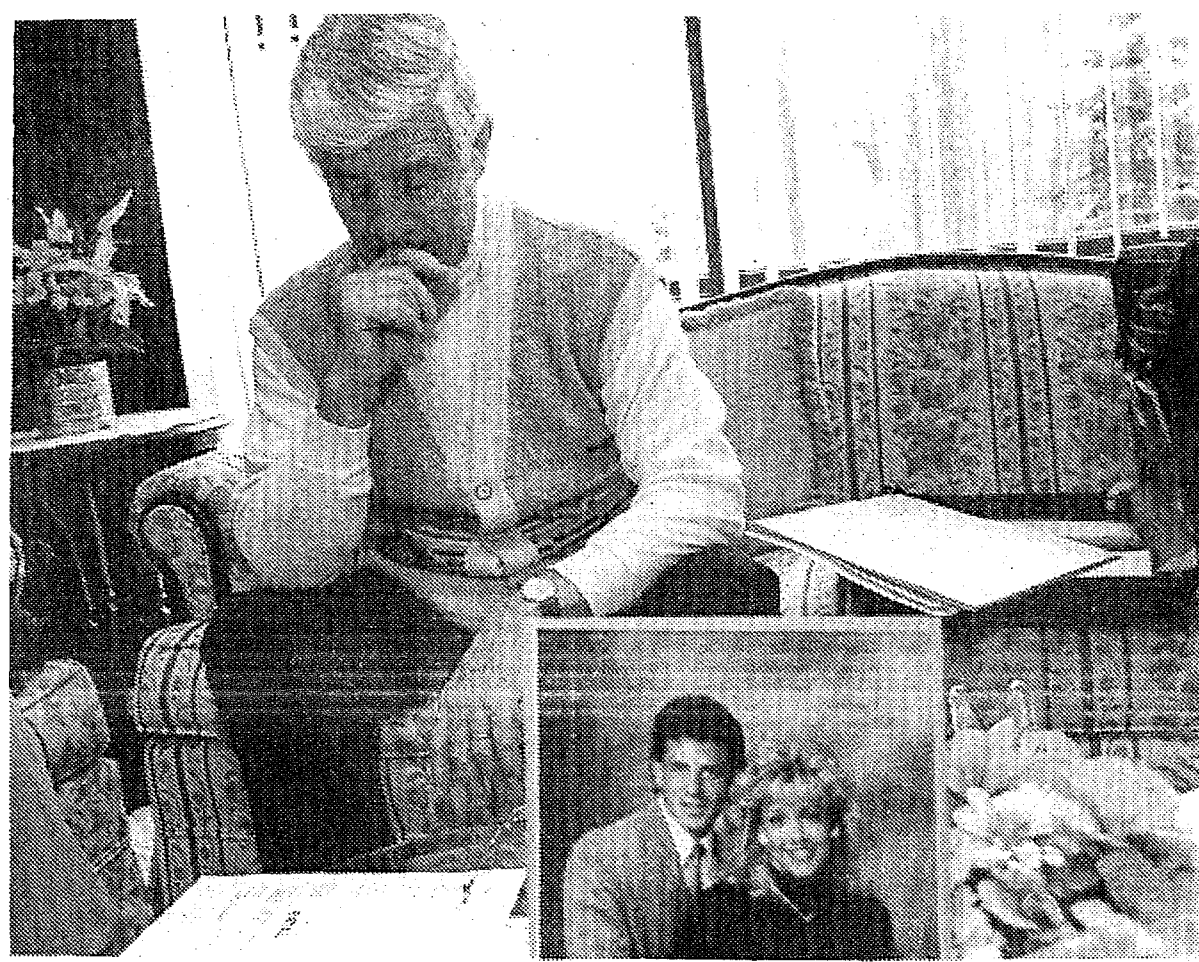
Mayor Sal Bonaccorso and members of the Township Council have stressed that they are concerned not with their own future in the building, but the possibility of hamstringing future township administrations and requiring them to go into debt to buy a new building.

The township has rented the former Brewer School from the Board of Education since 1984 on a 20-year lease for \$1 a year. Under terms of the lease, the school board is responsible for 50 percent of all maintenance expenses related to the building.

Bonaccorso has said the building needs more than \$600,000 in repairs, including a new roof and electric work, as well as other projects and renovations.

The administration is hoping to open a new senior fitness center in the building, and already has installed exercise equipment for that purpose.

The Brewer facility first opened as a school in 1949.



Leslie Kiray tries to contain himself as he deals with the grief he feels over his son's death and what he considers an unsatisfactory conclusion to the investigation.

Photo By Jeff Grant

In death's shadow

For kin, questions linger in crash

By David Learn
Managing Editor

There are a number of questions Leslie Kiray has about his son's death, but the one that looms largest is, "Is that it?"

Kiray's son, James, 38, was killed Sept. 3 in a motor-vehicle accident at the Garden State Parkway Exit 135 traffic circle. Since his son's death, Kiray, who has lived on Blake Drive for 45 years, has been at a loss to understand why the other driver was charged only with careless driving.

And every time he drives through the traffic circle, he's forced to watch his son's death play out in his mind, again and again.

"Every time I go around that circle, my heart stops," said Kiray, 73. "Every time I go to that place where my son was killed, I see everything."

State Police accident reports indicate that the Corvette James Kiray was driving that night had stopped at the stop sign on the left side of the exit ramp. Joseph Ruggirello, driving a Cadillac, started down the right side of the exit ramp, toward Brant Avenue, but struck the concrete island between the two exit lanes and became airborne.

Ruggirello's Cadillac struck the right rear panel of James Kiray's Corvette. From there it continued its forward momentum, shearing the roof off the Corvette and killing James Kiray before striking the one-way sign on the far side of the road, about 3 feet from the ground. Propelled by the force of the impact, James Kiray's Corvette rolled forward about 40 feet, into the circle.

Ruggirello's Cadillac meanwhile landed on the grassy infield of the circle. Its left rear wheel, torn away by the impact, the car continued to slide along the grass. A little further than halfway across, the car began to overturn and again became airborne, losing its left front wheel in the process.

The Cadillac finally came to a complete stop on the far side of the circle.

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Underground Railroad had stations in Clark

By David Learn
Managing Editor

It began in the South and ended in Canada. In the years before the Civil War, it was the lifeline to freedom for hundreds upon hundreds of Blacks seeking to escape slavery.

Clark has had an often-turbulent history in terms of race relations, including an active chapter of the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s and a cross burning as recently as the mid-1980s. But in the 19th century before the Civil War, a strong Quaker presence in the southern tip of the township helped hundreds of escaped slaves to freedom on the Underground Railroad.

At the time, Clark was still a ward of Rahway, with its own incorporation not coming until 1864. The hub of the abolitionist activity in Clark was the area south of Lake Avenue, known as Quakertown.

Black History Month

The center of that activity was the estate house of Hugh Hartshorne Bowne, now the Oak Ridge Golf Course club house. One of the area's wealthiest landowners, and an associate of President Lincoln, Bowne eventually would serve as Clark's fourth and sixth mayors, from 1877 to 1881 and from 1873 to 1879.

From the mid-1840s until just before the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861, Bowne and his family were involved with the abolitionist movement.

There is no indication that any

slaves were caught while they were in Clark.

"They'd be here for a week or two at a time," Municipal Historian Brian Toal said of the escaped slaves. "They would be hidden or utilized to help out in some way so they could blend in."

Part of the camouflage the escaped slaves enjoyed was mingling with the hired hands on the estate. Like the escaped slaves, the hired hands were Black, and no one was going to notice if a couple of the workers disappeared after a few weeks and moved up north to Rahway. Or when they left Rahway soon after and traveled farther north again.

Frank K. Hehnl, the former superintendent for whom the school on Raritan Road is named, in a history he wrote of the township, also makes mention of another station on the Underground Railroad.

Hehnl identifies the two-story Petersen farm house, razed in 1999 to make way for the Bienko Courts housing development, as another stop on the Underground Railroad. Unlike with the Bowne estate, this hiding place was in a hidden subcellar.

When the house was razed, the developer discovered a subcellar exactly like what Hehnl described.

"It opened up doors for us," Toal said of that discovery. "It showed us that Hehnl's report wasn't just (non-sense)."

Ironically, Hehnl's 1949 history says the house was built for a purpose radically different from the Underground Railroad: its builder, whom he names as Captain Smith, built the house and subcellar in 1778 to clandestinely carry on a slave trade against the prevailing wishes of the surrounding community.

The Petersen House was active on

the Underground Railroad from the 1820s to the 1840s.

A third house along present-day Lake Avenue, the former Hartshorne estate house, is said to have been another station on the Underground Railroad with a hidden cellar compartment of its own.

At this point, no one knows if that's true. The Hartshorne estate house was divided into two separate houses following a fire years ago, and historical groups have yet to perform any sort of archaeological dig to see if they can find such a subcellar.

The Underground Railroad that went through Clark was one of several active lines.

No one knows exactly how many escaped slaves passed through Clark, but it's likely more than 100 took the Underground Railroad through in groups ranging anywhere from one to six.

Making algebra easy as 1-2-f(x)

Teacher engages pupils on inequalities

It's 11:30 a.m. at Arthur L. Johnson High School and April Howard is wrapping up her class.

The students are alert and, by and large, interested even after spending nearly a half-hour on a fairly abstract subject. Howard is a math teacher, and her 11 a.m. class is Algebra I. The lesson for the day is inequalities.

At its simplest, algebra involves finding the value of a number represented by a letter, such as x , when it's used in an equation like $x+4=7$.

On Tuesday, Howard was walking her students through an exercise not on equations but in, well, nonequations. In these — mathematically known as inequalities — the exact value of the variable can't be determined, although its range can. The particular example before the class was one where x was somewhere between negative 4 and positive 2, with the possibility for it to be negative 4.

As part of the exercise, students were required to graph the range of answers on a linear graph. An arrow pointing to the right on the graph indicated everything greater than negative 4. Another arrow pointing left indicated everything less than positive 2. Where the arrows overlapped was where legitimate values for x could be found.

The next sample problem Howard put on the overhead projector was a little more complicated. In this problem, there were two possible sets of numbers the students could find, expressed as $6x-5<7$ or $8x+1>25$.

Algebra even this simple confuses many adults, but Howard's students had no difficulty working through the problem with her. They determined that anything less than 2 or greater than 3 would fit this particular problem.

"These two solutions are going to go on the same line," said Howard. An arrow on her number graph ran to the left from 2, and a second darted to the right from 3.

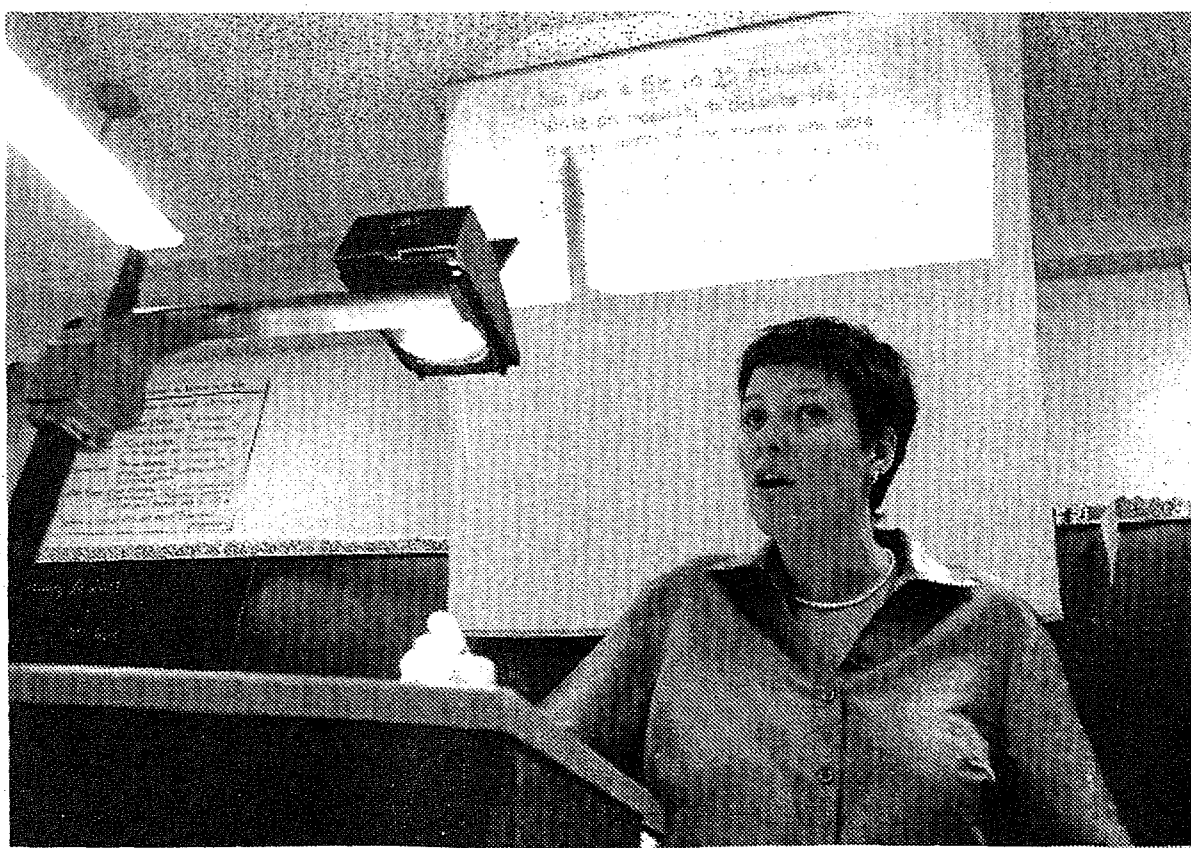
"Notice the inequality signs. What's happening?" she asked her students, then answered her own question. "They're going in opposite directions."

One of Howard's strengths is the rapport she has with her students. Unlike the archetypal stodgy math teacher, she laughs with her students and even jokes with them about their math anxiety when it comes to fractions.

At the start of the year, she said, she put a fractions-based math problem on the overhead, and promised students that they would overcome their fright — she even screamed for them to demonstrate how much fractions intimidate students.

It's silly, but it pays off. "You can really see the difference between their fractions skills at the start of the year and the end of it," she said.

Despite the textbook's attempts to provide real-world applications of mathematic principles, especially to the sciences, one of the most common complaints in any math class remains "Why do I need to learn this?"



April Howard leads her ninth-grade honors algebra students through an exercise in linear inequality formulas.

Photos By Jeff Grant

"I tell them 'Your brain is a muscle.' I say 'Football players do curls. Do they use this motion on the football field?' " she said, bending her arms in simulated weightlifting. "No, They just do it to make themselves stronger."

"Then they usually just look at me like I have five heads."

In one exercise, Howard had the students engage in a forensics exercise in which they measured the lengths of various bones, such as their fibulae, tibiae and radiiuses.

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Board to review mayflies

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

The Hyatt Hills Golf Complex and the mayfly larvae in its 5-acre pond are on the books for an upcoming Cranford Board of Health meeting.

The board will attempt to resolve the ongoing problems when it meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Whether any resolution occurs depends on several factors — the least of which appears to be whether the mayflies return.

If Cranford Mayor Dan Aschenbach gets his wish, the 5-acre pond on the Hyatt Hills Golf Complex would be drained and refilled.

At a recent Township Committee meeting, Aschenbach said he considers draining the pond to be the way to handle the mayflies.

"If the mayflies do come from the pond, I could care less if it's drained," said Clark Mayor Sal Bonaccorso, who visited the Cranford committee meeting. "Hey, the pond looks nice, but who wants to live with mayflies and have residents upset?"

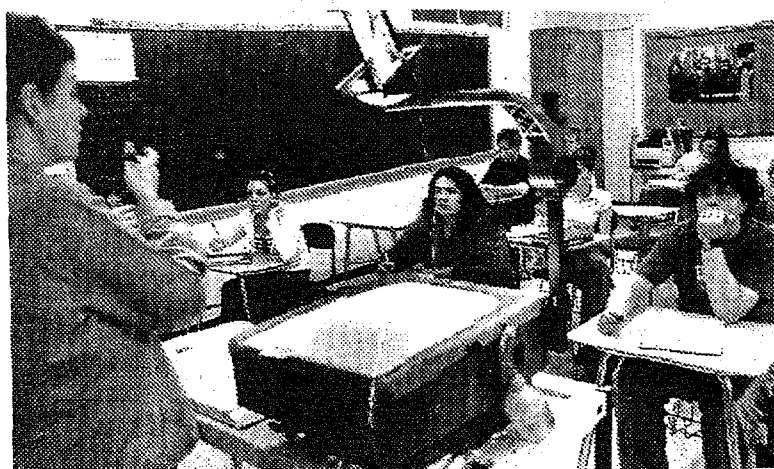
Draining the pond might not be as easy as all that, however.

A spokesman for the state Department of Environmental Protection said the Hyatt Hills site is considered a contaminated area and falls under the jurisdiction of the DEP.

Because General Motors was required to remediate the contamination, any decision to drain the pond must be cleared through the DEP.

The spokesman also noted that the DEP has never issued a permit to drain a pond because of mayflies.

Last summer, after Rutgers University verified that mayfly larvae were present in the pond, General Motors agreed to put 2,500 fish in the pond.



As April Howard teaches, front-row students Shannon Casey, 14, Nicole Caporaso, 14, and Jason Jeney, 14, follow along with her overhead projection.

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Case not closed to kin of dead man

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traffic circle from where the initial collision took place, near the Valley Road exit.
A Westfield motorist listed as a witness to the accident said the Cadillac landed perpendicular to the road.
In a letter to State Police dated Oct. 17, Union County Prosecutor Theodore J. Romankow declined to file charges against Ruggirello, citing a lack of evidence of speeding, substance abuse or recklessness.
Robert O'Leary, executive assistant prosecutor and public information officer for the County Prosecutor's Office, said such decisions are based on the reports of witnesses, police reports and forensic evidence gathered at the scene of the accident.
"Every time there's a fatal accident, they review the facts that are verifiable and determine what's appropriate," O'Leary said.
Accident reports by neither Clark nor State Police indicate how fast Ruggirello had been going. The posted speed limit for the ramp is 25 mph.
Kiray said he was told the police believed Ruggirello had been driving around 70 to 80 mph. That seems more likely to him than the possibility Ruggirello was going the posted limit.
"The man flipped three times. If you're going 20 to 25 mph, you're not going to flip," he said.
Ruggirello pleaded guilty to careless driving. A careless driving charge nets a fine of less than \$100.
"That then was my son's worth," said Kiray. "I just want the truth. Why? Why is somebody who killed somebody else getting off with nothing?"
James Kiray's death devastated his family. His widow, Laura Kiray, unable to live in the home she had shared with her husband, sold it and took their children with her to Livingston, where her parents live.

And at the funeral the elder Kiray had to comfort his grandsons, who were trying to understand what had happened to their father.
One grandson decided his father had just gone on a business trip. Another, only 5 years old, had an even harder time understanding.
"This was the saddest in my opinion. Because of the nature of the accident, the casket was not open," said Kiray. "I knelt down with him and said a prayer, and he reached and touched the casket, and said, 'Granddad, can we open it to see if Daddy's still in there?'"
"I almost fell apart," Kiray said, his voice choking up as he spoke. "Thank God the 5-year-olds don't understand it."
On Monday, Kiray and his second wife, Anna Kiray, sold the Blake Drive house where James Kiray and his brothers grew up. It was only last year that the elder Kiray — who spends about half of each year in Europe — had told his son that he was planning to sell the house because its upkeep was getting to be too difficult.
"He said, 'Dad, don't sell the house. I want to keep the heritage. I want to buy it from you,'" Kiray recalled.
Instead of buying the house, James Kiray was laid to rest in a burial spot beside his mother's grave. It was where the elder Kiray had expected to be buried himself, but it has become one final gift from father to son.
"God is close to him and his mother is close to him," said Kiray.
With the house closing behind them, Kiray and his wife headed to Florida, where one of his other sons lives. He hopes to move on, but he has his doubts whether healing will ever come.
"To me it's not closed," he said, "because in my heart I know it's not ever going to be closed."

Teacher helps bring algebra to life

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and then used forensic equations actually employed by police to determine from those measurements what their heights and other bodily measurements were.
"It wasn't 100-percent accurate, but it wasn't too far off," said Howard. The margin of error ranged from 25 to 30 percent.
Of course, while many students do grasp the notion that abstract thinking and logic will have benefits outside the algebra classroom, there are always stubborn cases, children who refuse to see a benefit.
Howard has a response for them as well: "It's in the curriculum. You're in the class. Deal with it."
In addition to two sessions of honors Algebra I for ninth-graders, Howard also teaches regular algebra and calculus.
"That was the whole reason I got hired in this district, because I was willing to teach calculus," she said.
There are 19 students in Howard's 11 a.m. honors Algebra I class. The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly, but the students remain involved in the class. After dismissal, some students with free periods come by to visit.
"We take care of each other. I try to make this a warm environment to learn in," said Howard. "I have so much fun. We laugh, and we get learning done."
Her honors algebra class so far has covered basic graphs, linear equations

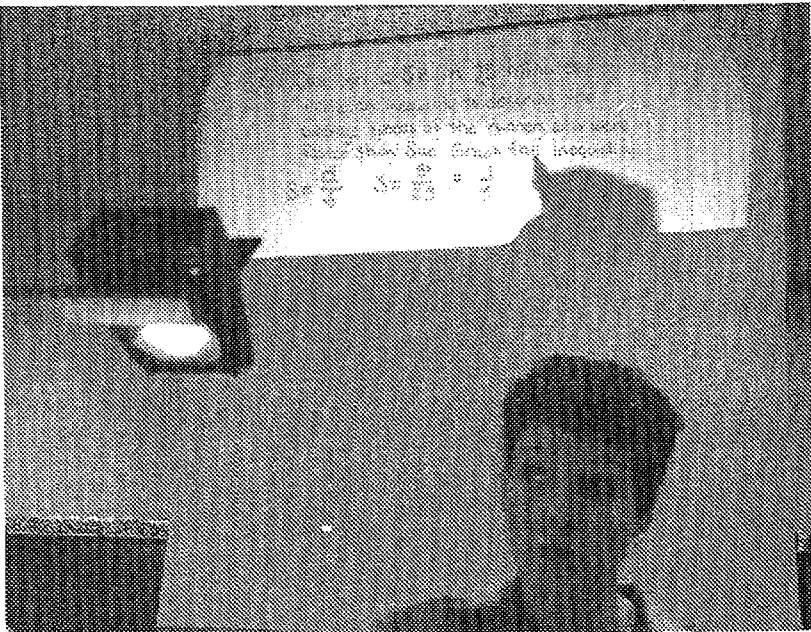


Photo By Jeff Grant
April Howard leads students in an algebra exercise for linear inequalities with the help of an overhead projector.

and solving equations that have two variables at the same time. Upcoming topics include factoring and quadratics, exponents and a planned introductory foray into geometry.
Her afterschool commitments include helping her students to plan and prepare to hold the junior prom at the Garden Manor in Aberdeen May 9.
"Somehow I'm supposed to plan that and a wedding," said Howard, who plans to marry in August.
On Monday, Howard will begin

her fourth year of teaching at Arthur L. Johnson High School, having come to the school district from Spotswood halfway through the 1999-2000 school year.
A native of Hoosick Falls, N.Y., Howard holds a 1999 bachelor's degree from Kean University in math education. She hopes to earn master's degrees in math education and applied math from Rutgers University, and ultimately to earn a doctorate in math education.
What she really prides herself on is her relationship with her students.
"One of my kids said, 'Miss Howard, how do you know so much?'" and he wasn't talking about math," she said. "I don't just teach math. I'm a life teacher. We teach about all kinds of things."

'That was the whole reason I got hired in this district, because I was willing to teach calculus.'

— April Howard

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.

- Today**
- The Arthur L. Johnson High School Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month in the high school library, 365 Westfield Ave.
- Friday**
- 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.
- Saturday**
- The Blood Center of New Jersey will sponsor a blood drive from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Deutscher Club, 787 Featherbed Lane, Clark.
- Tuesday**
- 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.
- Wednesday**
- Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., offers free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m.
- Upcoming**
- Feb. 14**
- Featured artists will attend an opening reception from 8 to 10 p.m. Feb. 14 at Skulski Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway. Admission is free, with refreshments served. For more information, call Aleksandra K. Nowak at 732-382-7197.
- 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.
- Feb. 24**
- The Clark Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Public Safety Building, 315 Westfield Ave.
 - Administrative Law Judge Kenneth Springer will receive testimony from the Board of Education and members of the public on the board's appeal of a voter referendum that defeated a \$31.9 million school repair and construction plan, beginning at 9 a.m. in the municipal courtroom, 315 Westfield Ave.
- Feb. 25**
- The Planning Board will meet at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Public Safety Building, 315 Westfield Ave.
- March 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.
- March 7**
- ALJ Project Graduation 2003 will present The Mahoney Brothers performing Beatlemania. Attendees can rock to the memories and the music of The Beatles at 8 p.m. March 7 in the Arthur L. Johnson High School auditorium, 365 Westfield Ave. Tickets cost \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. For more information, call Nancy 732-382-2747.
- March 8**
- Representatives from Stampin' Up will provide a full-day Stamp Camp for children 12 and older to learn how to make greeting cards, party favors, stationery and more. Registration forms may be picked up at the library. For more information, call 732-388-5999.
- March 11**
- Kindergarten registration will take place at Frank K. Hehnly School between 9 and 10 a.m. Children who will be 5 years old by Oct. 1 are eligible to enroll. Parents should bring with them an original birth certificate; the child's health history and health record from physician; and proof of residence. For more information, call Hehnly School 732-381-8100.
- March 13**
- Kindergarten registration will take place at Valley Road School from 9 to 10 a.m. Children who will be 5 years old by Oct. 1 are eligible to enroll. Parents should bring with them an original birth certificate, the child's health history and health record from physician, and proof of residence. For more information, call Valley Road School at 732-388-7900 with any questions.

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Burglar alarm activated by broken water pipe

A broken water pipe tripped the burglar alarm at a Willow Way residence.

The alarm went off at 7:05 p.m. Jan. 30. Police contacted the homeowner and Elizabethtown Water Co. to let them know about the incident.

• Somebody paid Goodyear Tire Center with a counterfeit \$100 bill Jan. 29.

The incident was reported at 12:12 p.m.

• The Department of Public Works was summoned to clean up trash illegally dumped, at 7:59 a.m. Friday.

The trash was dumped near Feathered Lane and Tudor Drive.

• Newark police recovered a stolen car at 9:23 p.m. Jan. 27.

The car had been reported stolen earlier that same day from a Cellar Avenue apartment.

• Police charged Tara Lassandro, 26, of Belmont Avenue, Edison, with shoplifting unlisted items from Target

POLICE BLOTTER

at 7:17 p.m. Jan. 28.

• Police charged Robert Singleton, 19, of Maple Avenue, Woodbridge, with various unlisted moving violations at 11:40 p.m. Jan. 28.

His vehicle was impounded.

• Police reported a downed telephone wire on Gertrude Street and Bartell Place to Verizon at 8:09 a.m. Jan. 29.

• An unspecified incident of criminal mischief was reported at Wendy's on Central Avenue at 9:45 a.m. Jan. 29.

• Police recovered a stolen guitar at 11 a.m. Jan. 30.

The guitar had been reported stolen the previous day.

• Police and the Clark Volunteer Emergency Rescue Squad responded to a medial emergency at Multicare

Medical Center on Commerce Place.

The victim reportedly was suffering from a diabetic condition when the call came in, at 5:28 p.m. Friday.

Squad members took the victim to Rahway Hospital.

• Somebody stole a woman's wallet while she was shopping at ShopRite, at 5:58 p.m. Friday.

The victim had left her purse, with the wallet in it, inside her shopping cart.

• Police called Public Service Electric and Gas Co. to repair a downed utility line on Benjamin Street, at 11:21 a.m. Saturday.

• A motor vehicle caught fire in the parking lot of the A&P on Westfield Avenue.

Police responded to the incident at 2:57 p.m. Saturday, and turned the scene over to Clark Fire Department.

• A Bailey's Total Fitness customer reported a stolen jacket at 5:05 p.m. Saturday.

• Police charged Sean Hickson, 30,

of Orange Street, South Orange, with various unlisted motor-vehicle violations at 8:36 p.m. Saturday.

Hickson was taken to Union County Jail.

• Police on Sunday morning turned Edna Crawley, 44, of Varsity Drive, Newark, over to the Essex County Sheriff's Office.

Officials had arrested Crawley at 12:56 a.m. on an outstanding warrant for an alleged motor-vehicle offense.

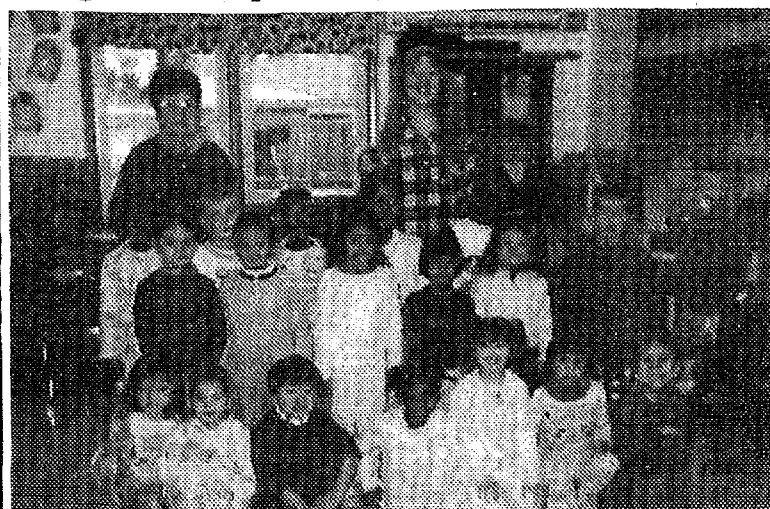
• Police arrested George Tonroth, 26, of Benjamin Street, on an outstanding \$1,400 motor-vehicle warrant from Cranford police at 2:18 p.m. Sunday.

Tonroth was turned over to the Cranford police following his arrest.

• An Edison man is free after posting bail on a motor-vehicle warrant Sunday.

Clark police had arrested Salahuddin Almad, 51, of Beatrice Parkway, Edison, at 9:37 p.m. Sunday on the warrant.

Pajama party!



Kindergartners in Christine Domenick's class at Feathered Lane School had a pajama and pancake party Jan. 10 as they wrapped up a lesson on the letter 'P' and recognizing its phonic sound. Students and teachers alike wore pajamas and ate pancakes with syrup and read Laura Numeroff's 'If You Give a Pig a Pancake' story.

Man is sought in connection with burglary

Police are looking for a man in his lower 30s in connection with a burglary last week that netted hundreds of dollars.

The burglary took place at a Skyline Drive residence at 2:50 p.m. Jan. 30. At that time, the suspect got out of a blue four-door sport utility vehicle and approached the victim.

Police have described the suspect as a brown-eyed, clean-shaven Hispanic man weighing between 180 and 200 pounds and standing between 5 foot 9 and 5 foot 10.

According to police reports, the suspect told the victim a neighbor had hired him to remove trees along the rear of the property, and asked him to accompany him to the rear of the property to explain the work.

While the victim was in the yard, the suspect received a call on his cell phone. Police believe the call was a signal to the suspect's companions, who entered the victim's house and removed a "substantial amount" of cash from the master bedroom.

Capt. Denis Connell of the Clark police would not identify the victim, but said senior citizens frequently are the victims of such crimes.

"They have organized groups that go around and prey upon senior citizens," Connell said Tuesday night. "You have to be very careful these days — and not just senior citizens, but people in general."

The victim of this particular crime left himself vulnerable to the burglary by allowing himself to be led into the backyard.

"Generally speaking, be very wary about strangers or people you don't know coming to your house and distracting your attention," Connell advised residents.

In such suspicious incidents, Connell also advised residents to write down the license plate number of the stranger's vehicle.

The Skyline Drive victim did not.

Clark police continue to investigate the case. Connell does not believe an arrest is imminent.

"We have some leads, but nothing substantial yet," he said.

Police have distributed a composite sketch of the suspect, as well as an account of the incident, to area news media and to residents of the Skyline Drive community.

Police are asking anyone with information to contact Lt. Kevin White at 732-388-3434 with any information.



A composite sketch shows the suspect in a Jan. 30 burglary. Call Lt. Kevin White at 732-388-3434 with information.

Summer holiday comes in midwinter to St. Agnes School

St. Agnes School invites people of all ages to attend the winter "Jersey Shore Weekend Boardwalk." Get out of the cold and have some "summer" fun at St. Agnes School's annual

event. Many games of chance, great prizes, cotton candy, wonderful foods, music, temporary tattoos, balloons and raffle baskets will be just part of the activities planned.

Enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of the famous Jersey Shore boardwalk. The fun begins from noon to 4 p.m. and from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Saturday. The fun continues from 1 to

6 p.m. Sunday.

St. Agnes School and Parish is located at 342 Madison Hill Road. Plenty of parking is available in back of the parish building.

Save your newspaper for recycling.

New trophies for Mother Seton speech team

The forensics team from Mother Seton Regional High School, located on Valley Road, continued its winning streak at its fourth competitive meet Jan. 11.

Five students won trophies. In declamation, sophomore Christine Danelson of Linden took first place; sophomore Lucy Pierre of Roselle took second place, and freshman Amanda Roach of Elizabeth took sixth place. In oral interpretation,

sophomore Tanya Gauthier of Roselle won third place, and in junior varsity oral interpretation, sophomore Sarah Costello of Roselle Park won fifth place.

This was the team's best showing ever, and the school won fourth place overall.

Marylou Motto of Mother Seton's English Department, who coaches the team, said that she could not have been more pleased.

"We have a great deal of talent and energy at Mother Seton. Forensics is a new activity for us, and the school has been generous, but the students are the stars here," said Motto. "They have worked hard, stood behind one another all the way, and done splendidly at all four competitions."

Union Catholic High School hosted the Jan. 11 competition on behalf of the Newark Catholic Forensic League.

EDUCATION

Board of Education filing deadline

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for positions on the Clark 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 Board of Education office at Arthur L. Johnson High School.

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."

Dates set to register kids for kindergarten

Kindergarten registration will take place March 11 at Frank K. Hehnlly School, and March 13 at Valley Road School.

Children who will be 5 years old by Oct. 1 are eligible to enroll. Registration forms are being sent to eligible students.

Registration will be from 9 to 10 a.m. Parents should bring with them

an original birth certificate, the child's health history and health record from physician, and proof of residency.

For more information, call Hehnlly School 732-381-8100 or Valley Road School at 732-388-7900.

Project Graduation returns Beatlemania

As a fund-raiser, ALJ Project Graduation 2003 will present The Mahoney Brothers performing "Beatlemania."

Attendees can rock to the memories and the music of The Beatles at 8 p.m. March 7 in the Arthur L. Johnson High School auditorium 365 Westfield Ave.

Tickets cost \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. For more information, call Nancy 732-382-2747.

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday noon.

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EDITORIALS

Talk it out

It's 13 acres large, sits on Madison Hill Road, and has been subject to more ill rumors recently than any other piece of property in Clark Township. "It" is the Esposito farm, recently acquired by Union County and still the center of debate regarding what its fate should be.

Before things advance much further, county officials need to meet with residents to discuss the alternatives being considered for the site, discuss the merits of each plan, and — most importantly — find out what the neighbors of the farm want.

For better or for worse, 4th Ward Councilman Brian Toal has given the discussion a jump start with the objections he aired at the county Board of Freeholders meeting two weeks ago to the board's stated interest in putting a children's museum at the site. He also planned to have his campaign move across the 4th Ward last weekend in a walking tour intended to drum up opposition to the proposed Children's Museum of Central New Jersey.

The children's museum — "activity center" might better describe the proposal, which remains proposed only and not decided on — would have a number of educational features, including hands-on features connected to the sciences and multiculturalism. County Manager George Devanney has said the site could even feature an active children's garden and in any event would take advantage of the site's previous use as a farm.

What's needed now is facts, and quickly. If county officials seriously believe that the Esposito farm is the best possible location for the children's museum, then Devanney and other officials need to take their case to the public immediately. That can be done through mass mailing, but it would best be done with a public meeting in the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building gym, where the county can explain their hopes for the children's museum, answer questions and allay fears.

Waiting too long will allow rumor and innuendo to spread, and poison the chances any project has of succeeding without ill will.

Contributions of black history

With the arrival of February, our nation marks Black History Month with a celebration of the accomplishments and contributions of blacks to the development of this country's culture in society. This is recognized in areas ranging from science and agriculture to arts and entertainment to politics and civil rights, particularly with the achievements of individuals such as Frederick Douglass, Malcolm X and Thurgood Marshall.

This year, Black History Month focuses on the accomplishments of W.E.B. Du Bois.

Born five years after the Emancipation Proclamation in a small western Massachusetts town, William Edward Burghardt Du Bois was raised by his mother after his father had left them. Attending Fisk University in Nashville, Du Bois would go on to receive his bachelor's degree from Harvard University in 1890. After two years at the University of Berlin, he received his Ph. D. from Harvard in 1895.

Despite his education, discrimination made it difficult for Du Bois to find employment. He eventually found a job at Wilberforce College, a black school in Ohio. While teaching, Du Bois also conducted sociological studies and had many of his writings published, including "The Souls of Black Folk" in 1903, which identified "the color line" as 20th century's central problem.

In 1905, Du Bois co-founded the Niagara Movement, a short-lived effort to secure full civil and political rights for blacks. In its wake, he helped found the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. As editor of *The Crisis*, Du Bois wrote editorials during the Harlem Renaissance that called for an emergence of black artists and sought greater freedoms.

During the first half of the 20th century, Du Bois pushed for absolute racial equality, allowing this belief to eventually reach global proportions. During the 1950s, he continued working for the international peace movement, despite the Cold War, and, on May 1, 1959, Du Bois was awarded the Lenin Peace Prize in Moscow.

On the eve of the march on Washington in 1963, Du Bois died at the age of 94, six months after becoming a Ghanaian citizen.

While civil rights and the pursuit of equality have made monumental strides for African-Americans in DuBois' lifetime and in the 40 years since he died, we will have a long way to go before we are truly "color blind." Black history, like that of Americans with Latino heritage or European or Asian, must be recognized throughout the year. Black History Month should be viewed as a special time to explore and appreciate how truly influential black people should be for their contributions and place as part of our society.

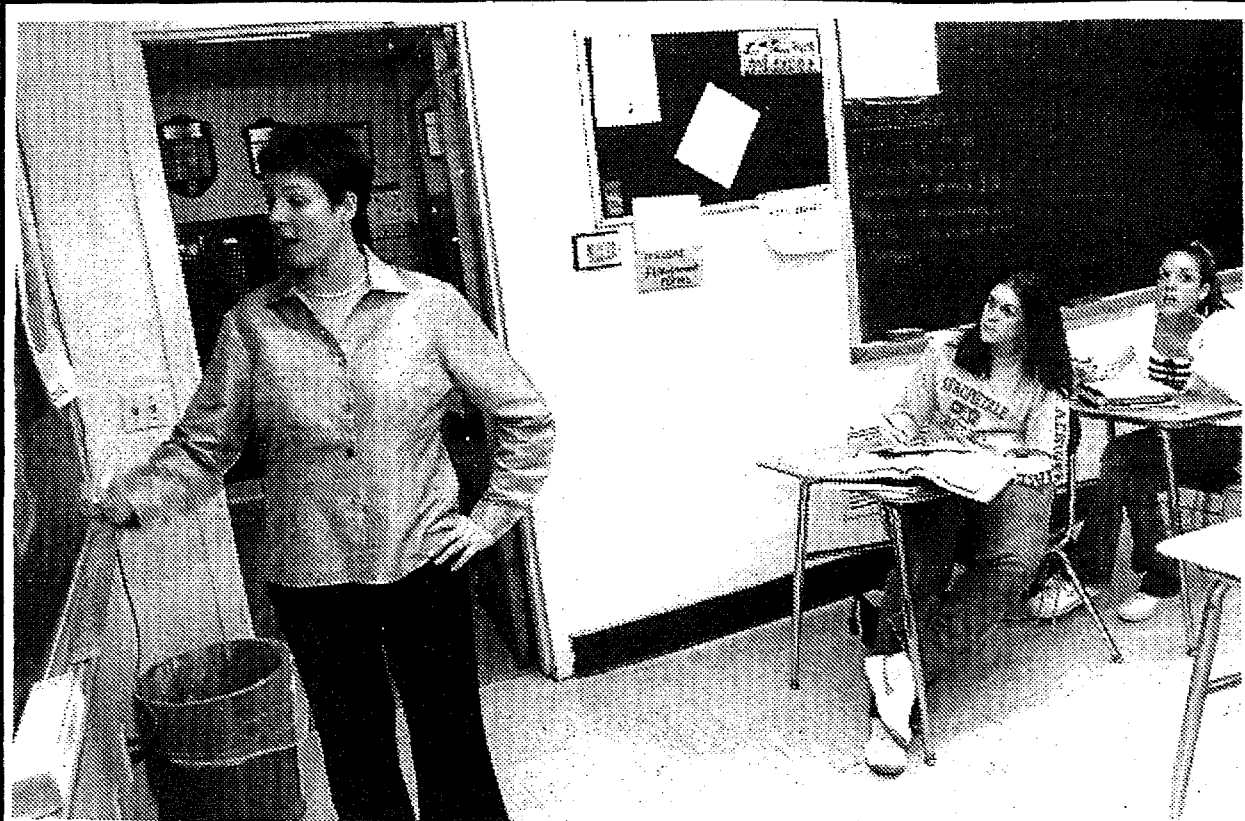


Photo By Jeff Granit

ON BOARD WITH MATH — April Howard, a teacher at Arthur L. Johnson High School, demonstrates algebra equations on the blackboard to the full attention of students Christina Fuentes and Shannon Casey.

Pay-to-play legislation goes through county

Union County appears smack in the middle of the debate regarding the "pay-to-play" legislation. State Sen. Thomas Kean Jr. has received a bit of press about his bill that would prohibit firms that receive state contracts from contributing to campaigns. This common sense legislation has been stalled by Assembly Speaker Albio Sires, D-Hudson, the one person who determines what gets voted on.

Gov. James McGreevey — that sterling example of ethics who brought us Golan Cipel, Joseph Santiago and a \$100,000 trip to Ireland before getting caught — has called for the legislation to affect not the state, but the local and county level of government as well. Not a bad idea, but surely the governor is only hoping to have some more time to shake down more campaign contributions while he can.

It seems Union County could play a primary role in whether the law gets enacted.

Now that Kean has moved to the Senate, his Assembly bill has been taken up by Kevin O'Toole of Cedar Grove, whose district used to cover parts of Union County.

A Senate version of the legislation was adopted in June, by a 34-1 vote. Raymond Lesniak, D-20, was not just the lone Union County senator to vote against the measure, but the only one in the entire Senate. Union County's

County Seat

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

other senators, Joseph Suliga, D-22, Sharpe James, D-29, and at the time, Richard Bagger, R-21, all voted in favor.

The Assembly speaker last month buried the measure in the Housing and Local Government Committee on Kean's last day in the Assembly. The chairman of that committee also is from Union County, Assemblyman Jerry Green, the Democratic chairman of Plainfield. As chairman of the committee, he can bring up the matter for a vote. If approved by the committee, the bill then would be released to the Assembly where the speaker would have to post it for a vote.

Here's an idea: Let Green know what you think of the bill. His district office is located at 17 Watchung Ave. in Plainfield and can be reached at 908-561-5757, or via e-mail at Asm-Green@njleg.org. In Union County, if you live in Clark, Fanwood, Linden, Plainfield, Rahway, Scotch Plains or Winfield, Green represents you.

The state Senate approved a bill, S-21, to eliminate the position of New Jersey's poet laureate, aimed at get-

ting rid of Amiri Baraka, who was appointed by the governor last year. Though 21 of 40 senators voted in favor — 13 Republicans and eight Democrats — the rest did not vote, staying away from this hot potato.

Locally, half of Union County's Senate delegation approved the bill, across party lines. Thomas Kean Jr., R-21, in his first day as senator after leaving the Assembly, voted in favor of eliminating the position as did Suliga. Lesniak was absent while James, the Newark mayor whose district includes Hillside, was among those who did not vote.

The companion bill in the Assembly, A-2857, is not expected to go anywhere. Good thing too, since state representatives probably should be spending more time on figuring out what to do with another multibillion-dollar deficit this year.

Politicsnj.com, a popular online gossip sheet, released its county chairman's report for 2002. To no one's surprise, Union County's party chairmen were on opposite ends.

Democratic Chairman Charlotte DeFilippo scored an A+, earning a 95 rating that was better than all but two Democratic chairman and two GOP chairmen in the state, gaining a top five ranking.

Conversely, Republican Ron Frigerio scored a 42, F, and was listed

among the bottom five. Only Essex County Executive James Treffinger, who has been indicted and since resigned as GOP chairman, and the chairman in Democratic rich Hudson County, Jose Arango, rated worse.

Ranked among 10 categories such as patronage, clout, candidate quality, power of endorsement, fund-raising and unity, among others, DeFilippo earned a perfect 10 in half the categories and 9s in the other half. Frigerio's best category was endorsement, a 7, while his worst was patronage, 1, and others were anywhere between 3 and 5.

To be fair, Frigerio's predecessor, Frank McDermott, didn't fare much better when the web site initially was launched some three years ago. He was listed among the bottom five then as well.

Freeholder Alexander Mirabella of Roselle Park will be changing addresses soon. The Democratic municipal chairman will be moving to Fanwood. Perhaps that will help the Democrats battle the GOP's annual election argument that the western end of the county lacks representation on the board.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Bloodsport' standard tactic for GOP

To the Editor:

Chalk it up to the missing of another story by *The Clark Eagle*. Let's get to the facts: Robert Kobryn, himself convicted of driving while intoxicated, and a confidant of Mayor Bonaccorso brought a complaint against me charging harassment.

The suit resulted in a day in court in Scotch Plains, where all charges by Kobryn against me were dismissed. In the bloodsport favored by Kobryn and friends, bringing lawsuit is standard procedure.

It still leaves open the question why Mayor Bonaccorso sees the need to appoint such a fellow to positions on the Hyatt Hills Golf Course Commission and Community Development representative. Call it bad judgement.

Carmine Giordano
Clark

School repairs need support Feb. 24

To the Editor:

Our schools, which have had an excellent reputation, have been making even more positive progress recently.

First, Arthur L. Johnson High School was named by New Jersey Monthly magazine as one of the top 75 high schools in the state, ranking at No. 45. In addition, our SAT scores have risen every year since 1997. Our Elementary School Proficiency standardized test results this year ranked favorably with other outstanding school districts like Westfield and Cranford.

The traffic problem at Frank K. Hehny School was improved with the new access road that was completed through a grant from the state that was obtained by the town. This project was completed with no taxpayer dollars.

Our athletic programs are excelling, showing a commitment by our students and faculty. Most recently, the high school football team was crowned Section 2 Group 2 State Champions. The Board of Education at its last meeting instituted a program for a new marching band at the high school.

While there are still problems to be addressed, we have come a long way in a short time. The most notable problem is they physical condition of the schools that need repair.

We have a chance to "fix" that problem right now. There is no question that

the schools need repairs. An obvious example is that the second boiler at the high school is now completely disabled, so we are totally dependent upon the two rented boilers, at a cost of approximately \$140,000 a year, to heat the building.

Our previously defeated bond referendums to repair the schools with the state paying for 40 percent of the costs will be decided in the next couple weeks. On Feb. 24, residents will be at the Municipal Court during the day, 9 a.m. to approximately 4 p.m., and again in the evening, at 7:30 p.m.

Do you want quality schools, a "safe" environment for all students, schools that excel academically and make our town attractive to perspective homeowners? Some residents want to know why they should pay more money for failing schools. As you can see, our schools are not failing. On the contrary, our hard-earned tax dollars are producing positive results.

It is time to finish the job! Come to the hearing on Feb. 24 and support the bond referendum.

Natalie Belverio, Laura Caliguire
Jill Curran, Fred Hagan, Barbara White
Advocates for a Better Clark

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OBITUARIES

Judith A. DeAngelis

Judith A. DeAngelis, 45, of Mountaintide, formerly of Union, Linden and Clark, died Jan. 29 in Hackensack University Medical Center.

Born in Union, Mrs. DeAngelis lived in Linden for 19 years and Clark for 20 years before moving to Mountaintide 15 years ago.

She was a bookkeeper for the American Lung Association, Union, for the past 10 years.

Before that, Mrs. DeAngelis worked for Dr. Gray, a pediatric dentist, in Westfield, as a dental assistant.

She graduated from Lyons Institute, Clark, in 1977, where she received a certificate as a dental assistant.

Mrs. DeAngelis was active in the Parents Organization of the Governor Livingston High School, Berkeley Heights, Highlander Band.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph E.; a son, Anthony M.; three daughters, Jennifer M., Jessica A. and Joana L.; a sister, Patricia A. Duprat, and a brother, Dominick F. Tornambe.

Mary Fiordaliso

Mary Fiordaliso, 84, of Clark died Jan. 27 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Fiordaliso lived in Irvington before moving to Clark 24 years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Jennette; a brother, Silvio Lelli; two sisters, Florence Impellizzeri and Edith Robertello; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

John F. Pizzi

John F. Pizzi, 61, of Clark died Jan. 28 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Italy, Mr. Pizzi lived in Staten Island before moving to Clark 19 years ago. He was manager of the Angiulli Car Dealership in Staten Island, where he worked for 30 years.

Surviving are his wife, Isabella; three sons, John F., Peter M. and Michael F.; a daughter, Melissa J., and three grandchildren.

Blair A. Ligas

Blair A. Ligas, 79, of Clark died Jan. 28 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Barnesboro, Pa., Mr. Ligas moved to Clark 46 years ago.

He was a lab technician at Merck and Co., Rahway, for 17 years and retired in 1987.

Previously, Mr. Ligas had been a die-cast inspector for Alcoa, Metuchen, where he worked for 29 years.

He served in the Army during World War II and received two Purple hearts and a Bronze Star.

Mr. Ligas was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7363 and the American Legion Post 328,

both of Clark.

He also was a member of the Linden Knights of Columbus.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Anne; a son, Blair J.; three daughters, Corinne McGovern, Christine Lapham and Andrea Sweeny; a brother, Paul; two sisters, Marie Zamorski and Josephine Caggiano, and six grandchildren.

Veronica Adamski

Veronica Adamski, 79, of Clark died Jan. 30 in St. Michael's Medical Center, Newark.

Born in Eckley, Pa., Mrs. Adamski lived in Harrison before moving to Clark 44 years ago.

Surviving are a son, Stephen M.; a daughter, Christine Walding; a brother, George Sikora, and two grandchildren.

Dr. Gene A. Zirpolo

Dr. Gene A. Zirpolo, 89, of Clark, physician in Rahway, died Jan. 30 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in New York City, Dr. Zirpolo lived in Rahway and Colonia before moving to Clark in 1970.

He was a general practitioner and maintained a private practice in Rahway before retiring in 1999.

Dr. Zirpolo also was on the staff of Rahway Hospital.

He attended Rutgers University, New Brunswick, and medical school in St. Louis University in Missouri.

Dr. Zirpolo completed his residency at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

He served in the Army during World War II as a medic in the 2nd Armored Division.

Surviving are four daughters, Michele Cabrera, Rose Szelast, Sue Halifko and Janna; a sister, Dorothy Galle, and three grandchildren.

Lorraine Gigantino

Lorraine "Micky" Gigantino, 74, of Clark died Feb. 1 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Gigantino moved to Clark 43 years ago.

She was a customer service representative with the United Jersey Bank in Clark for 12 years and retired in 1991.

Mrs. Gigantino was a member of the Clark Seniors.

She was a volunteer in the recreation department at the Ashbrook Nursing Home, Scotch Plains, and past president of the Rosary Society at St. Agnes Church, Clark.

Surviving are her husband of 54 years, Jack; two daughters, Linda Stout and Laura Paiva; a son, Jack; eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Dr. R.F. Pierozak Jr.

Dr. Robert Francis Pierozak Jr., 81, of Linden, a Linden and Clark school physician, and attending physician in hospitals in Rahway and Elizabeth, died Jan. 30 in New York University Medical Center, New York City.

Born in Washington, D.C., Dr. Pierozak lived in Linden for most of his life.

He maintained a general practice in internal and family medicine in Linden since 1978, and a full attending physician at Rahway Hospital.

Dr. Pierozak also had been an attending physician in internal medicine at the former Alexian Brothers Hospital, now Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth.

He was a former police physician in Linden and served from 1978 to 1992.

Dr. Pierozak was the current school physician at St. John the Apostle School, Clark, from 1978 to 1992, and at Roselle Catholic high school and Congregation Anshe Chesed, Linden.

He was an expert witness for the Union County Prosecutor's Office and a volunteer physician for Pop Warner Football in Roselle.

Dr. Pierozak was a 1973 graduate of New York University, New York City, and received a medical degree from Georgetown University School

of Medicine, Washington, D.C., in 1977.

He was a member of the Union County Medical Board, the Medical Society of New Jersey, the American medical Association, the Academy of Medicine of New Jersey and the American Geriatrics Society.

Surviving are his mother, Mary Catherine; three sisters, Mary Germaino, Dr. Claire Cullen, DMD, and Dr. Barbara J. Pierozak, VMD, and his companion, Elizabeth Burgos.

Barbara Harter

Barbara Harter, 88, of Buda, Texas, formerly of Clark, died Feb. 2 in St. David's Hospital, Austin, Texas.

Born in South Orange, Mrs. Harter lived in Staten Island and Clark before moving to Buda in 1992.

She was a library assistant in the Clark Public Library for many years and retired 23 years ago. Previously, Mrs. Harter had been a fashion illustrator for *Women's Wear Daily* in New York City. She was a graduate of Newark School of Fine and Industrial Arts.

Surviving are her husband of 66 years, George; two daughters, Darie Van Den Berg and Penny; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

AT THE LIBRARY

How-to-do-it lessons given at Stamp Camp

Interested in learning how to make your own greeting cards, party favors, stationery and more? You can, with rubber stamps.

Representatives from Stampin' Up will provide a full-day Stamp Camp for those interested in learning how.

This program is for stampers 12 and older. The registration fee includes all supplies to complete the day's stamping projects, and also includes lunch. Join us for this program on March 8. Registration forms may be picked up at the library.

This library is located at 303 Westfield Ave. For more information, call 732-388-5999.

Princeton drama group to perform

"The Elves and the Shoemaker," an interactive play for children

between 3 and 5 years old, will be offered at Clark Public Library from 11 to 11:45 a.m. Feb. 15.

Presenters will be actors from the Princeton-based Youth Stages, an educational dramatics troupe.

The performance, based on a German folk tale recorded by the Brothers Grimm, will offer audience participation. Preregistration is required, and Clark Library card holders will be given preference in admission.

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.

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holder 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.

Reserve your books

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

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

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

For more information, call 732-388-5999.

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 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. today, 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. 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, 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. Monday, 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. Wednesday, Feb. 19 and Feb. 26.

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.

NEWS CLIPS

Public Works offers pickup of appliances

The Clark Department of Public Works has resumed pickup of discarded appliances and metal.

Pickup is by appointment only. To make an appointment, call the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building at 732-388-3600.

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 Tuesday. 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.

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

Zabinski 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.

Noah's Ark shelter in need of volunteers

Noah's Ark Animal Rescue and Placement is looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks.

The Clark-based group is an all-volunteer, nonprofit humane rescue organization. Noah's Ark has been in existence about 10 years and is looking for people who can help for a few hours each week. No experience is necessary.

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

In addition, Noah's Ark takes animals into nursing homes Sundays and would love to have people join them.

The greatest need at this time is foster homes for cats, dogs, kittens and puppies, as all animals are kept in volunteers' homes until they are adopted.

For more information, call 732-815-1633.

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.

Volunteers sought for domestic violence team

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 hot line 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 program, 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 residents can stop by the local police department's front desk to pick up an application.

Applicants must be 18 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.

To apply to serve on this team, call Capt. James Zizza of the Clark police at 732-388-3430.

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LIFESTYLE



Patrick Canedo and Billie Jean Goodfellow

Goodfellow, Crafton to wed

Mary and Charles C. Goodfellow III of Cranford and Crafton, Vt., announce the engagement of their daughter, Billie Jean, to Patrick Canedo, son of Mary and Alfred E. Canedo of Timonium, Md., formerly of North Chatham, Mass.

The future bride holds a bachelor's degree from Ithaca College, 1997, and a master's degree in Higher Education from Fordham University, 2000. She is the associate director of

undergraduate admission at Fordham. She resides in Manhattan.

The future groom, originally from Smithtown, N.Y., now lives in Washington, D.C., where he is regional director for a college and university consulting firm.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Fordham University from 1994, and a master's in Higher Education from 2000, also from Fordham.

A September wedding is planned.

Newspaper's wedding policy announced

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the lifestyle editor. Announcements should be typed, doubled spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification or if questions arise.

When sending a picture with the announcement, a check for \$10 is required. Black and white or clear color pictures are acceptable. Pictures of the couple sitting or standing together are preferred. Pictures of one person standing and the other seated present design problems, so if possible, side by side is better. For more information call 908-686-7700.

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Lecturer rounds out series on St. Therese

In his third and final lecture on St. Therese of Lisieux, Ronald J. Pavone will speak about the composition of Therese's classic spiritual autobiography "The Story of a Soul."

The lecture will take place at 7 p.m. today at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

Therese of Lisieux was born Marie Francoise Therese Martin in 1873 and entered the Carmelite Order of Lisieux, France at the age of 15.

Renowned for her deep spirituality, she died at 24, leaving behind a short life remarkable for its humility, simplicity and heroic endurance of suffering.

She was canonized by the Catholic Church in 1925. Pope Pius XI declared her patron saint of foreign missions.

Pavone received his bachelor's degree in English from Canisius College and his master's degree in English from St. Louis University. He has undertaken theological studies at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia and the Sacred Heart School of Theology in Wisconsin, and has done advanced graduate studies in English at the State University of New York and the University of Wisconsin.

Pavone's lecture is sponsored by Cranford Public Library.

Preschoolers' story schedule announced

Cranford Public Library has announced its early spring schedule

of preschool story hours.

The sessions will run for a eight-week period from Feb. 18 through April 10. Programs are for Cranford residents and holders of paid Cranford out-of-town library cards.

The sessions for 4-year-olds will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays from Feb. 18 to April 8 and at 10:15 a.m. Wednesdays from Feb. 19 through April 9. Children attending must have had their fourth birthday before the first meeting and not yet be in kindergarten.

The sessions for 3-year-olds will be held at 10:15 a.m. Tuesdays Feb. 19 through April 9. Children who attend must have had their third birthday before the first scheduled session.

Two four-week sessions will be offered for 2-year-olds at 10:15 a.m. Thursdays. The first will run Feb. 20 through March 13, and the second will run from March 20 through April 10.

An adult must accompany each child registered. Parents registering may choose one or the other session. There is a maximum 12 2-year-olds per group. Children attending must have had their second birthday before their first scheduled session.

Registration for any group must be made in person by a parent at the library beginning on Saturday.

Library card catalog is available online

The Cranford Public Library catalogue is available on the World Wide Web.

To access the library's catalogue, go to www.cranford.com/library and

click on "Search the library catalog."

In order to access account information, place reserves, and create bibliographies, patrons must have a Cranford library card and a personal identification number, available at the library main desk.

Users can search the library's collection by author, title, subject and keyword, and they can perform advanced searches by combining search terms.

Patrons with Cranford library cards also can reserve books online and maintain online bibliographies. They also can check to see what items they have on loan and their due dates.

The library is located at 224 Walnut Ave. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday.

The upgrade to the library's hardware and software was paid in large part with a grant from the New Jersey State Library.

Give a book to mark loved one's birthday

A new program at Cranford Public Library will allow people to buy a children's book in honor of someone and donate it to the library.

Under the new program, called Birthday Books, anyone can donate a new book to honor someone's birthday or to celebrate any occasion. The honoree's name is written on a decorative paper plaque affixed to the

inside front cover of the book.

Looking for a present for a science teacher? Donate a book on planets so youngsters could learn to appreciate science. What about your mom who makes great quiches and artichoke pies? You could donate a vegetarian cookbook to help children learn alternative cooking.

Donors should consult the librarians before buying a certain book to make sure it's needed.

Children's books that would help round out the library's collection include "Airplanes," "Boats" and "Trains," all by Bryon Barton, "Double Fudge" by Judy Blume, and "Daisy Comes Home" by Jan Brett.

A list of Birthday Book suggestions is available at the children's library desk.

Members are sought for Readers' Forum

The Readers' Forum, the book discussion group of Cranford Public Library, invites new members.

For more information, call the library reference department at 908-709-7272.

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THE CLARK TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ANNOUNCES THE CANCELLATION OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2003.
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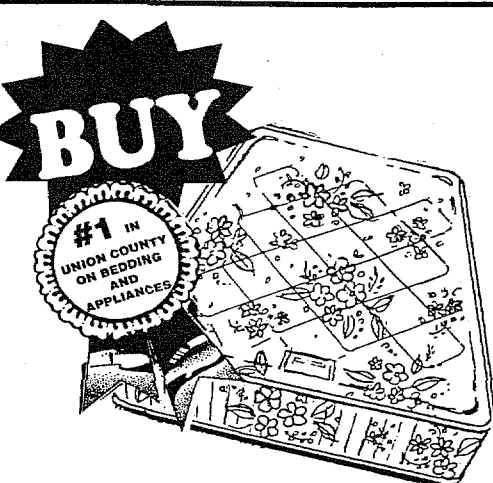
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Best in county to tangle

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

The challenge to every contender remains the same. How do we find a way to dethrone Roselle Park?

The Union County Interscholastic Athletic Conference, serving Union County student-athletes for more than 50 years, is sponsoring the 28th Annual County Wrestling Tournament, which will take place tomorrow night and Saturday at Union High School.

The seeding meeting at UHS is scheduled for today at 5:30 p.m.

The top three wrestling teams in Union County are Roselle Park, Scotch Plains and Rahway.

Roselle Park began the week 12-0, Scotch Plains 14-2 and Rahway 9-1.

Roselle Park defeated Scotch Plains 34-29 at home and Rahway 46-18 on the road.

Roselle Park has won the past six Union County Tournaments.

Will the Panthers, an obvious prohibitive favorite, win a seventh straight UCT crown this weekend? We shall see.

Roselle Park came the closest to not winning for the first time since 1996 three years ago. The Panthers edged Rahway by 3.5 points, finishing with 22.5 to the Indians' 22.0.

Rahway's only two county crowns came back-to-back in 1995 and 1996. Roselle Park, which has won the tournament eight times since 1990, has been the champion every year since 1997.

Union last won in 1994 and Westfield in 1992.

As far as individuals go, there are three returning champions. Those grapplers include Derek Francavilla of Scotch Plains, Amin Queen of Elizabeth and Dan Zika of Brearley.

Francavilla won last year's 103 crown, while Queen won at 112 two years ago and at 119 last year. Zika captured the 171 title in 2002.

Francavilla and Queen wrestled at 125 this year, Francavilla coming out the winner by a 10-8 score. Queen will attempt to reach his fourth straight UCT final, placing second as a freshman in 2000 at 103 pounds.

Zika defeated Johnson's Chris Winter 10-3 in last year's 171 final. Both are seniors this year and hungry for success this weekend.

Other top wrestlers in the county this year include:

Brearley: Dominick Olsen (125), Brett Hunter (130), John Rego (145), Joe Kahoonei (160).

Cranford: Anthony Crecca (125), Chris Taglia (130), Pat Hogan (140), Brendan Small (152), Steve Carbone (215).

Elizabeth: Eric Ogenda (103), Isaiah Halsey (152), Malcolm Jackson (160).

Gov. Livingston: Tim Vanderveer (135), Mike Fullowan (140), Shane Coughlin (215).

Johnson: Mike Coler (119) and Nick Jahn (189).

Linden: Eugene Mizell (140), Dominic Principato (145), Alvaro Fernandez (152), Ronnell Orr (HWT).

Plainfield: Carter (130), Morroquin (135).

Rahway: Darian Caldwell (103), Sean Horton (152) and Al Montesdeoca (145).

Roselle Catholic: John Rapczek (135).

Roselle Park: Kevin Blatt (103), Joe Blackford (112), Nick Panetta (119), John Gura (125), Nick Zangari (130).

Scotch Plains: Eric Connelly (140), Matt Loomis (HWT).

Union: Tom Duffy (112), Charlie Mueller (135), Mike Badillo (171), Renee Barber (HWT).

Westfield: Rob Mench (130), Jake Cramer (130), Lee Tomasso (145). Oratory Prep has been added to the field this year.

First-year coaches include John Ranieri of Roselle Park and John Scholz of Scotch Plains.

Rahway coach Fred Stueber, in his final season, began the week with 198 lifetime victories.

The schedule of rounds is as follows:
Tomorrow
5 p.m.: Pre-prelims, Preliminary
7:30: Quarterfinals
9 p.m.: Consolation Preliminary

Saturday
10 a.m.: Semifinals and Consolation Quarterfinals
11:30: Consolation Semifinals
2 p.m.: Consolation Semifinals (3rd, 5th Places)
3:45 p.m.: Awards Presentation
4 p.m.: Finals

Eyeing seventh victory

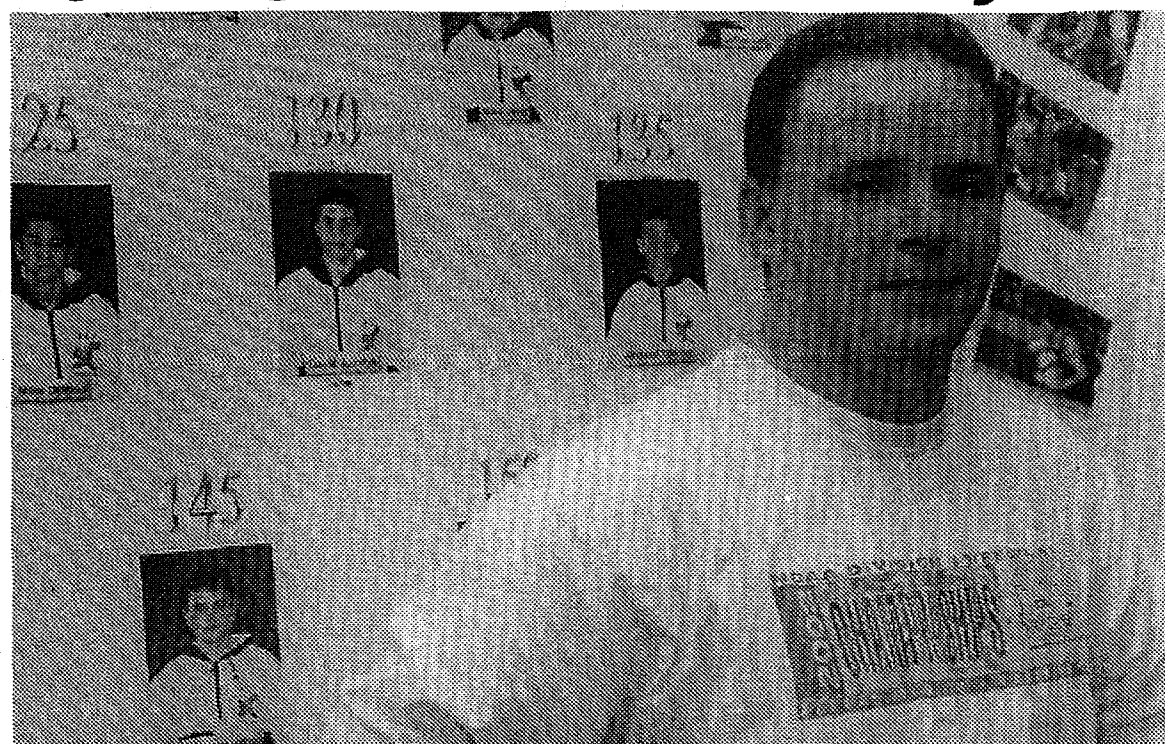


Photo by Kat Wolfe

Johnson High School wrestling coach John Denuto sought to get his team back to the .500 level prior to this weekend's Union County Tournament at Union. The Crusaders were 6-7 heading into Tuesday's one-day bumped up match at Roselle Catholic.

Johnson basketball teams qualify for state tourneys

Both display a great deal of improvement

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

Mission accomplished.

Those words can probably be heard throughout the halls of Johnson High School due to the success of the boys' and girls' basketball teams making the state playoffs this season.

Both Johnson squads qualified for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 playoffs after years of sub-par .500 records.

As of Tuesday's scheduled game at Brearley, the girls' record stood at 10-3. The boys' record stood at 9-5 as of Tuesday's scheduled game at St. Mary's of Elizabeth.

The girls' are scheduled to host New Providence tomorrow at 4 p.m., while the boys' are scheduled to play at Roselle at 4.

Teams needed to be .500 or better by Saturday's cutoff. The Johnson girls' clinched a spot three weeks ago when the Crusaders won a 51-41 decision at Hillside on Jan. 21 to improve to record to 8-1. Freshman forward Samantha Parin pumped in a game-high 21 points, while junior center Lyndsay Molloy added 13.

The Crusaders won their ninth game two days later with a 65-43 victory against visiting Newark Central. Junior forward Lauren Tomasovic scored 10 of her 14 points in the first quarter, while Parin had six of her 11 points in the first period as Johnson opened up a 19-7 lead. Sophomore point guard Kerri Sullivan and freshman guard Jamilee Pflug added 10 points apiece.

Johnson suffered its second loss of the season in a 34-27 decision at Roselle Park Jan. 28. Parin sparked her team with 11 points.

The Crusaders bounced back with a 48-19 victory over visiting St. Mary's two days later. Tomasovic scored all of her 11 points in the first half to help Johnson take a 32-12 halftime lead.

Johnson then dropped a 41-37 decision at Dayton last Friday to bring its record to 10-3. Tomasovic had 11 points, while Parin chipped in with 10.

The Crusaders opened the season with a five-game winning streak. The fourth victory came in an exciting 42-40 victory over visiting Hillside on Jan. 3. Molloy's layup with 13 seconds remaining was the difference in the contest. Molloy and Pflug contributed 10 points each.

Johnson lost its first game of the season in a 36-26 decision at Manville on Jan. 9. Molloy led the charge with eight points.

The Crusaders then went on a four-game winning streak to bring their record to 9-1. The run started on Jan. 16 with a 59-31 victory at Newark Tech. Sullivan scored all five of

her points in the first quarter to lead the attack.

The boys' team needed to win one of its last five games before the cutoff to qualify after losing a 65-47 decision to visiting Rahway on Jan. 24.

The Crusaders secured a spot Jan. 28 when they won at Newark Central 68-44. Senior point guard Shaun Griffin sparked the offense with 10 points, while senior forward Robert Hydock pumped in nine.

It was the first time since the 1991-92 season that Johnson qualified for the states and was only the second time in 20 years.

Johnson then dropped its next game to fall to 8-5. The loss came last Thursday in a 60-40 decision to visiting Hillside.

The Crusaders bounced back the next day with a 43-34 victory against visiting Roselle Catholic. Griffin scored 14 points, while senior forward B.J. Kramer added 10 points and 12 rebounds. Junior forward Steve Dunn also chipped in with six points, 13 rebounds and four blocks.

Johnson opened its season with a bang as it won at New Providence 40-38 on Dec. 20. Dunn made one foul shot with 22 seconds left to snap a 38-38 tie. Senior guard Keith Bobrowski then made one free throw with four seconds left, while New Providence never got off a final shot. Dunn finished with nine points and seven rebounds, while Griffin added nine.

The Crusaders then participated in the Panther Pride Tournament Dec. 27-28. Johnson won its first-round game against Roselle Park 67-49, but fell to Governor Livingston 83-54 in the final.

Johnson bounced back in its next game on Jan. 3 with a 51-40 victory at Dayton. Griffin and senior forward Alesio Trabelsi each had seven points in the third quarter to give the Crusaders a 39-29 advantage. Griffin finished with 13 points, while Trabelsi had 10.

The Crusaders' record dropped to 3-2 on Jan. 9 when they lost a 72-55 decision to visiting North Plainfield. Hydock led the attack with 14 points, while Griffin and Dunn had 13 each.

Johnson then went on a two-game winning streak to bolster its record to 5-2. The second victory came in a 69-63 decision over visiting New Providence on Jan. 14.

After a 57-51 loss to visiting Dayton on Jan. 16, the Crusaders won their next two games to improve their record to 7-3.

The first win came in a 50-46 triumph against visiting Union Catholic on Jan. 17. Dunn netted 16 points, while Kramer added 13. Hydock contributed 10 points and seven rebounds.

New Johnson grid coach Katz has learned from the very best

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

Filling some big shoes.

That's what Mike Katz feels he'll be doing in taking over for the retired Bob Taylor as the head football coach at Johnson High School.

"I'm very excited about the position," Katz said. "Bob Taylor has been one of the best coaches in the state."

Katz was Johnson's defensive coordinator last fall, helping guide the Crusaders to the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 championship in Taylor's 29th and final season as a head coach and 10th at Johnson.

The Crusaders allowed just one touchdown in both the sectional semifinal and final.

"Last season was a great learning experience," Katz said. "I just hope I can keep up the tradition of winning football here."

Taylor stepped down after the season because of his appointment as the Clark school's principal.

"There was no better way for Bob and Carl Peterson (the school's former offensive coordinator and current athletic director) to go out," Katz said. "After a slow start, the kids came together and reached their full potential."

A 1988 graduate of Union, Katz played football under the legendary Lou Rettino. He then went on to play at Rutgers University and Montclair State College.

After graduating from Montclair State, Katz coached the freshmen football team at Whippany Park for one season.

He then spent two seasons as defensive coordinator at Paramus.

Katz then went on to coach the linebackers and offensive line at St. Joseph of Montvale for one year under coach Tony Karcich before taking over as head man at Mater Dei in Monmouth County for two seasons.

Last season was his first at the Clark school. Katz teaches business and computer classes at Johnson.

"I was lucky in the respect that I got to learn under such coaches as Rettino, Fred Stengel, Karcich and Taylor," Katz said. "They're four Hall of Fame coaches."

Katz feels he has been influenced by each of his mentors, but thinks he still has much to learn.

Entering this coming season, Katz thinks he'll keep the system along the same lines as last year.

"I have a few skill players returning in the backfield and on the offensive line," Katz said. "I think we'll change things up slightly on offense, but we'll keep the option as our main focus."

The defensive scheme, which has been a staple of Johnson teams for many years, will basically stay the same.

"If it's not broke, don't fix it," Katz said. "I'm sure we'll add some different nuances to the scheme, but we'll keep the focus on what benefits us and the kids."

Already having a winning program in place at Johnson, Katz feels fortunate he doesn't have to build one up.

"When I was at Mater Dei, the whole program had to be rebuilt," Katz said. "Here, I coming into a program that's already established. I just want to keep up that excellence."

Cranford among the hottest teams

Cougars 14-4-3 as of yesterday

One of the hottest high school ice hockey teams in the state at the moment is Cranford.

The Cougars took a 14-4-3 record into yesterday afternoon's scheduled contest against Bridgewater-Raritan at Warinanco Ice Rink in Roselle.

Cranford was seeking to improve upon its 1-1-1 record against Central Conference-Red Division opponents. BR entered with a 6-5-3 record.

The Cougars began the week in second place in the Central Conference's White Division.

Cranford opened play this week with a 5-1 win over Millburn Monday at Warinanco. Junior center Mike Davitt scored two goals, while Chris Della Serra, Ryan Ahern and Kurt Sigmund had one.

High School Ice Hockey

Prior to play this week, sophomore left wing Joe Conte had 16 goals and four assists, while Ahern, a senior left wing, had 11 goals and four assists. Davitt had eight goals and two assists.

NOTES: Cranford's 5-0 win over Westfield last week (Jan. 27) was the second Sept. 11 Fund game at Warinanco. Last year's event raised \$4,520, which was divided evenly and given to the Sept. 11 funds in both towns.

Davitt scored twice and Conte, Sigmund and Jim Zamorski once. Della Serra had two assists and goaltender Tom Streko stopped 14 shots for the shutout.

Pasta Night Sunday

Join the CHS ice hockey team Sunday from 3-7 p.m. at the Cranford Hotel for the squad's annual Pasta Night.

Tickets are \$7 and are available at the door or via CHS ice hockey players. More information may be obtained by calling Chris Ahern at 908-272-0452 or Roseanne at 908-276-6771.

Cranford's Sheerin county swim champ

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

ELIZABETH — Using and gaining experience.

That was a theme for many local swimmers at the boys' Union County Championships last Friday night at the Dunn Sport Center.

Summit, which placed fourth with 150 points behind champion Westfield with 337 points, Scotch Plains with 168 and Plainfield with 160, used its knowledge from last year to attain its fine showing.

Last year, Summit finished strong at the end of the meet to take third place. The Hilltoppers took a page from that script as they piled up points late.

Aiding in the push was the first-place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke by Matt Petersen. The sophomore timed in at 1:05.12, while Westfield's Sam Gurdus was second in 1:05.19.

"Matt put in a lot of work," Summit head coach Dave Closs said. "It was a wide open race, so for him to win it as a sophomore was great."

Summit solidified its placing when it finished fourth at 1:49.13 in the 200-yard medley relay. The last event of the evening saw Plainfield take honors in 1:45.26 followed by Westfield in 1:45.93 and Scotch Plains in 1:48.75.

"We brought 14 guys and each swam their hearts out," Closs said. "We placed in the county, so we're pretty happy about that."

Cranford's Jim Sheerin helped his team gain a sixth-place finish with 88 points on fine performances in the 200- and 500-yard freestyles.

Sheerin repeated as 500 freestyle champion, winning in 5:08.24. Westfield's Josh Schoenfeld was second in 5:12.54, while Summit's Alex Lovejoy was third in 5:22.52.

"I was going into the 500 freestyle with a lot more adrenaline than last year," Sheerin said. "My coach told me how to swim it this year and said not to wait for the last minute to pick it up."

In the 200-yard freestyle, Sheerin was second in 1:49.33 behind Westfield's Zack Coppa's time of 1:49.29. Coppa beat Sheerin for the 200 freestyle title last year by 3.4 seconds.

"I wasn't rotating my arms around fast enough," Sheerin said. "I think that was the difference because I knew I was going to win by seconds or lose by seconds."

Clark grapplers excel

The Clark-Garwood Gladiator wrestling team excelled at Sunday's Berkeley Heights Invitational, placing fourth.

Gladiator grapplers who earned medals were Anthony Priore and Vincent Delvecchio first, Brandon Santos second, Danny Walsh, Joe Kilburg and Vincent Vaccaro third and Chris Golias and Vincent Reis fourth.

The Gladiators also participated in the sixth annual Kenilworth Pee Wee-Bantam Tournament Sunday. Eight wrestlers representing Clark and Garwood participated.

Brenden Calas earned a first-place medal, while Nick Campione finished second and Nicholas Santos and Mike Dabulas third.

Cougar skaters on a roll

The Cranford High School ice hockey team sported a 14-4-3 record as of Tuesday.

The Cougars are among the top teams in the Central Conference's White Division and will participate in those playoffs before competing in the Public Schools State Tournament that commences the first week in March.

The following is a look at most of this season's results:

12-2 Cranford 4, Bayonne 4 at Warinanco.

Junior center Mike Davitt goal ties at 4-4 in third period.

12-4 Cranford defeats Westfield at Warinanco.

12-6 Cranford defeats Verona at Warinanco.

12-9 Cranford 4, Summit 2 at South Mountain.

Sophomore left wing Joe Conte scores two goals, while senior left wing Ryan Ahern and senior forward Paul Boesgaard also score. Mike Davitt and sophomore defenseman Sean Guthrie earn assists. Goaltender Thomas Streko stops 17 shots for the victory.

12-23 Cranford 4, Johnson 4 at Warinanco.

J.J. Hoeffler scored two goals and assisted on another, while Joe Conte and Chris Ozolnieks also scored.

12-30 Cranford 1, Mendham 1 at Warinanco.

Ryan Ahern scored, with Kurt Sigmund getting an assist. Goalie Drew D'Amico made 26 saves.

1-5 Ridge 4, Cranford 1 at Bridgewater Sports Arena.

Joe Conte scores Cranford's lone goal.

1-8 Cranford 6, Johnson 1 at Warinanco.

Chris Ozolnieks, Joe Conte and Kurt Sigmund each score one goal and one assist. Ryan Ahern also scores.

1-13 Cranford 4, Wayne Valley 0 at Warinanco.

Ryan Ahern scores two goals and Neil Lanz and Kurt Sigmund one. Tom Streko makes 12 saves for the shutout.

1-15 Cranford 3, Chatham 1 at Warinanco.

Ryan Ahern had one goal and one assist, while Mike Davitt and Chris Della Serra also scored.

1-20 Cranford 5, Verona 0 at Warinanco.

Adrian Taberna had one goal and one assist, while Chris Ozolnieks had two assists. Chris Della Serra and Neil Lanz also scored.

1-21 Bernards 7, Cranford 3 at Rock Pavilion in Dunellen.

1-28 Cranford 5, Westfield 0 at Warinanco.

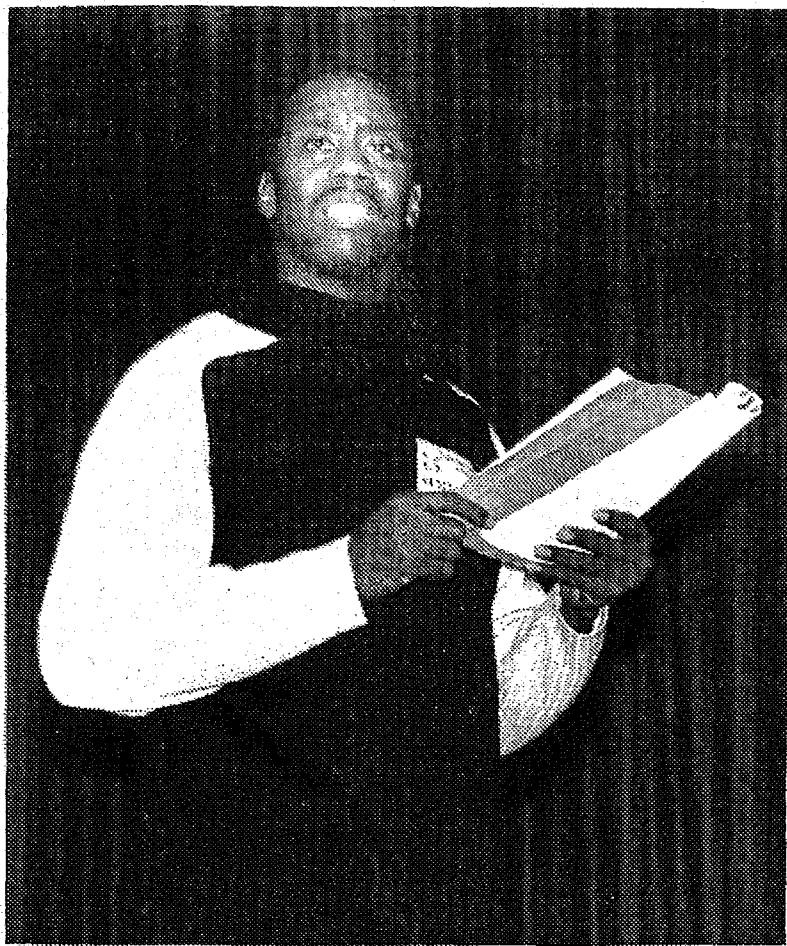
Mike Davitt scores two goals and Joe Conte, Kurt Sigmund and Jim Zamorski each net one. Chris Della Serra earns two assists. Tom Streko stops 14 shots for the shutout.

1-29 Cranford 4, Nutley 2 at Warinanco.

Chris Ozolnieks netted the game-winning goal, scoring with 2:10 left in the third period, unassisted. Ryan Ahern, Mike Davitt and Joe Conte also scored.

2-3 Cranford 5, Millburn 1 at Warinanco.

Mike Davitt scored two goals and Chris Della Serra, Ryan Ahern and Kurt Sigmund one.



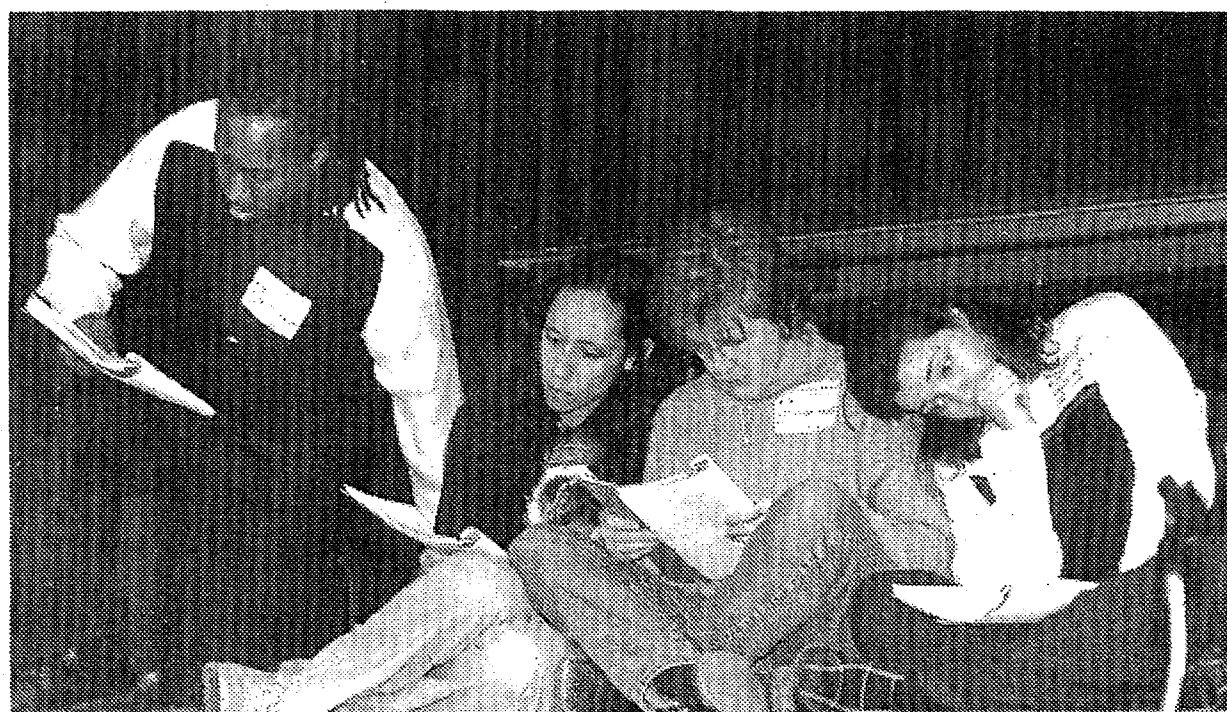
Actor Duayne B. Maynard reads and acts from the play 'The Eye,' written by Orange Avenue School student Darek Rocchine, 13.



Photos By Kat Wolfe

The eighth-grade authors of plays performed Tuesday at Orange Avenue School gather with the educators who made the show possible. Back row left is facilitator Ann McGovern; front row right is Lauren O'Brien, instructor from Playwrights Theater of New Jersey.

Taking the stage



Professional actors from the Playwrights Theater of New Jersey take shelter from a hurricane in a special performance of 'The Eye.' Pictured are Duayne B. Maynard, Dania Ramas, Fran Decesare and Mary Conway.

EDUCATION

Women's club names spelling bee champs

The Cranford Junior Woman's Club has named the winners of its annual spelling bee for fourth- and fifth-graders, held Jan. 21 and Jan. 28.

The top three finishers are first place, Emma DiGiovine of Brookside Place School; second place, Eric Sion of Solomon Schechter Day School; and third place, Eric Knight of Orange Avenue School.

DiGiovine will continue on to the General Federation of Woman's Clubs' State competition, to be held in March in New Brunswick.

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. Friday 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.

Ice Hockey Team holds Pasta Night

Join the CHS Ice Hockey Team from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Cranford Hotel for Pasta Night.

Tickets cost \$7 and are available at the door or via ice hockey athletes.

For more information, call Chris at 908-272-0452 or Rosanne at 908-276-6771.

CHS mock trial team returning to court

Cranford High School's mock trial team will perform in a competition from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. today in the Union County Courthouse, Elizabeth.

A practice trial was held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, when students displayed their trial techniques, and completed preparations for the Union County Mock Trial Competition.

This year's case, Melendino v. Cornwall, is a civil case involving a

serious injury suffered by a teenager attending an illegal casino and bar. She asserts that her burns are the responsibility of the bar's absentee landlord who rented his property to teenage proprietors who set up and ran the casino/bar.

The defense counters that if there is a responsibility, it should be upon the teenagers and not the property's owner.

The plaintiff is represented by attorneys Eric Hansen and Kate Kuhn. Their witnesses include plaintiff Fran Melendino, played by Rachel Sekinger; Sam Stone, played by Ryan Madden, a state trooper who investigated the case; and Lee Tusoni, played by Kate Bither, the teen who started the casino/bar business.

The defense is represented by attorneys Sara Mados and Mark Harley. Their witnesses include defendant T.K. Cornwall, played by Bill Campign; Payton Platt, played by Ali Perotta and Cori Marotta, a disgruntled one-time friend of Lee Tusoni; and Pat Hoyt, played by Nick Zmijewski, Lee Tusoni's teen-aged business partner.

The semifinals are Feb. 13 and the finals on Feb. 24. The CHS team will compete against other schools from Union County.

CHS Booster Club to meet on Tuesday

Cranford High School Booster Club will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the high school cafeteria.

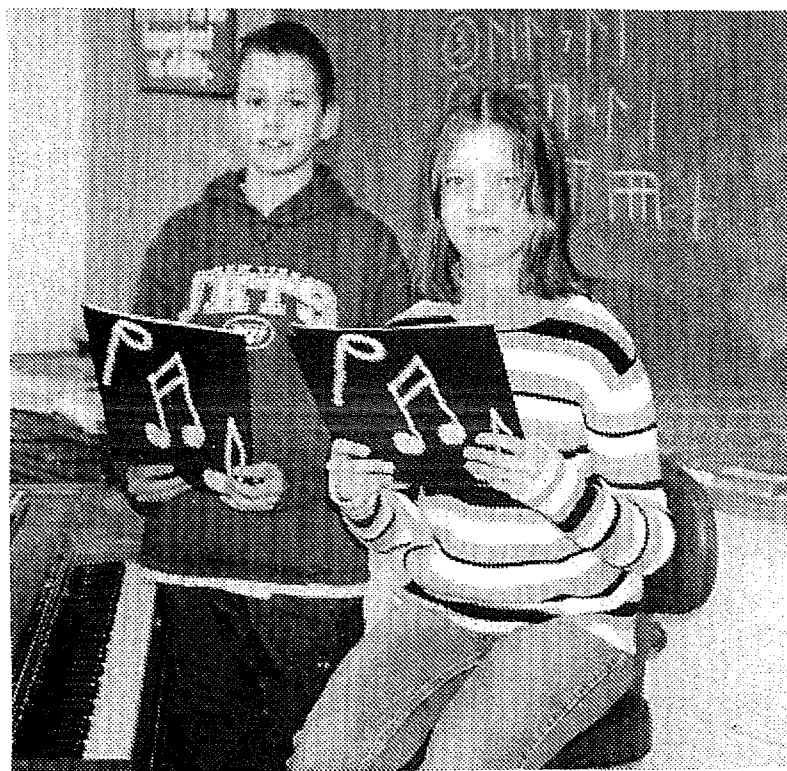
Booster Club Scholarship application forms are available at the high school guidance office beginning Feb. 14.

For more information, call Joan Bulthaupt at 908-272-6589.

Summit to address public school money

Lawrence S. Feinsod, superintendent of schools, has invited parents and community members to join him in attending a statewide summit titled "Public Support for Public Education."

The meeting will cover such topics as problems with current funding systems and revenue sources, perspectives on school finance in New Jersey,



Hillside Avenue School seventh-graders Mark Bagniewski and Catrina Coffey have been chosen to perform in national honor choirs.

Hillside pupils chosen to join honors choirs

Four students from Hillside Avenue School have been chosen through nationwide auditions to participate in National Honor Choirs that will perform for the American Choral Directors Association Biennial Conference in New York City from Wednesday through Feb. 15.

Chosen for the National Junior High Choir was seventh-grader Catrina Coffey. Chosen for the National Boys' and Men's Honor Choir were sixth-graders Michael Morgese and Matthew Wegryn, and seventh-grader Mark Bagniewski.

All four students are members of the Hillside Avenue School choirs, under the direction of Tom Pedas. Coffey and Bagniewski also have been chosen for the New Jersey All State Honor Choirs for the second consecutive year.

In New York they will rehearse

with students from around the country for the concert, which will be held in Riverside Church. Several thousand choral directors from around the world are expected to attend this conference.

Also performing at this international event will be choirs from China, Estonia, France and Sweden, as well as some of the finest university, church, community and school choirs from throughout the United States.

More than 2,000 students from around the country auditioned for these prestigious choirs. They will perform two concerts under the direction of nationally known conductors on Feb. 15 as part of the closing ceremony to the four-day conference.

Students are chosen for the honor choir through competitive taped auditions submitted by their choral directors.

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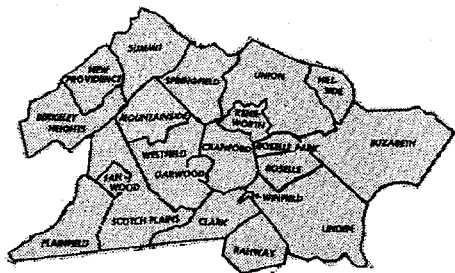
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In case you just missed it

The appointment of Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollwage to head the State's League of Municipalities is a big deal. He even posed for a very serious picture on the group's cover of their glossy monthly magazine. With the nasty budget crunch in Trenton, he has taken on the mantle of the spokesman for municipal governments. He

Left Out

By Frank Capece

scored a coup in convincing the McGreevey administration to have communities pay money owed for pensions over several years.

The league group is suddenly pushing hard for the extension of video poker into the state's three race tracks. Estimates say this could mean another \$200 million-plus in revenue. The new support should bring a chuckle to State Senator Joseph Suliga from Linden. For the past few months, he's been facing off against the monied casino interests who oppose the bill, because of their loyalty to Atlantic City. The Suliga bill would help preserve the racing industry, which continues to face hard times, as well as fill a budget hole.

- In Westfield, Local 483 of the Elizabethtown Water Company went on strike despite meetings with management and a federal mediator in Clark.

The issues include hospitalization and wage increases. Reminds me that changes come hard when so-called family companies are taken over by multi-nationals.

- Next door in Garwood, the council is expected this week to name a new mayor to replace the deceased, Michael Crincoli. Council President Kathy Villaggio took herself out of the running saying she enjoys her role as council person. Modesty like this is rare.

- POP quiz time. Where did Hillside Clerk Janet Vlaisavijevic — that really is the spelling, County Democratic Boss Charlotte DeFilippo, Assemblyman Neil Cohen, Union Township fundraiser Herman "Nookie" Schriber, Hyatt Hills Golf Course protagonist Lydia Allen and UCUA member John Kulish spend their Saturday night? Answer: the celebrity bartender's fundraiser for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Union. The reason? Everybody wants to be Irish for a little while.

- Lock your car. The recent FBI Uniform Crime report lists the following as the most stolen vehicles in the area: Toyota Camry, Honda Accord, Nissan Maxima, Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme and Honda Civic.

- In Clark, resident and Army Corps of Engineer honcho Joe Seabode has taken up the crusade to save the local reservoir, which needs costly dredging to survive. This is a tough dollar nut for town officials. But it is interesting to see a little reversal for Seabode, who usually is giving the orders and now having to go hat in hand for money.

- Throwbacks — LeBron James is being banned from high school sports because he took a gift of "valuable throw-back Jerseys." Take that, all you skeptics who ridiculed my collection of Louis Aparacio, Ozzie Guillen and Derrick Coleman jerseys.

- Roselle Sports phenomom Jesse Holley made it official. He is attending North Carolina, where he intends to play both football and basketball. If I were only 12 inches taller.

An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.

Assistant prosecutors settle their contract

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

A year after their last contract expired, assistant prosecutors in Union County have reached an agreement on a new four-year deal.

The Union County Assistant Prosecutors Association, which represents 50 assistant prosecutors in the Prosecutor's Office, ratified the agreement Jan. 2 while the Board of Chosen Freeholders gave its approval during a meeting Jan. 16. The contract runs from Jan. 1, 2002 to Dec. 31, 2005.

The new contract stipulates a 3.75 percent salary increase for 2002; 1.5 percent effective Jan. 1, 2003, another 1.5 percent on July 1, 2003, and 3.75 percent each in 2004 and 2005. The average starting salary for county

assistant prosecutors is \$42,500, while the overall median average salary for county prosecutors is approximately \$78,500.

As in every contract settled with the county in the last two years, the accord with assistant prosecutors includes some form of medical copayment for doctor's visits. In 2003, the payments are \$5 per visit, increasing to \$10 per visit in 2004 and 2005.

Also, employees earning less than \$55,000 annually will contribute \$10 per month to their health benefits while those earning between \$55,000 and \$75,000 annually will pay \$25 month. Assistant prosecutors earning more than \$75,000 annually will pay \$30 per month for 2002, which will rise to \$35 per month this year, and

\$40 per month in 2004 and 2005.

The entry level salary for an assistant prosecutor in Union County was \$43,886 in 2002, and will rise to \$48,666 by 2005, the final year of the contract.

Limits also were set on unused sick leave payments, with a maximum of \$18,000 for those with more than 401 accumulated sick days, based on 80 percent of their daily salary. Employees must retire with 25 years of service to the county in order to receive the sick time buyout.

The assistant prosecutors association becomes the 10th bargaining unit to settle a new contract; all are four-year accords and include some form of medical copayment. Of the 20 unions that deal with the county, half

are in some phase of negotiations. Most of the new contracts settled are four years in length and expire at the end of 2004.

The county is in various forms of negotiations with a number of its unions. Arbitration is under way for a new contract for Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 73, which represents county police officers. The last contract for county police expired at the end of 2000.

PBA 199, representing corrections officers, is awaiting an arbitrator's decision on an award last year of salary increases. A decision is expected March 3.

PBA 199A, which represents superior officers in the Division of Corrections, is expected to negotiate a new

contract once a new contract is settled with PBA 199.

An arbitration award also was expected last week for PBA 250, representing prosecutors detectives.

The county is in negotiations with several labor unions that do not have a new contract yet: Teamsters Local 102, representing primary supervisors in the Department of Human Services; Teamsters 102A, representing public safety professionals at the county jail; Communications Workers of America Local 1080, representing social services employees in the Department of Human Services; PBA 203, representing two employees in the Division of Weights and Measures, and the union representing supervisors in the Department of Public Works.

Despite strike, water officials move ahead

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Despite a strike of 241 employees, Elizabethtown Water Company said its customers will not see any difference in their service.

Members of Local 423 of the Utility Workers of America, AFL-CIO, went on strike against the Westfield-based company and its subsidiary, The Mount Water Company, on Feb. 1, following stalled contract negotiations on a new three-year renewal agreement.

The striking employees include station operators, construction and maintenance personnel and meter readers.

Elizabethtown said it offered a wage increase equating more than 4 percent a year for each year of the three-year contract, consisting of a 3 percent annual increase in base, commencing in the first year of the contract, and a \$500 lump sum payment to each employee at the commencement of each contract year.

"Our issues aren't wages," said Union President Kevin Maloney. "Our issues are work conditions."

The union's major concerns are sick day pay, the licensing of employees and stand-by crews.

For sick days, Maloney said, Elizabethtown doesn't want to pay employees for a full day of service; rather, it wants to only pay employees 80 percent of their usual daily wages.

The number of sick days an Elizabethtown employee is entitled to depends on their years of service.

"Working out here in the road, it's a strenuous job," said Maloney. "It's not an easy job. It's not working in the office. They talk about getting carpal tunnel banging a keyboard. Well, when you're operating a jackhammer, what happens to you?"

Another key issue in contract negotiations is that Elizabethtown is looking to have all of its field employees licensed.

"That's going to affect the senior guys," said Maloney. "I have 23 years of service. If I don't get licensed, I lose my job."

Despite talk of requiring all employees that work with water to be licensed, the state has not yet enacted that as a law.

"Somehow that died in Congress and it was never enacted so we don't feel that we need to be licensed," said Maloney.

There were discussions between the two negotiating sides to not require employees with a certain number of years in the field to obtain a license. However, Maloney said the two sides were so far off in negotiating that those discussions stopped.

Maloney said that originally Elizabethtown proposed to the union that stand-by, around the clock coverage to customers, would be handled by a crew of employees. However, Mal-

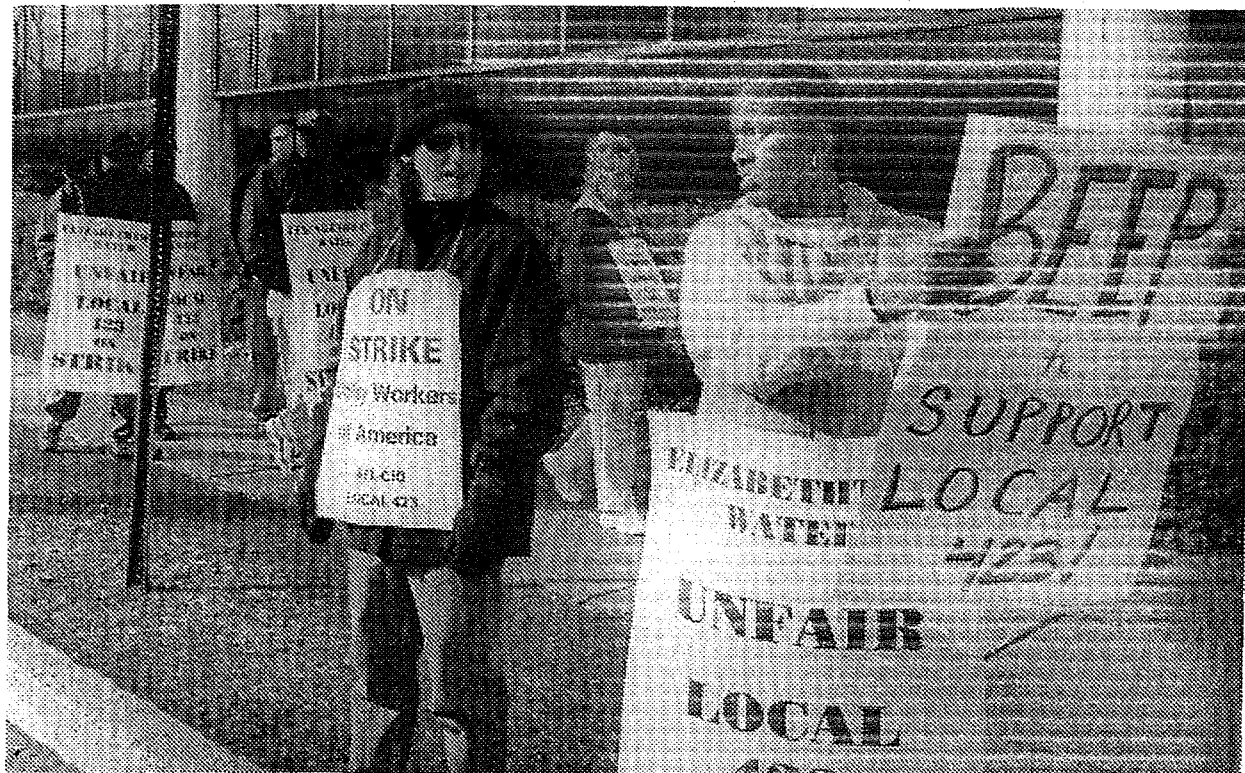


Photo By Kat Wolfe

Striking workers from Elizabethtown Water Company picketed this week for better wages and benefits. Officials from the water company say service will not be interrupted.

oney explained, now Elizabethtown wants individual employees to handle stand-by, instead of a crews.

Elizabethtown Water has contingency plans in place, offsetting the workers' strike. Management employees are running all essential functions and have also hired outside contractors to subsidize field work.

"The only thing that is currently not getting done is meter reading," said Donna Gregory, a spokesperson

for Elizabethtown.

Meter readings will not be taken during the strike, which will result in customers receiving estimated bills if the strike continues through the next scheduled meter reading. Any difference between the estimate and the actual usage will be corrected with the next meter reading.

Gregory said that the management employees who are doing the work are people who have worked in those

capacities before.

"They're not inexperienced people," she said. "They know what they're doing."

Elizabethtown and The Mount Holly Water Company serve customers in parts of Burlington, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Ocean, Somerset, and Union counties.

There are no further contract negotiations scheduled and the employees will remain on strike.

Comcast has 'digital' open house

There's something you notice about the floor when you walk in. Not until you get a look beneath the floor tiles do you realize it's not quite a normal floor. Beneath your feet run thousands of fiber optic cables integral to Comcast's digital cable services.

What once was an old warehouse and office space now is the central hub of Comcast's digital cable service. Four years of renovations have transformed the facility in Union County into the homebase of the company's digital programming and other new products.

Comcast, which serves all of Union County with the exception of Elizabeth, rolled out the red carpet last week for an open house of the digital facility.

The digital signals originate from the Union County site and is the home of most of Comcast's new products. The company serves about 750,000 customers in all of New Jersey.

As for the fiber optics beneath the floor, about 12 cables are bundled together, still measuring less than a centimeter in diameter. Technicians use a fusion splicer that heats the glass to precisely the melting point where it will forge together. The splicer also allows the operator to check the quality of the splice as soon as it's done.

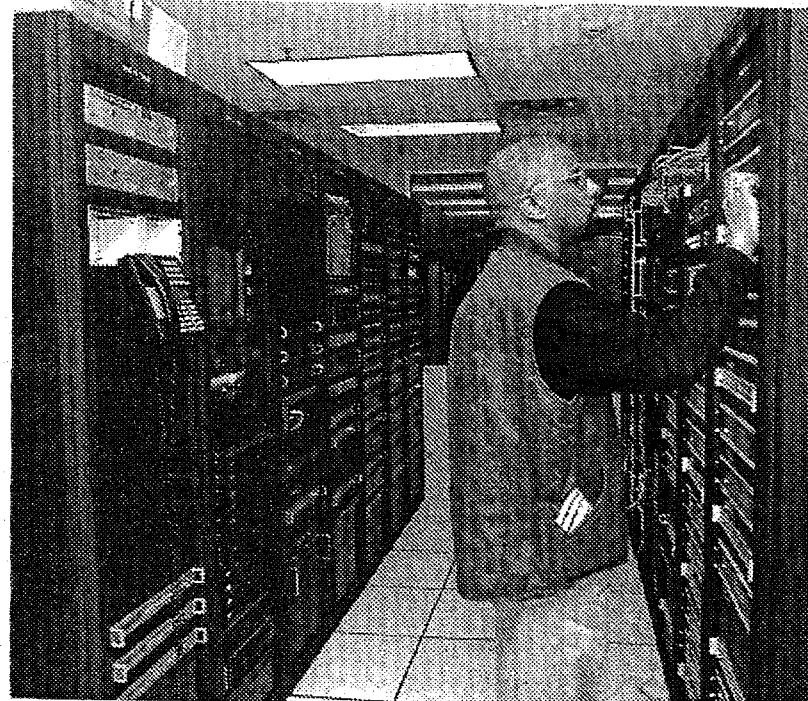
Racks of computer equipment and hard drives standing some eight feet tall allow customers to access movies on demand and other new products.

The facility receives the signal via

satellite before converting it and sending it to subscribers. When subscribers select from their cable box at home, they're not exactly loading a videocassette from the Comcast facility, but rather choosing video streaming from a hard drive just like on a home computer.

Cable companies used to have one server that provided service to a large group of people. Now, for Comcast's Video on Demand service, each town is separated into clusters of 2,000 subscribers, Joel Desetti, Comcast's managing engineer for northern New Jersey, said.

The multiple servers also now allow Comcast to "narrowcast," or offer special programming to a small



Charles Pegeron of the engineering staff checks on a satellite receiver signal.

group of subscribers.

"Subscribers actually talk back to the cable box; like two-way communication," Desetti said. "It's the separating factor with digital."

The signal is digitally encoded, the information saved onto a hard drive. Movie titles appear on the subscriber's box, where they can scroll a menu, choose the program they desire and the video is streamed into their home. Viewers can stop, rewind and pause, just like on a VCR or DVD, and the title is available for 24 hours after they've ordered it.

The facility cost some \$25 million to renovate and outfit with equipment.

The investments were made on a 100 percent reliability rate, Jeff Alexander, director of public relations for Comcast's Eastern Division, said.

The facility has several forms of backup power that can allow continuous operations until a trouble spot is corrected.

The signals are sent fiber optically to each community after being combined at the Union County site first. The facility serves northern New Jersey, north of Toms River to the East Rutherford area.

"On demand will continue to grow," Alexander said, with Comcast currently offering about 1,000 movie titles. "You'll be able to order anything. The potential is there and will continue to expand."

Alexander cited the costs as, "Limited basic cable runs \$11.51 per month and \$24.33 per month for expanded service while digital cable begins at \$14.95 for digital classic, and \$19.95 for digital plus."



Photos By Jeff Granit

Construction linemen Austin Smith, left, and Bob Kochka splice fiber optic wires called patch paneling at Comcast's digital cable facility.

Chamber honors three

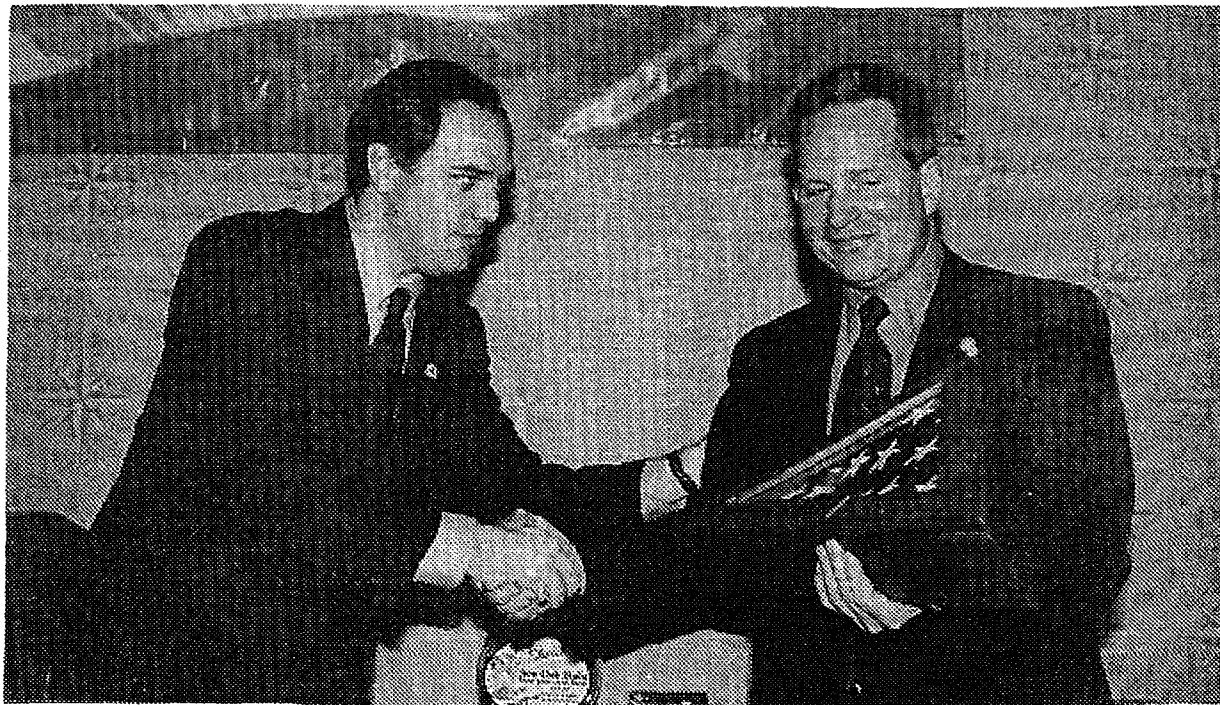
Merck & Co., Inc.; Worrall Community Newspapers Inc., and Re/Max Commercial Real Estate, LLC, were honored recently as the Companies of the Year by the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce at the 91st annual dinner meeting at the Wyndham Airport hotel.

Merck, the international pharmaceutical company based in Rahway, was selected as the Large Company of the Year, while Worrall Community Newspapers, a family-owned firm publishing 18 newspapers covering communities in Union and Essex counties, was selected as the Medium Company of the Year. Re/Max Commercial Real Estate in Cranford was honored as the Small Company of the Year.

Each company was selected for its contributions to business, to the community and to the Chamber of Commerce.

U.S. Representative Michael Ferguson presented each company with a United States flag that had flown over the Capitol in Washington, D.C. Ferguson congratulated the companies on their achievement and commended the Chamber for its many successful activities during the year, its continued growth and its increasing importance to the business community.

As part of the rapid growth and expansion the Chamber has experienced in recent years, the Union County Chamber this past year



Ray Worrall of Worrall Community Newspapers, publishers of this newspaper, accepts a flag that was flown over the Capitol from Rep. Michael Ferguson during the Gateway Regional Chamber's annual dinner. Worrall Newspapers was honored with Merck and Re/Max.

launched a new umbrella organization known as the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce.

"In the last two years, we have doubled our membership and we have more than doubled our revenue," Jim Coyle, Gateway Regional Chamber president, told the gathering of nearly 600 Chamber members and friends. "The launching of the Gateway Regional Chamber allows us to bring whole chambers into our fold, increasing our membership and our service offerings."

Ronald Dooney, Chamber chair-

man and president of TERMS, an environmental consulting and remediation firm, added, "The hallmark for the Chamber this past year has been continued, unprecedented growth. Last year, we finished our fourth consecutive record year with membership retention approaching 95 percent."

Among the guests at the dinner was former acting Gov. Donald T. DiFrancesco.

Carrying on a tradition begun two years ago, the guests participated in a game called "Who are They?" in which they competed to identify pictures of famous people with the win-

ner receiving two business class Continental Airline tickets to London.

In successive rounds, the famous people to be identified were selected from among past and present New Jersey residents, United States residents, and, finally, people renowned internationally. The first year, the game focused on pictures in which the object had to be identified ("What are They?") and last year it involved identifying the location of various landmarks ("Where are They?").

Keynote speaker for the evening was Vernon W. Hill II.

Tree replacement to cost \$18,000

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

A report commissioned by Union County estimates that 25 trees cut down at the Watchung Reservation will cost almost \$81,000 to replace and repair. The Board of Chosen Freeholders may seek to pursue a civil suit against a Mountainside couple who officials believe cut more than two dozen trees on county property near their home.

Union County contends that the property owners, Theresa and Dignatario Cerdeira, are responsible for destroying 25 mature trees on the edge of the Watchung Reservation. County officials claim that they had examined the county property abutting the private home and determined that the trees were healthy and not a danger to residents.

The attorney representing the Cerdeiras, Scott Mitzner, said he has been trying to contact the county for months to resolve the matter.

Deputy County Counsel Joseph Ascione said county officials could not really say much until they received the expert's report.

As for the amount, Mitzner said his clients are not responsible for the full amount, no matter what it is. "It sounds very high, but again, I haven't seen the report."

"We're looking forward to a resolution."

Mitzner claims his clients "were not responsible for knocking down all those trees."

Asked whether his clients hired a contractor, who then might be responsible for cutting the trees, Mitzner said he could not comment further at this time.

In his report, tree expert Gary

Lovallo of Consulting & Municipal Foresters Inc., said "the site was cleared using heavy equipment for whatever reason by unauthorized persons."

Freeholders awarded a \$5,000 contract to Lovallo to provide the report.

The property, near Tracy Drive and New Providence Road, "is open and accessible, chips covering the ground, site permanently altered with stumps still in the ground."

The cost to replace and repair the damages is "a reasonable estimation."

"The people and the County of Union as owners have the right to seek compensation based upon what was lost and to have the site repaired to its pre-causality condition."

While the county probably will proceed with civil action against the Mountainside couple, the Union County Prosecutor's Office is continuing an investigation as to whether criminal charges will be filed, Ascione said.

"Freeholders see it as an aggravated situation, not just an accident," Ascione said.

A similar incident occurred in Mountainside in the early 1990s. A property owner felled several dozen trees in an effort to improve his view of the skyline, however, the trees were on private property. The incident prompted the Mountainside Borough Council to introduce an ordinance limiting how many trees can be cut each year, even on private property.

The borough ordinance allows up to five trees, with a diameter of at least 12 inches, to be removed within a 12-month period. More than five trees to be removed would require approval from the borough.

COUNTY NEWS

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 recom-

mendations 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 downpour 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.

For more information, or to schedule a program for your school or community group, call Samantha Harries at 732-381-4100.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Songwriter mixes his many sides in song

By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor

Just who is Eric Schwartz?

Is he:
A. A jazzy, easy-listening singer-songwriter with a touch of the crooner in him?

B. A graduate of Tufts University with a degree in biology?

C. The songsmith comfortable with everything from folk to rock to blues?

D. A former bilingual actor?

E. "Red," the balladeer with the questionable list of topics and an even more questionable vocabulary?

F. All of the above?

Obviously, the answer is F.

"Eric Schwartz is a guy who grew up short and Jewish in a Christian neighborhood and found a way of fitting in and separating himself" all at once, the singer-songwriter said of himself.

Schwartz comments that "we are all complex, we all have idiots and hypersensitive people; we are all of these things."

Area concertgoers will get a chance to meet the many sides of Eric Schwartz when he appears in the Coffee With a Conscience concert series Feb. 15 in Westfield.

Despite such song as "I Swear She Said She Was 18," Schwartz contends, "I'm 'Mr. Sensitive Hyper-neurotic Guy,' and some of that energy finds its way into my sense of humor. You find something painful in life and you turn it into a joke."

Schwartz's first foray into songwriting came during a childhood defined by repeated moves.

"I was in Boston for a few years, but now I'm back in New York," he said. "My father was always off getting another degree somewhere, so we moved from New Jersey to Ohio to Connecticut and then to Boston."

Currently keeping a busy touring schedule, Schwartz's early songwriting grew out of his schoolwork as a child.

"The first song I ever wrote — in the fifth grade, it was an assignment — it was about a Halloween incident," he said. "It was not a funny song, it was a storytelling song."

Schwartz's knack with off-color lyrics developed in the seventh grade. "I was already being bombastic."

According to Schwartz, it was when he started playing guitar that he began seriously writing music.

"The first thing that came out was a love song," he said, adding that the comedy soon followed. He still writes love songs, as can be heard on "Sunday Blue" and "That's How It's Gonna Be" — but he also liberally peppers his repertoire with comedy. "They keep going further in opposite directions," he said of the two styles.

As for his ballads, the music has ties to one of Schwartz's former endeavors.

"I come from a musical theater background," he said. "'Sunday Blue' is just a nice, crooning love song. I have a strong visual part of my brain and I just visualize a song."

His showmanship is clearly evident on his recordings, with many of his "novelty" songs feeling almost like a comic one-man play.

Schwartz finds that music has a way of crystallizing experience into something more tangible than memory.

"Joni Mitchell said, 'Songs are like tattoos,' and it's a way of turning something seminal into something permanent," he said.

When it comes to actually writing his songs, Schwartz turns to a variety of muses, from a pop tune on the radio to his irritation with current issues and news.

His "Houston, We Have a Problem," found on "Pleading the First: Songs My Mother Hates," was written while driving after hearing the diva's "Saving All My Love for You." A parody of the title struck his brain and he "played with it" while he drove.



The many sides of singer-songwriter Eric Schwartz can be experienced on his three albums: "Sunday Blue," his most recent recording; his debut album, "That's How It's Gonna Be," and his live CD, "Pleading the First: Songs My Mother Hates."

"And by the time I got to Boston, it was written," he said.

A new song Westfield audiences may get to hear "eulogizes" actor Robert Downey Jr. after the drug-addled actor burns out from substance abuse.

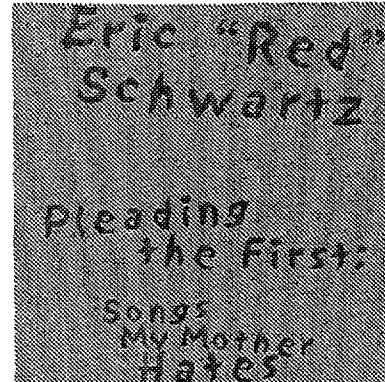
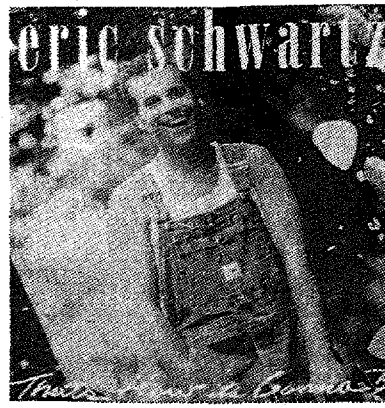
"I've been thinking about him for a while," Schwartz said. "He pisses me off. Every time I see this guy in a movie or on TV, I think he's fantastic. It pisses me to see somebody so wonderful destroying himself."

His musical editorials aren't born overnight, however: they're the result of observation and weighing his opinion on a given topic.

"That doesn't happen by reading one article," he said. "It happens by living on this Earth."

What else concertgoers hear in addition to the new Downey ditty remains to be seen. With some arguably objectionable lyrics, Schwartz usually plays a gig by ear, playing off the audience's response. One thing the crowd won't find, however, is overt censorship.

"I will only tone down the act if it's attended only by nuns," he said with a chuckle. "I'm performing for the audience, my act will always take



into account who's present. But I enjoy taking people along and if they want to go there, I'll take them.

"It's like 'preparing' for a conversation," he continued. "It's an improvisation with a set of pieces that I can put in whatever order necessary. I want to start by putting the audience in a certain kind of mood and see where it goes from there."

With a steady stream of concert dates, Schwartz wouldn't give up the studio to play exclusively live — nor would he forsake the concert stage.

"I would wither without either one of them, because there's something lacking in each of them that only the other one can satisfy," he said.

For all of it — the tender ballads and bawdy ditties, the live audience and the recording studio — it's the music that speaks to Schwartz and offers him the chance to speak to others.

"As long as the quality of each of the songs is good, the audience can go with me," he said. "Those are the two big struggles: to make sure the songs are worth listening to and to present them in such a way that they're appreciated."

Trio of recordings show singer's sides

Music Notes

The many sides of singer-songwriter Eric Schwartz can be captured upon listening to his three recordings.

"Sunday Blue," 2002, Claritone Music

"Sunday Blue," Eric Schwartz's most recent recording is perhaps his most sophisticated — a melding of light jazz and easy-listening vocals.

Demonstrating his abilities to write for the crooner, Schwartz utilizes his mellifluous baritone to maximum advantage, bringing an edge and plaintiveness to the vocals.

The stand-out tracks here are the opener, "Is It Wrong (To Want to be Loved by Someone as Lovely as You?)," which recalls the smooth vocals of James Taylor and weaves a hypnotic tale of love from afar; and the title track, on which Schwartz composed lyrics to go with a melody by Frank Loesser and Jimmy McHugh. On "Sunday Blue," Schwartz beautifully mixes healthy doses of jazz into his music, making "one Soho day in the rain" come to life for the listener. Billy Novick's saxophone adds much to the overall package of this album.

Expertly produced, the vocals are right up front and pristinely reproduced.

"That's How It's Gonna Be," 1999, Claritone Music

On "That's How It's Gonna Be," Schwartz ably mixes his abilities as a tunesmith and a humorist.

On the one hand, you have the mellow "Only Be" and "Brother Mine," perhaps the most beautiful non-romantic love song I've ever heard. On the other hand, there's the hysterical waltz, "Psycho Ballet," cataloging the peculiar denizens of New York City's Washington Square Park. In between, you have tongue-in-cheek ditties like "Hattie and Mattie," the riotous and rockin' "I Just Killed Kafka," the free-spirited love story of "Me 'n' Jenny and the Lovely Marilu," and the haunting, driving, insistent "A Season With Dylan."

If Schwartz's voice reminds one of James Taylor on "Sunday Blue," it's an early Billy Joel that comes to mind on this album, with its rough edges laid bare on "Dylan" and "Kafka." But the dichotomy of the touching and the amusing is what

truly defines "That's How It's Gonna Be."

The production here is not quite up to the par of "Sunday Blue," but it suffers none for the minor differences.

"Pleading the First: Songs My Mother Hates," 2000, Claritone Music

It's on "Pleading the First: Songs My Mother Hates" that the Eric Schwartz fan is introduced to "Red," the troubador with the somewhat questionable vocabulary and choice of subject matter.

Schwartz's roots in folk music and its social conscious is most evident on this album, with topics spanning from Kenneth Starr to police brutality. Mixed in with the political commentary are what might be called "novelty songs." However, that label is far too broad for what Schwartz writes and performs. Like "Psycho Ballet" on "That's How It's Gonna Be," his work is very reminiscent of Tom Lehrer of the 1960s and '70s.

For example, while it's not topical, "Charles something," uses the famous "Peanuts" piano riff — played here on acoustic guitar — to underscore a letter from the 30something and issued-laden Charlie Brown to his kid sister, Sally. Schwartz once again appropriates a melody — Pachelbel's "Canon" — for his homage to Clinton's excesses on "Taco Bill's Canon."

It's on this CD that Schwartz mixes the most styles, from country to blues to classical to folk. And in each instance, his vocal instrument seems perfectly suited to the genre.

While Schwartz is making you laugh and sing along, your brain is appreciating his disdain for the status quo. And, as this is a live recording, the songs are interspersed with his banter with the audience, very much a part of his act.

For a live recording, the production values are quite high, with Schwartz's vocals and guitar- and piano-playing up front and the laughter and applause where it belongs on such a recording: in the background.

New season of films set to begin Feb. 17

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The series is open to anyone, but seating is limited, so early enrollment is advised. Subscription is \$131 for six weeks or \$249 for 12 weeks plus \$20 registration fee.

Confirmed films and those under consideration for the upcoming spring session include: "Buffalo Soldiers" with Joaquin Phoenix, Anna Paquin, Ed Harris, director Gregg Jordan; "Confidence" with Dustin Hoffman, Ed Burns, Andy Garcia, director James Foley; "The Dancer

Upstairs" with Javier Bardem, Juan Diego Botto, director John Malkovich; "Dirty Pretty Things" with Audrey Tautou, Chiwetel Ejiofor, director Stephen Frears; "Down With Love" with Renee Zellweger, Ewan McGregor, director Peyton Reed; "Dreamcatcher" with Morgan Freeman, Thomas Jane, Jason Lee, director Lawrence Kasdan; "Duplex" with Ben Stiller, Drew Barrymore, director Danny DeVito; "Fellini, I'm a Born Liar" with Federico Fellini, Roberto Benigni, director Damian Pettigrew; "The Good Thief" with Nick Nolte, Ralph Fiennes, Emir Kusturica, director Neil Jordan; "The Hard Word" with Guy Pearce, Rachel Griffiths, director Scott Roberts; "In America" with Samantha Morton, Paddy Considine, director Jim Sheridan; "Intolerable Cruelty" with George Clooney, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Billy Bob Thornton, director Joel Coen; "Irreversible" with Monica Bellucci, Vincent Cassel, director Gaspar Noe; "Johnny English" with Rowan Atkinson, John Malkovich, director Peter Howitt; "The Life of

David Gale" with Kevin Spacey, Kate Winslet, Laura Linney, director Alan Parker; "Manic" with Don Cheadle, Joseph-Gordon Lewitt, director Jordan Malamed; "Only the Strong Survive" directors Chris Hegedus, D.A. Pennebaker; "Prozac Nation" with Christina Ricci, Anne Heche, Jessica Lange, director Erik Skjoldbjærg; "The Safety of Objects" with Glenn Close, Jessica Campbell, director Rose Troche; "The Shape of Things" with Gretchen Mol, Paul Rudd, Rachel Weisz, director Neil LaBute; "Sweet Sixteen" with Martin Compston, William Ruane, director Ken Loach; "Tears of the Sun" with Bruce Willis, Monica Bellucci, director Antoine Fuqua; "The Warrior" with Irfan Khan, Puru Chibber, director Asif Kapadia, and "What a Girl Wants" with Amanda Bynes, Colin Firth, Kelly Preston, director Dennie Gordon.

Oscar-winners and -nominees Danny Aiello, Alan Arkin, James

Cromwell, Frank Darabont, Ethan Hawke, Jean-Pierre Jeunet, Richard LaGravenese, John Sayles and Marc Shaiman have joined Suzy Amis, Dylan Baker, Bob Balaban, Bruno Barreto, Gil Bellows, Philip Bosco, Jim Breuer, Al Franken, Famke Janssen, Delroy Lindo, Kevin McCarthy, David Morse, Viggo Mortensen, Austin Pendleton, Mary Kay Place, Kevin Smith, David Strathairn, Henry Thomas and Wendy Wasserstein as guest speakers who have come to share their insights with Symposium participants.

Symposium director Chuck Rose promises, "The series will always be flexible in order to take advantage of opportunities as they arise. Wonderful surprises and fantastic celebrities can pop up out of nowhere, so I try to keep the schedule as fluid as possible. Last year, we premiered 47 movies which later earned a total of 31 Oscar, 34 British Academy, 21 Golden Globe, and 23 Independent Spirit Award nominations."

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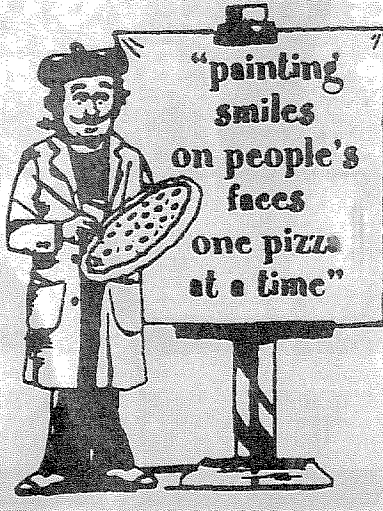
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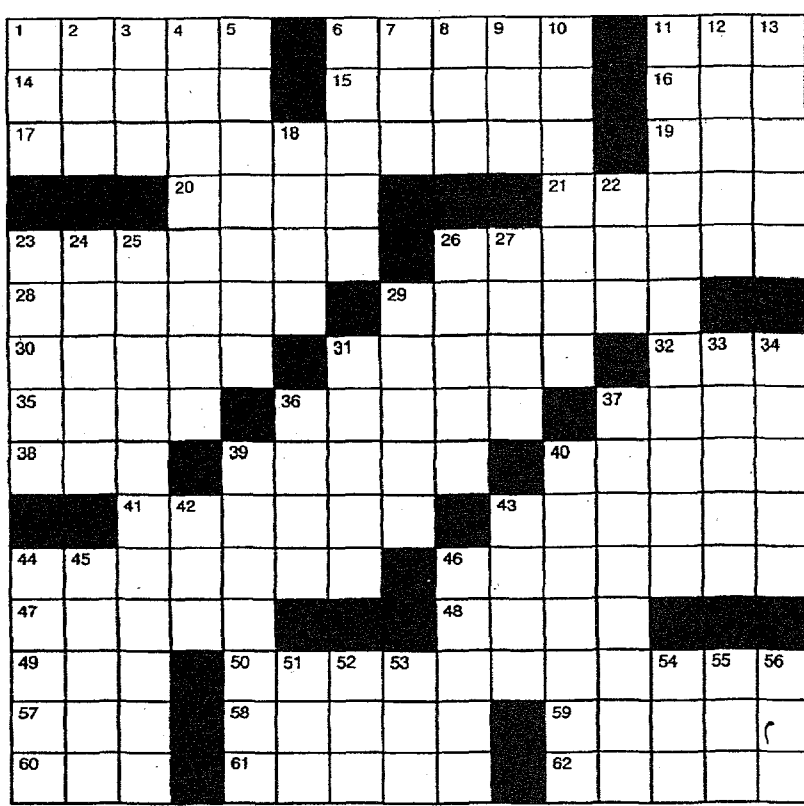
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14 To smitherens
15 Doughnut-shaped
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17 Idler
19 Not Mr. Right
20 Former Braves pitcher: 1942-51
21 Don't leave on the doorstep
23 Dressing ecclesiastically
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28 Being
29 "Moon River" lyricist
30 Roughnecks
31 Hoisting device
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35 Lotion potion
36 Park seat
37 Composer Schiffrin
38 Mule of song
39 Use a soapbox
40 Sonny and Cher, once
41 Forest of evergreen trees
43 Go back on
44 Broken-off pieces
46 Used a runway
47 Backus was his voice, in '60s TV
48 Current matters
49 Benz ending
50 See 17 Across
57 Kind of dye
58 Mary, of "The Maltese Falcon"
59 Word after life and time
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5 Dire
6 Actor Arnold
7 Neither's companion
8 Gird up
9 Chart shape
10 Withdraw from competition
11 Car part
12 Actor Robbe-Grillet
13 ____ a clue: floundered
18 Like bordelais
22 Sprechen ____ Deutsch?
23 Nevada city, briefly
24 Waterworld girl
25 Police informer
26 Change, at Oxford
27 Triumphal edifice
29 Piquant
31 Uses up
33 Praise, to Moliere
34 Just beat, with out
36 Title for a rabbit
37 Texas state flag symbol
39 Baseball street game
40 Upright support
42 Author Andric
43 Disport
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45 Opera singer Mario
46 Skier Phil
51 City near Frunze
52 Actress Hagen
53 Hornswoggle
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55 Dick
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Orchestra 'goes to the movies'

Benjamin will make his debut conducting the NJSO

Profile

Utilizing silent movies from the late 1910s and early 1920s, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will present a series of concerts in front of the big screen with the orchestra providing the mood-enhancing original accompaniment to the action on the screen.

As noted by the program's developer and conductor, Rick Benjamin, "The movie scores will be presented exactly as performed with the films when they were first released. Not a note has been changed. Audiences will be experiencing the pictures exactly as they would have when they premiered 80 years ago."

Featured movie stars and films include Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton and Harold Lloyd in "Cops," "Never Weaken" and "The Immigrant." The "Clown Princes" program will be performed on two occasions:

- On Feb. 13 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark beginning at 7:30 p.m.
 - On Feb. 15 again at NJPAC beginning at 8 p.m.
- Tickets to these performances are available at \$58, \$47, \$36, \$20 and \$14 and can be obtained by calling the NJSO Ticket Office at 800-255-3476, Monday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In the summer of 1985, Rick Benjamin discovered in an abandoned warehouse the long-lost collection of orchestra scores of Virola recording star Arthur Pryor — 4,000 fully-orchestrated pieces from the era — and with it, the inspiration to conduct. Benjamin gathered Juilliard colleagues to perform his turn-of-the-century treasures. Recordings soon followed, along with Benjamin's 1988 debut at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, the first at Lincoln Center by a professional ensemble performing ragtime. Today, Benjamin is regarded as the leading conductor of vintage American popular music, and he remains the most active conductor in the field.

Benjamin frequently leads his Paragon Ragtime Orchestra in historic theaters and movie palaces such as Cleveland's Ohio Theater, Chattanooga's Trivoli and the Rialto in Joliet. The orchestra was selected to be America's "Ambassador of Goodwill" at the World's Fair in Seville, Spain. Benjamin has conducted on National Public Radio for the BBC, as well.

In addition to his duties as founder and director of Paragon Ragtime Orchestra, Benjamin leads a multifaceted career as a performer and scholar.

HOROSCOPE

Feb. 10-16

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Be yourself and easily earn respect in a group situation. Work to turn some new or distant associates into your close friends.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Success is being able to live your dream. Stop, acknowledge the progress you've made, and let your happy ending naturally unfold.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21): You cannot win an argument with a closed-minded opponent. Walk away from a heated discussion, and take your ideas to where they are appreciated.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Yesterday's woes prove to be today's rewards. Cash in on the lessons you have painstakingly mastered in the financial arena.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Partnerships take center stage this week. Clear the decks, and enjoy spending special time with a significant partner or mate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will come to acknowledge and accept that your job is one of service. Be willing to go the extra mile to keep your clientele happy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Happiness, peace and harmony are your key words. Feel free to express yourself creatively without fear of rejection or criticism.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Emotional support is your gift. Be thankful for advice from an elder family member who is especially kind and understanding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It should be easy to communicate your feelings this week. Talk to friends who are more than willing to listen, and tell them your story.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Money spent on professional supplies, clothes or training is well worth it. Invest in yourself or your future, and you will not be sorry.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your light provides the spark that makes things happen. Take on a leadership role, and ignite a fire to guide and inspire less-experienced souls.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Secrets revealed at this time will release you from feelings of guilt or regret. Forgive a loved one, forget what happened, and move on.

If your birthday is this week, hard work pays off during the coming year. Put your nose to the grindstone, and don't let up until you have achieved a specific goal. Communicate your ideas among a wider or more diverse network of friends. Reach out, ask questions, and be open to creative suggestions and solutions. Avoid an intense encounter where manipulation rears its ugly head.

Also born this week: Kate Koss, Howard Stern, Kirstie Alley, Sal Mineo and Rod Stewart.

REUNIONS

• The following reunions have been registered with Reunions Unlimited. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at 732-617-1000.

Union High School Class of 1983, 20th reunion, 2003.

Union High School Class of 1993, 10th reunion, 2003.

Westfield High School Class of 1992, 10th reunion, May 4.

• Abraham Clark High School, Roselle, Class of 1950 is searching for classmates in preparation for its 52nd reunion. For information, call Jerry Bieler 954-360-0666 or send e-mail to joanjerr@aol.com.

• Elizabeth High School Class of 1982 is organizing a class reunion. For information, or to volunteer for the planning committee, call Kim Troutman-Lewter 973-623-3314 and Sandra Holmes at 732-381-2541.

• St. Mary High School, Jersey City, Classes of 1960, '61, '62 and '63 are planning a reunion. For information, call Ken Giordano at 732-549-6600 or 732-946-7075.

• Hillside High School Alumni Association of Florida will conduct its reunion Feb. 16 in Boynton Beach, Fla. For information, contact Marvin Kaleky, Class of '55, via e-mail at hhaafla@yahoo.com; by mail at 466 Briarwood Circle, Hollywood, FL 33024; by phone at 954-967-0199 or 954-967-8500, or by fax at 954-967-0890.

• Abraham Clark High School, Roselle, Class of 1958 will conduct its 45th reunion the weekend of June 20 to 22. For information, contact Patricia Williams Carroll at 732-381-5346, Dorothy Knudsen Morrell at 908-534-4488 or Laura Foerl at 732-636-8648.

• Union High School Class of 1963 will conduct two events in 2003 to commemorate the 40th reunion. A weekend trip to Las Vegas is planned for May 2003, and the 40th reunion will take place in November 2003. For information, contact Toby Askin Ledford at tjledford@yahoo.com.

• Battin High School, Elizabeth, Class of 1968 will conduct its 35th reunion in the fall of 2003, for all 1968 classmates that attended Edison Vocational and Technical High School and Thomas Jefferson High School, both of Elizabeth. For information, send current names and addresses to reunion committee coordinator Marlene Golab, P.O. Box 9390, Elizabeth, 07202.

Black heroes come to life in series of books

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles on "Black History Month and the Arts."

Children need role models. Very few things are as clear as that fact. And when children are facing odds from outside forces, those role models are all the more important.

Just Us Books of East Orange has made great strides in providing role models for African-American youth in the series "Book of Black Heroes."

Among the titles in the series are "From A to Z" and "Great Women in the Struggle." However, it is "Scientists, Healers and Inventors," hitting bookstores this month, which is arguably the most inspiring.

While civil rights leaders and stars of stage and screen often find their way to fame while bypassing formal education, scientists, healers and inventors need a little training in order to truly succeed in their fields; and we're talking about a faction of society for whom educational opportunities have not always abounded.

In "Scientists, Healers and Inventors," author Wade Hudson of East Orange has focused on some obvious choices — botanist George Washington Carver, physicist-astronaut Ronald McNair and former Surgeons General Jocelyn Elders and David Andrew Satcher. However, it's the not-so-obvious choices that make for the best reading.

Among Hudson's lesser-known stars are the self-educated Civil War nurse Susie King Taylor, and her counterpart, Mary Eliza Mahoney, the first African-American woman to graduate from a White nursing school. One of the earliest heroes spotlighted, Benjamin Banneker, was an 18th-century astronomer who correctly predicted a solar eclipse in 1789 and who helped survey the site of the nation's capital.

It's important to note that the series is geared toward younger read-

On the Shelf

By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor

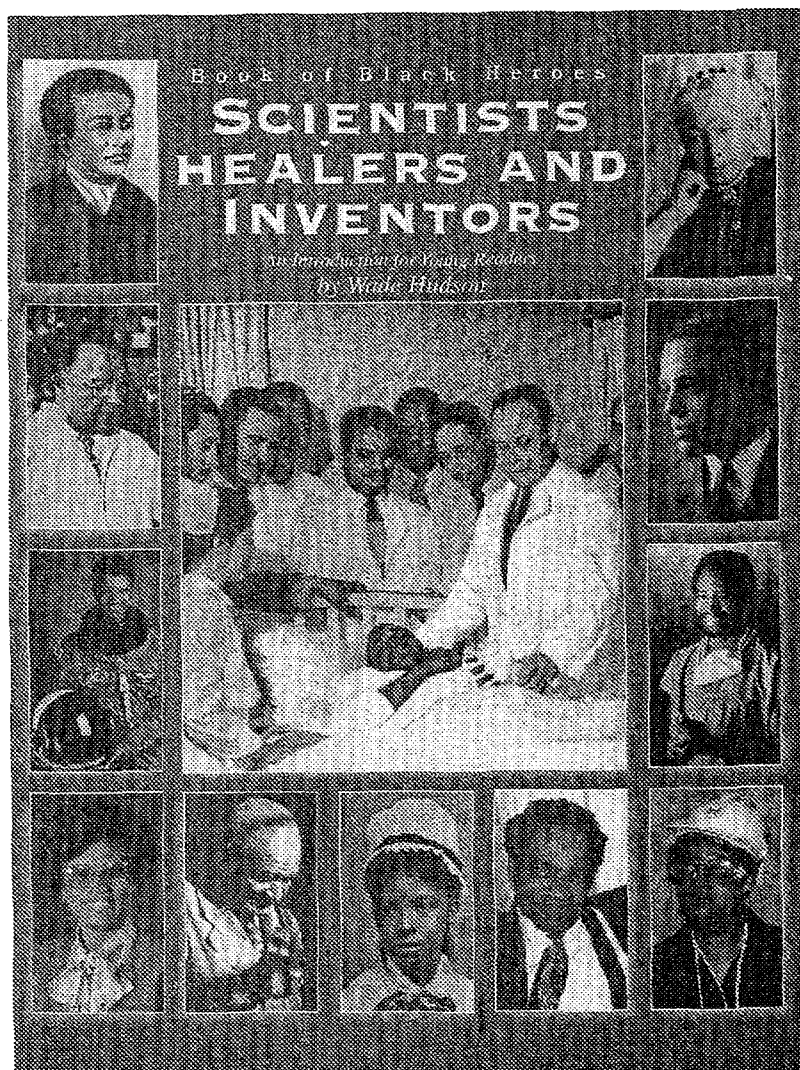
ers, and in that alone, the book succeeds magnificently. Each of the 47 one-page biographies is succinct yet fully realized, highlighting the milestones in the lives and careers of the subjects. The narrative is written in a way that challenges the young mind without overwhelming it.

Hudson's writing style is at once accessible without having been "dumbed-down." His brief histories provide enough information to enlighten the young reader, as well as stimulate interest in further, more comprehensive research.

However, it's not just in the area of "children's books" that Hudson succeeds so admirably. This is one of those books that an adult can read to a child, with both the reader and the listener coming away having learned quite a bit.

Whether as a reference volume or a storybook, "Book of Black Heroes: Scientists, Healers and Inventors," as well as its counterparts in the series, should be on the shelf of every school library, as well as those bookshelves at home. It not only serves as a lexicon of role models for African-American youths, but for any youth who perceives adversity in achieving a goal. And one can't escape the educational value of such a book when read to or by a White child whose understanding of the African-American experience is understandably limited.

The people Hudson highlights faced seemingly insurmountable odds to become leaders in their respective fields. You don't have to be Black to



appreciate that and be inspired by it.

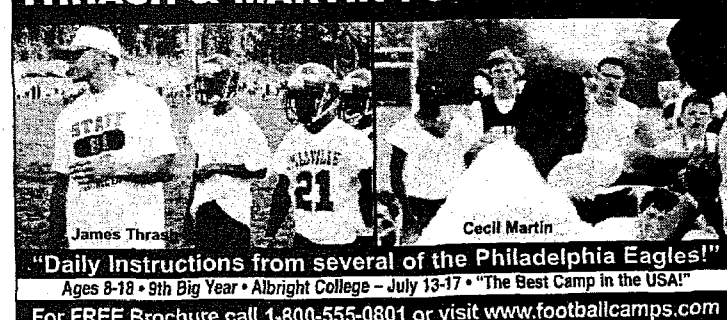
"Book of Black Heroes: Scientists, Healers and Inventors" is

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Bill Van Sant, Editor

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Newsletter 'connects' residents, arts

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced the publication of the second edition of Cultural Connections, the new countywide cultural newsletter.

"County residents have requested a coordinated, broad-based source of information about local history and arts events," said Freeholder Vice Chairman Mary P. Ruotolo, liaison to the Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "Cultural Connections is a centralized clearinghouse for arts and cultural heritage information, reflecting the important role played by the arts, cultural and history organizations in Union County's economic development and overall quality of life."

The semiannual cultural newsletter is available in libraries, on the Union County web site at www.unioncountynj.org/cultural, or by calling 908-558-2550.

Cultural Connections contains

news about grants and exhibition opportunities, helpful web sites, and the projects and accomplishments of Union County individuals and cultural and historical organizations.

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

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NJ State Council on the Arts will offer workshops for folk artists

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 craftsperson 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.

Bill Van Sant, Editor

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WBGO will rebroadcast special

WBGO-FM will re-broadcast the documentary "A Love Supreme" hosted by acclaimed rapper/actor Mos Def.

In response to the popular support and public demand Jazz 88 received after the initial broadcast on Thanksgiving Day, WBGO will re-broadcast the special on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, from noon to 2 p.m. It will be repeated Feb. 15, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Thurston Briscoe, WBGO program director, commented, "The 'A Love Supreme' documentary has been a tremendous success. We have gotten unbelievable responses from around the country, from stations and listeners who enjoyed the show. Many people have called and e-mailed WBGO asking when will we be repeating the show." J.W., a listener from New Jersey, e-mailed, "I thoroughly enjoyed the program on Thanksgiving. So much so that I listened to it again the next day." Due to this overwhelmingly positive response, WBGO will be rebroadcasting the special twice during February 2003.

WBGO Production Coordinator Joshua Jackson and Program Director Thurston Briscoe produced the special for distribution to public radio stations nationwide and more than 160 stations broadcast the documentary this past November.

Jackson and Briscoe worked together to produce a program to answer many of the questions surrounding the mystique of one of the most influential jazz albums ever recorded. Author Ashley Kahn conducted many of the rare interviews included in this special. They were also included in his latest book, "A Love Supreme: The Story of John Coltrane's Signature Album." Listeners hear directly from Coltrane himself, as well as Alice Coltrane, McCoy Tyner, Jimmy Garrison, Elvin Jones, Wayne Shorter, Archie Shepp, Carlos Santana, Branford Marsalis and many others.

Saxophonist John Coltrane has one of the most recognizable names in jazz. In December 1964, he walked into Rudy Van Gelder's New Jersey studio along with his quartet that included pianist McCoy Tyner, bassist Jimmy Garrison and drummer Elvin Jones, and recorded the four-part jazz suite that was to become "A Love Supreme." "A Love Supreme" wasn't just a jazz record. They were trying to make a musical statement," states Ravi Coltrane, John Coltrane's son and an accomplished saxophonist himself.

When Jackson began to think about narrators for the "A Love Supreme" project, Mos Def was his only consideration. Mos Def has been an avid WBGO listener from the time he was 14 years old and is a dedicated jazz fan who lists John Coltrane as one of his favorites. "He is not the traditional host you would find on public radio," states Jackson, "but he has that diverse musical and artistic background. He is familiar with jazz and has a deep appreciation and keen understanding of the music."

In addition to being a critically acclaimed solo rap artist and former member of the rap duo Black Star, Mos Def also has a hip hop/rock band called Black Jack Johnson. He is well-known in spoken word circles and is the current host of HBO's spoken word series, "Def Poetry." He recently received high praise for his role as Booth in "Top Dog/Underdog," the Pulitzer Prize-winning Broadway production from director George C. Wolfe. His television and screen credits include the "Cosby Murder Mysteries," MTV's "Carmen: A Hip-Hopera," "Monster's Ball," Spike Lee's "Bamboozled" and the recently released "Brown Sugar."

WBGO-FM participated in special events leading up to the initial November broadcast of "A Love Supreme." In November, the album release party for "A Love Supreme" was broadcast live on Jazz 88.3 FM from Joe's Pub in New York City. The broadcast featured a rare live performance by Coltrane's widow, Alice Coltrane, a jazz pianist and harpist. The broadcast also showcased Coltrane's son, saxophonist Ravi Coltrane's quartet. This special performance marked Verve Music Group's release of the deluxe edition of "A Love Supreme." This edition features Coltrane's only live performance of the entire "A Love Supreme" suite.

Viking Books co-hosted the party at Joe's Pub. They were celebrating the release of author Ashley Kahn's book, "A Love Supreme: The Story of John Coltrane's Signature Album."

WBGO-FM recently ran contests on its web site, www.wbgo.org, related to its "A Love Supreme" documentary. Visitors to the contest page, who could answer two questions correctly, were included in drawings for signed copies of Ashley Kahn's book "A Love Supreme: The Story of John Coltrane's Signature Album" and copies of Verve Music Group's recently released deluxe edition of John Coltrane's "A Love Supreme."

Support for WBGO's "A Love Supreme" project was provided by JP Morgan Chase, the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, WBGO-Newark Public Radio Inc., Verve Music Group and Viking Books.

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All dressed up and ready to go to dinner at intimate Parisian restaurant are, from left standing, Vincent Bandille of Long Valley as Albert Donay, Rob Corbo of Elizabeth as Andre Bouville and Andy Gordanier of New Brunswick as Claude Pichon; and, seated, Victoria Brewer of Secaucus as Yvonne Fouchet, Sandra Rudnitsky of Edison as Gabrielle Buonocelli and Lynn Langone of Cranford as Mariette Leveux. "The Dinner Party" by Neil Simon runs at Cranford Dramatic Club from Friday through Feb. 22. For information, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B12.

County renews program for caregivers and arts

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced the renewal of its successful innovative program to bring the arts to the homes of full-time family caregivers of care recipients older than 60 years old.

"The time- and energy-consuming responsibilities of full-time family caregivers often prevent them from participating in the arts they love," said Freeholder Chester Holmes, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "The talent and diversity of our artists assures a fulfilling creative experience for the caregivers."

The free program will provide artists to come to the caregiver's home in a series of visits, bringing art personalized to suit their individual needs and interests. Some examples of visits include stress-relieving movement techniques; writers to help document families stories or teach journal keeping; live musical performances, to share with friends or each other; professional portraits done from life or favorite old photos, and art projects for caregivers and care recipients to do together.

"Recent studies have shown that the stress of long-term care-giving responsibilities can have detrimental effects on the health and emotional well being of the caregiver," said

Freeholder Lewis Mingo Jr., liaison to the Hospice and Home Health Care Advisory Board. "This program is intended to relieve that stress while it exercises the caregiver's creativity."

In addition to caring for a family member, the caregiver may also work a full-time job outside the home. As long as care recipients are older than 60 and live in Union County, they are eligible. While focused on the caregiver, the program will benefit everyone in the family.

The Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs is coordinating this unique free program, which is made possible by grants from the Union County Division on Aging and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

For more information about arts in the home, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs by writing to 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth 07202; calling 908-558-2550, NJ Relay users dial 711, or sending e-mail to scoen@ucnj.org.

NJSO to unite young, old with concert

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will present two performances of a program titled "A Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra" in mid-February.

Designed to introduce children to the families of instruments that make up the orchestra through compositions that highlight each particular set of instruments, the concert will culminate in the narrated presentation of Benjamin Britten's "A Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra."

The NJSO's associate conductor, Mark Laycock, will lead both 2 p.m. matinee performances.

The area performance date and location are as follows:

• Feb. 15 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

The presentation will also feature members of the NJSO's Greater Newark Youth Orchestra in a side-by-side performance of Offenbach's "La Belle Helene Overture."

The NJSO's Family Concert Series is designed to provide parents and grandparents with the opportunity to spend important time with their children and/or grandchildren in shared experiences that can bring both generations pleasure and which permit the transfer of cultural traditions

from one generation to another. This three-concert subscription series is an out-growth of the orchestra's esteemed in-school education programs.

Single tickets to this performance are available at \$18 and \$13, and can be obtained by calling the NJSO Ticket Office at 800-255-3476, Monday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mark Laycock was named associate conductor of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra at the beginning of the 2001-02 season, and is music director of the Princeton Symphony Orchestra. He was also music director of Orchestra London Canada from 1995 to 1998, and has enjoyed numerous engagements with some of the world's most prestigious orchestras including the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, and the Philharmonia Orchestra of London. His responsibilities at the NJSO include conducting all education and Pops concerts during the subscription season, as well as the statewide free outdoor Pops concerts in the parks each summer.

Gabriel Gordon, a native New Yorker, is the music director of numerous youth, amateur and pro-

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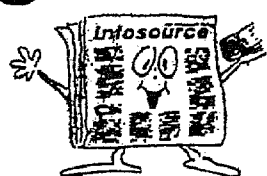
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"Cup of Coffee" (Smallmouth Press; February 2003) collects Trucks's conversations with 18 of these men — what they went through to reach the major leagues, why they didn't stay, and what they saw, heard, and learned along the way.

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"Cup of Coffee" presents the life stories of 18 men whose careers were not all that they could've been — stories of a man who used his \$1,000 signing bonus to provide indoor plumbing for his parents; a man who delivered his

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These are stories of success and failure, accomplishment and disappointment, heartbreak and fulfillment, all while rubbing shoulders with baseball legends on the national pastime's greatest stage.

"Cup of Coffee" speaks not only to baseball aficionados, but students of the human condition as well.

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Hearty soups make good winter warmers

Want a great meal to warm your family on a blustery winter day? Try a steaming bowl of homemade soup.

According to Jim Turner, Director of Operations for Manhattan-based Daily Soup, "Whenever temperatures drop, we see an increase in sales. Soup is a great comfort food, especially during the wintertime." Daily Soup offers a wide variety of soups to fit any taste bud, from the more traditional Cream of Broccoli and Tomato-Cheddar, to New Zealand Sweet Potato Chowder and Chicken Pot Pie.

Making soup may sound intimidating to the novice chef, but these recipes from the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council Inc., are designed with easy preparation in mind. Condensed soups, canned broth, or bouillon cubes make a quick and easy base in all of these recipes, and most can be prepared in 30 minutes or less.

While these soups are good anytime, they are meat-free, making them a perfect choice for Friday night supper during the upcoming Lenten season. Team with a loaf of crusty bread, corn muffins, or a grilled cheese sandwich to round out the meal. Leftovers? You're in luck; most soups taste even better the next day.

Cheddar Tomato Soup With Double Cheese Croutons

Yield: About 4 servings

8 slices white or whole wheat bread, crusts removed
2 tablespoons butter, softened
1 can (10-3/4 oz.) condensed Cheddar cheese soup
1 can (10-3/4 oz.) condensed tomato soup
2 soup cans of milk
1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
2 slices (1 oz. each) Cheddar cheese
3 slices (3/4 oz. each) Swiss cheese
chopped chives (optional garnish)
Spread bread with butter on one side; set aside. In a large saucepan using a wire whisk combine Cheddar

cheese and tomato soups; gradually whisk in milk. Over medium heat, heat soup until hot; stirring frequently. Add hot pepper sauce; cover, set aside.

In a large skillet or griddle over medium heat, place 4 slices of bread, butter-side down. Cover with Cheddar and Swiss cheeses, cutting to fit bread; top with remaining 4 slices of bread, butter side up. Cook until golden brown, turning once, 1 to 2 minutes on each side; remove from skillet. Cut each sandwich into 1-inch squares. In 4 serving bowls, ladle hot soup; top with sandwich squares and garnish with chopped chives, if desired; serve immediately.

Blue Cheese Onion Soup

Yield: About 4 servings

3 tablespoons butter
5 cups thinly sliced onions (about 4 large)
2 tablespoons flour
2 cans (13-3/4 oz. each) ready-to-serve beef broth
2 cups milk
4 slices (1/2-1 inch thick) French bread
1/2 cup (2 oz.) crumbled blue cheese
1/2 cup (2 oz.) shredded Muenster cheese
Preheat broiler. In a large saucepan over medium heat, melt butter. Add onions; cook covered, stirring occasionally. Stir in milk; cook until hot, 2 to 3 minutes. Meanwhile, on a baking sheet place bread slices. Broil until brown, about 1 minute on each side. Sprinkle each slice with blue cheese and Muenster cheese; broil until cheese melts, about 1 minute. Ladle soup into 4 serving bowls; place 1 cheese-topped bread slice in each bowl. Serve immediately.

Shrimp Bisque

Yield: About 4 servings

1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, divided
1 carrot, chopped
1 stalk celery, chopped
1 small onion, chopped

1/2 pound raw medium shrimp in the shell
1/2 cup chicken stock or canned broth

1/2 cup dry white wine or dry vermouth or additional broth
1 bay leaf
6 peppercorns
3-1/2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon paprika
3 cups milk
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
2 tablespoons cream sherry (optional)

Melt 1 tablespoon butter in 10-inch skillet over medium heat. Add vegetables; saute 4 minutes. Add shrimp; saute 3 minutes. Add chicken stock, wine, bay leaf, and peppercorns; simmer uncovered 10 to 12 minutes or until shrimp are opaque. Strain and reserve the liquid. Cool and peel shrimp. Discard vegetables, bay leaf, and peppercorns. Reserve 4 whole shrimp for garnish; chop remaining shrimp.

Melt remaining 3 tablespoons butter in large saucepan. Add flour and paprika; cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until flour is bubbly — about 2 minutes. Add milk; cook, stirring frequently until thickened — about 5 minutes. Add reserved broth mixture, salt, and pepper sauce. Cook over medium-low heat 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in chopped shrimp; heat through. Ladle into shallow soup bowls; garnish with reserved whole shrimp. Add sherry to each bowl just before serving, if desired.

Sweet Potato Bisque With Jazzy Croutons

Yield: About 6 servings

2 tablespoons butter
1/4 cup finely chopped onion
2 tablespoons flour
2 cups 1-percent lowfat milk
1 (14-1/2 oz.) can chicken broth
1 (29 oz.) can cut sweet potatoes in light syrup, drained, pureed

1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg (to taste)

Jazzy Croutons:

4 tablespoons butter, melted
1/4 cup orange juice
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon ginger
2 cups Italian, French, or Sourdough bread cubes

For soup: In 2-quart saucepan over medium-low heat, melt butter; add onion and cook until tender. Gradually stir in flour, mixing constantly until blended. Gradually add milk, mixing until slightly thickened. Combine broth, sweet potatoes, and nutmeg; stir in to milk mixture. Reduce heat; cover, cook 10 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. To serve, top each serving with croutons.

For croutons: Combine butter, orange juice and spice; mixing until well blended. Pour butter mixture over bread cubes, mix lightly. Place bread cubes on ungreased jelly-roll pan on cookie sheet; bake at 350 degrees F 10 to 15 minutes, turning to brown.

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The traditional match of potato and caraway adds dimension to a cream of celery soup base.

German Potato Soup

Yield: About 3 servings

2 teaspoons vegetable oil
1 small onion, finely chopped
1/2 teaspoon caraway seeds
1 (10 oz.) can condensed cream of celery soup
2 cups fat-free skim or 1-percent lowfat milk
1 cup diced boiling potatoes (such as new potatoes or fingerlings)
1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill, or 1 teaspoon dried dill
salt and pepper, to taste
Heat oil in a saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onions and caraway seeds and saute until the onions begin to color, 2 to 3 minutes. Add soup, milk, and potatoes and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and sim-



Creamy Cheddar Tomato Soup with Double Cheese Croutons makes a fast, tasty meal for a cold winter's night.

mer, stirring occasionally, until the potatoes are tender, about 10 minutes. Add dill and stir until heated through; do not allow the soup to boil. Season with salt and pepper.

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Cheesy Apple Soup

Yield: About 8 servings

4 slices dark rye bread
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
3 cups milk
1 chicken-flavored bouillon cube
1/8 teaspoon white pepper
2 cups (8 oz.) shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
4 slices (1 oz. each) processed American cheese, cut into strips
1 can (20 oz.) sliced apples, coarsely chopped
ground nutmeg, if desired

Preheat the oven to 400degrees F. Cut the bread into fun shapes — such as apples, stars, or circles — using cookie cutters, and place on a baking sheet. Bake for three minutes or until lightly toasted; set aside.

Melt the butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Mix in the flour and cook for two minutes, stirring constantly. Slowly add the milk, bouillon cube, and white pepper, stirring constantly. Heat to boiling then add the cheeses and whisk until melted and the soup is smooth. Puree soup with 1/2 the apples. Heat over low heat until hot, 3 to 4 minutes. Evenly divide the remaining apple slices among four bowls. Pour the soup over the apples. Arrange the toasted bread shapes evenly on top of the soup. Sprinkle very lightly with nutmeg. Serve immediately.

Guild series will continue with Bady

The fifth season of musical presentations at the Arts Guild of Rahway continues during Black History Month with singer Judy Bady.

On Feb. 21, at 8 p.m., the Arts Guild will present powerhouse performer Judy Bady, whose musical repertoire spans the breadth of jazz, blues, gospel, R&B, rock and roll, and contemporary American pop.

After attending two Bobby McFerrin concerts in Kalamazoo, Mich. in 1986 and singing with McFerrin on stage, Bady was advised by him to leave Kalamazoo and pursue a musical career. He was very impressed with her style and range. Bady moved to New York in 1988 and delved into the local artist scene. She did another impromptu duet with McFerrin at the 1992 JVC Jazz Festival in Newport, R.I., which led to an invitation to sing at the Blue Note Jazz Club in New York City. Bady's demo so impressed Jay Leonhart that he invited her to sit in at his jazz brunch at the Blue Note.

In 1995, Bady was asked to join jazz great and

Grammy Award-winner Jon Hendrick's vocal group. She has also performed and recorded with tenor saxophonist, composer and educator Billy Harper, who said, "That Judy Bady ... makes one's heart swing ... makes one want to sing!"

Tickets for this concert are \$12 for advance sales and \$15 at the door. Tickets are available at the Arts Guild of Rahway, 1670 Irving St., Rahway; Beans Mexican Restaurant, St. Georges Avenue, Rahway, and Kennedy Jewelers, East Milton Avenue, Rahway, across from the train station. Special \$10 rates for tickets are available for ticket sales to two or three of the upcoming concerts: Judy Bady; Harry Allen, tenor saxophonist, April 4, and pianist Eric Mintel, May 16. Call 732-381-7511 for more information or send e-mail to artsguild1670@earthlink.net

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New Jersey Ballet School begins class

New Jersey School of Ballet is taking registrations now for winter-spring classes in all levels of ballet, jazz and tap — great news for anyone dreaming of a career in dance, or who just wants to shape up for spring and summer.

Getting there is easy. New Jersey School of Ballet offers classes in three convenient locations: Livingston, Somerville and Morristown. All have free off-street parking and nearby public transportation.

The school, which will celebrate its 50th anniversary in September 2003, has classes for all ages, and a matchless reputation for making sure each student, at whatever level, gets the most out of his or her dance experience.

"New Jersey School of Ballet is proud of its many students who have graduated to professional careers with major dance companies," says director Carolyn Clark. "However, we firmly believe that dance is for everyone. Dance classes help children develop coordination and confidence, and they're a great way for adults to stay supple, strong and in shape."

The school's outstanding faculty includes stellar names from the international world of dance. Natasha Girshov and Luba Gulyaeva danced with the legendary Kirov Ballet. Eleanor D'Antuono, George Tomal and Carolyn Clark all performed with American Ballet Theater. In addition, many teachers are current

performers with New Jersey Ballet Company and other professional companies. Prominent guest teachers, including the internationally-famous Edward Villella, and Bolshoi and New York City Ballet star Valentina Kozlova, hold special master classes during the year.

New Jersey School of Ballet is open Monday through Friday and all day Saturday. For a free brochure and class schedule, or to schedule a free trial class, call the New Jersey Ballet office at 973-597-9600. For information about New Jersey School of Ballet's Intensive Program, call Carolyn Clark at 973-597-9600.

Bill Van Sant, Editor

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Friends show 'recent works' in exhibit at Swain Galleries

Two artist friends, active and recognized within the New York art milieu, spent much of last summer painting outdoors together and will exhibit their "Recent Works," their first two-man show, through Feb. 28 at Swain Galleries in Plainfield.

J. Brian Townsend and Timothy W. Jahn espouse traditional realism. For Townsend, renowned for his meticulous portraits, still lifes and interiors, focusing on the moment and its light in a landscape was a new exposure. Private and corporate collectors from the greater metropolitan area to Virginia and Washington, D.C. revere his oil paintings.

Landscape painter and portraitist Jahn attracted considerable notice when he showed predominantly architectural landscape oils in his professional debut at Swain's in 2000. For this show, he will add more portraits, which are accomplished in graphite and charcoal and white conte.

Townsend and Jahn are both graduates of the National Academy of Fine Art and Design in New York City, and the duCret School of Art and Design in Plainfield. Both have exhibited their work in New York City at the Salmagundi Club and the National Academy and received awards from the Art Students League. Townsend's paintings appeared in the 86th and 87th exhibitions of the Allied Artists of America at the National Arts Club, also in New York City. Jahn was awarded a traveling grant to the LaCoste School of Art in LaCoste, France, scholarship membership to the Salmagundi and full merit scholarship to the Art Students League.

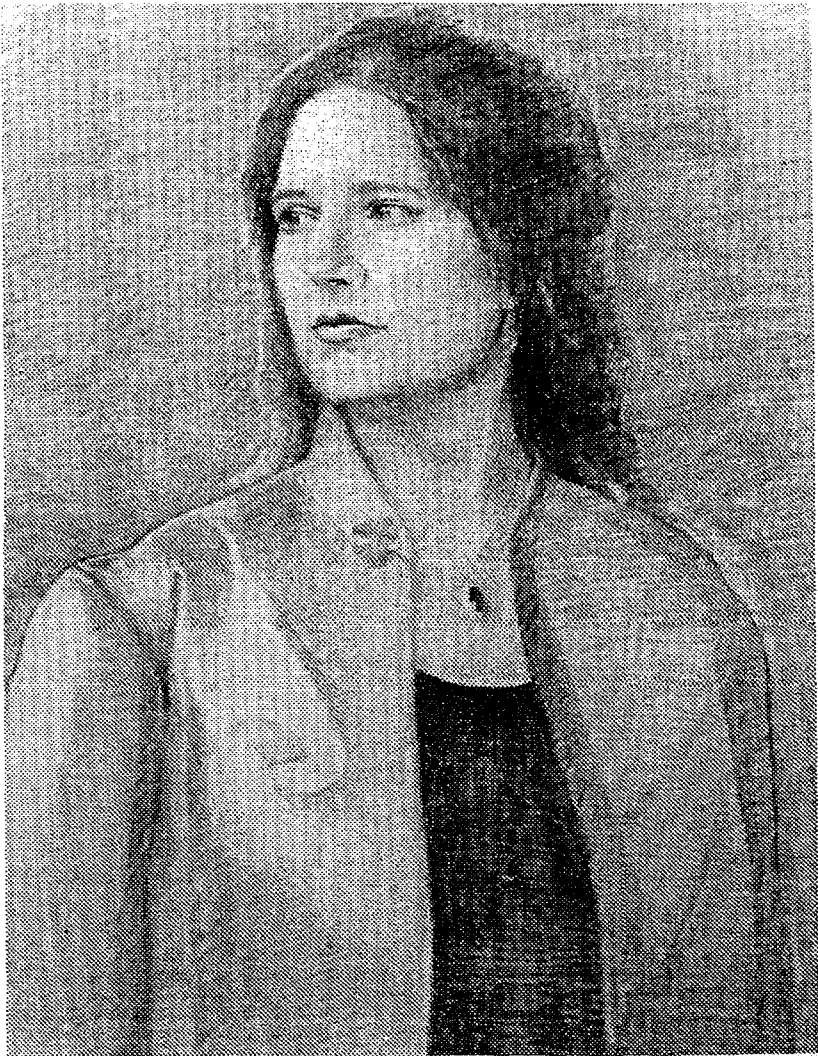
Townsend's further acclaim includes grand prizes in the 26th and 27th Atlantic City Annual National Show and a memorial award from the National Academy as well as honors at the 69th annual exhibition of the Hudson Valley Art Association.

Both artists reside in New Jersey; Townsend in Plainfield and Jahn in Piscataway, where he grew up.

Townsend's paintings deal with themes such as a medieval maiden, Victorian interiors, the New Jersey coastline and views of the Hudson Valley. When painting interiors and still lifes, he will study a subject for months to conceive the most interesting way to compose it. His interiors suggest the presence of an unseen person, an essence tragically beautiful surrounding the moment when a person leaves the room and that person's life is left behind on a table. His portraits are thoughtfully created; one places a young woman in antique dress and tiara against a dark red background itself encompassed by a heavily antiqued medieval border. The figure's distant gaze intoxicates the viewer.

"Painting outdoor is more a moment in time," stated Townsend. "Something catches your eye and you know it will pass on. It's not the same as painting inside where you can study a figure at length. It's certainly new for me and I can see my landscapes becoming larger, more life-size, so you can walk in."

"Painting a figure or a building is not much different for me," observed Jahn. "The major difference is the interaction between sitter and artist. Technically, flesh tones and the color of buildings are the same colors in different rela-



Artists and friends J. Brian Townsend and Timothy W. Jahn are represented in an exhibit of their recent works at Swain Galleries in Plainfield. Among the works are two versions of 'Tara' by the two artists: at left is Jahn's 'Tara,' a graphite rendering, and at right is Townsend's version, an oil on linen.



tionship to each other. A building can be depicted from my point of view but a person adds a personality and another set of emotions to mine. What strikes me is the quality of the beauty I find in either subject — that's what I want to paint."

When approaching an architectural subject, Jahn studies the overall effect of light to find the composition that best evokes the emotion he wishes to express. "Most of the architecture I paint is Roman or Gothic in design. Every building has something to say; when the light dances on the facades, the hard, cold stone becomes very sensual to me," he described, adding, "Some buildings have such an overwhelming feeling to them that people feel they can't approach them.

Most of the cathedrals in France gave me that impression. The designs are almost too beautiful, which is something that is difficult to overcome in a painting."

The Townsend-Jahn "Recent Works" exhibit continues Tuesdays to Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Swain Galleries, a family-owned business for 135 years in Plainfield featuring fine art, custom framing and specialty gifts at 703 Watchung Ave. For more details, call 908-756-1707.

Artist's work 'reflects' on the roles of African Americans in ads

The Eclectic Connection Fine Art Gallery in Summit presents a solo exhibition of original works by Cedric Smith, now through Feb. 28.

"Reflections of the Past" will feature new works by the artist that showcase his two styles of work, vintage portraits and advertising signage depicting African-American subjects.

Show hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"Cedric's work uniquely captures the beauty of our African-American past by portraying vintage imagery from a present perspective," says Loreen Williamson, gallery director. "Cedric paints two styles of work, vintage portraits of beautiful Black children and vintage advertising signage portraying Black characters."

"I've always been amused by signs off the highway or in magazines, but I've never seen a lot of Blacks in those things. I feel a lot of the reason why we as a whole don't seem to respect each other is because we have

no sense of worth. I think if we saw more positive things pertaining to us, we would be better. So my way of contributing to this is through my art," Cedric Smith said.

"Cedric's portraits are vibrant and engaging, with familiar faces that remind you of children that you know. Cedric's advertising work depicts dignified Black people selling products from a past era. Cedric's intent is to show Blacks the way he believes they would have been shown if Blacks had actually developed ads, without derogatory stereotypes and exaggerated features. He addresses the negative manner in which Blacks have been portrayed historically with a positive approach that appeals to a wide audience," comments Williamson.

Smith is a self-taught artist that lives in Atlanta. His mixed-media pieces combine photography with colorful backgrounds and other original elements to create powerful imagery. His work has been featured

at the National Black Fine Art Show, and other exhibitions around the country.

Eclectic Connection Fine Art Gallery specializes in contemporary

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SEARCHING FOR IDENTITY, photographic works by Rosemarie Gelber and Neal Korn, will be on exhibit through Friday at The Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway.

Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m., and Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. The Arts Guild is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511 or send e-mail to ArtsGuild1670@earthlink.net.

ILLUMINATIONS and "The Ezykial Machine" by Bob Karstadt will be on exhibit through Feb. 14 at the Kent Place Gallery in Summit.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kent Place Gallery is located in Kent Place School, 42 Norwood Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-0900, Ext. 208, or visit www.kentplace.org.

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.

RECENT WORKS by J. Brian Townsend and Timothy W. Jahn will be on exhibit at Swain Galleries in Plainfield through Feb. 28.

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.

REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST, a solo exhibition by Cedric Smith, will be on display at the Eclectic Connection Fine Art Gallery in Summit through Feb. 28.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Eclectic Connection is located at 444 Springfield Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-277-6882 or visit www.eclecticconnection.com.

PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS by several artists will be on exhibit at the Skulski Art Gallery in Clark Feb. 14 through March 7. An opening reception will take place Feb. 14 from 8 to 10 p.m.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Fridays, 5 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Skulski Art Gallery is located in the Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, Clark. For information, call 732-382-7197.

PHOTOGRAPHER ALICE JOHNSON will exhibit her works and poetry in the Wisner House at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit through March 11.

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.

FIGURATIVELY SPEAKING, works by Denise Devone and Bonnie Maranz, will be on exhibit at The Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway Feb. 16 through March 14. An opening reception takes place Feb. 16 from 1 to 4 p.m.

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

INTERNATIONAL JURIED SHOW '03 will be on exhibit at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through March 19.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121 or visit www.njcva.com.

BOOKS

AUTHOR ROB TRUCKS will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield Saturday 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. For information, call 908-233-3535 or visit www.townbookstore.com.

AUTHOR ANDREW LEE will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield Feb. 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign copies of his book, "Scottsboro, Alabama: A Story of Linoleum Cuts." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535 or visit www.townbookstore.com.

AUTHOR ARTHUR BECKER will appear at the Town Book Store of

Stepping Out

Westfield Feb. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. to sign copies of his book, "Destiny Restored." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535 or visit www.townbookstore.com.

UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will meet third Wednesday of the month to discuss various books.

Feb. 19: "City of Darkness, City of Light" by Marge Piercy
March 19: "Dreaming in Cuban" by Cristina Garcia

April 16: "The Good Mother" by Sue Miller

May 21: "The Bondwoman's Narrative" by Hannah Crafts

June 18: "John Adams" by David McCullough

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

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

THE 'LORD OF THE RINGS' READING GROUP 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

REEVES-REED ARBORETUM will sponsor watercolor classes in two eight-week sessions: Wednesday through 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.

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: GrooveLife, Westfield
All concerts begin at 8 p.m. Westfield concerts are at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 E. 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.

BOBBY VINTON will appear in concert Friday 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.

THE MUSICAL CLUB OF WESTFIELD will present its February concert Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield.

THE MARK O'CONNOR TRIO will appear in concert Feb. 16 at 2:30 p.m. in Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$36.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

THE CZECH PHILHARMONIC will appear in concert Feb. 16 at 3 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$16 to \$59.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER in Rahway will present "Doo Wop Reunion Volume IV" Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 to \$28. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org.

VOCALIST JUDY BADY will appear in concert Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. at the Arts Guild of Rahway, 1670 Irving St., Rahway. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. A discount is available when purchasing tickets for multiple concerts in the series, which continues April 4 and May 16. For information, call 732-381-7511, send e-mail to arts-guild1670@earthlink.net or visit www.rahwayartsguild.org.

NEW JERSEY ALL-STATE WIND ENSEMBLE, Symphonic Band and Women's Choir will appear in concert Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$9 to \$19 for adults, \$9 for children.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

RAHWAY VALLEY JERSEYAIRES Barbershop Chorus will appear in concert at the 42nd annual Novice Quartet Competition Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Roosevelt School, 811 St. Georges Ave., Rahway. Admission is free. For information, call 888-480-0901 or 908-272-1530.

NANCY WILSON and the swing band Diva will appear in concert Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway. Tickets are \$27 to \$45. 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 teh 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

NAI-NI CHEN DANCE COMPANY will present "Year of the Sheep" Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. in Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$19 for adults, \$10 for children.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

THE CONNECTION FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES in Summit will sponsor a free workshop on modern dance led by Amanda Turner Sunday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The Connection is located at 79 Maple St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-4242 or visit www.theconnectiononline.org.

GERMAINE ACOGNY AND VINCENT MANTSOE will present "Senegal to South Africa: New Solo Choreography" Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in 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.

TWYLA THARP DANCE will appear Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$15 to \$55.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS will spon-

sor 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. Upcoming dates are Feb. 14 and 28, and March 14 and 28, which is a Greek Independence Day celebration. 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.

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

FILM

THE FILMMAKERS SYMPOSIUM will begin its spring series in the coming weeks at the Loews Theater in Mountainside. The first session of Monday night screenings begins Feb. 17; the second session begins March 31. Fee is \$131 for six weeks, \$249 for 12 weeks, plus a \$20 registration fee. For information, call 800-531-9416.

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 TMRCInc@aol.com or visit www.tmrcl.com.

KIDS

'KINDLING KITS' is the theme of a family program sponsored by Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside Saturday 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.

TRAILSIDE NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER will sponsor a series of workshops Feb. 15 to 18 at the Mountainside facility.

Feb. 15: "The Journey From Sap to Syrup," 2 p.m., 6 and older, \$3
Feb. 17: "Who's Been Here?," 9:30 a.m., 3- and 4-year-olds, \$8, pre-registration required

Feb. 17: "Snakes of New Jersey," 10:30 a.m., 6 and older, \$3, pre-registration required

Feb. 17: "The Journey From Sap to Syrup," 1:30 p.m., 6 and older, \$3
Feb. 17: "Wildlife Watch," 3:30 p.m., 6 and older, \$3, pre-registration required

Feb. 17: "Nocturnal Neighbors," 7 p.m., 6 and older, \$4, pre-registration required

Feb. 18: "Who's Been Here?," 9:30 a.m., 3- and 4-year-olds, \$8, pre-registration required

Feb. 18: "Hocus Pocus! It's Joe Fischer," 1:30 p.m., 4 and older, \$4

Feb. 18: "Wildlife Watch," 3:30 p.m., 6 and older, \$3, pre-registration required

Feb. 18: "Little Night Owls," 6:30 p.m., 3- to 5-year-olds, \$4, pre-registration required

Trailside Nature and Science Center 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.

OPERA

THE NEW JERSEY STATE OPERA will present "Pagliacci" and "Cavalleria Rusticana" Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 23 at 3 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$15 to \$85.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call the New Jersey State Opera at 973-623-5775.

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 Mondays of the month at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-241-5758.

SINGLES

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

INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Donation is \$2. For information, call 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751.

THEATER

PAPER MILL: The State Theater of New Jersey will present "Blue," starring Leslie Uggams, through Sunday. Shows are at 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, with matinees on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Special performances are the Conversation Series, Thursdays through today at 7 p.m. in the mezzanine; audio-described performances, with a sensory seminar 90 minutes prior to curtain, today at 2 p.m., Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30 p.m.; and a sign-interpreted/open-captioned performance Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Paper Mill is located on Brookside Drive. For information, call 973-376-4343, 973-379-3636 Ext. 2438 for groups, or visit www.papermill.org.

NEW JERSEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER in Newark will present Tony Curtis in the musical version of "Some Like It Hot" through Sunday. Shows are in Prudential Hall at 7:30 p.m. today; 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday 1:30 p.m. today, and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$14 to \$54 today, \$17 to \$64 Friday to Sunday.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will present "The Dinner Party" by Neil Simon Friday through Feb. 22. Shows are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets are \$15. CDC is located at 78 Winans Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-276-7611.

THE THEATER PROJECT at Union County College in Cranford will present a staged reading of "Marriage Portrait" by Harold Chaplin Sunday at 3 p.m. as part of its Playwright's Development Workshop. Admission is free. UCC is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-659-5189.

KEAN UNIVERSITY'S Department of Theater will present "A Streetcar Named Desire" by Tennessee Williams Feb. 14 through 23. Shows are at 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Performances are in the Wilkins Theater, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. Tickets are \$15 for the general public, \$12 for senior citizens, \$10 for students. For information, call 908-737-6397.

THE SUMMIT PLAYHOUSE ASSOCIATION will present 1999 Pulitzer Prize-winner "Wit" Feb. 21 through March 8. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., with a matinee March 2, after which Professor John Bauer will present "The Wit of John Donne's Poetry." Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for students 18 years old and younger. The Summit Playhouse is located at 10 New England Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-2192 or visit www.summitplayhouse.org.

THE ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE will present "The Wild Duck" by Henrik Ibsen Friday through March 9. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$8 for general admission, \$6 for students and senior citizens. The Elizabeth Playhouse is located at 1100 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. For information, call 908-355-0077.

VARIETY

THE RUSSIAN AMERICAN KIDS CIRCUS will appear at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway Sunday 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.

THE FLAMING IDIOTS will appear Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 22 at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., and Feb. 23 at 2:30 p.m. in Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$36.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

PSYCHIC GERRY MCCAMBRIDGE will appear at Paper Mill: The State Theater of New Jersey March 4 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 to \$38. Paper Mill is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information, call 973-376-4343 or visit www.papermill.org.

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Amanda Turner

Connection to sponsor dance class

Amanda Turner will present a "Thoroughly Modern" dance workshop at The Connection for Women and Families in Summit Sunday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The free workshop will include a half-hour lecture and question-and-answer session and 90 minutes of dance instruction. Men, women and youths age 10 and older who have some dance experience are invited to attend. Pre-registration is requested.

Turner has worked with the Munich Ballet, Vienna Festival Ballet and the London-based Wayne Sleep-Royal Ballet. Work and performances have included "The Phantom of the Opera," "Jekyll & Hyde," "Evita," and "Beauty and the Beast." TV work has included choreographing for MTV in London. She is a Fosse specialist and has assisted Ann Reinking as a demonstrator for her master class series.

For many years The Connection for Women and Families has offered a series of dance workshops that are free and open to the community. The New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, provides additional funding.

The Connection is located at 79 Maple Street in Summit, approximately two blocks from the Summit train station. Free parking is available. Call The Connection at 908-273-4242 to reserve or for additional information. Driving directions and information on this and upcoming workshops are available on The Connection's web site at www.theconnectiononline.org.

Guild gets 'figurative' in two-woman art exhibit

The Arts Guild of Rahway will feature paintings by Denise Devone and Bonnie Maranz in "Figuratively Speaking," an art exhibit presented from Feb. 16 through March 14.

There will be an opening reception Feb. 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Springfield artist Denise Devone is a painter of brightly colored multi-figure canvases. Her paintings are based on the simultaneity of time and space. People from different times/places occupy a shared space in her pictures; these juxtaposed characters may or may not be aware of or interacting with those near them. There is an added element of multiculturalism stated through the use of masks, costumes and snippets of architecture in these artworks, creating somewhat surreal but joyous overtones.

Bonnie Maranz is represented in the exhibit by oils depicting subtly drawn/painted models in settings juxtaposed with fragments of classical era sculptures. Her works create an air of both the revealed and more mysterious aspects of the human figure. The interplay of "live" model with drawing or a fragment of sculpture creates a relationship of forms, and a simultaneously psychological connection and detachment between the figures represented.

Other works by Maranz include mixed media and oils; also figurative paintings focusing on recent large portrait-like heads and images that creatively relate multiple renderings of the human figure.

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



The barbershop quartet 'Harmony Excursion' is ready to deliver a singing Valentine to your sweetheart. From left are tenor Tom Walsh, lead Doug Brown, baritone Ed Ringel and bass Chris MacVicar.

Area barbershoppers are ready to sing

The Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Barbershop Chorus, a nonprofit musical and educational organization of The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America Inc., announced its 10th year of performing "Singing Valentines" for that special person.

Send a musical Valentine that your sweetheart or someone special will never forget. A barbershop quartet, dressed in formal attire, will sing a love song serenade at a location of choice — workplace, residence, restaurant, etc. The recipient will also receive a special chocolate candy, a flower and picture of the event. This service will be available Feb. 13, 14, 15 and 16 for \$50; other dates

can be accommodated if possible.

"Availability of quartets are limited so reserve your serenade now," said Ken Friedlander, president of R.V.J.C.

For more information or to arrange the time and place for your special Singing Valentine, use the following contacts: call 908-272-1503; call the hot line at 888-480-0901, Reelstrong Fuel Co.; send e-mail to lugeman@msn.com, or visit the web site at www.geocities.com/rvjerseyaires/.

The Rahway Valley Chapter's funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

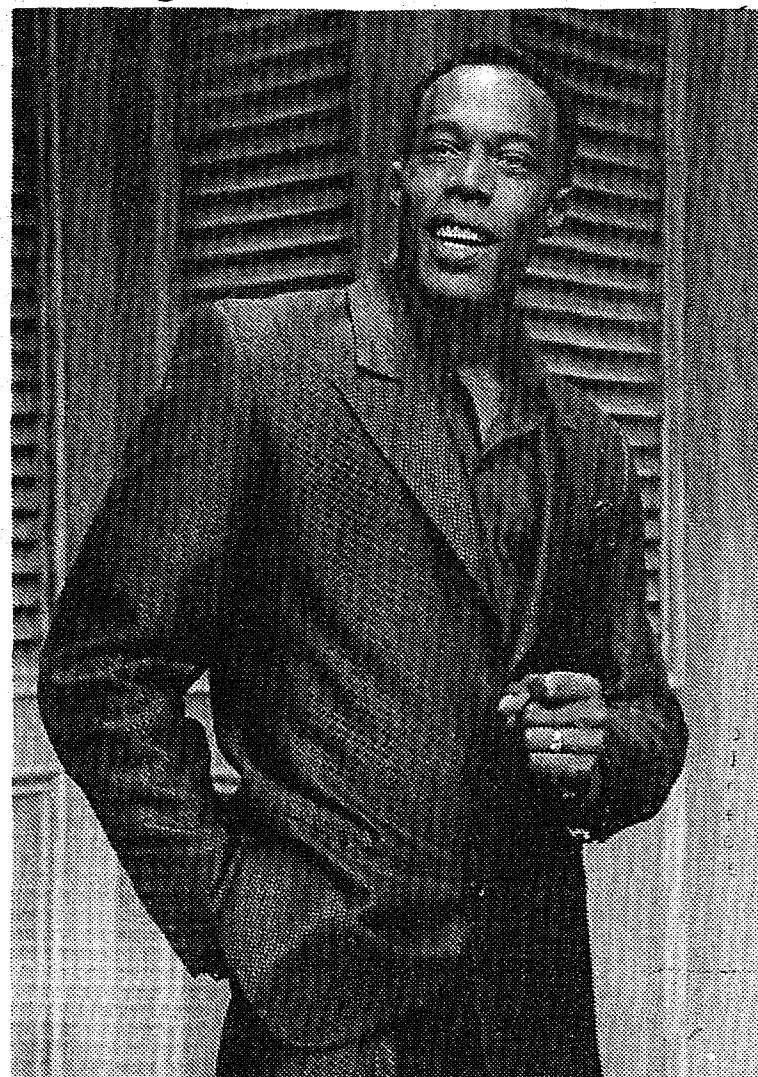
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Hitting the 'Blue' notes



Michael McElroy plays suave and sexy singer Blue Williams in 'Blue' at Paper Mill: The State Theater of New Jersey through Sunday. For information, see the 'Theater' listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B12.

Science discussions to unite seniors

All senior citizens with a science background who would like to share their knowledge with other senior citizens of different disciplines are invited.

Fields of science include, but not limited to, biology, chemistry, geology, oceanography, mathematics, engineering, physics, medicine, architecture, computer science and astronomy. The purpose is to create an intellectually stimulating environment by drawing on the extensive

wealth of knowledge and experience.

There is no membership or registration fee, the only requirement is contributing information in your specialized field of study and participating in the discussions. Meetings will be held weekly in Cranford and/or Westfield and are informal. Space is limited. For more information, contact Clotilde at science4seniors@aol.com.

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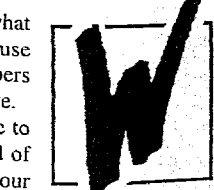
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"ERA thinks outside of the box when it comes to training; to meet the needs of our busy sales associates, ERA implemented Internet-based classes accessible from an agent's office or home computer," added Trott.

Other examples of ERA's commitment to agent development include its annual roundtable which provides sale associates with a forum for sharing successful ideas as well as the implementation this year of a new training program that helps experienced associates enhance the level of service they offer to their clients.

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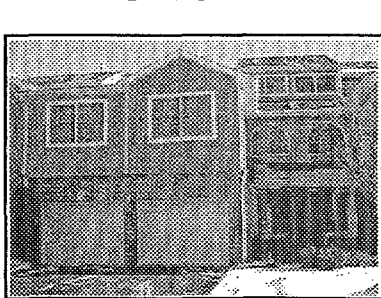
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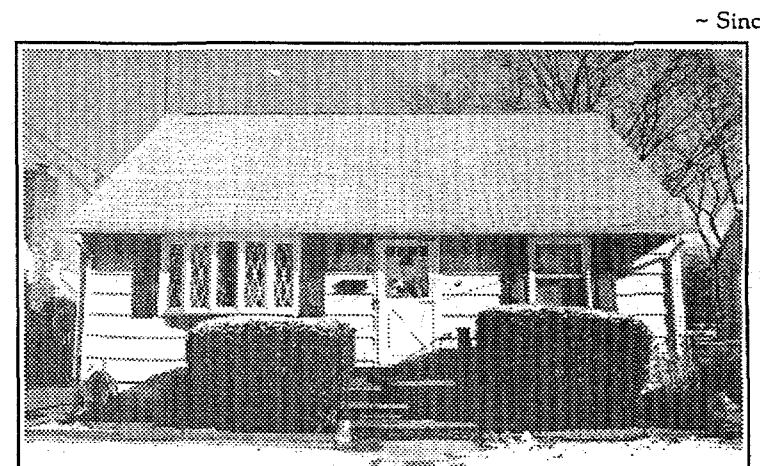


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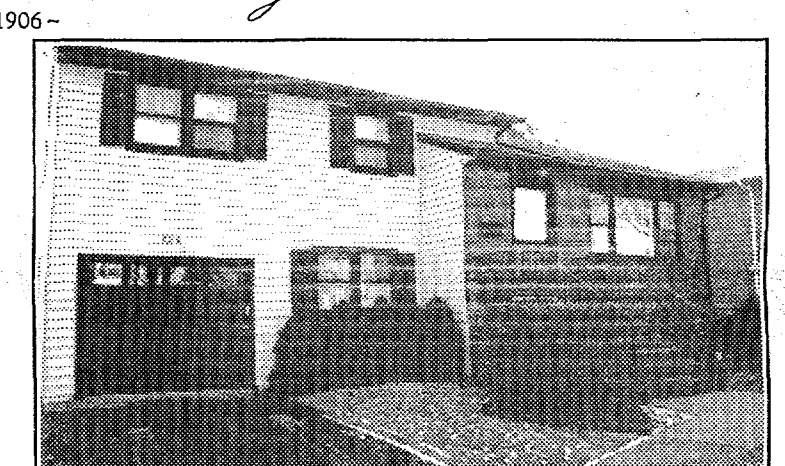


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Hoferkamp will head Burgdorff

Burgdorff Realtors ERA has announced the appointment of Pat Hoferkamp as its new president and chief operating officer. Hoferkamp succeeds Judy Reeves who was promoted to senior vice president of NRT Incorporated, the parent company of Burgdorff ERA.

Hoferkamp has been a member of the Burgdorff ERA leadership team for the past four years, most recently serving as senior vice president and general sales manager. In this capacity, Hoferkamp was directly responsible for directing and supporting all of the company's 16 sales offices throughout New Jersey. She also played a lead role in heightening public awareness of the firm's other primary services such as mortgage, relocation and select lifestyle services. Previously, she was vice president and manager of the Burgdorff ERA Hillsdale/Woodcliff Lake office.

"Pat is the ideal choice to lead Burgdorff ERA in 2003 and beyond," stated Judy Reeves, senior vice president of NRT. "She is truly committed to 'the Burgdorff way' of exceeding expectations for our clients, sales associates and employees. I am confident that Burgdorff ERA will continue to deliver truly remarkable service and excel under Pat's leadership."

"I am honored to serve as president of Burgdorff ERA," said Hoferkamp. "I look forward to enhancing and building upon our strong personalized client service to New Jersey real estate consumers, which has been a hallmark of our company for 45 years."

Hoferkamp, a New Jersey native, has been a licensed Realtor since 1978. She was co-founder and president of Properties of Distinction Inc. in Woodcliff Lakes, until that firm was acquired by Burgdorff ERA in 1998. Named Realtor of the Year in 1993 by the Pascack Valley Board of Realtors, Hoferkamp was also named to the New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Club seven times. In addition to her broker's license, she holds the Graduate, Realtor Institute professional designation.

Hoferkamp has been a driving force in local real estate issues, serving the Pascack Valley Board of Realtors as president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and director. She has also served on the boards of directors of the West Bergen Association of Realtors and the New Jersey Association of Realtors. In addition, Hoferkamp is the current president of Real Source Association of Realtors in Bergen County.

Hoferkamp, a graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas College, is married with one son and resides in Mahwah, with her husband, Bradley.

In her new role with NRT, Reeves will now have responsibility for seven NRT companies operating in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania, including Burgdorff ERA. Hoferkamp is among the NRT company presidents who will now report to Reeves.

Reeves, who has a background in education, began her real estate career in 1982 as an office administrator and quickly went on to produce \$40 million in sales over the next five years.

In 1988, she made the transition from sales to management, and she led the Burgdorff ERA Montclair office to dramatic new levels of success. In 1993, Reeves was appointed as the firm's senior vice president and general sales manager, a role she held until being named president and chief operating officer of Burgdorff ERA in August 1996.

Reeves holds the certified real estate broker designation and currently serves on the boards of directors for the Garden State Multiple Listing Service. She is a national director for the National Association of Realtors and serves on the National Advisory Council for ERA Franchise Systems. She was previously named one of *National Relocation and Real Estate Magazine's* "500 Most Powerful Women in Real Estate." Additionally, Reeves is a recipient of the 1998 Bay Path College Achievement Award for extraordinary professional and lifetime achievement.

As a strong advocate for charitable causes, Reeves was honored as the 2000 Woman of the Year by the Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Jersey and now serves on the foundation's board of directors. She also was responsible for establishing a charitable partnership between Burgdorff ERA and Court Appointed Special Advocate of New Jersey, an organization benefiting neglected and abused children, and also serves on the CASA board of directors.

Reeves is a graduate of Bay Path College and resides in Montclair. She and her husband, John, are the parents of three grown children.

Founded in 1958, Burgdorff ERA is the top-producing ERA real estate firm in dollar volume nationally, with 16 offices and over 700 sales associates. The ERA real estate network includes 2,500 independently owned and operated offices in the United States and in 30 countries. Burgdorff ERA is a member of the NRT family companies. NRT Incorporated, the nation's leading residential real estate brokerage company, is a subsidiary of Cedat Corporation. The Burgdorff ERA Web site is located at www.burgdorff.com.



Judy Reeves, senior vice president of NRT Inc., places a Burgdorff pin on the lapel of Pat Hoferkamp. Recently named as new president of Burgdorff, Hoferkamp replaces Reeves who was promoted to the senior vice president's position at NRT, the parent company of Burgdorff.

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Gwaldis is a member of the 2001 New Jersey Million Dollar Club at the prestigious gold level. In addition, she is a member of Weichert's 2001 Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs and Weichert's 2001 President's Club.

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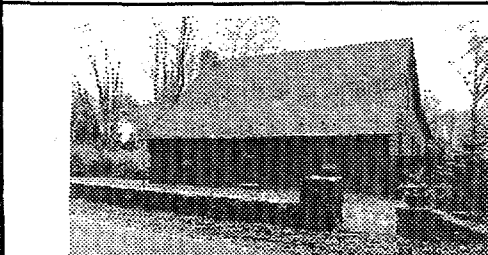
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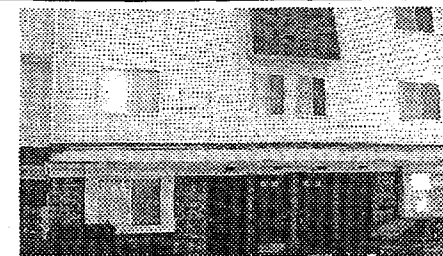
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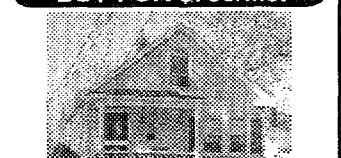
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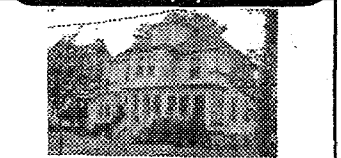
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ADVERTISE

Saturn's VUE good, but developing

By Mark Maynard
Copley News Service

There are a few dozen sport utility vehicles on sale today, so the new one to come along scrambles for an edge to get some attention.

Saturn thought outside the box SUV and provides some innovations in its compact VUE and in its television advertising.

The television spots present the VUE as smaller than live, with fast-moving footage showing the VUE outrunning and eluding the big cats of the jungle. It's good PR to diminish the impact of the battered SUV image and present a vehicle that appears light and nimble, whether it is or not.

The compact, five-passenger VUE is a move-up vehicle for Saturn car owners, and the future-tech styling is contemporary enough to divert young buyers headed for the import showroom.

Sold in three models with a starting price of \$16,900, even skeptics will pause for a closer look.

The base front-drive model comes with a 134-horsepower, four-cylinder engine, five-speed manual gearbox and other basics such as air conditioning, four-speaker AM-FM radio, height-adjustable driver's seat and dual visor vanity mirrors.

The cargo area is 4 feet wide. The rear seat is divided 70/30, and its matches up with the front passenger seat that folds forward to create an alley of capacity, for surfboards to long boards from the lumber yard.

Wrap it all in Saturn's trademark plastic body panels and VUE has a handy simplicity. But it borders on coarseness, tempered by price.

The base four-cylinder's fuel mileage of 23/28, more manageable insurance rates and Saturn's down-home sales policy and 30-day money-back guarantee are deal-closers for anyone on a budget.

VUE's Tupperware durability is appropriate on an inexpensive model, but stepping up to the V-6 leaves a perception of cheapness in materials and quality of construction when compared with some of the imports, such as the Hyundai Santa Fe or Subaru Forester.

The \$23,375 test VUE looked cheaply made on the inside and felt like it on the highway.

It could be argued that content outweigh the quality.

Scan the features list and it is evident that this VUE is a foundation of some leading General Motors' engineering.

The top-line V-6 model, today's test car, is a sophisticated offering with a 181-horsepower V-6, five-speed automatic transmission, all-wheel drive, electric power steering, 16-inch tires on alloy wheels and the option of a continuously variable automatic transmission and air bag curtain.

Put all of these desirable features on a vehicle that was budgeted for young and first-time buyers, and the \$23,375 test VUE looked cheaply made on the inside and felt like it on the highway, with above-average road noise and road-surface texture transmitted to the cabin.

For a small sport utility, the suspension was surprisingly trucky, with noticeable body lean pulling into driveways and rounding corners. And this is from the same brain trust that designed the flat-handling Chevy Trailblazer and GMC Envoy.

The five-speed automatic is a highlight in this price range. The gearbox gives smooth transitions, but the uptake of the electric throttle can be abrupt, resulting in lungy starts. Acceleration can feel sharp, but painful for the engine.

Step hard on the throttle for a double-downshift of passing power and the V-6 gulps hard to process the demands of shifting and acceleration, then it lets out a wail that sounds painful. Nothing like an anguished-sounding engine to take the fun out of enthusiastic driving.

The electric steering is light but prone to oversteer in evasive maneuvers. The easy touch, however, is a big help when maneuvering tight parking lots.

Unpainted gray-plastic bumpers, plastic body panels and meaty 16-inch

tires stand up to the scrapes and grocery carts of city life.

The interior is smartly packaged with lots of head and elbow room, cup holders and enough storage areas. Despite the compact quarters, Saturn added folding front-seat armrests, a trick Subaru should try. But carpeted floor mats are a \$70 extra.

The wide base of the outside mirrors can create a blind spot big enough to hide a motorcycle. Youngsters might have to tug at the outside door handles that pull upward, which is of little concern to taller adults.

The back seat has spacious head and leg room.

The on-demand, all-wheel-drive system is an option on the four-cylinder model and standard with the V-6. During normal driving on dry road surfaces, all traction is to the front wheels. When the front wheels slip, power is piped to the rear wheels. The system is mainly for on-road stability, but will enhance traction in light off-road driving.

I haven't tried the VTI continuous-variable transmission, but the design provides an infinite number of gear ratios for seamless shifting and better fuel economy than a traditional automatic. There was a slight delay in its availability as the engineering was perfected, but the CVT has been available since May.

With all the trucks and SUVs that General Motors makes, you would think there would be a code of consistency for features that work and those that don't. New SUVs shouldn't be an experimentation, but Saturn appears to be casting about for the right mix of features.

Are Saturn people really that different from other GM customers?

VUE is a good first effort, but it will take a few years to dial in refinement.

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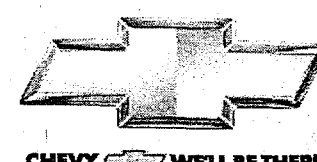
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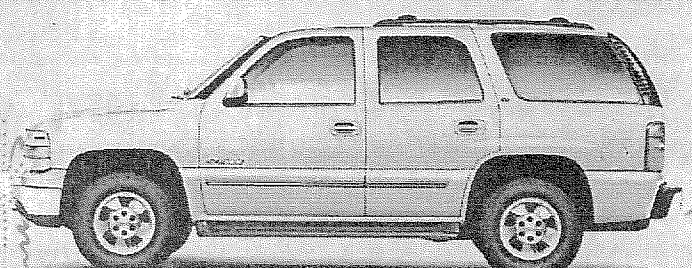
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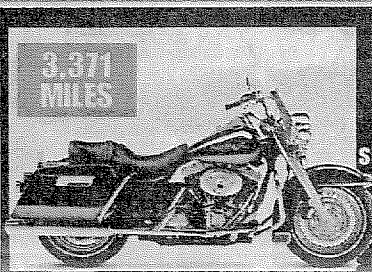
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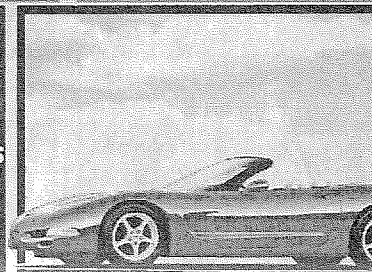
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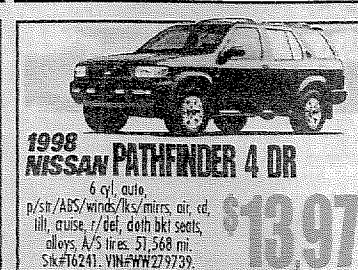
6 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/winds/
lks/mirrs, air, am/fm stereo, tilt,
cruise, r/def, airbags, cloth bkt
seats, alloys, A/S tires. 21,951 mi.
Stk#6282. VIN#16924678.

\$12,977

1999
HONDA ACCORD EX 4 DR

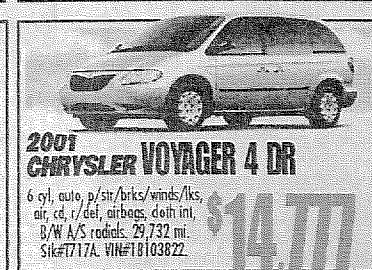
4 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/
mirrs/seats, air, cass, cd, tilt, cruise,
r/def, airbags, leather bkt seats, stereo,
17 sps, 8/W A/S radials. 41,785 mi.
Stk#6287. VIN#1P2A13418.

\$13,777

1998
NISSAN PATHFINDER 4 DR

6 cyl, auto,
p/str/ABS/winds/lks/mirrs, air, cd,
tilt, cruise, r/def, cloth bkt seats,
alloys, A/S tires. 51,368 mi.
Stk#6241. VIN#1N2B27329.

\$13,977

2001
CHRYSLER VOYAGER 4 DR

6 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/winds/lks,
air, cd, c/del, airbags, cloth int,
8/W A/S radials. 29,732 mi.
Stk#7717A. VIN#1B103822.

\$14,777

2000
CHEVROLET BLAZER 4X4 2 DR

6 cyl, auto,
p/str/brks/winds/lks/mirrs/seats, air,
stereo, alloy whls. 34,404 mi. Stk#6285.
VIN#1X151488.

\$14,977

2001 CHEVROLET
SILVERADO PICKUP

6 cyl, auto, p/str/brks, air, cd, airbags, cloth int, chrome
whls, bedliner, A/S tires. 37,783 mi. Stk#3392.
VIN#12291520.

\$13,995

2000
CHEVROLET S10 EXTREME 2 DR

4 cyl, 5 spd, auto, p/str/brks, air,
cd, tilt, cruise, airbags, cloth bkt
seats, chrome whls, A/S tires.
66,092 mi. Stk#6293.
VIN#18192272.

\$7777

1997
CHEVROLET TAHOE 4X4 2 DR

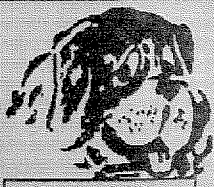
8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/
mirrs/seats, air, cass, cd, tilt, cruise,
r/def, roof rk, airbags, leather bkt
seats, alloys, A/S tires. 39,131 mi.
Stk#180A. VIN#1G112571.

\$14,977

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SUBURBAN LS

8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/mirrs/seats, dual air, cass, cd,
tilt, cruise, r/def, roof rk, airbags, leather, running lds, A/S
tires. 22,176 mi. Stk#6275. VIN#21276438.

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\$219/48 mos.

\$1000 down pymt. + \$219 1st mo. pymt. + \$0 sec dep. + \$0 bank fee = \$1219 due at signing + taxes & MV fees. Total pymts/residual: \$10,512/\$10,621.



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\$279/48 mos.

\$1000 down pymt. + \$279 1st mo. pymt. + \$0 sec dep. + \$0 bank fee = \$1279 due at signing + taxes & MV fees. Total pymts/residual: \$13,392/\$13,146.

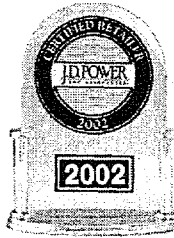
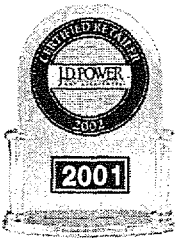


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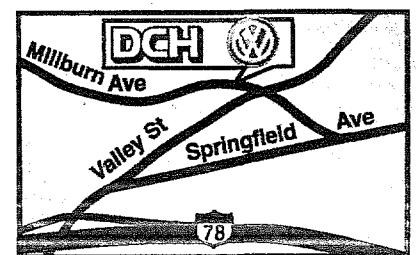
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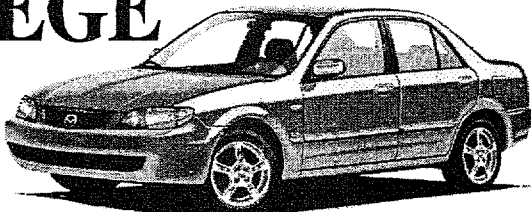
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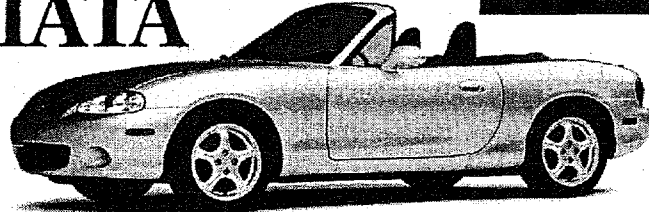
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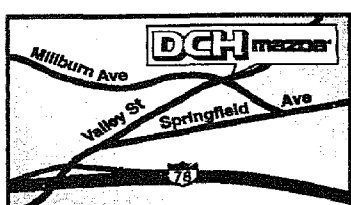
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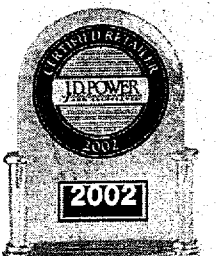


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