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## Worth their paper

Comic books find a home at library

By David Learn  
Managing Editor

You can find comic books everywhere — the newsstand, the bookstore, the supermarket — even the local library.

The library, more typically associated with classic works of literature such as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Hound of the Baskervilles" and Alfred, Lord Tennyson's "The Idylls of the King," added about 200 comic book anthologies late last year at the prompting of Kathy Percoco, the children's librarian.

"I think that it is true that they have artistic value, and I do think that for some kids it can be a real gateway to literature — and for adults too," said Percoco.

At the moment, the graphic novels at the library has a heavy emphasis on popular superheroes like Spider-Man and Captain America.

The collection also leans heavily toward more recent publications, such as Marvel Comics' "Ultimate" line of comics, but does include older titles and independently produced graphic novels like Jeff Smith's "Bone" series.

Another good chunk of the collection is manga, a comic book medium popular from Japan that has developed a cult following in the United States. Don't be surprised if you read "Astro Boy" or

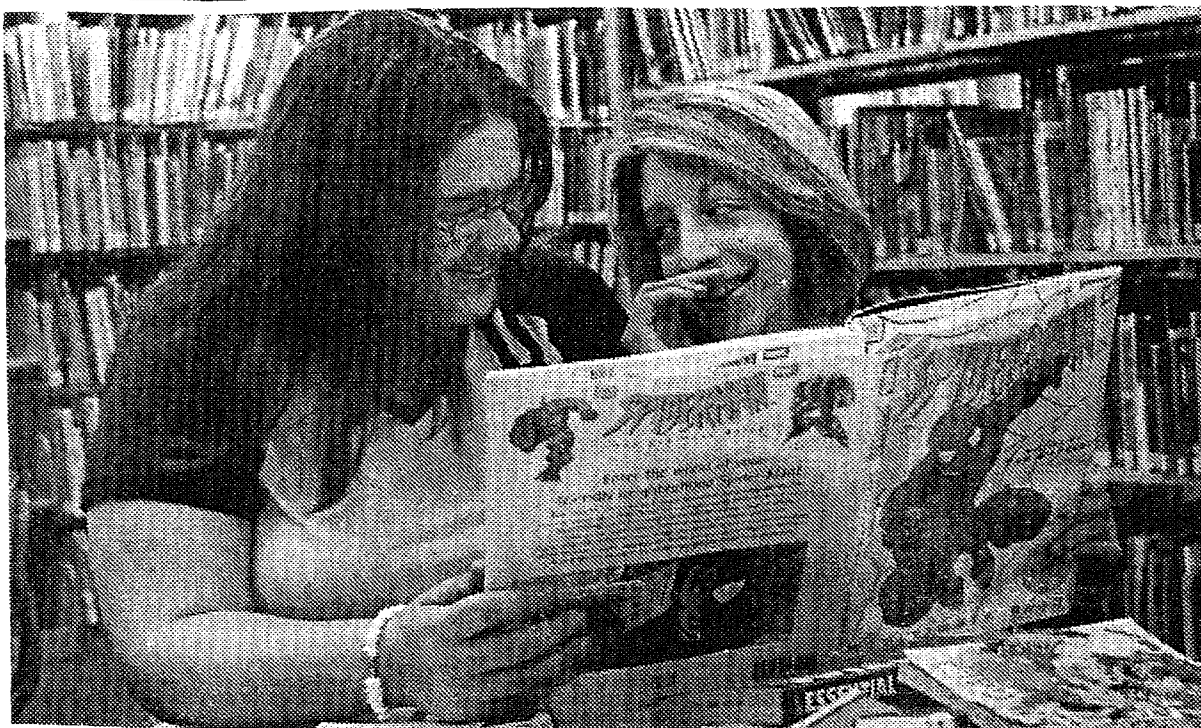


Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Tammy Graham and Caitlin MacDermart get a chuckle out of Tom DeFalco's 'Spider-Man: The Ultimate Guide,' a reference book about the world's favorite web-slinger from New York, at Clark Public Library Monday. On the table in front of them are other comics from the library's collection, including a 'Zits' anthology and Alan Moore's classic 'Watchmen' series.

"Sailor Moon" at the library and don't "get" it, though.

"It's really a real difference in culture in terms of sense of humor, and of gender and even of sexuality," said Percoco. "The attitudes are quite interesting in Japan. So it's interesting."

Despite the emphasis on superheroes, the graphic novels at the library can have an unexpectedly wide range of appeal.

Readers looking for a thriller with an X-Files bent might enjoy "Skinwalker," a black-and-white graphic novel about a serial killer who changes identities by wearing the skin of his victims.

Even among the superhero titles, men in their late 40s might

relate to the mid-life crisis that prompts Bruce Wayne to become Batman again in Frank Miller's seminal "The Dark Knight Returns."

And if you're looking for heroes, Percoco personally recommends graphic novels about the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, particularly "9-11: Artists Respond," published by Dark Horse Comics.

"It just has all different cartoonists' take on the day," she said. "They're quite touching. It's just you pick it up and you can't put it down."

Clark Public Library had some graphic novels before its recent collection boost — "Maus," for example, has been kept in the library's adult nonfiction for years, along with other books about World War II, but never a collection the size it now has.

That's part of a trend seen in libraries across the nation.

"It seems to me at least the last two years I've had a lot of interest from the libraries," said Lee Dawson, publicist for Dark Horse Comics in Milwaukee, Ore.

At the moment, the library's comic book collection is small and is kept largely in the children and young adult's section of the library under the flag hanging in the window.

Percoco hopes that when the library expansion project is finished, there will be space to give the graphic novels their own corner for easier display and access.

When that happens, Dawson predicts the collection is going to experience runaway popularity.

"Once they sort of set up a comic book section, it just explodes for them," said Dawson. "The customers and the librarians, they just want more."

Part of the reason for the burst of interest at libraries in collecting graphic novels stems from an increase in production. Once a format with only a few releases, graphic novels have been on the rise as comic book publishing houses repackaged stories.

Dark Horse, for example, already has hundreds of titles in print as graphic novels, including "Fax from Sarajevo" and the film noir-style crime series "Sin City." To that assortment it adds about eight to 10 new titles a month, some compilations and others entirely new work.

Although they often are regarded as a children's medium, comic books increasingly are a critically acclaimed literary medium.

In 1992, Art Spiegelman's independent comic book "Maus: A Survivor's Tale" won a Pulitzer Prize because of its biographical account of Spiegelman's father, a Holocaust survivor.

In the 1991, writer Neil Gaiman's groundbreaking horror series "Sandman," published by DC Comics, won the World Fantasy award for the issue "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

"Being that it's just a medium for storytelling, I think the literary value depends on the title," said Dawson. "There's nothing about the medium that dictates bad writing."

## Democrats elect new leadership

Sheridan is new chairwoman

By David Learn  
Managing Editor

With a new leader, new vision and plans to draw new members, Clark Democrats hope they have a winning combination that will reverse the party's recent fortunes.

In 2000, the Democrats held the mayorship and a 5-2 majority on the Township Council. But after solidly losing two consecutive elections, the party needs new ways to connect with Clark voters if it hopes to regain a voice in the municipal government.

Nancy Sheridan of Durham Drive, elected to a two-year term as the municipal party chairwoman Monday night, thinks the Democratic Party is ready for a resurgence.

"I think it's a great opportunity," Sheridan said Monday night, succeeding Carmine Giordano as the party's leader. "I think we have a lot of people coming together who want to get moving and see things change."

Sheridan named development and government openness as two principal areas where she feels the current, all-Republican council has failed to serve the public adequately.

The first of those two, development, rests primarily with a development master plan that the Planning Board approved last month. Mayor Sal Bonaccorso, a Republican, has hailed the plan as a positive step for managing development in the township.

Sheridan, a member of the Planning Board from 1999 through 2002, criticized the master plan Monday night as weak and too vague to be implemented effectively.

"It's a start, but it really needs a lot more teeth," she said. "It needs to be specific enough to build ordinances around it."

Those ordinances are the responsibility of the Township Council to introduce and approve. Councilman at Large Alvin Barr on Tuesday night said he did not know when the council would tackle the ordinances.

The council is expected Monday night to approve hiring Heyer, Gruel and Associates of New Brunswick, the planning consulting firm that drafted the master plan, to begin the next phase of the master plan, which would provide more specifics on areas such as recreation, the environment and historic preservation.

To address concerns such as these — Sheridan also cited specifically the traffic gridlock in the township and a perceived tendency to alleviate traffic problems by making wider roads, and the deteriorating state of the Clark Wildlife Habitat and Nature Preserve



Nancy Sheridan

— the Clark Democrats hope in the next several months to reach out to various civic groups.

Along with the Police and Fire departments and the municipal employees union, Sheridan also expressed an interest in reaching out to Advocates for a Better Clark, which she credited with the recent successful appeal of the school district's defeated bond referendums.

"In a really broad sense, it would be building a future together, being an open party and working with the rest of the township," she said. "When somebody has a good idea and they want to take the initiative, you have to work with them."

The Democrats might want to reach out to draw in new members, but their Republican peers believe that will be an uphill battle for the Democrats.

Barr, sharing a view that also has been expressed by other Clark Republicans in office, said township residents overall have been happy with the work the GOP has been doing.

"Most of it has been they're actually very, very satisfied," he said. "We've had so much good input."

One of the main issues for Sheridan — and presumably for the other Clark Democrats, whom she is leading — is the current one-party representation in the municipal government.

"We want to give the people a choice. If you have no choice, you have no vote, and that's what we want to change," said Sheridan. "I know of people right now who are reluctant to speak up because they feel their opinions are not going to be welcome."

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## Sunny days are on their way

By David Learn  
Managing Editor

If weekend forecasts for heavy showers have you down, there's good news: The rainy days are drawing to an end.

As the calendar slides into mid- and late June, the jet stream is going to move north, leaving New Jersey with a more varied and less consistently overcast weather forecast, said Keith Arnesan, assistant state climatologist at Rutgers University.

"You have periods, and depending on which part of the jet stream is over you determines whether you're high and dry or all wet," Arnesan said early Tuesday afternoon. "These are just normal climate cycles, nothing earth-shattering about it. When you're in the groove, you're in the groove, and when you're not, you're not."

The break in the cloud cover came as a relief to many homeowners throughout Clark who took advantage of the seasonably sunny and warm days to catch up on yard work, from pulling weeds in the garden to cutting the grass.

"Forget the yard work," said Sheila Whiting of Briar Heath Lane, a member of the Board of Education. "The flowers are so waterlogged and the weeds are growing so fast."

Ironically, even though May was cloudier and saw more drizzle than is normal, the total precipitation was

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— Keith Arnesan

hardly record-breaking.

Average rainfall during May is about 5 inches. This year, Union County received less — even though there were 20 days with measurable precipitation, compared to the average of 11 days.

"County average is 4.3 inches, which is close to normal, but most people's perception is that it was a very wet month," said Arnesan. "It was, on the one hand, but on the other hand, it wasn't."

It was wet enough for Whiting, who said the rain kept her from enjoying outside recreation like tennis, which was ruined by the water that remained on the courts even after it stopped raining.

"We watched a lot of movies, and we've done a lot of home meals," she said. "As a matter of fact, my daughter and I made a big dinner together last weekend instead of going out in the rain."

As the Earth continues to tilt on its axis, the sun's rays are hitting the atmosphere at a different angle, and the jet stream is moving farther north. As a result, weather patterns like the one New Jersey is finishing become less frequent during the summer months than they are during April and May, said Arnesan.

The Weather Channel on its Web site Tuesday was forecasting afternoon storms for the Clark area today, with a high in the mid-70s that would drop to the lower 50s.

Showers were projected to continue through Monday, with a break coming Saturday. Temperatures were forecast as moving between the low and mid-50s at night, with highs in the mid- to upper 60s at day.

"Summer's very difficult to forecast very far," said Arnesan. "In the near term outlook, a week or two weeks, it looks like we'll be getting more normal temperatures."

For residents suffering from cabin fever, that's good news. Aside from the chance to catch up on yard work and the gardening, warmer weather also means a chance just to plain get out of the house before they go stir crazy.

"I actually snuck a ride on a boat Sunday because there was an hour of sunshine," said Whiting. "Someone suggested we go out and grab it."



Photo By Keena Rose Sibayan

Mike Elichko and his daughter Catherine spend quality time together during the pleasant weather Tuesday afternoon, tossing stones into the Rahway River.

## Board borrows \$19.2M

By David Learn  
Managing Editor

Residents can expect to see a significant jump in their tax bills next year, thanks to upcoming repairs at the high school.

The Board of Education on Tuesday night authorized borrowing \$19,204,980 in school construction bonds, to be repaid over a 20-year period. The money will pay for repairs to the school district's facilities, under a decision handed down June 3 by state Commissioner of Education William Librera.

The authorization to enter the long-term debt comes after a yearlong appeals process the board embarked upon after voters rejected three separate referendums to repair the district buildings, including two proposals that would have added new space at Valley Road and Frank K. Hehly elementary schools.

The school district on Tuesday sent a letter to Librera seeking clarification of what work the decision authorizes. The decision refers specifically and consistently to repairs to the high school, but the \$19.2 million approved originally was the amount projected to make repairs throughout the district and not just at the high school.



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## STUDENT UPDATE

### Cancro, DaSilva graduate

Clark residents Christopher J. Cancro and Michael P. DaSilva were honored at Seton Hall Preparatory School's 143rd commencement exercises June 1.

Cancro was honored as a member of the National Honor Society and will attend Villanova University in September.

DaSilva received the Medallion for Excellence in Computer Technology and will attend University of Hartford in September.

### Bilella makes dean's list at Rensselaer Polytechnic

Lori Ann Bilella of Clark, a student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2003 semester.

Bilella achieved a 3.26 cumulative average out of a possible 4. She is majoring in mechanical and design engineering.

Bilella is a 2001 alumna of Arthur L. Johnson High School. She is the daughter of Joseph and Donna Bilella of Clark.

### Clark-Barnes is named National Merit Scholar

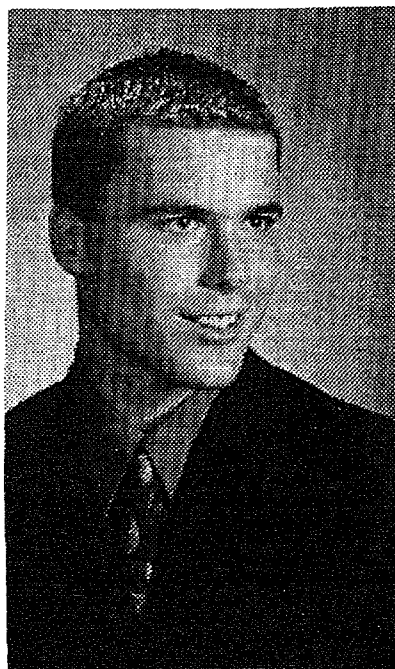
Alicia Clark-Barnes of Clark, a graduating senior at Mother Seton Regional High School, was named a National Merit Scholarship Program commended student.

Clark-Barnes also received the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Distinguished Service Award for outstanding service to the Mother Seton community during the past four years.

Mother Seton held commencement exercises May 31.

Sister Regina Martin, principal, awarded diplomas to the graduates, who were presented by Joan Barron, assistant principal. Janice Maye V. Domingo, Class of 1995, was the commencement speaker.

The Class of 2003 has achieved in excess of \$3.5 million in academic



Christopher J. Cancro

scholarships and awards as of May 28.

### U. of Delaware recognizes Howlett as a top scholar

Jeffrey R. Howlett of Clark was cited as a top scholar during University of Delaware's "Honor Day" May 9 on its Newark, Del., and Lewes, Del., campuses.

Howlett and other students were honored at special ceremonies for their accomplishments in scholarship and leadership and their personal contributions to their respective colleges and to the entire campus community.

### Zweiman graduates from Syracuse U.

Allison Zweiman of Clark received a bachelor's degree in communication sciences and disorders from the College of Arts and Sciences at Syracuse University.

The university held its 149th commencement ceremony May 11 in its Carrier Dome.



Michael P. DaSilva

### Corraro and Patel earn medals at competition

Joseph Corraro and Roshan Patel of Clark were among 16 students from Union County Vocational-Technical High School who walked away with top honors in their respective categories last month at the Skills USA New Jersey Competition held at the Garden State Expo Center in Somerset.

Corraro won a silver medal in the Industrial Motor Controls competition of the Electrical Technology category. He has been selected to compete in the Skills USA National event in Kansas City this month.

Patel was a bronze medal winner in Robotics/Automation.

"The competition was both exciting and challenging for our students and for everyone involved," said Thomas Bistocchi, Union County Vo-Tech superintendent of schools. "Our students did a tremendous job and we are proud of each and every one of their accomplishments."

## New leadership for Democrats

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They're being intimidated."

Bonaccorso and other prominent Republicans disagree that one-party leadership is a problem, arguing that the person is more important than the party affiliation.

"They say that one party is no good, but the freeholders have been one party for a long, long time, and they're not complaining about that," said Barr.

Other officers elected Monday night include Vice Chairman John Lukac, Vice Chairwoman Rose Tomchak, Secretary Jim Spaziani, Treas-

urer Marie Soyka, Sergeant at Arms Rich Kazanowski and Parliamentarian Robert Ellenport.

Virtually all the "new" officers are familiar faces to Clark voters. Kazanowski until Jan. 1 was the 3rd Ward councilman; and Ellenport familiar faces to Clark voters. Kazanowski until Jan. 1 was the 3rd Ward councilman, and Ellenport served two terms as mayor. Sheridan, Lukac and Spaziani ran for the at large council seats, while Soyka ran for mayor in 2000.

To some, that could indicate that the "new" Clark Democratic Party is

simply the old one, with its players shuffled around rather than replaced.

Sheridan disagrees with that assessment, arguing that experience necessarily precedes perspective.

"We have people who are committed. We really want to turn things around," she said. "Right now it's a one-party town. People don't really have a choice."

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## Maintenance foreman: 'I'm not dead yet'

By David Learn  
Managing Editor

Damian Griffin feels good to be alive — which isn't such a bad thing, since he was declared dead last week.

Griffin was listed as the "late maintenance foreman" in a Page 1 photo caption of *The Clark Eagle* last week. The statement was an error; Griffin was shown in a photograph with Tony Abela, who oversaw the high school's heating and ventilation system until his death earlier this year.

Despite his "death," Griffin continues to start work at 7:30 a.m. daily until quitting time at 4 p.m. Griffin has worked for the school district for 17 years. When he discovered that he had "died," he knew just what to do.

"I just went upstairs and put in for my death benefits. Can I collect it before my wife does?" he said. "They didn't go for it."

If he does get the death benefits, he says he plans to go off and enjoy himself.

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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.

### Friday

• Clark AARP 3733 will meet at 1 p.m. in the Brewer Senior Center, 400 Westfield Ave., for its regular monthly meeting and installation of officers for the 2003-04 year.

### Sunday

• The Deutscher Club of Clark Inc., 787 Featherbed Lane, will sponsor its annual Oktoberfest picnic at noon, rain or shine. Music will be provided by the Continentals Orchestra. A Miss Deutscher Club will be selected.

German and American food and beverages will be available. Admission costs \$5, with children younger than 12 admitted free.

### Monday

• The Township Council will meet at 8 p.m. in council chambers at the Public Safety Building, 315 Westfield Ave.

### Upcoming June 19

• The Clark senior monthly meeting will be at 1 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Charles H. Brewer Senior Center, 430 Westfield Ave. Guest speaker will be Judson Stein, elder law attorney, of Livingston, who will talk on keeping assets in the family.

Free blood pressure and quick cholesterol testing will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Lillian B. Krov at 732-311-3823.

### June 22

• The Clark Republican Civic Association will sponsor an Atlantic City bus trip to Caesars Palace, leaving from the Arthur L. Johnson High School parking lot at 9 a.m. and returning at 7 p.m. Reservations cost \$25 with a \$13 coin redemption at the casino. Light refreshments will be served on the bus.

Call Sonny Brattolo at 732-381-0452 for more information.

### June 23

• The Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers, 380 Westfield Ave.

### June 24

• The Planning Board will meet at 8 p.m. in the municipal courtroom in the Public Safety Building, 315 Westfield Ave.

### June 25

• The Board of Trustees of Clark Public Library will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Ayers Community Room at the library, 303 Westfield Ave.

### July 7

• The Township Council will meet at 8 p.m. in Room 16 of the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave.

### July 9

• The Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 8 p.m. in Room 16 of the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave.

### July 14

• The township will begin branch and wood pickup, which will continue through July 25.

Lumber, chairs and tables may be left for pickup, provided plastic, metal and nails have been removed the wood items before they are left at the curb.

For more information, call 732-388-3600.

### July 21

• The Township Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the municipal courtroom in the Public Safety Building, 315 Westfield Ave.

### July 22

• The Planning Board will meet at 8 p.m. in the municipal courtroom in the Public Safety Building, 315 Westfield Ave.

• The Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Arthur L. Johnson High School library, 365 Westfield Ave.

### July 23

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### July 25

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### July 28

• The Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 8 p.m. in the municipal courtroom in the Public Safety Building, 315 Westfield Ave.

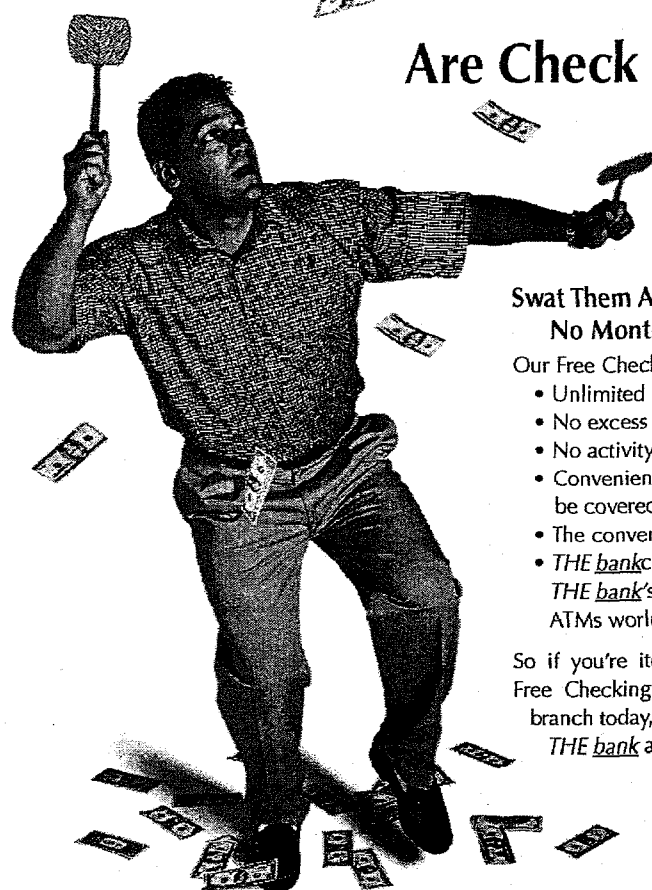
### Ongoing

• "Watercolor Styles" will be on exhibit at the Diversity Art Gallery, located in Union County Baptist Church, 4 Valley Road. Gallery hours are Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m. and by appointment.

For information, call 732-574-1479 or visit [www.diversityart.com](http://www.diversityart.com).

• 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.

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# Firefighters respond to Parkway accident

• May 26, 11:30 a.m. The fire department responded to a report of a car fire associated with a motor vehicle accident on the Garden State Parkway.

Upon arrival, it was determined that the report of a car fire was due to smoke from the deployment of an airbag. The battery cable was disconnected to prevent any further hazard while a passenger injury was attended to by medical personnel.

• May 26, 4:56 p.m. The fire department was dispatched for a report of black smoke coming from a chimney of a Woodland Road residence.

Investigation determined that the oil burner was malfunctioning. The heating system was shut off and the maintenance company was contacted to service the system.

• May 27, 5:57 p.m. The fire department responded to a report of a car fire on the Garden State Parkway which was extinguished upon arrival.

• May 28, 7:56 p.m. The fire department was dispatched to a Terminal Avenue warehouse for a fire alarm activation.

Upon arrival, there was a light smoke haze throughout the warehouse which had a chemical-type odor. A maintenance supervisor was requested to respond to the warehouse.

By the time the maintenance supervisor responded to the scene, the

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smoke condition had dissipated; however, the fire alarm system would not reset.

The fire alarm company was requested to respond to the warehouse to repair the system and company security was to maintain a fire watch.

• May 29, 6:19 a.m. The fire department responded to a 911 call report of a chimney fire at a Bartell Place residence.

Upon arrival, fire was found in the furnace fire box and heating oil was discharged on the basement floor which was not on fire.

The homeowner had shut down the oil burner with the emergency shut-off switch. The fire in the furnace fire box was extinguished with dry chemical fire extinguishers and the areas of the structure surrounding the chimney were checked for the possible extension of fire.

An absorbent was applied to the heating oil on the basement floor and the resident was advised to have the furnace and chimney serviced.

• May 30, 9:40 a.m. The fire department was dispatched to a fire alarm activation at a Westfield Avenue convenience store.

An activated smoke detector was identified in the area of the deli counter; however, there was no apparent

cause for the activation. Management was advised to contact their alarm company to service the fire alarm system.

• May 31, 5:52 a.m. The fire department was dispatched to the intersection of Oak Ridge and Raritan roads for a report of a motor vehicle accident with smoke in the air.

Upon arrival, a vehicle was found in the wooded area; however, there was no fire problem. The vehicle battery was disconnected to prevent any further hazard.

• June 1, 3:49 p.m. The fire department responded to a fire alarm activation at a Riverside Drive residence.

Upon arrival, it was determined that there was an alarm malfunction. The fire alarm company was to respond the next business day to make repairs.

• June 2, 8:30 a.m. The fire department was dispatched for a report of a car fire on the Garden State Parkway.

Upon arrival, a pick-up truck was fully engulfed in flames. The fire was extinguished; however, the engine

and passenger compartments suffered heavy fire damage.

• June 4, 4:10 p.m. The fire department responded to a fire alarm activation at an Oak Ridge Road residence. The fire alarm was activated due to normal cooking.

• June 4, 10:05 p.m. The fire department was dispatched for a fire alarm activation at a Fairview Road residence. The fire alarm activation was due to a malfunction of the alarm system.

• June 5, 9:29 p.m. The fire department responded to a report of an electric wire sparking at the intersection of Fairview Road and Charlotte Drive.

Public Service Electric & Gas responded to the scene and cleared branches from the wire.

• June 5, 10:14 a.m. The fire department responded to a Westfield Avenue donut shop for a report of fallen electrical lines.

Apparently two electric service wires were knocked down by a truck and Public Service Electric & Gas responded to make repairs.



Resident Bill Duffy tells students about the personal histories of the 18 local residents who died in the military service.

## ALJ students discover lives of Clark's veterans

Every Memorial Day, retired Capt. Bill Duffy of the Clark Police Department dedicates his time to tell the stories of Clark's "fallen heroes."

This year Duffy spent time with the students of Dennis Dougherty's history classes at Arthur L. Johnson High School.

Duffy has spent more than 30 years researching the personal histories of the 18 servicemen who gave their lives in service to our nation.

He believes that by telling the story of their service each individual is honored. "They have given their lives so that we may live in freedom," said Duffy. "By sharing their story to our students their sacrifice will go not go unrecognized."

# Police investigate case of Valley Rd. identity theft

• A Valley Road resident reported being the victim of identity theft at 5:46 p.m. June 7.

Police provided no other information, except to say that the incident is "under investigation."

• Police arrested Regina Brown, 40, of 123 W. Seventh Ave., Roselle, on an outstanding contempt-of-court warrant.

Brown was being held at the Roselle Police Department when Clark police arrested her. She was taken to Union County Jail in lieu of \$743 bail.

• An employee at a Westfield

## POLICE BLOTTER

Avenue business reported his wallet stolen, at 3:44 p.m. June 3.

Police did not say whether anything of value was in the wallet.

• Police arrested Duayne Carswell, 26, of 67 S. Munn Ave., East Orange, on an outstanding warrant and contempt of court, at 6:04 p.m. June 4.

Carswell was taken to Union County Jail in lieu of \$1,624 bail.

• The Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad took a 91-year-old Acorn Drive woman to Union Hospital at 2:05 a.m.

June 3. The woman had fallen.

• Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad took an 80-year-old James Avenue man suffering from chest pains, to Rahway Hospital, at 9:27 a.m., June 3.

• Police called Verizon to repair a downed telephone wire on Raritan Road at 12:07 p.m.

• A Westfield Avenue woman was taken to Rahway Hospital by Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad after suffering a fainting spell at 1:39 p.m. June 4.

Police provided no other information.

• Police and the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad were summoned to a Kathryn Street residence at 6:36 a.m. June 5, when a 77-year-old man reported suffering cardiac distress.

The victim was taken to Rahway Hospital.

• Police and Fire Department workers were summoned to sparking utility wires at Fairview Road and Charlotte Drive at 9:05 p.m. June 5.

Public Service Electric and Gas Co. repaired the utility wires.

A similar incident was reported at 10:19 a.m. Friday on Westfield Avenue.

• A motorist reported a stolen license plate at 12:57 p.m. Friday.

The plate was reported missing from "the vicinity of Raritan Road and Poplar Terrace," police said.

• Police were unable to get a man back into his car after he accidentally locked himself out Saturday evening.

The man, who was stranded at a Madison Hill Road residence, made other arrangements when police were unable to open his car.

• A pocketbook was reported stolen from a Marshall's department store customer at 4:21 p.m. Sunday. Police provided no other details

about the theft.

• A motor vehicle was reported stolen from a Westfield Avenue residence at 6:54 p.m. Sunday, police said.

Police did not describe the car or provide other details about the incident.

• Police arrested David Nittolo, 27, of 4 Benjamin Drive, Springfield, on an outstanding contempt-of-court warrant, at 9:45 p.m. Sunday.

Nittolo, an automobile salesman, was released on his own recognizance after posting \$1,038. A court date is pending.

## AT THE LIBRARY

### Petting zoo planned

Clark Public Library will kick off the 2003 Summer Reading Club with a petting zoo.

The petting zoo will run 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. June 25, with a rain date July 2.

### Etch-a-sketch art demo

Etch-A-Sketch artist Keith Drake will offer a live demonstration of his Etch-A-Sketch drawing production.

The event will be held at 7:30 p.m. July 14. All ages are invited. Registration will be held advance.

### Trip planned to Chatham for wildlife investigation

Come with us to the Great Swamp to get up-close and personal with plants and animals in our area.

You must have finished kindergarten to sign up for this morning trip. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. Siblings are fine, as long as

all have finished kindergarten.

Signup begins at the summer reading kickoff June 25, and will continue until 35 children have registered.

Bus leaves at 9 a.m. July 11 and will return to the library at noon. There is no charge.

### Pet show scheduled

Calling all kids who love their pets! We will award many awards, in many categories.

Deadline for signup is July 21. Each child and pet must be accompanied by an adult.

The pet show will be held at 3 p.m. July 28, with a rain date of July 29.

### Family storytimes

Listen to some good stories, and do a simple activity. Kids and families are invited.

Registration will be in advance. Storytimes will be held at 4 p.m. July 1, 8 and 15, and Aug. 5.

### Toddler storytime

For babies and toddlers up to age 2½ years old.

Nursery rhymes, songs, stories and movement activities. Drop-in; no registration.

Storytime is held at 10 a.m. June 30, and July 7, 14, 21, 28; and Aug. 4.

### T-Shirt design to be held

You be the T-shirt artist! Children of all ages are invited to create their own T-shirt designs.

Participants must bring their own T-shirts. A blend of 50 percent polyester and 50 percent cotton works best.

The event will begin at 3 p.m. July 22 and is open to the public.

### Read and Grow storytime

The library will hold a storytime with accompanying craft at 11 a.m. June 26.

Listen to stories, and make your own growth chart. All ages invited.

### Construction videos

Come Wednesday mornings and watch construction videos made for children.

Whether the library renovation has

broken ground yet, or not, get your fill of trucks and diggers, haulers and rollers.

The videos are aimed at children 3 to 8 years old, and will be shown at 10:30 a.m. June 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; and Aug. 6, 13, 20 and 27.

### Summer film schedule

The Friends of the Clark Public Library has funded a movie license for the library.

The library will show movies at 4 p.m., starting June 26 with a showing of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

Also on the schedule are:

July 3 — "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets."

July 10 — "Hey Arnold: The Movie."

July 17 — "Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron."

July 24 — "Air Bud Spikes Back."

July 31 — "Beethoven."

Aug. 7 — "Beethoven 2."

Aug. 14 — "Stuart Little."

Aug. 21 — "Stuart Little 2."

The library also will host teen movie nights at 7 p.m. Fridays, beginning with a June 27 showing of "Tuck Everlasting."

Also on the schedule are:

July 11 — "Spirited Away."

July 25 — "That Thing You Do."

Aug. 8 — "The Outsiders."

Aug. 22 — "A Walk to Remember."

### Videos, DVDs available for rental at low cost

Videocassettes and DVDs are available for adults and young adults 16 and older with a valid library card.

Children younger than 16 may not use a parent's card to borrow.

Library patrons may borrow a total of four videos or DVDs for up to three days. A nonrefundable \$1 service charge applies to each feature film borrowed.

Library patrons with a Clark Cash Discount Card, sold by the Friends of the Clark Library and available at the library for \$10, can borrow one free video or DVD from the library each Tuesday.

The library has reduced the fines for overdue videos and DVDs from \$2 a day to 50 cents a day. The policy change is in response to the concerns library users have voiced about returning the videos to the library

within the hours that the library is open.

Videos and DVDs must be returned to the circulation desk in the library because the outside drop box damages the material.

The anticipated library expansion will incorporate a specially designed drop box for audio visual material.

Due to high demand, there are no renewals allowed for videos or DVDs, but library users can reserve material online at [www.clark-library.org](http://www.clark-library.org).

There is a \$5 fine if videos are placed in the outside bookdrop, and a 50 cent fine for videos that are not returned. Damaged videos or DVDs are assessed a \$25 replacement cost, plus a \$3 service fee.

The library will hold reserved videos or DVDs for one day before giving them to the next person on the waiting list or returning them to the shelf.

Head cleaners are lent free of charge but must be checked out at the desk.

For more information, call library Director Maureen Baker Wilkinson at 732-388-5999.

## OBITUARIES

### Rose Sell

Rose Sell, 93, of Long Branch, formerly of Clark, died June 9 at home.

Mrs. Sell lived in Monmouth Beach, Clark and Newark before moving to Long Branch 23 years ago.

She taught in the Labor Education Center at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, before retiring.

Mrs. Sell also owned Engineering Service for Trade Unions, based in Clark and Monmouth Beach, where she taught classes for labor unions and negotiated contracts for many years until the early 1980s.

She was a volunteer at the Elberon Branch of Long Branch Public Library, the Monmouth County Library and Planned Parenthood in Red Bank.

Surviving are a daughter, Nancy Byron; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

### Ronald M. Belsito

Ronald M. Belsito, 86, of Clark died June 3 in Union Hospital.

Born in New York City, Mr. Belsito lived in Lake Carmel, N.Y., before moving to Clark four years ago.

He was a clerk with the U.S. Postal Service, New York City, for 30 years and retired in 1972.

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

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Judith; two sons, Louis and Joseph; a daughter, Judith, and six grandchildren.

### Irene Sprovach

Irene Sprovach, 79, of Clark died June 3 in Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Sprovach lived in Clark for 50 years.

Surviving are a son, Craig; a daughter, Nancy Coughlin; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



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# COMMUNITY FORUM

## EDITORIALS

### Strike while it's hot

Clark officials concerned about what Union County freeholders are planning for the former Esposito farm on Madison Hill Road need to move, and quickly, if they want to have any input in what finally gets built at the site.

The reason for the speed lies in the split recreation master plan the county is in the process of drafting. One version of the plan will call for the creation of the controversial Children's Museum of New Jersey; the other omits it. During the next 60 to 90 days, as the county weighs the options for the site, Clark officials should present and push a master plan that calls for minimal development of the farm, and leaves the space in as pristine a state as possible.

This is an idea that should find broad support among Clark's officials, elected and appointed. Both Mayor Sal Bonaccorso and 4th Ward Councilman Brian Toal, who represents the neighbors of the 13-acre farm, have said not once but several times that they favor a park. That's an idea that's sure to find currency with the community at large, particularly those who value the farm for the vanishing open space that it represents.

In the meantime, we'd urge the county to be more forthcoming with details about the proposed children's museum. Granted, many of the details remain to be resolved — the freeholders June 5 tabled from consideration a resolution that would have given \$1 million to the Westfield nonprofit organization that's been pushing the idea of a children's museum from the beginning.

To date, the county has done little to inform the public at large about the proposed children's museum. Aside from a questionnaire that was heavily slanted toward favorable responses and vague comments about what a great location the farm would be for the museum because it is centrally located in Union County and close to public transportation — away from bus routes and near the border with Middlesex County, it is neither — there has been little said from the top about the proposal and why there is a need for such a museum.

As a result, both the county and the township administration are being viewed with increasing suspicion on this matter as they give the appearance of failing to take any action to preserve the farm as open space. To counteract that impression, the Township Council needs to speak up, and quickly, to see that Clark's wishes are respected in the master plan as the county drafts it.

### Fathers needed

This weekend, children across the nation are going to celebrate one of the most important people in their lives: their fathers. A good father is worth his weight in gold; he sets the standard for what his daughters look for in boyfriends, he shows his son what it means to be a man, and with the mother, he changes diapers when they're dirty, kisses each booboo when it hurts, and drives his children to excel.

No child is complete without a good father.

In Union County, there are dozens of children in the custody of the state Division of Youth and Family Services, whether in the 319 licensed foster homes or in kinship care, a newer program that places children with other relatives. Every one of those children has a father who have failed to be a father, and they need someone else to stand in.

If you're a good father, that means they need you.

State-run promotions of foster care often pull at the heartstrings of adults with sound bites by loveable little children. Such ads are misleading. Children who are in foster care usually have severe mental, emotional and developmental difficulties owing to the abuse and neglect they've suffered. Taking in such a child can drain emotional reserves, strain marriages and, in the end, inflict the most exquisite form of heartache imaginable when it comes time for the child to leave. For many people, it's still worth it.

Becoming a licensed foster parent takes 24 hours of training, with another 14 hours of classes over the next two years to stay licensed. The regional office for DYFS can be reached at 1-800-847-1738. If you are ready to make the commitment to be a father to the fatherless, then give DYFS a call today and give another child a reason to celebrate Father's Day.

### Fly the flag

American heritage is an amalgam of nations, races and religions, each with their own identity and unique characteristics. However, what unites us as a country is the belief that we, as citizens of these United States of America, possess certain unalienable rights and that we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.

Saturday is Flag Day, when everyone should be displaying their sense of American spirit by flying the flag. This day commemorates the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States. On Saturday, take the time to honor your country's democracy and independence and fly the flag.



Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

TIME TO TAN — With temperatures in the 80s and the weather uncharacteristically sunny after a dreary month of May, what can be better than taking some time to stretch out in the sun? That's the opinion at least of this man, who identified himself only as Dave.

### Only one signature on the infamous letter?

#### County Seat

By Mark Hrywna

-osed closing the old jail to meet a budget gap.

Freeholders meet more than 30 times a year. Of those, maybe one meeting a year is attended by more than a handful of residents. The budget hearing might draw a few extra people, but still usually in the single digits.

Maybe once a year, there's a freeholder meeting where a good number of people actually attend; enough that you can't count them on your fingers and toes. I mean people other than Vinnie Lehotsky, a regular at freeholder meetings since the early 1990s.

This year's meeting took place last week. At least two dozen people from Roselle, Roselle Park, Cranford, Kenilworth, Springfield and Summit attended to voice opposition to the reactivation of the Rahway Valley rail line.

One by one, they stood at the microphone berating the freeholder board for their actions or lack of communication about reactivating the line.

Last year, it was members of Fountain Baptist Church who criticized the board for not selling seven of the 63 acres of open space the county purchased in Summit.

Corrections officers came out in droves in 2001 when the county prop-

In 2000, and into 2001, it was a proposed trash transfer station at Linden's Tremley Point. In 1999, it was a proposed medical waste facility at Tremley Point.

Each time, residents at some point berate their county officials, perhaps boo and hiss, and promise that things will be different come November.

For whatever reason — perhaps a silent majority versus a vocal minority? — things usually are no different come November. Democrats have not come too close to losing any of their nine seats on the board. We'll see whether Freeholders Alexander Mirabella, Deborah Scanlon and Chester Holmes fare any differently this year.

Freeholders will sit there listening, usually with their chin in their hands, at times index fingers on their cheeks, as residents tell them how bad they are. There are some nervous, awkward moments, at times glancing at

the lighting system to see if the speaker has reached their five-minute limit. But they don't waste any time getting back to their usual jocularity once all the citizens leave.

Freeholder Rick Proctor joked about going into closed session again, saying, "It just doesn't feel right," at the start of the agenda meeting, which followed the heated special meeting. That, after a nearly 90-minute executive session started the meeting earlier in the evening, leaving residents who had come to speak booing and hissing.

What's interesting is that the few times residents have come to meetings, where freeholders ultimately voted in favor of some project the citizens tried to stop, the project hasn't been built in some cases.

The trash transfer station proposal, approved by freeholders in late 2000 and again in 2001, is all but dead. The medical waste facility, also set for Tremley Point, never got built, although it received approval into the county's solid waste management plan in 1999.

In most of these cases, it's interesting to note that the county must give its approval, but has no say in regulation, i.e., trash and rail. Those are

things that are handled by other entities, namely the federal government.

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Many citizens waved a letter that was sent to them last year, indicating the work being done on tracks only was for maintenance and cleanup. Curiously, that letter, sent a month before the November election, only was signed by Freeholder Nicholas Scutari, who bore the brunt of residents' wrath.

Scutari was running for re-election so many residents said the timing of the letter was convenient. What's interesting is that Scutari was the only freeholder to sign the letter, which also stated that the rail line would not be reactivated. None of the other eight freeholders signed the letter; not Lewis Mingo, freeholder chairman at the time, and not Scutari's running mates, Proctor and Angel Estrada.

Scutari also was the only freeholder who cast a no vote last week against implementing phases one through four of the rail line's reactivation.

I wonder how many of them are glad they didn't vote that way?

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Plant trees at farm to control flooding

To the Editor:

Anyone familiar with perpetual flooding conditions along the Robinson Branch of the Rahway River in Clark and Rahway should be interested in the possibility that the county may sponsor the building of a 4- to 5-acre museum complex on the Esposito Farm property on Madison Hill Road.

The stream on the Esposito Farm flows directly into the Robinson Branch into Milton Lake and then to downtown Rahway. Any compaction of soil conditions for construction, paving, or a sports field alternative will increase the amount of storm water that will eventually flow downstream.

Engineering strategies, such as detention and retention basins, merely slow down the movement of surface and underground water on a temporary basis. In comparison, the trees in a forest use various forms of evaporation to return 75 percent of precipitation to the atmosphere. In other words, trees can keep 75 percent of rainfall from ever flowing downstream.

With no mass transit access to Esposito Farm, the poorest families in the county would be better served by placing a museum along mass transit routes on vacant properties at Warinanco Park, North Avenue in Westfield or along Route 22. The historic former Parks Administration building at Warinanco Park at Acme Street, which was designed by the Olmstead Brothers, could be restored through an approved preservation technique known as adaptive reuse.

Freeholders Chester Holmes and Rick Proctor, both from Rahway, are sensitive and compassionate to the needs of the poor and perpetual threats of flooding to the residents along the Robinson Branch. Both should be amenable to suggestions that additional trees be added on Esposito Farm to provide a 13-acre, forested park for flood control, passive recreation and walking paths. It could be called the Esposito Farm Arboretum.

At county offices, Freeholder Holmes can be reached at 908-527-4114 and Freeholder Proctor at 908-527-4116.

William T. Fidurski  
Clark

Editor's note: The writer is chairman of the Clark Environmental Commission.

### Team carried itself maturely on trip

To the Editor:

As coordinator of the Arthur L. Johnson High School softball arm of the Diamond Club, I approached Dr. Ortenzio and the Clark Board of Education last summer to ask permission for the Diamond Club to sponsor a field trip for our high school Varsity Softball Team. The plan: to play at Walt Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex during Easter break 2003 against top high school competition from around the country. The board, along with Principal Robert Taylor and Athletic Director Carl Peterson, put its faith in our local ladies and

their families that the experience would be a safe, successful endeavor and in turn approved the trip.

I am pleased to report that our high school varsity softball team rewarded everyone's faith with a truly memorable experience — not so much from the tally of wins and losses, but in how they conducted themselves as a group of adults away from home.

From September through this past March, approximately \$13,000 was raised through various fund-raisers sponsored by The Diamond Club to pay for travel expenses, hotel accommodations and meals for the 12 varsity softball players and Coach Jennifer Freely. It would not have been possible without the generosity of our community and surrounding communities.

To the countless people — you know who you are — who donated monies during our coin collections, thank you. To all the business establishments who allowed our ladies to coin collections, thank you. To all the organizations and local companies who sent donations, a huge thank you.

Easter Sunday dinner in Florida was enjoyed by 45 residents of Clark gathered as one family. No one who made the trip to Florida will ever forget the games. After losing highly competitive contests to the state champions of Ohio and South Jersey in Games 1 and 2, our Lady Crusaders came back to defeat one of the top High School Programs from Massachusetts in extra innings by a score of 7 to 5.

Playing against that high level of competition paid off, as the Lady Crusaders returned from Florida and registered five wins in their next seven games to qualify for the state tournament.

As exciting and memorable as the victorious final game was, the fondest memories that the families who attended take with us is the conduct of our ladies. They were and are a credit to their school and a credit to the community of Clark. They had good, clean fun both on and off the field.

Upon checkout at the hotel, as I was preparing to pay the incidental bill for phone calls, snacks and movies for the three player rooms, I was presented with a zero balance. No charges. They had all taken care of their own incidental with their own spending money. How's that for character and maturity?

In closing let me just state that the future of Clark is alive, well and headed in the right direction. A community that supports its youth will see the benefit of that support for years to come.

Chris DeLauro  
Clark

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# Having diversity for its own sake is not enough

It was only a few days ago when I remembered an incident that took place while I was in college; the memory was triggered by a column written by my colleague, David Dankwa.

In the May 22 issue of *The Clark Eagle*, Dankwa talks about his reaction when he read about Jayson Blair, a black reporter who wrote for *The New York Times* until the newspaper discovered that Blair had fabricated articles while he was employed there.

As Dankwa described it, Blair "perpetrated a massive journalistic fraud so disturbing that the newspaper published a revealing front page article recently detailing the extent and brazenness of the lies of one of its own," and I most certainly agree with his description of the newspaper's account as to what it had experienced.

I also agree with Dankwa that minorities, unfortunately, still need to work harder than their peers to get ahead; whether it be a prestigious position at a Fortune 500 company or an entry-level job in a newsroom.

Diversity in the workplace is necessary, Dankwa states, especially in the newsroom, where, as he puts it, "varying perspectives and a rich breeding ground for tolerance and understanding" can be achieved as a result of hiring individuals of all backgrounds.

I find myself conflicted, though,

## Reporter's Notebook

By Lynn K. Barra  
Staff Writer

regarding one specific statement Dankwa makes; that is, how he strongly believes "that every effort to achieve diversity is important regardless of whether the workplace is located in Harlem, N.Y., or in Boise, Idaho."

As a reporter for a college newspaper, I wanted to cover the minority beat, which meant that I would cover events about women as well as minorities.

I chose this beat because I believed strongly that each of us deserve a fair shake in life and, if, in some small way, I could right a wrong, I would do so through my writing.

As much as I agreed with the issues Dankwa raised in his column, I find myself conflicted by it, because, to this day, I still do not understand why the college professor who managed the student newspaper chose to pull me off an assignment and replace me with a new member of our staff—a female student who happened to be black.

I was assigned to cover a civil rights leader from the 1960s who was

visiting the college. I remember grabbing a notebook and pen and walking into the room.

I wanted to find the perfect seat; somewhere close enough to the speaker so that my tape recorder could pick up the sound of his voice, but not too close so as to draw attention to myself and disrupt the speaker's train of thought.

I remember those details so vividly because I was excited about writing the story. I wanted to hear what this man had to say about his struggles in the 1960s.

I was about to hear a firsthand account about what life was like for black people before the Civil Rights Act was passed. I couldn't wait for him to get started.

Then she walked in.

The new reporter entered the room minutes before the speaker was about to begin. I remember looking at him at the podium as he quietly spoke to a student and arranged his lecture notes in his hands.

My colleague walked directly to me and told me that our professor wanted her to cover the event instead of me.

I don't remember if it was only a few seconds or more than five minutes that passed before I got up and left. I didn't know what to do. I was confused and angered at the same moment. I wanted to know why this

was happening but she had no answers.

She said nothing and quietly sat down.

And as she opened her notebook and ferreted for a pen in her pocket-book, I looked around the room and suddenly felt overwhelmed with embarrassment because I knew I had to walk directly past the speaker and the dozens of people roaming around the room in order to leave. Did I do something wrong? Why was this happening to me?

The following day I asked the professor why he took me off the assignment. He said he wanted the new reporter to gain experience.

I then wanted to know why he decided to make this decision so hastily, and why it was so important that she cover this event and not me. His response still rings in my ears: "I wanted her to cover it because she's black."

For days, I questioned not only my ability as a writer, but what it meant to me to become a journalist. What is the role of the journalist in society? Isn't it to redress the wrongs? To make known what is unjust; to bring attention to issues that may adversely affect others? Why did it matter who covered the event?

To this day, I'm still confused. And perhaps most importantly, I'm still waiting for an answer.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Attacks on gun makers unwarranted

To the Editor:

In his June 5 column, "Gun makers enjoy unreasonable legal immunity," Robert Lapidus takes the U.S. Senate to task for considering protection for the gun industry.

No industry, not even tobacco, has been under as much pressure as the gun manufacturers. The new tactic of the leftists is to bring as many frivolous lawsuits as possible to eventually put their targets out of business. These people use all their power to take as many freedoms away from the American people.

Looking at this from a business standpoint, a lawsuit against an industry, even though the industry abides by all regulations, opens the door to all industries being attacked. No doubt victories against the gun industry will lead to lawsuits against General Motors and Ford next. Not once have I heard the leftists attack the auto industry for making cars that exceed the speed limit and kill many thousands of people each year, but no doubt they will.

There are only three groups who stand to benefit from the elimination of the lawful gun industry - liberals, lawyers and criminals. Funny how those three are often linked.

If Mr. Lapidus really wants to save the world, let him stop crime, drug abuse and such by joining his local police auxiliary. Leave the lawful industries which employ thousands of people across the country, alone.

William Doyle  
Clark

## SENIOR NEWS

### AARP members sought

Clark AARP 3733 will meet Friday at the Brewer Senior Center, 400 Westfield Ave.

The regular meeting and installation of officers for the 2003-2004 year will commence at 1 p.m. The elected officers are Fred Roll, president; Dan Flynn, first vice president; Bernie Yarusavage, second vice president; Philip Overholser, treasurer; Joe Olterzewski, assistant secretary.

Thank you to: Doris Knapp, Ann Peters, Mary Gais, and Mary Raio for their handiwork, which is greatly appreciated by the Veterans Nursing Home and Rumlunds Hospital.

Dan Flynn would like to remind members that the Teddy Bear collection will begin in September.

The chapter invites area residents with membership in the National AARP to join the local group and enjoy the social gatherings, trips and volunteer programs and to keep abreast of matters of interest to retirees and those anticipating retirement.

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

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

AARP still has openings for the following trips:

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

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

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

- Dec. 3: Trip to Hunterdon Hills to see "Playhouse Christmas." With luncheon choices. Cost is \$67.

The public is invited on all trips where space is available.

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

### Seniors to meet June 19

The Clark senior monthly meeting will be held at 1 p.m. June 19 in the cafeteria of the senior center, 430 Westfield Ave.

Guest speaker will be Judson Stein, elder law attorney, of Livingston, who will talk on "Asset Protection" or simply, keeping assets in the family. Stein will answer questions from the audience.

Prior to the meeting, free blood pressure and quick cholesterol testing will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Monthly general meetings are held at 1 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the cafeteria of the Senior Center, 430 Westfield Ave.

### Classes, activities offered

The following activities have been scheduled for the Clark Department of Seniors:

Line dancing, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays in the gym with instructor Phyllis McGarry. Dates are Monday and June 25 and 30.

Exercise sessions, 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, with instructor Evelyn Panish. Dates are today; Tuesday; and June 19, 24, 26.

Arts and crafts, 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays in the cafeteria with instructor Helen Rokosny. Dates are Wednesday and June 25.

### Senior bus service

For free senior bus service, call the Municipal Building at 732-388-3600 from 9 to 11 a.m. one day in advance to reserve a seat on the bus, Mondays through Fridays, except holidays.

Call the same number if it becomes necessary to cancel your reservation. The schedule is subject to change.

Mondays: morning, ShopRite; afternoon, Clark shops, library, Municipal Building.

Tuesdays: morning, Union Plaza, Pathmark/National Wholesale Liquidators; afternoon, Watchung/Blue Star.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that the Clark Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Meeting on June 23, 2003, at 8:00 P.M. at the Municipal Court Room, 315 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, at which time the following application will be heard: CAL#13-03, Application of Jerome and Margaret Kovach for front porch addition at the premises located at: 8 Ginesi Drive, in Lot: 14.05 Block: 52. Violation of Chapter 34 Section 8.3 Sub-Section C-1 and (b).

The file papers for the above application are available for inspection at the Clark Township Building Department, Clark Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey Monday through Friday, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Jerome Kovach (\$9.30)

## EVENTS

### Businesswomen's group holds monthly meeting

The Berkeley Heights-Clark-Westfield Business and Professional Women monthly meeting will be Tuesday at Sunrise Assisted Living, 240 Springfield Ave., Westfield.

The program will be the presentation of a Career Development Award to Arleta Smuszkiewicz of Roselle, New Jersey. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and is scheduled to end by 9 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Nonmembers are welcome.

To make a reservation or for more information, call Maryann at 908-925-5884.

### Deutscher Club holding annual Oktoberfest picnic

The Deutscher Club of Clark Inc., 787 Featherbed Lane, will hold its annual Oktoberfest picnic at noon Tuesday, rain or shine.

Music will be provided by the Continentals Orchestra. A Miss Deutscher Club will be selected.

German and American food and beverages will be available. Admission costs \$5, with children younger than 12 admitted free.

### Clark temple draws Israeli singer Sharabi

Renowned Israeli singer Yoel Sharabi will come to Clark on Tuesday when he headlines "Spirit and

Song" at Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah.

The Bernie Berger Klezmer Trio also will perform at the Father's Day benefit concert, which begins at 7 p.m. at the temple, 111 Valley Road.

Tickets range from \$18 per person for general admission. Tickets for children younger than 13 cost \$10, to \$1,000 for gold patrons.

Gold patrons will receive four preferred seating concert tickets and a full-page ad in the commemorative program being distributed to all 900 attendees. Sponsor admission, which includes two preferred seating concert tickets and a half-page ad, cost \$180.

Both gold patrons and sponsors also are invited to a post-concert dessert reception with the entertainers.

For tickets to the June 15 concert, call Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah 732-381-8403.

### Civic association plans bus trip to Atlantic City

The Clark Republican Civic Association is sponsoring a bus ride to Caesar's Palace in Atlantic City June 22.

The bus will leave from Arthur L. Johnson High School parking lot at 9 a.m., depart Atlantic City at 5 p.m. and return to Clark at 7 p.m.

Reservations cost \$25 with a \$13 coin redemption at the casino. Light

refreshments will be served on the bus.

Seating is limited. Call Sonny Brattole at 732-381-0452.

### Competitive soccer clinic offers chance to visit Italy

The Clark Soccer Club, in cooperation with Parma AC of the Italian First Division, will run a soccer camp at Arthur L. Johnson High School from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 14 to 18.

Only 100 players 7 to 14 years old will be accepted. The top player in the camp, chosen by the Parma coaches, will be sent to Italy to train with the appropriate Parma youth team.

A coach's clinic will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 19.

For more information call 732-396-4466, or visit Web site [www.Ital-camp.com](http://www.Ital-camp.com).

### ALJ Class of 1978 plans 25th-year reunion in Clark

The Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School Class of 1978, will hold its 25-year reunion Oct. 17 to 19, with a series of five venues.

The three-day weekend will begin Oct. 17 morning with a golf outing at Ash Brook Golf Course in Scotch Plains. The cost will be \$65 per person.

Spouses of alumni, friends and family members will be welcome to play. The cost will include golf carts and food that will be served at the

beginning, after nine holes, and at the end of the outing.

Later on Friday evening, there will be a pre-reunion get-together at the Valley Mill Bar and Grill, inside the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Road.

The official class reunion will take place from 7 p.m. to midnight Oct. 18 in the Colonnade Room of the Grand Centurions, 440 Madison Hill Road.

The cost of \$75 per person will include a buffet dinner, open bar, DJ, Memory Book, awards, giveaways, door prizes and more. The Johnson Touchdown Club will sell clothing, and pictures of groups, couples, and individuals will be taken to compile a reunion yearbook available for purchase separately.

At 9 a.m. Oct. 19, there will be a post-reunion breakfast at the Crowne Plaza. The cost will be \$20 per person. Later that afternoon, reunion attendees will go to see a play in New York City, and go out for dinner afterward.

Classmates should send details about their whereabouts and other classmates to Norm Marocci, reunion chairman, 3000 Ford Road, Apt. L-10, Bristol, PA 19007.

Marocci also can be contacted at 215-788-3504, or via e-mail at [ALJ-ClassOf1978@yahoo.com](mailto:ALJ-ClassOf1978@yahoo.com).

Classmates can find out the latest news about the reunion and other class matters by visiting the Web site [www.geocities.com/ALJClassOf-1978](http://www.geocities.com/ALJClassOf-1978).

## NEWS CLIPS

### Raritan Rd. bridge to close

On or about June 20, Union County will begin reconstruction of the Raritan Road bridge located in Clark over the former Middlesex Water Co. reservoir.

Raritan Road is a major access

route from western Union County and northern Middlesex County to Exit 135 on the Garden State Parkway. During the initial phase of construction, there will be a partial closure to a single alternating lane of traffic.

Heavy delays should be expected.

The county is recommending motorists find alternate routes. Total reconstruction is expected to take 12 months.

### Branch pickup scheduled

The next townwide branch and

wood pickup will be July 14 through July 25.

Lumber, chairs and tables may be left for pickup, provided plastic, metal and nails have been removed the wood items before they are left at the curb.

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# EVENTS

## Former White House chef to visit Atria community

The residents of Atria Cranford Retirement and Assisted Living Community will have an opportunity to share a rare bit of American history with a key member of the White House staff.

Henry Haller, White House executive chef for 22 years, will share his recipes, menus and firsthand details of life with five First Families. The visit will be 2 to 4 p.m. today.

Haller will speak about and sharing recipes for meals he and his staff prepared for presidents Reagan, Carter, Ford, Nixon and Johnson.

During Haller's visit to Atria Cranford he will speak about his White House experience and conducting a book signing for The White House Family Cookbook, a collection of recipes he published in 1987.

## Flea market to benefit tenants association

The annual flea market for Cranford Senior Housing's Grill Apartments

will take place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, at 40 Meeker Ave.

All proceeds benefit the Tenants' Association. Rain date is June 21.

## Bicyclists to meet at plaza for peace rally in Newark

Bicyclists will gather in downtown Cranford Saturday as part of a regional march for peace and justice, culminating in a 4 p.m. rally in Newark.

The march will join communities that passed resolutions or otherwise mobilized against war with Iraq in a renewed call for social justice at home and abroad.

Bikers will gather between 1 and 1:30 p.m. at Post Office Plaza, North Avenue and Eastman Street, where they may be joined by bikers starting their trip in towns west of Cranford.

The group will be joined by others at the parking lot of Kean University in Elizabeth from there it will proceed through Hillside to Military Park.

Sponsored by New Jersey Peace Action, one of the two co-coordinators of the New Jersey Coalition

Against War on Iraq, the event will unite community organizations, religious groups and individuals to take part in the "Call to Conscience - Joining Communities for Peace and Justice" action.

Groups will coordinate rallies and feeder marches through various municipalities, culminating in a rally in Newark's Military Park at 4 p.m.

The rally will be preceded by a Peace Energy Fair at Military Park starting at 2 p.m.

For more information, call Leigh Davis at 908-272-8487.

## Cocktail party to raise money for history society

The Cranford Historical Society is sponsoring a cocktail party fund-raiser Saturday to kick off the summer season.

This event, titled "Flag the Evening Under the Stars," will take place at the Hanson House Annex, 38 Springfield Ave., from 6 to 10 p.m., and will spill out into Hanson Park for an indoor/outdoor evening.

Partygoers will be treated to a variety of hors d'oeuvres, wine, dancing

music provided by DJ Eddie Gwiz, and a variety of desserts.

The party will raise money for the Cranford Historical Society and the Crane-Phillips House Museum at the time of Gov. James McGreevey's proposal to end funding for historical and cultural organizations.

Last year the society received an important grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission that is no longer available.

The cost for the gala evening is \$45 per person. To reserve tickets, call 908-276-0082.

## Mt. Zion Church to hear about 'messianic Judaism'

Stephen Fenchel of Chosen People Ministries in New York will present his life story at Greater Mount Zion Church, 43 Johnson Ave., at 7:30 p.m. June 20.

Fenchel was born an Orthodox Jew and is now a Christian, professing a belief in "messianic Judaism," the belief that Jesus Christ is the Jewish messiah.

For more information, contact Greater Mount Zion Church office at 908-276-0380.

## Senior Awareness Day Saturday

On June 14, a Senior Awareness Day will be offered at the Gill Apartments, 800 Lincoln Ave., Cranford from noon to 5 p.m., featuring a blood pressure screening, glaucoma pressure testing, drug interaction counseling and eyeglass repairs. This is an Eagle project sponsored by William Felegi Troop 80.

The fact that a young man is an Eagle Scout has always carried with it a special significance, not only in Scouting but also as he enters higher education, business or industry, and community service. The award is a performance-based achievement whose standards have been well maintained over the years. Not every boy who joins a Boy Scout troop earns the Eagle Scout rank; only about 4 percent of all Boy Scouts do so. This represents more than one million Boy Scouts who have earned the rank since 1911. Nevertheless, the goals of Scouting — citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness — remain important for all Scouts.

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# SPORTS

## United booters tie Fire, shut out Bordentown

The Cranford United 11-and-under boys' soccer team tied the Hillsborough Fire 2-2 and then shot down the Bordentown Shooting Stars 7-0 last weekend in youth soccer play.

Patrick Hartnett and Michael Cassidy scored against the Fire to give Cranford a 2-1 lead.

Nick Cook scored in the first half and shut out Bordentown in the second half with his fine play at goal-keeper.

Also scoring were Scott Boyer, Nick Pace, Vince Fitzgerald, Michael Sheehan, who netted his first of the year.

Boyer's goal was a header off a corner kick by Hartnett.

Alex Porter, Robert Ghiretti, Andrew O'Neill, Eric Walano, Matt Frediani, Keith Powell and Ryan Lopes also played well.

## Soccer, hoop camps are taking place in July

The following are a look at camps in the area this summer:

### CLARK SOCCER

The Clark Soccer Club, in cooperation with Parma, AC, a professional soccer team of the Italian First Division-Serie A, will present a Summer Soccer Camp from July 14-18 at Johnson High School in Clark.

Only 100 players will be accepted to the camp, which is open to boys and girls ages 7-14.

The top player in the camp, as chosen by the Parma coaches, will be offered a free trip to Italy for one week to practice and live with the appropriate Parma youth team.

A coaches clinic will be held on July 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the top players from the camp will be used to demonstrate all drills.

More information may be obtained by calling 732-396-4466 or 732-371-6797.

Camp information may also be found on the website of [www.ital-camp.com](http://www.ital-camp.com).

### CRANFORD BASKETBALL

The Cranford PAL 2003 Cougar Girls Basketball Camp, under the direction of Cranford High School girls' basketball coach Brian Chapman, is July 14-18 at Cranford from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The camp is for girls entering grades 3-9.

More information or a camp brochure may be obtained by calling Chapman at 908-709-6223 or 908-553-0687.

## Soccer camp in Cranford

The Cranford Soccer Club is sponsoring a soccer camp July 14-18, which uses the Coerver Method, acclaimed to be the world's finest soccer skills teaching method.

Call Bob Cashill at 908-755-9696 for more information.

**Meeting Wednesday:** The Cranford Soccer Club will have its annual general meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Cranford Community Center.

## Softball tourney July 18-20

Teams and sponsors are sought for the third annual Anthony Signorello Memorial Slow Pitch Softball Tournament, which is July 18, 19 and 20.

All teams are guaranteed of playing three games.

More information may be obtained by calling Dan Petrosky at 908-298-8657.

## Kowals a perfect 10, with Connexion still in second

The following are Clark Men's Softball League standings as of June 6:

1. Doral/Butch Kowals (10—0)
2. Arena Sports Connexion (7-1)
3. Ways Diggers (8-4)
4. Sutton Trucking (6-3)
5. Clark Circle Liquors (5-3)
6. Georges Catch 27 (6-5)
7. Team Cingular (3-5)
8. Ironbound Heating (3-5)
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Photo by Barbara Kokkalis

The Cranford High School baseball team, sparked by the play of sophomore Chris Drechsel who is shown here pitching against Elizabeth earlier in the season, bounced back nicely from a rare sub-.500 season by reaching the NJSIAA Group 3 state championship game.

# Many impressive efforts by athletes in MOC competition

*Dobson, Holmes, Cintrons, Washington, Webster, Carmody, Taylor, Cherry excel*

By Jeff Wolfrum  
Staff Writer

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD** - Some local high school athletes used their experience, while others gained some in the 35th annual Meet of Champions held last Thursday afternoon at Frank Jost Field.

Kent Place's Porscha Dobson used her knowledge and pure ability to take top honors in the 100-meter high hurdles with a time of 13.50.

Dobson felt she had to run obstructed to make school history as the first-ever MOC champion from Kent Place.

"I was very pleased with my performance and I'm blessed to have won the race," Dobson said. "I've been trying hard all season and today was the day because I had to do it."

Dobson, who's headed for North Carolina, posted the third-fastest time in the event.

The state record for the 100-meter high hurdles is held by Dawn Bowles of Neptune, who clocked a 13.33 in 1988.

"I was really going after that state record," Dobson said. "That was my motivation."

In the preliminary heat of the 100-meter high hurdles in the Parochial Championships, Dobson set a meet-record with a 13.76 effort.

"When I got 13 under my belt, officially, in that meet, I came in here just trying to lower my time," Dobson said. "This was the first time all season that I was running against girls that posted times of 14. That definitely helped me coming out of the block."

Dobson, who was a Roselle resident until moving to South Orange a year ago, also had an impressive showing in the 200-meter dash as she placed third with a time of 24.52.

Another girl that used her know how was Summit senior Ashley Holmes, who took fifth in the shot put with a throw of 41-10.25.

Holmes also placed in the event last season. Elizabeth's Lizzelle Cintron finished sixth in the event with a heave of 41-7.50.

"I usually average between 42-44 feet on my throws," Cintron said. "I felt a little off because my technique wasn't as good as it usually is."

Lizzelle's twin sister, Michelle, also competed in the event, but didn't place.

Both girls, along with Holmes, participated in the discus, but none finished in the top six.

"This season has been really good for us," Cintron, a junior, said. "We've gotten better after every meet. We both have another year to come back and perform well."

Holmes' teammate David Webster, who competed in the boys' 1,600-meter run, didn't place in the event, but used his moxy and experience to finish in the top 10.

"I wasn't too happy with my performance," Webster

said. "I felt a little slow after the second lap considering I wanted to push the pace."

Webster, a senior, missed the first three weeks of the season due to illness, but qualified for the MOC when he posted a sixth-place time of 4:25.70 in the Group 2 meet.

"I sat back for some reason," Webster said. "When I reached the last lap, my legs started going, so I was just thinking to give it all I've got because it's my last race of my high school career."

Like Webster, Governor Livingston's Michael Carmody was making a return trip to the MOC.

However, Carmody's fate was much better as he finished fifth in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:54.59.

"There was a lot of pushing and shoving early in the race, so it was hard to get position," Carmody said. "I was in the third lane all the way around the first lap, but then tried to get in front. However, some guys just took off and I just tried to stay with them."

Another runner that was pleased with his outcome was Elizabeth's Keith Taylor, who took third in the 400-meter run with a time of 48.73.

"It felt really good placing third in my first-ever MOC," Taylor, a junior, said. "There were some really strong runners in the event, so I just tried to keep up with them."

Taylor finished fourth in the event in the Group 4 meet with a time of 48.27.

"I came in trying to run a time of 47.00 and be one of the top contenders," Taylor said. "I tried to kick it in the final 180 meters. It worked because it got me from fifth to third."

Johnson sophomore Mark Washington, who competed in the long jump, felt the experience of just getting to the MOC will only benefit him in the years to come.

"I came here just trying to get my personal-best jump," Washington said. "I knew I wouldn't be up there with the other top jumpers, but I did want to break the school record and record my personal-best."

That was not to be for Washington as he fouled three times in the event.

"I've increased my jumps over 4 1/2 feet since my freshman year," Washington said. "I usually jump my best by midseason and then try to keep it up. I have two more years to increase my jumps, so by the time I'm a senior, I want to be at the top."

A senior who was just happy to get to the MOC was Tiana Cherry of Roselle Catholic.

Cherry, who took top honors in the high jump in the Parochial A meet with a 5-4, missed that mark in the event at the MOC.

"I felt if I cleared 5-4, I could've placed in the top eight," Cherry said.

"My knee has been bothering me, so I didn't get a good plant. However, I had a really good season."

All area athletes made their schools proud.

# Cranford did well to reach title game

## Baseball team was impressive

By Jeff Wolfrum  
Staff Writer

**TOMS RIVER** - Playing out of rhythm and out of character.

That's what Cranford High School baseball head coach Dennis McCaffery felt was the difference in his team's 9-4 loss to Toms River South in the Group 3 championship game Tuesday afternoon at Toms River North's Ryan Field.

"They put pressure on us and were able to capitalize on our mistakes," McCaffery said. "When you make four errors in a state championship game, you aren't going to win."

Cranford, which also played in the title game in 2000, was seeking its first Group 3 crown since 1997. The Cougars won the Group 4 championship in 1971.

It was Tom Rivers South's second straight Group 3 title and third in six years.

Cranford, which had a seven-game winning streak snapped that started with its Union County Tournament title-game victory, finished its season with a very impressive 19-8 record.

"It took a lot of hard work to get here," McCaffery said. "Next year starts tomorrow. We expect to be here every season."

Trailing 9-1 heading into the bottom of the sixth inning, Cranford made things interesting by opening the frame with four consecutive singles to left field off TRS starter Steve Holt.

Chris Drechsel, Matt Wilson and Dave Drechsel loaded the bases on hits before designated hitter Jim Zamorski drove in a run.

After a flyout, Holt induced a 3-2 putout before uncorking a wild pitch that let Dave Drechsel score from third.

Jason Occi then wedged a shot behind the pitchers' mound and legged it out for a run-scoring single.

However, that's all the Cougars could muster as Holt got Joe Bulthaupt to fly to center to end the inning. The senior righthander then retired the side in order in the bottom of the seventh to seal the victory.

"Holt was throwing mostly fastballs and curveballs," Dave Drechsel said. "He was probably one of the best pitchers we've seen all year."

After TRS scored a run in the top of the first, it added another in the second off Cranford starter Brian Ciencin.

Austin Derogatis opened the frame with a double and advanced to third on an error.

After Ciencin recorded a strikeout, Paul Ha lifted a sacrifice fly to left to plate Derogatis.

In the bottom half of the inning, Cranford cut the deficit in half.

Dave Drechsel opened the frame with a single and moved to second after Zamorski walked. After a wild pitch advanced both runners a base, Zack Bribiseca grounded out to second to plate Drechsel.

With Zamorski now at third with one out, Holt was able to retire the next two batters, thus stranding the tying run 90-feet away.

"We couldn't catch a break today," Dave Drechsel said. "We had a few close calls that could've gone either way, but we have to battle through that."

After a scoreless third, TRS put some cushion between itself and Cranford by pushing across six runs in the top of the fourth to take an 8-1 advantage.

The big blow in the inning came from leadoff batter Todd Frazier, who crushed a three-run homer over the left field fence.

"Frazier is a very good baseball player," McCaffery said. "He's got all the tools and plays the game the right way."

Cranford loaded the bases in the bottom of the inning, but came away empty.

Wilson opened the frame with a walk and moved to second after Dave Drechsel was hit by a pitch. After Holt registered a strikeout, Bribiseca reached on an error to pack the bases.

However, Drechsel was picked off second and Sam Chaleef struck out to end the threat.

"We just didn't put ourselves in a position to win," Dave Drechsel said.

TRS scored its final run in the top of the sixth.

Holt opened the inning by reaching on an error. After a flyout, Paul Martone singled to right, but moved to second on the throw to third as Holt slid in safely.

The second out came on a 5-2 fielder's choice before a wild pitch by Cranford reliever Brian Giannecchini allowed Martone to score.

In the bottom half of the inning, Occi lead off with a single, but was quickly erased on a 3-6-3 double play. Leadoff batter Jamar Ingram then grounded out to end the frame.

"We have to let them have 21 outs in the game and we didn't do that," Dave Drechsel said. "It was nice to win the county and the section, but with all the hard work we put in, it would've been nice to win a state championship."

# First Swing Program aids golfers with disabilities

Sometimes when a person has had a stroke, or an amputation, they assume it is time to stop enjoying their prior recreational activities.

For the ninth year, Union County and the Eastern Amputee Golf Association will team up to offer the First Swing Program, which promotes golf to people with physical disabilities.

Taking place at Ash Brook Golf Course in Scotch Plains tomorrow, the First Swing Learn to Golf Program for People with Physical Disabilities uses a unique approach to achieve its goal.

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Learn about adaptive equipment that will assist you in executing the golf swing. This hands-on program will allow you the opportunity to work one-on-one with professionals.

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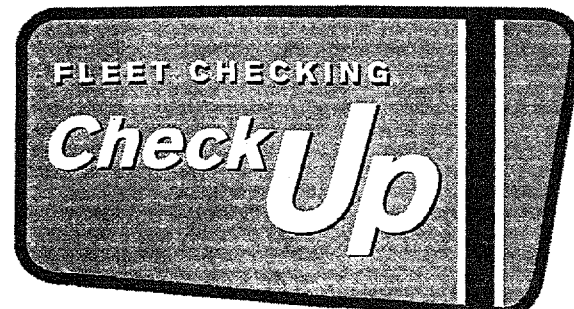
Pre-registration is required and anyone interested in attending First Swing should contact the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation as soon as possible at 908-527-4096 to obtain registration materials.

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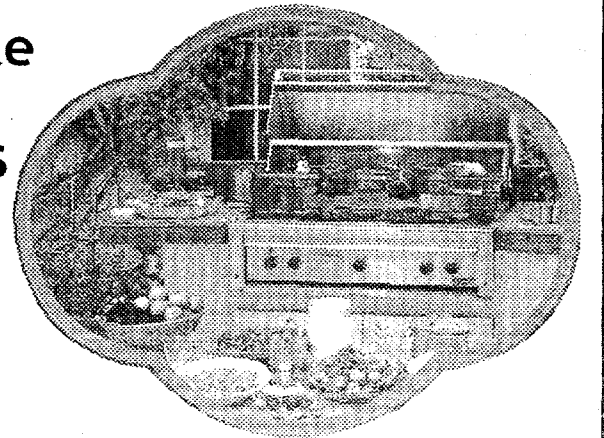
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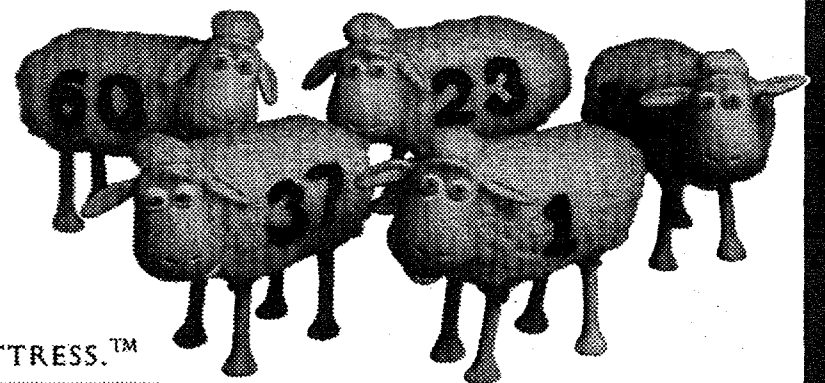
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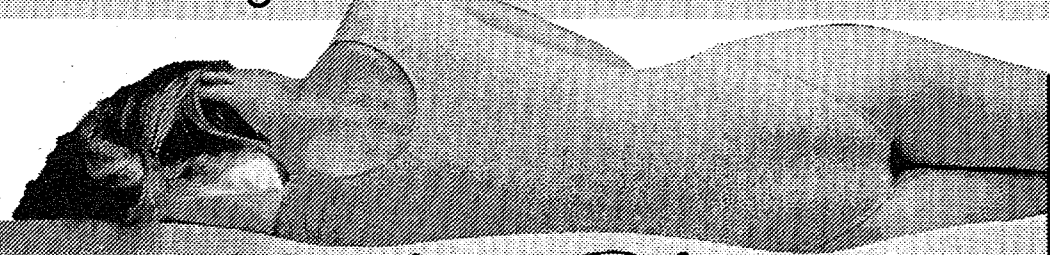
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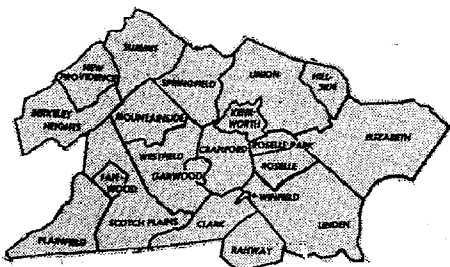
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## Truth in labeling

Four years ago a vote by then-Assemblyman Joseph Suliga of Linden caught my interest. He was only one of two in the entire Legislature to vote no against the "Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act." I recall at the time asking him how anyone could be opposed to something labeled so wonderful as causing a discount in my electric bill and promoting more competition.

Suliga said back then that in the long run, under the law, rates would spike up for consumers while corporations would see benefits. He reasoned that while the bill provided for shopping around for providers, only the big companies could press for lower rates while the average Joe homeowner would be stuck making up the difference.

## Left Out

By Frank Capece

Last week, four years after the vote and the speeches were long forgotten, it turns out Suliga, now a senator, was right. Published reports reveal that PSE&G will be jacking up our electric rates for the average consumer 15 percent. They say that's \$8 a month on average. In my home 15 percent is a whole lot more than eight bucks.

It turns out that there is what is described as a "tentative agreement" for the PSEG increase, which could take effect by the middle of the summer.

Maybe we need a Truth in Labeling Act for the comments by our elected officials. At the time of the deregulation craze, most praised the effort. It was probably tough for Suliga to buck the trend considering the corporate pressure both in Trenton and his hometown, and still vote no.

What I'd really like to see is the greater use of Fred Wolf, the court reporter for Assignment Judge Edward Beglin Jr. in Elizabeth. Each time one of our elected officials promises big things from a new building, a flood project or the like we should have a transcript to compare their words to reality as it occurs down the road. Then they should be confronted.

Currently the state Department of Environment Protection is promoting a "Smart Growth" plan. After all how could anybody be against such a fine goal? It turns out plenty of people should. A statewide group called Fair Share Housing figured out quickly that one of the first casualties of Smart Growth would be any new affordable housing for minorities. Kevin Walsh a favorite attorney of mine, points out that under Smart Growth, minorities will feel increased pressures to stay where they are in urban areas.

Another victim of Smart Growth are towns like Mountainside, Cranford, Clark and Union. Since these towns

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## 'What does county government do anyway?'

### Half of mayors favor elimination

By Mark Hrywna and Joshua Zaitz

Editor's note: This is the first part in a series about county government.

"What does county government really do?"

It's a question being asked more often lately as home owners see their property tax bills rising in each section: school, municipal and county.

County government, often referred to as the most invisible or least known level of government, comprises roughly a quarter of the average tax bill, with municipal taxes accounting for another quarter and school taxes the other half.

As governments at all levels grapple with falling revenues in recent years, more discussion has surfaced about the need to address taxes, particularly property taxes in New Jersey. One idea that resurfaces every

few years is the elimination of county government.

A survey of local mayors in Union County reveals that almost half favor the elimination of county government. Almost as many favor keeping county government while a few are mixed as to keeping parts of both municipal and county.

"What does county government really do," asks Westfield Mayor Greg McDermott. "It's all our money anyway." He says municipalities can do the same things that the county does within their borders, like maintaining roads and parks.

For the amount of money Westfield raises for the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, McDermott said his township could put in an artificial turf for its high school three times over.

Roselle Park Mayor Joseph DeLorio said his borough doesn't have any

county parks or historical sites registered with the state, which is a requirement to receive money from the trust fund.

"We're paying dollars to the county for land acquisition, open space and historical preservation yet we can't even use any of those dollars," said DeLorio. Last year, almost \$110,000 in trust fund dollars was collected in Roselle Park.

"I think it's time that we look into county government as a whole and see whether it's worth it, whether we need some of the services or whether we have duplicates," said DeLorio, who like McDermott, is a Republican.

The county's Division of Police was cited as one such area of duplication. Several mayors with county parks within their town's borders, primarily those in the western end of the county, suggested that their towns could patrol and secure the parks with the addition of one or two officers to the local police department.

"All we would need is for some-

body to give us the monies to pay for police officers to patrol Echo Lake Park, which is in Mountainside and a good portion of Watchung Reservation, and there would have to be monies to maintain county roads," Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti said.

"We have our own police force," said New Providence Mayor Allan Morgan, a Republican, said. "I know there are county parks in a lot of different areas they take care of but New Providence doesn't really have any."

One town that does have many county parks, and other facilities is Elizabeth, the county seat. It is home to the Union County Courthouse complex and Administration Building, which includes the courts, Prosecutor's Office and jails.

Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage said those facilities help to support the local downtown economy, as well as provide jobs to Elizabeth residents.

"The elimination of county gov-

ernment throughout the state of New Jersey is not something that can be easily taken over by either the state or local government," Bollwage, a Democrat said.

Vigilanti said communities similar to his can survive very well without county government. That's the way many towns on the western end of the county, controlled by Republicans, see it.

But McDermott, the Westfield mayor, says it's not an issue of Republicans or Democrats controlling town hall or county government. "It's a two-party system but we're not looking at it that way. What can we do to help people, and get the best bang for the buck?"

The county's governing body, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, currently has all nine seats held by Democrats.

As the split among Democrat and Republican mayors on their stances toward county government was evi-

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## Cadets no more

### 69 graduate from police academy

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

The John H. Stamler Police Academy welcomed 69 cadets into the law enforcement family as they became the academy's 88th graduating class.

"People will look at you differently now that you wear a uniform and carry a gun but what you have to remember is that they entrust their lives in you," said Director of the New Jersey Office of Counter-Terrorism Sidney Caspersen, who appeared as the commencement speaker at Monday's graduation ceremony at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

Union County Police Chief Association President James Debbie, who is also Mountainside's police chief and borough administrator, said that as the graduates embark upon a career in law enforcement they will, at times, be called upon to demonstrate their abilities as a plumber, electrician, marriage counselor, doctor, nurse and babysitter, among other things.

"And yes, you'll be expected to know all the answers and help them

for whatever reason," said Debbie.

Class President Kim Elphick, a Secaucus resident who will serve as a police officer in her hometown, said she wanted to pursue a career in law enforcement for a long time. When she was rescued from the World Trade Center by a police officer on Sept. 11, 2001, Elphick decided there was no time to waste and took the initial steps to enter the police academy.

"I wanted to become a police officer since I was 18 but that really pushed things along for me," she said. The police academy is located in Scotch Plains and provides basic training for law enforcement recruits from the county's 21 municipal police departments as well as other law enforcement agencies.

"You are about to begin the most fulfilling, challenging career you could ever imagine," said Freeholder Chester Holmes, a retired Rahway police officer.

Debbie said the graduates' journey through the police academy has armed them with the most important lesson: knowledge.

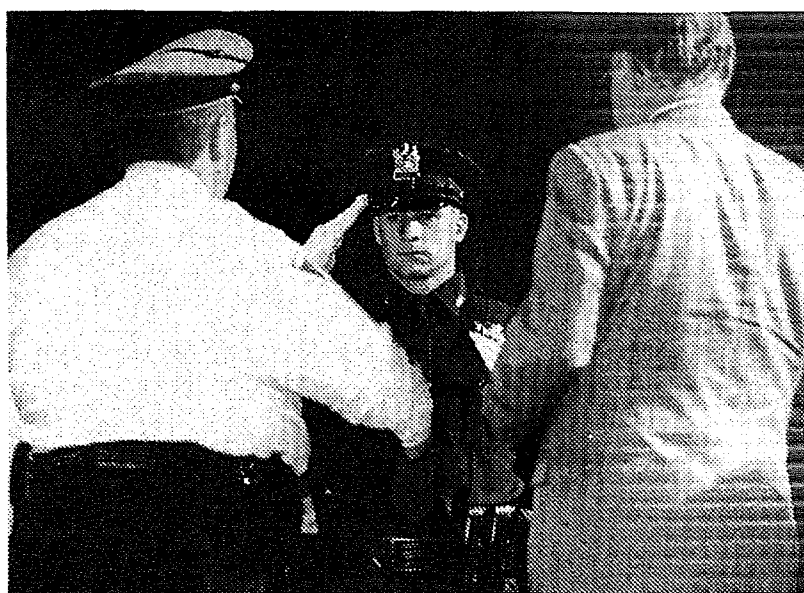


Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

Sean Thomas Holcomb of the Cranford Police Department salutes Mountainside Police Chief James Debbie, president of the Union County Police Chiefs Association, and Prosecutor Theodore Romankow as he receives his certificate at Monday's Police Academy graduation.

For 20 weeks, recruits arrived at the Stamler Police Academy at 5:30 a.m. and spent their day learning the basics of law enforcement.

Greg Giliece, a Union resident, said the academy has trained him well as he follows in his older brother's

footsteps and become a police officer in Union.

"Even before that I wanted to become a police officer," Giliece said. "Him becoming an officer just reinforced that."

## Primary winners turn attention to November races

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

Incumbent candidates throughout most of the legislative districts in Union County retained their party's nomination in the primary last week, as the candidates now prepare themselves to run for Assembly or Senate in November's general election.

### 20th District

Incumbent Assemblymen Joseph Cryan of Union and Neil Cohen of Roselle both won their party's nomination, with 3,548 and 3,914 votes in Union County, respectively.

The two incumbents beat Elizabeth Councilman Robert Jaspan, who received 2,457 votes within the county, and Elizabeth Board of Education member Jim Ford, who received 2,274 votes in Union County.

In the Senate race, incumbent Raymond Lesniak of Elizabeth won the party's nomination with 3,864 votes within the county, beating Stanley Moskal of Elizabeth, who received 1,812 votes in Union County.

Cryan said that the incumbents didn't need to put a whole lot of resources and promotion into their primary campaign because their leadership in previous years speaks for itself.

"November is going to be an active election and we're very confident, based on running as a team, the outstanding record of Senator Lesniak, Assemblyman Cohen," said Cryan. "We made a contribution as part of the Budget Committee and Appropriations Committee in helping to deal with the budget issues in the state. Hopefully the voters will see that and re-elect us."

The three incumbents will face opposition from three Republican candidates in November's election: Elizabeth Municipal Chairman Dan Nozza for Senate and for Assembly, former Elizabeth Councilman A. Tony Monteiro and Aristo Carranza of Elizabeth.

Also for Senate, Shawn Gianella, an independent from Union, has filed to run.

### 21st District

Union County GOP chairman Ron Frigerio said the contested Republican primary in the 21st District went the way the party expected, with incumbents Eric Munoz of Summit and Jon Bramnick of Westfield both easily winning their party's nomination for Assembly with 3,367 and 3,275 votes in Union County, respectively. They were challenged by Mountainside residents Betty La Rosa, who received 1,260 votes within the county, and Helen Ryan, who received 1,136 votes within the county, and former Assemblyman James Barry of Harding, who received 252 votes in Union County.

"Those challengers that came, I don't even know why they came. There were no substance to the issues against our candidates," said Frigerio.

Of the nine Union County municipalities in the 21st District, only the governing bodies of Garwood and Springfield are controlled by a Democratic Party majority.

"When you look at the towns in Union County that are from that district, they're all strong Republican towns from a local level," said Frigerio, explaining why the Republican Party has had such success in the 21st District.

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## Jail to be refinanced

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

By refinancing the remaining \$5.1 million still owed on the original bonds issued for the construction of the Union County Jail, the county will delay paying off the total amount for 20 years.

The county's old interest rate with the Union County Improvement Authority, the bonding agency for the county, was between 6 and 7 percent. By restructuring the debt with the UCIA, the county's interest rate will drop to approximately 4.12 percent over the life of the bond; 20 years.

"The interest rates are so low that if they did not restructure at this current rate it would be ridiculous," UCIA Executive Director Charlotte DeFilippo said.

Had the county not refinanced the old bonds for the jail, the principle of \$5.1 million would have been due this month. Instead, an initial payment of approximately \$218,000 will be due in June 2004, with additional payments between \$209,000 and \$457,000 due every year, culminating in a total amount of \$8.1 million being paid off by 2023.

"When interest rates are at a historic low you keep looking for ways to save money," County Manager George Devanney said.

However, DeFilippo said it would not be to the county's advantage to refinance again — with the cost of attorney fees and bond preparation work — unless interest rates drop to 1 percent.

"The county and municipalities always should be looking in this favorable market to restructure," said DeFilippo.

The jail, located on Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth, opened in 1990 and is currently holding 874 inmates. However, its population fluctuates from 830 inmates to 910 inmates, depending on how many state prisoners the facility must hold until a place can be found for them in a state jail.

"We haven't been up to 910 in a while now," said Director of Public Safety Harold Gibson. "We've been

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# Mayors split on eliminating county government

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dent, so was the split among suburban and urban communities.  
Linden Mayor John Gregorio said he's sure there are some aspects of county government that could be duplicated by local municipalities. However, he said, there are many services that could never be duplicated by municipalities.  
Linden has several county parks and roads within the city, of which the county is responsible for maintaining. "If it wasn't for county government we'd have to incur a lot more expense."  
The county does "a lot of things for the towns that the towns can't do on their own," Roselle Mayor Joseph Croteau said, adding that municipal and county government each have

"their own expertise."  
Union County Manager George Devaney said the county has always been willing to aid any town that has requested its help. "We're always willing to help whenever we can."  
Plainfield doesn't really fit into the category of suburban or urban, says Mayor Albert McWilliams, a Democrat. The state focuses its attention on major urban cities like Newark and Camden and is a little more removed from most towns. "It's hard to get their focus on Plainfield," he says, while the county has more regular involvement with the city.  
McWilliams, like many other mayors, was open to the idea of studying the efficiency of county government, a proposal currently in the Legislature, but "it's not a given that elimi-

nating county government," will reduce taxes, a notion echoed by mayors both Republican and Democrat.  
Winfield Mayor David Wright sees the possibility of consolidating municipalities, with a greater emphasis on sharing services, rather than eliminating county government and letting the state handle services. He points to Routes 22 and 1&9 and asked, "Tell me the state handles it better?"  
The disparity between suburban and urban towns can create conflict and competition, says Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks. "We don't have a lot in common with Elizabeth."  
Marks, a Republican, said there probably is a place for both municipal and county government.  
In a more rural state, it makes sense to have county government, he says, while municipal government is more effective in a densely populated state like New Jersey.  
He agreed road maintenance and police are services that municipalities could handle best but cited the Vocational-Technical School, located in Scotch Plains, as a prime example for county-run services. "It makes sense to have it on a county or regional basis."  
The county's \$335-million budget funds everything from the Rumlunds Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights, maintaining county parks, roads and golf courses, police and sheriff's office, Prosecutor's Office, social services and the county jail, among other things.

# Fund-raiser benefits Hospice

The Joseph Nugent Sr. Association of Union County will sponsor an Irish extravaganza to benefit the Center For Hope Hospice and Palliative Care Friday from 7 p.m. to midnight at the St. Helen's Parish Center, off Rahway Avenue, Westfield. There will be continuous Irish-American entertainment featuring The Willie Lynch Show Band, The Carrie Callahan Band, Round The House and Pipers.  
Admission is \$25 per person which includes beer, wine and soda.  
For information, call Co-Chairs Ann McGovern at 908-276-1179, Kathy Noon Rotondo at 908-352-1477 or Ray Lynch at 908-272-4940.

# Never around when you need one

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won't be off limits for new growth, the developers will be looking to squeeze even more into less space in these communities.  
The need for truth in labeling runs to wannabee officials as well. Ellen Steinberg, Assembly candidate for the Democrats in the 21st District is plastering the public streets with her slogan "Putting our communities first."  
Such an important assertion raises questions. If we haven't been first, who is? Also, if we are going to be the new number one, what happens to the old number one.  
Rita La Brutto, the Republican candidate for Township Committee in Cranford, has been putting out a glossy flier, with glowing endorsements by the three current Republicans on the local government. Among the points about Rita, we are told both that she is "a team player" and also "an independent thinker." That's an interesting balancing act.  
Meanwhile a Cranford Democrat announced that while Cranford taxes are going up, we should take some comfort in knowing that the value of our homes are also raising. The point is I'm not selling my house but I do have to pay the new taxes.  
There is never a court reporter around, when you need one.  
A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

# Incumbents fare well in primary election

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However, the Democratic primary isn't throwing in the towel as Ellen Steinberg of Chatham Township, who received 2,250 votes within the county, and former Cranford Mayor Norman Albert, received 1,798 votes in Union County, beat out Roselle Park Councilwoman Melanie Selk, who received 1,428 votes within in the county, to represent their party in November's Assembly race.  
Steinberg attributed her victory to her supporters working hard campaigning throughout the district. "We were very, very fortunate," she said, adding that her campaign is based on who she is and what she stands for: property tax relief and stop ping overdevelopment.  
Green Party candidates George DeCarlo and Ryan Reyes, both of Berkeley Heights have filed for November's Assembly election, as well as Millburn resident Joshua Jacobs, who is running on The Unemployed Party line.

In the Senate election, incumbent Republican Thomas Kean Jr. will run against Democratic candidate Francis McIntyre of Westfield and Green Party candidate Teresa Migliori-DiMatteo of Westfield.  
**22nd District**  
Incumbent state Sen. Joseph Suliga of Linden won the Democratic nomination over challenger Bill Campbell of North Plainfield. Suliga received 4,150 votes within the county compared to Campbell's 1,162 Union County votes.  
Suliga will join Assembly incumbents Linda Stender of Fanwood and Gerald Green of Plainfield on the Democratic ticket in November's election.  
For the Republicans, George Gore of Plainfield and Kevin Retcho of Linden are running for Assembly, along with Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks for Senate.  
Green Party candidates Rosalie Donatelli and Harold Relkin, both of Scotch Plains, have filed to run for Assembly.

# COUNTY NEWS

## Community blood drives

The Blood Center of New Jersey and the Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor the following blood drives:  
• Friday, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union.  
• Saturday, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., St. John the Apostle Church, 1805 Penbrook Terrace, Linden.  
• Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Genevieve Church, 200 Monmouth Road, Elizabeth.  
• June 17, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Inde-

pendence Community Bank, 1000 S. Elmora Ave., Elizabeth.  
• June 20, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the Board of Chosen Freeholders will sponsor a blood drive in the sixth-floor meeting room of the Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth; 5 to 8:30 p.m., Union YMCA, 201 Tucker Ave., Union.  
• June 21, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 1034 Jeanette Ave., Union; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

Masonic Lafayette Lodge, 1550 Irving St., Rahway.  
• June 22, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Deutscher Club, Featherbed Lane, Clark.  
• June 25, 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., Rahway Post Office, 123 E. Milton St., Rahway.  
• June 26, 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., Plainfield Post Office, 201 Watchung Ave., Plainfield; 3 to 8:30 p.m., Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, 875 Raritan Road, Clark.  
• June 27, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hos-

pital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union.  
Donors must be 17 years of age. There is no upper age limit to donors provided they meet health requirements. Donors should know their Social Security number and bring a signed or picture form of identification.  
For more information, call the Blood Center at 1-800-652-5663, ext. 140, or the Red Cross at 908-353-2500.

# UCIA works to refinance county jail

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in the middle 800s and slightly above that for the last several weeks."  
Gibson said the county is currently holding 60 inmates who have already been sentenced to a state facility.  
"They stay here a bit longer and depending on our ability to hold them, we may have, on any given day, between 70 and 80 inmates who are considered state inmates," said Gibson.  
The county used to house both state and federal inmates when it operated two jails, the older of which was closed in 2001. Gibson said that at times the county held upward of 1,500 total inmates, with state and federal inmates accounting for anywhere between 500 and 600 members

of the prison population.  
Union County Finance Director Lawrence Caroselli said the county refinanced its debt on the jail to help offset the loss of revenues incurred since the county no longer receives money for state and federal prisoners; which totaled \$8 million annually.  
However, the state continues to house some of its prisoners in the county facility but only until space opens up at a state jail.  
The state will reimburse the county \$57 per inmate, per day, which Gibson explained, is just about what the county spends on an inmate per day.  
When the federal government used to house prisoners in the county facility, the county was paid approximately \$69 per inmate, per day.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



GrooveLily — from left, keyboardist-vocalist Brendan Milburn, violinist-vocalist Valerie Vigoda and drummer Gene Lewin — combine their diverse musical backgrounds to create the band's sound. The trio will close out the Coffee With Conscience concert series in Westfield on June 21.

## Unique sound is born out of necessity

By Bill VanSant  
Associate Editor

Blend equal parts folk, rock, jazz, classical music and musical theater. Mix well, and give it almost a decade.

The end result is, of course, GrooveLily, the funk-folk trio that will close out the 2002-03 season at Coffee With Conscience on June 21 in Westfield.

GrooveLily comprises lead singer-electric violinist Valerie Vigoda, keyboardist-vocalist Brendan Milburn, and drummer Gene Lewin. Vigoda and Milburn not only collaborate on the trio, but on a duo, as well: the two are married in real life.

However, the marriage of styles that typifies the unique GrooveLily sound was born out of necessity.

"Val started this whole thing as the Valerie Vigoda Band. This was back in 1994," Milburn said. "She put out a solo album; she got all of her friends from the Washington, D.C., area to play on it. In the process of making it, she got a job offer in New York City doing sound design for Children's Television Workshop."

It was while working in New York City that the road to GrooveLily truly began.

"It became silly for her to keep bringing a seven-piece band up from the Washington, D.C. area," Milburn continued. "I stepped in on keyboards. Slowly she pared the band down and in the summer of 1995, we got the opportunity to play six nights a week at a club in Amsterdam." If shuttling band members from Washington to New York was impractical, transporting them to Europe was simply impossible. "So in order to do that, we pared everything down and found a way to make the songs work with just keyboard, violin and drums."

Vigoda points out that, were it possible to have afforded it, they would have brought along the guitar and bass. However, Milburn adds, it was through the necessity of minimizing musicians that "this wild and different sound was born."

From there, the trio picked up momentum and in the fall of 1995, "Jungle and Sky," the first GrooveLily album, was recorded. The following year, the original drummer quit the band, making way for Lewin to join the trio.

According to Milburn, the Amsterdam gig also proved to them that they could make a living with their music.

"We were beginning to live our dreams," Vigoda said.

GrooveLily is not just typified by its instrumentation, but also by the musical styles each member brings to the table. Vigoda, who hails from McLean, Va., started as a classical musician and singer of a cappella chamber music. San Franciscan Milburn began as a rock and roll piano player "who got sidetracked into musical theater."

"And Gene, until we twisted him to our means, was a jazz purist," Milburn added about the Princeton native.

"When I met Brendan, he was in the middle of getting his master's degree in musical theater at NYU," Vigoda said. "Any music that goes through the filter of Brendan can't help but have that little bit of craft."

Milburn adds that among his early influences on the rock front was Billy Joel. "More recently," he said, "I've been listening to Bruce Hornsby's more esoteric, peculiar stuff."

However, if there is such a thing as "the GrooveLily sound," it would be defined by the wailing riffs Vigoda provides on her six-string electric "Flying V" Viper violin, created by Mark Wood. "He's like the Jimi Hendrix of the violin," she said.

As with many things in GrooveLily's evolution, it was out of necessity that Vigoda's Viper violin jumped into the spotlight.

"One of my jobs in the band is to fill some of the stage that a guitarist would fill," she said. "And having all six strings also enables me to do a lot chordal accompaniment."

Those two extra strings also aid in creating a sound usually associated more with a cello or viola than a violin.

"I think you could take a four-string electric violin and also make it sound very 'guitary.' I think what the 'extra two strings' does is add some of the beefier, lower range," she said. Vigoda's Viper has a low F string.

The physical design of the Flying V is also beneficial to the musician-singer: the fact that it straps to the body enables Vigoda to shift seamlessly from playing to singing and back again within a song.

"It just makes what I do possible," she said. "It's kind of opened up new vistas of opportunity for me."

It's also opened up vistas for her bandmates. The fact that the guitar is replaced, in this case, by a violin has affected at least one other member of the trio.

"The violin frequently lends itself to playing long, flowing lines and the keyboard is by nature a percussive instrument," Milburn said. "I've never been a 'long-flowing' guy, I treat it as if it's a drum set. I'm the auxiliary percussionist."

GrooveLily not only has albums and concert tours to its credit: last winter, "Striking 12," the GrooveLily musical premiered in Philadelphia and will next play San Diego.

"Valerie has, at key moments, gone away to play with other famous people," Milburn said of his wife's tours with, among others, the Trans Siberian Orchestra with whom Vigoda played two years in a row during the holiday season, forcing GrooveLily to go on hold. "During the second time she did that, I took a writing break and I saw the show for the first time and I thought, 'OK, this is cool. Why aren't we doing this?'"

Loosely based on Hans Christian Andersen's "The Little Match Girl," "Striking 12" features the trio as performers. A December 2003 production is in the works.

"Essentially necessity is the mother of invention," Milburn said. "We are the living proof."

For information on GrooveLily's appearance on June 21 at Coffee With Conscience in Westfield, see the "Concerts" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B15.

## 'Grease' fails to live up to its rep

### On the Boards

By Bill VanSant  
Associate Editor

On the heels of the glorious "Camelot" and daring new productions like "Blue" and "Romeo and Juliet," "Grease" fails to deliver a finale worthy of the season just past at Paper Mill: The State Theater of New Jersey.

Yes, all the elements are there — including a few that didn't need to be — but on the whole, the production fails to live up to the show's reputation or the theater's hallmark for excellence.

Chief among my gripes here is the inclusion of four songs from the film version. Since when did Hollywood know better than Broadway? Adding "Hopelessly Devoted to You" and replacing "Alone at the Drive-In Movie" with "Sandy" are relatively harmless moves. But adding the dreadful, disco-driven title tune and the movie's finale, "You're the One That I Want," serves no purpose other than to diminish this fine theater's reputation for recognizing quality.

While on the subject of the musical numbers, sanitizing the lyrics to "Greased Lightnin'" was questionable. It's not a politically correct song, nor is it meant to be.

On the whole, the show lacks a certain galvanized energy, despite the high-spirited staging in many of the musical numbers by choreographers Jeffrey Amsden and Mark S. Hoebee, who also served as director. Not very much happens in this script, which suffers from its own structural flaws.

As a result, the show plays like glimpses into some of the not-so-remarkable moments in the lives of the senior class of Rydell High.

While the actors do serviceable jobs, very few rise to the level of three-dimensional in their characterizations of these high school archetypes. Leslie Kritzer stands out as tough-chick Betty Rizzo, investing nuance and subtle shadings into her performance. Jordan Ballard milks the role of opportunistic Marty for all it's worth, and Steven Bogard oozed slime from every pore as lecherous disc jockey Vince Fontaine. John Jeffrey Martin makes Kenickie a rather interesting character, imbuing a touch of goofiness into the coolness. And in her one-scene role, Stacey Harris is funny, fascinating and heart-breaking as Cha-Cha DiGregorio.

In the leading roles of Danny and Sandy, Andy Karl and Jennifer Hope Wills brought the requisite first-love tone to their relationship, but the "hopeless devotion" both of these lovers allegedly feel doesn't quite come across. Moving on to the next romance seems just as viable an option as pursuing this one. Both dis-

played excellent vocal prowess and stage presence, but lacked slightly in the believability of the romance.

Of the technical elements, James Fouchard's sets support the show's intention, and further the nostalgia with its diner-style chrome and neon. Lighting by F. Mitchell Dana was a little shadowy at times, and the sound design by Duncan Robert Edwards and David F. Shapiro hit a major stumbling block on "It's Raining on Prom Night." Rather than sounding like the two-voice duet it's intended to be, it really did sound like Sandy was singing along with the radio — points for realism — but the radio couldn't be heard over Wills' voice.

Hoebbe has staged the show with a brisk pace, which makes up somewhat for the "not much happens" aspect of the script, and he's coaxed more than one inspired performance from the economic cast of 18.

But on the whole, this "Grease" would have benefited greatly from not being tampered with, and could have stood some work in the area of energy. Since the powers that be obviously wanted Paper Mill audiences to see an approximation of the movie, a DVD rental would be cheaper.

"Grease" runs through July 27 at Paper Mill: The State Theater of New Jersey. Family Week at the Theater is July 1 to 6. For information, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B15.

### Chorus receives honors

Metro Rhythm Chorus, a Cranford-based chapter of Sweet Adelines International, returned a triple winner from the annual competition in Philadelphia.

The chorus received a second place award overall in this major competition, a first place award in the Small Chorus Division and an award ribbon for Most Improved Chorus. The chorus has now received awards in each of its five years of competition. "This annual competition in our region of the Sweet Adelines organization is our chance to showcase our vocal accomplishments for the past year," says Jo Lund, chorus director. "To come home with three awards is truly a thrill."

Even more thrilling is to hear the ringing a cappella sound this group produces. Their contest tunes, "Hard-Hearted Hannah" and "I Will Love You Till the End of Time," gave flavor of the group's range. The variety of style presented by the two songs displayed precise vocal singing and high energy resulting in the chorus' awards.

Metro Rhythm is a nonprofit chapter of Sweet Adelines International. This worldwide organization comprises more than 40,000 women who love to sing in four-part a cappella harmony. Although the Metro Rhythm chapter is based in Cranford, the 43 members reside throughout New Jersey and parts of Staten Island. The group practices in the First Presbyterian Church in Cranford on Wednesday nights and always welcomes newcomers who love to sing.

For information on the Metro Rhythm Chorus, contact Ruth Ruediger at 908-638-6661.



Jennifer Hope Wills and Andy Karl bring to life the roles of teen sweethearts Sandy Dumbrowski and Danny Zuko in 'Grease,' on stage at Paper Mill: The State Theater of New Jersey through July 27.

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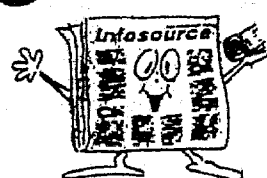
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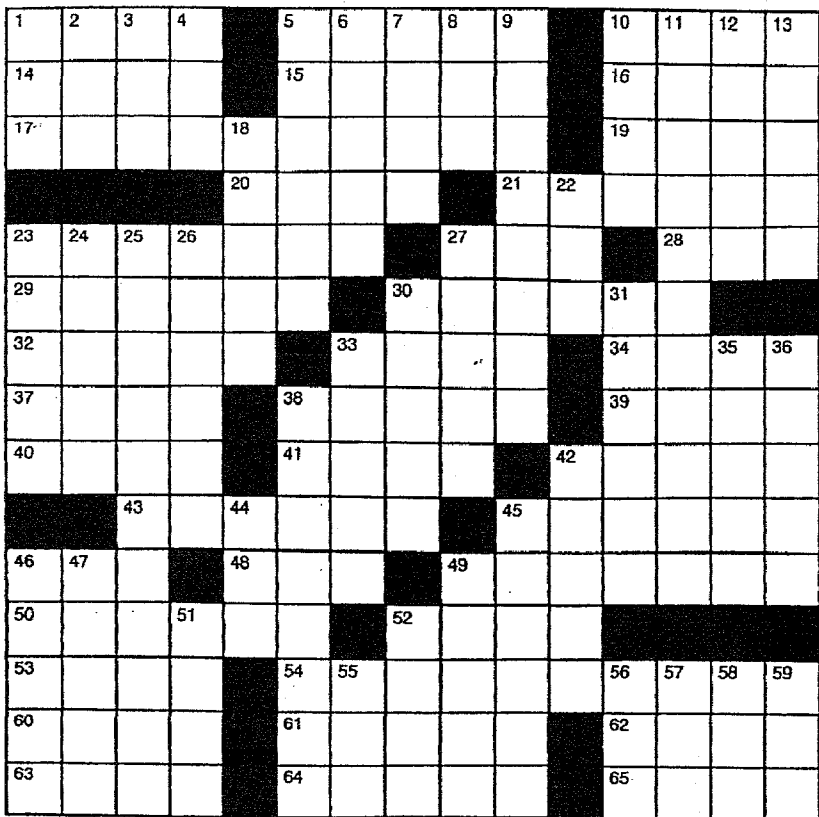
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# UCAC welcomes area kids this summer

For the eighth consecutive year, the Union County Arts Center in Rahway will offer a Summer Theater Workshop for children from kindergarten through eighth grade.

For two weeks in July, Children's Stage Adventures Inc. will conduct two children's theater workshops: "Oliver Twist," July 7 to 12, and "The Fisherman and His Wife," July 14 to 19. Both productions require a placement workshop and all pre-registered participants will be involved in the week's events. The audition process is necessary to better place children in the program. It allows them to put their "best foot forward" and is more about spirit, attitude and participation than talent.

The cost of the program is \$125

per child per week. If parents are registering more than one child, they may receive a discount. For more information and registration forms, call 732-499-8226 or visit [www.ucac.org](http://www.ucac.org). The Kiwanis Club of Rahway is the program's sponsor.

The Union County Arts Center is a not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to presenting quality performances. The theater is handicapped-accessible and group discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased by phone with a Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express, or in person at Ticket Central, 1601 Irving St. in Rahway.

Major support for the Union County Arts Center and its programs comes from the city of Rahway, Merck and

Co., the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Rahway Savings Institution and Liberty Bank. Other funding has been made possible by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State.

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## HOROSCOPE

### June 16-22

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): A tried-and-true method of planning or doing business no longer is as effective as you like. Think about it and make the necessary adjustments.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Take an unpredictable or adventurous approach in moneymaking activities and increase your income. When others turn right, move to the left.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21): Express your individuality with enthusiasm and flair. Refrain from being concerned or upset if accused of marching to a different drummer. Step high.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22): After a long wait, your financial plans finally start to take shape. Remain patient and continue to budget and save.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Thoughtfulness makes a difference. Liven up a dull and boring friendship. Surprise an associate with plans for a night on the town.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep from giving up prematurely on a pro-

posed business idea. With hard work and dedication, it has the potential to take off and prosper.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Colleagues relish in sharing with you unique philosophical or political ideas. As you sit down to discuss these matters, keep an open mind.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Avoid getting caught holding the bag in an investment scheme. Make sure that your partner is willing to hold up his end of the deal.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take an experimental approach to a new relationship. Go in with your eyes and heart open and trust until proven untrustworthy.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It is time to start paying more attention to your health and welfare. Choose an exercise program that best

fits your schedule.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Love is a powerful force in your life. With the wind at your back, a new relationship is destined to go far. Hold hands and set sail.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Elated best describes your reaction to a sudden windfall or lucky break. Do your best to be responsible and avoid spending it all in one place.

**If your birthday is this week**, plan to enjoy more creative or artistic activities during the coming year. Foreign or long-distance travel is also highly favored. Your current budget requires some minor changes to get you to a desired financial goal. Visualize yourself rich and start creating the circumstances necessary to bring it about. Expect the best from a loved one and you'll get it.

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## RUMMAGE SALE

**THURSDAY FRIDAY & SATURDAY**  
June 12th-14th, 2003

**EVENT:** St. Paul's Church Rummage Sale

**PLACE:** 414 East Broad Street, Westfield  
**TIME:** Thursday & Friday 9:30am-1:30pm, Saturday Bag Day 9:30am-11:30am

**PRICE:** Children's items, jewelry, antiques, china, clothing, household.

**ORGANIZATION:** St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Westfield

## OTHER

**THURSDAY**  
June 12th, 2003

**EVENT:** Charity Basket Raffle  
**PLACE:** Woman's Club of Maplewood, 60 Woodland Road

**TIME:** 7pm  
**PRICE:** \$7.00 includes entry sheet of raffle tickets and chance to win a door prize. Lots of beautiful baskets to raffle off! Special drawings and some surprises! Beverages and Home-made goodies on every table. Proceeds to care for the animals

**ORGANIZATION:** Jersey Animal Coalition

## OTHER

**THURSDAY**  
June 19th, 2003

**EVENT:** Open House to introduce the Master's Degree in Psychoanalysis to begin September 9th, 2003

**PLACE:** ACAP, 769 Northfield Avenue, Suite LL2, West Orange

**TIME:** 7pm-8pm  
**PRICE:** Free Admission. For informational call 973-736-7600 or [spseud@aol.com](mailto:spseud@aol.com) or [www.pcnj.org](http://www.pcnj.org)

**ORGANIZATION:** Academy of Clinical and Applied Psychoanalysis.

## MONDAY-FRIDAY

July 7th-August 15th, 2003

**EVENT:** Summer Camp  
**PLACE:** Saint Paul The Apostle School, 285 Nesbit Terrace, Irvington

**TIME:** 8am-3pm  
**PRICE:** \$100 a week. Breakfast, lunch, snacks, Field trips, Enrichment Classes, Art, Music, Sports, and fun fun fun!! Call 973-375-0659 for more information

**ORGANIZATION:** Saint Paul The Apostle School

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# County renews caregivers' program

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.

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](mailto:scoen@ucnj.org).

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# Life is often found despite environs

Three timelines converged in the last few weeks.

First, I have lived for 40 years at the same address in Summit. When my wife and I did civil rights open housing work in those early days, we routinely had to overcome the suspicion that we were "scum," as one neighbor put it, trying to bust the neighborhood.

Second, author Sloan Wilson died. He wrote "The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit" which, along with "The Lonely Crowd" and "Gentleman's Agreement," portrayed the post-World War II alienation among the country club set.

And third, my youngest son, Josh, graduated from Columbia Law School, having entered law school late after professional stints with politicians and educational groups as press aide.

These markers and milestones set me to thinking about influences on life's path, where the future so quickly becomes the past. Author Annie Proulx focused me, as I read her recent novel, "Ace in the Hole," about lives lived in a disappearing west Texas hardscrabble cowpoke culture. As in her "The Shipping News," Ms. Proulx is a master at detailing the human intricacies of life's adventure outside the norm. Well, my life has not been "hardscrabble," or Grey flannel, so to speak, working as I have all over the world on environmental problems, but it is in the details of that life that I found variety and divergence from the programmed and expected.

Anyway, my son, Josh, like his

## On the Arts

By Jon Plaut

brothers, David and Jeff, was brought up here in suburban Summit, and while they mostly enjoyed the experience, I think, they never succumbed to it. Each were athletes and honor graduates in high school and college, but the suburban life provided little assurance or incentive for them, beyond providing the location for a stable and loving family which supported their questioning and seeking of new experience.

David, our oldest, wrote in the high school newspaper before graduation that he couldn't wait to get to Johns Hopkins and its wider stage, in spite of his scholar-athlete award, given to him after his doctor and I spirited him from the hospital where he was being treated for a lacrosse injury. Jeff, captain of the high school soccer and basketball teams, complained to us — he was more discreet — when he was named Summit Student of the Year, before he went to Brown, that the school principal had little concept of them as individuals, marketing their futures like a business magnet. Josh was an all-state lacrosse player and went to Yale but, more to the point, when he was president of the junior high he spoke at graduation telling the parents and teachers that they were not thugs, just kids. The mayor had ordered a drug raid on the junior high school, in a really shame-

ful incident.

Admiration for their physical and intellectual development within a progressive and very protective Jewish culture was shared with them mostly by the actions by both grandparents and parents. However, we kidded ourselves that it was the town or its affluent suburban culture that made the difference for our sons. We knew the critical factor was family and an understanding that there was more to life than what immediately surrounded us, as pleasant as that might be. We used to tell our sons to keep their minds open. We would tell them it was us and them but, for their futures, mostly them.

Neither the Grey flannel competitive life nor a phony, suburban, good-old-boy canny chumminess emerged in their persona. They are their own selves, connected to us but no longer the predictable property of their parents' ways.

Jacob Bronowski wrote in his seminal work, "The Ascent of Man" that "evolution is founded in variety and creates diversity ..." Grey flannel and hard scrabble west Texas are but two varieties, as is, I guess, the affluent country club model in the aspiring crowd. The next generation — including my grandchildren — continues to take and reject, creating new patterns and diversity, but not so as to unwisely limit choice. The foolish, pseudo-scientific/religious nonsense portrayed in the sophomore movie, "The Matrix," has simply got it all wrong, but that is another column.

Jon Plaut is a resident of Summit.

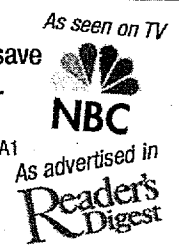
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During this witching hour, fans who want to be the first to own the latest book in this enormously popular series can enjoy "Midnight Magic," Harry Potter-related contests, games, giveaways and more. The party begins at 9 p.m. and will include a Harry Potter Look-Alike Contest, Harry Potter Dictionary, and some very special crafts. Books will be available for sale at midnight. Readers of all ages are invited to enjoy one of the biggest literary events of the year.

"The anticipation surrounding the release of the Harry Potter books has been unprecedented," said Jeffrey Parsons, store manager of Barnes and Noble Inc. "In response to customer demand, we will stay open past midnight in order to provide an opportunity for those who wish to be among the first to purchase a copy of 'Harry Potter V' and have loads of fun at the same time."

Barnes and Noble has also announced a Potter sweepstakes and issued a Harry Potter gift card. On June 1, Barnes and Noble kicked off its "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" Sweepstakes. Customers can pick up a special decoder card and at any Barnes and Noble store and log on to Barnes and Noble's special sweepstakes Web site, [www.harrypottersweeps.com](http://www.harrypottersweeps.com), to win hundreds of prizes. The grand prize is an all-expenses-paid trip for four to Harry Potter's England. No purchase is necessary. Four decoder cards make up the collector set, and the sweepstakes winner will be announced Aug. 1.

Barnes and Noble is also producing a special edition of its popular gift card that features artwork from the latest Harry Potter book cover. Gift cards are available in any denomination from \$5 on up and are redeemable at any Barnes and Noble store and online at the Barnes and Noble Web site, [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com).

## Saturday's house tour to aid Red Cross initiatives

Step inside five prestigious homes and Grace Episcopal Church in the historic area of Plainfield when homeowners on Watchung Avenue, Hillside Avenue and Carlton Avenue will be opening their doors Saturday.

All homes are located three blocks from each other, so come enjoy a stroll through some of Plainfield's loveliest avenues. Home tours will be from noon to 4 p.m. The stately Grace Episcopal Church, listed on both national and state historic registers, will be open between 1 and 3 p.m. View the wonderful Tiffany windows and more.

To see these great and gloriously restored homes, tickets can be purchased in advance for \$15 at Rena's Diner, South Avenue, Plainfield; Swain's Gallery, Seventh Street and

Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, 908-756-1707; The Gift Monkey, East Broad, Westfield, 908-232-6300; The Artist Frammer, North Avenue, Cranford, 908-931-1133, or the American Red Cross Chapter Offices, 332 W. Front St., Plainfield, 908-756-6414, ext. 20, and 203 W. Jersey St., Elizabeth, 908-353-2500, ext. 22.

Tickets can be purchased on the day of the event for \$20 at 1000 Hillside Ave., Plainfield.

Donation are tax-deductible and House Tour proceeds will support Red Cross Local Disaster Relief Fund. For information about volunteer opportunities and blood drives, or to make a donation, contact the chapter at 908-756-6414, ext. 20, because "Together We Can Save a Life." The American Red Cross is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization.

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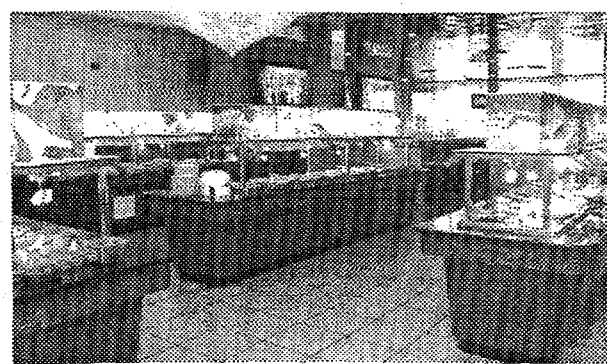
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When seated, my companions and I gave our drink orders and approached the buffet. The buffet offerings were amazing. Imagine more than 150 items to choose from — even the pickiest of eaters would be satisfied here. Everything is prepared beautifully and so fresh. It's impossible to sample everything here — so much to choose from. We did try the snow crab legs, roast chicken, lobster, peppered shrimp, barbecued spare ribs, roast pork, pork fried rice, chicken and broccoli, Gen. Tso's chicken, shrimp chow mein, vegetable lo mein, beef with garlic sauce, sushi and the Mongolian barbecue. Everything was so good, so fresh, so wonderfully prepared.

"Absolutely fabulous" are the only words that describe this abundant feast. Such a value for your money, nowhere can you have all the high-end food offered at such low prices as at Silver Dragon. The staff is also wonderful, very courteous and attentive.

Now for dessert. We were really so satisfied, but we did sample only a small portion of what was offered. Flan, all types of mini pastries, ice cream, fruit, puddings — everything so decadent and good. Before we left, we met one of the owners, Alvin, a charming young man from China, whose main focus was making sure all of his customers were satisfied — how could they not be? Alvin told us one of his chefs was from Hong Kong, one chef from China and one from a five-star restaurant in New York — a winning combination by the taste of the food. Everyone should try this restaurant. You won't be disappointed, and surely you will return over and over!

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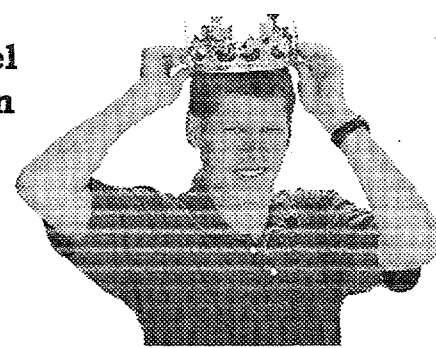
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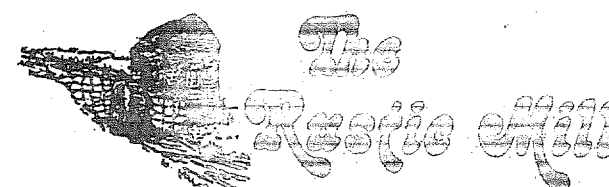
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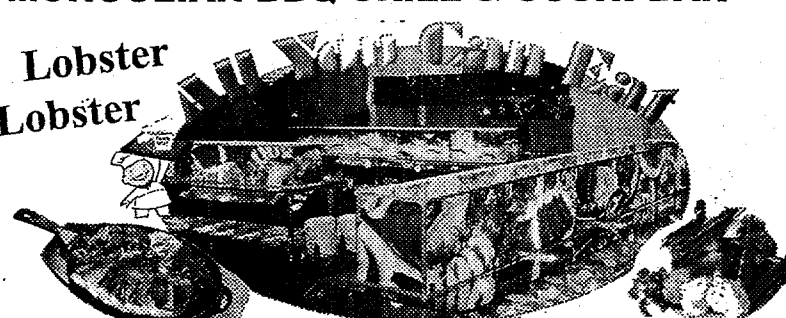
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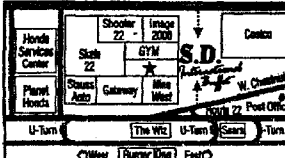
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# Classic doo-wop to headline concert at Kean Univ. this Saturday

Jay Siegel and The Tokens, joined by Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee Shirley Alston Reeves of The Shirelles, will have Kean University's Wilkins Theater rocking June 14 at 8 p.m.

Kean University is located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. Tickets are \$25 to \$35 for the general public; \$20 for senior citizens and Kean faculty, staff and alumni, and \$15 for students. For information, call 908-737-7469.

A singer, record arranger and producer, Siegel is associated with some of the most popular music in American history. As the lead singer of The Tokens, a Brooklyn-based group formed in the mid-1950s along with future solo star Neil Sedaka, Siegel sang his signature falsetto on most of their hits, including "The Lion Sleeps Tonight." The legendary 1961 pop song was recently ranked No. 15 of the top 365 records of the 20th century by the National Endowment for the Arts and Record-

ing Industry of America, and has sold more than 12 million copies. What's more, the song has made three separate entries onto the Billboard charts, in the 1960s, 1970s and again in the 1990s, the latest instance sparked by "The Lion King," the Disney motion picture that later became a Broadway musical.

Jay Siegel and The Tokens have also produced many American pop classics, including The Chiffons' "One Fine Day" and "He's So Fine;" Randy and The Rainbows' "Denise;" Tony Orlando and Dawn's "Candida," "Knock Three Times" and "Tie a Yellow Ribbon," as well as "I Got Rhythm" and "See You in September" by The Happenings.

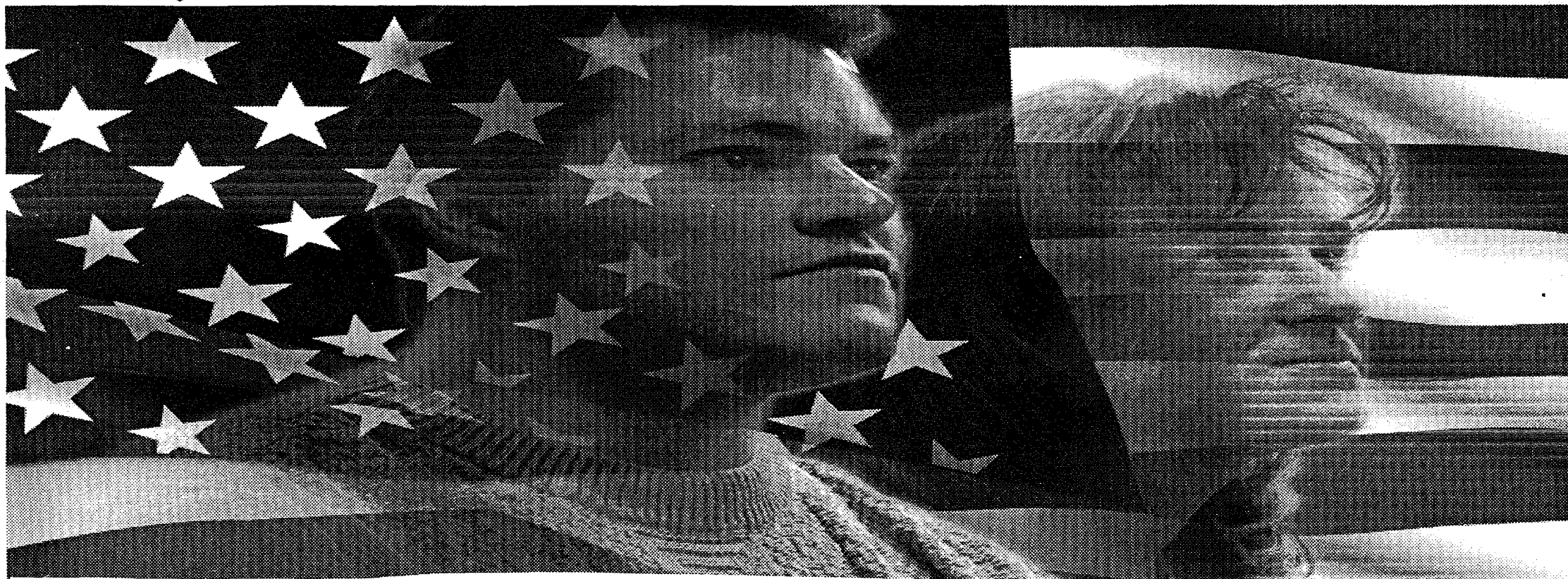
The band's best-known million-selling songs include "Portrait of My Love," "I Hear Trumpets Blow" and "He's in Town." The band also recorded the hit "In the Midnight Hour" under the name Cross Country. The Tokens' first hit, "Tonight I Fell in Love," was released

in 1961 and peaked at No. 15 on the Billboard. The Tokens also enjoyed success recording commercial jingles in the 1970s and 1980s for such products as Benson and Hedges cigarettes, "Silly Millimeter Longer;" Pan American Airlines, "Pan Am Makes the Going Great," and Clairol Hair products, "She Lets Her Hair Down." The group was recently featured on the popular PBS production, "Doo Wop 51."

In 1957, while attending Passaic High School, The Pequellos, with Shirley Alston Reeves as lead singer, were discovered and recorded after performing in a talent show. Their first single release, "I Met Him on a Sunday," penned by the singers collectively, was an instant success. The group, now named The Shirelles, became famous worldwide while recording for the Scepter Records label.

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## FLAG DAY JUNE 14



### How to Display the Flag



1. When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street or to the east in a north and south street.



2. The flag of the United States of America, when it is displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, should be on the right, the flag's own right (that means the viewer's left), and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.



3. When the flag is displayed in a manner other than by being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out. When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window it should be displayed in the same way, that is with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street. When festoons, rosettes or drapings are desired, bunting of blue, white and red should be used, but never the flag.



4. When the flag is used to cover a casket, it should be so placed that the union is at the head and over the left shoulder. The flag should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground.



5. The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.



6. When the flag of the United States is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from the window sill, balcony, or front of a building, the union of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half-staff.



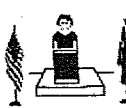
7. That the flag, when carried in a procession with another flag, or flags, should be either on the marching right; that is, the flag's own right, or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.



8. When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height. The flags should be of approximately equal size. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace.



9. When the flag is suspended over a sidewalk from a rope extending from a house to a pole at the edge of the sidewalk, the flag should be hoisted out, union first, from the building.



10. When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium on or off a podium, the flag of the United States of America should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the clergyman or speaker (to the right of the audience).

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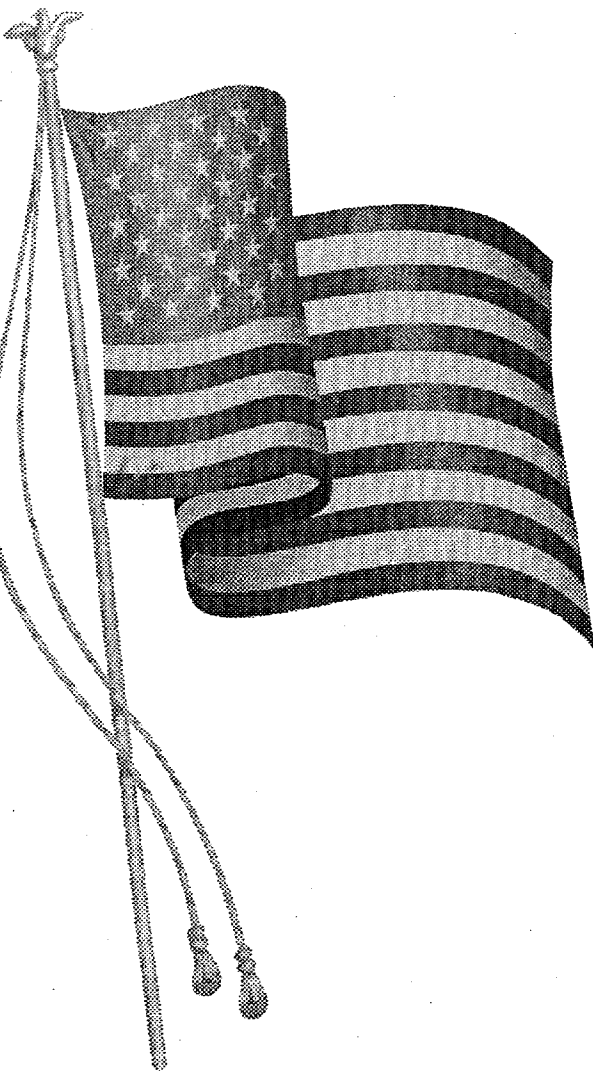
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# HEALTHY LIVING!!

## Union Hosp. honors employees' service

Union Hospital honored its employees for their years of dedication at its annual Service Awards Dinner. Awards were presented to employees for five, 10, 15, 20, 30 and 35 years of service.

"We congratulate our employees for their dedicated service and loyalty," said Union Hospital Executive Director Kate Coyne.

"They are an essential part of the tremendous growth our institution has achieved over the past several years," she added.

The following employees were honored at the dinner:

For 35 years of service, Martin Jacques of Linden.

For 30 years, Lea Dobbins of Cranford.

For 20 years, Irma Braunig and Eleanor Maroyka of Union; Gladys David of East Orange; Margaret Dechellis and James Masterson of Cranford; Gail Hawkins of Roselle, and Donna Petrosky of Roselle Park.

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Prospective parents can call the KidsPeace New Jersey hot line at 800-837-9102 to find out if they qualify to become foster parents. If qualified, KidsPeace New Jersey will schedule each person for an orientation.

## HEALTH

### Volunteers are needed for Cornell Hall program

Cornell Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, a 177-bed long-term care facility located in Union, is requesting volunteers for the Silver Spoons program.

Silver Spoons is a dining assistance program for residents who needs help during mealtimes.

Volunteers are needed from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 to 5 p.m., especially during weekends and holidays. All volunteers will be asked to participate in a brief education program.

For information about the Silver Spoons program or to volunteer, contact the Recreation Department at 908-624-2317.

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To become a hospice volunteer, call 973-379-8444.

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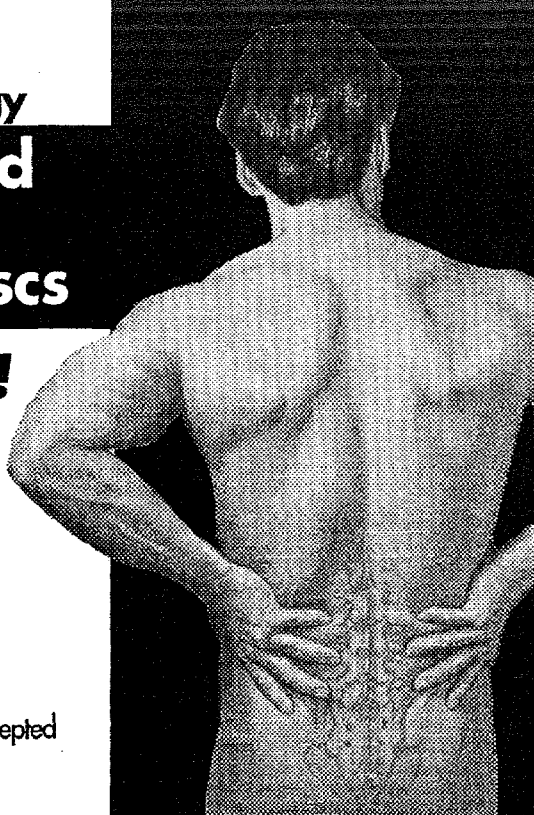
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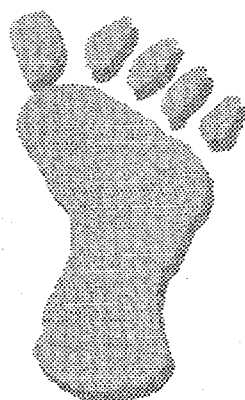
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# Leisure Lifestyles The Cook's Nook

## Recipes, tips help make '3-A-Day' requirements fun and tasty

Anything that can help make moms' lives easier and improve their family's health isn't just welcome, it's vitally important.

That's why the American Dairy Association/National Dairy Council launched the "3-A-Day of Dairy" campaign — to motivate moms to make sure their families eat three servings of dairy a day to help build stronger bones and better bodies.

In fact, a recent survey of more than 800 moms nationwide demonstrated the need for just such a campaign. Three key findings include:

- Nearly half of moms think they're getting enough calcium each day — 48 percent; however, the USDA confirms that 75 percent of Americans are not meeting calcium recommendations. Similarly, 76 percent of these same moms think their children are getting enough calcium a day — and USDA data confirms otherwise.

- Nearly all moms are aware that milk is a good source of calcium — 93 percent; but far fewer are aware that cheese — 48 percent — and yogurt — 23 percent — are, too.

- Only one out of three moms drink milk daily, averaging less than one serving a day.

Moms agree there's nothing more satisfying than serving their kids wholesome dairy products they know taste great and are great for them. Eating "3-A-Day of Dairy" is as easy as 1-2-3:

1. **Look for the logo** appearing on packages of milk, cheese and yogurt products showing they are an excellent source of calcium — provides 20 percent of more of the Daily Value. The logo serves as a reminder to get the maximum recommended number of dairy servings daily from the Food Guide Pyramid.

2. **Eat your favorite flavors of dairy.** Seek out milk, snackable cheeses and portable yogurt. There are a wide variety of choices found in dairy cases nationwide, from flat to

flavored, and all kinds of new and convenient packaging.

3. **Take a "3 p.m. Break" every day.** Take a "3-A-Day" break every day to tally daily dairy servings. If falling short, it's a good time to work in another one. Add notes to lunches or post a dairy tracker — available at [www.3aday.org](http://www.3aday.org) — on the fridge to remind the family and make sure they get a third serving at dinner if they need it.

"'3-A-Day of Dairy' makes it easy for moms to get their families the right amount of calcium by telling us exactly how many dairy servings to eat each day," says Elizabeth Ward, registered dietitian, author and mother of three. "That's why moms across the country will pick up on it. It's just so easy and makes so much sense."

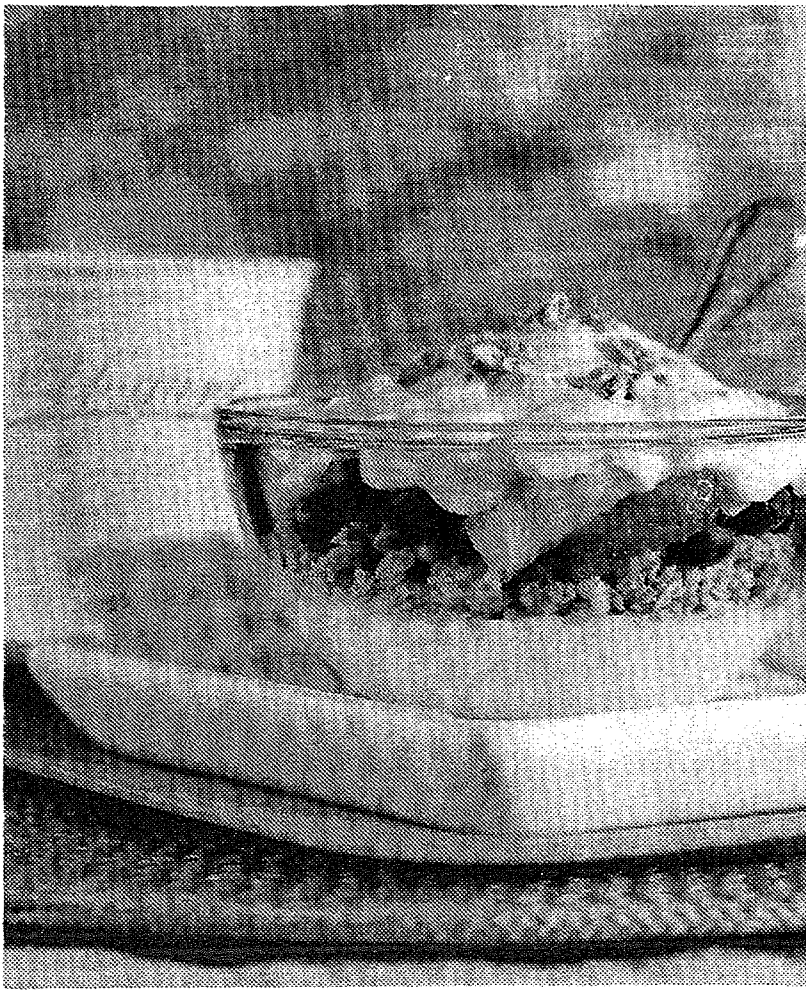
Here are three other things moms need to know:

- Like mother, like daughter. Studies show that when moms drink milk regularly, their daughters do, too. In other words, modeling healthful behavior really does work.

- Doctors agree on "3-A-Day of Dairy" for stronger bones and better bodies. In fact, leading health organizations, including the American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Medical Association and the American Dietetic Association, support "3-A-Day of Dairy."

- The "3-A-Day" logo only appears on milk, cheese and yogurt products with 20 percent or more of the Daily Value of calcium and is easy to spot in the dairy case.

Moms can visit [www.3aday.org](http://www.3aday.org) for all they need to know about "3-A-Day of Dairy," including family-friendly recipes and the latest news on the calcium front. Also, they can register for a free "Mom Tool Kit" with recipes, expert tips and coupons, and sign up to receive the "3-A-Day" e-newsletter, Get 3!, filled with valuable solutions and subscriber-only freebies.



This Pleasin' Yogurt Breakfast Parfait isn't just for breakfast. This tempting treat can be a nutritious after-school snack or a refreshing summer dessert.

The "3-A-Day of Dairy" consumer education campaign is managed by the American Dairy Association/National Dairy Council. The ADA/NDC is committed to the long-term support of "3-A-Day" and is managed by Dairy Management Inc., the nonprofit domestic and international planning and management organization responsible for increasing demand for U.S.-produced dairy products on behalf of America's dairy farmers.

face, roll dough to form a 9-by-14-inch rectangle, about 1/4 inch thick. Transfer to prepared baking sheet.

Spread pizza sauce over half of the dough. Sprinkle cheese over entire piece of dough to within a half inch of all of the edges. Layer broccoli on one half of the 14-inch side — the long side — of the dough. Fold dough in half over the cheese and broccoli filling. Seal edges of the calzone by pressing with the tines of a fork. Brush top with butter.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until crust is lightly browned. Allow to cool for 5 minutes before cutting.

**Nutritional information: Per Serving: Calories, 325; Fat, 10g; Saturated Fat, 4g; Calcium, 238mg.**

*Recipe created by Elizabeth Ward M.S., R.D., and mother of three.*

### Pleasin' Yogurt Breakfast Parfait

**Yield: 1 serving**

**Prep time: 5 minutes**

1 cup lowfat vanilla yogurt

1/2 cup crunchy lowfat cereal or granola divided

1/2 cup fresh fruit, sliced (i.e. strawberries, blueberries, pineapple)

To assemble parfait, begin with yogurt in the bottom of a bowl or tall glass. Add 2 tablespoons cereal and 1/4 cup fruit. Repeat. Top with remaining 2 tablespoons of cereal.

**Nutritional information: Per Serving: Calories, 434; Fat, 4g; Saturated Fat, 2g; Calcium, 435 mg.**

*Recipe created by Elizabeth Ward.*

### Shamrock Milk Mixer

**Yield: 1 serving**

**Prep time: 5 minutes**

1 cup lowfat milk

2 tablespoons Jell-o Pistachio Flavor Instant Pudding and Pie Filling

1/2 crushed chocolate mint sandwich cookie

Pour 1 cup of milk into a glass.

Add 2 tablespoons of Jell-o Pistachio Instant Pudding and stir with a fork to dissolve. Stir in cookie.

**Quick Tip:** Crush the cookie by

placing in a small plastic bag and crush using a rolling pin or with your hands.

**Nutritional Information: Per Serving: Calories, 210; Fat, 4g; Saturated Fat, 2g; Calcium, 300 mg.**

*Recipe created by Elizabeth Ward.*

### Fun, Easy, Great-Tasting '3-A-Day' Tips for Mom

The dairy case has something for everyone — from fat-free to reduced-fat varieties — families can choose milk, cheese or yogurt products to meet their taste and nutritional needs. Try the following fun and simple solutions to get your family on their way to "3-A-Day."

**At home**

**Better Breakfasts:** Encourage your kids to drink breakfast. Use breakfast cereal bowls with built-in straws to easily sip up calcium-rich milk once the cereal is gone. If you can't find the bowls, serve cereal with a straw.

**Polka Dot Milk:** Fill circular ice trays with chocolate, strawberry and orange flavored milk. Serve the festive milk cubes in every glass of milk for fun, tasty "polka dots."

**Homework Helper:** When kids are hitting the books, offer up a nutritious snack that fuels bodies and strengthens bones. Mix instant pudding with milk and then freeze in paper cups for a great-tasting, ready-to-eat study break.

**Fun Fondue:** Kids love to play with their food. Have them dunk slices of fruit into creamy vanilla yogurt. Or try mild mozzarella cheese cubes dipped in tomato sauce for a savory pizza fondue.

**Dippity Do Da:** For an easy appetizer or an after-school snack, combine creamy, plain yogurt with zesty taco seasoning or onion soup mix. Serve as a delicious dip with chips, breads, crackers or veggies.

**Finger-Lickin' Good:** Give kids a yogurt "palette." With a plate and two

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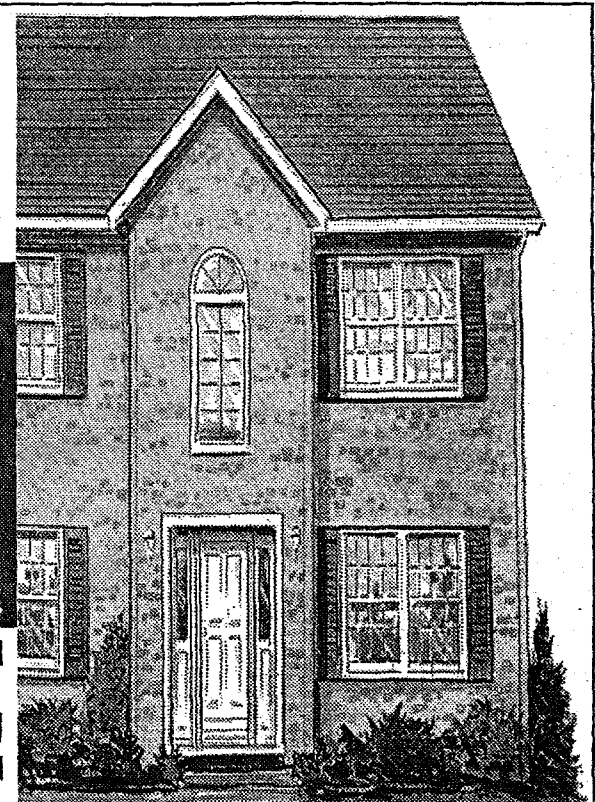
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## NEWS CLIPS

## 'Mikado' bows in Summit

"The Mikado" by Gilbert and Sullivan closes the Stony Hill Players 2002-03 season.

This is easily one of Gilbert and Sullivan's most famous works and arguably the most popular ever written. Set in Imperial Japan, this story of love and trickery is the perfect vehicle for Gilbert's wit and satire aimed at the foibles of human nature. Gilbert's lyrics and Sullivan's melodies have charmed audiences for more than a century, but they are still as fresh as "the flowers that bloom in the spring."

"The Mikado" takes place in the town of Titipu and features many

beloved characters including Ko Ko, the Lord High Executioner with his "little list" of potential victims. David Cantor returns from playing Admiral Joseph in last season's production of "H.M.S. Pinafore" to portray Ko Ko. The role of Mikado, Imperial Emperor of Japan, is brought to life by two actors: Wayne Hu, a newcomer to SHP, and Gregory Wright, who also played The Captain in "Pinafore."

"The Mikado" will be performed through June 22, Fridays to Sundays, with no performance June 20. Shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, at Summit Middle School, 272 Morris Ave, Summit. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for

students with I.D. Group rates are available. For information and reservations, call 908-464-7716.

## Choral director is sought

Summit Chorale, mid-sized and auditioned, is looking for a music director/conductor beginning in September 2004 to provide artistic vision and lead all aspects of preparation for three performances per year between September and May, some with orchestra.

Auditions in Madison during the fall of this year. Requirements for the position are a master's degree in conducting or equivalent experience, extensive vocal experience as singer and voice teacher, highly developed choral and orchestral conducting skills, broad knowledge of the choral literature, and a passion for creative programming. Applicants should submit a resume, three letters of recommendation, full repertoire list, tape/CD of performances, videotape of rehearsal, and representative concert programs by Aug. 15.

For detailed application requirements and/or more information, view the job description at the Web site at [www.summitchorale.org](http://www.summitchorale.org). Send questions via e-mail to Susan Blum at [sueblum8@yahoo.com](mailto:sueblum8@yahoo.com), or phone her at 908-781-1974.

## Union Music School has registration for summer

The Union Music School has announced mail-in registration for its 49th annual summer session, slated from July 1 through 31, 9 a.m. through 12:15 p.m. daily.

In-person registration will take place Saturday at Kawameeh Middle School from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

It will be held at Kawameeh Middle School, which is easily accessible from Chestnut Street or Morris Avenue in Union. Before and after care are also available daily for a nominal charge. Tuition is \$310 per

child with family discounts.

Many new courses in 2002 and 2003 for students in grades Pre-K thru 12 include Musical Art, Origami and Paper Art, Art With the Artists, Wood Sculpture and Design, Songwriters, and Creative Illustrated Advertising. Also, the musicals under consideration are "Alice in Wonderland" or a revue for grades three to seven, and "Little Shop of Horrors" for grades eight to 12; final selections depend on enrollment.

Parents wishing to have a brochure mailed to them with complete information are asked to provide their name and mailing address, preferably via e-mail, which can be sent to [unionmusicschool@aol.com](mailto:unionmusicschool@aol.com).

Faxes may be sent to 908-687-7332, and phone inquiries should be directed to Mrs. Frain at 908-851-6470. The Union Music School can be reached via mail at P.O. Box 3566, Union, 07083-1895.

## Skulski exhibits Milek

The Skulski Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation of Clark will present an exhibit of pastels by Ryszard Milek through June 20.

Milek born in Poland in 1955, graduated from the Secondary School of Fine Arts in Tarnow and from Catholic University of Lublin, where he studied art history. He draws, paints and writes artistic critiques. For several years he taught art history at WSB-NLU, also in primary and secondary schools. Milek belongs to the Polish Pastel Artists Association, where he is a secretary. The most important exhibits took place in cities such as Krakow, Lublin, Gdansk, Torun, Gdynia and others. In 1996, he won first prize at the Polish Biennale of Pastel Drawings. He is also a member of Fine Arts and Poetry in Krakow. His works can be found in many private and public collections in Poland, England, France, Sweden, the Vatican, Italy, Austria, Norway and in the United States.

"Milek tells us about beautiful, therefore very important, things; about the physical and spiritual aspects of a man, which are shown in his nudes and iconic silhouettes of saints, surrounded by metaphysical light and similar dreamlike architecture; about Heralean panta-

rhei in its dreamlike smoothness, slight leaning and emotion that can be felt and that is turned into the inner emotion of the work," Jersey Madeski.

The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway in Clark. The Skulski Gallery is open to the public Tuesdays to Fridays, 5 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Aleksandra K. Nowak at 732-382-7197.

## Guild seeks artists for annual juried exhibition

The Arts Guild of Rahway is seeking artworks from artists who live or work in Union County for "Celebrating Excellence: The Merck 2003 Juried Union County Art Show."

This marks the fifth consecutive year that this exhibit will be held at the Arts Guild of Rahway.

Artists may submit as many as three slides for consideration. All media will be considered, except sculpture due to the multiple use of the art gallery for The Arts Guild Music Series. Craftwork is also not accepted. The maximum size for submitted works is 36 by 36 inches framed. There is no fee required to submit slides. For an entry form and/or prospectus, contact Lawrence Cappiello at 732-381-7511. No entries will be accepted without an official entry form and compliance with conditions.

Jurors for the exhibit this year are Hugo Bastidas, artist, Fulbright Fellow, professor of art at New Jersey City University; Johann Jochowitz, artist, professor of art at Kean University; Nancy J. Ori, photographer, New Jersey Media Center, and an instructor at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts and Somerset Art Center.

In-hand deadline for submission of slides is July 31. Judging will take place in early August and artists whose work is selected for the exhibit will be held notified by late August.

The exhibit will be held at the Arts Guild of Rahway from Oct. 19 through Nov. 14.

"Celebrating Excellence" is a partnership exhibit sponsored and organized by the Arts Guild of Rahway in collaboration with the Union County Division of Cultural

and Heritage Affairs and funded by Merck and Co. Inc.

The Arts Guild of Rahway is a nonprofit multidisciplinary center for the arts located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, visit [www.rahwayartsguild.org](http://www.rahwayartsguild.org), call 732-381-7511 or send e-mail to [artsguild1670@earthlink.net](mailto:artsguild1670@earthlink.net).

## State's pro theaters will conduct annual auditions

The New Jersey Theater Alliance, the consortium of the state's professional Actor's Equity theaters, will hold auditions Aug. 18 and 19 for Equity performers, and Aug. 20 for non-Equity performers.

Auditions will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in New Brunswick, by appointment only. Preference will be given to New Jersey-based actors. More than 20 professional New Jersey theaters are expected to attend including representatives from McCarter Theater, Paper Mill, George Street Playhouse, the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey and Two Rivers Theater Company, along with many others.

To enter the lottery:

A. Send one 8x10 headshot with attached resume. Send a copy of your Equity card if you are a member of the union.

B. Indicate whether or not you intend to sing as part of your audition.

C. Indicate if you are a New Jersey resident or have access to New Jersey housing.

D. Send self-addressed stamped .37 business-size envelope. Any entry without a self-addressed stamped envelope will be disallowed.

E. Mail entries to the New Jersey Theater Alliance, 17 Cook Ave., Madison, 07932. The entry must be postmarked by June 27, 2003.

Failure to follow all of the above directions will cause an entry to be rejected from the lottery. Actors will be notified by mail of their audition appointment, so it is extremely important that the stamped self-addressed envelope have a current address. The audition site in New Jersey is easily accessible by car, train and bus. Directions will be sent if an actor is selected for an appointment.

All of New Jersey's professional theaters are equal opportunity employers. Actors of color and actors with disabilities are encouraged to submit their pictures/resumes for this audition.

## Guild announces summer kids' camp

This summer, the Arts Guild of Rahway is offering a new program for children ages 7 to 14: The Kids Summer Art Camp.

For four weeks while children are out of school, the Guild is making available a fun-filled opportunity for young children to receive high-level instruction about creating art from a staff of talented artists and teaching professionals.

During a typical one-week session of the camp, children will explore their creativity as they work on intensive projects in drawing, acrylic painting, printmaking, watercolor, collage, assemblage and other creative avenues.

If your child has been interested in drawing or painting, or making art of any kind, whether or not they have received art instruction in school, the Art Camp projects will introduce them to another level of artistry and the new possibilities for their budding talent.

The Art Camp will be offered as four separate week-long sessions: July 7 to 11, July 14 to 18, July 21 to 25, and July 28 to Aug. 1.

The Art Camp is available for children ages 7 to 14. Weekly camp hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Rates are \$275 per week. This fee is for the 25 hours of camp per week and includes all art materials and supplies needed as well as drinks and snacks for a daily break. Students are responsible for bringing their own lunch.

Full payment is due at time of registration to ensure a place for the child in the program.

Weather permitting, children will have lunch outside on the lawn surrounding the Guild. The teacher and a supervisor will be present at all times during lunch, breaks and activities.

The Art Camp instructors are Joan Arbeiter, M.F.A.; Bonnie Maranz, M.A., fine arts, and Yvonne Fasciale-Alach, B.A., fine arts education.

To register children for the Summer Art Camp, call Tracy Pushko or Lawrence Cappiello at 732-381-7511, or send e-mail to [artsguild1670@earthlink.net](mailto:artsguild1670@earthlink.net).

The Arts Guild of Rahway, a nonprofit center for the arts located at 1670 Irving St. in downtown Rahway, is dedicated to the presentation of art programs, exhibits, musical performances, classes and films.

## Meeting dairy needs can be enjoyable

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to three "colors" of yogurt — try blueberry, strawberry and banana — kids can paint on a graham cracker canvas and eat their great-tasting masterpiece.

## On the go

**Perfect Picks:** Pair cheeses with other healthy foods that will satisfy even the pickiest eaters. Wrap a slice of turkey around mild mozzarella string cheese, or slices of tangy Cheddar around apple wedges.

**Convenient Choices:** When taking the kids from one activity to the next, stop at a convenience store for a calcium-rich snack. Most sell 8-ounce containers of yogurt, string cheese and grab-n-go containers of milk.

**Savor the Flavor:** From cotton candy and cappuccino to orange and cookies and cream, there are more fun and delicious flavored dairy products available than ever before. Keep grab-and-go containers stocked in the

fridge for an easy snack, dessert or in-the-car treat.

**Frosty Fun:** Toss portable yogurt in the freezer the night before for the family to take for lunch. By the time noon rolls around, the yogurt will be the perfect temperature for a sweet treat.

## At school

**Slam Dunk:** For a kid-friendly and nutritious snack, pack bananas, yogurt and granola in lunches. Kids

will have fun dunking the banana into yogurt and rolling it in crunchy granola.

**Cool Cuts:** Cookie cutters aren't just for cookies anymore! Cut out fun shapes from cheese slices or grilled cheese sandwiches to liven up lunches.

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## Whiz Kids

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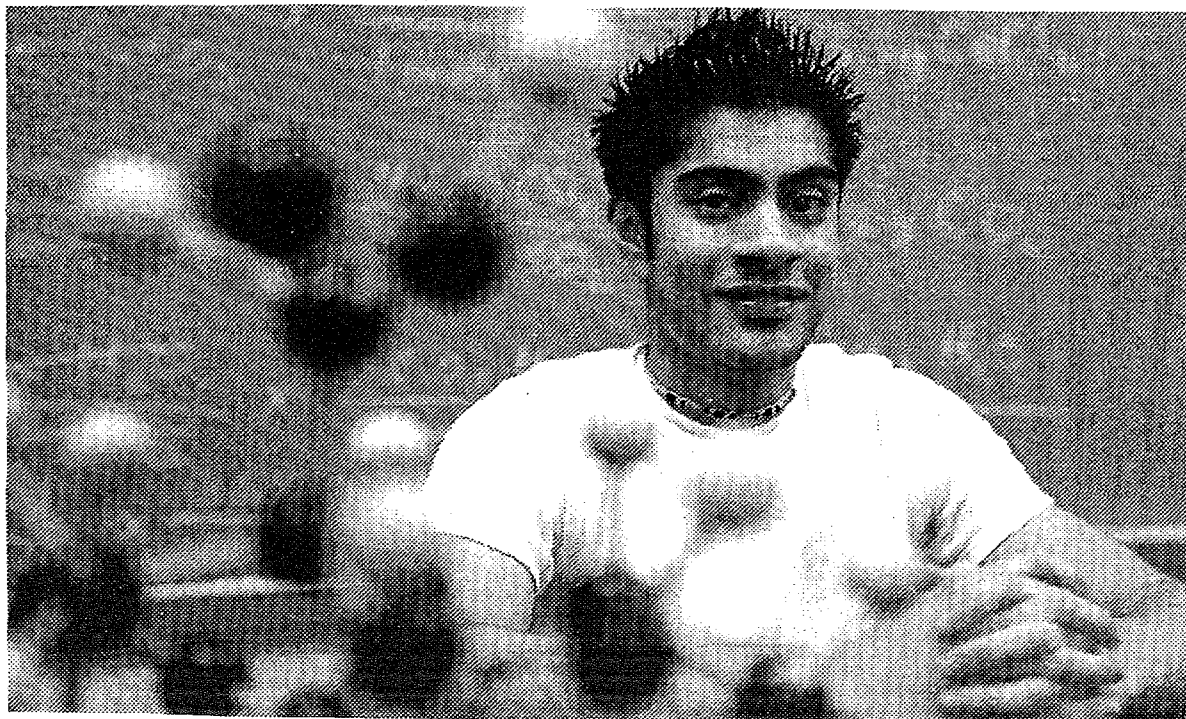


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### Sunny Shah

Roselle Park High School

- Rank: 1
- SAT: 1380
- College: New York University

**Honors, Awards and Activities:** Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar; Governor's School on the Environment; National Honor Society; Spanish National Honor Society; Volunteer in Operating Room at Union Hospital; Tennis; Big Brother Program; UMDNJ's Pre-Medical Honors Program; HOBY Ambassador; Rotary Youth League Ambassador.

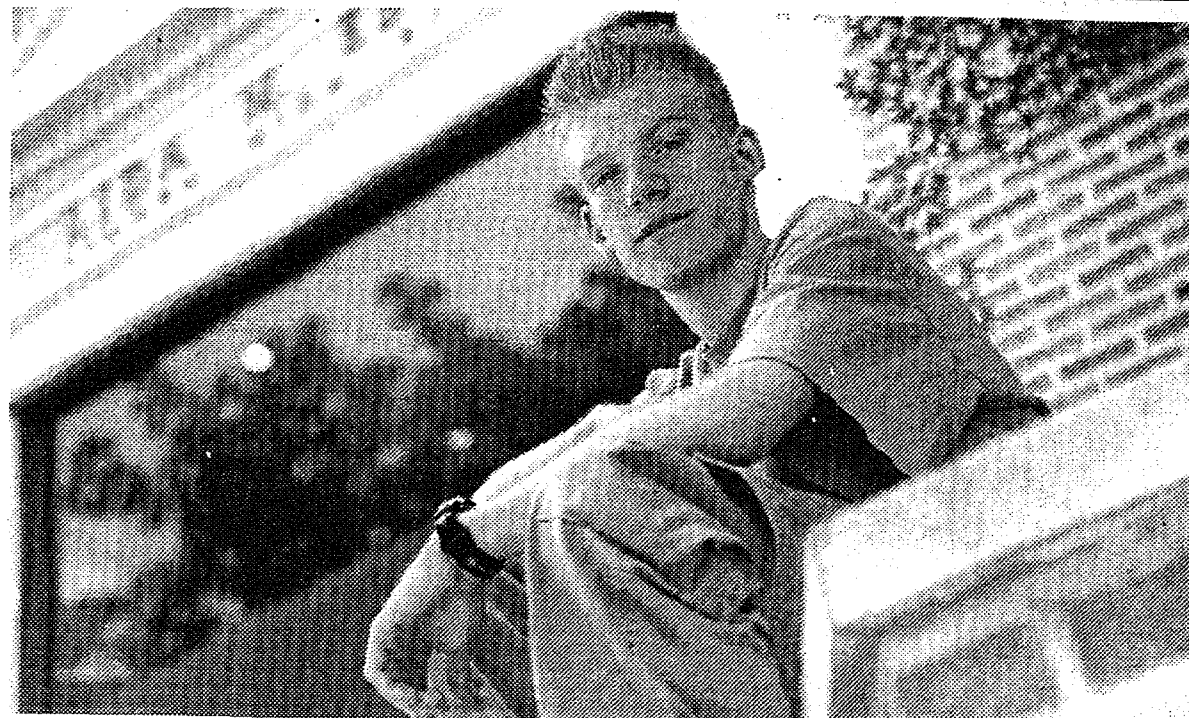


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### Michael Hergenhan

Linden High School

- Rank: 1
- SAT: 1500
- College: Yale University

**Honors, Awards and Activities:** National Honor Society; National Young Leaders Conference; People to People Student Ambassador; National Merit Commended Student; Star-Ledger Scholar; American Mathematics Competition Award; Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar; Marching Band; Concert Band; Tennis; School Play; Spanish Club; Chess Club; Math Club; Elizabeth Model United Nations; Civil War Roundtable; NJ Science League; Read Across America; Intergenerational Pen Pal Program; Rutgers Academic Challenge; Key Club.

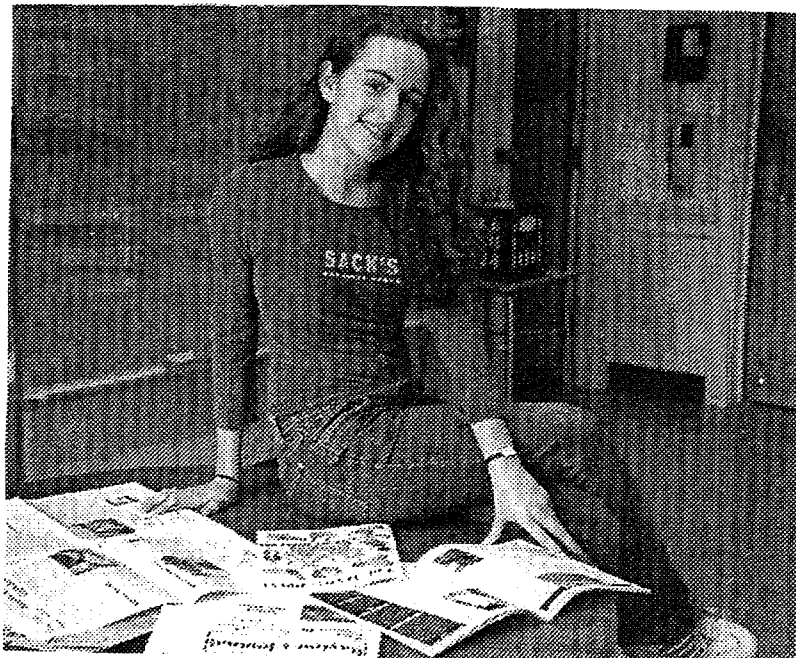


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### Marina Zeltser

Jonathan Dayton High School

- Rank: N/A
- SAT: 1510
- College: Columbia University

**Honors, Awards and Activities:** AP Scholar With Honors; National Commended Scholar; Governor's School for the Environment; National Society of Women Engineers Award; NJ Science League; National Honor Society; National French Honor Society; Grand Concourse; Future Business Leaders of America.

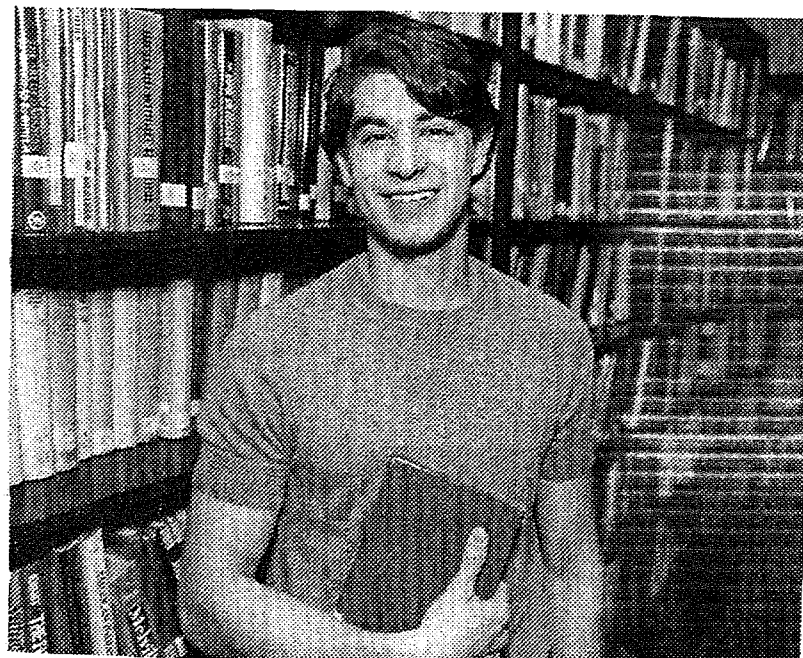


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### Manoah Finston

Jonathan Dayton High School

- Rank: N/A
- SAT: 1520
- College: University of Chicago

**Honors, Awards and Activities:** National Honor Society; National French Honor Society; Grand Concourse; Governor's School for the Arts; Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts; New Jersey Scholars Program; AP Scholar With Honor; National Merit Commended Student; Mock Trial Competition; Quiz Bowl; Math League; French Club; Drama; Musicals; Chorale; Metopoeia Literary Magazine; Dawg Print Newspaper; Junior Statesman of America; Amnesty International; ACT Program; NJ Science League; Tennis.



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### Tamara Jendrek

Arthur L. Johnson High School

- Rank: 1
- SAT: 1490
- College: New York University

**Honors, Awards and Activities:** High Honor Roll; Science League; Academic Student of the Month; Science League; National Merit Scholar Commended Student; National Honor Roll; AP Scholar; Bausch and Lomb Award; Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar; National Honor Society; Merck Scholar for State Science Day; Key Club Bronze Award; French Club; Student Council; Yearbook; Spring Track; Volleyball; Catherine's Closet Chairperson; Habitat for Humanity; Church Youth Group.

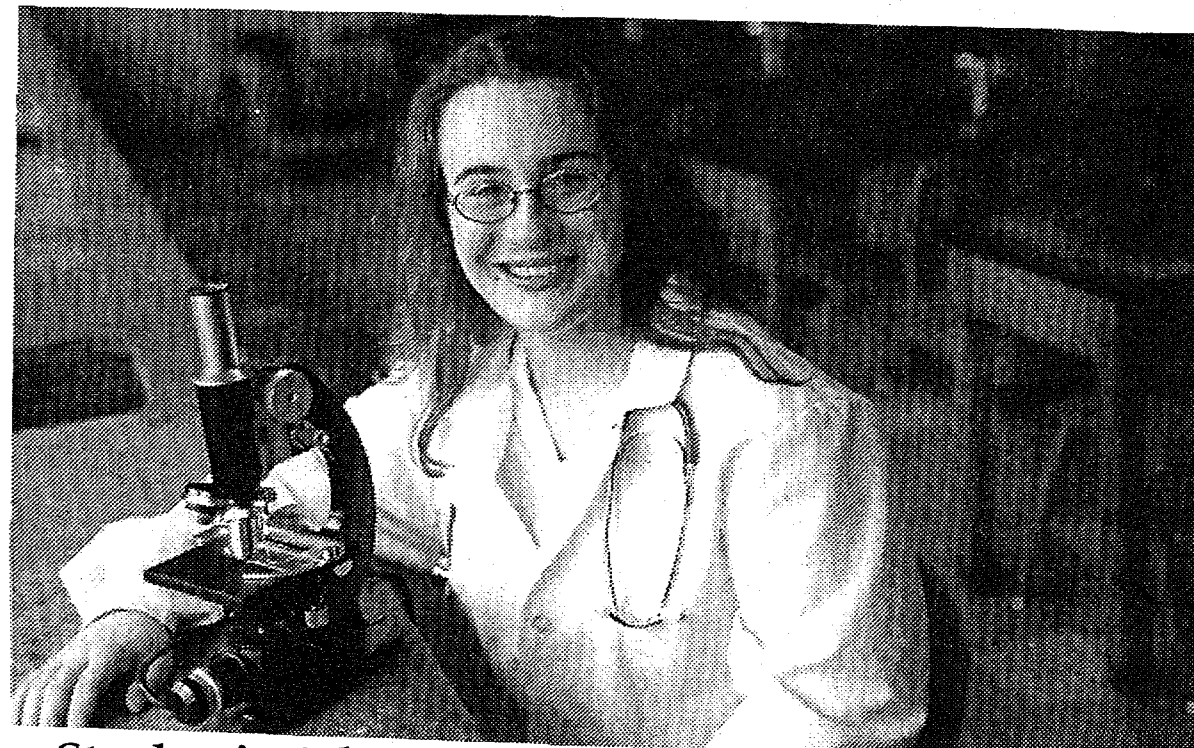


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### Stephanie Adams

Mother Seton Regional High School

- Rank: 4
- SAT: 1200
- College: Bloomsburg University

**Honors, Awards and Activities:** National Honor Society; Drill Team; Rutgers Academic Challenge Team; Student Mentor; Peer Tutoring; Science League; Math League; School Recruitment; Seton Spirit Week Committee; School Musical; French Club; Service Club; Driftwood Literary Magazine; Science Olympiad; St. Benedict Church Carnival Volunteer; Tutor; Assistant Transporter at St. James Hospital; Nuclear Medicine Assistant at St. James Hospital.



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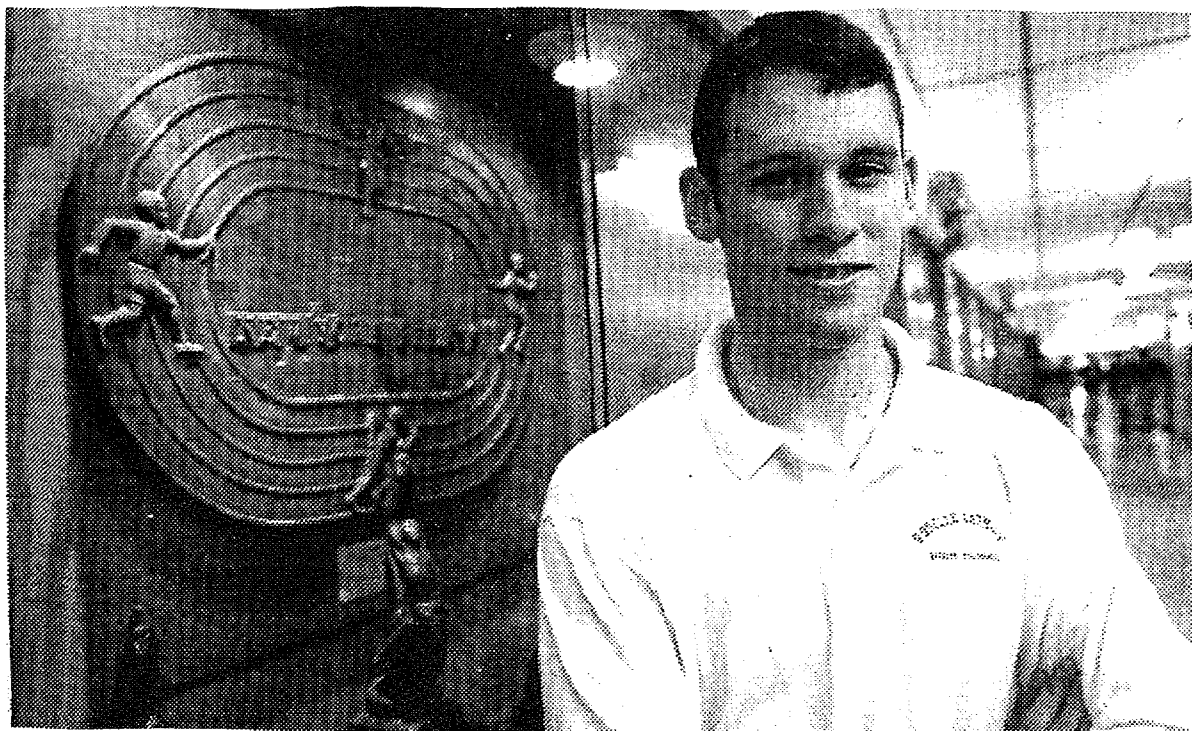
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## Thomas Donlon

Roselle Catholic High School

- Rank: 2
- SAT: 1380
- College: Stevens Institute of Technology

**Honors, Awards and Activities:** National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, National Merit Commended Student; Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar; Edward A. Stevens Scholarship; Indoor and Outdoor Track; Vox Leonis Literary Magazine; Mock Trial; Tutor.

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## Vivian Castano

Hillside High School

- Rank: 1
- SAT: 1190
- College: Rutgers University

**Honors, Awards and Activities:** National Honor Society; National Spanish Honor Society; Coca-Cola Scholar; UCIAC Scholar-Athlete; Outstanding Scholars; Girls State; Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar; Rutgers Alumni Association Scholarship; Provost Scholarship; Principal's Leadership Award; Finance Team; Yearbook Committee; International Club; Student Advocacy Committee; TV Production; Board of Education Student Representative.



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## Jesse Sierant

David Brearley High School

- Rank: N/A
- SAT: 1240
- College: Boston University

**Honors, Awards and Activities:** National Honor Society, Distinguished Honor Roll; Renaissance Program Award; Governor's School for the Environment; Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship; All-USA Academic Team; Interact Club; Student Achievement Committee Panel; Youth Speaker's Bureau on Tobacco and Alcohol; Peer Leader; Peer Tutor; Peer Mediator; Bears That Care; DARE Role Model.

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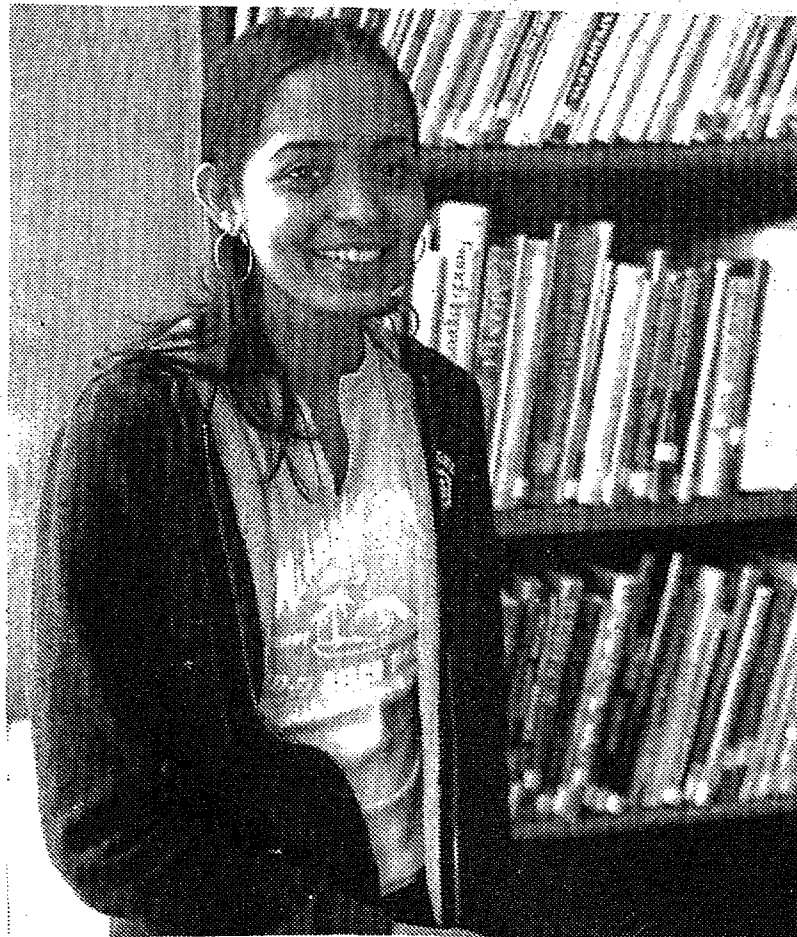
## Peter Kingston

Cranford High School

- Rank: 1
- SAT: 1500
- College: Dartmouth College

**Honors, Awards and Activities:** National Honor Society; History National Honor Society; Math National Honor Society; French National Honor Society; National Youth Leadership; Honor Roll; Eagle Scout; National Youth Council; Governor's School for Public Issues; Concord Review; Forensics; Youth and Government; Volunteer at New Jersey Blood Bank; Cranford River Cleanup; Gold Band; Jazz Band; Senior Patrol Leader, Model UN.

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## Avani Parekh

Abraham Clark High School

- Rank: 1
- SAT: 900
- College: Undecided.

**Honors, Awards and Activities:** Who's Who Among American High School Students; Distinguished Honor Roll; National Honor Society; Governor's School of Science; Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award; Debate Team; Urban League 2002 Achievement Matters Award; USAA National Minority Leadership Award; Volunteer at Cornell Hall Nursing Home; Community Service at Union County's Battered Women Shelter.

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## Second Team

**Jenna Alifante**, Jonathan Dayton High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1330, College: University of Delaware. Honors: National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students.

**Anna Butler**, Jonathan Dayton High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1400, Rutgers University. Honors: National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, AP Scholar Award.

**Holly Clemente**, Roselle Catholic, Rank: 3, SAT: 1320, College: Seton Hall University. Honors: National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Presidential Excellence Award.

**Sonia Dominicus**, Roselle Park High School, Rank: 4, SAT: 1380, College: Princeton University. Honors: National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, National Youth Leaders Conference, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, William H. Cane Scholarship.

**Rocco Dragone**, Union High School, Rank: 2, SAT: 1450, College: Drexel. College. Honors: National Honor Society, National Merit Commended Student, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar.

dent, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar.

**Sophia Khan**, Rahway High School, Rank: 1, SAT: 1450, College: University of Pennsylvania. Principal's High Honor Roll, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Society of Engineers Merit Award.

**Daniel LaBellarte**, Rahway High School, Rank: 2, SAT: 1210, College: University of Pennsylvania. Honors: Dr. P. Roy Vagelos Scholar, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, National Honor Society.

**Alex Lovejoy**, Summit High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1570, College: Yale University. Honors: Governor's School for Sciences, Bausch and Lomb Award for Science, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, National Merit Semi-Finalist.

**Caitlin Masters**, Governor Livingston High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1390, College: Dickinson. Honors: National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, National Foreign Language Honor Society, Student of the Month, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar.

**Tori Morgan**, Summit High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1510, College: Haverford. Honors: National Merit Commended Student, A. Johnson Chemistry Award, Alfred Swick Award.

dent, A. Johnson Chemistry Award, Alfred Swick Award.

**Patrick Muha**, Cranford High School, Rank: 3, SAT: 1540, College: Yale University. Honors: National Merit Finalist, National Honor Society.

**Miriam Nazmy**, Union High School, Rank: 1, SAT: 1530, College: The College of New Jersey. Honors: National Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Toyota Community Scholars Award, Bausch and Lomb Science Award, National Honor Society.

**Chandni Patel**, Jonathan Dayton High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1540, College: University of Pennsylvania. Honors: Bausch and Lomb Science Award, AP Scholar, National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society.

**Amanda Penabad**, Governor Livingston High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1560, College: University of Virginia. Honors: Jefferson Scholar, Echols Scholar, Student of the Month, Edward J. Bloustein Scholar, AP Scholar, National Honor Society.

**Kristin Rastelli**, Arthur L. Johnson High School, Rank: 2, SAT: 1350, College: Drew University. Honors: National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society,

Who's Who Among American High School Students, Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference.

**Bella Sorkin**, Cranford High School, Rank: 2, SAT: 1410, College: University of Pennsylvania. Honors: National Honor Society, National Merit Commended Student, Scholar's Circle.

**Aurelle Sudara**, Linden High School, Rank: 4, SAT: 1130, College: Rutgers University. Honors: National Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar.

**Hina Trivedi**, Roselle Park High School, Rank: 2, SAT: 1340, College: Haverford College. Honors: Who's Who Among American High School Students, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Governor's School of Public Issues.

**Yaa-Lirng Tu**, Summit High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1560, College: Undecided. Honors: Spanish National Honor Society.

**Danielle Wojcio**, Arthur L. Johnson High School, Rank: 4, SAT: 1470, College: University of Pittsburgh. Honors: National Honor Society, Italian National Honor Society, National Merit Scholarship Commended Student, Who's Who Among American High School Students.

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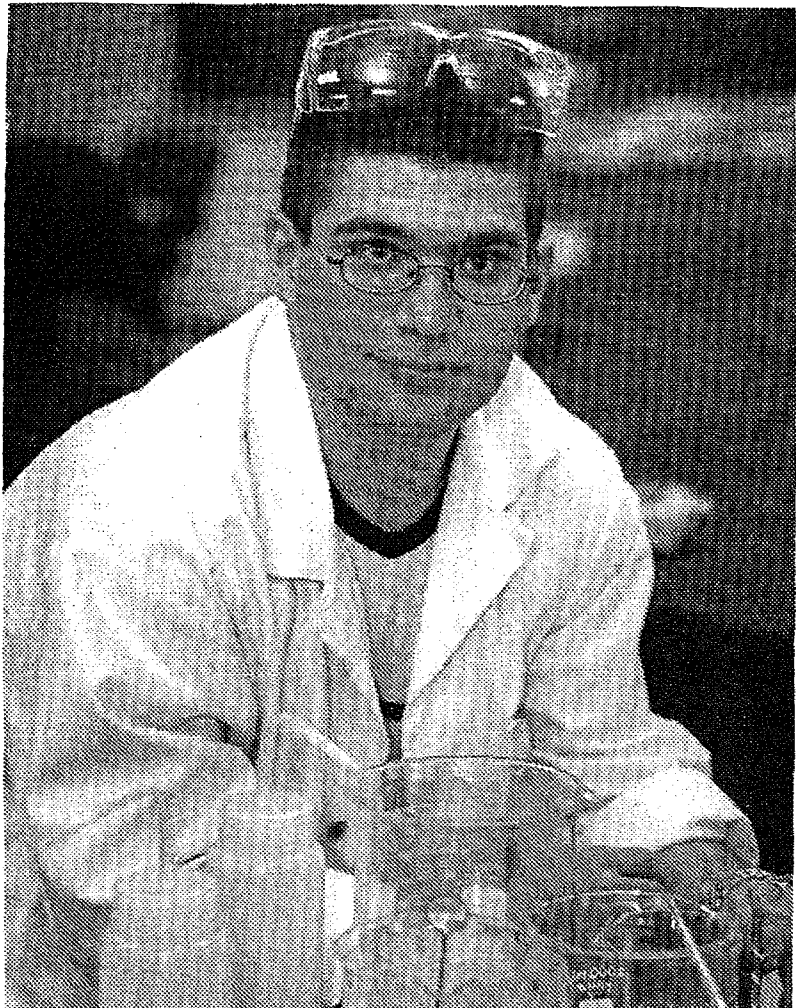


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**Michael Rossetti**

David Brearley High School  
• Rank: N/A  
• SAT: 1270  
• College: College of New Jersey  
**Honors, Awards and Activities:** Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Governor's School of the Sciences; Distinguished Honor Roll; Perfect Attendance; U.S. Achievement Academy National Science Merit Award; Peer Tutor; Yearbook Committee; Interact Club; Peer Leader; Winter and Spring Track and Field; School Newspaper; Bears That Care; National Honor Society; Third Degree Black Belt; Italian Club; Student Council; March of Dimes' Blue Jeans for Babies; Beach Sweep at Sandy Hook; Paws Animal Shelter Pet Food Drive; St. Jude's Research Hospital Fundraiser; "Have a Heart for the Homeless" Fundraiser; Volunteer at Hillside Food Bank; American Red Cross Collection for 9/11/01 Disaster Relief Fund; Candy Collection for Kenilworth Senior Citizens Center; PBA Food Drive.

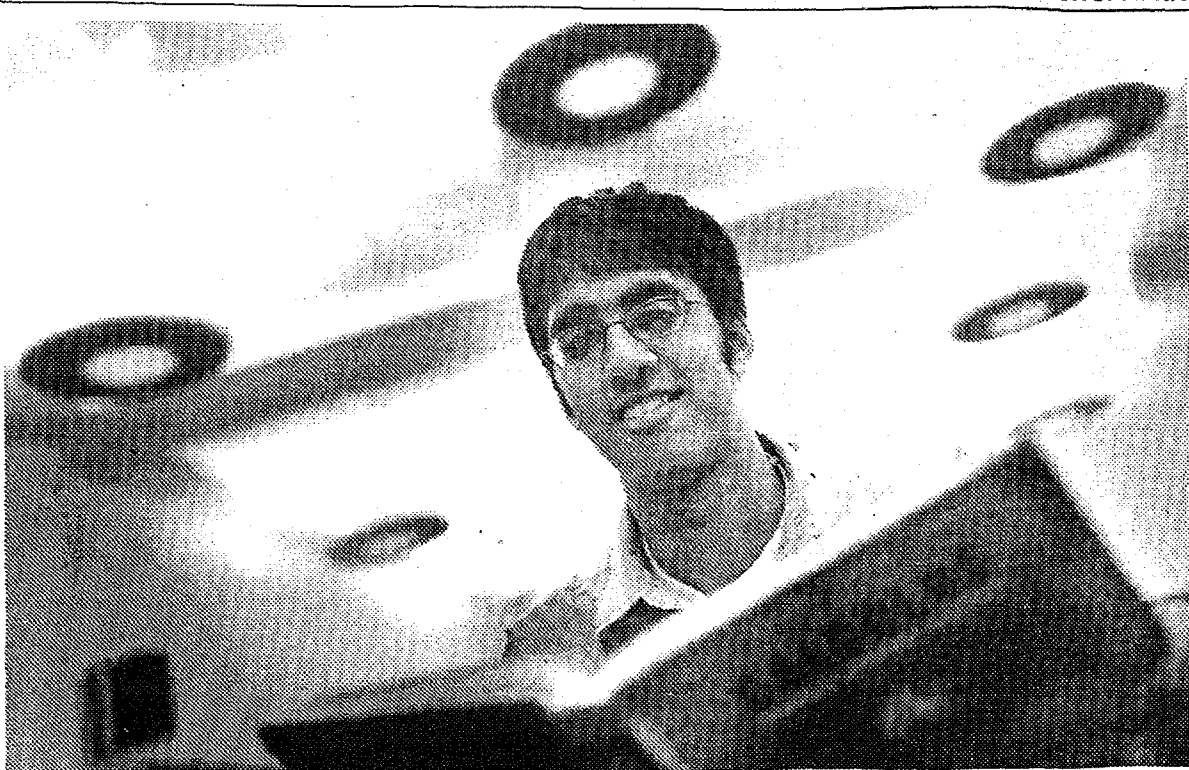


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**Neel Gehani**

Summit High School  
• Rank: N/A • SAT: 1600 • College: Princeton  
**Honors, Awards and Activities:** Colgate Book Award; Rensselaer Medal - Science/Math Student; Science Olympiad; Edward J. Bloustein Scholar; National Merit Scholarship Program; Governor's School; Star-Ledger Scholar; Future Business Leaders of America; Student Ambassador; Math League; Model UN; Tennis; Cross Country; Student Council; Newspaper; DARE.

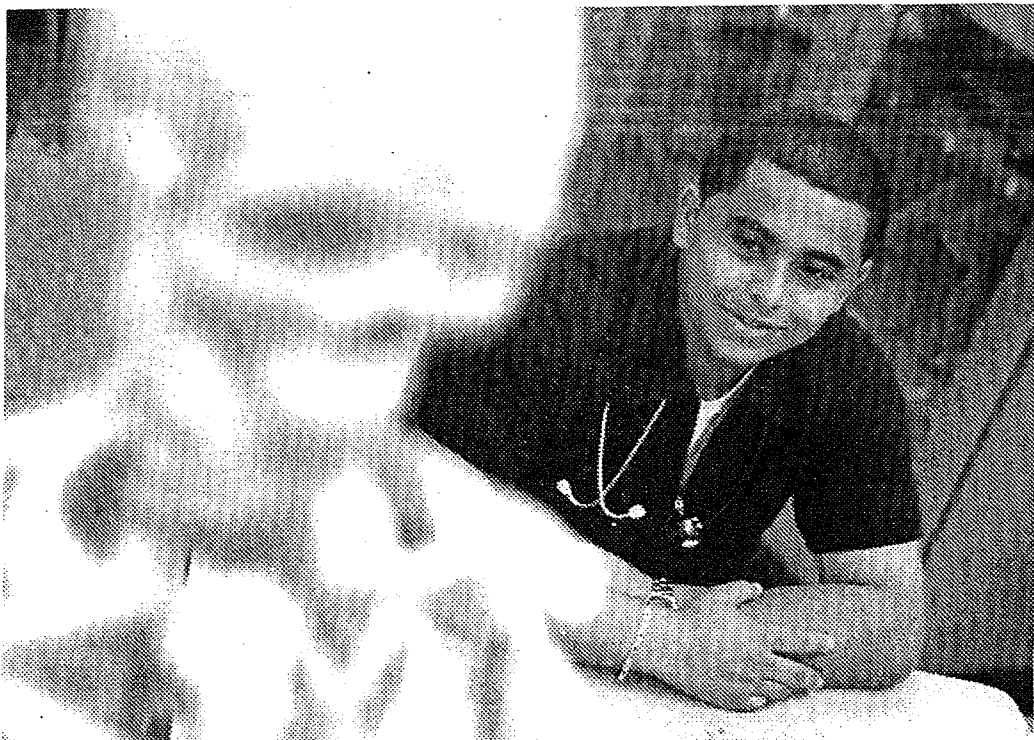


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**Mina Abdelshahed**

Union High School  
• Rank: 3  
• SAT: 1430  
• College: Rutgers University  
**Honors, Awards and Activities:** National Honor Society; National Spanish Honor Society; Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar; University of Rochester Humanities Award; Rensselaer Medalist Award; Spanish Club; Sunday School Teacher; Bible Study Leader.



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**Carmela Resuma**

Mother Seton Regional High School  
• Rank: 1  
• SAT: 1340  
• College: College of Saint Elizabeth  
**Honors, Awards and Activities:** National Honor Society; NJ Catholic School's Math League; Chemistry League; Physics League; Science Olympiad; Seton Outreach Club; Service Club; Prom Committee; Yearbook; Driftwood Literary Magazine; Spanish Club; Asian Club; Dance Club; Student Ambassador; Tutoring; Stamp Out Despair Volunteer.



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**Sandra Zauze**

Governor Livingston High School  
• Rank: N/A • SAT: 1500 • College: Princeton  
**Honors, Awards and Activities:** National Honor Society; Student Council; Spanish Club; PLP Scholar With Honors; Girl Scouts Gold Award; Student of the Month; National Merit Commended Student; HOBY Youth Leadership; Smith College Book Award; Athlete of the Month; Water Safety Program; Breast Cancer Walk; Volunteer at Runnells Hospital.

**Honorable Mention**

**Nicole Arcuri**, Rahway High School, Rank: 4, SAT: 1170, College: Quinnipiac University. Honors: National Honor Society.  
**Jonathan Au**, Jonathan Dayton High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1350, College: Brown University. Honors: National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, Rensselaer Polytechnic Award, National French Award.  
**Rachel Baker**, Cranford High School, Rank: 5, SAT: 1390, College: Franklin & Marshall. Honors: National Honor Society, Math Honor Society, Art Honor Society, Scholars Circle, National Merit Commended Scholar Semifinalist.  
**Kathy Carroll**, Roselle Catholic, Rank: 1, SAT: 1250, College: James Madison. Honors: National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Presidential Scholastic Achievement Award.  
**Omar El Toukhy-Selim**, Arthur L. Johnson High School, Rank: 5, SAT: 1340, College: College of New Jersey. Honors: Who's Who Among American High School

Students, National Honor Society.  
**Devin Parker Felter**, Arthur L. Johnson High School, Rank: 6, SAT: 1360, College: New York University. Honors: AP Scholar, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, National Honor Society, English Honor Society, Governor School of Public Issues.  
**Antonio Fusco**, Union High School, Rank: 5, SAT: 1350, College: Boston College. Honors: National Honor Society.  
**Sergio Guzman**, Hillside High School, Rank: 2, SAT: 1290, College: Rutgers University. Honors: National Honor Society, Rutgers Merit Scholarship, Bausch and Lomb Science Award.  
**Andrew Laguna**, Hillside High School, Rank: 3, SAT: 1240, College: Georgia Institute of Technology. Honors: National Honor Society.  
**Benjamin Nham**, Governor Livingston High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1590, College: Stanford. Honors: Schering-Plough Science Award.  
**Georgina Pallitto**, David Brearley High School, Rank: N/A, SAT:

1180, College: University of California at San Diego. Honors: National Honor Society.  
**Ami Patel**, Elizabeth High School, Rank: 5, SAT: N/A, College: Rutgers University. Honors: National Honor Society, Superintendent and Principal Scholar.  
**Chintan Patel**, Arthur L. Johnson High School, Rank: 3, SAT: 1380, College: University of Illinois. Honors: National Honor Society, Student of the Month, Rensselaer Medal Winner.  
**Danielle Petti**, Mother Seton Regional High School, Rank: 5, SAT: 1180, College: The College of New Jersey. Honors: National Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar.  
**Jennifer Rineer**, Roselle Park High School, Rank: 3, SAT: 1350, College: University of Pennsylvania. Honors: People to People Student Ambassador, Governor's School of International Studies Scholar, National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society.  
**Jaime Segal**, Rahway High School, Rank: 6, SAT: 1360, College: Penn State University. Hon-

ors: National Young Leaders Conference, Edward J. Bloustein Scholar, Comcast Scholar.  
**Connie Souder**, Governor Livingston High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1420, College: Middlebury. Honors: National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society.  
**Monique Walker**, Elizabeth High School, Rank: 3, SAT: 1080, College: Rutgers University. Honors: Who's Who Among American High School Students, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Superintendent Scholar, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society.  
**Joshua Warner**, David Brearley High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1190, College: Lehigh University. Honors: National Honor Society, Governor's School of Engineering, Student of the Month.  
**Jean Wisna**, Linden High School, Rank: 6, SAT: 1150, College: Rutgers University. Honors: Who's Who Among American High School Students, National Honor Roll, James Carr Scholar, National Honor Society, Student of the Month.

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## ART SHOWS

**MILLBURN-SHORT HILLS ARTS CENTER** will sponsor an exhibit of members' works through Friday at Overlook Hospital, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit. The gallery is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For information, call 973-538-7960, 973-267-3049 or 973-455-1494.

**EXHIBIT AND CONTEST** of artwork by Union County employees and their families will be on display through Friday at NUI Elizabethtown Gas Company, Liberty Hall Center, 1085 Morris Ave., Union. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information, call 908-558-2550 or send e-mail to scoen@ucnj.org.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTRAITS OF HUMAN EXPRESSIONS** by Mario Pinto of Portugal will be on exhibit at the Les Malamut Art Gallery in Union Public Library through June 19.

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

**THE SKULSKI ART GALLERY** in Clark will exhibit the pastels of Ryszard Milek through June 20.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 5 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 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.

**ARTIST JUDITH BANYAS** of Roselle Park will have her recent landscapes on exhibit through June 30 at the Westfield Art Gallery.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon. The Westfield Art Gallery is located in the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, 150-152 E. Broad St., Westfield.

**2003 TEEN ARTS EXHIBIT** will tour Union County, with an initial exhibit at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. The exhibit will remain at the Springfield Library through July 9. For information, call 908-558-2550, Relay users dial 711.

**NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS** in Summit will present its annual Members' Show and Sale Sunday through July 20. An opening reception will take place Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, including gallery hours, call 908-273-9121 or visit [www.njcva.org](http://www.njcva.org).

**CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL** in Mountainside will exhibit the works of Mirosław Chelchowski, Tim Weaver and Alice Major throughout the months of June and July. CHS is located at 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

**NOTHING GOLD CAN STAY**, multimedia works by Andrea Larmor, inspired by a poem by Robert Frost, will be on exhibit in the Wisner House at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit from through Aug. 7.

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

## AUDITIONS

**STAGE PRESENCE** in Union will conduct auditions for "Smokey Joe's Cafe" on Monday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Berwyn Avenue and Overlook Terrace, Union. Being sought are actors who sing and dance, 13 to 21 years old. Show dates are Aug. 7 to 10. For information, call 908-686-0519.

**WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS** will conduct auditions for "Murder Among Friends" by Bob Barry on June 22 and 23 at 7:30 p.m. Being sought are 4 men, 20s to 50s, and 2 women, late 30s and 50s. Show dates are Oct. 11 to Nov. 1. WCP is located at 1000 North Ave. West, Westfield. For information, call 908-233-6855.

## BOOKS

**AUTHOR DR. BARRY COHEN** will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign copies of his new book, "Coronary Heart Disease: A Guide to Diagnosis and Treatment." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call

908-233-3535 or visit [www.townbookstore.com](http://www.townbookstore.com).

**AUTHOR JEFF DIAMANT** will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. to sign copies of his new book, "The Heist! The 17 Million Loomis Fargo Theft." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535 or visit [www.townbookstore.com](http://www.townbookstore.com).

**AUTHOR MICHAEL IMMERSO** will appear at Barnes and Noble of Clark on June 24 at 7:30 p.m. to sign copies of his book, "Coney Island: The People's Playground." Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

**AUTHOR JON KATZ** will appear at Barnes and Noble of Springfield on June 29 at 2 p.m. to sign copies of his book, "New Work of Dogs: Tending to Life, Love and Family in a Changing World." Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

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

Wednesday: "John Adams" by David McCullough

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

**HARRY POTTER BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** will meet every other Thursday at 3 p.m. at Barnes and Noble of Springfield.

June 26: "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"

July 10: "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets"

July 24: "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban"

Aug. 7: "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"

Aug. 21: "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" (Available June 21)

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

**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 Mondays 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.

**CLOAK AND DAGGER READING GROUP** will meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble of Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

**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.

**JEWSH 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.

**BOOKS WE LIKE**, a reading group featuring staff recommendations, will meet the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble of Clark. The selection for Wednesday is "Life of Pi" by Yann Martel. Barnes and Noble is located at

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**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. The selection for June 25 is "Bel Canto" by Ann Patchett. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

## CLASSES

**REEVES-REED ARBORETUM** in Summit will sponsor watercolor classes; the next eight-week session runs Wednesdays through June 25. Fee is \$138 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.

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June 21: GrooveLily, Westfield  
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**JAY SIEGEL AND THE TOKENS**, along with Shirley Alston Reeves of The Shirelles, will appear in concert Saturday at 8 p.m. in Wilkins Theater at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. Tickets are \$25 to \$35 for the general public; \$20 for senior citizens and Kean faculty, staff and alumni, and \$15 for students. For information, call 908-737-7469.

## DANCE

**'RIVERDANCE: THE SHOW'** will be presented at through Sunday in Prudential New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Shows are today at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$17 to \$64 today, \$17 to \$74 Friday to Sunday.

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**SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS** will sponsor evenings of international dance throughout the year at The Connection for Women and Families, 79 Maple St., Summit. Sessions are alternate Fridays from 8 to 10:30 p.m. The season closing party is Friday. 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. Hehly School, Raritan Road, Clark. Fee for each lesson is \$4. For information, call 908-298-1851, 732-381-2535 or 908-241-9492.

## DISCUSSION

**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.

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## 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](mailto:TMRCInc@aol.com) or visit [www.tmrcl.com](http://www.tmrcl.com).

## KIDS

**REEVES-REED ARBORETUM** in Summit will sponsor several classes for children in the coming months in its Family Fun Series.

July 11: "Just Batty," 5- to 7-year-olds

July 14 and 18: "Just Batty," 3- to 5-year-olds and caregivers

Aug. 8: "Nature's Palette," 5- to 7-year-olds

Aug. 11 and 15: "Nature's Palette," 3- to 5-year-olds and caregivers

Each workshop is \$15 per child. Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-8787, ext. 15.

**TRAILSIDE NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER** will present the Spring Challenge Hike on Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. for families and children 8 years old and older. Admission is by donation. Trailside is located at 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. For information, call 908-789-3670.

**BARNES AND NOBLE**, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will sponsor Tales for Tots Preschool Storytime, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m., and the Kids' Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m. For information, call 973-376-8544.

## POETRY

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

**OPEN MIKE POETRY NIGHT** takes place the second Sunday of every month at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

## RADIO

**TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION** will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third 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](http://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

**KEAN UNIVERSITY** will present "The Laramie Project" by Moises Kaufman in Room 119 of Vaughn-Eames Hall through Sunday. Shows are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10 for the general public, and Kean faculty, staff and alumni, \$7 for students and senior citizens. Kean University is located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. For information, 908-653-1804.

**STONY HILL PLAYERS** of Summit will present Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado" through June 22. Shows are at 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and June 21, and at 3 p.m. Sunday and June 22. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$6 for children younger than 12. Performances are at Summit Middle School, Summit and Morris avenues, Summit. For information, call 908-464-7716.

**THE SHAKESPEARE THEATER OF NEW JERSEY** will present "Much Ado About Nothing" through Sunday at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theater on the campus of Drew University in Madison. Shows are Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. A special weekday matinee will be next Wednesday at 2 p.m. Drew University is located at 36 Madison Ave., Madison. For tickets and information, call 973-408-5600.

**PAPER MILL:** The State Theater of New Jersey will present "Grease" through July 27. Shows are at 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, with matinees Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Special performances are the Conversation Series, Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the mezzanine; audio-described performances, with a sensory seminar 90 minutes prior to curtain, and sign-interpreted/open-captioned performances.

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](http://www.papermill.org).

## VARIETY

**THE BACK PORCH** in Rahway will present Open Mike Night every Thursday night, as well as solo artists and bands on weekends.

The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-6544.

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

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

**SECOND SATURDAYS COFFEEHOUSE** will take place the second Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Summit Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. Featured will be an "open mike" forum of music, poetry, comedy and performance art. Refreshments are served. Admission is \$4. Talent is sought for future dates.

For information, call 908-273-3245.

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

**VAN GOGH'S EAR**, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesdays are "Acoustic Tuesday," some of which feature open mike from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by a featured folk performer. Open mike participants sign up at 7:30 p.m., and get 10 minutes at the microphone. Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 for all Sunday concerts.

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Tuesday: Blue Muse

June 22: The Son Lewis Trio

For information, call 908-810-1844.



**THE CAST OF 'GREASE'** takes audiences back in time to the age of ducktails and sock-hops. The musical is on stage at Paper Mill: The State Theater of New Jersey through July 27. For information, see the 'Theater' listing on this page.

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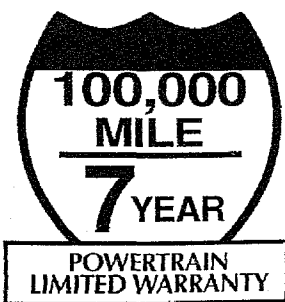
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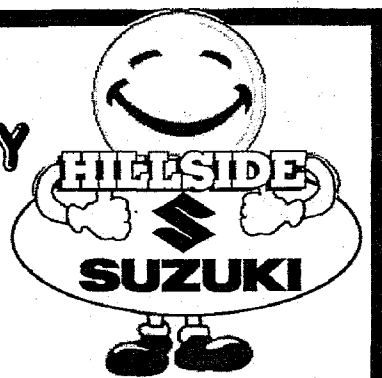




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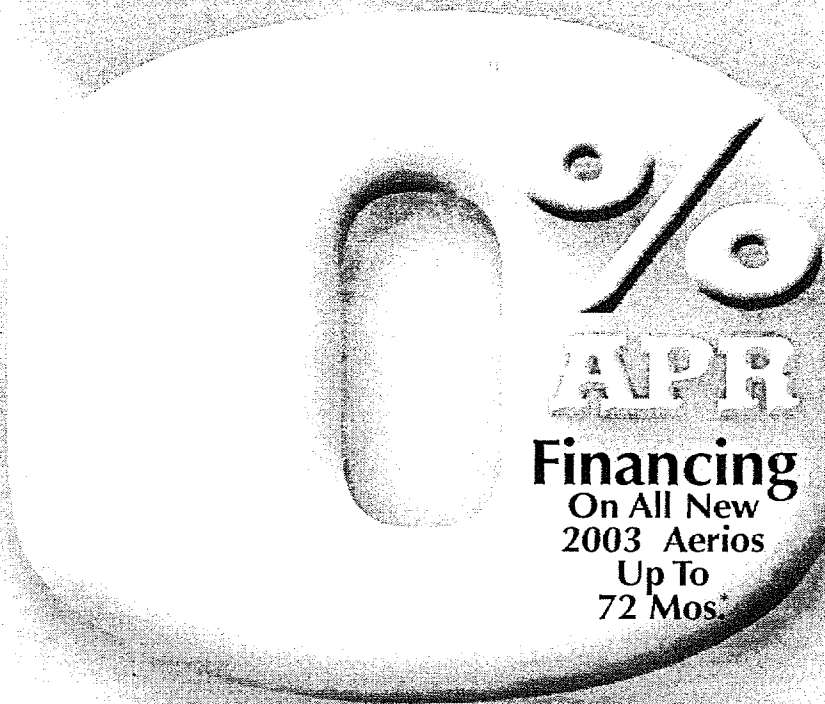
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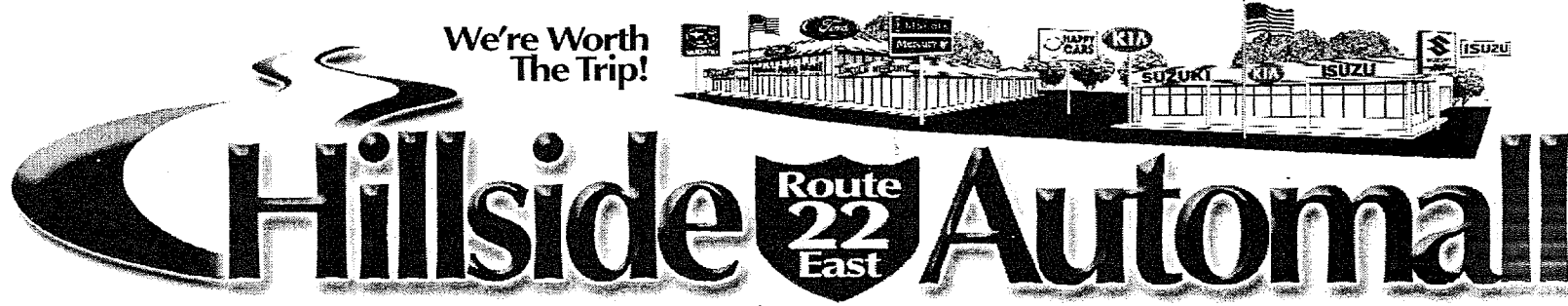
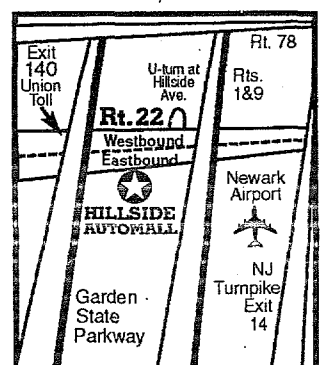


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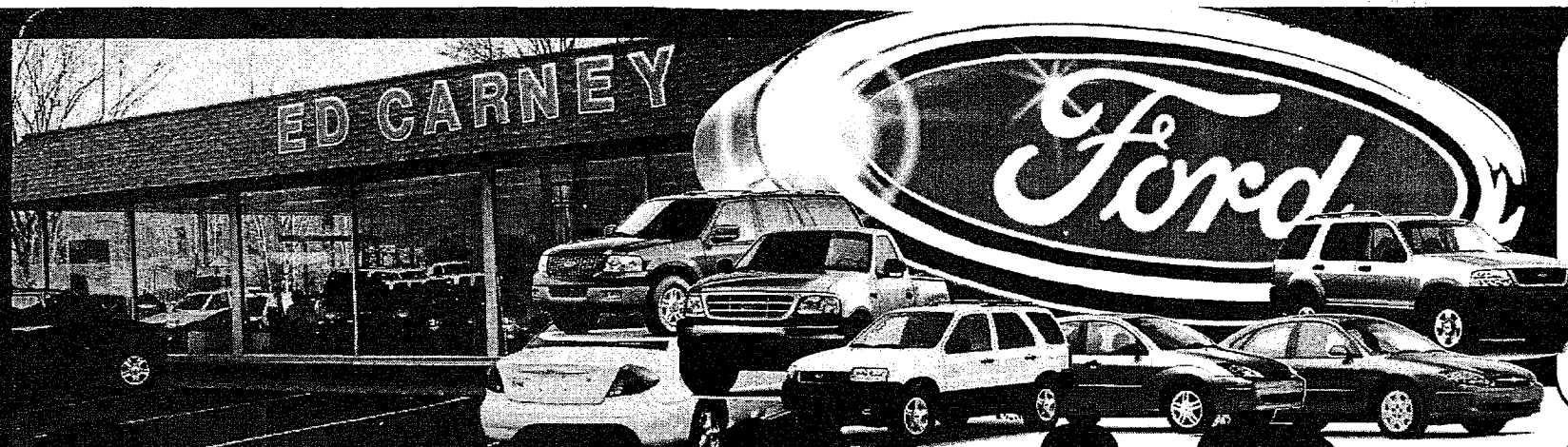
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Tickets may be purchased by telephone at 888-466-5722, at the NJPAC box office at 1 Center St. in downtown Newark, or by visiting the NJPAC Web site at [www.njpac.org](http://www.njpac.org). The performances are part of the CIT Series.

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## Workshop for the Arts registration

Registration for the Summer Music Program of New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, Westfield, 2003 is now being accepted. Now in its third year, the program will run from June 30 to July 31.

The program includes: The Summer Symphony Orchestra, directed by Janet Lyman; The Summer Band, directed by Howard Toplansky; The Summer Strings and Summer Intro to Jazz Band, directed by Dr. Ted Schlosberg.

Rehearsals for The Summer Symphony Orchestra will take place at Temple Emanu-El, at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield every Tuesday and Thursday, from June 24 to July 30 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The Summer Band rehearsals will begin June 23 and end July 30 and will take place every Monday and Wednesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, as well.

The Summer Strings and Summer Intro to Jazz Band will rehearse at Mozart Hall at New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, 15-152 E. Broad St., Westfield.

The Summer Strings will meet every Tuesday and Thursday, from June 24 to July 29 from 6 to 7 p.m., and The Summer Intro to Jazz Band will meet every Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. beginning June 23 and ending July 28.

Requirements for these ensembles include one-year of experience. For the strings, the requirement is the ability to play in first position on all 4 strings and completion of first book.

A final will be July 31 at 7 p.m. at Harding Elementary School, 426 Boulevard, Kenilworth.

The cost for each session is \$60. These programs will give students the chance to continue playing their chosen instrument during the summer. Studies have proven that summer music exposure enhances skills so that when students return to school they have a chance to move up a chair.

New Jersey Workshop for the Arts is a year round non-profit arts education organization. Divisions of New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, include The Music Studio, which provides private instruction in instrumental,

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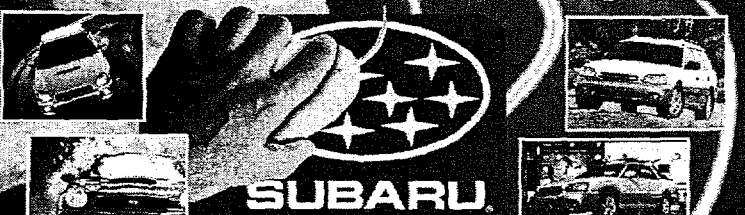


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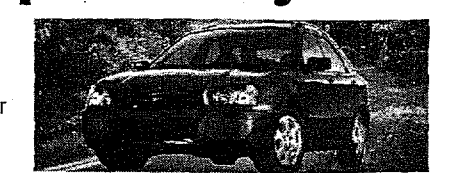
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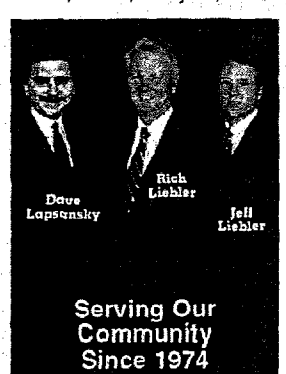
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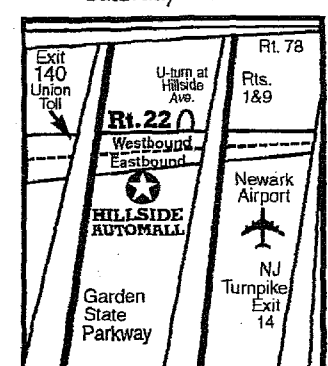


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## Chevy Impala will continue to evolve

By Mark Maynard  
Copley News Service

I promised Chevy chief Kurt Ritter that I'd revisit the Impala. He was bragging that sales were so brisk he had to order another shift to keep up with demand. When I mentioned "rental fleets," he said only about 30 percent went there.

When this full-size sedan came out new in 2000, it was the replacement for the Lumina. The new car was supposed to be so improved that it deserved a new name.

Bigger, roomier inside, stronger and faster, Impala was a big improvement as a flagship Chevy, but it lacked attention to detail when compared with the popular Japanese imports.

It has taken Chevrolet a few years, but the rough edges on Impala have been filed down or covered up. I doubt its new "Corvette-inspired" tail lights will be a deal breaker, but the revised tail design is a creative use of space.

It's somewhat rare to find an Impala in the media fleet, and when they appear, it's likely to be a well-optioned model to pamper the whiny auto writer.

The test car was just such an example — and handsome in monochromatic black paint, lowered front fascia, blacked-out logos and silver alloy wheels.

The as-tested price of \$27,015 was

a couple clicks beyond that mental number of what seemed right for this car, especially when the resale values don't hold up as well as a comparably equipped import.

But for the money, Chevrolet is good at supersizing the features.

It's sold in just two models. The base Impala starts at \$21,695 and comes with a 180-hp, 3.4-liter V-6, four-speed automatic and choice of a front bench seat for six-passenger capacity.

Standard equipment on both models includes remote locking, lighting in the glove box and trunk, electric rear window defogger, delayed exit/entry lighting, intermittent variable-speed windshield wipers, four-wheel disc brakes with ABS and 16-inch tires on aluminum wheels.

The uplevel LS starts at \$24,795 and comes with the 200-hp, 3.8-liter V-6, automatic transmission and such convenience features as split-folding rear seatback, trunk cargo net and cruise control.

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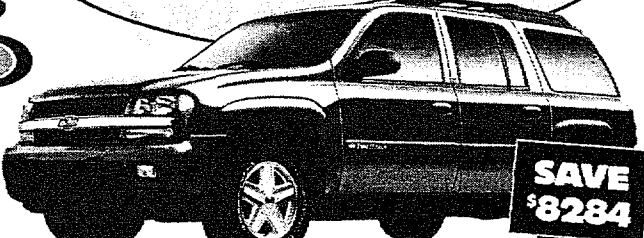
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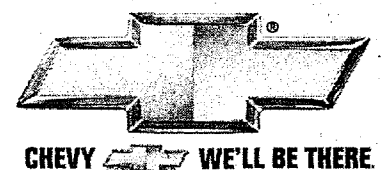
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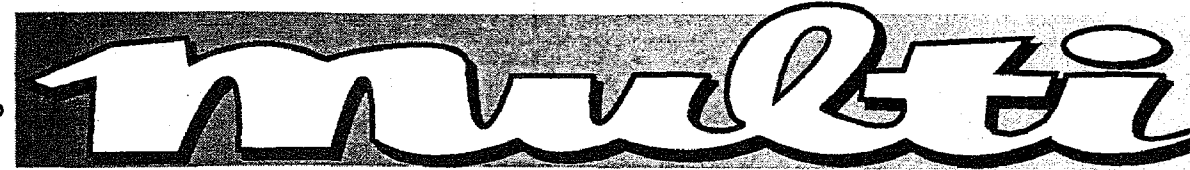
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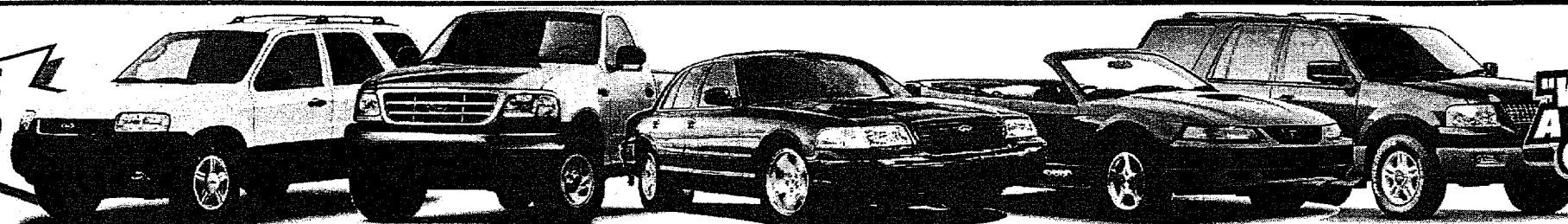
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