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TWO SECTION

The end of an era for grads

ALJ Class of 2003 finishes high school

By David Learn
Managing Editor

Rob Hydock summed up what everyone was feeling, in just two words.

"Feels great," he said.

Hydock, 19, was one of 198 seniors to graduate from Arthur L. Johnson High School at its commencement exercises June 19. Like many other seniors, he plans to attend college after graduation — in his case, Montclair State University.

"I'm hoping eventually to work for the FBI or maybe get into restaurant management," said Hydock, who plans a dual major in business and criminal justice studies.

"I kind of wish I had maybe another year with my friends, but you have to let go sometimes," he said.

Hydock, who played wide receiver for the Crusaders football team this



Chris Dilorio gives longtime friend Leana Malinowsky a bear hug shortly before the start of the June 19 commencement exercises at Arthur L. Johnson High School. Dilorio and Malinowsky have been schoolmates since kindergarten.

Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

past football season, when it won the state championship, will continue to play football at Montclair.

Memories such as the Crusaders victory last fall were one of the themes of the speech given by valedictorian Tamara Jendrek.

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Recalling the practice of bronzing a baby's first pair of shoes as a way of preserving early childhood memories, Jendrek suggested mentally bronzing favorite high school memories.

"Maybe you remember how it felt to drive out of that wild parking lot every Friday afternoon," she suggested, before reciting a litany of popular memories, such as the dreaded start of

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Kumpf Scho fails state test

Not enough eighth-graders at Carl H. Kumpf Middle School are grasping the fundamentals of math, according to results of a state-mandated test returned last week.

The Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment, the yardstick the state uses to measure students' language and math knowledge, returned the school a failing grade last week when too few students passed the test.

The state requires that at least 75 percent of a school district's eighth-graders pass the test. In Clark, only 107 of the 147 eighth-graders to take the test — about 72.8 percent, just shy of the required level — passed.

Superintendent Paul Ortenzio said it is the first time he can recall the district ever failing to meet the state standards. The district received the news June 19, the same day as high school graduation.

As a result of the failure, the district is required by state law to provide basic skills math courses at Kumpf School and at Arthur L. Johnson High School. The first position is intended to head off further problems at Kumpf School, while the second position is intended to help the stu-

dents improve their math skills so they can pass the high school proficiency examination, a state requirement for graduation.

Parents of the 40 Clark students who failed the GEPA test will be notified within the next two weeks, said Assistant Superintendent of Schools Susan Miksza.

Miksza said she already is working with the guidance office to re-examine the class schedules of the 40 students to assign them to a basic skills math course. Affected students will be forced to drop an elective to attend the class.

The failure comes at a difficult time for the Clark School District. Already faced with stringent budget cuts — including the elimination of a \$92,000 varsity gymnastics program that brought out a drove of parents and team members to the board meeting Tuesday — the district now is looking at spending about \$110,000 next year to fill the two positions, and possibly about \$350,000 over the next three years, depending on how quickly the students' math proficiency increases.

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A press of Muggles



Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

Bertie Botts Every Flavor Beans, a popular treat with students at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, are rarely available to nonmagical Muggles, so when Barnes and Noble on Central Avenue and Raritan Road distributed a bunch of the jelly-bean-like candy Friday evening to mark the release of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," the reaction was understandably enthusiastic. For more pictures, see Page 5.

Deal finalized on school building

The former Board of Education building at 10 Schindler Road has a new owner, but don't expect major changes in the way the property looks.

The Polish Cultural Foundation, which already owned the former Abraham Clark School annex on Broadway, took formal ownership of Clark's first school building at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

"We're going to do what we need to make it functional for our purposes," President Joseph Biesiadecki of the foundation said Monday afternoon. "At the moment we're going to use it for the same purposes as the rest of our building."

Fourth Ward Councilman Brian Toal, who as municipal historian had criticized the board's decision to sell the building, although he said he is uncertain what the foundation's ultimate plans are for the site, was pleased with the arrangement overall.

"This in a sense is a godsend," Toal said Tuesday evening. "The original intent of our fathers was to keep it for educational needs. Now you're continuing that, with a Polish flavor, which is very nice."

The foundation already owns a 3.1-acre property at 177 Broadway, where it maintains two interconnected

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office buildings with a total of about 40,000 square feet of floor space.

The foundation hosts the Skulski Art Gallery and the Marjanczyk Library, both of which help it promote Polish culture, language and history among Polish immigrants and their children throughout the area.

The use being favored for the new building is to use it for office space.

"It will be used for an extension of our present use," said Biesiadecki. "We have a need to utilize our present space more efficiently."

The foundation has about 1,000 members from the region, with about 60 of them from Clark. Biesiadecki himself lives in Berkeley Heights.

Tuesday's signing finalized a deal struck May 11 when the Board of Education voted to accept a \$395,000 offer for the building from the foundation.

The school board had rejected four

offers previous to the vote Tuesday. One of those offers came from a developer based in Union Township, and another was by a developer who had hoped to raze the building and erect residential units in its place.

The school district had included projected sales revenues from the Schindler Road property in its 2002-03 capital budget. The facility was appraised at \$460,000.

The Abraham Clark School was named after a Rahway-area man who signed the Declaration of Independence, and for whom the township itself is named.

With the building about a decade shy of its centennial anniversary, Toal said he would be interested in gauging the interest of officers of the foundation have in adding the former school to the state and national registers of historic buildings.

"As soon as they settle in, we'd love to talk with them," he said.

The foundation provides a number of educational programs, including a school for teaching the Polish language.

The school has about 500 students during its Friday and Saturday classes.

"It occupies all our meeting space," said Biesiadecki.

Clark teen knows what strings to play

To Sara Kim, violin is just a hobby, but it still has taken her to Carnegie Hall

By Zachary Goldstein
Correspondent

At 15 years old, Sara Kim has achieved feats that often only are dreamed about by others her age. Not long ago, she brought her violin prowess to the Winner's concert at Carnegie Hall.

"It was great," Kim said. "Just really a good experience."

If Kim seems undaunted by playing at such a large venue, it is because she has been amply prepared to handle it.

A student of violin for the past 7½ years, she first was prompted to pick up the instrument by her mother, Sun hee Kim.

Sun hee Kim and her husband, Seung Taek Kim, imparted their love of music into their children. Kim's brother Jason Kim, 12, is a cellist and is following her footsteps into the symphony.

"I was young and she wanted to find me some-

'My mom sacrifices the time to get me everywhere. She's been a great help.'

— Sara Kim

thing to do," Kim recalls.

As it turned out, Soon hee Kim picked the right something. Kim was named concert master of the New Jersey Youth Symphony in 2000 and held the position for three years. She also was assistant concert master of the NJYS in 2003.

That same year, she also was named assistant concert master of the Intermediate Regional Orchestra.

The following year, she was promoted to concert master of orchestra. In 2001 she also won the first of two consecutive Bergen Audition music scholarships.

In 2003, she was named assistant concert master in NJ High School All-State Orchestra in her first

year of eligibility.

She also won second place in the sixth annual New York Music Competition, which paved the way for her invite to play at the Wiell Recital Hall in Carnegie Hall.

The competition, sponsored by *The Korean Daily News*, gave her and several other young musicians of varying ages and instruments the opportunity to demonstrate their abilities. Kim played her favorite piece for the occasion: Concerto 3 in B minor by Saint-Saens. She likes the piece for its challenge and melody.

She was joined by two other violinists in the

most senior age group. There were also parts for pianists, lending to the look, feel, and sound of an upscale symphony.

Despite these accolades and her obvious passion for it, music remains a hobby to Kim.

"It enriches my life," she says. "I just really like music."

She does not, however, see herself becoming a professional violinist. Kim, who also plays flute and clarinet, wants to be a lawyer.

From the moment she began playing, her biggest supporter has been her mother.

"My mom sacrifices the time to get me everywhere," the younger Kim explains. "She's been a great help."

Kim, who lives on Gibson Boulevard in Clark and attends the Union County Magnet School, also enjoys swimming and tennis. Self-described as quiet and "more of a reserved person," she is a dedicated student.

Kim's love for music transcends traditional classical boundaries. She also enjoys modern pop songs. While she sings on occasion, she has not attempted to compose anything on her own.

With the works of Saint-Saens and others to draw upon, there is no shortage of pieces for her to play. Her violin, an extravagant Dutch model more than 200 years old, has served her faithfully and likely will continue to do so until she opts to hang up her strings.

Whether she is playing an extended piece at a recital or concert or taking a tough test in school, Sara Kim's quiet resolve enables her to persevere.

And no matter what the achievement, her mother is behind her, smiling proudly.



Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

Sara Kim of Gibson Boulevard recently performed at Carnegie Hall in the Wiell Recital Hall.

Offices closed

The offices of this newspaper will be closed July 4 in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen Monday, July 7.

The deadlines for the July 3 and July 10 editions remain the same:

- Lifestyle, including church and club news, etc. — Monday, noon.

- Letters to the editor — Monday, noon.

- What's Going On — Monday, 3:30 p.m.

- Display ads — Monday, noon for Section B and 5 p.m. for Section A.

- Sports news — Monday, 9 a.m.

- General news — Tuesday, 9 a.m.

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- Legal advertising — Monday, noon.

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Clark Kiwanis President Peggy Monagle presents manager of the Clark ShopRite Frank Juba with a certificate of appreciation for the store's support to the charitable projects that it, through the Wakefern Corporation, has endorsed through the years. Juba was instrumental in supplying bottled water for senior citizens in Clark when they found themselves without running water for a few days last summer. Also, since Juba is a Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner co-sponsor each year, the club named him again as a Community Angel.

Speaker: Life like a roller coaster

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school on Monday mornings, the close bond students share with dedicated teachers, the thrill of a hard-fought sports victory, and so on.

"A friend of mine once compared life to a roller coaster: Those who shut their eyes miss the best parts," said Jendrek.

One memory Jendrek will have for a long time is the problem she had preparing her graduation address.

"This speech has given me a hard time," she said when she first took the microphone. "On the way over here, I lost the third page."

Jendrek's successor at the mike, salutatorian Kristen Ann Rastelli spoke about the changes that life brings and the need graduates would have to accept those changes as they come.

"This moment right now is one of those changes we must embrace," said Rastelli. "All these moments make up a colorful, bittersweet mosaic of our lives."

Addresses from the Board of Education were succinct. Board President James Rooney limited his remarks to wishing the graduates good luck, while Superintendent Paul Ortenzio used the occasion to extend a final, brief bit of advice.

"Do good things with each person you meet," he exhorted the graduates. "We welcomed you as freshmen, and now we burst with pride as you leave, mature, responsible seniors. The world is yours."

Despite their high hopes for their children's future, many parents found the graduation ceremony to be a bittersweet experience, where pride in their children was tempered by their imminent departure.

"I'm going to miss him," Stanton Street resident Damian Griffin said of his son, Shaun, 18. "He does all the work around the house. He mows the lawn and everything. Now I have to do it."

Shaun Griffin plans to study business at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, but hopes to join law enforcement after graduation. He will continue to play soccer and Division 3 basketball, the elder Griffin said.

"He's excited about it. I'm excited for him that he's moving to the next level academically and athletically," said Griffin, who works for the Clark School District as the maintenance foreman.

Young Democrats sought

Young Democrats from Clark Township are invited to attend an organizational meeting for the Union County Young Democrats on Monday.

The meeting will be held at the county Democratic headquarters at 2022b Morris Ave., Union. Clark Democrats 15 to 25 years old are invited to attend. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call Lauren Lukac, the Clark coordinator for the Union County Young Democrats, at 732-382-5690, or call Sean Wright at 908-654-8940 or 908-531-2288.



Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

Valedictorian Tamara Jendrek, center, crams some last-minute additions into her graduation speech immediately before the start of commencement exercises. Coming to her aid are fellow graduates Cassandra Pestana and Kristen Rastelli, who lends her shoulder to Jendrek.

The ceremony got began around 7:30 p.m., well past the 7 p.m. start-time originally anticipated.

As time dragged on with no start in sight as workers decked out the stage with ornamental plants and chairs, parents and relatives began to grow impatient for the ceremony to start.

The delay was blamed on the weather, which had started foul but later turned fair. District officials had been prepared to hold the ceremony indoors as neighboring Cranford High School did, but took a chance on the weather when the clouds began to scatter.

"This was a good class," said Robert Taylor, who attended the graduation ceremony for the first time as principal. "It was important to get them out here, and I'm glad we did it."

If some were disappointed by the late start, at least one attendee expressed outright annoyance at the abundance of air horns that could be heard as seniors entered the field and later as they received their diplomas.

"Some of those people ought to go back to school," the man remarked after the stands had burst with a particularly loud blast on the air horn. "They haven't grown up yet."

Annoyance and aggravation aside, the ceremony was a hit for most of the friends and relatives in attendance, if for no other reason than they knew the

people who were graduating.

"He's the best nephew," Linda Vicci of Cranford declared about her nephew Michael Vicci, who has an all-American football scholarship to Bryant College.

She and her husband, John Vicci, were bursting with enough pride to be Michael's parents.

Michael's 10-year-old brother Robert came with their uncle and aunt. Michael hasn't moved out of the house yet, but Robert already has his eyes on his big brothers' room.

"I want it. I don't know if I'll get it," he said. "I like that I get the house to myself, but I will miss him."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Friday

• Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., will show "Tuck Everlasting" at 7 p.m. as part of a teen movie night program made possible by Friends of the Clark Public Library. There is no charge.

Monday

• Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., will hold a toddler story-time for children up to age 2½ years old. Nursery rhymes, songs, stories and movement activities. Drop-in; no registration required.

Tuesday

• Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., will hold a family story-time at 4 p.m. Listen to some good stories, and do a simple activity. Kids and families are invited. Registration will be in advance.

Upcoming

July 3

• Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., will show "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" at 4 p.m. as part of a summer movie program made possible by Friends of the Clark Public Library. There is no charge.

July 4

• The township will kick off its annual Independence Day celebration at 4:30 p.m. The event will feature free children's rides and will include food vendors outside the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 400 Westfield Ave.

Fireworks will begin at 9:15 p.m. behind Arthur L. Johnson High School, 365 Westfield Ave.

Announcements about changes in the July 4 schedule will be made from 2 to 3 p.m. July 4 on TV36; on the radio at 1700 AM, and online at www.ourclark.com. Rain date is July 5.

July 7

• Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., will hold a toddler story-time at 10 a.m. for children up to age 2½ years old. Nursery rhymes, songs, stories and movement activities. Drop-in; no registration required.

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

July 8

• Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., will hold a family story-time at 4 p.m. Listen to some good stories, and do a simple activity. Kids and families are invited. Registration will be in advance.

July 9

• Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., will continue its series of construction videos, for children 3 to 8 years old, at 10:30 a.m.

• 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 10

• Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., will show "Hey Arnold: The Movie" at 4 p.m. as part of a summer movie program made possible by Friends of the Clark Public Library. There is no charge.

July 11

• Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., will sponsor a trip to the Great Swamp in Chatham from 9 a.m. to noon for children to get up-close and personal with plants and animals in our area. Children must have finished kindergarten to sign up for this morning trip and must be accompanied by an adult. There is no charge. Registration has begun and is limited to 35 children.

The library also will show "Spirited Away" at 7 p.m. as part of a teen movie nights program made possible by Friends of the Clark Public Library. There is no charge.

• The Art Educators of New Jersey Artist/Teacher Network will have an artist's reception at 7:30 p.m. to open its exhibit at the Skulski Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 732-382-7197.

July 14

• Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., will hold a toddler story-time at 10 a.m. for children up to age 2½ years old. Nursery rhymes, songs, stories and movement activities. Drop-in; no registration required. Etch-A-Sketch artist Keith Drake also will appear at the library at 7:30 p.m. to demonstrate his Etch-A-Sketch drawing production. The event will be held at 7:30 p.m. July 14. All ages are invited.

• 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.

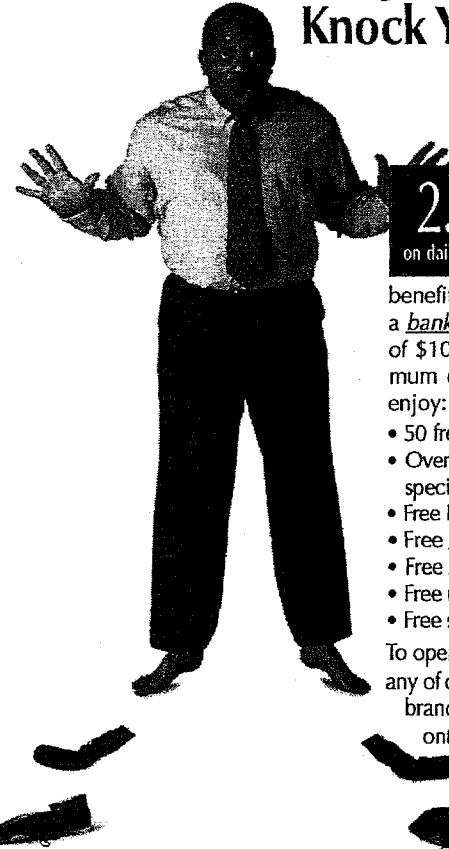
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• Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., will hold a family story-time at 4 p.m. Listen to some good stories, and do a simple activity. Kids and families are invited. Registration will be in advance.

July 16

• Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., will continue its series of construction videos, for children 3 to 8 years old, at 10:30 a.m.

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Failure puts new strain on budget

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Despite the financial burden, the exigencies of the situation require the board create the positions anyway, said board member Joseph Papetti, speaking for the board's curriculum committee.

"We considered that this creates a burden for the budget, we hadn't anticipated it, but we have to find the money for it," said Papetti.

The administration already had budgeted for one new basic skills instructor at Valley Road School in a converted computer lab. The district now will consult that pool of applicants for two teachers instead of one, said Business Administrator William Takacs.

The failure also comes despite the school district's efforts to ensure that students are prepared for it.

The GEPA is designed around the state's core curriculum standards — the material, skills and knowledge the state Department of Education considers essential for every student in New Jersey to understand.

The district has tailored its curriculum over the years to see that students get the education they need to pass the GEPA, and even has sent sample test packets home with students so they could prepare for the test.

"Quite frankly," Miksza said, "we

did not get the same response from the students —"

"Or the parents," Ortenzio interjected.

"— or the parents," Miksza echoed, "and you see the results."

The test essentially is intended to be an early warning for educators about students who are having problems with math and language skills. The 40 Clark students who failed the GEPA test will not take it again.

Instead, they will take a similar standardized test at the end of ninth and 10th grades. Based on their scores on that test, their grades in nonre-

meh classes, their grades in remedial math and the recommendations of their teachers, they can be removed from the basic skills track later.

The basic skills classes also will involve students from Garwood who failed the GEPA. Garwood sends its high-schoolers to Clark through an agreement the two districts reached under the break-up of the Union County Regional School District.

"We're going to have to see about cutting programs or something to get that money," said board President James Rooney. "We can't go back to the taxpayers for this money."

OBITUARIES

John Susko

John Susko, 81, of Clark died June 15 in the Genesis ElderCare Center, Westfield.

Born in Tide, Pa., Mr. Susko lived in Elizabeth before moving to Clark 50 years ago.

He was a lab technician with GAF Corp., Linden, for 48 years and retired 15 years ago.

Mr. Susko was a staff sergeant in the Army Air Forces during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Helen; a daughter, Lauren Brighton; two

sons, John and James; a sister, Helen Pearson; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Richard A. Grady

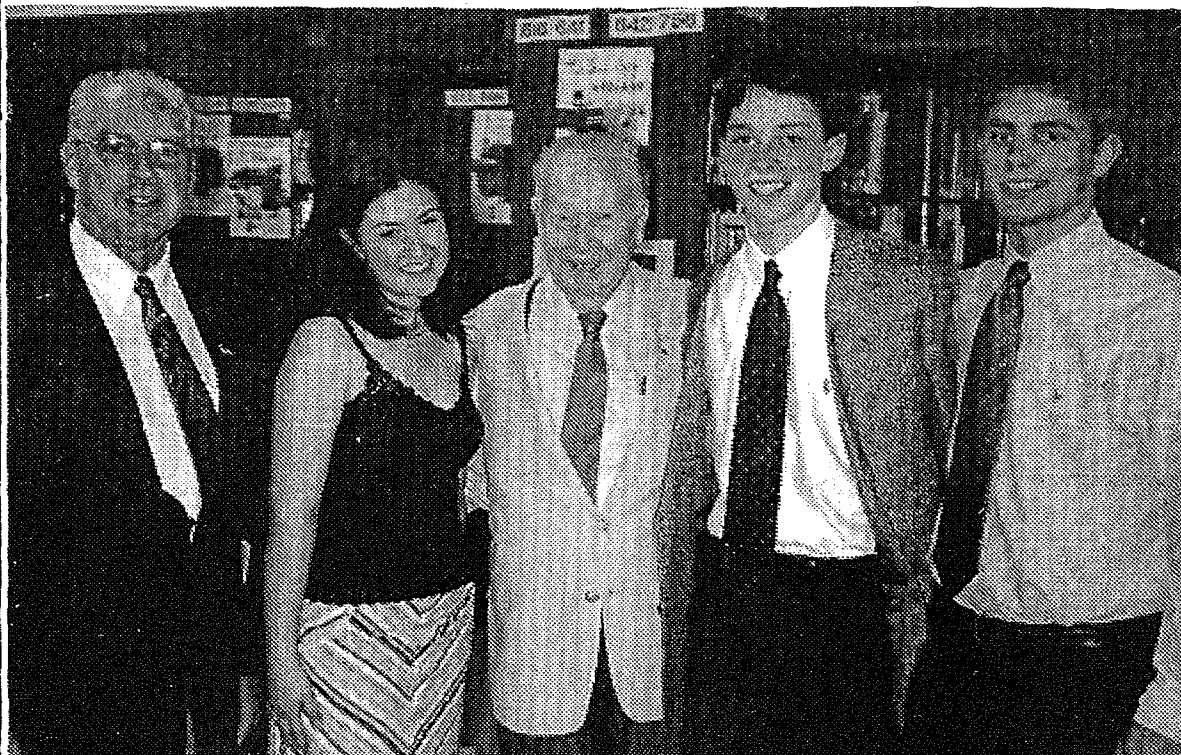
Richard A. Grady, 82, of Clark died June 17 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Tobyhanna, Pa., Mr. Grady lived in Elizabeth before moving to Clark 40 years ago.

He was a machinist with Western Electric, Kearny, for 30 years and retired in 1984.

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

Foundation names scholarship designees



The Leslie Bartell Scholarship Foundation awarded scholarships June 5 to three Arthur L. Johnson High School seniors at the school's annual awards program. The foundation awards scholarships to students who have demonstrated the finest qualities of academic achievement, leadership and good character. Recipients have contributed significantly to the school and the community. Pictured are Richard Bartell, recipient Danielle Wojcio, Leslie Bartell, and recipients Devin Felter and Michael Zizza.

Windshields, tires hit by car-targeting vandals, cops say

Vandals struck and damaged a number of vehicles over a period of several days, including a slashed tire and broken windshield.

The windshield reportedly was broken on a car that was parked on Blake Drive. The incident was reported at 5:49 a.m. Friday. Police released no further information.

The slashed tire was discovered in a separate incident reported at 8:07 p.m. Friday. The car in that case was parked at a Stonehenge Terrace residence.

In a third incident, a vandal reportedly broke the side window of a vehicle parked on a Locust Grove Drive residence, reported 3:11 p.m. Sunday.

There was a fourth incident that police provided no detail about, except that it involved a Starlite Drive residence and a motor vehicle. Those damages were reported at 7:24 a.m. Monday.

POLICE BLOTTER

A resident reported criminal mischief to a motor vehicle parked on Hutchinson Street, at 12:46 p.m. June 18.

No other information was available about the incident.

Vandals also reportedly damaged a Featherbed Lane lawn at 8:07 a.m. Sunday, and a Westfield Avenue business at 11:10 a.m. Monday.

Police have characterized all the incidents as criminal mischief, but placed no cost value on the damages.

A felled tree was removed from Brant Avenue and the Garden State Parkway Circle, at 11:22 a.m. Sunday.

Police pushed a disabled vehicle onto a parking lot after it broke down on the northbound exit ramp of the Garden State Parkway at 9:27 p.m.

Sunday.

Police took an East Orange man from Middlesex County Corrections Facility to Union County Jail June 17 when he was unable to post bail.

Ibraheem Abass, 21, of 67 S. Munn Ave., East Orange, was in custody at the Middlesex County facility when Clark police arrived at 4:43 p.m. June 17.

Abass was arrested on an outstanding contempt-of-court warrant when he was unable to post \$500 bail.

Police arrested Jill Morit, 32, of 221 S. Union Ave., Cranford, on an outstanding contempt-of-court warrant at 12:38 p.m. June 19.

Morit was released after posting \$500 bail.

Police arrested Nat Williams, 40, of 604 S. 20th St., Newark, on an outstanding contempt-of-court arrest warrant, at 4:24 p.m. June 19.

Williams was released after post-

ing \$1,007 bail.

An Emerald Place resident reported losing a cellular phone, at 5:55 p.m. June 16.

A Stanton Street resident also reported losing a cell phone, at 10:40 a.m. June 18.

Police sent Verizon to repair a downed telephone wire 3:36 p.m. June 17.

The wire was down near Mildred Terrace and Fairview Road.

Somebody stole a purse from a Westfield Avenue business June 18.

The theft was reported at 1:27 p.m. No further information about the theft was available.

An incident of credit card fraud at the Target department store was reported at 11:40 a.m. June 19.

Provident Bank on Westfield Avenue reported receiving bad checks at 11:08 a.m. June 12.

Police arrested John Henry, 31,

of 81 Bunn Lane, Woodbridge, on an outstanding contempt-of-court warrant, at 11:030 a.m. June 12.

Henry was released on his own recognizance.

Workers at Rite Aid reported a suspected case of identity theft-related fraud at 10:35 a.m. June 14.

The incident is under investigation, police said. No other details were released.

A motorist reported slashed tires on a car parked at a John Street residence at 12:18 p.m. June 13.

No other information was released.

Police visited Monmouth County Jail at 4:30 p.m. June 13 to arrest a Long Branch woman.

Claire Schindler, 48, of 110 Longview, Long Branch, was unable to pay \$840 bail for a contempt-of-court warrant, and was taken to Union County Jail.

A motorist reported a broken windshield on a vehicle parked at a Central Avenue business, at 2:19 a.m. June 15.

Police are investigating criminal mischief done to a motor vehicle by a Riverside Drive residence, at 12:07 p.m. June 15.

The vehicle reportedly had been dented up.

Police charged Lori Parascando, 38, of 94 Nardone Ave., Edison, with fraud at 12:55 p.m. June 15.

Police arrested Parascando at Rite Aid on Central Avenue, but did not describe the incident.

A wallet was reported stolen from a ShopRite customer at 1:29 p.m. June 15.

Police charged Marlene Manning, 34, of 952 Chancellor Ave., Irvington, with various unlisted motor-vehicle offenses.

EDUCATION

Nine high school seniors named Bloustein scholars

Nine Arthur L. Johnson seniors were named to the 2003 Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars program.

This year's Bloustein Scholars are Michael Zizza, Danielle Wojcio, Kristen Rastelli, Tamara Jendrek, John Roglieri, Devin Felter, Chintan Patel, Steve Peti and Luke Swantek.

The program, named for the 17th president of Rutgers University, is designed to recognize, support and promote academic excellence.

The students chosen are in the top 10 percent of their graduating class.

High school sports writer named student of month

Graduating senior Tiffany Ingenito was named the Arthur L. Johnson High School student of the month for June.

A member of the Quill and Scroll International Journalism Honor Society and a regular on the honor roll, Ingenito was sports editor of *The Crusader* and was a member of The Lance yearbook staff.

Her articles have been published in area newspapers, and she attended the Columbia University Scholastic Press Day. She also placed first in sports writing category in the Garden State Scholastic Press Association's 2002 Summer Contest.

Until her June 19 graduation, Ingenito was a member of the Student Council and served on the Hall Decorating Committee and the Dance Committee. She also was a homecoming queen nominee.

A peer leader and a peer mediator, she participated in the high school's training workshop for eighth-graders, as well as in the County and State Teen Arts Festival. A scholar-athlete,



Tiffany Ingenito

she has been a member of both the varsity soccer and track teams.



Ediberto Gonzalez

Outside school, Ingenito has attended the UK Elite Summer Soccer

Camp, Pingry Summer Soccer Camp, Rutgers Summer Camp, and Star Goalkeeper Academy.

She played for the Cranford Soccer Club and participated in Cranford's 9-11 fund-raising events.

Ingenito has worked as a YMCA lifeguard/counselor in the summer and as a Gap sales associate.

In her free time, she enjoys weight lifting and running, and as a hobby, Tiffany also designs and produces T-shirts.

After graduation, Ingenito will attend Kutztown University and plans a dual major in English and psychology, with a minor in secondary education. She is the daughter of Debra and Dennis Ingenito.

ALJ teacher contributes skills gained in Cuba

Ediberto Gonzalez was born in Banes, Holguin, Cuba in 1956.

He attended the Manuel Asuncion teacher's institute in Banes and graduated in 1973 with certification in elementary education. He taught elementary school and attended The English Language Institute.

In 1977, Gonzalez received his certification in middle school foreign language education and began teaching English to seventh-, eighth- and ninth-graders.

In 1986, he graduated from college and was promoted to director of foreign languages, making him responsible for implementing curriculum and supervising teachers.

In 1992, he became the Foreign Language Department Administrator and taught English at the high school level. Gonzalez also served on a national committee on curriculum.

Gonzalez immigrated to the United States in December 1999 and began teaching at Arthur L. Johnson High School in September 2000.

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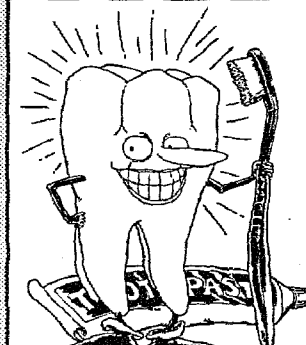
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EDITORIALS

Hits and misses

Without a doubt, one of the biggest frustrations this week for motorists in and around Clark is the work the county Department of Engineering and Public Works is doing on the Raritan Road bridge. Although we don't doubt motorists will be served better with an improved bridge when the work is done, the next several months on Raritan Road are going to be one long bumper-to-bumper aggravation for the thousands of motorists who use that road to travel. Here follows our take on other newsworthy events of the past few weeks.

HIT: Clearly any motorist stuck on Raritan Road would rather use a Firebolt or a Nimbus 2000 to get around the delays. While that's not an option, fans of Harry Potter are getting something even better than a broomstick: "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," a book that fires the imagination, fuels an interest in reading, and quenches a three-year thirst for new tales of the boy wizard.

MISS: It shouldn't take a wizard to make sense out of the recent decision by state Commissioner of Education William L. Librera to let the Board of Education make repairs at the school district. The decision, which has left school officials scratching their heads regarding whether they have too much money and whether they are not allowed to repair anything but the high school, surely could have benefitted from better proofreading to avoid misunderstanding on the commissioner's part — or to explain why he apparently felt it appropriate to swap horses in midstream.

HIT: Ambiguity in purpose is not a problem at Clark Public Library. In keeping with its mission to turn people on to reading, the library has been developing a collection of graphic novels. The collection is still small — about 200 volumes so far — but the range of the collection is good, and its inclusion at the library indicates a willingness to recognize the overlooked but often exemplary literary value of comic books. Here's hoping the collection gets its own section soon.

MISS: Once they had their own section, not at the library but within Clark's ecology, but the township's amphibian population apparently is on a massive decline, according to Environmental Commission Chairman Bill Fidurski. If Fidurski is correct — and it seems reasonable, since he personally investigated the matter for the state Department of Environmental Protection — the loss of an entire population of amphibian species is a tragedy for the whole community.

Don't stop now

This week, nearly 200 young adults from Clark are caught somewhere between euphoria at finishing high school and unease at the hoofbeats of the approaching college career and the onset of regular full-time work for others.

Transitions and change are nothing new to this class. The year started with a new captain of the administrative team, an end to the mold and bacteria problem in the school, and the arrival of the Board of Education's administrative offices within the halls of Arthur L. Johnson High School. It's been a time of personal change as well, as friendships have flared and sometimes died, as interests have waxed and waned, and the upheaval of adolescence has continued.

Through it all, your teachers and the high school administration have been there to arm you with knowledge and to guide you toward a moral compass that will steer you through troubled times. During the war in Iraq, teachers spent important class time to help you work through the issues and gain the context needed to understand better what was going on. Assemblies have addressed topics like the consequences of drug use and possession, and resources at the high school have given you the opportunity to pursue interests in art, in journalism and communications, in theater, in the sciences, and in nearly every subject possible.

That's ended now, but this is not the end of your education. It is only the beginning. Especially for those who are leaving high school to attend college, but even for those who are not, the next several years represent a virtually unparalleled opportunity to discover important lessons about personal responsibility, about self-reliance, about other viewpoints and cultures, and — perhaps most importantly — the obligation one human being has to guard the dignity and welfare of another as well as his or her own.

All your education until now, and particularly high school, has laid the blueprint for the sort of person you will be. What you do in the next few years will have a lot to do with how well you follow that plan. Follow it well.

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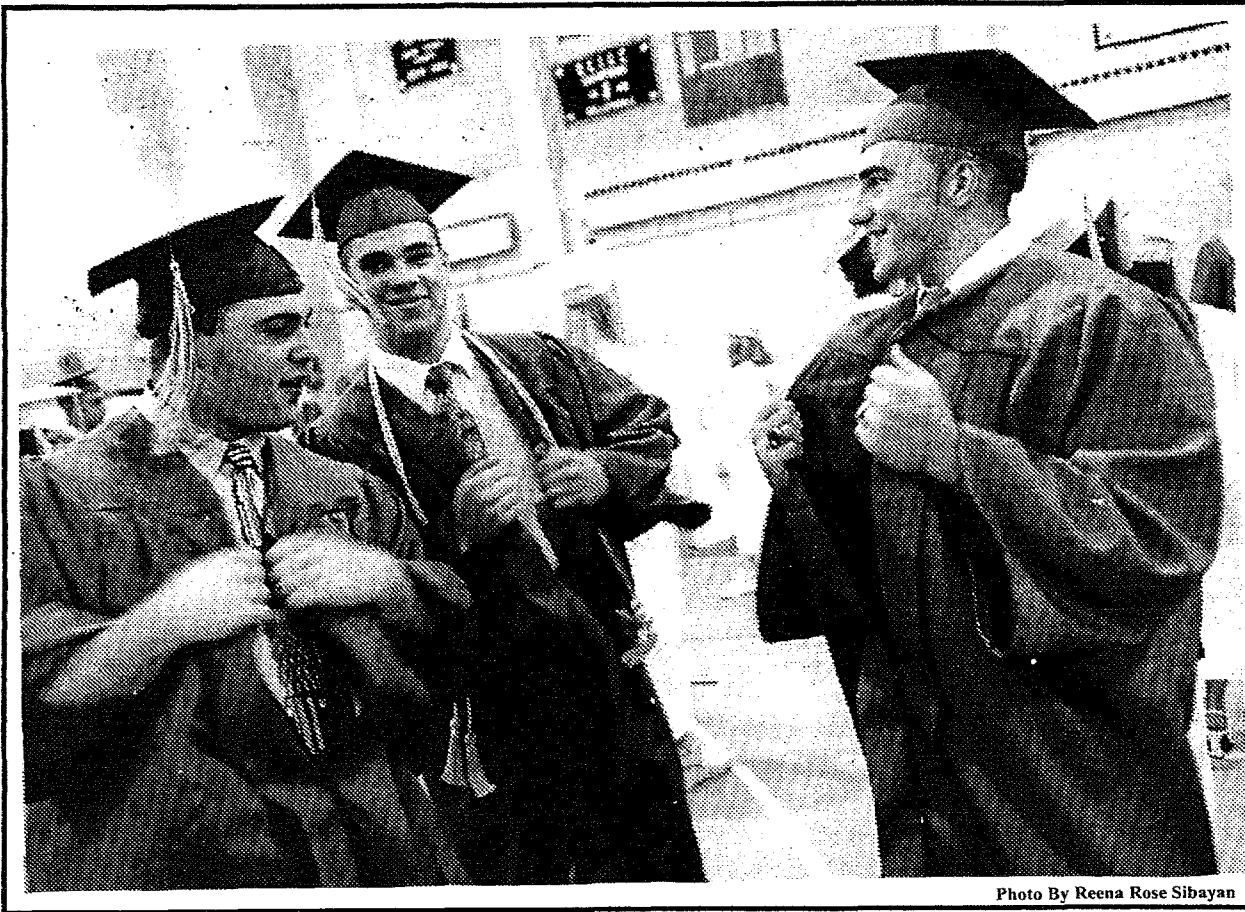


Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

KEEPIN' COOL — The heat was on at Arthur L. Johnson High School the evening of graduation, but seniors Kyle DeFalco, Mike Carrano and Albert Del Conte did their best to keep cool in the gym by fanning themselves with their gowns as they waited for the commencement ceremony to begin.

Musk mallows surely will benefit your garden

There are some plants that take decades to flower. There are some plants so difficult to propagate that it is a wonder that they survive.

Thank goodness there are many plants that grow, flourish and self-seed themselves in the garden.

Malva moschata or musk mallow is one of them. Like so many horticultural immigrants, this relative of hollyhock, hibiscus and abutilon is native to Europe and parts of Asia, but it has made itself completely at home in many areas of the United States.

My appreciation of musk mallow began several years ago when I saw a clump that had naturalized itself by the roadside near our summer cottage in central New York.

I love plain, old-fashioned hollyhocks, and the musk mallow's 2-inch hollyhocklike flowers were pink and born in great profusion.

The flowers' fragrance, which is supposed to be rather musky, smelled more like honey to me. Each flower petal had a slight notch in the center of the top edge. The delicate five-lobed leaves were deeply dissected, and the plants were a manageable 2 feet tall. I decided that I had to have a musk mallow.

Fortunately, it is easy to get musk mallows. Many large garden centers carry them, and you usually can order

The Gardener's Apprentice

By Elisabeth Ginsburg

them from mainstream catalogs such as Wayside Gardens.

Mine came from the garden center, where I went in search of a basic pink musk mallow. When I saw a one-quart pot of the white-flowered form Malva moschata alba, I changed my mind. It was a hot day, and the white petals looked so fresh and clean, that I decided that my first musk mallow had to be white.

Mallows like sunshine, but can tolerate what the catalogs now refer to as "bright shade," part-day sunshine or very lightly dappled shade.

I installed my original plant in a spot that is shaded by the house for part of the day. I wasn't sure if it would succeed.

I should not have worried. The plant rooted by itself in about 10 minutes, and produced a bumper crop of flowers.

Since it had so many buds, it bloomed more or less continuously for five or six weeks. The leaves

remain crisp and attractive for the entire growing season, making Malva moschata a good citizen of the multi-season garden.

After the first flush of bloom, the plants also can be sheared back to keep things neat and encourage later flowering.

Musk mallow foliage might remind you a little of curly endive and, in fact, it is edible, as are the leaves of other mallows. I have not tried it, but you can eat the musk mallow leaves raw in salads.

Herbalists have long used them to make poultices that allegedly reduce swelling when applied to bee stings, hemorrhoids and other external conditions and injuries.

I am partial to any plant that amortizes my investment by increasing. My original musk mallow obliged by getting larger throughout its first growing season. The next season I noticed baby musk mallows near the parent.

Now, three years later, I have enough musk mallows to start my own business. Some of the offspring are growing six or seven feet away from the original plant. Others are coming up through the cracks in a nearby brick walkway. All are magnificently healthy, having thrived during last year's drought and continuing

to flourish through this year's monsoon.

Now of course this vitality, which is one of musk mallow's great assets, is also one of its great liabilities. If you don't police your musk mallow, it eventually will invade every bed on your property.

Fortunately the young plants are easy to spot, and just as easy either to pull up or to transplant and give to friends.

Because of their appearance and growth habits, musk mallows probably are not right for an extremely formal planting scheme.

However, if you have a cottage garden, or just a lot of flower beds in need of something simple and care-free, musk mallow is your ticket.

They also are helpful on banks, slopes, or in naturalized meadow-type gardens. You can grow them quite successfully in containers without worrying about having to take them inside in the winter.

At the end of the day I love my white musk mallows. Perhaps this summer I finally will get around to purchasing one of the pink specimens that started me down the musk mallow path.

Elisabeth Ginsburg is a regular contributor to this newspaper.

Home burglary can leave long-lasting trauma

Senior Insights

By Marie E. Powell

Having a stranger break into your home, rob and perhaps even injure you, is a horrible experience for anyone.

Older people, however, are particularly vulnerable. Physically, financially and psychologically, they may suffer more than younger persons from such an invasion.

Because of their physical frailty, seniors are prone to more severe injury if a robber strikes them or even pushes them roughly out of the way.

Elderly persons often live on fixed incomes, so a theft may leave them unable to pay for medication, food, utilities or other necessities.

Also, seniors already coping with a greater sense of dependency and helplessness can become seriously frightened or depressed by a home burglary.

A bulletin from the U.S. Department of Justice states, "Household burglary ranks among the more serious felony crimes not only because it involves the illegal entry of one's home, but also because a substantial proportion of the violent crimes that occur in the home take place during a burglary incident."

A study conducted by the National Council on Aging on 800 older adults found that although a third thought they needed more security, most felt the need was greatest when they were away from home.

This contradicts statistics compiled by the U.S. Department of Justice, which suggest that while the risk of crime isn't as high for the eld

erly as for younger people, they are more likely to be attacked or robbed at or near their homes.

The study showed older people depend on typical security measures such as door and window locks and outdoor lighting.

About 22 percent have home-security systems. Just more than a third felt they would be safer with a personal emergency response device, such as a portable wireless button they could use to alert police or medical personnel.

What basic steps can you take to make your home safer from invasion by a burglar? The council made these recommendations:

- Install dead bolts on all doors leading outside.
- Secure sliding glass doors with pins, to prevent horizontal and vertical movement.
- Fix broken door locks, windows and lock mechanisms.
- Be sure to lock all doors and windows.
- Check out visitors through a peephole, not an open door for which you depend on a chain lock.
- Replace all exterior locks when you relocate to a new residence.

The Department of Justice offers these additional tips to reduce your chance of becoming a victim:

- Join or start a neighborhood

watch. Your local police department has a crime prevention office or officer who can assist you with this.

- Light the outside of your house and trim the shrubs.
- Install window gates and an alarm system.
- Ask a neighbor to keep an eye on things. Offer your phone to neighbors for emergency use, and use their phone when necessary.
- Make the house appear occupied at all times. Use timers on your lights, and when you go on vacation, stop deliveries. Also, arrange to have circulars collected, the lawn mowed and the garbage put out while you're away.
- Etch identifying numbers on your valuables, and move them out of the bedroom, the first place a burglar looks.

Don't help a thief gain access to your home. Check the identity of anyone who claims to be a maintenance or repair person, government official, or a friend of one of your grown children.

If a stranger asks to use your telephone for an emergency, let the person wait outside while you make the call. If someone claims to be delivering a gift, and you haven't been told to expect anything, ask him to leave the package at the front for you to pick up later.

Don't give out personal information on the phone, such as your name, address, Social Security number or credit card numbers.

If you have an answering machine, use it to screen unwanted calls. Noti-

fy the police if you receive any threatening or harassing calls.

If you think someone has broken into your home, don't go in! Call the police from a nearby phone and wait somewhere safe for them to arrive.

Suppose you witness someone robbing your home, or a neighbor? How can you best help the police to catch the offender?

First, observe and remember as much as possible about the burglar's appearance and behavior.

Try to memorize age, weight, height, hair color and so forth. Look for distinguishing characteristics such as scars, tattoos, a distinctive haircut or a prominent feature.

Also observe the style and color of the person's clothing, gait and manner of speech. If a car is involved, note the make, model, color and license number.

Call the police emergency number immediately to make a crime report. The sooner you report the crime, the more likely the police will be able to collect evidence and apprehend the thief.

A robbery destroys a person's sense of personal safety, and he or she may react with what might seem like "unreasonable" fear in the future.

Finally, if either you or a friend needs extra help to recover from the shock of a robbery, seek out psychological counseling or a trauma support group.

Marie E. Powell is a frequent contributor to this newspaper.

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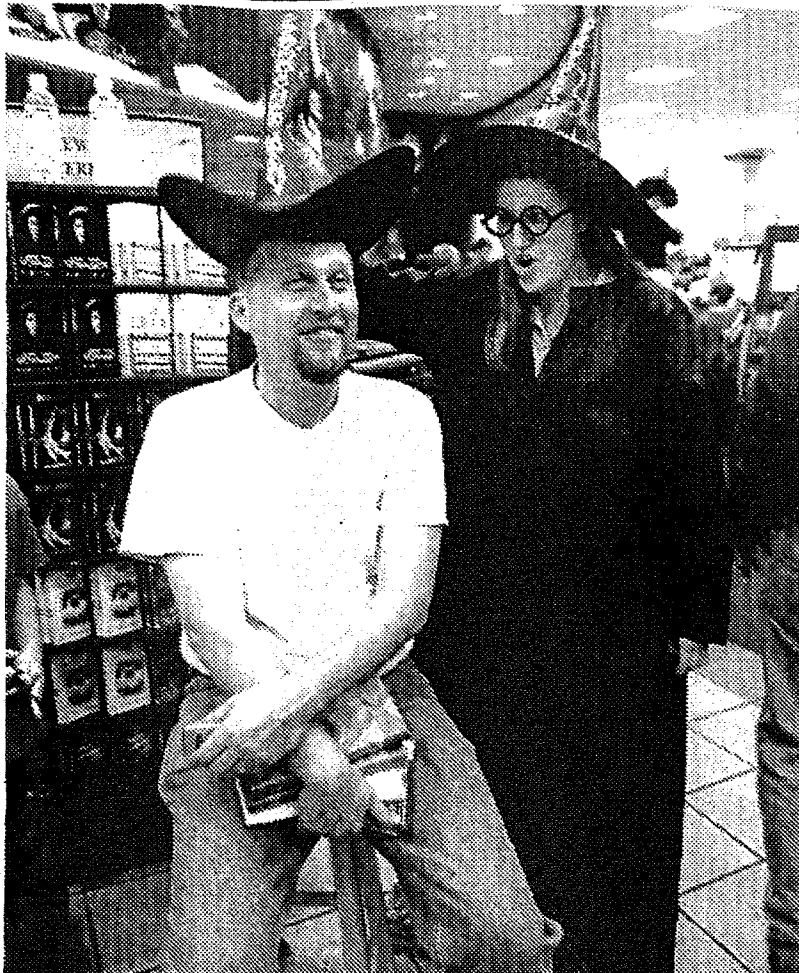
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Welcome back, Potter!

Photos By Reena Rose Sibayan



It was a Potters field at Barnes and Noble at Central Avenue and Raritan Road as children, parents and other enthused adults turned out in force Friday night to celebrate the arrival of J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," the first Harry Potter book in three years. Above, Stephen Magelinski of Fanwood dons the fabled Sorting Hat with the help of Barnes and Noble employee Nicole Haggiae. Where else would the hat put an adult determined to get the book? It had to be Slytherin.



She's dressed like a witch, but maybe it would take magic to bring order to a crowd of eager adults and their children. Susan Fields, an assistant store manager for Barnes and Noble, gives her customers a late-night explanation of how they can buy and pick up their copies of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix." The bookstore was open past midnight Saturday morning in order to give customers the opportunity to buy the book as soon as it came on sale.



Expelliarmus! With that heartfelt cry, dueling wizards Justin Sitler, 7, of Cranford and Jeffrey Felter, 6, of Westfield try to disarm each other with their homemade wands in a Harry-potting stand-off. No news on which of the boys won.



Even adults have got caught up in the excitement around the release of the fifth Harry Potter novel. Here Dawn Torstrup and Diane Strain, both of Woodbridge, pose for pictures with witches hats between the Harry Potter displays at the bookstore.



The party at Barnes and Noble included surprises, like the Bertie Botts Every-Flavor Beans from the Harry Potter books. Above, Emma Biddulph, 8, fans her mouth after tasting a hot bean. At right, Fields, the assistant store manager, gives a customer a ticket to claim a copy of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" at party's end.



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OBITUARIES

Richard Rembert Jr.

Richard Rembert Jr., 54, of Cranford died June 18 at home.
Born in Newark, Mr. Rembert moved to Cranford 30 years ago.
He was a systems technician at At&T/Lucent Technologies, Cranford, for 31 years and retired four years ago.

Mr. Rembert was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He served with the First Infantry and the 82nd Airborne and received the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Commendation medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service stars and the Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device.

Mr. Rembert was a past commander of the American Legion Post 470 of Kenilworth.

Surviving are his wife, Joann; a son, Richard J. III; a daughter, Heather; his parents, Florence and Richard J. Rembert Sr., and a grandchild.

Edith L. Burke

Edith L. Burke, 85, of Linden, formerly of Cranford, died June 19 at home.
Born in Jersey City, Mrs. Burke

lived in Cranford and Menlo Park before moving to Linden four years ago.

She was a Sunday school teacher for many years at St. John's Reformed Church, Jersey City.

Surviving are a son, William Noweck; a grandchild and a great-grandchild.

Daniel DiFabio

Daniel V. DiFabio, 79, a lifelong resident of Cranford, died June 22 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Mr. DiFabio worked for Alcan Metals, Union, for 40 years and retired in 1985.

He was an Army veteran of World War II. Mr. DiFabio was awarded the Bronze Star for heroism for guiding a detail of 16 men to safety through heavy mortar and machine gun fire during a battle on Nov. 11, 1944, in LaValle, Italy.

Surviving are his wife, Agnes; two sons, Delwyn and Michael, and seven grandchildren.

Madeline Favor

Madeline Favor, 87, of Cranford, formerly of Elizabeth, died June 21 in Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Favor moved to Cranford seven years ago.
She was a self-employed seam-

stress.

Mrs. Favor also taught preschool at the Colchie School, Elizabeth, and disabled students at the Cerebral Palsy Center of Elizabeth.

Surviving are a daughter, Lorraine Derisano; a sister, Mary Scannella; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Frank J. Albergo

Frank J. Albergo, 39, of Roselle Park, formerly of Cranford, died June 21 in University Hospital, Newark.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Albergo lived in Cranford before moving to Roselle Park seven years ago.

He was a self-employed building contractor for 15 years.

Surviving are a son, Frank Jr.; his father, James V. Albergo Sr.; a brother, James V. Jr., and four sisters, Janice Tittel, Linda Sheehan, Cynthia and Kathryn.

Walter Garthwaite

Walter O. Garthwaite, 88, of Cranford, formerly of Kenilworth, died June 11 at home.

Born in Union, Mr. Garthwaite lived in Kenilworth before moving to Cranford 35 years ago.

He worked for Carpenter Steel, Union, for 35 years before retiring.

Surviving are his wife, Helen A.; two sons, Walter W. and Carl L., and four grandchildren.

John D'Amico

John D'Amico, 57, of Edison, formerly of Elizabeth, owner of a barbershop in Cranford, died June 12 at home.

Born in Italy, Mr. D'Amico came to the United States in 1961 and lived in Elizabeth before moving to Edison 24 years ago.

He owned Johnnie's Barber Shop in Cranford for 32 years.

Surviving are his wife, Antoinetta; a son, Tom; two daughters, Rose Young and Nancy Papaiani; two brothers, Frank and Anthony; a sister, Giovanna Loscerbo, and a grandchild.

Aaron Blumhagen

Aaron S. Blumhagen, 42, of York, Pa., formerly of Cranford, died June 11 in Lancaster Regional Medical Center, Lancaster, Pa.

Born in Newark, Mr. Blumhagen lived in Cranford and Red Lion, Pa., before moving to York four years ago.

He was a member of United Cerebral Palsy of York.

Surviving are his mother, Marilyn Blumhagen, and a sister, Randie J. Blumhagen.

Charles Gitterman

Charles Gitterman of Cranford died June 15 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Saskatchewan, Canada, Mr. Gitterman moved to Cranford 44 years ago.

He was a microbiologist and worked in the research laboratories at Merck & Co., Rahway, for many years before retiring in 1990.

While at Merck, Mr. Gitterman discovered two tumor-fighting compounds and one anti-leukemia agent. He also researched bacterial viruses.

Mr. Gitterman received a bachelor's degree from University of British Columbia in Canada and a doctorate from University of Wisconsin at Madison.

He was a member of the American Society of Microbiologists.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Selma; two daughters, Janet Slipowitz and Judith Kaner; a brother, Louis, and four grandchildren.

Louise Fitzgerald

Louise R. Fitzgerald, 87, of Lawrenceville, formerly of Cranford, died June 14 in the Royal Health Gate Nursing Home, Trenton.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Fitzgerald lived in Cranford before moving to

Lawrenceville in 1988.

She was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Mrs. Fitzgerald served with the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, Unit 16, and the Disabled American Veterans.

Surviving is a sister, Doris Witkop.

Christopher Smith

Christopher T. Smith, 25, a life-long resident of Cranford died June 13 from injuries suffered in an automobile accident on the Garden State Parkway in Clark.

Mr. Smith was a pharmaceutical tester at Schering Plough Corp., Kenilworth, for two years.

Before that, he was a line operator at L'Oreal Corp., Clark, for five years.

Mr. Smith was an engineering student at Kean University, Union.

He had graduated from Union County College, Cranford.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Dead River Hunting Club and the men's softball league in Piscataway as well as a competitive archer.

Surviving are a son, Christopher M.; his parents, Steven and Michele Smith; a brother, Michael; a sister, Lisa Marie, and his grandmother, Marie Pasquariello.

RELIGION

Missionaries to present the view from Egypt

Missionaries to Egypt will present a firsthand look at how recent events have been received in the Islamic world Sunday at Calvary Lutheran Church, 108 Eastman St.

David and Karla Grafton will preach at the church's 9:30 a.m. worship service. They also will speak about their experiences and present photos and slides at a reception in the church's fellowship hall following worship at 10:30 a.m.

Calvary Lutheran Church is one of the congregations sponsoring the Graftons' work in Egypt.

The Graftons served in Egypt as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through the Division for Global Mission.

David Grafton, who has a doctoral degree in Islamic studies, is pastor to St. Andrew's United Church, an international congregation serving the Cairo area.

He provides educational program in encountering and understanding

Islamic culture and history for Westerners.

St. Andrew's also offers a refugee ministry that provides assistance and educational programs for people from throughout Africa.

Karla Grafton works as the librarian at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo.

This Egyptian Presbyterian seminary provides theological education for the local Presbyterian Church, the Synod of the Nile.

Their work has brought them into contact with Egyptians and other Middle Easterners from all walks of life and given them a unique insight into the current events affecting the world, both from their Western perception and through the eyes of their Muslim neighbors.

Members of the public are invited to attend worship and the reception to hear the Graftons' observations.

Calvary Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the New Jersey Synod of the ELCA, serving the Cranford-Westfield area and sur-

rounding communities for 75 years this fall.

Vacation Bible School dwells on heroes of faith

Cranford Alliance Church is holding a summer vacation Bible School called "SCUBA: A Super Cool Under-sea Bible Adventure."

The program will provide memorable Bible-learning activities for children of all ages. Each day children will sing songs, play teamwork-building games, get treats from Dive-in Diner, experience Bible adventures, and create Bible Point Crafts to take home and play with all summer long.

The curriculum will focus on Bible people who went deeper in their faith, including Elijah and Jonah, and will feature stories about Jesus found his followers. The program will conclude each day with a Sea Star Finale that gets everyone involved in celebrating what they've learned.

SCUBA will run July 28 through Aug. 1 at Cranford Alliance Church, 7 Cherry St. from 6:45 to 8:35 p.m.

For more information, call 908-276-1617.

Enrollment is ongoing at temple religion school

The Religion School of Temple Beth-El Mezor Chayim, 338 Walnut Ave., is accepting registration for the 2003-2004 school year.

Students in kindergarten through second grade meet from 9 to 11 a.m. Sundays; fourth- to seventh-graders meet 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and 9 to 11 a.m. Sundays.

The school is a place where students and their families can learn about Judaism. The school offers family education throughout the curriculum, plus Sunday family education workshops that empower parents to learn with their children.

When parents register their children for school they receive a copy of the school curriculum so that they know what their children will be learning.

A parents social room is held in the library every Sunday morning. Par-

ents are invited to relax and to socialize with other parents. Every Sunday morning a community learning period is held where students and their parents engage in a "learner's minyan" to learn about prayer. This year, the religious school was

recognized as a United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, "Framework for Excellence" school.

For more information about the school, call Cantor Frank Lanzkron-Tamarazo at 908-276-7351 or 908-931-9332.

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PTA holds staff appreciation

The Cranford Bloomingdale Avenue School PTA sponsored its second annual staff appreciation week last month.

The committee provided four differently themed luncheons for staff, each day transforming the room to complement the food. Homemade treats were left for the staff two afternoons.

Monday's themes was a Thanksgiving feast. To reinforce the theme of thanks, PTA member Janet Gurman organized an art project with the children at Bloomingdale.

Children cut the shape of their

hands from colorful paper and wrote a special "Thank You" message to one of the many staff members at Bloomingdale. The hands were added to the "Thankful Tree" just outside the staff lounge.

On Tuesday the staff was given a Hawaiian luau. Wednesday brought a lighter fare of soups, salads and sandwiches. Thursday featured an all-American picnic with all the trimmings. The food fest ended Friday morning with a continental breakfast of homemade scones, biscotti and freshly made chocolate-covered strawberries.



Bloomingdale Avenue School teachers enjoy a Thanksgiving feast during PTA staff appreciation week at the school.

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Athlete honored for academics



Bradley "BJ" Kramer, a senior at Johnson High School, received the Century 21 Award for Academic Excellence as the football player with the highest academic average on the team. At the presentation, from left, are Principal Bob Taylor, Kramer and Clark businessman and ALJ alumnus J.R. Sanguiano.

Golf competition begins Monday

The New Jersey Junior Golf Competition (NJGC) begins its fourth season of play Monday at Pine Brook Golf Course in Manalapan.

This will be the first of 14 events on this year's schedule.

"We're excited about starting another season," said Chuck DiLeo, who with his wife Ginna, is co-director of the NJGC. "We believe we have the most successful junior program in the state of New Jersey and we are continuing to expand. We had 12 events last year and this year we've added two more tournaments including a first-time state open championship."

The NJGC provides a platform for young players to hone their skills, yet play in a competitive environment

against other golfers in their age group.

The NJGC program is recognized as a viable stepping stone for high school players and is looked upon favorably by college coaches who are recruiting.

The Junior Golf is broken into two divisions, Division 1 for ages 10-14 and Division 2 for 15-18.

The opening event at Pine Brook is only for Division 1 players. The 10-11 year-olds will play nine holes, while the 12-14 year-olds will play 18.

NJGC is the first outside organization besides high school and public golf organizations to be invited to play at a Monmouth County facility.

More information about other golf events may be obtained by calling Chuck DiLeo at 732-683-9042.

Cranford's Swiarski playing volleyball

Julia Swiarski of Cranford is one of 10 players on an elite volleyball team that is competing in Phoenix, Ariz. this week.

Swiarski is a member of the Atlantic Volleyball Club that is playing in the prestigious USAV National Invitational Tournament.

Over 90 girls tried out for the 16-and-under team that made the trip, with 10 making the grade.

Joining Swiarski on the team are Roselle resident Katie Potochney of Roselle Catholic; Jamie Godfrey of Rahway; Sophie Hall and Jackie LeBlanc of Westfield; Maura Kelly, Melissa DeAngelo and Leanne Hershkowitz of

Caldwell; Ashley Reed of Chatham and Jordan Chamberlain of West Morris.

The squad is scheduled to play volleyball every day up until Monday and then return home from its trip on Tuesday.

The Atlantic Volleyball Club was the No. 1 ranked team in the New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Massachusetts region.

It finished second at the East Coast Regionals at Penn State University in February after placing 10th out of 96 teams at the West Coast Invitational in Seattle, Wash. in January.

Cranford Pee Wee hockey posts one of best records

Receives offense, defense and goaltending

Pee Wee ice hockey is alive and kicking in Cranford. Posting the best record in recent Cranford Hockey Club history, the Pee Wee A's steamrolled to a 35-7-8 record.

Coach Pete Ozolnieks credits much of the success to a deep bench and a great team attitude.

Posting a New Jersey Youth Hockey League record of 17-3-4 was a pleasant, but not unexpected surprise to assistant coaches Greg Hartnett and Charlie Pijanowski.

After a slow start to the season last September with a tie against Atlantic City 4-4 and a loss to Wall 6-1, the Pee Wees finally got their skates under them and went through several eight- and nine-game winning streaks. They lost only once in the months of September, October, November and December and did not lose at all in January.

Cranford was bolstered by a prolific offense, led by the scoring efforts of Joe DellaSerra, who had 112 goals and 22 assists for a team-leading 134 points. He set the team record for goals in a season with his 112.

Justin Gelesky was next at 43-42-85, Pat Dolan finished 16-15-31, Josef Kapel 11-22-31 and Anthony Spronz 6-22-28.

Cranford was in the hunt for a league championship right up to the last league game, where it was defeated by Toms River in what was the championship game.

Traveling to two tournaments this past season, a

Thanksgiving Turkey Toss Tournament showed a trip to the finals and a tough 4-3 loss to the Connecticut Glaciers.

An excursion to Pennsylvania in March included a 6-0 victory over the Royals of Pa. in the final. The Pee Wees averaged 4.5 goals per game.

Cranford was also blessed with defensemen who not only knew how to prevent the opposition from scoring, but who knew how to put the puck in the net themselves.

Blueliners included Mike Ozolnieks at 11-27-38, Greg Morrissey 6-16-22, Matt Klimchak 1-8-9 and hard-hitting Vince Ferdinandi 2-7-9.

Cranford was also fortunate to have players committed to slowing down the opposition and poaching the puck. Speedsters John Doyle at 2-14-16, Pat Hartnett at 13-3-16, Mike Foley at 3-6-9 and Jack Pijanowski at 4-3-7 put constant pressure on the opposition.

Behind outstanding play in goal by Pat Murray and Scott Klimchak, Cranford yielded only 2.6 goals per game. Murray was awesome in stopping 51 of 54 shots in a 3-3 deadlock against an AA NJ Colonials team.

Klimchak could not have picked a better time to be the hot goaltender, stopping all 28 shots against the Pa. Royals for the shutout in the championship game.

You can follow the team's progress at www.cranford-hockeyclub.com.



The Cranford Hockey Club Pee Wee team enjoyed an outstanding season, posting an overall record of 35-7-8. Coached by Pete Ozolnieks and assistants Greg Hartnett and Charlie Pijanowski, team members included Joe DellaSerra, Justin Gelesky, Pat Dolan, Josef Kapel, Anthony Spronz, Mike Ozolnieks, Greg Morrissey, Matt Klimchak, Vince Ferdinandi, John Doyle, Pat Hartnett, Mike Foley, Jack Pijanowski and goaltenders Pat Murray and Scott Klimchak.

Cranford, ALJ in new sections

Cranford and Johnson high schools will be in new sections for the upcoming 2003-2004 school year.

Cranford, which had its enrollment drop, is now situated in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2.

Here's North 2, Group 2 as far as football is concerned: Caldwell, Chatham, Cranford, Fort Lee, Gov. Livingston, Hackettstown, Hanover Park, Harrison, Hillside, Lincoln, Lodi, Millburn, Morris Hills, Parsippany, Rutherford, Summit, Voorhees, Weequahic, West Essex.

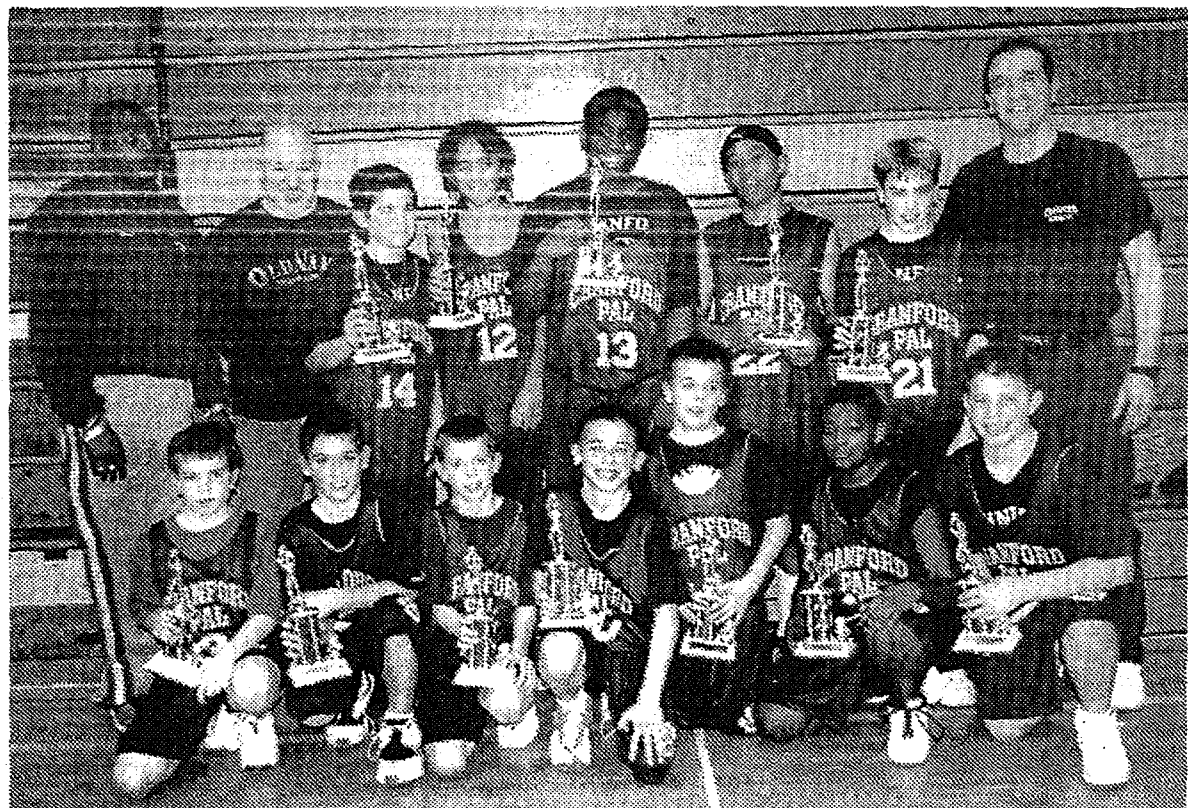
With the realignment, Johnson is now in Central Jersey, Group 2. The section for football includes: Allentown, Carteret, Delaware Valley, Freehold Boro, Iselin Kennedy, Johnson, Long Branch, Matawan, Monmouth Regional, Neptune, New Brunswick, North Plainfield, Rahway, Raritan, Roselle, Rumson-Fair Haven, Shore Regional, Somerville, Spotswood.

Arena Sports Connexion moves into first place

The following are Clark Men's Softball League standings as of June 18:

1. Arena Sports Connexion (9-1)
2. Doral/Butch Kowals (11-2)
3. Ways Diggers (11-4)
4. Sutton Trucking (7-3)
5. Clark Circle Liquors (6-5)
6. Georges Catch 27 (7-6)

Outstanding season



The Cranford 6th grade PAL All-Star basketball team had a stellar season, finishing with a winning record of 15-4 and reaching the Garden State League title game. Pictured here with their finalists trophies are, front row from left, Dan Salerno, Mike Gaeta, Brian Trotter, Mike Nadolny, John Kropa, Khalif Rajahn and Adam Fanelli. Back row, from left, are assistant coach Ahmed Rajahn, assistant coach John Salerno, Joe Diaz, Joe Bork, Nolan Heineman, James Bennett, Rob Vetter and head coach Ken Nadolny.

Clinic a success



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With the sun setting on their high school careers, members of the Class of 2003 stand silhouetted against the evening sky behind Arthur L. Johnson High School as they wait for commencement exercises to begin.

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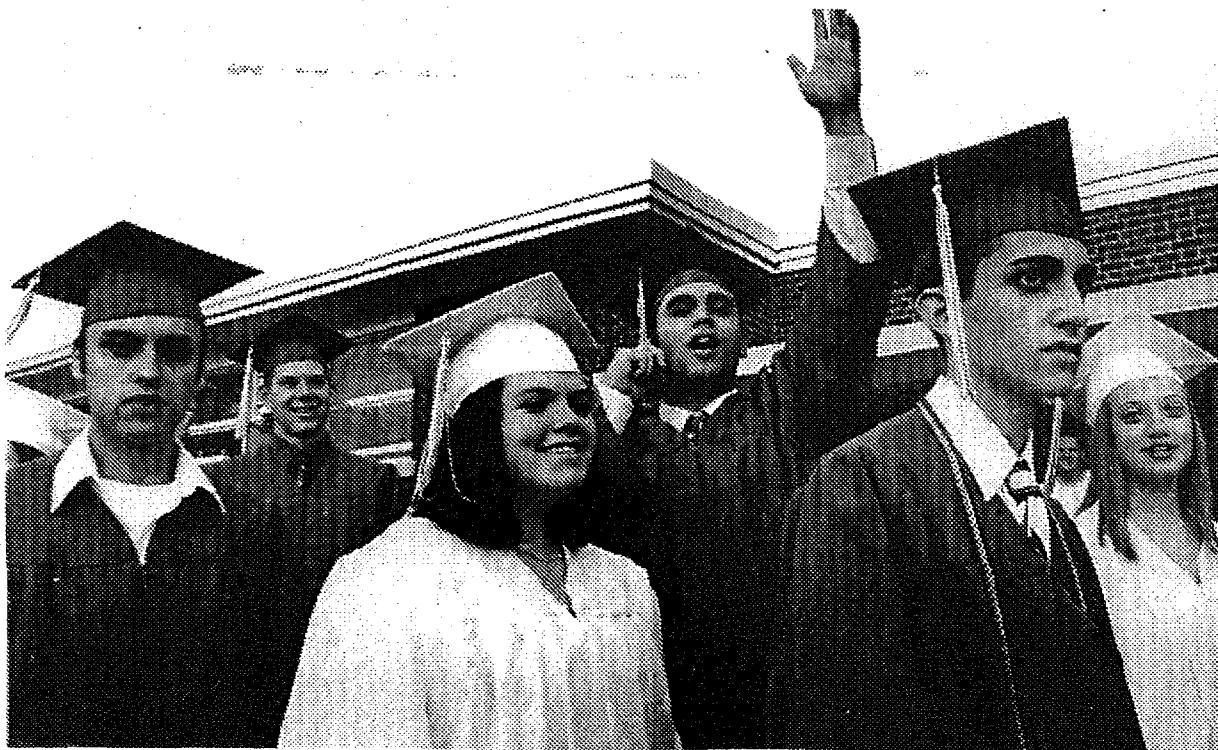


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Arnold Alvarez waves to family members from within a throng of graduating seniors at the high school June 19. In Alvarez's right hand is the cell phone he used to locate them before the start of the graduation ceremony.

STUDENT UPDATE

More athletics in future for graduate Shaun Griffin

Shaun Griffin, a graduate of Arthur L. Johnson High School, will attend Fairleigh Dickinson University in September 2003.

Griffin is the recipient of the Clark Soccer Club Scholarship Award, and The Tom Santiguado Sportsmanship Scholarship Award.

A four-year gold letter winner for varsity basketball and soccer, Griffin will continue his athletic career on the basketball court at Fairleigh Dickinson.

He is the son of Damian and Gayle Griffin of Clark.

Ryan Kaulfers to major in biology at university

Ryan Kaulfers, a 2003 graduate of Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark, will attend Fairleigh Dickinson's University College at Florham

Campus, Madison, this fall.

Kaulfers is the son of Karen and Fred Kaulfers and the brother of Kevin Kaulfers.

He has been a lifeguard at the Gran Centurion Swim Club for the past three years, and is planning to study biology.

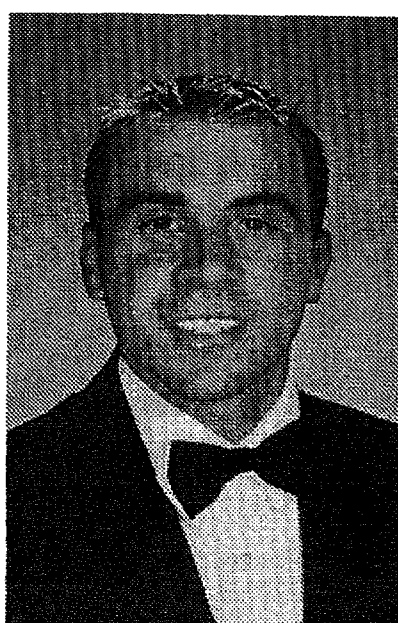
Stark names business as planned major focus

Clark resident Kristopher Stark, will attend Fairleigh Dickinson University's College at Florham Campus, Madison, in September.

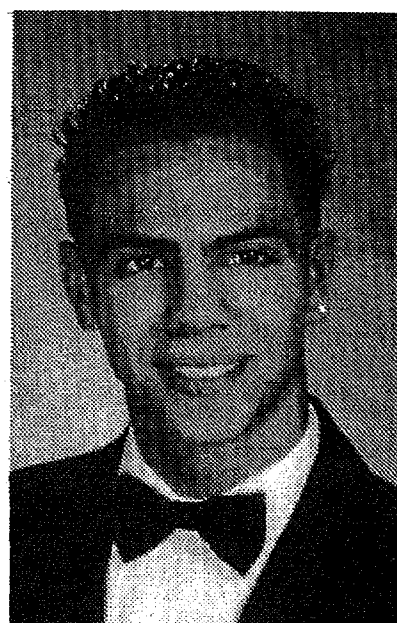
Stark plans to major in business management/entrepreneurial studies.

The son of Dolores and Kenneth Stark, he has been named a Col. Fairleigh S. Dickinson Scholar.

This award is granted to incoming students based on their academic record and co-curricular accomplishments as well as an on-campus interview.



Shaun Griffin



Kristopher Stark

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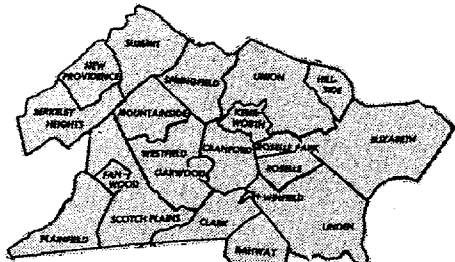
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Items

Item — "A Harry Situation."
Springfield was the county hot spot last Friday night as midnight approached at the Route 22 Barnes and Noble.

With police security and lines like a movie preview, those with the coveted red passes were able to get their 870-page volume of the next in the Harry Potter series.

Between the lousy weather last week and the fictional teen wizard, there was a whole lot of reading going on.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

Item — "The Primary Heats Up."

On Wednesday, John Kerry came to the Plainfield Country Club for a reception where a mere \$2,000 got you to rub elbows with a real live presidential candidate. My own reading last week had me absorbed in the new bio "Ike," by son, John Eisenhower. It turns out that in 1952, the President to be didn't even announce his candidacy until after the New Hampshire Primary, which he had won handily. Compare that pace to today, when President Bush will have \$200 million for the race, and a bevy of Democrats like Kerry are out there hustling up funds as well.

Item — "Another reason to like Jon Corzine."

United States Senator Jon Corzine, previously of Summit, is leading the charge for a new commuter tunnel between New York and New Jersey. By lining up the support of President Bush for the \$16 million in federal funds required, the project is seeing the light of day.

New Jersey Transit has already come up with the \$4 million needed for the Environmental Impact Study. This project is long range, but a tremendously valuable way to improve transit and enhance property values in all those Union County towns with rail stations.

Item — "UGH to Ex-Chief Parenti."

A series by Gannett on traffic fines talks about methods for good drivers to plea down the penalties. Anthony Parenti, Fanwood's ex-chief and current head of N.J. Traffic Safety Officers Association, doesn't like the process. He is quoted, "I doubt the message gets across" when the traffic offender cuts a deal.

Item — "Feds strikes again."

The basis for federal funding for our county is largely determined by a formula applied to the so called New York-Newark-Edison metropolitan statistical area. Now the feds are including all of Long Island into the mix. The experts say it will make our ability to get funds that are much more competitive.

Item — "Zone Defense."

The announcement in the Union Walmart by some guy with a Southern drawl was for the employees to get into a zone defense. I knew it had nothing to do with the basketball season, which has ended. I also doubted the store was a prime target for a terrorist attack. Turns out it is corporation speak for bringing in the abandoned carts.

Item — "Good Man, Good Life."

The death of Hall of Famer Larry Doby of Montclair brought a series of tributes to the courageous second black to break the color barrier in baseball. I was lucky enough to know the man, who also was an ex-White Sox player and manager. He would patiently smile and answer all my questions about Eric Soderholm's hitting and Nellie Fox's defense.

Doby also served as representative of the New Jersey Nets for a time. About five years ago, after some major surgery, while on a strict diet, this giant in the sport of baseball told me how he avoided the detection of his wife and daughters to get over to a Carvel. He quipped that ice cream was so good. So much of his life was so good.

An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.

On average, superintendents are doing well

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The average superintendent in Union County earns an annual base salary of \$148,463. Roughly half of the 22 districts have had superintendents in their current positions for less than five years.

Both the salary and tenure of the average Union County superintendent are higher than the state and national averages.

An examination of superintendents' contracts throughout Union County schools revealed consistencies, as well as differences, with other districts in New Jersey.

Summit Superintendent of Schools Michael Knowlton is the highest paid superintendent in Union County with an annual salary of \$176,886. Last week he announced his retirement, effective at the end of the 2003-04 school year, which will be his 10th in Summit.

Knowlton is a rarity; a superintendent who was recruited from another state. He came to Summit from Valhalla in Westchester County, N.Y., after spending most of his career in central New York districts.

A common reason cited for the lack of superintendent candidates is the difficulty of out-of-state candidates to achieve certification in New Jersey, which does not recognize certifications from other states.

"The biggest unanticipated experience I went through my first year was the process of getting accredited," Knowlton said. Though the process is slightly better these days, he said, Knowlton had permanent certification in New York for many years. He expected there would be some recognition that he was a sitting superintendent in his second contract, but Knowlton said he was treated like someone coming out of a master's supervision program.

To achieve his certification, Knowlton had to take an exam and be mentored for a year. The state has eliminated some early hurdles for certification, "but it's still not an easy process," he said.

Some candidates see all the red tape in getting their certification and decline the position, said Mike Yaple, a spokesman for the New Jersey School Boards Association.

With New Jersey teachers' salaries among the best in the nation, Yaple said, some also are less inclined to seek a management position to improve their salary. Other candidates might be wary because New Jersey abolished tenure for superintendents in 1991.

The only untenured position in a typical district in New Jersey is the superintendent, Knowlton said. An experienced high school principal would have to decide whether to give up a tenured position to be vulnerable in another, as superintendent.

Clark's Paul Ortenzio is the only Union County superintendent who still has tenure, serving in Clark for almost 18 years; far and away the longest in the county.

Both Ortenzio and Knowlton have far surpassed the national average for a superintendent's tenure: roughly three years.

"The town and district have been very good to me," Ortenzio said. "I love this job. The challenge is fascinating." At times it requires a 60-hour work week.

"I'm never bored. The problem is,

there's never enough time to do it in," Ortenzio said.

The high turnover of superintendents goes back to tenure, Ortenzio said, calling it "one of the worst things that could happen from an organization standpoint." He admitted there are superintendents who are overwhelmed by the job and should not have been appointed. It costs the taxpayers because each time a contract is cut short, the district must pay for the last two to three years, he said.

"Part of it is longevity" of the school board members, Ortenzio said. Turnover in board members could drastically change a district's goals within a short period of time.

Knowlton said he was fortunate because the Summit school board and community were a good match for him, and the community looks at its superintendents not as being disposable, but as a long-term relationship and an investment.

Being able to stay for a decade in Summit, Knowlton was able to start major initiatives that helped the district progress.

Ortenzio, whose current contract expires next year, doesn't expect to retire anytime soon, hoping to see through the bond referendum appeal process for repairs to school buildings that recently was heard by the state. That might take at least another two years.

In the final year of his contract, Knowlton will earn \$187,958.

Yaple said a \$200,000 annual salary for a superintendent is a rarity, but there are a few in New Jersey.

One in four New Jersey superintendents earns an annual salary of \$130,625. The state average during the 2001-02 school year, according to

District

Michael Knowlton, Summit	\$176,886
Thomas Dunn Jr., Elizabeth	\$172,210
Carol Choye, Scotch Plains-Fanwood	\$170,900
Richard Bozza, Berkeley Heights	\$164,850
Lawrence Feinsod, Cranford	\$164,320
Paul Ortenzio, Clark	\$159,800
Theodore Jakubowski, Union	\$158,392
William Foley, Westfield	\$148,844
Larry Leverett, Plainfield	\$147,302
Raymond Bandlow, Hillside	\$144,004
Ann Marie Inzano, New Providence**	\$144,000
Edward Hartnett, Educational Services Commission	\$141,002
Walter Mahler, Springfield	\$139,360
Thomas Bistocchi, County Vo-Tech	\$137,595
Lloyd Leschuk, Kenilworth	\$131,257
Darlene Roberto, Roselle	\$128,138
Joseph Martino, Linden	\$123,500
Char Stanko, Roselle Park	\$120,000
Gerard Schaller, Mountainside*	\$119,000
Richard Dexheimer, Winfield*	\$110,000
Wilfred Murphy, Garwood*	\$107,870
County average	\$148,463

Sources: Superintendents' contracts

Note: Salaries are for the 2002-03 school year. Those marked with one asterisk are chief school administrators for K-8 districts, which are not included in the county average. ** Inzano's contract is for 16 months. Leverett is no longer superintendent in Plainfield.

the New Jersey Education Association, was \$121,322.

A superintendent's salary is dependent on numerous factors:

- Cost of living in the area. Generally, the further north in New Jersey, the higher the pay, and cost of living.
- Responsibility levels and education. Multiple, advanced degrees earn more and some superintendents also

serve as curriculum coordinators, or have assistant superintendents for certain duties.

- Years of experience. Usually, candidates who have been in the districts in other positions earn higher salaries.

Yaple said the NJSBA did a study from January 1999 to June 30, 2001, See DISTRICTS, Page B2

Freeholders approve funding for children's museum

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Although the location of a children's museum has not been determined within Union County, the Board of Chosen Freeholders approved funding of \$1 million for the planning and development of the museum's physical structure and exhibits.

The money will be provided over 18 months, coming from the county's Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust fund. Approval for the funding came at the freeholders' regular meeting on June 19.

Union County Finance Director Lawrence Caroselli said the \$1 million will come directly from the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Trust Fund instead of the county issuing bonds to raise the money.

The children's museum will receive initial funding of approximately \$250,000 next month. During the course of 18 months, the museum will receive additional quarterly payments totalling \$1 million.

"This enables them to get started with their full fundraising," said Freeholder Alexander Mirabella.

Children's Museum of Central New Jersey will need to raise approximately \$12 million for

the project to be completed.

Mirabella said it is his hope that with the seed money, the Children's Museum of Central New Jersey will find a location in Union County.

County officials said a definitive location for the museum has not been determined yet.

"It's still in development — the best site that makes the most sense for them and the county," said Mirabella.

The 13-acre Esposito Farm in Clark has been mentioned as a possibility.

Earlier this year, the freeholders announced the acquisition of the farm for \$5.45 million.

"I think it's an inappropriate place because there's no mass transportation to the Esposito Farm property," said Clark Environmental Commission Chairman Bill Fidurski. "That would exclude from the museum the poorest families in the county who wouldn't be able to get there except by mass transportation."

Fidurski said he's sure the county would arrange for school buses to take students to the museum on class trips but the poorer families without cars wouldn't be able to visit the facility whenever they want.

"It'll restrict those sorts of children from coming back for repeat visits," he said.

Wally Shackell, a former freeholder candidate now following county government operations for the Union County Republican Committee, said he's in favor of a county children's museum but not at the Esposito Farm and not at a cost of \$1 million from the open space trust fund.

Shackell said that "in this tight budget year," the freeholders are spending \$1 million "on basically a concept."

Shackell said the Esposito Farm has been open space for centuries.

"They're going to be making major construction and blacktopping land that has been open for hundreds of years," he said.

Shackell suggested that the county renovate an existing building, such as a vacated factory, to construct the children's museum.

Fidurski suggested that a good location for the museum would be near Warinanco Park in Roselle, where a set of historic county Parks Commission Administration buildings could be renovated.

"Warinanco Park is on a main bus route," said Fidurski.

If the site chosen for the museum is on county property, then the children's museum will enter into a renewable 25-year lease agreement

with the county.

Children's Museum of Central New Jersey President Heather Hays said she did not want to divulge any details about the museum's structure or exhibits.

However, in the past, Hays has said that the museum will be a two-story, 35,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art education facility with special attention paid to the arts, sciences, humanities, and cultural community.

"The open space referendum was to keep open space," said Shackell. "Not to blacktop open space or to build buildings."

The Open Space, Recreation and Historic Trust Fund is used exclusively for the acquisition and development of land within the county for recreation and conservation purposes. The fund generates approximately \$5 million annually by charging property owners an annual levy of 1.5 cents per \$100 of assessed property value.

For example, the owner of a property assessed at \$100,000 would annually contribute \$15 to the fund.

"To take that property and blacktop it and put buildings on a spot that has been open space for hundreds of years was not the intent of what the taxpayers voiced their opinion on," said Shackell.

Tab on courthouse renovation project could reach \$20 million

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

When the Union County courthouse renovation project is completed in about a year, the county will have spent approximately \$20.2 million to restore portions of the tower during the course of the six-year project.

Recently, the Board of Chosen Freeholders approved two change orders for additional funding to help complete the project.

Michael Zemsky Architects of Westfield, the architectural firm responsible for the courthouse renovation, was paid an additional \$262,375 for work not on the original scope of the project, bringing the firm's total fee to \$2,402,375.

After completing exploratory work on the roof of the ninth floor and parts of the annex, the architecture firm discovered that the steel was structurally deficient.

"It was in need of repair," said Union County's Division of Operations Director Richmond Lapolla, explaining that the steel deteriorated to a point that it was unsafe for the floors underneath.

New concrete and new steel had to be constructed for safety purposes.

"This whole job is a rehab job," said Michael Zemsky, principal of Michael Zemsky Architects. "There was some hidden steel in there."

Rehab basically consists of two things, explained Zemsky: replacing bad exterior panels and replacing the steel substructure that carries those panels.

"Water infiltration over a period of years can cause them to rot out," said Zemsky.

Watertrol Inc. of Cranford, the construction company responsible for the restoration project, will be paid an additional \$713,700 for Terra-Cotta stones, bringing their

contract to a total of \$18,882,455.

Terra-Cotta stones are man-made in a kiln. The stones are attached to the courthouse tower using steel pins. Over the years the steel pins have deteriorated, causing the stones to loosen and eventually fall. Scaffolding with netting was erected around the courthouse tower to catch the stones if they fell.

"We lost an 800-pound piece off the 12th floor that landed in the net that would have come down onto the pedestrian walkway," said Lapolla.

The windows and Terra-Cotta stones in the courthouse tower are basically complete, explained Lapolla.

"We're waiting for some stones to be delivered," he said.

Part of Watertrol's contract was to provide the county with whatever scaffolding it would need.

A significant portion of the scaffolding has already been removed.

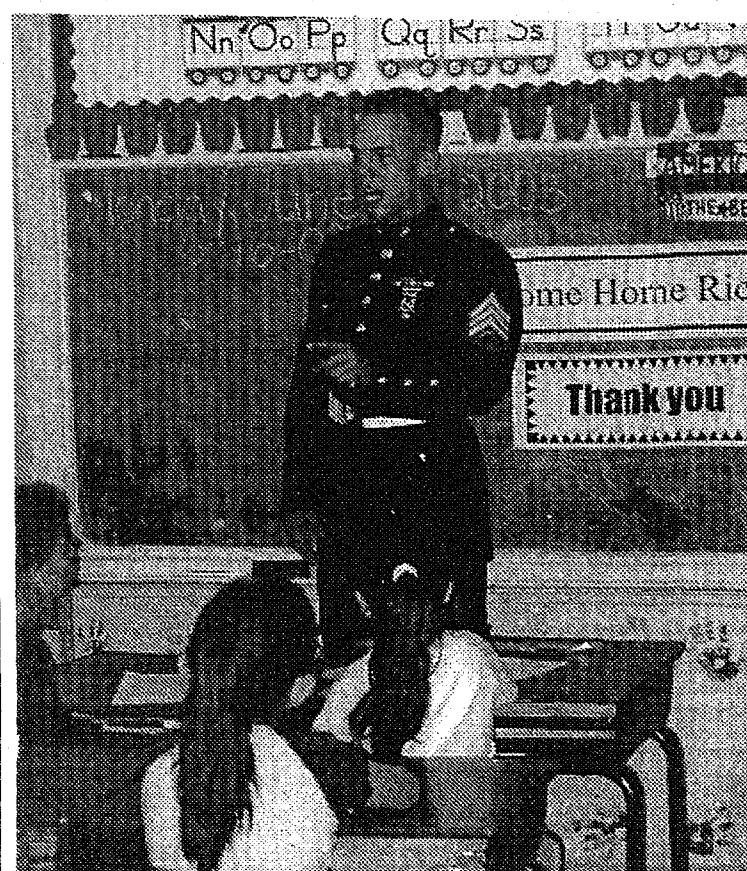
"We would have been done but the rain has been killing us," Lapolla said.

He explained that if the weather is good and construction can continue uninterrupted, the entire scaffolding will be down in about two weeks.

Since 1998, the county has been renovating parts of the courthouse, adding an atrium and back entrance in addition to continuous stabilization and window replacement within the most visible part of the courthouse — the 17-story tower which was built in 1931.

Construction of the current courthouse began in 1903 and the building has had various additions and improvements throughout the years, including a three-story addition in 1905 and the seven-story courthouse annex, built in 1925, which houses the old jail and Hall of Records.

Marine salute



Marine Sgt. R. Chamberlain visited Susan Sposato's class at Robert Gordon School in Roselle Park June 16 upon his return from his tour of duty in Iraq. The second-graders and "Ricky" were penpals. He talked to the children about his experiences and shared pictures with them.

Union ranked 20th worst in U.S. for pollution

**By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer**

Union County is the 20th worst county in the United States when it comes to added cancer risk, according to a report released by the New Jersey Public Interest Research Group.

Union County's air is approximately 1,500 times above the nation's Environmental Protection Agency's health advisory standard for cancer; which sets a one in a million cancer risk banner.

"It's estimated that 1,500 people out of a million will get cancer as a result of breathing Union County air," said NJ Environmental Federal Campaign Director David Pringle.

Having such high added cancer risks translates into approximately 752 county residents, who otherwise

wouldn't develop cancer, will develop the disease due to the county's poor air. The county's current population is approximately 523,000 residents.

The EPA uses formulas to estimate a county resident's risk of cancer based on the levels of ambient air toxic pollution in the county's air.

Pringle said that there are a lot of sources for all the pollutants in Union County's air.

However, cars are the largest source; responsible for approximately 80 percent of the toxics and approximately 40 percent of the smog-forming pollutants.

"Most of this pollution is generated within New Jersey," said Pringle, explaining why the NJ Environmental Federation is campaigning for state legislature to pass the NJ Clean Cars

Act — Assembly Bill 3393 — before they break for the summer on Tuesday and another smog season passes.

The Clean Cars Act would require the state to adopt the California Clean Cars Standard.

"It's a bill that would help ensure cleaner air for our families and it is an effort to ensure that tailpipe emissions are cleaner," said State Senator Thomas Kean, R-21.

The new standards do not apply to cars that are currently on the road. Rather, new cars being built for model year 2006 will have stricter environmental protection standards.

The act would require automobile manufacturers to provide tighter gas caps and better engine seals in addition to mandating that 10 percent of the vehicles be gas/electric hybrid

cars, which get twice the gas mileage of existing cars.

These adjustments would cut down on the amount of leakage from engines and fuel tanks, explained Pringle.

"It saves money in the long run due to reduced healthcare costs," said Pringle.

Under federal law, states can either adhere to the minimal federal car standards or the stronger California standards, explained Pringle, saying that several other Northeast states have already adopted the California standards, including New York, Vermont, Maine and Massachusetts.

"We're really not going out on a limb here," said Pringle.

Union County agrees to new contract with the CWA

**By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer**

Union County has agreed to a new contract with Communication Workers of America, AFL-CIO Local 1080.

"I believe we reached a fair and equitable agreement for taxpayers of

the county and employees," said Gail Mason-Massey, a CWA staff/international staff representative.

Currently, the county has 392 employees who earn an average salary \$41,475 and have been working without a contract since June 30, 2002.

pay \$3 per mail prescription order, \$5 for generic medication, \$10 for brand name medication required by a doctor or when a generic alternative is not available, or \$15 for brand name medication requested by the employee when a generic alternative is available.

The new CWA contract calls for sick time buyout incentives, where employees 55 years of age with 25 years of service in the county can receive a 50 percent daily rate for 100 to 200 sick days accumulated, with a maximum buyout of \$10,000; a 60 percent daily rate for 201 to 300 accumulated sick days, with a maximum buyout of \$12,500; a 70 percent daily rate for 301-400 accumulated sick days, with a maximum buyout of \$15,000; or an 80 percent daily rate for 401 accumulated sick days, with a maximum buyout of \$18,000.

Districts giving 'super' contracts

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in which 43 percent of school districts in New Jersey change superintendents. Union County was at a similar level, 41 percent.

There's been "a slight cooling off of turnover," Yaple said. Several districts in Union County are either searching for new superintendents or have hired new ones this year: New Providence, Plainfield and Roselle Park. Only a handful of districts have had their superintendents for 10 years or more.

As for the perks of a superintendent, most every district pays membership fees of various professional organizations for the superintendent, in addition to expenses for the cost of annual conventions.

Only a few superintendents are afforded an automobile for business use: William Foley of Westfield, Larry Leverett of Plainfield — though he no longer is superintendent — and Thomas Bistocchi of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools. Though Bistocchi is responsible for maintenance and insurance, the board

pays for all "incidental expenses."

Others are either reimbursed for mileage pursuant to IRS standards, reimbursed to a certain monthly amount, or receive a monthly travel expense account.

Bistocchi is among a number of superintendents who also get a computer for work at home, including Char Stanko of Roselle Park and Theodore Jakubowski of Union. Yaple said it is not common for a superintendent to get a car.

Districts vary on payment of unused sick and vacation time; some limit the payments or the number of days that can be accumulated while others do not. Others enforce the same limits that are set for teachers' contracts.

Several districts also make an annuity payment of several thousands of dollars while only a few superintendents have payments of accumulated unused sick or vacation days into a retirement account.

Staff Writers Michelle Runge, Nicholas Loffredo and Toniann Antonelli contributed to this report.

"This falls in line with the pattern of settlements," said Director of Personnel Management and Labor Relations Gregory Hardoby.

CWA members work in the county's division of social services and welfare. They are employed as case workers, social workers and clerical employees, among other positions.

"Mostly they do everything there is to do in the social services," said Mason-Massey.

Health insurance co-payments for prescriptions and doctor's office visits have increased for union members.

Employees who participate in the county's Horizon PPO Blue Select healthcare plan will have a co-payment of \$5 per doctor's office visit this year and a \$10 co-payment for the remainder of the employee's contract.

Employees will also be required to

COUNTY NEWS

Arc garage sale Saturday

The Arc of Union County's Self-Advocacy Committee will sponsor a garage sale Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Arc of Union County, 1225 South Ave., Plainfield, rain or shine. No early birds.

Donations are being accepted. Items such as new clothing items, small furniture, bric-a-brac, cooking items, books and items in good repair will be appreciated.

All proceeds will benefit the upcoming Arc of Union County Self-Advocacy Conference scheduled for the fall.

For more information, call 908-754-2666 or visit the Arc of Union County Web site at www.arcunion.org.

Report potholes to county

After clearing twice the average amount of snow from the county's roads this winter, crews from Union County's Division of Public Works is shifting to repairing the potholes that have opened up throughout the county.

Public Works officials say that this was the worst winter in at least a decade for potholes. Periods of bitter cold interspersed with warmer weather caused roadways to buckle and heave, breaking open the road surface. Once ice forms in those breaks, a pothole is born.

To battle those potholes, Union County has three work crews patrolling its roads and patching the potholes called in by residents. Crews are making both temporary and permanent road patches. Two two-person crews are assigned only to temporary pothole repairs and two five-person crews are assigned to permanent patches.

In most cases, workers will have the pothole temporarily patched within 24 hours of being called in, and it will be added to the list of locations slated for permanent repairs. Crews will be working through the spring and summer to make sure roads are safe and smooth.

Mental health advisory board seeks members

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is searching for people interested in serving on the Union County Mental Health Advisory Board. Applicants must be Union County residents and have an interest in the needs of people with mental illness and their families, and be prepared to attend meetings on a regular basis.

Vacancies on the Mental Health Advisory Board exist in the categories of Medical Association representatives, Parent-Teacher Association members, and at-large members.

Some of the duties of members to the board include: reviewing contracts for state-funded mental health services; identifying needed services and making recommendations for new programs, including specialized services for adults and youth, providing oversight to ensure residents have access to quality services; ensuring that patients and outpatient mental health services are integrated within the county, and advocating for the needs of the consumers of mental health services and their families.

Board meetings are held at the Union County Administration Building in Elizabeth on the third Monday of each month, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

If you or someone you know is interested in being considered for appointment to the Union County Mental Health Advisory Board, call Jim Eddleton, Union County mental health administrator, at 908-527-4846.

Anyone who finds a pothole on any county roadway can call the county's Division of Public Works at 908-789-3660 to report it.

This year the county's had to put out more than twice last year's spending on snow removal, including labor, fuel costs and salt. The county used more than 7,000 tons of salt — 14,000 pounds — in the 2002-03 season.

Union County is responsible for more than 170 miles of roadways in nearly every municipality.

To make temporary patches, workers simply shovel hot asphalt into the potholes and tamp them down with shovels. The work requires a two-person crew.

To make a permanent patch, the deteriorating edges of the pothole are cut away, a type of glue is applied around the pothole, asphalt is shoveled in and a roller flattens it.

Once weather is consistently above 50 degrees, three permanent patch teams will take over and begin their work. It is expected to last into mid-summer.

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Artist-teacher finds inspiration in people

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

The secret to Rhoda Yanow's success in her longtime artist and teaching careers is very simple.

She merely loves people.

Yanow, who lives in West Orange, a former Hillside resident, visited this office recently with her husband, Al, to discuss both careers and the happiness that accompanied them. She has been an art teacher for the past 30 years at duCret School of Art in Plainfield, has had numerous exhibitions and has won just as many juried shows and awards. Most recently, Yanow's painting, "The Construction Worker," a 30-by-40-inch pastel, inspired by the efforts of workmen at Ground Zero after the events of Sept. 11, 2001, was acquired by the Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown, Ohio, for its permanent collection.

"After 9/11," she said, "these construction people became such heroes. And I had to paint one to represent all the others." Yanow is represented by the Swain Galleries in Plainfield, the Melrose Gallery in Frenchtown and the DCOTA Gallery in Dania Beach, Fla.

What is unique about this creative, talented woman is that she raves about every human being with whom she has been in contact — whether it be her grandmother, who inspired her career; her fellow and former teachers and painters; her students; the members of the New Jersey Ballet Co.; her husband, her children or her grandchildren. There is always an exclamation point after every compliment.

"I lived in Hillside on Schley Street when I was very little, and remained there for 20 years. It was a beautiful community. Right from the beginning," said Yanow with a special softness in her voice, "my grandmother, Anna Braun, taught me to paint so that I can never be lonely. And it's true because when you're painting, you're in another world, and it's an exciting thing to be. You can make this world the way you want it. I'm so grateful to my grandmother. I never went around saying, 'I have nothing to do.' Now, I teach my five grandchildren and my students that they are wonderful and they have the freedom to explore."

Yanow attended the George Washington School in Hillside and Hillside High School. "One of my teachers was a wonderful influence on me. She helped me get into the Parsons School of Design. I was a fashion's illustrator. Then I switched to the National Academy of Design. Both were in New York, which was paradise. My days there were days of gold."

Yanow was then able to divide her artistic talents into two careers: she became a master pastellist and a teacher of art. She taught at the Newark Museum and the Pastel Society of America before coming to duCret.

"I've been at duCret for nearly 30 years," Yanow said, "and I love it. The school is very exciting. The kids are the future. They're wonderful, and they excite me because they're so talented. This is a small school in a mansion, and the students are treated as individuals — which is rare. They're all creative, and the school encourages them. We have a wonderful director and teacher."

Yanow mentioned that one of the really great things about the school is that "if a student is in an emotional trauma, the teachers all will get together and work with the student, work the problem out. And only good comes out of it."

The artist-teacher said that one of the most inspiring students, early on, was Danny Boehmer. "He was one of my first students. He's right down the block from the Union Leader. He owns and creates Portrait Cakes. He's the American dream. He said at the time he was a student, 'I've learned more from Mrs. Yanow in 10 minutes than I'd learned in all my classes.' That gave me the inspiration, and from then on, I have the courage to teach; the passion — you give your passion to them."

She said, "I've been teaching for nearly three decades and working on my other career: painting, doing fine arts, getting into galleries, museums and



'The Construction Worker,' left, a 30-by-40-inch pastel by Rhoda Yanow of West Orange, was inspired by the recovery workers at Ground Zero following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. 'The Dressing Room for New Jersey Ballet' was created this past winter by Yanow, who teaches at the duCret School of Art in Plainfield.



shows, which is all-consuming. You know, as a woman, you have to wear many hats. You have to be a wife, a mother to my two sons, Andy and Mitchell, and your family comes first — not to forget that either. You have to be a teacher and artist and be part of the community. You have to give back. It's important to give back, not just to take."

The reason Yanow is so enamored of the ballet, she said, "is because my grandmother took me for dancing lessons, tap and ballet, every Saturday. I didn't have the discipline," Yanow grinned. "You couldn't have a life in those days. But for many years, I have admired what Carolyn Clark has done as director of the New Jersey Ballet scenes. She has done such generous things behind the scenes. She's beautiful in every way, inside and out."

"She has given me the opportunity to go to the dressing rooms and paint the dancers. I'm like the fly on the wall there," she admitted. "I'm all eyes. The ballet dancers don't really know how gorgeous every move is. And there are their personalities. There's a spirit of kinship. They stick together. There's no ugliness, and that's the beauty of it, and they love to dance with Paul McCrea, Carolyn's assistant, who also has become a teacher. When he does dance, he dominates the stage. He's a good will ambassador all over the world. You know, the

company is multi-racial. And everyone gets along wonderfully with each other."

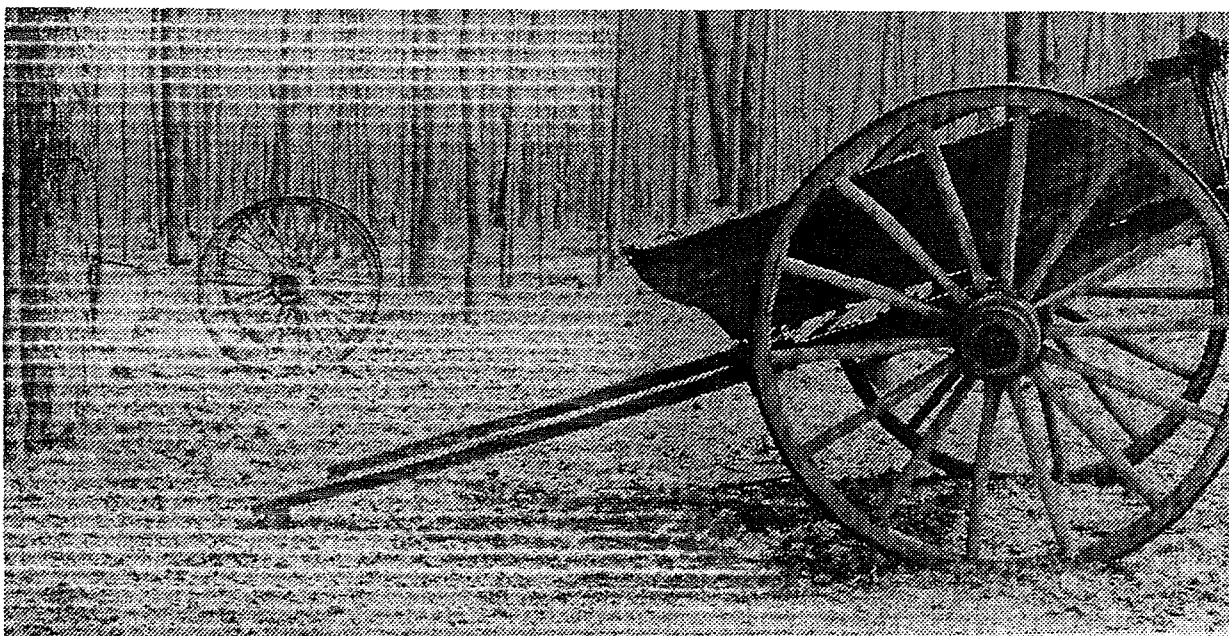
Yanow's painting, "The Dressing Room," "which I did in two days," was "purchased by the Chinese government to be in the collection of the first museum in China to be dedicated to pastels. It was in the First Pastel Exhibition of China, hosted by the Art Committee of the Artists Association of China and the Suzhou Municipal Government." The exhibition was held April 19.

"I'm doing a series of paintings at Brighton Beach," she said, referring to the famed Brooklyn neighborhood. "I'm doing the senior citizens on the boardwalk. It's the stature of them. They're so alive, and they are so sweet. I love these people, and again, there is my grandmother coming out in me — the influence of my grandmother."

"I have an adventure with all the people I meet. You smile, and they smile. I specialize in people. I love people. Each life is a book. I've been to pow wows with the Indians, and I've painted them. I've been around the world, because I go everywhere where there are people, and I capture their moods and movements. This is what I teach my students."

What is she doing now?

"Oh," Yanow exclaimed, "so much!"



'Syrup Trees,' shot in Quebec, Canada, is among the works by photographer Yolanda Avila of Rahway. The artist's work will be on exhibit at the Dolin Gallery in Rahway from Sunday, when a reception will take place from 1 to 3 p.m., through July 20.

Photographs examine the Earth

An exhibition of photographs by Rahway artist Yolanda Avila is now on view through July 20 at Dolin Gallery of the Union County Conservatory of Art and Music, 1348 Pierce St., Rahway.

An artist's reception is scheduled for Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. Since 1989, the documentary photographer has specialized in projects about her native country, Ecuador. Her subjects have included "Images of La Paz: My Grandmother's Village," a sugar refinery in Tababela, the Napo River rain forest, the Galapagos Islands, and converts throughout Ecuador. "North and South," the current exhibition of 13 of her photographs, includes selections from her travels to Ecuador, Alaska and Canada.

Gallery Director Christine Dolinich-Matuska, speaks of the ecological content of Avila's work: "Avila consistently and quietly gives us enhanced awareness of our endangered Earth, sometimes in a subtle way. For example, in one of the photographs, an old wooden cart appears at first glance to be the subject of the print, but the title, 'Syrup Trees,' draws the viewer to focus on the distant backdrop of the Syrup Forest." This is also supported by Avila's statement, "The black-and-white photographs of the Myrtle Forest in San Gabriel are images of one of the last

'Avila consistently and quietly gives us enhanced awareness of our endangered Earth.'

— Director Christine Dolinich-Matuska

stands of the species in South America, hidden away not far from my grandmother's village and not so far from the Pan American Highway that weaves through so many beautiful places, North and South."

Avila's work has been exhibited at the Ecuadorian Consulate in New York, Kenkeleba Gallery and Multi Media Arts Gallery in New York, and Museo de Arte Moderno, Quito, Ecuador, as well as other galleries and public spaces. A graduate in art history from Rutgers University, where she studied documentary photography, she has also studied at the International Center for Photographer in New York.

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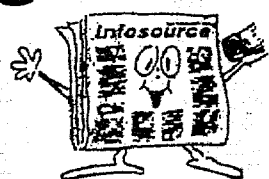
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NJ School of Ballet to begin classes in two weeks

New Jersey School of Ballet is now accepting registration for its six-week Summer Program Classes on Monday through Friday, July 7 through Aug. 15. Classes are held at three locations in Livingston, Somerville and Morristown.

A variety of classes are available including ballet, jazz, pointe, variations, modern and tap. Classes for children beginning at age 4 through teens and adults are graded from beginner through advanced levels. First-time students are invited to take a free trial class to help determine proper placement. Registrations are accepted for less than the full six weeks.

In addition to the regular open classes, the school also offers a special Intensive Program for very serious students who are considering a career in dance. Students are accepted by placement-audition and can expect to realize immense progress through enhanced learning opportunities at all levels. Students will demonstrate their achievements in performance Aug. 16. The last two placement-audition opportunities are today and Tuesday. Placement-auditions begin at 6 p.m. To schedule a placement-audition, call 973-597-9600.

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June 30-July 6

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GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Say no to a speculative enterprise and work to stabilize your finances. Put some money to work for you in safe, solid investments.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Break away from the restrictions of parents, home or family. Take advantage of an opportunity to express your individuality.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Allow your imagination or intuitive side to work for you. Capture a creative thought on paper. Sit down and write poetry, fiction or a romantic letter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take notes during a group presentation. You will be called upon to ask questions and offer your opinion. Speak out and let your ideas be heard.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Pay attention and stay interested in your career. Great achievements are probable if you are committed and dedicated to your life's calling.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Examine your beliefs. Find a tangible philosophy or school of thought that you can fall back on in times of despair or doubt.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Look at your budget, create through thought and then take action. Set attainable financial goals and watch them come to fruition.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a unique approach to a relationship dilemma. Partners are impressed with your honesty and consistency. Stay true to your word.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Communication among co-workers is very important for the success of a group project. Make sure that you are all after the same results.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Romance is highlighted. A love affair takes an unexpected turn. With whirling emotions, buckle your seat belt and hold on tight for the ride.

If your birthday is this week, communication is highlighted during the coming year. Be sure to document some of the wild and crazy ideas that pass through your head. Although it may appear that you are ahead of your time, it will not be long before the world catches up. A brush with greatness gives you a sense of your own power. Step up to a timely challenge and cash in on success.

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NJWA finishes up 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 Monday 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, brass, woodwinds, percussion and voice to students from pre-school to adult. Ensembles include the Alphorn Ensemble, The Concert Band, and The Jazz Band.

Other divisions are: Kids 'n' Arts, arts enrichment program for children ages 3 to 5 years; Art Workshops, for students from first grade to adult; The Fencing Club, for students 10 years to adult; The Westfield Art Gallery and the Westfield Summer Workshop, a five-week summer program from pre-school to eighth grade, which offers a variety of courses in arts and crafts, communications, dance, drama, music and special interests.

Outreach programs include The Plainfield Summer and Saturday Music Workshops and the Westfield Community Center, Senior Citizens Music Workshop.

The mission of NJWA has always been and will continue to be to enrich lives by providing opportunities to develop the creative talents of the individual and encourage a greater appreciation of the arts through both instruction and performance.

Young musicians interested in joining the summer music programs or other programs of New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, call 908-789-9696.

Mormon Tabernacle Choir to make its NJ debut

Kicking off its 2003 tour and yearlong celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Music and Spoken Music program, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir will make its New Jersey debut — in a concert of choral masterworks, American traditional and popular music, as well as songs of faith and patriotism — at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center on Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Prudential Hall.

Tickets are \$16 to \$69, and 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. The performance is part of the AT&T Premier Artists Series.

Under the direction of Craig D. Jessop, the choir's NJPAC performance will include favorite hymns, songs of the American experience, and choral masterworks by Bach, Beethoven and other composers, capped by its signature interpretation of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Joining the choir will be a 14-piece brass and percussion ensemble.

This tour will also coincide with the release of a second CD, "Spirit of America," on the choir's solely owned recording label. It will be a new collection of patriotic songs, including "Call of the Champions," the theme of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, composed by John Williams. Much of the concert repertoire will be drawn from songs on the new CD.

The Mormon Tabernacle Choir began its existence only a few weeks after Utah's original Mormon settlers arrived in the Valley of the Great Salt Lake in 1847. In August of that year, the choir was assembled to perform in a simply constructed bower of leaves and branches on the site of the present-day tabernacle. The choir flourished in Salt Lake City along with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and it grew to some 300 voices before the turn of the 20th century. It is the resident choir in the Salt Lake

Mormon Tabernacle, where it is supported by one of the world's greatest pipe organs. In 1893, the choir toured for the first time, and it made its first recording in 1910. Members of the choir include businessmen, homemakers, educators, government employees, farmers and others drawn from a wide variety of occupations and professions.

The Mormon Tabernacle Choir's many recordings have won it a Grammy, five gold records and two platinum records. It has also won two Emmys, a Peabody Award and two commendations from the Freedom Foundation. The choir has sung at four presidential inaugurations.

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GrooveLily wails wildly in Westfield

A high-energy concert covering a variety of styles brought the Coffee With Conscience Concert Series to a rousing, rockin' close Saturday night.

After opening comments by series producer Ahrr Maros, the social hall at the First United Methodist Church was turned into a veritable concert arena thanks to GrooveLily, the folk-funk trio that ushered Coffee With Conscience into a grande season finale.

Concert Scene

By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor

Comprising Valerie Vigoda on electric violin, Brendan Milburn on keyboard, and Gene Lewin on drums, the trio blended their trademark sounds into an evening that had the crowd on its feet.

The "GrooveLily" sound is a fusion of folk, rock and jazz, with touches of classical and theater music thrown into the mix. Typified by Milburn's galvanized keyboard playing and Vigoda's lightning-fast bow work on her violin, producing sounds ranging from traditional sounds to guitar-like riffs, the trio filled the two-plus hours with a mix of good humor and great music.

Opening with "The Balancing Act," Milburn combined his high-powered piano playing with his earthy voice to start things off well. The highlight of the number was the hot piano solo and Milburn's scat break, making himself and the piano sound like two voices harmonizing.

Vigoda took the torch and delivered a dynamite solo of her own on the next song, "Live Through This," a tune which will appear on the group's upcoming album.

Drummer Lewin next stepped into the spotlight on "I Just Want a Million Bucks," a gritty, funky and humorous song with lyrics that typify GrooveLily's often-tongue-in-cheek writing style. Lewin's jazz roots come through when he sings solo, as they did on this number and "Diva Star" later in the show, his hilariously self-aware pean to an unnamed teen diva. Lewin's delivery of such lines as, "I'm loyal through and through until



Photo courtesy of Cheri Rogowsky

Valerie Vigoda of the funk-folk trio GrooveLily rocks out on her 'Flying V' six-string electric Viper violin during Saturday night's concert at Coffee With Conscience in Westfield. Vigoda produced sounds reminiscent of such diverse guitarists Jimi Hendrix and Eddie Van Halen.

you're 22," was underscored by Milburn's bluesy piano and Vigoda's guitar-sounding violin work with its "Shaft"-like '70s funk. Milburn's piano solo wailed, with him using his entire body in playing, proving a recent comment that he treats the piano like an auxiliary percussion instrument.

Milburn took the mic again on "Rewind," which featured lyrics in the classic GrooveLily tradition: "I'll give you lots of cash if you take out my karmic trash" and "I need to get my hands on the remote control of my life."

"I Don't Wanna Fall in Love" off the "Little Light" CD showcased the rich lower end of Vigoda's range on vocals, most notably on the descending lines. The fun and funky key change on a catch beat drove the number even more.

Switching gears, Vigoda sang one of her earlier compositions, "Inhabit My Heart," the title track from her 1994 solo album. The beautifully lyrical melody sat nicely on Vigoda's voice, and was complemented perfectly by Milburn's lush piano accompaniment. Vigoda's fingering on her second violin solo was amazing.

Milburn's semi-autobiographical "No Room in Your Bag" featured not only his liquid-lightning piano playing, but his expressive voice spitting out rapid fire lyrics with the precision of a musical machine gun.

His second-set opener, however, did not stand up quite as well. Though "Prayer for the Unrequited" was well-performed, its laid-back feel combined with a less-than-solid ending did not serve to get the crowd ready for another hour of music. Milburn made excellent use of a his falsetto and a plaintive edge in the more-treble end of the vocals, calling to mind a Kenny Loggins sound.

After a rocking drum solo by Lewin, the second set really began with "Sitting on the Fence." The salsa beat, combined with the usual excellence of the Vigoda, Milburn and Lewin sent this number into overdrive. The call-and-answer jam between Vigoda's violin and Milburn's piano, as well as the infectious beat provided by Milburn and Lewin, made for a charged performance, as did Vigoda's solo work which included an evocative "smear" on the last note.

Vigoda's dynamic vocal range was showcased on "Coming Home," letting her make use of her soaring high notes on the vocalese and a gentle lightness to the more lyrical passages. If only she hadn't sat on the edge of the stage for the end of the number — it was dramatically effective, but on ly for the people in the first row of seats.

However, the two set finales are what truly typified the energy and exhilaration in the room. The first-set

closer, "Little Nemesis," was a hard-rockin' number on which Vigoda sized on both vocals and violin. Her "guitar" solo on her "Flying V" six-string electric Viper violin could well have been Hendrix or Van Halen in its style and precision.

The second-set finale featured exquisite musical phrasing on Vigoda's vocals, building to the chorus with passion and power. Her violin work featured some incredible pizzicato, while Lewin's drumming was literally shaking the plexiglas partitions around his drum kit. The trio wailed right to the song's finish line, which they brought down to a quiet, simple tone.

On the surface, GrooveLily defies description. Dig a little deeper and you find that the description is "musical performance in its purest form." From the intelligent songwriting to the melding of styles to the raw passion of the live performance, this band is one of a kind!

There is nothing quite like GrooveLily!

GrooveLily will next appear in a free concert at the Oskar Schindler Performing Arts Center in West Orange on July 10. For information, call 973-669-7385 or visit the Web sites at www.OSPAC.org or www.GrooveLily.com.

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First up is TheaterWorksUSA's "The Summer of Swans," a new play based on Newberry Medal-winning book by Betsy Byars. Then there's The Studio Museum in Harlem's "Words in Motion" DJ Dance Party. That is followed by the fourth annual Hip-Hop Theater Festival, which will descend on New York City, and High 5 will offer \$5 tickets to most of its original plays and performances, with special Teen Scene opportunities at their events — stories that celebrate the language and culture of the hip-hop generation.

Teens can also catch the jumping jazz at the JVC Jazz Festival, featuring famed jazz performers like Chick Corea, the Ornette Coleman Trio and Spike Lee's film composer, trumpeter Terence Blanchard. More into operatic arias? High 5 can get teen-agers into New York City Opera's productions of "Carmen" and "Madame Butterfly," as well as the Jean Cocteau Rep's production of "The Threepenny Opera." Get a taste of Shakespeare at this summer's the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey; visit MoMA at its new temporary space in Queens; or see the latest in dance at Dance Theater Workshop, Dance Theater of Harlem and the New York City Ballet.

High 5 even has a listing of fun — and free — events that are going on About Town.

High 5 catalogs are available in all five boroughs at bookstores and public libraries, and selected sites in New Jersey, as well as at participating Ticketmaster outlets including HMV Records, Tower Records, FYE and other stores; and in the lobby of High 5's executive offices at 1 E. 53rd St. during business hours.

Teachers, parents, student leaders and mentors can also use High 5's Take 5 program, which enables small groups of students to attend events. With Take 5, six tickets cost \$25, with no purchase limit, including adult chaperones. It's the best way to take groups for art fun around the city. For more Take 5 information, call the Take 5 Reservation Line at 212-750-7770, or send e-mail to info@high5tix.org.

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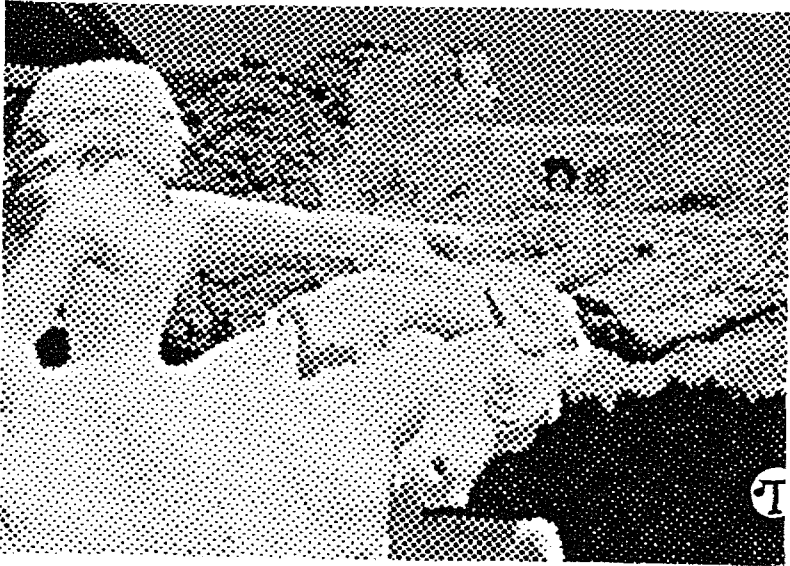
Black Hills make for great getaway

America has such a wealth of destinations it almost guarantees rewarding travel experiences.

For example, the Black Hills region of western South Dakota — and a little slice of Wyoming — is a place that can exceed expectations. Once somewhat challenging to reach because of long distances behind the wheel, the Black Hills now have excellent air service at Rapid City, making the region accessible even for short getaway vacations.

America's Shrine of Democracy, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, is the Black Hills destination known around the world. While it's almost a sure bet you will visit Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt, it's also a certainty that George, Tom, Abe and Teddy may cast you a stony look if you didn't explore the surrounding territory.

"Black Hills residents are constantly delighted that we surprise our visitors so much," said regional tourism expert Susan Edwards. "For instance, visitors know about Mount Rushmore, but many don't know about the Crazy Horse Memorial that when completed, will be the world's largest sculpture, several times larger than Mount Rushmore, taller than the Washington Monument, it's an entire mountain."



An entire mountain becomes the world's largest sculpture — a Black Hills discovery beyond expectation.

Five national parks dot the region, including two that are underground—Wind Cave National Park and Jewel Cave National Monument — and one that's practically lunar, Badlands National Park. Custer State Park, where you really can see buffalo roam and each fall witness a buffalo roundup, is one of the largest state parks in America. There are powwows and rodeos, and all of Deadwood is a National Historic Landmark, where Wild Bill Hickok met his fate, holding a poker hand of aces and eights. You can play a hand in the same saloon.

"Many first-time visitors say they are coming back as soon as possible," Edwards noted. "They didn't expect the scenic drives, the wildlife, the hiking trails, the trout streams or the quiet bed-and-breakfast inns. And they really didn't expect top-flight golf, which they find throughout the Black Hills."

Perhaps the best discovery is a travel reservation service that covers the entire region. Its fly/drive packages are some of the best values in America. Check www.TravelBlackHills.com or call toll-free 866-329-7566 for examples.

Canals offer surprising escapes

Imagine a romantic and adventurous tour of New York State's Canal System without leaving dry land.

That's what hundreds of cyclists will be enjoying when they take part in the fifth annual Cycling the Erie Canal event scheduled for July 6 to 13. The eight-day, 400-mile cross-state recreational bicycle tour runs from Buffalo to Albany along the historic, scenic and still-active Erie Canal.

The tour — which is limited to 400 cyclists and last year drew riders from 28 states — passes through historic canal villages and rural countryside. Along the way historians and local experts will introduce the riders to the people, places and things that made the Erie Canal so unique in its day and so important to the history of New York State.

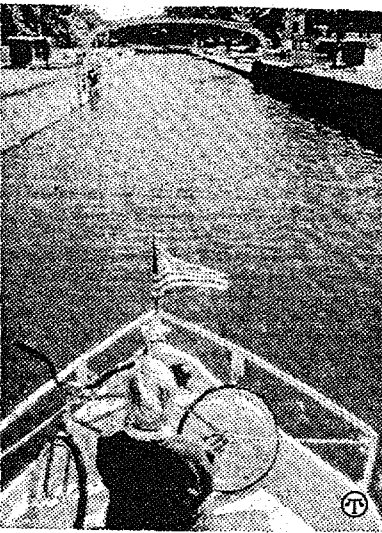
Other enjoyable and surprisingly economical ways to enjoy your Canal visit, can include forays into:

- **Fishing:** Cast your line into calm Canal waters — and compete in the exciting Erie Canal Fishing Derby in Albion, July 7 to 20.
- **Festivals:** Seneca Falls also features a Waterfront Festival and Cardboard Boat Race and a Fresh Herb and New Wine Festival.
- **Boating:** Take in the annual Tug Boat Round-Up in Waterford from Sept. 5 to 7, the Genesee River Canoe Regatta on Sept. 20, the Erie Canal Steamboat Rally on July 5 or the Electric City Canoe Races on July 20.
- **Art:** See the Rome, New York Taste of the Arts Festival, the Cornhill Arts Festival from Sept. 20 to 21.
- **History:** Along the Oswego, you can enjoy Fulton's Canal Heritage Days on July 13 or you can join the annual Convention Days Celebration of the First Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls on July 17 to 19.

In fact, there are many ways to enjoy the 524-mile Canal System of New York State, which is easily accessible by car from several states and provinces, or by plane at a number of airports.

A canal visit can be an especially great way for travelers to nearby New York City to unwind for a while. You can try your hand at captaining your own boat or ride your bike along the more than 230 miles of Canalway Trail.

For more information on vacationing along a canal, call 800-4CANAL4 or visit www.canals.state.ny.us/.



Hundreds of cyclists will participate in an eight-day tour along the Erie Canal this summer.

Yoga center readies for summer session

The newly renovated 2,500-square-foot studio of Nicole's Yoga Center, located at 94 North Ave. in Garwood, will start the Summer Session the week of July 21.

Open houses are scheduled on the following days: July 14 from 4 to 6:30 p.m., July 17 from 2 to 5 p.m., July 19 from 1 to 4 p.m., and July 21 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Free yoga introductory classes are offered July 12 at 12:10 p.m., July 16 at 8:30 p.m., and by appointment.

Nicole Mode founded Nicole's Yoga Center in 1988, and is dedicated to maintaining the purity of the art of yoga; the studio exclusively teaches yoga. The center is open all year round and offers 24 yoga classes per week, with daily morning, afternoon and evening programs designed for every level of ability, physical condition, age, etc.

Nicole's Yoga Center is more than just a form of exercise; it is an holistic experience that benefits the body, mind and spirit. The center offers five different levels of classes where four types of yoga are practiced: Hatha yoga, Ashtanga yoga, Kriya yoga, and Kundalini yoga.

The objective of Hatha yoga is to transform the human body to make it a worthy vehicle for self-realization. Ashtanga yoga consists of different practices: breath control, posture, concentration, meditation, moral observance, and self-discipline. Kriya yoga is the union between the male and female creative principles. Kundalini yoga is the final realization of the self.

Mode's method of studying yoga is orderly and progressive, with step-by-step instructions on how to perform each posture, breathing, meditation and visualization techniques being used during each class. The center offers classes for back activities, breathing, weight reduction, Yoga for Children, Yoga for Seniors, and teacher-training programs.

The Restorative Yoga class consists of exercises done on the floor on in a chair for those with disabilities. A series of movements is performed with great attention and without pain. This class will utilize Asanas — posture — to develop balance, limberness, and strength. Benefits are proper alignment, increasing circulation and flexibility, and reducing stiffness in the joints of the hands, wrists, knees, and ankles. Special props are utilized to stabilize the spine and open the body to meet the outlines of Asanas. This class is recommended for people having limited possibilities or stiffness in joints, people recovering from surgery, cancer patients, pregnant ladies, etc.

The Yoga Back class is experienced in sitting and lying down positions. This class is well-suited for people with respiratory problems, asthma, back problems, cardio-vascular difficulties, etc. The student will learn to use core techniques while breathing awareness is recognized within each posture. Benefits include restoring balance, hip joint opening, expansion of the thoracic cage, strengthening belly and back muscles, reducing cardiovascular stress and

normalizing muscle tone.

Mode is also offering the Kundalini classes, a vigorous yoga workout for advanced students.

The yoga class for children 6 to 10 years old is designed to be adapted to any level of ability of the children. They will practice basic posture, breathing technique and philosophy that explores subjects such as taking care of their bodies, developing attention span, and recognizing their uniqueness. Yoga is a gentle, noncompetitive form of exercise; it promotes flexibility, strength and coordination.

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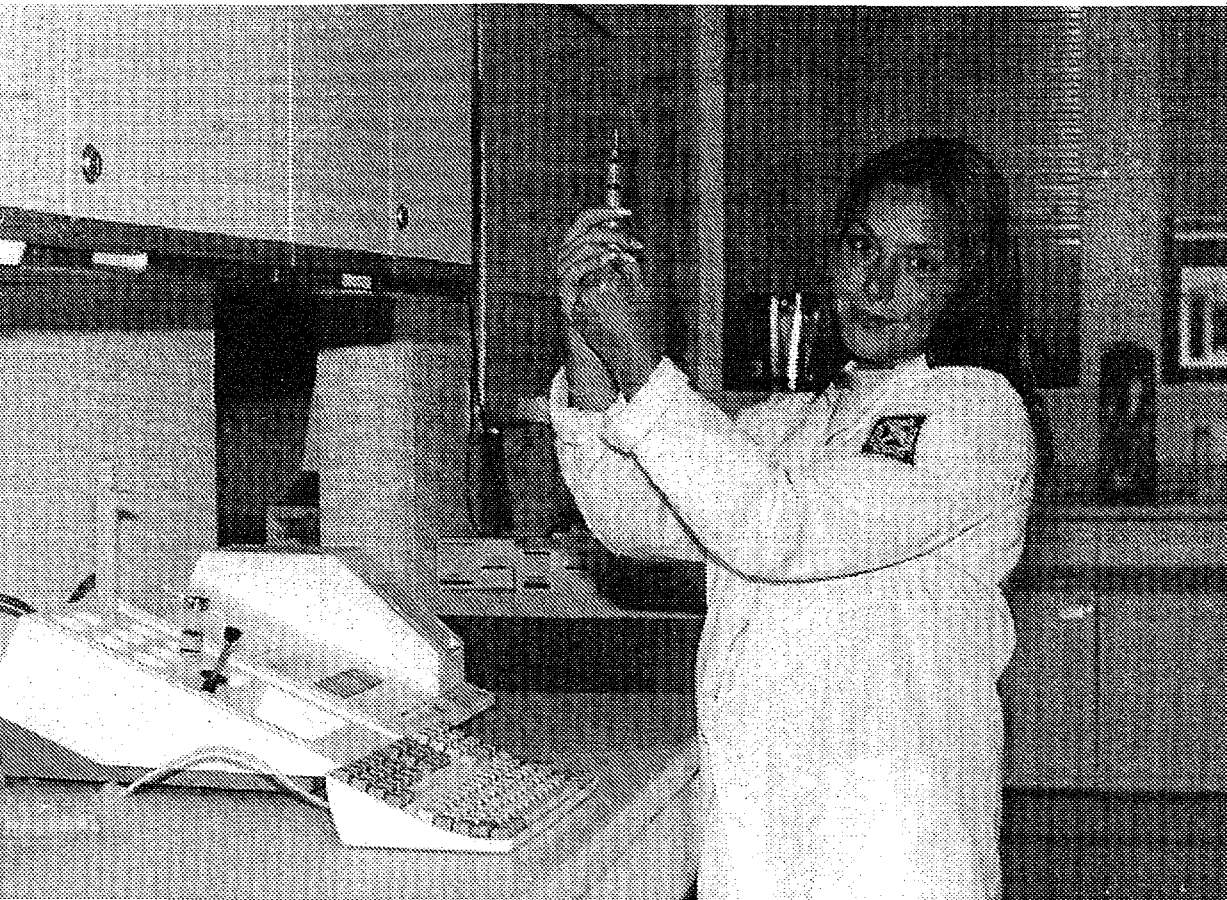
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The latest numbers from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Office of Employment Projections, show that positions for workers with "generalized medical training" are expected to grow by 200,000 new jobs nationwide by the year 2005. Medical "assistants" are truly the opposite of medical "specialists." Assistants are multi-skilled and handle a variety of jobs and duties. Job titles include medical office assistant, patient care associate, patient care technician, medical registrar, clinical care technician, and medical technician.

"A medical assistant can be expected to prepare a patient for an EKG, perform the EKG, type the final report and, in some cases, depending on the levels of education, evaluate the EKGs," said Thomas M. Eastwick, president of Eastwick Colleges, the corporation that manages The RETS Institute in Nutley, The HoHoKus School of Medical Sciences in Ramsey and the American Business Academy in Hackensack, three highly regarded, local schools which are training people for a "medical assistant" position.

"The medical field is booming throughout the country," commented Eastwick. "It's especially hot in northern New Jersey, where we have more doctors per capita than any part of the country." The New Jersey Department of Labor agrees and reports that the health care industry is the No. 1 employer in New Jersey's private sector.

Changes in the insurance industry have dramatically affected the way hospitals are doing business. Hospital stays have shortened drastically in the past few years, which has required more specialties in local clinics and physicians' offices. In addition, there is a growing trend in hospitals to provide related services and perform all of those functions. For instance, instead of patients being transported from one diagnostic laboratory to another, a sonographer or cardiovascular technician will go to the patient. They will not only perform the ultrasound examination and/or do stress tolerance testing, but also draw blood, give inoculations, and perform a broad range of patient-care procedures from obtaining medical histories and performing routine physical examinations to recording vital signs, changing dressings and caring for IVs.

Years ago, medical assisting was mainly a receptionist/clerical position. Many physicians employed personnel with no prior medical training, and the job offered little room for advancement. Today's medical assistants are multi-skilled professionals with formal medical training study. They perform many clinical and laboratory duties as well as administrative tasks. Back office responsibilities for medical assistants may include obtaining case histories, charting information, and recording vital signs; administering EKGs; sterilizing instruments; performing urinary-

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sis, finger stick, or venipuncture; operating Reflotron and QBC blood analyzers; preparing patients for examinations; and a host of other responsibilities. Good "people skills" are a big asset.

In addition, the medical front office has changed greatly in recent years. Medical assistants now have extensive knowledge of insurance forms, ICD and CPT codes; medical terminology; and computerized billing.

"Consider what the career opportunities are for a medical assistant who is skilled in all aspects of front and back office medical procedures and is nationally registered. Opportunities abound for the multi-skilled," stated Eastwick.

Programs of study for medical assisting are available in certain universities, community college, and career colleges. Some of the most reputable training programs in this area can be found at The RETS Institute in Nutley, 973-661-0600; The HoHoKus

School of Medical Sciences in Ramsey, 201-327-8877; and the American Business Academy in Hackensack, 201-488-9400. Their programs give students a broad base of knowledge in seven to eight months.

Students at RETS Institute studying medical assisting which is considered a "multi skilled medical professional" curriculum.

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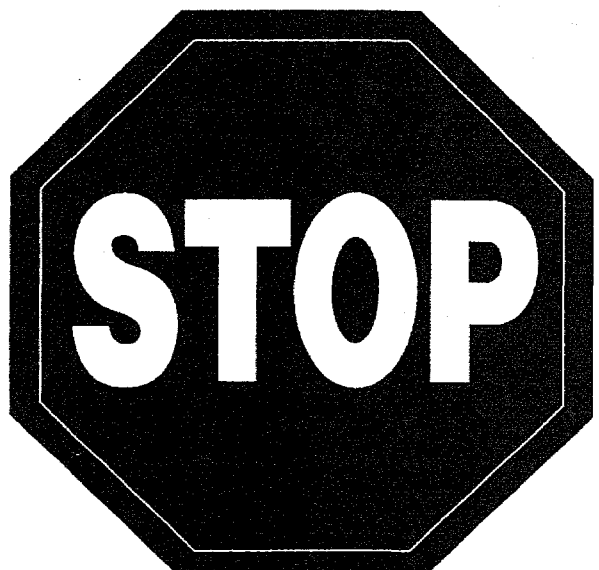
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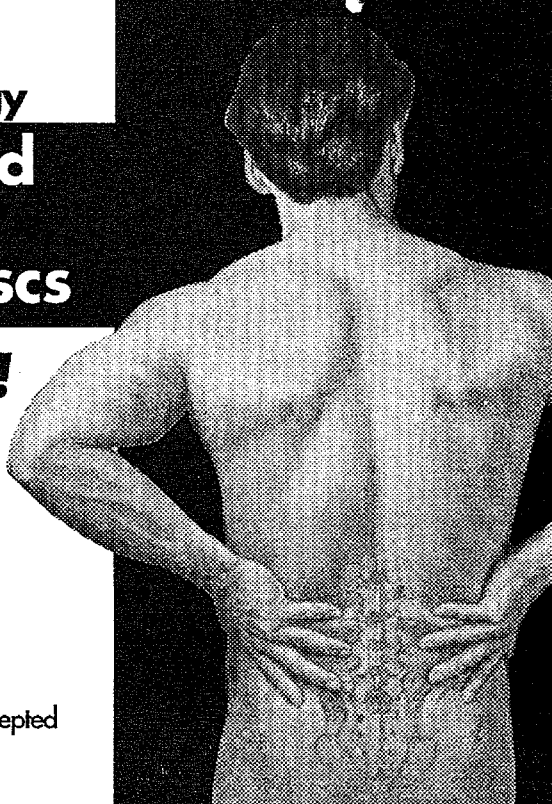
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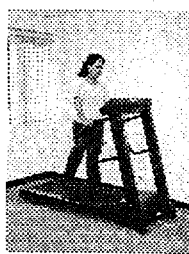
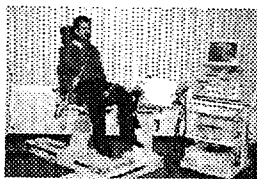
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Singing group reaps rewards from sharing music, helping others

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

The joy of singing to groups who appreciate such diverse entertainment turns all of the hard work into a positive love of music and generosity.

And the 25 women, who make up the Shiru Nah — which, in Hebrew, means, “Sing With Us” — are dedicated to its cause, its members and its audiences. All of the members are volunteers, ages 50 to nearly 90, and many of the members are teachers or retired teachers. They entertain organizations, senior citizens, schools, nursing homes, ethnic and non-ethnic groups, and they donate their fees to Israel through the Jewish National Appeal.

“We give the fees to the UJA, and they disperse the money,” said music director Ronnie Weinstein of Short Hills. “The money we raise for Israel goes directly to Israel. So, besides the fact that we love to sing, we really do have a purpose, a goal. We’ve raised more than \$76,000.” The funds support programs in Ramat Eliahu, “the section of Rishon Letzion, that is a partner community with the United Jewish Federation of Metro West. Gardens of trees are planted in Israel by donors honoring the choir. We pay for our own expenses. We do not take it out of the money we raise.”

Weinstein, who has been with the group for 25 years, and who has conducted it for 20 years, the offices of Worrall Community Newspapers recently with two members of Shiru Nah, Ethel Singer, a soprano soloist who has been with the group since 1985, and Beverly Kaye, an alto with the group for 10 years.

“What’s so wonderful about this group,” explained Weinstein, “is that we are all more than friends; we are like family. And the unique quality of this group is that we do not perform with sheet music. We memorize all of our music. Even as you get older, your mind is still working.”

“And,” Singer, who sings alto and soprano, added, “we only have sopranos and altos in Shiru Nah, and the only musical accompaniment is a piano. Francine Sprinzer is our pianist, arranger and accompanist.”

Shiru Nah was organized in 1971. It originated in Congregation Beth Shalom in Union, now Congregation B’nai Ahavath Shalom. “We started taking members from Essex and Morris counties, and the group expanded,” added Kaye. “You know, Sara Slifer is the only original member of the group. We now have about 25 members, and we are all volunteers.”

Weinstein, who is a teacher in nursery schools and at the JCC in West Orange, and directs senior citizen choir in South Orange, said, “Singing is the first qualification. The members have to have the right attitude and interest in music. Some have sung professionally on Yiddish radio. But would you believe that the great majority of the group

does not understand Yiddish? We’re fortunate to have some Hebrews in the group. We do a lot of songs in Hebrew with a loose English translation. It’s really the universality of music. We sing popular melodies. Certain songs are ‘family’ to people. Music speaks to the heart. And you don’t have to understand it to enjoy it.

“We enjoy it,” she emphasized. “And we enjoy being together. We do have a wonderful time. We’re cohesive. We refer to ourselves as our ‘Shiru Nah family.’”

Kaye smiled. “We’re always together,” she said. “There’s a special bond. Anyone who wants to join has to feel comfortable in that kind of a warm setting. We sing in nursing homes, for seniors, Sisterhood groups.”

“We also sing for Christian groups, too. Remember Rev. Nancy’s Interfaith Group?” Singer added, referring to the group run by the Rev. Nancy Forsberg, former pastor of the First Congregational Church in Union. “We sang with that group in the spring every two years, and we did it for many years.”

The Shiru Nah selects its repertoire from CDs, tapes, library research, and “the songs people bring to us,” explained Weinstein. “Since there isn’t a lot of Hebrew music written for just sopranos and altos, we have to rearrange all the music we get.

“For most of us,” she said, “Shiru Nah is the highlight of the week. We rehearse at my home in Short Hills on Tuesday mornings at 10 o’clock. And everything else is secondary.” She laughed. “These women are really committed. We have all our gigs on our calendars, and we arrange our schedules for other activities around Tuesday morning.”

Kaye mentioned that “Ronnie sends the music to us when we’re vacationing in Florida or elsewhere.” She sighed. “There’s no rest for the weary. We don’t perform in the winter. That’s when we do a lot of learning, especially with the new music.”

Singer said that “we adjust our repertoire to the different audiences. For the younger groups, the English songs are more appealing, and for the older groups, we tend to do more Yiddish.”

“I’ll tell you one thing,” said Kaye. “People may forget other things, but you don’t forget the music. It’s a very gratifying thing to be able to sing an older song and watch the audience remembering it. It’s as if a light goes on in their faces. And we know it. The light makes everything worth while.”

The very busy group entertained at the Caldwell Hadasah June 18 at the JCC in West Orange for the Senior UJA on June 19. The members also sang for Care One Assisted Living in Livingston on Tuesday, and at Harrel Assisted Living in South Orange on Sunday.

“On July 18,” said Weinstein, “we will be singing to the



The all-volunteer membership of the Shiru Nah — which translates from Hebrew as ‘Sing with us’ — spend their time presenting musical performances around the area to a variety of organizations, nursing facilities and groups. The proceeds from the concerts benefit the Jewish National Appeal.

University Without Walls, Dorot. These are people who are confined to their homes, and we’ll be singing by way of the telephone. Some of our members are working people, some are retired. We audition all year around for people who want to sing.”

Weinstein explained that “it’s all really a part of our-

selves. Our husbands and significant others and our children come to our performances, and they are very supportive. We feel so good on so many levels about ourselves and what we’re doing.

“I believe,” she said, “that we get as much as we give.”

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Gallery presents annual show of members’ works

The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit will host the annual Members’ Show and Sale through July 20.

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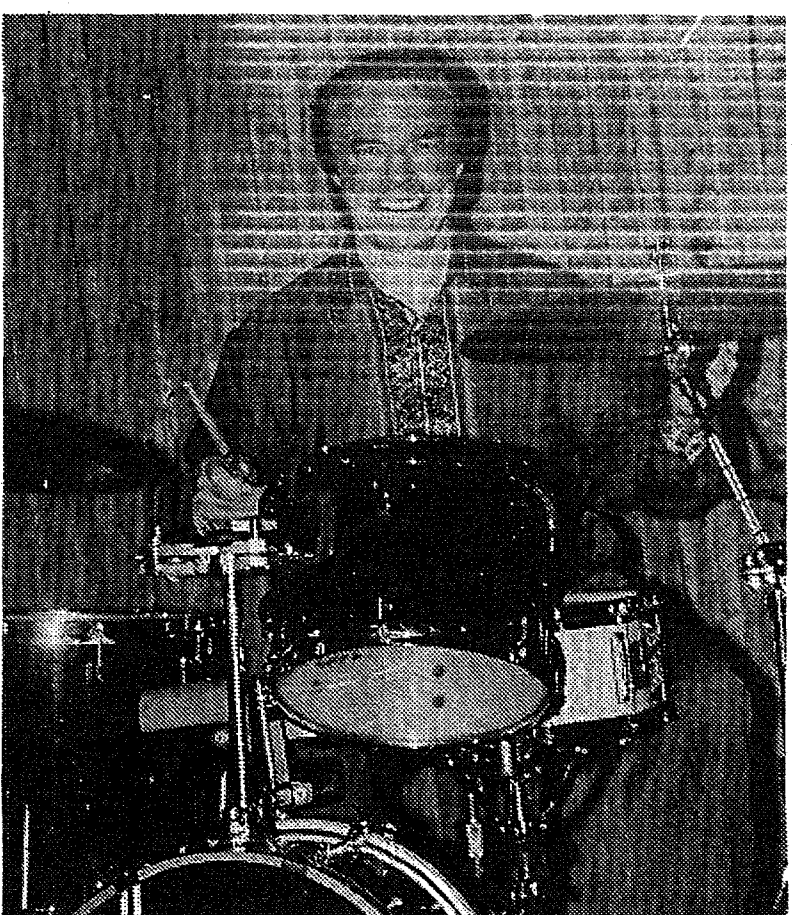
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Shakespeare Theater continues season with Williams' 'Menagerie'

The Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey, formerly called the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival, continues its 41st Main Stage season with Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie."

Broadway luminary Robert Cuccioli, of "Jekyll and Hyde" fame, returns for his fourth season with the company, this time making his New Jersey directorial debut. Performances are Tuesdays through Sundays, now through July 20 at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theater at the campus of Drew University in Madison.

The semi-autobiographical account of the author's early days in the 1930s St. Louis mirrors the turmoil of his own life. A heartbreaking yet often funny "memory play" told from the perspective of Tom Wingfield, portrayed by Robert Petkoff, "The Glass Menagerie" is the story of a family desperate to break free from the burdens of their past and present. Tom's mother, Amanda, played by Wendy Barrie-Wilson, has been abandoned by her husband and now lives only for her children; his unmarried sister, Laura, played by Katherine Kellgren, is a fragile and painfully shy creature who retreats into a world of glass animals and Victrola records; and Tom himself is torn between his poetic inclinations and the responsibility of supporting his mother and sister. Each escapes their own "glass menagerie" as a means of eluding the pain of their own — and each other's — existence.

Said director Robert Cuccioli, "Tennessee Williams based his characters in 'The Glass Menagerie' on real people he knew all too well: his own family. For the first 30 years of his life, he was living 'The Glass Menagerie,' and it was from that often traumatic experience that his masterpiece — this 'little play,' as he would disdainfully call it — evolved. However, all of us can and will rec-

ognize parts of ourselves and our family members mirrored in the shards of glass that make up the brilliant whole of 'The Glass Menagerie.'"

He continued, "For me, one of the most important themes of this play is the issue of responsibility, and the conflict that arises in trying to fulfill our own self-imposed or perceived contracts of responsibility. In the case of Tom, our narrator, he feels trapped in a life that doesn't inspire or suit him, and he longs for something more — a lifetime of adventure. Yet his responsibility toward his sister, Laura, keeps him prisoner, feeling desperate to 'escape from a coffin without removing one nail.'"

Artistic director Bonnie J. Monte's extensive experience with the works of Tennessee Williams includes collaboration with Williams himself on "Tennessee Williams: A Celebration," a major tribute to the playwright's entire literary canon produced in 1982. Of her choice of Cuccioli as director for this play that is so near to her heart, Monte remarked, "This is a theater that leans heavily toward the tradition of actor-directors. Bob has expressed his interest in broadening his directional scope, and he felt like the perfect person to put at the helm of this show. Both his amazing sense of the musicality of the language and his tremendous emotional sensibilities made him leap out toward me as an apt and exciting choice to direct 'The Glass Menagerie.'"

The cast

In the role of Tom Wingfield, a young man haunted by his past as well as his present, is Robert Petkoff, who returns for his second season with the company following his acclaimed performance in last year's production of "The Illusion." Among his many stage credits are "The Royal Family" with Judi Dench at Theater Royal Haymarket in London's West End; "Epic Propor-

tions" on Broadway; "More Stately Mansions" and "Avow" off-Broadway; and numerous regional theater credits including "Jolson Sings Again" and "Voices in the Dark" at George Street Playhouse, as well as productions with Chicago Shakespeare Theater, The Globe Theater, The Royal Shakespeare Company, Denver Center Theater Company, Hartford Stage and the Shakespeare Theater in the Nation's Capital. He has appeared in the films "Milk and Money," "Gameday," "Vice Versa" and "Loverboy," and on television in "Hack," "Law and Order," "Quantum Leap," "Married With Children" and as the young Liberace in the bio-pic "Liberace."

As Amanda Wingfield, the overbearing mother of Tom and Laura, is Wendy Barrie-Wilson, whose Broadway credits include "All My Sons" starring Richard Kiley and "Our Town" starring Paul Newman, which was taped for broadcast on PBS and Showtime. "The Glass Menagerie" marks Barrie-Wilson's 90th play. Among her numerous regional credits are "Uncle Vanya" at Great Lakes Theater, opposite Hal Holbrook; Stella in "A Streetcar Named Desire" at the Williamstown Theater Festival opposite Christopher Walken; Regina in "The Little Foxes" at Catco; May in "Fool for Love" at Portland Stage; and "Abe Lincoln in Illinois" at Indiana Rep; her great-aunt, Elizabeth Risdon, played the original with Raymond Massey. She has also worked with Denver Theater Center, Actor's Theater of Louisville, Huntington Theater, the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, and at a number of New York theaters, including New Dramatists and New York Stage and Film. On television, she has appeared in "Seize the Day" on PBS's American Novel, "Law and Order," and various soap operas.

The fragile Laura, nicknamed "Blue Roses" by the Gentleman

Caller, is played by Katherine Kellgren, whose recent stage credits include the title role in Lincoln Center "Reel to Real: Beatrix Potter," and a specially presented reading of "The Bald Soprano" directed by Joseph Chaikin at Manhattan Theater Club. On film, she appeared in "Jerusalem" with Max Von Sydow and "Another Bed." In addition to other stage and television credits, Kellgren has recorded many radio plays, including "The Chronicles of Narnia" with Paul Scofield, "A Christmas Carol," and "Bonhoeffer: The Cost of Freedom," winner of a Peabody Award. Most recently, she recorded "Edward Gorey: The Gorey Details" for BBC radio.

In the role of The Gentleman Caller is Kevin Rolston, who returns for his fourth season with the company. Among his Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey credits are "Enrico IV," "Hamlet," "The Comedy of Errors," "Antony and Cleopatra" and "Twelfth Night" on the Main Stage; and Shakespeare Live! touring productions of "The Tempest," "Romeo and Juliet," "Julius Caesar," "MacBeth" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Most recently, Rolston made his off-Broadway debut in the new play "Whose Family Values!" directed by Philip Rose, with the New Federal Theater at the Clurman.

About the director

Multi-talented veteran actor Robert Cuccioli marks his New Jersey directorial debut with the Shakespeare Theater's production of "The Glass Menagerie." His performing credits with the company include the musicals "Carnival!" and "Enter the Guardsman," as well as Shakespeare's "Antony and Cleopatra." He repeated his performance in "Enter the Guardsman" when it moved off-Broadway to the Dimson Theater, and recently reprised the role of Mark Antony in "Antony and Cleopatra" at the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis.

Cuccioli earned a Drama Desk Award, an Outer Critics Circle Award and a Tony Award nomination in 1997 for his portrayal of Dr. Jekyll and his alter ego, Mr. Hyde, in the Broadway production of the musical thriller "Jekyll and Hyde." Cuccioli garnered Chicago's prestigious Joseph Jefferson Award during the National Tour of "Jekyll and Hyde," and made his directorial debut in 2001 with "Jekyll and Hyde" at the Westchester Broadway Theater. He directed the show again at the Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera. Recently, he wrapped a successful run of "Fiction," a world premiere at McCarter Theater, where he previously performed in "The School for Scandal." Cuccioli made his Broadway debut as Javert in "Les Misérables" in 1993. His long list of stage credits includes Broadway, off-Broadway, national touring productions and regional theater, including an Outer Critics Circle Award for his off-Broadway performance in "And the World Goes 'Round." He has appeared in Woody Allen's movie "Celebrity" and the independent film "The Stranger," and on television in "Sliders," "Baywatch" and "Guiding Light."

The artistic staff

Creating the Wingfield's home are set designer Brian Ruggaber, lighting designer Bruce Auerbach and costume designer Hugh Hanson.

Tickets and general information

Preview performances of "The Glass Menagerie" end with tonight's 8 p.m. show, offering the thrill of seeing a work-in-progress before the show officially opens. Preview tickets are \$23 to \$28.

Beginning Friday and continuing through July 20, regular performances are Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., excluding a sold-out Opening Night at 7 p.m. this Saturday and an Early Bird performance July 3 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m., beginning on this weekend; and

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Symposium performances include the additional treat of engaging post-play discussion with the cast and artistic staff, on Tuesday at 8 p.m. and July 5 at 2 p.m. Regular ticket prices apply.

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The Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey and its Main Stage are located in Madison at 36 Madison Ave., Route 124, at Lancaster Road, on the scenic campus of Drew University. Parking is free. For information or to purchase tickets, call the box office at 973-408-5600 or visit www.shakespearenj.org.

NJHS earns Muse Award for online Turnpike show

The New Jersey Historical Society has announced that it has been awarded a 2003 "MUSE" Award for outstanding achievement in museum media by the American Association of Museum's Media and Technology Committee.

This award recognizes NJHS's new web-based exhibition "What Exit?: New Jersey and Its Turnpike," an online version of the award-winning traveling exhibition of the same name.

"We received so much positive feedback on the mounted exhibition that the answer was right in front of us," said Janet Rassweiler, project director and director for Programs and Collection at NJHS. "As newcomers to the World Wide Web, we are so proud to receive this kind of recognition, especially for our first foray into the arena of online exhibitions."

Completed earlier this year, "What Exit? Online" borrows major ideas and themes from its museum counterpart, but is greatly expanded with the help of the Internet forum.

The original exhibition — opened in conjunction with the Turnpike's 50th anniversary celebration in 2001 — paid tribute to the nation's most heavily traveled toll road with authentic artifacts, never-before exhibited photographs, 1950s film footage and interactive activities. In its online version, visitors can recapture the early sense of wonderment surrounding the creation of the Turnpike with a sampling of historical newspaper clippings, media advertisements, safety films and songs inspired by the road, all enhancements to the overall virtual viewing experience.

'The relevance of this exhibition has always extended far beyond New Jersey.'

— Ellen Snyder-Grenier, exhibit curator

Funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Educational Research and Improvement, the online exhibition was created with the help of the American Social History Project, which specializes in making history accessible to a broad audience. The Project's technological expertise combined with research provided by the New Jersey Historical Society helped bring the exhibition into a new arena, according to Exhibition Curator Ellen Snyder-Grenier.

"The relevance of this exhibition has always extended far beyond New Jersey," Snyder-Grenier said. "The Internet has allowed us to not only prolong the life of the exhibit, but also the opportunity to share New Jersey's American story with audiences worldwide."

Divided into three sections, the online exhibition can be visited from a number of perspectives: its construction, design, path, and how it was promoted; the role of cars, roads and traffic in its creation; and the stories of the people that give it life. "What Exit? Online" can be found at www.jerseyhistory.org.



The Pushcart Players are currently touring with 'Fiddler Tales.' Behind Harry Patrick Christian, foreground are, from left, Lily Mercer, Dimitri Christy and Stephanie Kraus.

Pushcart Players continue their theatrical traditions

Pushcart Players, the Verona-based professional touring company for young audiences, performed its musical production titled "Fiddler Tales" at Washington School in West Orange on June 2 at 1:30 p.m.

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While much of the folklore in this treasury of stories dates back to the 1500s, the characters remain fresh and current in their needs and values. A mother wants to do what's best for her family. An heirloom is cherished from generation to generation. Earnest bumbling is as charming as it is funny — and in the end it is always ingenious. But the universal appeal of each of these stories ultimately comes not only from the joy in the telling, but from its enduring values and the optimism within — the comfort in knowing that whatever is broken can be fixed, that hope can triumph over despair, that those who strive will survive, no matter what the odds, and somehow find the courage to go on — perhaps even a bit wiser than before.

The company was recently selected for national tours of its productions and brought its Holocaust education piece, 'The Last, the Very Last ... Butterfly,' on a successful international tour to the Czech Republic.

Pushcart Players, now entering its 30th season, is an ensemble of theater artists that has received numerous awards for outstanding work in children's theater. Recent credits include a highly successful performance tour of the former Soviet Union and several performances at The White House. The company was recently selected for national tours of its productions and more recently brought its Holocaust education piece, "The Last, the Very Last ... Butterfly," on a successful international tour to the Czech Republic.

More complete information about "Fiddler Tales" and other Pushcart productions, as well as Pushcart's Arts in Education Outreach programs, can be obtained by visiting the Pushcart Web site at www.pushcartplayers.org. A comprehensive study guide for each classroom teacher accompanies all Pushcart performances and workshops, and conversations with the cast are available following the shows. For information regarding any of the Pushcart's programs or to schedule a performance, call 973-857-1115 or send e-mail to information@pushcartplayers.org.

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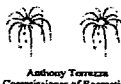
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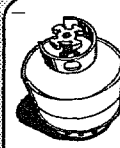
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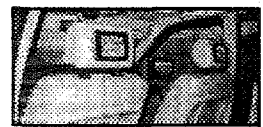
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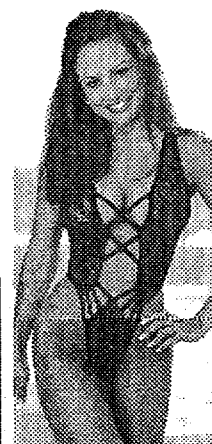
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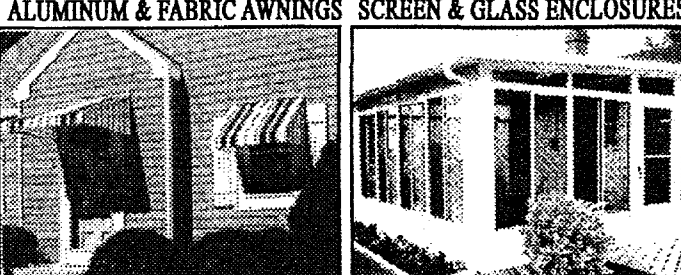
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Skulski exhibit to feature teacher-artists next month

The Art Educators of New Jersey's Artist-Teacher Network will return to the Skulski Art Gallery in Clark for an exhibit of works in various media during July.

The Skulski Art Gallery is located in the Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, Clark. For information, call 732-382-7197.

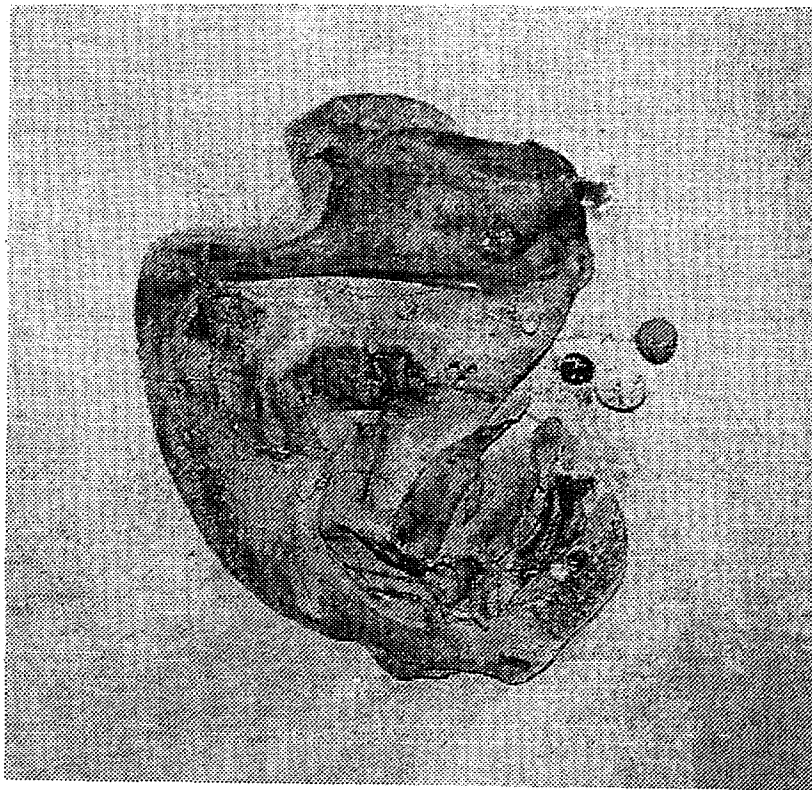
Over the years of its existence, the quality, variety and distinctive artists who have shown at the Artist-Teacher Network makes it one of the most prestigious in the tri-state area. The exhibit in Clark will take place from July 11 to 25, with the artists' reception scheduled for July 11, starting at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and the general public is invited.

The A-T Network comprises artists who also happen to be full- or part-time teachers of art for students in kindergarten through adults in schools throughout the state. Many have exhibited in other galleries in the four-state area; many have won awards, written articles or had articles written about them. They work in a variety of media from light, tight drawings to impasto paintings. In the group, the visitor to the gallery will find photographers, potters, painters and printmakers. Some have combined their passion with their research in other cultures and make use of them in unique ways, not unlike Native Americans or Africans.

Many travel around the world and share their experience with the gallery and its visitors through their art. Mixed-media techniques, digital computer graphics, whatever the composition based on imagination, research or any combination — the artwork reflects personal statement, that those who teach art also create art.

The show features Mark Ensslin, photography; Larry Grinch, painting; Frank Gubernat, painting; Mildred Kaye, printmaking; Maxine King, painting; Linda Vonderschmidt-LaStella, ceramics; Stephen Marotta, painting; Roberta Martin, painting; Marietta Hayes-Hicklin, mixed media; Patricia Mueller, mixed-media sculpture; Miriam Untoria, mixed media; and Barbara Weskot, painting.

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.



'Our Beautiful Earth and Her People' is a stoneware and mixed-media work by Linda Vonderschmidt-LaStella, one of 12 artists whose work will be on display at the Skulski Art Gallery in Clark from July 11 to 25.

County renews program for caregivers, the arts

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

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

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

"Recent studies have shown that the stress of long-term care-giving responsibilities can have detrimental effects on the health and emotional well being of the caregiver," said Freeholder Lewis Mingo Jr., liaison to the Hospice and Home Health Care Advisory Board. "This program is intended to relieve that stress while it exercises the caregiver's creativity."

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

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.

To place a classified ad call 1-800-564-8911 by 3 p.m. Tuesday.

NEWS CLIPS

Church sponsors sale

All Saints' Church will hold a one-day music sale in the church's parish hall Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All Saints' will be selling all sorts of records, tapes, CDs, books and instruments.

According to Event Chairperson Bobbi Richardson, "We have more than 1,000 records of all genres, including modern, jazz, pop, classical, Broadway, and movies. These are a mix of 33, 45 and 78 RPM."

"We also have sheet music, books on music and musicians, children's toys that deal with music, and books on instruments, and we have a few instruments," Richardson continued.

The event chairperson concluded her formal announcement stating that "we are still accepting donations right until the morning of the sale." Donations for the sale are not restricted to members of the parish. If you have musically oriented items that you would like to donate, call the church at 908-322-9047 to arrange a drop-off time.

All Saints Church is located at 559 Park Ave., Scotch Plains. The sale will be held in the church's Lea Hall. Doors will open at 10 a.m. Saturday and close at 4 p.m.

Internet Lounge plays host to open mic event

The Internet Lounge of 256 South Ave., Fanwood, will play host to an Open Mic-Karaoke Night on July 6 at 7 p.m.

Area artists can visit for a cup of gourmet coffee and a wide variety of organic foods, and perform an original poetry reading, a stand-up comedy routine or a musical number. There is no cover charge, so come and spend a few hours in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, make new friends, surf the Web, or play a game of Diablo2, NeverWinter Nights, WarCraft or CounterStrike. Tournaments are held bi-weekly. To ask about the schedule of events, call 908-490-1234 or visit www.theinternetlounge.com.

Theater explores history

The Union County Arts Center located in the downtown section of Rahway announced its plans to reach out into the local community for archival material related to the theater's rich history.

In preparation for its 75th anniversary season, the Union County Arts Center, formerly the Rahway Theater, will seek submission of archival material from local residents. Selected material will be on display for the 2003-04 season in the theater's inner lobby starting this fall.

All submissions will become property of the Union County Arts Center archives unless other arrangements are made in advance.

For more information, call 732-499-0441, ext. 602. To mail any items to the Arts Center, use the theater's address: 1601 Irving St., Rahway, 07065.

Crafters are being sought

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is looking for artisans, craftspeople and food vendors to demonstrate colonial or Native-American work/craft skills and to sell their wares at Union County's 22nd annual Harvest Festival on Sept. 28.

The event is a celebration of colonial and Native-American life featuring music, Native-American dancing, a Revolutionary War encampment, children's crafts, colonial food, games and much more. The 22nd annual Harvest Festival will take place, rain or shine, at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountaintop on Sept. 28 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"The Harvest Festival is a popular autumn event that draws approximately 5,000 visitors," said Freeholder Chester Holmes, liaison to the Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.

"By participating, artists, vendors and demonstrators will receive excellent exposure and have a great opportunity to educate others about their art, craft or work skill and the colonial time period in general," Holmes added.

Examples of craft and work skills being sought are: blacksmithing, kick wheel pottery, broom making, shoe making, hat making, jewelry making and quilting, plus other colonial and Native-American crafts or skills.

For details about how to participate, call the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4900.

Guid sponsors classes

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 arts-guild1670@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.

UCAC hosts workshop

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. 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.

Chorale 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. Send questions via e-mail to Susan Blum at 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 Tuesday through July 31, 9 a.m. through 12:15 p.m. daily.

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.

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.

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 Jochnowitz, 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, call 732-381-7511 or send e-mail to 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.

HEART Grants available

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites local nonprofit organizations, individual artists and scholars to apply for funding from the 2003 Union County HEART — History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands — Grant program.

Recognizing the importance of culture and the arts to the economy and quality of life, the freeholders established the HEART Grants in 1998. This innovative program supports projects related to history, the arts and humanities, and demonstrates a commitment to the artists and nonprofit organizations of Union County.

"The response to the HEART Grant program in the past few years has been exciting," said Freeholder Chairwoman Deborah P. Scanlon. "The recipients are a wonderful mix of creative individuals — poets and writers, painters, photographers, musicians and dancers — plus arts, history and other cultural organizations and civic groups."

"The services provided by these artists, scholars and organizations directly benefit the residents of our county and increase appreciation for the arts, our history, and the humanities," said Freeholder Chester Holmes, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "These cultural assets are a vital part of community life, well-being, economic development and cultural tourism in Union County."

To request a HEART Grant application and guidelines, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202. For telephone inquiries, call 908-558-2550, Relay users dial 711. E-mail may be sent to scoen@ucnj.org.

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ART SHOWS

ARTIST JUDITH BANYAS of Roselle Park will have her recent landscapes on exhibit through Monday 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.

ARTIST YOLANDA AVILA will have her photographic works on exhibit at the Dolin Gallery in Rahway through July 20. An artist's reception will take place Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Gallery hours are Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m. and by appointment. The Dolin Gallery is located in the Union County Conservatory of Art and Music, 1348 Pierce St., Rahway. For information, call 732-815-1475.

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS in Summit will present its annual Members' Show and Sale through July 20.

NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, including gallery hours, call 908-273-9121 or visit www.njcva.org.

THE ARTIST-TEACHER NETWORK of the Art Educators of New Jersey will have its work on exhibit at the Skulski Art Gallery in Clark from July 11 to 25. An opening reception will take place July 11 at 7:30 p.m.

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

2003 UNION COUNTY TEEN ARTS EXHIBIT will be on display at the Roselle Municipal Building, 210 Chestnut St., Roselle, from July 9 to 31. For information, call 908-558-2550, Relay Service users dial 711.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mountainside will exhibit the works of Miroslaw 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.

A NATURAL CONNECTION, landscape photography by Nancy Ori and Dwight Hiscano, will be on exhibit at Bouras Galleries in Summit from Tuesday to Sept. 8.

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

BOOKS

AUTHOR JON KATZ will appear at Barnes and Noble of Springfield on Sunday 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.

HARRY POTTER BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will meet every other Thursday at 3 p.m. at Barnes and Noble of Springfield.

Today: "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)

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BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday 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.

TEEN BOOK GROUP meets the first Wednesday 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.

THE 'LORD OF THE RINGS' READING GROUP meets the first Wednes-

Stepping Out

day 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 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.

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.

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

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

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 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.

CONCERTS

THE MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR will appear in concert Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$16 to \$69.

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

THE MASTERWORK CHORUS will present a Summer Sing on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave., Summit. Featured will be Faure's "Requiem" and "Cantique do Jean Racine." Admission is \$10, which includes scores, if needed; participants may bring their own scores. For information, call 973-455-7008.

NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will present "Celebrate America!" its free touring outdoor summer concert, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. For information, call 973-624-3713 or visit www.njsymphony.org.

DANCE

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. 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. Hehnlly 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.

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

FILM

ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY will sponsor a series of free film classics at the Main Branch. All films begin at 10 a.m. The Main Branch is of the Elizabeth Public Library located at 11 S. Broad St., Elizabeth. For information, call 908-354-6060.

HOBBIES

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

SINGLES

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

INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Donation is \$2. For information, call 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751.



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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.

ANIMAL-E-ALIA, an interactive theater piece for young audiences, will be presented at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside on July 9 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The program is for children 4 years old and older. Admission is \$4; pre-registration is required for groups. Trailside is located at 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. For information, call 908-789-3670.

CRAFT TIME for children ages 5 to 10 years old will take place every Monday at 11 a.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

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.

THEATER

THE THEATER PROJECT at Union County College in Cranford will present "A Wilde Night in the Rockies" by Jewel Seehaus-Fisher from today to July 13 in the Roy Smith Theater on UCC's Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Shows are at 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$15 Fridays to Sundays, \$7 Thursdays; special rates are \$7 for students at all performances and \$7 for senior citizens on Senior Sunday, June 29. Gay Pride Night is Friday, with a reception following the performance. For information, call 908-659-5189.

THE SHAKESPEARE THEATER OF NEW JERSEY will present "The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams through July 20. Shows are 8 p.m. Tuesdays to Saturdays, and 2 and 7 p.m. Sundays; there is no 7 p.m. per-

formance July 20. Special curtain times are 7 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. July 16 and 7:30 p.m. July 3. Tickets are \$29 to \$43 for most shows with the following exceptions: today, \$23 to \$28; June 27, \$38 to \$43, and Saturday, \$50 to \$55.

Special performances are the Symposium Series, featuring post-show discussions, Tuesday at 8 p.m. and July 5 at 2 p.m.

The Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey performs in the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theater on the campus of Drew University, 36 Madison Ave., Madison. For information, call 973-408-5600 or visit the Web site at www.ShakespeareNJ.org.

PAPER MILL: The State Theater of New Jersey will present "Grease" through July 27. Shows are at 8 p.m.



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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.

VARIETY

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH in Scotch Plains will sponsor a one-day music sale Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the church parish hall, 559 Park Ave., Scotch Plains.

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mike Night every Thurs-

day 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.

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

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EAT TO THE BEAT Coffeehouse in Rahway will feature appearances by musical artists. Eat to the Beat is located at 1465 Irving St. at East Cherry Street, Rahway. For information, call 732-381-0505.

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

THE INTERNET LOUNGE in Fanwood will present Open Mike/Karaoke Night on July 6 at 7 p.m. The Internet Lounge is located at 256 South Ave., Fanwood. For information, call 908-409-1234 or visit the Web site at www.theinternetlounge.com.

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.

Sunday: The Hal Hirsch Trio

For information, call 908-810-1844.

THE WAITING ROOM, 1431 Irving St., Rahway, at the corner of Lewis Street, presents Open Mike Night every Wednesday night. For information, call 732-815-1042.

THE WASHINGTON AVENUE PUB, 704 Washington Ave., Linden, will present karaoke and the 100-Proof Duo Band every Saturday night. In addition, Thursday is Ladies Night. For information, call 908-925-3707.

Bill Van Sant,
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Kingdom makes a regal return

Festival pulls into final weekend

The New Jersey Renaissance Kingdom, now celebrating its 15th anniversary season, will appear at the Tulip Springs area of the South Mountain Reservation in South Orange.

This location in Essex County is easily accessed from the Garden State Parkway and Route 78.

The festivities commence Saturday and continue every weekend through June 29 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The dashing nobles, regal knights and bawdy wenches will be unfolding the next chapter in the unique continuing storyline based on Arthurian legend.

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Burgdorff ERA president and chief operating officer Pat Hoferkamp delivered a keynote speech entitled "Living out the American Dream Through Homeownership" at the Garden State Woman Magazine Financial Conference and Networking Event held May 17 at Dolce Hamilton Conference Center in Florham Park.

In her address, before a crowd of more than 250 people, she discussed changes in the real-estate market, interest rates, mortgages, appreciation, and current real estate trends.

Hoferkamp began her speech by reflecting on her 25-year career in New Jersey real estate, noting that the more things have changed, the more real estate has stayed the same.

For example, despite the techno-

logical advances that have streamlined the real estate process, the business is still built upon the personal interaction between two parties closing a transaction at night in a client's living room. However, Hoferkamp did point out important changes in the industry.

"Twenty-five years ago the real estate industry was just about selling homes," she remarked. "The invention of the computer, fax machine, and cell phone, coupled with today's new tech-savvy buyers, whose average age is 35 years old and whose lifestyle is fast paced, has resulted in an industry that now provides a one-stop shopping real estate experience."

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Hoferkamp discussed the purchasing power of every person who desires a dream home, saying, "Peo-

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She continued, "And remember, there is always a real estate market. We are currently in a seller's market, which is due to the incredible pool of buyers, low inventory, and historically low interest rates. This type of market often creates multiple offer situations."

For example, in Montclair, a home priced in the \$600,000 range had more than 22 offers.

"Think about the 22 people who thought they had purchased their dream home upon signing their contract," Hoferkamp said to the crowd. "You must look at the value that home affords you and your family. Value may be walking distance to school for your children, or a dining room that will fit your entire extended family at Thanksgiving, if that is a value to you. At that point, it really is not about the

monetary value per se, but of personal value. And if you have your heart set on a home, and you don't get it, it was not your dream home. But, there will be a dream home for you eventually."

Hoferkamp also addressed current trends in New Jersey. The first trend is a high demand for condominiums and townhouses from two segments of the population. First-time buyers and people scaling down from larger to smaller homes are bidding on the same properties because their lifestyles are quite similar. Both segments enjoy the convenience, low maintenance, and affordability of townhouses and condos.

The second trend is that people are no longer moving down to Florida to retire, but to the New Jersey shore. Since people have been retiring at increasingly younger ages, many choose to settle at the Jersey shore because they have many fond memories there and want to live closer to

their friends and family. The homes are affordable, and retirement communities are more prevalent than ever.

Another trend is the investment of multi-family housing due to the relative scarcity in New Jersey because of lack of new construction of this type of housing, and the eventual increase in the rental market.

Hoferkamp concluded her talk by remarking, "A lawyer told me once that if you need to beg, borrow, and steal, buy a home. I begged, borrowed — I didn't steal — and I bought my first home in 1979, and it was the best investment I ever made. Owning a home can be a reality, as long as you have the desire, the power to believe, and the right real estate agent working for you. You can realize the American dream of homeownership."

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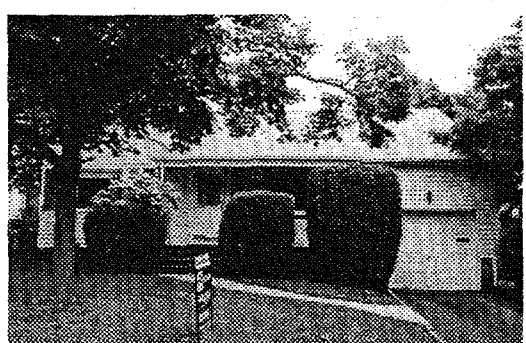
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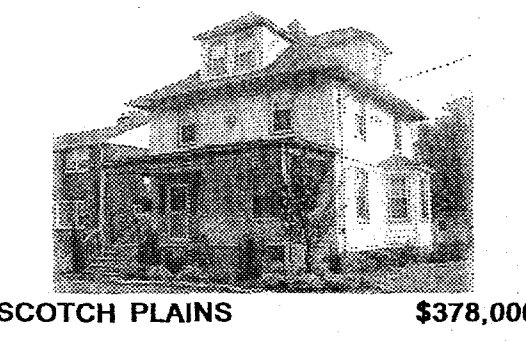
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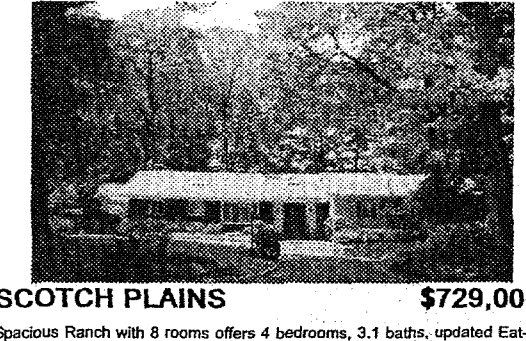
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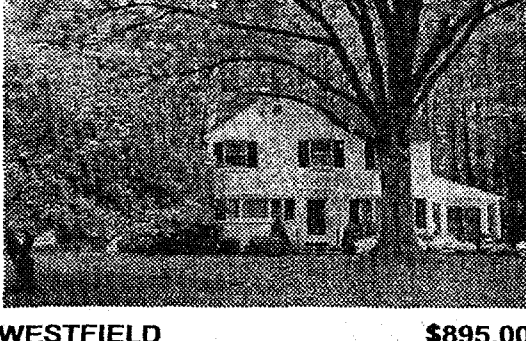
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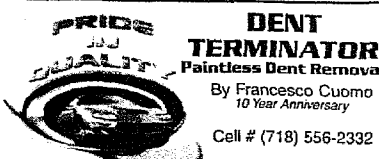
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Many of us thought a Porsche SUV was a bad idea, an automotive oxymoron, but I've eaten those words after a daylong media preview.

The Cayenne SUV is a four-door Porsche, neither over-engineered nor dumbed-down for this purely American-style vehicle. I don't expect many owners will be climbing mountains with it, but they could if they wanted to.

This is a joint project with Volkswagen, and except for a mildly Audi-esque body design, the purity of Porsche appears to be preserved inside and out.

Volkswagen will launch its Touareg this summer, offering a V-8 and later a V-10 and possibly a V-12.

The Cayenne will be sold in two models. Both are powered by a 4.5-liter V-8 driving all four wheels and shifted by a six-speed Tiptronic transmission.

The S will do 0-60 in 7.2 seconds, the Turbo in 5.2.

The 340-horsepower Cayenne S

has a recommended base price of \$55,900, but plan on spending around \$60,000 after adding some options.

The 450-horsepower twin-turbo Cayenne Turbo starts at \$88,900 and can easily run to \$95,000 and higher.

In addition to factory option packages, there is a catalog of accessories and a line of clothing and other lifestyle toys, luggage, jewelry, sunglasses and more.

Judging it from my couple of hundred miles in the seat, the Cayenne exceeded expectations, especially the Turbo. But I'll take a closer look when I can test both vehicles at home on familiar roads.

Offering a new SUV is something of a risk, though.

"The demand for sports cars has peaks and valleys, as we are seeing right now," says spokesman Bob Carlson. "Nobody really needs a sports car, but the versatility and utility of an SUV is more approachable to a larger audience, regardless of the economy."

He declines to forecast Cayenne's annual sales numbers, but the Leipzig factory can build 25,000 a year. In

three years, Porsche sales volume in the United States will double "and guarantee our ongoing independence," Carlson says.

Last year, Porsche sales totaled just more than 23,000. In three years, Carlson expects half of the sales will be from Cayenne, of which about 20 percent will be for the Turbo.

About 40 percent of current Porsche owners also own an SUV and that group is expected to be the early purchasers.

The average age of the buyer will be 46, and 50 percent will have children younger than 18. Eighty-eight percent will be male buyers, though women are likely to be the prominent drivers.

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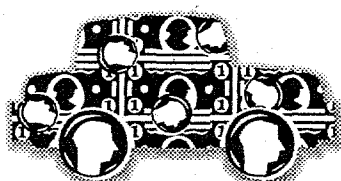
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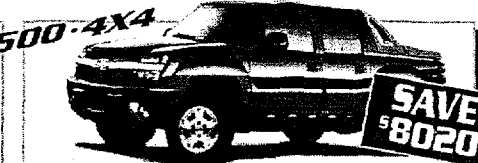
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Vincent plans comeback in 2004

By Jerry Garrett
Copley News Service

The Vincent is coming back
You are excused if you never knew it had ceased to exist — or even to exist in the first place. Excused from the class, that is.

Hard-core motorcycling aficionados know the Vincent was — for decades — the world's fastest bike. And they are warily eyeing the possibility of the legendary two-wheeler's return.

Will it encounter the pitfalls that similar revivals for extinct classics such as Excelsior-Henderson have met, or will it rise from its ashes and fly like a Phoenix?

In 1928, a scholar at Cambridge University, Phil Vincent, bought the remnants of the failing HRD motor-cycle company and began manufacturing the Vincent HRD. It set the standard for motorcycles until World War II, and for another decade thereafter. Vincent-set speed records endured until the 1970s.

Features of today's motorcycles that we consider standard — foot shifters, side stands, shock absorbers and even fully suspended rear ends — were Vincent innovations.

But in 1955, founder Vincent took his namesake bike out of production, because he was losing money, and he refused to compromise on quality to make ends meet.

In 1994, businessman Bernard Li acquired the Vincent trademark and set about with plans to revive the marque. Li is perhaps best-known as the brains behind the Eagle One line of car-care products, which he has sold to Valvoline.

In October, Li unveiled the first prototypes of a reborn Vincent at his home in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. Those in attendance were impressed. They had to be. Li has spared little expense in trying to evoke not only the spirit, but also the innovative nature, of the original Black Lightning.

For instance, the bike is built around a feather-light tubular aluminum frame that not only provides precise rigidity, but also storage for the engine's oil supply.

RADD designer James Parker, who also came up with the single-sided swingarm suspension on the Yamaha GTS1000, worked with Roush Industries — yes, that Jack Roush — on the bike's central components.

Parker's chassis hints at past Vincents, while utilizing thoroughly modern mechanicals — such as clear-coated carbon fiber for the fenders and tank.

The overall package proudly parades its Vincent DNA, without being unnecessarily art deco. The faithful reproduction headlight actually features several projector beams,

rather than the classic single round bulb.

And instrumentation, while surrounded by classic Vincent logos, is pure Formula 1 digital technology.

Li tried to resuscitate and update the original Vincent 50-degree V-Twin, first debuted in the 1930s.

"It was just too old a design to rework to today's performance levels," Li says. "Kind of like a '57 Chevy. Very cool. But by today's standards, they drive like ..."

So Li decided against a total retro revival.

"Vincent was about generation-leading performance anyway," Li says. "That's what we want Vincent to be about again."

So, Li ended up going to Honda for engines. It wasn't an easy sell.

"Honda is a proud company," he says. "They weren't interested in anything unworthy of their legacy."

Once Li convinced them the new Vincent would be "a Vincent with a Honda motor, not a Honda masquerading as a Vincent," the Japanese manufacturer came on board with the race-proven V-Twin power plant from the state-of-the-art RC51.

Roush has helped massage the unit into a burner capable of quarter-mile times in the high 10-second range.

The key to the bike's quickness — today, as it was 50 years ago — is its extremely stout power-to-weight ratio. Early Vincents produced 45-horsepower and pushed around just a 380-pound bike. Its top speed exceeded 150 mph and it could cruise for hours at 100 mph.

The new Vincents will tip the scales at around 400 pounds.

The weight-watcher chassis features a backbone that also encompasses the air box, which is hidden under the phony gas tank "shell," like the Harley-Davidson V-Rod.

A triangulated swingarm and rear suspension are straightforward interpretations of the original bike. The Showa front forks and rear damper are similar to RC51 gear, and of the highest quality.

If all goes according to Li's strategic vision, the first Vincents available for sale will reach the market in late 2004.

Jerry Garrett is a motor journalist in San Diego and contributing editor to *Car and Driver*.

5 Star Shine saves the Navy

Copley News Service

When car-care-polish maker Glenn Canady started getting orders from the Navy, he assumed it was to help keep staff cars looking good.

"When I found out what they really had in mind I was floored — and very thrilled," he says.

Canady's firm, based in Rocky Mount, N.C., manufactures 5 Star Shine, a car-polishing system that sells for \$69.95 a bottle.

The real reason the Navy needed his product, he says, is to protect the Aegis Radar defense system.

It was Aegis-equipped destroyers that helped unseat the Taliban in Afghanistan, and the Aegis system is at the heart of guided missile destroyers. The polish apparently protects the nerve center of these and other vessels from the effects of salt water and harsh marine conditions.

He's not sure how it happened, but he expects there was a problem keeping the Aegis equipment clean, because of the salt water and the amount of exhaust generated by ships.

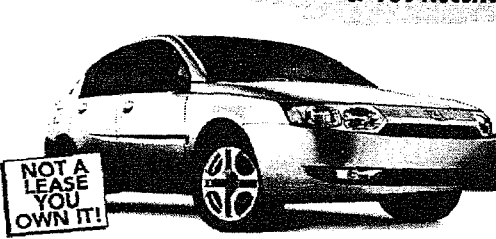
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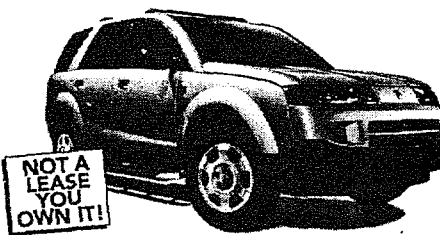
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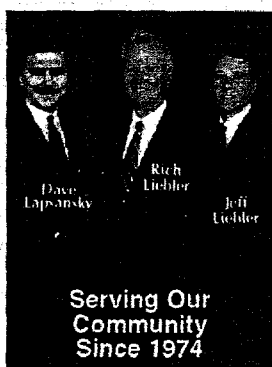
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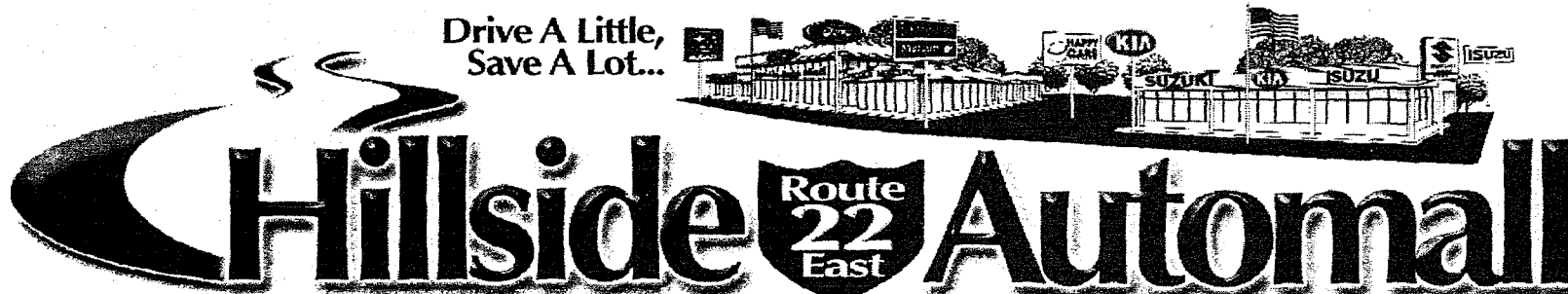
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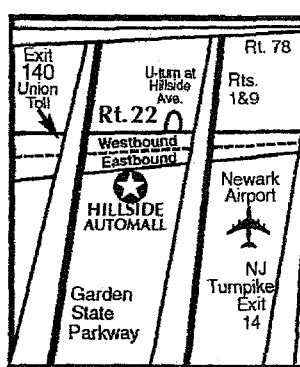
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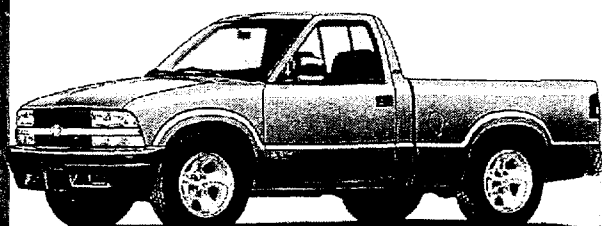
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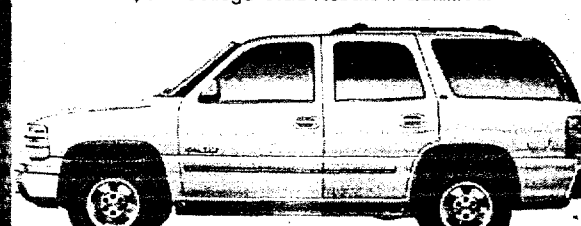
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