

Going Naked wearing cotton

Teen designs original T-shirts

By David Learn
Managing Editor

Tiffany Ingenito would like to see more people Go Naked — as long as they're wearing her shirts when they do it.

Go Naked — properly written with a backward K — is the signature for a line of T-shirts Ingenito created for a school project and now sells from her Tudor Drive home. To date, she's sold more than 200 T-shirts, including some for school projects.

Back in December, teacher SanD Hasselman assigned Ingenito and other students in the Arthur L. Johnson High School gifted and talented program the task of preparing a long-term project doing something they had never attempted before.

"So I picked running my own business," Ingenito said in her parents' living room Friday afternoon. "I had these designs, and I didn't know what to do with them, so I said, 'Why don't I put them on T-shirts?'"

Thus was born Go Naked, T-shirts with the phrase "Go Naked" on the front of the shirt and Ingenito's distinctive images of a naked young man, a naked young woman or a dog on the back, the offensive parts blocked by a placard with the Go Naked slogan.

The assignment was to find a long-term goal and have it ready to go by the end of year. Ingenito was selling her shirts by February, not only to other students but to some teachers as well.

"At first I was doing silk screening," said Ingenito. "I actually purchased a printing press with my profits, and now it's a lot easier and a lot less messy."

The silk screening process is an involved one that begins with putting the intended image onto a transparency. After coating the screen with photosensitive chemicals, Ingenito would place the screen on the transparency and expose it to a light for 10 to 12 minutes.

The process transfers the pattern from the transparency to the screen, where the colors are inverted — blacks appear as see-through and empty spaces are coated with the nonpermeable chemical. A screen lasts for about 30 shirts before it has to be remade.

After the screen is ready to use, Ingenito would place the screen over the T-shirt, fill it with ink, and allow the ink to pass through the screen onto the shirt, a process that takes about 15 minutes for each side of the shirt.

The entire process from screen to imprinting the shirt needs to be repeated for each color on the end product.

Ingenito stayed with basic black.

"Once I get moving, it goes a little faster," said Ingenito. "Now I don't have to do any screens. All I have to do is buy iron-on transfers."

Under the new process, Ingenito makes her drawings on blank paper, scans them onto her computer, where she edits them with a graphics program, and prints them on an iron-on transfer she buys at an office-supply store.

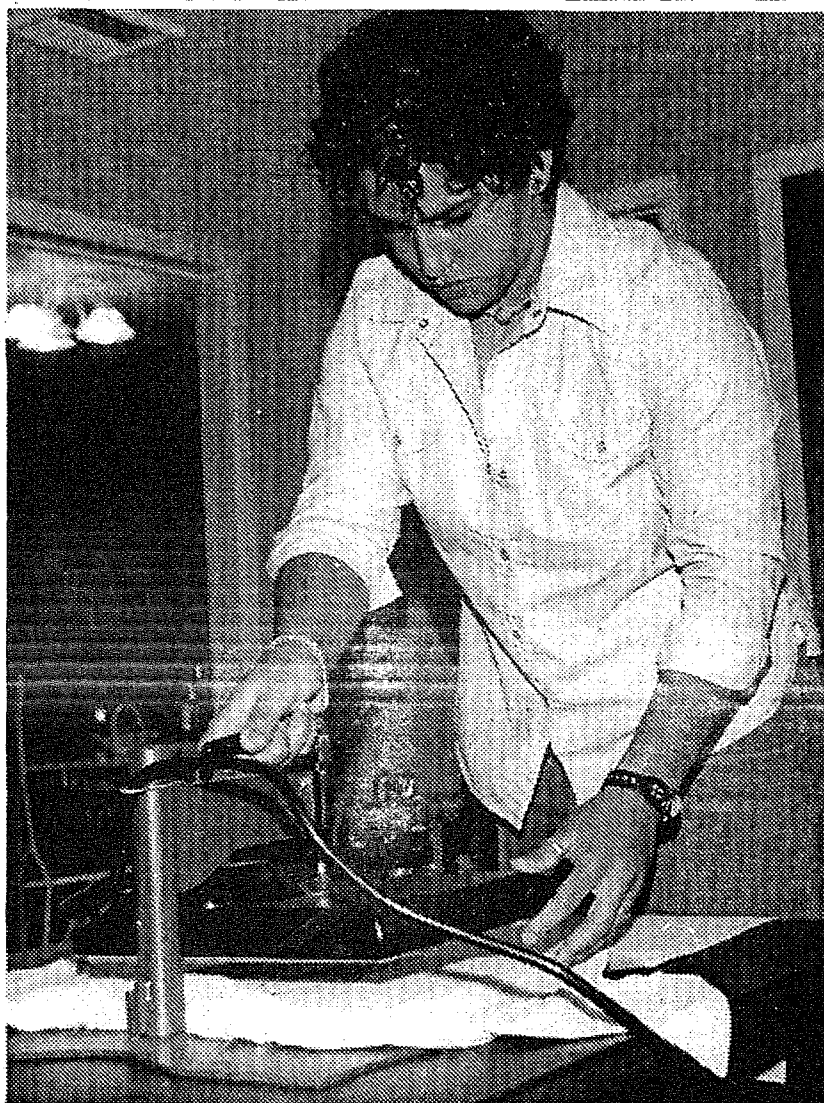
Transferring the designs from her print-out to the T-shirt takes about 16 seconds, and is done with a heat press she bought for about \$350 with the proceeds from her silk-screened T-shirts.

"It's a lot easier," Ingenito said. "It's more expensive, but it's definitely worth it, because it's so much faster."

The price of her shirts has climbed from \$10 in February to \$12.

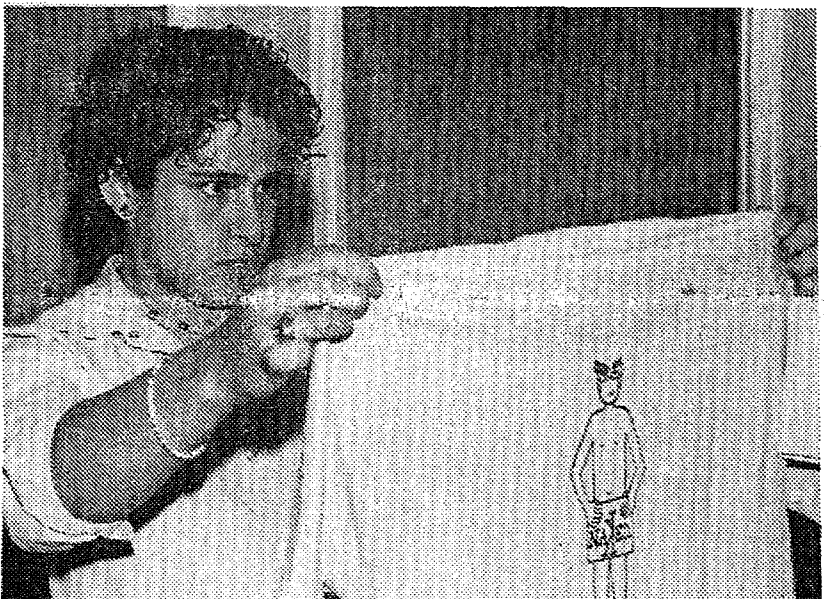
The T-shirt line has enjoyed some modest success. Ingenito produced T-shirts for the high school play, and also did T-shirts for the peer mediation team. Both of those designs lacked the trademark Naked, but the Naked line also has expanded, going from Go Naked to include Graduate Naked and the

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Photos By Barbara Kokkalis

With her T-shirt pattern ready to go, Tiffany Ingenito puts a blank shirt into her printing press and impresses the pattern. The process takes about a minute.



The T-shirt now printed, Ingenito gives it a careful once-over to make sure the design has printed correctly on both sides. Once it's done, Ingenito sells the shirt for \$12.

Wait continue for A&P work

By David Learn
Managing Editor

Looking forward to shopping at the new A&P supermarket on Raritan Road? The waiting isn't over yet.

Officials from Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., the parent company of A&P supermarkets, told Clark officials back on Jan. 16 that they intended to act on the approval they received March 29, 2001, to knock down the existing structure and put up an even bigger one.

"They were supposed to start three months ago," Mayor Sal Bonaccorso said Tuesday evening. "I think they're in debt up to their ... and they're trying to figure out how to they're going to do that."

A&P officials have declined to comment on plans for the Raritan Road store until work actually begins.

The mayor's cynicism about the construction comes as a sharp contrast to May, when the administration was predicting the work would begin by month's end.

The company had until the end of March this year to take action on its Planning Board approval. If it had

failed to do so, the approvals would have lapsed, and the company would have been required to seek a new set of hearings to gain approval all over again.

With the March deadline approaching, A&P officials did take action, of a sort. The company acquired a demolition permit, but has done nothing since.

The mayor indicated Tuesday night that he believes the supermarket chain is simply stalling for time.

"It's at the point now that when I see the wrecking ball, then I'll believe it," he said. "Until then, it's just conversation."

At the time the Planning Board granted its approval, A&P agreed to give the township \$45,000 to widen a right-hand turn lane where Raritan Road and Westfield Avenue meet. That has not happened either.

Although Bonaccorso has said he would like to see something done with the vacant site, he tries to look at the positive side.

"At this time, with the bridge out, maybe it's for the best," he said.

Police seek man in theft at pool

By David Learn
Managing Editor

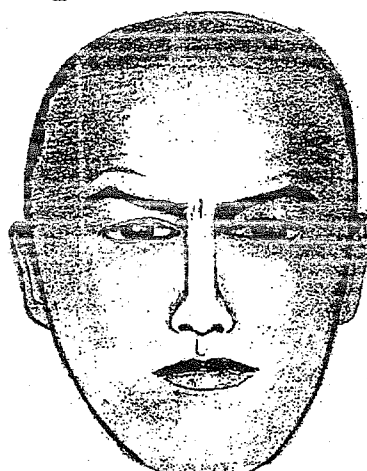
Police are searching for a man in his 20s in connection with a theft at the Clark municipal pool recently.

The suspect, described as a thin, 5-foot 8-inch tall man with brown hair and short dark hair, allegedly entered the pool complex at 7:10 p.m. June 26.

After showing pool workers his ID to enter the pool, the suspect grabbed the cash box and fled in a black two-door Mercury Cougar with a New Jersey license plate. No plate number was released.

Police did not say how much money was in the cash box at the time of the theft.

The suspect, reportedly an Hispanic man with a thin beard that was not joined at the chin, was wearing a white T-shirt and baggy black shorts, police said.



Police are seeking this man

The incident remains "under investigation," police said. No other information was available.

To report a tip, call the Clark Police Department at 732-388-3439.

Police: Traffic is adjusting to bridge repairs

By David Learn
Managing Editor

Aside from a few hiccups, traffic flow along Raritan Road has adapted well to the repair work on the Raritan Road bridge, officials have said.

Union County began work on the bridge June 20, when it closed one lane to traffic. Construction is supposed to continue for the next year as contractors replace first one half of the bridge and then the other.

"Everything's flowing well," said Sgt. Ray Palmer of the Police Department Traffic Bureau. "It's an inconvenience, we're dealing it, and we still emphasize, 'Find an alternate route of travel.'"

An alternate route of travel would have helped Joseph Beltramba. The principal at Frank K. Hehly School, Beltramba was late for a Board of Education meeting June 24 because he was caught in

traffic delays around the bridge.

Some motorists already have chosen an alternate route. On Tudor Drive Friday afternoon, traffic visibly had increased from before the start of construction.

To discourage speeding, police have been deploying the department's speed trailer, which displays motorists' speeds for them to see, and have been playing an increased amount of attention to the side streets.

Palmer said the actual increase in traffic volume was minor, but predicted an increase as summer vacation ends and school resumes in September.

"There is a dramatic decrease in traffic from July first through August 31st," he said. "Summertime traffic is always less than your September-to-June traffic."

The biggest hiccup came the first day of the new traffic pattern. The bridge has been reduced to one lane, which alternates directions, allowing one side to use the bridge and then the other, as directed by a traffic signal. On June 20, motorists started to enter the bridge from each direction.

"I think it was more a people problem," said Palmer. "I think it was confusing drivers about what they're supposed to do at a red signal."

After the light turns red for one direction, there is a delay before the other direction gets a green light, in order to give motorists on the bridge enough time to get clear.

"I think they decided, well, it's a red light, no one's coming, so I can go," Palmer said.

There were no accidents resulting from the error. "We haven't seen a dramatic increase in traffic

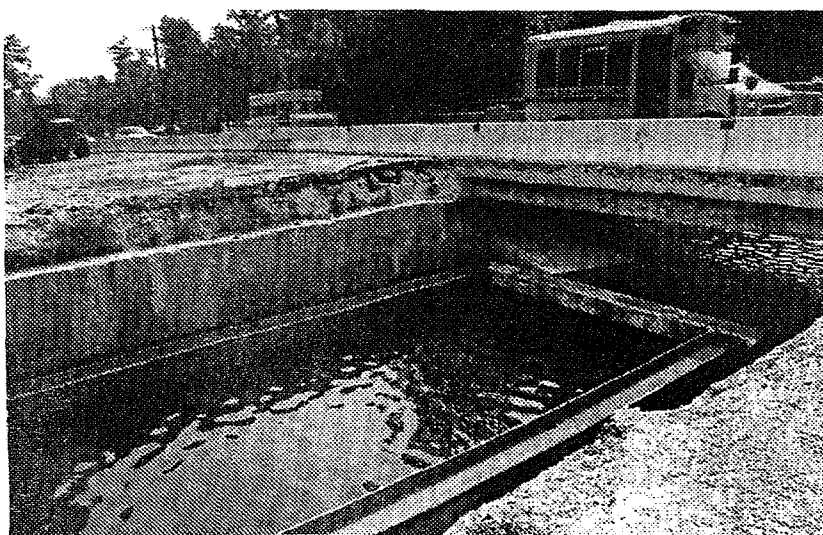


Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

With work on the Raritan Road bridge having begun June 20, the bridge is now reduced to one lane, which alternates between the two directions.

Work unlikely to increase rail traffic

By David Learn
Managing Editor

If you're worried that work on parts of the Lehigh Valley rail line elsewhere means more train traffic on the tracks locally, don't be.

Conrail Corp., which owns the Lehigh Valley rail line, is planning to lay about 10 miles of new track parallel to existing track, beginning with a 2½-mile section in Edison and continuing along the line until Bound Brook. None of the new track will be laid in Clark.

The work is being done "primarily to improve operational fluidity, not to increase rail traffic," said John Enright, a spokesman for Conrail, which owns the Lehigh Valley line.

No information was available about how much rail traffic already travels the Lehigh Valley line.

The Lehigh Valley rail line barely cuts through Clark. The bulk of the track that does runs through the Ash Brook Reservation by the Oak Ridge Golf Course.

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The rail line exits the township after crossing the Robinson Branch of the Rahway River, and re-enters slightly north, at the Clark-Westfield border on Westfield Avenue, before continuing under the Central Avenue bridge and finally running parallel to Georgia Street before it leaves Clark and enters Cranford.

Work on the line, part of an overall \$50 million statewide rail project, should begin by the end of the summer, said Mike Horan, a spokesman for the state Department of Transportation.

Union County officials have announced plans to reactivate the Stat-

en Island rail line under the supervision of Morristown and Erie Railway Inc., with the goal of moving freight traffic from the state's highways to its rail infrastructure.

At a recent Township Council meeting, resident Bill Fidurski of Hillcrest Drive, raised the specter of M&E shunting some of that traffic onto the Lehigh Valley line.

The Lehigh Valley line connects with the former Staten Island and Rahway Valley rail line in Cranford near South Avenue East.

Enright said such a scenario was looking further ahead than Conrail itself has at this point.

"This is nothing that's imminent," Enright said, citing the extensive rehabilitation the Staten Island line requires.

"As far as whether that would re-route traffic on the Lehigh line, I would rather not comment, because I think that would be premature," he said.

Horan agreed that no plans are on the books for such an arrangement.

Among the Cruisers

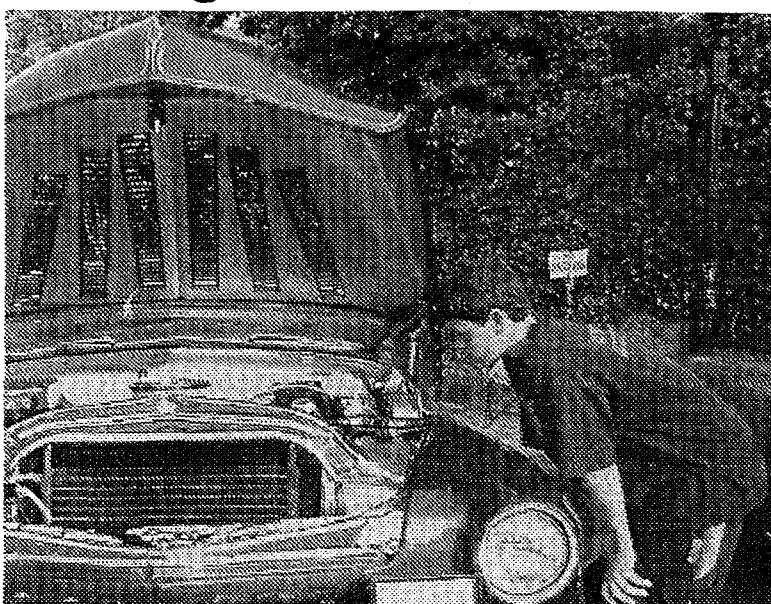


Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

Sean Bates, 14, of Clark checks out the engine of a 1951 Mercury during the annual Cranford Cruiser Night on June 26. The event drew automobile aficionados from across the region to see vintage automobiles.

Offices closed for holiday

The offices of this newspaper will be closed Friday in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen Monday.

The deadlines for the July 10 edition are as follows:

- Lifestyle, including church and club news, etc. — noon Monday.
- Letters to the editor — noon Monday.
- What's Going On — 3:30 p.m. Monday.

Monday

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

- Sports news — 9 a.m. Monday.
- General news — 9 a.m. Tuesday.
- Classified advertising — 3 p.m. Tuesday.

- Legal advertising — noon Monday.

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Teen sells line of original T-shirts

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most recent one, Surf Naked.

"The next one coming out would be Play Naked," said Ingenito.

The Play Naked shirt shows a naked guitarist with a conveniently placed instrument.

As could be expected, reaction to the Naked T-shirts has been a little mixed from the authority figures in Ingenito's life — including, she said, her parents.

"They weren't too sure when I started, but they bought a T-shirt," she said.

The high school administration also had some reservations about the shirts, particularly when they appeared in a display case.

"That didn't even last 24 hours, but they didn't have a problem with the kids wearing them," said Ingenito.

Ingenito doesn't have any long-term goals to be a major player in the T-shirt business. When she attends Kutztown University in the fall, she will major in English secondary education, with a minor in psychology. Her eventual goal is to become a school psychologist.

But don't discount her T-shirts yet. Ingenito plans to distribute business cards to Clark sports coaches this fall to drum up some business, and also has an eye on sales to campus groups as well.

"I was never into business," said Ingenito. "I never took classes on it, but it just came naturally, I guess. That's what my teacher said anyway."

STUDENT UPDATE

St. John school students are commended for efforts

Special awards were presented to the following students at St. John the Apostle Parochial School on Valley Road:

- A bronze medal was awarded to Andrew Frank Socha for the third highest average in the Class of 2003.

- A silver medal was awarded to Erica Ashley Petela, for the second highest average in the Class of 2003, and a gold medal was presented to Danielle Amanda Kania for the highest average in the Class of 2003.

- Gold medals for excellence were presented to Nicholas Carver Berzanskis for religion, Rebecca Rose Scesney for language arts, Andrew Frank Socha for mathematics, Danielle Amanda Kania for reading, Erica Ashley Petela for science and Heather Anne Heaney for social studies.

- Gold medals were presented to Anna Latka for having the most artistic ability, for showing the most enthusiasm and participation in the music program to Kevin Fountain, and for physical education to Elizabeth Clare Douress.

- For the most school spirit in the Class of 2003, a gold medal was awarded to Christopher Brian McKenna.

Monetary gifts were presented to Tiffany Lee Alves and David E. Ford from the Rosary Society for the most improved in mathematics.

In memory of Sister Jane Frances, a \$100 bond was presented to Tiffany Lee Alves, for the most improved math student.

The Jack Etlinger \$500 scholarship was awarded to Kevin Fountain in his memory.

In memory of Violet E. Kennedy, a \$500 scholarship was awarded to Kesley Ann Ford for service to her church and school.

The President's Award for Academic Excellence was presented to Nicholas Carver Berzanskis, Heather Anne Heaney, Danielle Amanda Kania, Meaghan Mary Lenahan, Erica Ashley Petela, Ashley Ann Pimenta, Rebeca Rose Scesney and Andrew Frank Socha.

The Presidential Award for Educational Improvement was presented to Melissa Rose Baus, Jarett T. Hanrahan, Christopher D. Tomaszewicz, Edward Kenneth Kuspiel, Brigid Kathleen McGovern and Hailey Deanne Mroczek.

Perfect attendance certificates and pins were awarded to Candice Marie Belluscio Johanna Correia Ferreira, kesley Ann Ford, Heather Anne Heaney, Ashley Rose Kondracki, Joseph Charles Mintel, Hailey Deanne Mroczek and Andrew Frank Socha.

The Class of 2003 received \$80,600 in scholarships.

Sacred Heart graduates

Clark residents Jennifer Leigh Winter and Jonathan G. Wojcio received bachelor's degrees from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn.

Sacred Heart awarded 1,417 undergraduate and graduate degrees during the commencement ceremony on May 17.

Dutkiewicz on dean's list

Alyson Dutkiewicz of Clark was one of 460 students to make the spring 2003 dean's list at College Misericordia.

Dean's list students must attain a grade point average of 3.55 on a 4.0 scale.

Spring honors for Azoia

Timothy Joseph Azoia of Clark

made the spring 2003 dean's list at Duke University.

Azoia is the son of Eugene and Linda Manasia Azoia.

To make the dean's list, students at Duke University Trinity College must rank in the top third of their college.

NJIT dean's list

New Jersey Institute of Technology recently named three Clark undergraduate students, John Davidson, Steven Ferreira and Erica Freeman, to the dean's list for the spring 2003 semester.

To be named to the dean's list at NJIT, a student must be matriculated in an academic program; have completed 12 or more credits; and maintained a grade point average of at least 3.0 out of 4.0. The student must also have received no incomplete grade or have received any grade lower than a C.

Cornell U. puts Schissler on fall, spring dean's lists

Philip Schissler of Clark, a student at Cornell University, was named to the dean's list for both fall 2002 semester and spring 2003 semester.

Schissler received a 3.92 GPA for his freshman year. He is an animal science major.

Schissler is a 2002 alumnus of Arthur L. Johnson High School. He is the son of Susan Schissler.

Polish foundation awards scholarships

The Polish Cultural Foundation has announced the recipients of its \$2,000 Lubomir and Irene Zabilski and the Joseph A. Rozanski scholarships.

Recipients of the Zabilski Scholarship are Jennifer A. Cimoch, a student at Rutgers University; George S. Grzyb, a student at Steven Institute of Technology; John Paul Korczynski, a student at Manhattan School of Music, and Konrad Wnek, a student at Kean University.

Recipients of the Rozanski Scholarship are Margaret L. Butrym, a student at Seton Hall University; Kristopher Pogorzelski, a student at Rutgers University, and Adam Wieczorkowski, a student at Yale University.

University club awards students scholarships

The Polish University Club of New Jersey, 177 Broadway, gave scholarship awards to the following 13 students:

Jessica Cebula, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey;

George Grzyb, Stevens Institute of Technology;

Joseph Jablonski III, Villanova University;

Kristine Jablonski, Villanova University;

Jillian Jaworski, Rutgers University/Cook College;

Steven Klutkowski, Seton Hall University/School of Law;

Jolanta Niedbalska, Seton Hall University;

Kristofer Pogorzelski, Rutgers University;

Anna Ploanowska, Berkeley College;

Bartek Ringwelski, Columbia University;

Malgorzata Slugocki, Long Island University;

Anna Trzasko, Drew University; and Kasia Warchol, The College of New Jersey.

The Polish University Club was founded in 1925 by a group of Polish-American college graduates with a mission of promoting cooperation and

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Today

- 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.

Friday

- 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 TV-36; on the radio at 1700 AM, and online at www.ourclark.com. Rain date is July 5.

Monday

- 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.

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.

Wednesday

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

- Clark Public Library will launch a free summer concert series at 7 p.m. in front of Arthur L. Johnson High School, 365 Westfield Ave.

The concert features Danny Weiss, Larry Cohen and Mary Olive Smith playing bluegrass, honky-tonk, western swing, country and traditional American roots music.

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

Upcoming

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 begins June 25 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. The exhibit runs until July 25.

For information, call 732-382-7197.

July 12

- Deutscher Club of Clark Inc., 787 Featherbed Lane, will have a country western night starting at 6 p.m. July 12.

Music will be provided by Mack Sullivan Orchestra. Traditional and Western food and beverages will be available from outside facilities.

Children younger than 12 get in free. Admission for others costs \$5.

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

- The Clark Democratic Club will meet at 8 p.m. at Molly Maguire's, 1085 Central Ave. Anyone interested in participating in the Clark Democratic Party and participating in upcoming activities and events is invited to attend.

For more information, call Sheridan at 732-382-6884 or call municipal party Vice Chairman John Lukac at 732-382-5690.

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Motorist taken to county jail

Police took a Newark man to Union County Jail after finding several bench warrants for his arrest.

Officer Dan Pitts had stopped Quavan Grant, 21, of 378 S. 12th St., Newark, on Central Avenue for what police described as a "routine motor-vehicle stop" at 8:22 p.m. June 27.

The warrants — police did not say how many, or where they were from — had been issued from "several jurisdictions" for contempt of court related to various unlisted motor-vehicle violations, police said.

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident at 5:15 p.m. June 24.

The accident, which happened at Walnut Avenue and Valley Road, involved a bicyclist and a motorist.

Police provided no details about the accident, which they said is "under investigation."

A theft was reported at an unspecified Walnut Avenue business, at 6:55 a.m. June 24.

Police did not say what was stolen or how the intruder gained access.

Someone reportedly stole

POLICE BLOTTER

unspecified tools from a motor vehicle parked on Briar Heath Lane at 8:11 a.m. June 25.

Police provided no information about the tools or how the theft was effected.

Police impounded an unregistered motor vehicle from Ruddy Place and Hutchinson Street at 10:52 a.m. June 25.

Police did not describe the vehicle.

Officials arrested David Yunker, 24, of 224 Forest Lane, South Hampton, Pa., on an outstanding contempt-of-court warrant at police headquarters at 11:59 a.m. June 25.

Yunker was released after posting \$257 bail.

Police charged Jennifer Biancone, 30, of 136 N. Michigan Ave., Kenilworth, with shoplifting at 10:37 p.m. June 25.

Biancone allegedly had attempted

to steal \$183.76 in unlisted items at Target, 45 Central Ave.

She was released on her own recognizance, pending a court date.

Police arrested a South River man at the Middlesex County Corrections Facility on charges of contempt of court.

Kenneth Kasnowski, 41, of 33C Stephen St., South River, was arrested at 3:40 p.m. June 26 on a warrant for \$1,263.

He was released later that evening after a court appearance.

A Kennedy Drive resident requested an ambulance at 1:11 p.m. June 28 for a 70-year-old man.

Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad took the victim to Rahway Hospital.

A Bartell Place resident requested help for a 59-year-old man.

Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad took him to Rahway Hospital.

Somebody reported a suspicious motor vehicle on Sweet Briar Drive. The vehicle was gone when police arrived.

Students aid families in need



Students at the Valley Road Elementary School in Clark demonstrate the nearly 100 pounds of aluminum can tabs they collected and donated to the Ronald McDonald House, a home-away-from-home for families with seriously ill children.

False alarms take fire crews to Municipal Building, ALJ

A series of false alarms kept the Fire Department busy last week, with three calls in one day to the same stretch of Westfield Avenue.

The first and third calls came from a fire alarm system at the Municipal Building, which went off at 4:23 and 4:47 p.m. June 24.

Firefighters found no apparent cause for the activations, which the fire alarm company determined were due to a malfunctioning heat detector in an office.

The alarm company made the necessary repairs and reset the alarm system.

The second call came at 2:31 p.m., when an alarm activation summoned the Fire Department to Arthur L. Johnson High School.

In that case, the alarm activation was blamed on a faulty smoke detector. The smoke detector was replaced and the fire alarm system was reset.

The Fire Department responded to a 911 call at 8:25 a.m. Sunday reporting that a fire alarm was sounding in one of the garden apartments on Goodmans Crossing.

Investigation determined that a faulty smoke detector was the cause of the alarm activation.

Firefighters disconnected the smoke detector, which maintenance personnel were supposed to replace.

The Fire Department was asked to respond to a roll-over motor-vehicle accident on the Garden State Parkway at 4:05 p.m. Saturday.

FIRE BLOTTER

State Police canceled the call while firefighters were en route.

The Fire Department responded to a Union County Parkway residence for a duct work smoke detector alarm activation at 10:57 p.m. Friday.

The homeowner reset the alarm before the Fire Department arrived. Firefighters told the homeowner to let firefighters reset the alarm if it happens again.

There was no apparent cause for the smoke detector activation.

The Fire Department responded to Byron Place for a report of an electric line causing sparking as it came in contact with a tree branch at 8:17 p.m. Friday.

The tree branch had burned away before Public Service Electric and Gas Co. could arrive.

The Fire Department responded to a Goodmans Crossing garden apartment complex after a carbon monoxide alarm went off at 5:49 p.m. June 26.

The Fire Department detected low levels of carbon monoxide, and asked the gas company to respond to the scene to make the repairs.

The Fire Department was called to Kenneth Place at 11:01 a.m. June 25 when someone smelled a strong odor of smoke and heavy smoke coming from a chimney.

Firefighters determined that a homeowner was burning newspapers in the fireplace.

The Fire Department responded to a New York Avenue residence at 8:11 p.m. June 23 after someone reported smelling an "electrical" odor.

Firefighters could detect no odor when they arrived, and no problems were found.

The Fire Department responded to a Ross Street residence for a fire alarm activation at 7:26 p.m. June 23.

The alarm had been set off by the resident's cooking, fire officials said. The fire alarm was reset.

The Fire Department responded to a Victoria Drive residence for a report of smoke coming from the residence at 9:15 a.m. June 23.

Investigation determined that an outside electrical box had shorted out. Fire crews checked the residence for any possible extension into the structure. No problems were found.

Fire crews turned off the electrical box at the electrical panel and told the homeowner to contact an electrician for repairs.

The Fire Department responded to a car fire on the Garden State Parkway at 9:20 p.m. June 22. The vehicle received heavy fire damage.

The Fire Department went to a Raritan Road church at 4:13 p.m. June 22 for a fire alarm activation.

The smoke detector in the attic had been activated because of the dust. The fire alarm was reset.

Someone called the Fire Department at 5:13 p.m. June to report an odor of smoke around the area of Janie Place.

Firefighters determined the smoke odor was coming from the normal use of a fireplace at a Janie Place residence.

The Fire Department responded to a fire alarm activation at a Westfield Avenue bank at noon June 20.

Investigation determined that the cause of the alarm was burnt toast.

The Fire Department responded to a fire alarm activation at a Terminal Avenue manufacturing facility, at 4:30 p.m. June 19.

Investigation determined that the fire alarm had been activated by a malfunction with the fire pump that services the automatic fire sprinkler system.

Plant engineering was asked to assure that the system was serviced properly.

The Fire Department responded to a report of an odor coming from an air conditioner at a Douglas Drive residence at 1:57 a.m. June 19.

The power to the air-conditioning unit was secured and the homeowner was told to have the unit serviced.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Kenneth Place residence at 3:47 a.m. June 18 for a smoke detector activation.

The resident reported that there was no obvious cause for the activation, but wanted the Fire Department to investigate.

Firefighters traced the alarm activation to a water leak dripping into the detector, and told the resident to have an electrician check the smoke detectors and arrange for any other required maintenance.

The Fire Department responded

to a fire alarm activation at Valley Road School at 1:09 p.m. June 17.

After investigating, firefighters determined that the power supply to the fire alarm system had been interrupted, causing the alarm activation.

The Fire Department responded to a car fire on the Garden State Parkway, at 12:36 a.m. June 17.

The vehicle suffered heavy engine compartment fire damage.

The Fire Department responded to an Oak ridge Road residence for fire alarm activations at 1:16 p.m. June 15.

No problems were found and the fire alarm company was requested to make repairs to the alarm system.

The Fire Department was dispatched for a smoke detector activation at a Lexington Boulevard garden apartment complex at 5:47 p.m. June 14.

The activation was due to a faulty detector which was replaced by maintenance personnel and the fire alarm system was reset.

The Fire Department was dispatched to the Garden State Parkway to help remove a motorist from a vehicle after an accident at 3:24 a.m. June 13.

The driver was pronounced dead before the Fire Department arrived.

The victim was removed from the vehicle after the Medical Examiner's office and State Police arrived on scene.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Victoria Drive residence at 3:28 p.m. June 11 when someone reported the first floor was filled with smoke.

Firefighters found a light haze of smoke throughout the residence. A thermal imaging camera showed the

source of the smoke was a through-the-wall air-conditioning unit.

The power to the unit was secured.

The Fire Department responded to an Ivy Street residence for the report of a house fire at 2:15 p.m. June 11.

When firefighters arrived, smoke was visible from outside the home. The fire turned out to be contained to an oven, and firefighters put out it with fire extinguishers.

Officials checked the residence for more fire with thermal imaging cameras, and cleared the smoke from the residence.

They took the oven outside the residence and also turned off gas to the house. Elizabethtown Gas responded to the scene.

The Fire Department responded to a Valley Road School/Church for a pull-box activated fire alarm at 9:39 a.m. June 11.

School staff had pulled the alarm due to smoke in the building.

Firefighters determined that the source of the smoke was an employee burning palms in the parking lot.

The Fire Department responded to a school on Featherbed Lane for a fire alarm activation at 12:20 p.m. June 8.

The alarm panel showed that a burglar alarm had been activated and that there was no fire.

Editorial deadlines

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

Entertainment - Friday noon.

Sports - Monday noon.

Letters to the Editor - Monday 9 a.m.

General - Monday 5 p.m.

Library hosts summer concerts

Clark Public Library will host a series of free summer concerts on the lawn of Arthur L. Johnson High School.

The concert series will kick off at 7 p.m. Wednesday with Danny Weiss, Larry Cohen and Mary Olive Smith for an evening of bluegrass, honky-tonk, western swing, country and traditional American roots music.

Danny Weiss and Larry Cohen are two-thirds of the acoustic trio Silk City and have been making music

together for more than 20 years.

Starting their musical odyssey together in the groundbreaking contemporary bluegrass band, Tony Trisha and Skyline, which toured the 1980s extensively through the United States and Europe.

Cohen provides the foundation with his lyrical bass playing and musicianship. Weiss adds his guitar playing and vocals; he also moonlights as the director of Fanwood Memorial Library.

This performance brings them

together with Mary Olive Smith, who brings her North Carolina roots to the mix. Smith is an original member of the New York's Alphabet City Opry and now leads her own band, The Smokies.

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Failure

As parents and educators alike come to terms with the disappointing test results of the past year's eighth grade on a state-mandated assessment, it's important to remember one thing: There's plenty of blame to go around.

The test in question is the Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment, a test that catches problems with basic skills in math and language arts in eighth-graders so the district can improve the students' skills before they reach senior year and find themselves unable to graduate. Generally speaking, problems are more likely to surface in the state's Abbott districts — places such as Elizabeth or New Brunswick — than they are somewhere like Clark.

Unfortunately for the score keepers and statisticians among us, Clark beat the odds this year, and not in a good way. The state wants middle schools to have a minimum 75 percent passing rate, where students are either "proficient" or "advanced proficient" in basic math and language skills. Clark just missed that mark, coming in with a passing rate of 72.8 percent.

The blame game started almost immediately. When the Board of Education discussed the situation June 24, school administrators were quick to blame parents. Parents since have started to blame the administration. In no time at all, teachers are going to start catching the blame, and educators will blast the GEPA itself as an unreliable yardstick. As the finger-pointing spirals in a frenzy of accusation, the problem is still going to remain that the students don't have the basic skills the state expects.

The sad thing is, there's probably some truth to all of it. Tests such as the GEPA invariably are flawed in some way because they often are a better measure of children's ability to complete a test than of their knowledge. The school district deserves some blame because it failed to accomplish its basic mission of educating children. And parents are at fault to the extent they relied on the school district to educate their children for them instead of letting it augment the lessons the children should be learning at home.

The need before all concerned right now is to put aside wounded pride and focus on providing the children with the skills they need. In the schools, that could mean sacrificing programs like distance learning. For the affected students, it is going to mean the loss of an elective class. And for parents — particularly those whose children failed the test — it's going to mean more time with their children, not just doing homework, but infusing a love of knowledge and of learning, and giving them the drive to acquire the skills they need.

Words to live by

As the Fourth of July approaches, citizens of these United States prepare to celebrate the declaration of our nation's independence with parades and fireworks, to go along with large doses of barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers, exuberance and celebration. July 4 has become a numeric icon to represent our freedoms, but history reveals this date is more arbitrary than we might realize.

Although July 4 is celebrated as America's official split from British rule and the beginning of the American Revolution, the process took far more than a single day. The original resolution was introduced by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia on June 7, 1776, and called for the Continental Congress to declare the United States free from British rule. Three days later, a committee headed by Thomas Jefferson was appointed to prepare an appropriate writing for the occasion.

Congress adopted the document that we know as the Declaration of Independence on July 4, although the resolution that led to the writing of the declaration was actually approved two days later.

All of this had occurred with some of the delegates of Congress not even present; New York, for example, did not even vote on the resolution until July 9.

Even more interesting is the fact that not a single signature was affixed to the declaration on July 4. While most of the 56 names were in place by early August, one signer, Thomas McKean, did not actually sign the Declaration of Independence until 1791.

Nevertheless, July 4 was the day singled out to mark the event of the United States establishing itself as a nation.

Much has changed since 1776 and we are no longer viewed as an upstart colony but a world power that can serve as a guiding force for all nations. Although we recognize "certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness;" we also understand that each nation must pursue the right to "levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce and do all other acts and things which independent states may of right do." In other words, we recognize the right to freedom.

These are good words to live by on July 4 or any day. By our example, we must show the truth of these words, in this nation or any other.

Fly the flag and have a happy Independence Day.

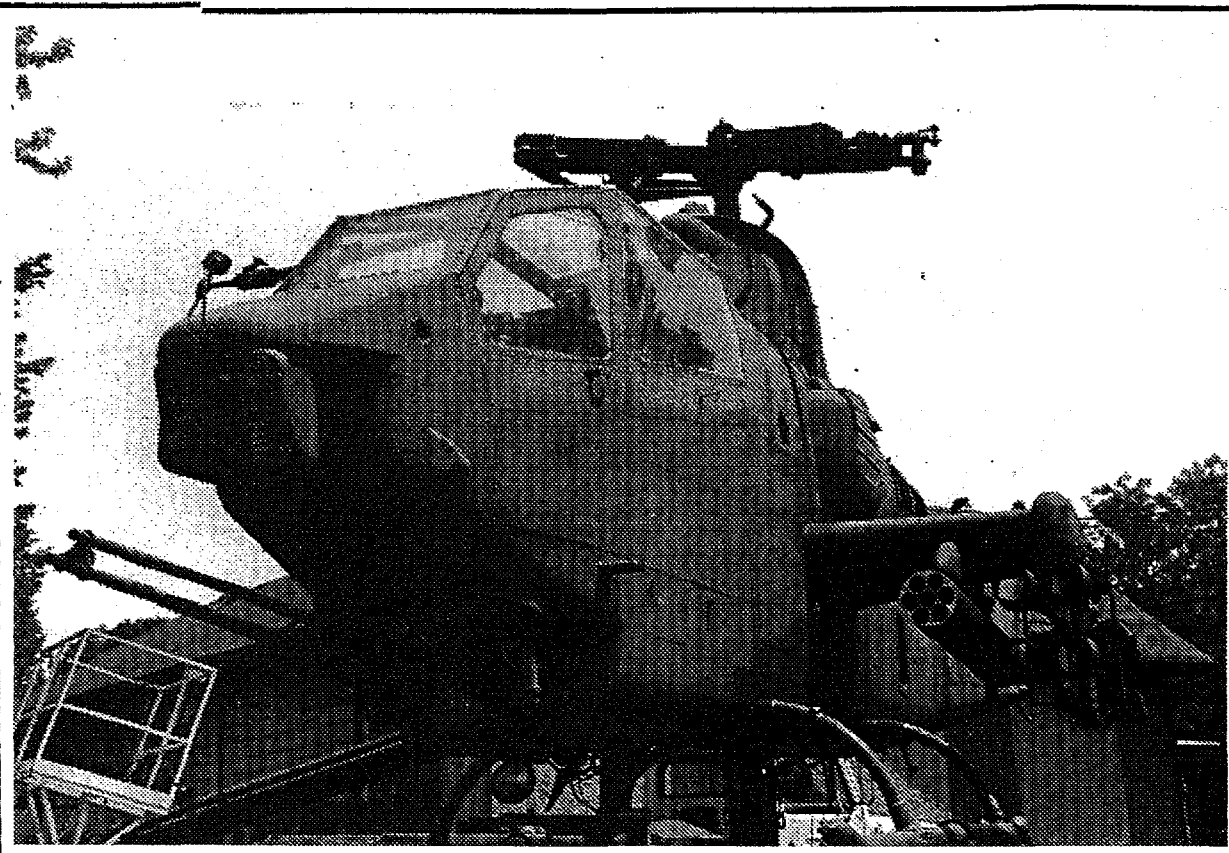


Photo By Joseph Sorrentino

NO TOUCHDOWN — The birdie has landed, but it was placed there. The U.S. military helicopter is a new permanent feature at the American Legion Hall on Broadway.

A comfort that used to be has gone from existence

Remember the DeSoto? Remember Kelvinator? When it comes to airlines, do you remember Eastern, Braniff and PanAm?

If some or all of those names ring a bell, you are probably old enough to remember something called a "men's store."

A men's store was just what it sounded like: a shop that sold clothing for men, and men only. There was Wallach's, Browning King and Weber and Heilbronner. Not to mention Bond's, Ripley, and Howard. And, of course, the daddy of them all, Barney's.

Where are they now? Where, indeed. The few that have survived, such as Barney's and Brooks Brothers, have morphed into something completely different from their beginnings.

Brooks Brothers, which was the platinum standard for the proverbial man in the gray flannel suit, has now gone coed, selling as much in women's wear as they do in men's clothing.

And as for Barney's, fugged-

The Problem Solver

By Robert B. Lapidus

aboutit. Their commercials began with the famed intro "Calling all men, calling all men." Today two-thirds of their sales are in women's fashion.

Interestingly enough, we know of no ladies' wear shops that have expanded into the men's world. Oh, a couple of them might have a few amusing accessories for men tucked away somewhere, but that is about the extent of it.

Now we are not complaining about this, or implying that we are seeing a subtle form of gender discrimination. It is just a little sad that a very comforting part of what used to be has passed out of existence.

The men's shop used to be sort of a refuge. This was your little hide-away. Women were allowed in the men's store, of course, but few chose

to do so. Oh, a few newly married men would bring their wives, but that would gradually fade away.

And a few others, totally lacking in self confidence would have their spouses or girlfriends accompany them. But for the most part it was almost as much a male enclave as a locker room.

Not that many women would have refused an invitation to enter these confines.

Women are convinced, probably with some reason, that men have no fashion sense whatever. They would like to be there to participate (dominate?) in the decision making process.

Which is why us guys would stop in the men's wear shop during our lunch hour, or before coming home from work, or when a wife was out of town.

Then we would relax in the comfort of an all-male environment. We would inhale the delicious aroma of leather and tweed. We would talk mano-a-mano with the male salesperson. We would sit in an overstuffed leather chair while waiting to be

shown merchandise. We would feel the luxuriant fabric of the expensive silk ties and have absolutely no intention of buying one.

And the best part of it would be when you actually bought something and brought it home for your wife to critique. She would almost gag as she looked at it.

The style would be all wrong for you. It wouldn't hang right in the back. The color would be out of fashion.

But she would say none of these things. All that really mattered to her was that you had finally gotten rid of that 10-year-old suit. The one you had clung to as tenaciously as to your comfort blanket.

But gone are the days. Now you will go in to a little corner of the store labeled "Men's." Your wife will tend to her shopping, then come around to supervise. Whatsoever she likes you will buy, just to get out of there.

And they call it progress.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Blame school, not parents, for failure

To the Editor:

Shame on you, Clark school administrators — shame, shame, shame. Not only did our eighth-graders fail to meet the state-mandated requirements measuring their fundamental math knowledge, with less than 75 percent passing this very basic test, our school administrators have the audacity to blame the parents and the children themselves!

How appalling! When is this administration ever going to accept responsibility for the simple fact that the educational system in Clark is failing just as surely as our students are failing the GEPA?

I believe that the long-overdue time has come for the parents and citizens of Clark to open up their eyes and realize that the school system may have been above average years ago, but over the past decade there has been a steady decline in teacher morale, based upon distrust and disillusionment with the school administration, and the students are now the ones who are suffering.

I was extremely upset with the amount of time that teachers were required to spend over the past school year preparing our children to take the GEPA. It seemed that weeks, perhaps months, of regular instruction time was sacrificed in an attempt to boost the district's overall final score. Not only does a favorable score make the school system look better, thereby entitling it to additional state monies, it makes the school administration look successful and as many of us in this town have painfully come to learn, this appears to be the goal of the current superintendent.

Aren't the children supposed to be our top priority? Perhaps the administration should spend less time concentrating on expanding one man's empire and more time on improving the education that our children receive.

In response to the notification from the state that our eighth-graders had failed to meet the state math requirements, our assistant superintendent, Susan Miksza, is quoted as saying, "Quite frankly, we did not get the same response from the students" [referring to sample tests that were sent home with the children] — "or the parents," Superintendent Ortenzio interjected. " — or the parents," Miksza echoed, "and you see the results."

Yes, I certainly see the results, but as a parent, I refuse the blame and I won't even dignify the attempt to blame the students themselves with comment. I work with my children to make sure that their homework is done and I pay taxes to ensure that they have access to education but I do not teach them. That is not my job. With teachers and administrators so occupied with tailoring their job descriptions in this town, it is no wonder that our children are failing state examinations that they should be passing with ease.

So now we are forced to hire additional basic skills teachers to teach the students the math skills that they were evidently not taught in middle school. How ironic that in the same issue of *The Eagle*, I turn to section two to read an article on how well superintendents are doing with regard to their salaries. Superintendent Ortenzio is currently earning the outrageous salary of \$159,800, with exorbitant raises already approved by our school board.

Does anyone but me see the painful dichotomy? We should all be indignant. So the administrators keep collecting their fat paychecks, blame the Clark parents for the deteriorating education being offered to our children, spend enormous amounts of time trying to force bond referendums for expan-

sion upon a town struggling to make minimal repairs, and how do we respond? We form citizen committees to pat these same administrators on the back, continuing the harmful cycle of brainwashing ourselves into believing that Clark still offers a great school system.

I would contend that these well-intentioned parents should pause for a moment and really take a good hard look at what these children, all these children, not just their own, are being taught in those hours that they spend at school.

Come on folks, take off those blinders. The article on administrative salaries indicates that superintendent Ortenzio "doesn't expect to retire anytime soon." The only thing for which I blame the parents in this town is apathy. Your kids deserve better.

Linda J. Kapp
Clark

No basis for Clark Democrats' issues

To the Editor:

While I wish Nancy Sheridan good luck as the new chairwoman of the Democratic Party, I want to comment on some of the statement she made in the June 12 edition of *The Clark Eagle*.

In this article Ms. Sheridan is quoted as saying, "We want to give people a choice. If you have no choice, you have no vote..." I believe the people had a choice at the last election, and elected to vote Republican. That is what the electoral process is all about.

The article also indicates that Ms. Sheridan "named development and government openness as two principal areas where she feels the current all-Republican council has failed to serve the public adequately."


Regarding development, I believe Ms. Sheridan was a Planning Board member who supported the Ellenport administration's proposed master plan that caused several hundred people to come out in protest of its contents. In contrast, there was no such protest by the general public regarding the master plan recently passed by the Bonaccorso administration.

As for openness, the Bonaccorso administration appears to be very willing to inform the public regarding important issues. An example is the annual budget. Each year, Mayor Bonaccorso has taped a message informing the public of its contents, including a discussion of major increases and decreases. This was never done before, either by a Republican or Democratic administration.

I recognize that as the new head of a political organization, Ms. Sheridan needs to establish a platform for her party. I just hope that the specific issues identified in the future are for the betterment of all of the people of Clark and not to serve the interests of a political party, Republican or Democratic.

Stephen Sulek
Clark

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—Christine Wells, vice president, The Freedom Forum



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AT THE LIBRARY

Children's films shown late Tuesday mornings

Cranford Public Library will present a series of children's films at 11 a.m. Tuesdays through Aug. 5.

The films will be shown in the Children's Programming Room and are geared to children 4 and older.

For further information, please call the Children's Department of the Library.

Yearbooks being sought to complete collection

Cranford Public Library is seeking Cranford High School yearbooks for 1933 and any years prior to 1933, 1935 through 1937, 1939 through 1948, 1956 through 1958, 1958 and 1959.

The volumes will be added to the library's yearbook collection, which is otherwise complete.

To donate a yearbook, call Ben Stanley, Fran Houston or John Malar at the library at 908-709-7272, or e-mail the library at library@cranford-nj.org.

Foreign films to continue during summer months

As it sizzles on the outside come to the Cranford Library, the Friends of Cranford Public Library is inviting residents to cool off with a series of summer foreign films.

The Friends of the Cranford Library is sponsoring a summer foreign film festival for the summer months.

The viewing times will be 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. selected Mondays through August in the audio-visual room.

Admission is free, but seating is limited to 109. Remaining movies include "Kadaha" (Afghanistan), Monday; "The Son's Room" (Italy), July 14; "Same Old Song" (France), July 21; "Nine Queens" (Argentina), July 28; "Beijing Bicycle" (China), Aug. 4.

Friends of Library elect new board members

Friends of the Cranford Public Library elected new board members for the 2003-04 year at its annual meeting held in May.

Board members are President Judith Lannin Panagakos, Vice President Gerry Paradiso, Treasurer Kevin Tobin, Recording Secretary Helen Chodosh and Mary Beth Schaeffer, Corresponding Secretary Mary Beth Schaeffer, Director of Fund-raising Chris Haun, Maddie Spitz, Director of Programs Anne Santulli, Director of Publicity Peter Fabriele, Book Delivery Marie Knoeller, Technical Support Suganthy Siva, Telephone Support Josephine D'Arcangelop and Trustee Liaison Marie Mastorakis.

The group says it is looking forward to a year of expanded activities and participation in order to make the library an outstanding facility for Cranford residents.

Give a book to mark loved one's birthday

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

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

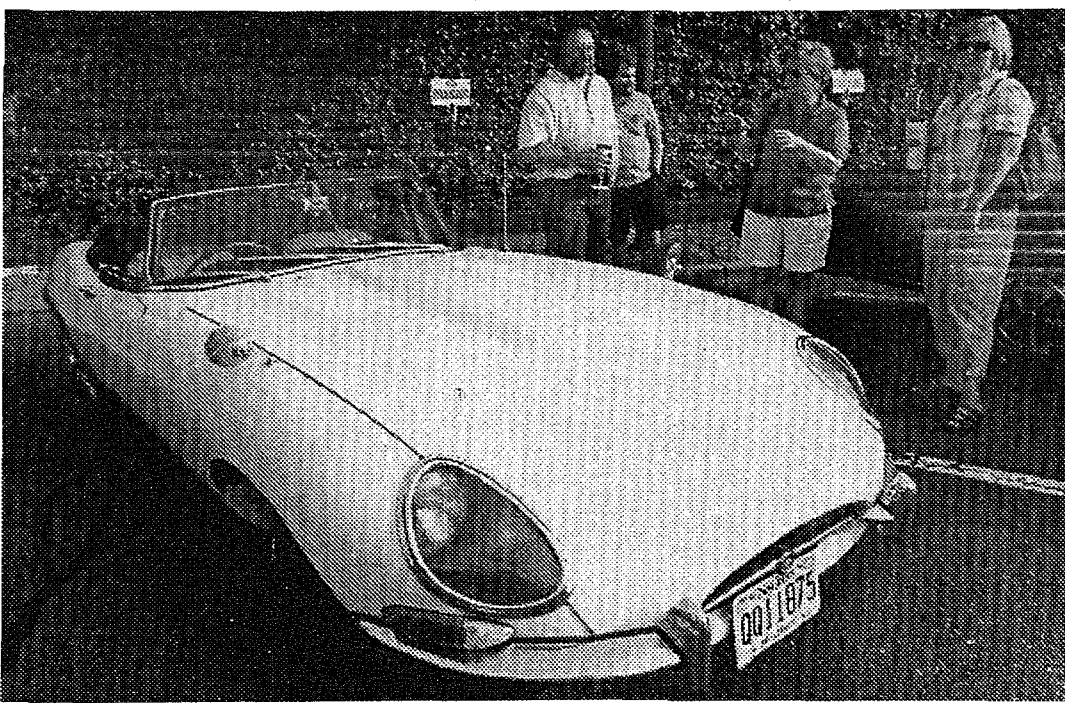
Looking for a present for a science teacher? Donate a book on planets so youngsters could learn to appreciate science. What about your mom who makes great quiches and artichoke pies? You could donate a vegetarian cookbook to help children learn alternative cooking.

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

A list of birthday book suggestions is available at the children's library desk.



Photos By Reena Rose Sibayan



AMONG THE CRUISERS — The annual Cranford Cruiser Night continued to draw in gawkers with an interest in vintage automobiles. Above, Donald Glassford of Union walks his children Dillon, 9, Noelle, 3, and Stephen, 13, through the display of classic cars. Below, Jonathan Delia, 15, of Cranford and Sean Bates, 14, of Clark check out the engine of a 1951 Mercury owned by Bill and Eileen Maher. At left is the 1966 E-type Jaguar of Brian Silverman, left, and his wife, Donna Silverman, right. The two are showing their car to Paula and Steve Mattis.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received by the Township of Clark, Union County, New Jersey for the CLARK MUNICIPAL BUILDING EXECUTIVE HALLWAY AND BATHROOM RENOVATIONS and opened by the Township Clerk and or Business Administrator for the Township of Clark, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey on Thursday, July 17, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time.

The work under this contract includes the renovation of the Clark Municipal Building's executive hallway and bathroom in accordance with other applicable sections of the specifications.

Specifications for the proposed work are on file in the office of the Township Clerk, Room 25, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, and may be inspected by prospective bidders during business hours between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the specifications by request upon proper notice and payment of a nonrefundable charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00). Proposals must be made on the standard proposal forms in the manner designated in the Contract documents. Proposals must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name and address of the Bidder, and the name of the work on the outside, addressed to the Township and either a Bid Bond or a Certified Check drawn to the order of Treasurer of the Township of Clark for not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, except that the check need not exceed \$20,000.00.

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

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

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B. The Affirmative Action requirement of P.L. 1975, c. 127.

C. The provisions of the New Jersey Legislature Wage Act, Chapter 150 of the Laws of 1963, effective January 1, 1964.

D. All bidders are required to comply with the Regulations of P.L. 1999, c.238, "The Public Works Contractor Registration Act" when dealing with repair, maintenance or improvements to a public building.

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

BY ORDER OF the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Clark, Union County, New Jersey, Salvatore Bonaccorso, Mayor U7548 CCE July 3, 2003 (\$41.85)

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

Take notice that application has been made to the Township of Clark to transfer to Clark BEQ, Inc., 1419 Raritan Road, Clark, New Jersey, the Planetary Retail Consumption License Number 2002-33-005-008 heretofore issued to KCSM Corporation, trading as Caddy Shack for the premises located at 1419 Raritan Road, Clark, New Jersey.

The person(s) who will hold an interest in this license is Carlos Teixeira, 240 Washington Avenue, Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033.

Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to Ms. Kathleen R. Leonard, Township Clerk/Clark Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey 07066 and the Director, Mr. Jerry Fischer, State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, P.O. Box 087, 140 East Front Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0087.

July 3, 10, 2003 U7533 CCE (\$34.80)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on July 16, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. a public hearing will be held by the Planning Board of the Township of Cranford in Room 107 of the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey, on the application of Rainbow Academy Cranford, LLC, to erect a fence and flagpole on property located at 560 South Avenue East, Cranford, New Jersey, also known as Block: 512, Lot: 1.01, owned by Bell Arnel, LLC, of 80 Main Street, West Orange, New Jersey.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This application requests relief, in the form of variances or waivers from the provisions of the Cranford Land Development Ordinance, as follows: 1. Maximum fence height, 2. 100% board-on-board fence coverage vs. 50% allowed, 3. Fence in front yard, 4. Flagpole (accessory structure) in front yard, 5. accessory structure located within front yard setback, and 6. Such other relief as the Board may deem necessary. Maps and documents for which approval is sought in this application are available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Official, Room 102, Municipal Building, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Dated: June 30, 2003 Rainbow Academy Cranford, LLC by: Michael P. Bonner, Esq. Frieri Conroy & Lombardo, LLC U7555 CCE July 3, 2003 (\$17.21)

NOTICE

You are hereby notified, as provided by law, that on 7/14/03 at 8:15 P.M., a public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of the Township of Cranford in Room 107 of the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey, on the application of the undersigned to add an addition to a Dining Room measuring 7' x 11' on side of house on land owned by Dean & Janet Russamano located at 39 Mendell Ave. Block 547 Lot # 4. This application requests relief from the provisions of Section (s) 136-30.8 of the Cranford Land Development Ordinance. Maps and documents for which approval is sought in this application are available for public inspection at the Office of the Construction Official, Room 101, Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Date: 5/31/03

Dean Russamano Applicant U7549 CCE July 3, 2003 (\$13.02)

RECREATION

Cranford West reopens for summer season

Cranford West will reopen this weekend.

Cranford West is a rustic style camp located in Hope. Cranford residents can use the site to enjoy fishing, boating, hiking, picnicking and the local scenery and attractions the area has to offer.

The Community Center is open to take reservations from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursdays, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Fridays and from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Reservations must be made two weeks before the weekend requested.

Cabin and tent sites cost \$15 a night. Residents must be 21 and older and show proof of residency.

The Recreation and Parks Department also is looking for directors for the camp. Directors must be Cranford residents.

For more information on the camp

or becoming a camp director, call 709-7283.

DMC, Recreation Dept. plan concert series

Cranford will get its share of free music this summer through two series of concerts planned separately by the Recreation Department and the Downtown Management Corp.

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department will sponsor its own series of summer concerts Tuesday evenings at the gazebo, at Springfield and North Union avenues.

Shows will run 7:15 to 9:15 a.m., rain or shine. In case of rain concerts will be held at the Cranford Fire House. Bring a lawn chair to sit on.

Bands scheduled include Oldies but Goodies, Tuesday; Popular Music, July 15; and Big Band, July 22.

The Downtown Management Corporation has scheduled four more

Tuesday night concerts at The Gazebo, at North Union and Springfield avenues. Bands will perform 7 to 9 p.m.

The Mingos will perform Sept. 2, Tom Klimschock on Sept. 9 and Carnaby Street on Sept. 16.

Residents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

For more information call the Cranford Recreation and Parks Department at 908-709-7283.

Students weekend focus of rec center programs

Every Friday and Saturday night the Recreation and Parks Department sponsors an open center.

The program will meet from 7 to 10 p.m. Fridays for Cranford seventh- and eighth-graders.

The Saturday night program is for all Cranford students in ninth to 12th grade and is open from 8 to 11 p.m.

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SENIOR NEWS

Wednesday club

The Cranford Seniors Wednesday Club is planning upcoming trips to Showboat casino in Atlantic City.

The club is planning a five-day, four-night trip to Wildwood Crest from Sept. 1-5.

Package includes round trip motor coach transportation; deluxe room accommodations at the Regal Plaza for four nights, full breakfast daily in the hotel; and dine-around dinners in area restaurants including \$10 of food at the casino.

The trip also will feature four nights of entertainment including a Performing Arts Center show featuring The Quailles; a dinner-comedy show at The Grand Hotel, Cape May;

a gala night with prizes, music and dancing; a trip to an Atlantic City casino with bonus package.

Among activities included in the trip are a stop at Smithville Village on the way home, with lunch extra; a paddle wheel cruise with entertainment; a visit to the Cape May County Zoo; a basket of cheer for cocktail party; a poolside pizza party; a round of miniature golf and ice cream on Boardwalk; unlimited rides on old-fashioned trolleys; free time to enjoy the pool and beaches.

Call Helen Harmon at 908-276-2845, or Arleen at 908-272-5441. Rates are \$275 per person for double occupancy; and \$340 for single occupancy. A deposit of \$75 per per-

son is required, with final payment due July 14.

For more information about the club, call Elaine Barbuto at 908-276-5535.

Thursday club

Cranford Seniors Thursday Club meets at Community Center 220 Walnut Ave., 1 p.m.

The following activities have been planned:

Today: Business meeting followed by Who's Who and recognition of birthdays and anniversaries.

July 10: Summer Celebration, with a spoon race.

July 17: Bill Oates, options to planning Long Term Care.

July 24: Bingo

July 31: Trivia. Bring donations for Cranford Family Care.

The following trips have been planned:

- July 29: Atlantic City, Caesar's, Cranford departure. Call 272-6828 for reservations.

- Sept 22-Oct. 10 - Las Vegas and national parks, including Grand Canyon and Branson. \$1,991 double occupancy. Call 908-272-5375 for more information.

The public is welcome on all trips. Cranford departure. Call 908-272-5375 for more information.

Happy birthday to Cathy Vukobradavitch, Lynn Mac Whirter, Carmela Trabachino, Mildred Nary, Kitty Niedziocha, Joyce Owen,

Sadie Longi, Irene Huzar and Virginia Bladis

Happy anniversary to Marge and John Ahimovic, 48 years.

AARP Chapter 4269

Cranford AARP Chapter 4269 is offering the following trips:

- Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut on Oct. 9, for \$26, with a \$10 food and \$10 play bonus. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. from the Centennial Avenue Pool Complex parking lot.

- Sight and Sound in Lancaster, Pa., to see "The Miracle of Christmas" on Dec. 11. Trip includes a family-style dinner at the Good and Plenty restaurant. The cost is \$84. Departure is from the Centennial Avenue

Pool Complex parking lot.

Call Michael Doncrank at 908-486-6679 for reservations and information.

AARP meetings are held at Lincoln Avenue School on Centennial Avenue, at 9:30 a.m., and are open to the public.

Call Ethyl McEntrye at 908-245-9018 for more information.

Tai chi classes being held

An ongoing beginner's tai chi class for Cranford seniors 60 and older meets 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Fridays at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

The class will end mid-September. For more information, call 908-709-7283.

BUSINESS REVIEW

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Cranford Gulf Servicerter

If you're particular about your car, then you should be very particular about who services it. People in this area make it a point to go to **Cranford Gulf Servicerter**, located in Cranford at 23 South Avenue West, phone 276-9800.

Having equipped their service center with the latest tools and machinery enables this establishment to accurately and economically service your car. Now is the time of year to have your car thoroughly inspected and to have all needed repairs attended to. Their expert repair service on all makes and models, both foreign and domestic, assures you of better work always at reasonable prices. **Cranford Gulf Servicerter** also offers local and long distance, damage-free towing.

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Jerry's Shoe Repair

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Make those old shoes look like new. Take them to **Jerry's Shoe Repair**, located in Cranford at 17 Alden Street, phone 276-4788. They feature all kinds of shoe repairing, orthopedic work, dyeing, cleaning, leather and zipper repair and more. You'll find that they have the best in equipment and are experienced workmen.

Take care of your old shoes by having them half-soled and the heel caps replaced often enough to keep them in good repair. When your shoes lose that "new look," have them dyed to a color that will go well with the latest color fashions. If a heel breaks on your favorite pair of shoes, don't throw them away. **Jerry's Shoe Repair** can repair that broken heel and save you the cost of purchasing a new pair of shoes.

Don't ruin your feet with shoes that don't have proper support in the arches. Let them correct this for you. You will be more than satisfied with their work and their reasonable prices. They give you the best in workmanship and fast service. Replacing worn or damaged shoes can be costly. Visit **Jerry's Shoe Repair** soon and patronize the shop so many people have come to know and trust.

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House cleaning is a necessity we can't escape, but with the busy lives most of us lead, it is a job we have little time to complete. Whatever your reason for needing them, **The Maids** will provide you with the finest cleaning services available.

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OBITUARIES

Theresa A. Tretola

Theresa A. Tretola, 75, of Lanoka Harbor, formerly of Cranford, died June 26 in Southern Ocean County Hospital, Manahawkin.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Tretola lived in Cranford and Union before moving to Lanoka Harbor in 1976.

She owned and operated Tretola's Restaurant at Five Points in Union with her late husband, Ernest R. Tretola, from 1946 to 1966.

Mrs. Tretola was a treasurer of the Women's Club Evening Membership Division in Lacey.

Surviving are three sons, Ronald J., Bruce A. and Ernest P.; a daughter, Theresa Crane; her mother, Rose Foti; a sister, Irene Rotola; two brothers, Dr. Philip Foti and Alexander Foti, and nine grandchildren.

Evelyn Anderson

Evelyn Anderson, 98, of Cranford died June 15 in Union Hospital.

Born in New York, Mrs. Anderson lived in South Orange for 20 years before moving to Cranford six months ago.

She was an executive secretary at Celanese-Americas Inc., New Providence, for 15 years and retired in 1975.

Mrs. Anderson was a member of the choir and the Women's Guild at the First Presbyterian and Trinity Church, Maplewood, and the Maplewood's Women's Club.

Charles Hassfeld

Charles T. Hassfeld, 85, of Little Silver, formerly of Summit, retired owner of a Cranford building company, died June 24 in St. Barnabas Hospice and Palliative Care Center, Long Branch.

Branch.

Born in Dover, Mr. Hassfeld lived in Summit before moving to Little Silver 37 years ago.

He owned and operated New Construction Inc., a building company in Cranford, before retiring in the 1990s. Earlier, Mr. Hassfeld worked for D.O. Evans of Hillside.

He attended University of Alabama in the 1930s.

Mr. Hassfeld was an Army veteran of World War II. He served as a major in charge of construction of several airfields in the island campaigns in the Pacific.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Marjorie; two sons, James and Robert, and a grandchild.

Winifred J. Silver

Winifred Janet Silver, 73, of Cranford died June 27 in the Manor Care Nursing Home, Mountainside.

Born in Jersey City, Mrs. Silver moved to Cranford more than 35 years ago.

She was an executive secretary to the chief executive officer of Kimberly Clark Corp. in New York City and Spotswood for many years and retired in 1990.

Mrs. Silver was a graduate of the Katharine Gibbs School of Business.

She was an animal welfare advocate and supported Noah's Ark and Best Friend's Dog and the Animal Shelter, all in Cranford.

Mrs. Silver also was active with the Masonic Home in Burlington. She accompanied her late husband, Charles J. Silver, on Titanic historical association functions.

Mrs. Silver was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church, Cranford.

Gertrude E. Woods

Gertrude E. Woods, 89, of Cranford, formerly of Summit, died June 27 in the Cranford Extended Health Care.

Born in Guilford County, N.C., Mrs. Woods lived in Summit before moving to Cranford eight years ago. She worked for SAGE in Summit for several years.

Mrs. Woods was a member of the missionary society and a conference worker at Wallace Chapel AME Zion Church, Cranford.

She also sang with the senior choir and was a class leader and the church mother.

Mrs. Woods was a member of National Council of Negro Women and Summit Chapter Church Women United.

Surviving are three daughters, Anne M., Linda and Brenda; five sons, Clarence and Weldon Avant, William E., Paul A. and Harold L.; 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

R.J. Coppinger Jr.

Richard J. Coppinger Jr., 53, of Cranford died June 26 in the Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center, Edison.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Coppinger lived in Hoboken before moving to Cranford nine years ago.

He was a technical trainer for Siemens for seven years.

Mr. Coppinger served in the Army during peacetime.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret; a son, Richard; a stepdaughter, Chelsa A. Lanier; his father, Richard J. Coppinger Sr., and a sister, Mary Duffy.

Robert Carrajat

Robert Carrajat, 55, of Farmingdale, formerly of Cranford, owner of Roselle Park and Cranford repair shops, died June 30 at home.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Carrajat lived in Cranford before moving to Farmingdale 20 years ago. He owned V.W. Doctor Auto Repair, Roselle Park, for many years.

Mr. Carrajat also owned and operated K-Jacks Lawnmower Repair, Cranford, for several years. He retired in 1998. Mr. Carrajat was a stock car driver. He competed in races at Wall Stadium and Weissglass Stadium, Staten Island, N.Y.

Surviving are his wife, Ginny; his parents, Wesley and Lydia Carrajat; three brothers, Wes, Frank and James, and three sisters, Betty Pompliano, Pat Lawrence and Debbie Badura.

Wilson A. Krayner

Wilson A. Krayner, 92, of Cranford died June 30 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in New Providence, Mr. Krayner moved to Cranford in 1999.

He was a communications man at AT&T in New York for 45 years and retired in 1974. Mr. Krayner was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and TransAtlantic Under Water Communications.

He served with the National Guard during World War II.

Surviving are a son, Peter; three daughters, Jeanne Pitz, S. Deanna Jagusak and Elizabeth Smith, and seven grandchildren.

\$500 to fight hunger



Sigmund and Mavis Serafin, Cranford's CROP WALK treasurer and coordinator, and Marie Varley, New Jersey regional director for Church World/CROP, accept a \$500 check from Robin Marko on behalf of the ExxonMobil Foundation Volunteer Involvement Program. This donation is in recognition of the hours of volunteering that Marko has contributed to Calvary Lutheran Church, Cranford's CROP Coordinator. The program supports eligible charities for the volunteer work done by ExxonMobil employees, their spouses and dependents as well as by ExxonMobil retirees. With this donation, the 2002 Cranford CROP WALK raised \$18,751 to support international and domestic hunger and disaster relief efforts. This year's walk will be held Nov. 2.

STUDENT UPDATE

La Veglio named recipient of Rutgers scholarship

Matthew La Veglio has been selected as this year's recipient of the Rutgers Club of Cranford Scholarship. He is the 54th graduate of Cranford High School to receive the award that began in 1956.

Scholarships also were renewed for Jaclyn Rumzie, Benjamin Brown and Rema Shehady, who already are attending Rutgers.

While at Cranford High School, La Veglio was a member of the Spanish Honor Society, Spanish club, gold band, jazz ensemble, math league, Mu Alpha Theta and National Honor Society.

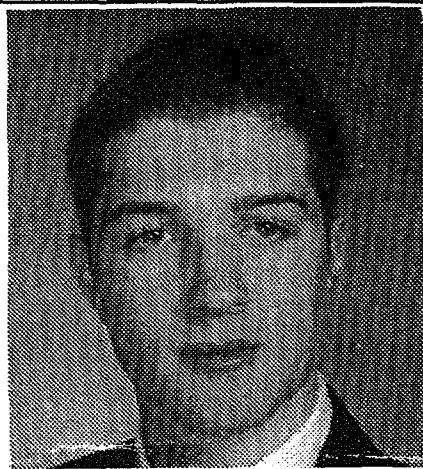
The Rutgers Club of Cranford is the oldest and most successful Alumni Scholarship Program at Rutgers University and is totally dependent on contribution from alumni who live or work in Cranford.

Politically active student earns Niagara U. degree

Cranford resident John R.D. Celock graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in political science from Niagara University in Lewiston, N.Y., during ceremonies held May 18.

In addition to his major in political science, Celock triple minored in communications, environmental studies and religious studies, becoming the first person to pursue a triple minor in Niagara's 147-year history.

In addition to the Latin academic honors, Celock received two other honors to mark his graduation. He was inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society, by the faculty of the Department of Political Science, and he was selected by the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences to be a Class of 2003 representative for interviews with western



Matthew La Veglio

New York media regarding Niagara's graduation.

Celock will attend the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in the fall, where he will pursue a master's degree in journalism.

During his career at Niagara, Celock was involved in several extracurricular activities, including serving as parliamentarian of the Niagara University Model United Nations Association; as a lector and Eucharistic minister with the Niagara University campus ministry; as an orientation aide; as a member of the College Bowl Team, the College Republicans, the Niagara University Bike Club, the Political Science Forum and the university's Distinguished Speakers Series Committee.

On a statewide level, Celock serves as the communications director of the New York College Republican State Committee, a position to which he was recently reappointed.

Celock has become involved in the Niagara County community affairs during his tenure at Niagara, serving as the vice chairman of the Niagara County Young Republican Club, a volunteer with the Niagara University Community Action Program, as pub-

lic information officer of the Niagara Falls Charter Revision Commission and as the scheduling director of Henry Wojtaszek for Congress during the 2002 election cycle.

Niagara County Republican Chairman Henry Wojtaszek recently has appointed Celock as the communications director of the Niagara County Republican Committee.

Naranjo earns associate's

Angelica Naranjo of Cranford was among the students who received degrees at Berkeley College's 2003 commencement ceremony.

She earned an associate's degree in fashion marketing and management.

Scranton graduate

Cranford resident Steven R. D'Ambola received a bachelor's degree in accounting from University of Scranton, Pa.

University of Scranton awarded 932 bachelor's and associate's degrees, and 210 master's degrees at the commencement ceremony held May 25.

Rutgers College graduates Harris with high honors

Jason Harris, son of Ron and Judy Harris of Cranford, recently graduated with high honors from Rutgers College, New Brunswick.

Harris made the dean's list for six consecutive semesters, culminating in receiving departmental honors from the Rutgers Business School.

As a marketing major, he was named to both the Golden Key Honor Society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

Possessing a keen interest in music, Harris is finishing his first album and will pursue a promotions position in the music industry.

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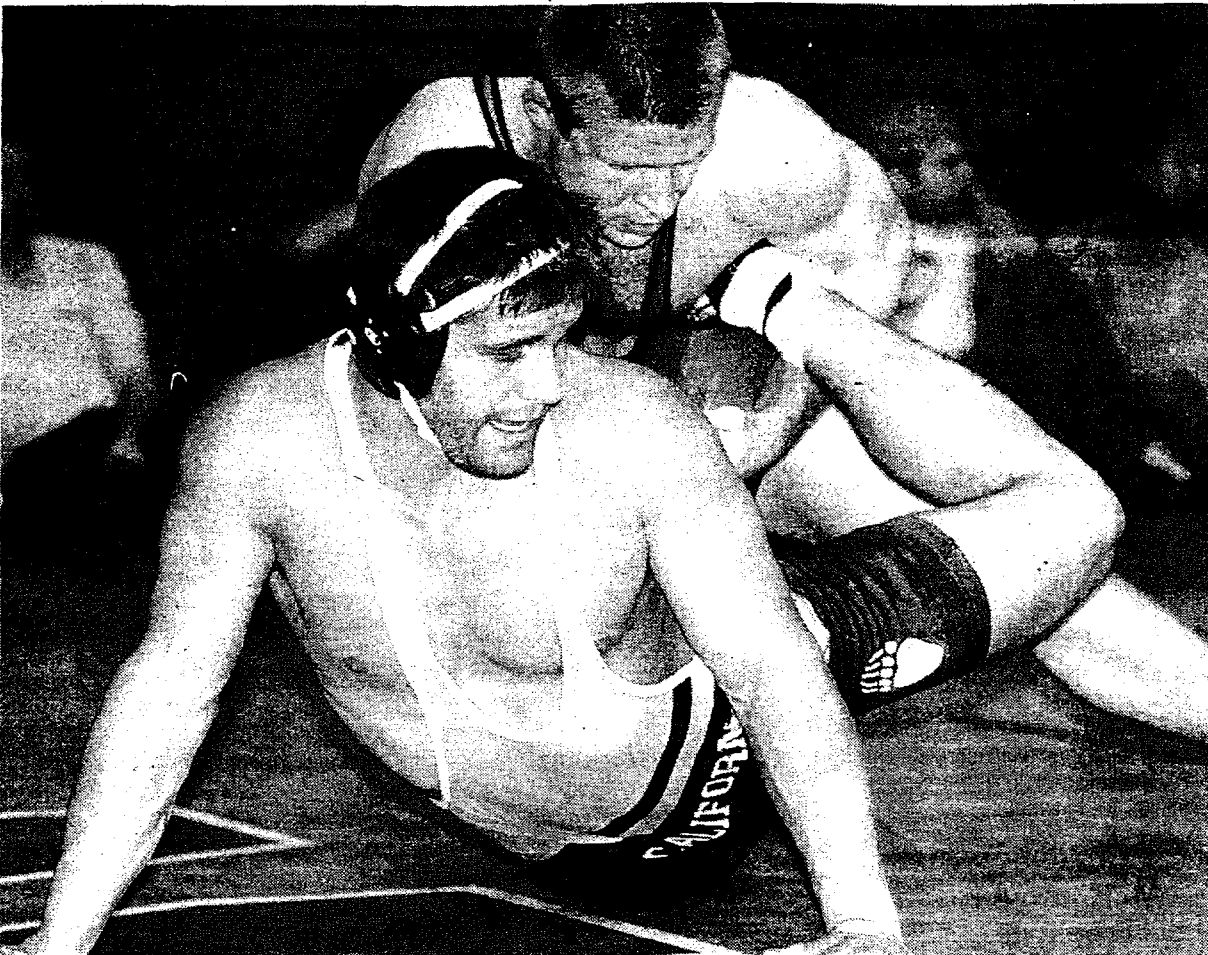
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Nik Fekete of Cranford, top, is raising funds to compete in Budapest, Hungary later this month. The Michigan State University All-America wrestler is also awaiting word this week on whether he will be granted a sixth year of eligibility. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in history this spring and will enter grad school to obtain a sport administration and coaching master's degree.

Fekete needs help to chase dream of representing USA

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

Chasing a dream.

That's what former Cranford High School and present NCAA All-America wrestler Nik Fekete is doing as he qualified to represent the United States in Olympic style competition in Budapest, Hungary from July 30-Aug. 3.

Fekete won in the 211.5-pound weight class at the University Freestyle Championships in Palatine, Ill. from April 25-26 to earn the right to compete in the event in Europe.

In order to make this European tournament, Fekete needs to raise funds. This particular trip will cost approximately \$1,500. Any organization and/or individual who wishes to help Fekete, may send a donation to the following address: Nik Fekete, 5 Keith Jeffries Ave., Cranford, N.J. 07016.

In the University Freestyle Championships, Fekete rolled over the field, outscoring his opponents 50-6 in his four matches.

"It was great to win the University Freestyle Championships," Fekete said. "I considered it a step below my ultimate goal of qualifying for the Olympics."

Having just graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in history, Fekete hopes to be given a sixth-year medical hardship, so he can resume wrestling at the school.

"I've had two shoulder surgeries in my five years at the school," Fekete said. "I'm hoping to hear very soon about returning for another year."

This past season, Fekete amassed an impressive 28-5 mark, but just missed out on earning All-America honors.

Michigan State finished second in the Big Ten Conference and defeated defending national champion Iowa earlier in the year.

"We had some good times early in the season by beating Iowa and Oklahoma," Fekete said. "However, we didn't peak at the right time because we finished 18th in the NCAA finals."

Last year, Fekete sat out a majority of the season with a shoulder injury after posting a 6-3 record.

Highlights of that year included a third-place finish in the EMU Open and a sixth-place showing in the MSU Open.

"That was a real down period for me," Fekete said. "I re-dedicated myself and went into my rehabilita-

tion with a renewed desire to follow my dream."

In the 2000-2001 season, Fekete finished with a 34-12 record and earned All-America honors after placing eighth at the NCAA Championships.

Fekete lost the seventh-place match to No. 2 seed Brad Vering of Nebraska by a 14-8 score.

Fekete finished eighth at the Big Ten Championships and took top honors at the Northern Iowa Open that same season. The 197-pounder also placed third at the MSU Open.

Fekete missed the entire 1999-2000 season when he suffered a shoulder injury while competing in an off-season tournament.

However, starting as a true freshman, Fekete compiled a mark of 14-21 at 184 pounds.

He won the Ben McMullen Open, placed second at the Eagle Open at Ashland University and finished sixth at the MSU Open.

One of Fekete's biggest wins of that season came in an 8-7 victory over Nick Preston of Ohio State to help MSU to an 18-17 win over the Buckeyes.

"I love being part of the program," Fekete said. "We're always ranked in the Top 20, nationally, every year."

After missing his freshman season at Cranford because of knee surgery, Fekete went on to amass a 95-5 mark that included 74 pins over the next three years.

Fekete captured three Union County Tournament, District 11 and Region 3 titles. He also finished second in the state at 189 pounds as a senior.

"It was an honor to have won everything I did at the high school level," Fekete said. "I was only disappointed that I didn't win a state championship."

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Fekete is healthy and set to make his mark

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Nik Fekete, involved in wrestling since the second grade, has had his share of injuries and share of victories.

It is a healthy Fekete, however, who has his eyes on grabbing a hold of international competition - and taking it down.

One of the best wrestlers to come out of Cranford High School, the 1998 CHS graduate is raising funds to compete in Budapest, Hungary later this month.

The Michigan State University All-America wrestler is also awaiting word this week on whether he will be granted a sixth year of eligibility. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in history this spring and will enter grad school to obtain a master's degree in sports administration and coaching.

This past winter season, Fekete went 28-5, finished second in the Big Ten Tournament and just missed earning All-America honors at the nationals in Kansas City, Mo.

Fekete, in a healthy 2000-2001 season, finished eighth in the nationals at 197 to earn All-America status.

Medical redshirt seasons included his sophomore year of 1999-2000, where he didn't wrestle at all at 197 after suffering a shoulder injury, and 2001-2002, when he injured his left shoulder in a meet that ended his season at 6-3.

Fekete was 95-5 in three seasons at Cranford, including 74 pins, after missing his freshman season because of knee surgery. He wrestled at 189 all three years for head coach Mike Artigliere and finished second in the state his senior year.

"Coach Artigliere helped me a great deal," said Fekete, who won the Union County Tournament, District 11 and Region 3 all three of the years he competed for the Cougars. "He taught me a lot of fundamentals."

Fekete also lifted and watched film and worked out with Pat Eckstrom, who won Region 3 at 215 his senior season in 1999 when Ron Standridge was the coach.

Fekete, a three-time captain in football and wrestling at Cranford, also honed his skills at schools such as The Edge in Kenilworth.

Fekete wrestled as a true freshman at MSU in 1998-1999, competing at 184. He moved up to 197 the next season.

Cranford Gators swim team manages first-place efforts

The Cranford Gators swim team traveled to Milltown on June 21 to battle the weather and Brookside Pool in their first 2003 dual swim meet.

They beat the weather, but were defeated by a strong Brookside squad by a 160-90 count.

The meet was highlighted by first-place finishes from Eric Walano in the 100 freestyle and 50 backstroke, Danielle McAuliffe in the 100 individual medley, Lauren Chrzanowski in the 200 IM and 100 butterfly, Erin McAuliffe in the 25 butterfly and 25 freestyle, Michael Chrzanowski in the 50 breaststroke, Joe Cooney in the 100 breaststroke and 100 backstroke, Jess Starosielec in the 100 freestyle and Starosielec, Laurel Klappholz, Lauren Chrzanowski and Natalie Laucius in the 200 medley relay.

The meet did not start well for the Cranford Gators, but the score was tied after the third race thanks to solid efforts by Eric Walano and Michael Chrzanowski in the 100 freestyle and Danielle McAuliffe in the 100 IM.

After the fifth race, Cranford was in first place because of Lauren Chrzanowski's and Laurel Klappholz's strong swim in the 200 IM.

That was to be Cranford's last lead, however, because Brookside's depth then began to take over.

Erin McAuliffe's strong swim in the 25 butterfly added some needed points, but Brookside started to pull away. Michael Chrzanowski's first-place finish in the 50 breaststroke closed the gap to 10 points after the 10th race. Cooney's first-place finish in the 100 breaststroke narrowed the gap to 10 points again.

That was the closest Cranford would get.

Erin McAuliffe's first-place finish in the 17th race, the 25 freestyle, and Eric Walano's first-place effort in the 20th race, the 50 backstroke, added valuable points to Cranford.

Starosielec's, in the 23rd race, and Cooney's, in the 24th, first-place finishes made the score 132-83 going into the relay races.

Cranford managed one win, Starosielec, Klappholz, Lauren Chrzanowski and Laucius in the 200 medley relay, to forge the final score.

Second-place finishes were turned in by Laurel Klappholz in the 200 IM and 100 butterfly, Emily Aschenbich in the 50 butterfly, Danielle McAuliffe in the 50 butterfly, Jess Starosielec in the 100 butterfly, Zachary Love in the 25 backstroke and Jessica McCoy in the 50 freestyle.

Third-place finishes were recorded by Michael Chrzanowski in the 100 freestyle, Ryan Meier in the 200 freestyle, Nicole Chrzanowski in the 25 butterfly, Zachary Love in the 25 breaststroke, Jim Sheerin in the 100 breaststroke

and 100 backstroke and Michelle Checchia in the 50 freestyle.

The Cranford Gators are coached by Michelle Hirsch and Sarah Gollin.

Cranford competed against the Hillsborough YMCA June 25 and was topped by a 190-80 score.

"I knew that Hillsborough would be a tough opponent and it was," Hirsch said. "I was proud of the way everyone swam and gave it their all."

The competition was highlighted by first-place finishes from Elissa Patalano in the 200 freestyle, Jessie Starosielec in the 100 breaststroke, Korey Comer in the 25 backstroke, Sean French in the 100 freestyle, Vanessa Rosa in the 100 backstroke, Geoff Walano, Chris McKenna, Franch and Ryan Meier in the 200 medley relay and Rosa, Catherine Schmeling, Starosielec and Patalano in the 200 freestyle relay.

There were several races where the Cranford Gators did not have the full complement of swimmers and this was reflected in the score. The Cranford Gators were behind after the first race and they never caught the Hillsborough YMCA despite several outstanding swims.

The Cranford Gators ended the meet on a very strong note. They won the last two relay races. The girls 200 medley relay was never in doubt, with them leading from start to finish.

The boys 200 freestyle relay was close after the first three swimmers from each team finished. The race was one on the final two laps when Ryan Meier beat his opponent to the wall. This was the most exciting race of the meet.

Second-place finishes were recorded by Emily Ashenbich in the 100 freestyle, David Ford in the 200 IM, Justin Sitrer in the 25 butterfly, Sean French in the 100 butterfly, Kathleen French in the 50 backstroke, Jessie Starosielec in the 100 backstroke and Elissa Patalano in the 100 backstroke.

Third-place finishes were posted by Kathleen French in the 100 freestyle, Nicole Hollman in the 100 freestyle and 50 backstroke, Jessica McCoy in the 25 breaststroke, Eric Rosa in the 50 butterfly, Chris McKenna in the 100 butterfly, Geoff Walano in the 100 butterfly, Laurel Klappholz in the 100 breaststroke, Korey Kramer in the 25 freestyle, Keri Rothman in the 25 backstroke, Eric Rosa in the 50 freestyle and Ryan Meier in the 100 freestyle.

"We fought to the end and I was happy with the last two races," Gollin said. "The older swimmers set good examples for the younger swimmers by not giving up after the outcome was already decided."

NJJGC provides platform for golfers to hone skills

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

In full swing.

That's what the New Jersey Junior Golf Competition got into as it started its fourth year of play Monday at Pine Brook Golf Course in Manalapan.

"I started the program because my children are involved in the sport," co-director Chuck DiLeo said. "They had little time on the course because there weren't many competitions for them to be in."

Inspired by a book written by Tiger Woods' father that stated there was a junior golf tournament almost every day in Southern Calif., DiLeo and his wife Ginna, who is also co-director, started the grass roots effort to bring junior golf to the East Coast.

"We started out by going to golf course to golf course asking if they wanted to be involved in the project," DiLeo said. "We also handed out flyers and eventually created our own website."

What started out as an eight-tournament schedule increased to 12 events last year. This year, two more events were added to the schedule, including a first-time state open championship.

The two-day event will be held Aug. 7-8 at the Seaview Marriott/Blue Heron Pines near Atlantic City.

"I called them up to see if they were interested," DiLeo said. "They sponsor an event called the, 'Tour on the Shore,'" so they were willing to be part of this."

In addition to the tournament, there will be a skills shootout competition prior to tee off-time on the second day of the event. A banquet will also be given on that same night.

Providing a platform for young players to hone their skills, yet play in a competitive environment against golfers in their age group, the NJJGC

program is broken down into two divisions.

Division 1 is for players ages 10-14, while Division 2 is for players 15-18.

The opening event at Pine Brook was for Division 1 players only. The 10-11 year-olds played nine holes, while the 12-14 year olds played 18. The NJJGC is the first outside organization besides high school and public golf organizations to be invited to play at a Monmouth County facility.

"We started out with the kids playing only nine holes," DiLeo said. "We've now come full circle by having others playing 18. It has been a very young evolution for us."

With 350 members, the NJJGC had these 40 golfers with tee times set to participate in Monday's event: Sean Torney, Chris Chan, Robert Dougherty, Stephen Suarez, Jeremy Schilling, Travis Mach, Anthony Aloï, Tim Jacob, John Edwards, Michael Zlotkowski, Billy Sues, Peter Mullen, Chris Maciej, Steven Morley, Kyle Bini, J.T. Tepley, Sam Gordon, Robert Warfield, Joe Cardinale, Andrew Heiberger, Patrick DiLeo, Jason Hartom, Anne O'Leary, Ashley Blackwell, Caitlin Collette, Christina Hall, Emily Linn, Kevin Lee, Keith Markowitz, Brett Markowitz, Garrett Morley, Jordon Beverly, Tom Geheret, Peter Inglesse, Jonathan Kalinowski, Stephen Brunni, Logan Connaughton, Jaclyn Clifton, Christian Tepley and Louis Bodine.

"We're going to have golfers from all over the country participating in the events," DiLeo said. "We especially want to give exposure to golfers from the tri-state area."

Another added bonus for the golfers will be the opportunity to impress over 100 college coaches scheduled to be on hand at the various events.

"I think it's becoming more realistic for kids to earn scholarships to col-

lege by playing on the golf team," DiLeo said. "Competing in these events can only benefit the kids and boost their confidence."

The NJJGC schedule also features an "Adult-Junior" event on July 24 at Cranbury Golf Course. This allows a junior golfer to play with one of his parents. Nine holes are scored with alternate shots, while the other nine are a combined-score format.

For more information about the NJJGC or to register for membership and individual tournaments, visit the website at www.njjgc.com, or write to Chuck DiLeo, NJJGC, P.O. Box 617, Englishtown, N.J. 07726 or call 732-683-9042.

MONDAY'S SCORES

Division 1 Girls 12-14 Yrs. - 18 holes: 1-Anne O'Leary (81). 2-Christina Hall (82). 3-Emily Linn (85).

Division 1 Boys 12-14 Yrs. - 18 holes: 1-Steven Suarez 69 (Sudden-Death Playoff). 2-Anthony Aloï (69). 3-Donald Ross (71).

Division 1 Boys 10-11 Yrs. - 9 holes: 1-Brett Markowitz (37) Sudden-Death Playoff. 2-Kevin Lee (37). 3-Tom Geheret (39).

Kowals, Connexion among top teams in Clark softball

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2. Arena Sports Connexion (9-2)
3. Wrays Diggers (12-4)
4. Sutton Trucking (8-4)
5. Georges Catch 27 (9-6)
6. Clark Circle Liquors (7-5)
7. Team Cingular (4-6)
8. Ironbound Heating (4-6)
9. Oakes Deli & Grille (4-10)
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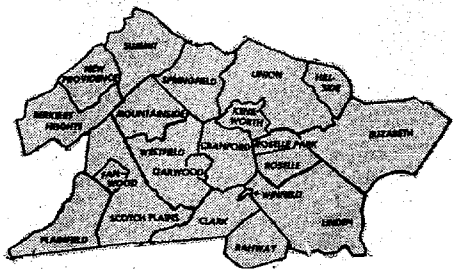
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A guide for lightning rods

It was nothing more than a quip response on Sunday by U.S. Attorney John Ashcroft. When asked if he minded being the lightning rod for those bent on attacking the Bush administration, he said, "One thing about lightning rods, they sure save a lot of buildings."

As the designated bad guy, Ashcroft takes the hits of those who feel their liberties are being destroyed because of the need for post-Sept. 11 security. At the same time, those who feel we are still vulnerable for attack blast him for not doing enough. A problem for lightning rods is that they tend to get squeezed by both sides.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

Statewide, take a look at Treasurer John McCormac. As the lead man on the budget, his red face showed last weekend as he did interviews on the state budget crisis. Since introducing the \$24.1 billion state budget, including some tough cuts to make up for past spending sprees, he would definitely qualify as a lightning rod.

While legislators like state Sen. Wayne Bryant from Camden can talk about the moral imperatives or state Sen. Thomas Kean Jr. from Westfield can talk about the essential need not to cut the arts, neither of them have to talk specifics, as to what they would do to make up the shortfall. As the designated lightning rod, McCormac has to talk turkey about numbers.

As the state faced Monday's deadline for adopting the budget, it was McCormac's duty to come up with a plan. Another situation for lightning rods is that they are the guys who have to say no.

On the county level, it looks like County Manager George Devaney may qualify for lightning rod status. The recent attacks on the Morristown and Erie rail extension has even picked up editorial support blaming the county.

It would be helpful if there was some acknowledgement of the unique and even bizarre set of rules which govern railroads. Take it from someone who has litigated with railroads, and has the scars to prove it, stopping railroads from doing what they want to do or forcing them to do something, is no easy task. As long as the railroad avoids the designation of abandonment, at the end of the day the federal laws give them wide latitude.

Another result of being a lightning rod is that you often get blamed for that which is neither your doing or your ultimate responsibility. Speaking slang, it's called getting a bum rap.

Sometimes, but rarely, the lightning rod can be popular. Take attorney Thomas Sobel who represents consumers in the class action lawsuit against Nestle's. His group is arguing that Poland Spring bottled water is no different than surface water.

More locally, in Cranford Mike

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Sept. 11 memorial breaks ground

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

As Union County continues fundraising for its Sept. 11 memorial, groundbreaking has taken place at the monument's site at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside.

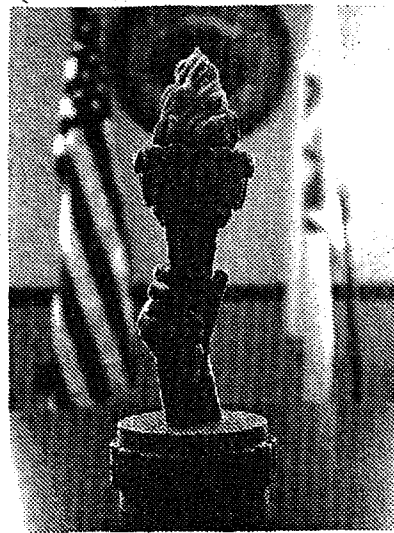


Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

A model of the liberty torch stands 36 inches tall. The actual size of the piece, to be part of the memorial, will be 8 1/2 feet.

"We've collected a substantial amount of money," said Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, chairman of Union County's Sept. 11 Memorial Committee. "We're still continuing our fundraising efforts. People have been very generous around the county."

The county hopes to acquire \$100,000 for construction and maintenance of the memorial.

"We want to have money available to maintain it," said Mirabella.

So far, fundraising efforts have resulted in approximately \$43,000 of donations from the public and various corporations.

In addition to donating funds, labor unions and businesses have donated time, labor and materials.

"The community has been very generous and we've been getting a lot of in-kind donations; services as well as products for the memorial," Director of Intergovernmental Relations Nicole Tedeschi said.

Iron Workers Local 480, based in Springfield, is preparing the girders to be mounted and the Union of Operating Engineers Local 825, based in Edison, is excavating the site. Union County's local of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is donating piping and lighting fixtures.

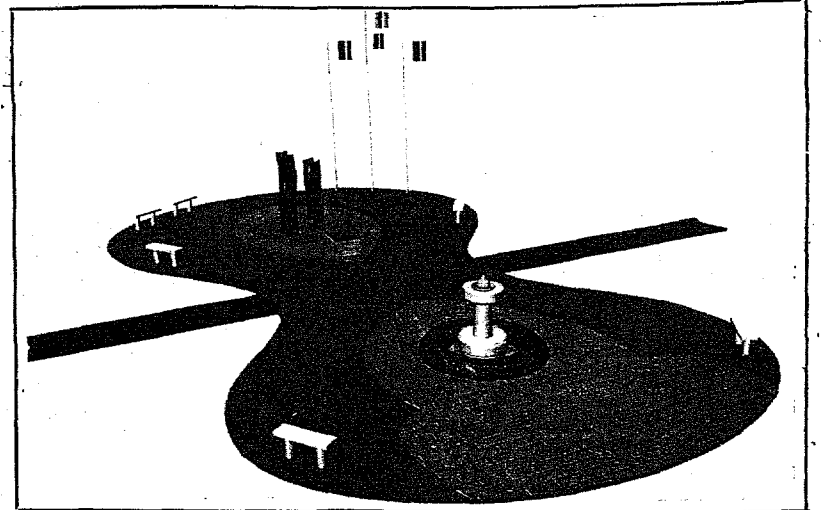
"We've gotten a lot of donations of supplies, equipment, labor," said Mirabella. "Particularly our labor union has been very generous."

Approximately 60 county residents died Sept. 11, both at the World Trade Center and on Flight 93, which crashed in Pennsylvania after passengers stormed the cockpit of the hijacked airplane.

"I think people want to do their part to make sure that the people who lost their lives in Union County are memorialized properly," said Mirabella.

The memorial will be built in the shape of the infinity symbol, a figure-eight on its side, and will be 100 feet from end-to-end and 50 feet at its widest points. The designs for the monument incorporate two beams from the original World Trade Center, which the county acquired from New York City last September. The beams, measuring seven feet and weighing more than 1,000 pounds, will be featured prominently in the memorial, within a pentagon-shaped brick area, which will pay tribute to the attack on the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

A stainless steel plaque inscribed with the names of all Union County victims will be affixed to the granite pentagon.



Union County hopes to have its Sept. 11 memorial, which broke ground last week at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside, completed in time to mark the second anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

There also will be an "eternal flame" that will be lit during public events at the park in honor of Flight 93.

"Everybody came together and connected on that day," said Mirabella, reflecting on Sept. 11 2001. "It was a tragic day in our history but it brought us closer together."

The groundbreaking took place June 23 and the county said it's committed to having the memorial completed by Sept. 11 to commemorate the second anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

"We can never forget that we can

sometimes be vulnerable," said Tedeschi.

In seeking its \$100,000 goal, the county opted to continue its fundraising with letters to the business community, as well as soliciting contributions to cover all construction costs.

The memorial was designed by Walt Patrylo of the Union County Division of Engineering, with the concepts approved by the freeholder board and the September 11 Memorial Public Advisory Committee, which included about a dozen citizens

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All for the teenagers

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

"The fact that they're teenagers, I think that teenagers need attention," said Francia Gerson. "Teenagers need to get involved in a lot of different things so that they don't go down the wrong path."

It's with those words in mind that Gerson, a Union resident, spends hours each week advising and assisting the Keystone Club of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County.

The Keystone Club is a leadership-based group organization that provides services to the Boys & Girls Club as well as the surrounding community.

The club instills leadership skills to teenagers ranging in age from 14 to 18. Some of the services the club provides include visiting nursing homes and children's hospitals and the running of the concession stands for the Boys & Girls Club dances.

"Francia has excellent leadership abilities," said Joseph DeMaio, director of teen services for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County. "She's

extremely patient with the children."

Approximately 30 teenagers are part of the Union County Keystone Club, eight of which are part of Gerson's group.

As the Keystone advisor, Gerson meets with the kids once a week to discuss what kinds of community activities the club would like to participate in.

"We really enjoy everything that we do so I don't think there's one event I enjoy the most," she said.

In April, Gerson was one of three county residents to receive the Union County Volunteer Recognition Award for her efforts in service to the community.

"One of the reasons why I thought of suggesting Francia Gerson for this award is because she is a full-time working person and she comes to this volunteer position with no personal agenda other than to serve kids and teens who need another female role model," said Nancy Voltz, director of marketing and volunteer services at the Boys & Girls Club of Union County. "She doesn't have any chil-



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Francia Gerson of Union received the Union County Volunteer Recognition Award for her efforts with the Boys & Girls Club of Union County.

dren in the Boys and Girls Club and a lot of our current volunteers are parents."

This was the second consecutive
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New clerk appointed

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Sharda Badri has been appointed as the new clerk to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, filling the unexpired term of Annette Quijano, who was recently appointed as an assistant counsel for Gov. James McGreevey. Badri, who will earn an annual salary of \$72,000, began her new duties on Tuesday. Her term will expire on Dec. 31.

The clerk of the board is responsible for preparing and coordinating the activities at freeholder meetings, acting as depository of county documents, acting as custodian of the official county seal, and providing administrative services to the board.

Badri's appointment came at the June 19 freeholder regular meeting. The new clerk of the board had served as the 20th Legislative District Office Chief of Staff since 1997. She was the day-to-day operations manager for state Sen. Raymond Lesniak, Assemblyman Neil Cohen and Assemblyman Joseph Cryan, who represent approximately 200,000 constituents in Elizabeth, Roselle, Kenilworth and Union.

Badri has also served as a special assistant for Lesniak since 1987, and as the assistant treasurer for Lesniak for Senate since 1993.

Badri served as commissioner of the Union County Utilities Authority from 2000 until last month. The UCIA is responsible for waste flow management regulations within the county, as well as ensuring that the county is in compliance with all New Jersey Waste Management rules, regulations and policies.

She received her certification in accounting and associate degree in business administration from Berkeley Business School in Woodbridge.

Quijano had been employed by the county since March 2002, where she began as a full-time assistant county counsel, one of four, earning a salary of \$58,900. She took over the clerk of the board position in April 2002, when she replaced M. Elizabeth Genievich, who became deputy county manager.



Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

Freeholder Rick Proctor holds a Hazmat smart strip, which can alert the user to the presence of hazardous chemicals, and a Nuk-alert, which monitors radiation and can send off an alarm. Daniel Warchol, hazardous materials responder at the Division of Emergency Management, holds the Dräger Defendair, an escape hood that provides 15 minutes of air filter in a chemically hazardous environment.

Grants to fund HAZMAT equipment

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Union County is slated to receive a \$465,000 federal Homeland Security grant which will be distributed between the county's 21 municipalities to purchase safety equipment for first responders.

"If they get injured they can't protect the public so we need to keep them healthy and safe," Union County Director of the Division of Environmental Health and Emergency Management Ben Laganga said.

According to the state guidelines developed for the grant, police departments will be allocated \$165,033 for equipment, which accounts for approximately 35 percent of the total grant. Fire departments will be allocated \$152,831 for equipment;

approximately 33 percent of the grant. Another 23 percent of the grant — \$107,060 — will be allocated to rescue squads and EMS workers. The remaining \$40,000 will be used to administer the program.

"The nice thing about the homeland security money is that it's an opportunity for a lot of communities to purchase equipment that would be used for incidents involving weapons of mass destruction or biological incidents," Union County Fire Coordinator and Cranford Fire Chief Leonard Dolan said.

"It's an opportunity for us to purchase that equipment where we normally don't have the funding for it."

Municipal police, fire and rescue services can choose equipment approved for purchase by the state

and federal officials who developed the grant. The majority of the equipment will protect against biological, chemical and radioactive threats.

"The equipment and resource list of things that would be available for funding under this grant were set at the state level," said Dolan.

Through the program, police departments can receive air purifying respirators and canisters, liquid chemical protective clothing and reference materials on chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear emergencies; fire departments can receive personal protective equipment, liquid chemical protective clothing and gloves, specialized protective tape, chemical-resistant boots and outer booties,

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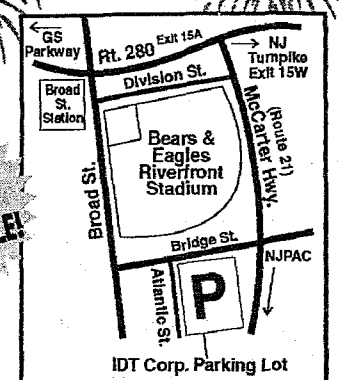


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Volunteer helps keep teens out of trouble

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year the county handed out the Volunteer Recognition Award. A nominee had to be a resident of the county and the organization which they volunteered for had to be located primarily within the county.

"I just thought that it was remarkable to see someone who is a full-time employed person with a busy career come and give up several weeknights per month to serve teens and serve the community through what they do," said Voltz.

Gerson said she hopes her award

inspires some of the members of her Keystone Group.

"What that does is it encourages my kids to want to get to where I am," she said. "Hopefully once they grow out of the club because their age doesn't allow them to be there anymore, they would want to be an advisor

themselves."

Gerson grew up in Elizabeth and attended similar clubs to the Boys & Girls Club as a child.

"Just the fact that she has those excellent leadership skills encourages the kids to become productive leaders," said DeMaio.

Federal grants to be distributed for security

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chemical detection paper and kits, decontamination equipment and reference materials; EMS personnel are eligible to receive escape masks for self-rescue.

The county's Office of Environmental Health and Emergency Management is administering the grant and is working with each municipality to determine the equipment it needs.

"My job is to go to the town and find out what items they need on the list and in what quantity they need them," said Dolan, who has been the fire coordinator for Union County since 1991. "At the county level we're going to purchase the equipment and distribute it within the available funding."

The amount of equipment each town will receive will be based on its

population and number of first responders.

Dolan said the county has submitted all its paperwork to the state and hopes to have all the funding completed by late fall.

The funds were distributed through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office of Domestic Preparedness. More than \$4 billion is being distributed nationwide, with New Jersey's counties receiving \$8.8 million.

"In the wake of Sept. 11 we've been looking for any opportunity to further and better equip our folks and the county emergency responders," said Freeholder Alexander Mirabella. "We knew that this grant was available and we went after it."

Cranford is currently evaluating what it needs to purchase for homeland security. Dolan said the township will most likely purchase Level B

protection equipment, which provides a basic level of protection against hazardous materials.

Springfield Firefighter and 9-1-1 Coordinator Tom Ernst said that his township already has some of the personal protective equipment and specialized protective tape available through the funding.

"We have our people trained in weapons of mass destruction through our Office of Emergency Management," said Ernst. "All of our people are hazardous material and operations level trained."

Elizabeth Fire Director Michael Donlin said the fire department and other emergency personnel are responsible for maintaining safety at Elizabeth Port, half of Newark Airport which resides in Elizabeth, the New Jersey Turnpike and other areas.

"A lot of equipment moves through this city," said Donlin, explaining that personnel must be

well protected in order to protect citizens.

The county has also recently purchased \$58,000 in emergency management equipment for the county's police, security and sheriff's office.

The equipment will help officers detect possible threats to public health and safety, including biological, chemical, nuclear and radiological threats.

Laganga said one of the primary pieces of equipment the Office of Emergency Management provides to county security personnel are escape hoods.

The hoods, which the county has never had before, provide emergency personnel with 15 minutes of air in order to escape a hazardous area.

"It's primarily for their protection to get out of an area in order to protect the public," said Laganga. "If they become injured or become victims then obviously they can't do their jobs."

COUNTY NEWS

SANE seeks more nurses

Nurses who want to be part of an exciting project to assist crime victims and be paid \$4 per hour just to be on call can now participate in the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program in Union County.

Prosecutor Theodore Romankow said the program has provided important services to nearly 150 persons during its first two years of operation. "As we mark in the second year anniversary, it's important to highlight the need to bring more talented and dedicated nursing professionals into this extremely worthwhile effort," he said.

There are only 12 nurses currently in service for the on-call list, and they receive \$250 each time they respond for a call out plus the hourly rate while they carry a beeper, according to Coordinator Felicia Infante.

"Our nurses respond, along with a Rape Crisis Advocate and the case detective, to any case of sexual assault where the victim is 13 or older," Infante said, and there are special rooms with equipment set up at Trinitas, Muhlenberg, Overlook and Rahway hospitals.

The nurses only have to be on call for 24 hours each month and they can split the times on a very flexible schedule, Infante said. The setup has allowed for a great improvement in comfort, privacy and feedback. In addition, said Assistant Prosecutor John Esmerado, the program has greatly reduced waiting time for victims.

The program, which turns two years old this week, is funded by the New Jersey Office of Victim Witness Advocacy in the Division of Criminal Justice and the county Board of Chosen Freeholders. Registered nurses or BSN's with Infante, SANE/SART coordinator, at her office at Runnells

Hospital at 908-771-6728 or contact her by e-mail at F18Infante@aol.com.

Classroom training is offered online through Seton Hall University and the only other requirement is a two-day session covering clinical procedures and legal issues.

Program can help to rehabilitate homes

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has approved a program to help Union County residents rehabilitate their homes. The Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Rehabilitation Program is funded by Union County with \$560,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds.

The program is designed to improve single and two-family owner-occupied home in Union County. It's available to low and moderate income homeowners in Berkeley Heights, Clark, Fanwood, Garwood, Hillside, Kenilworth, Mountainside, New Providence, Roselle, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Summit and Westfield.

The Union County Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Rehabilitation Program is administered by Development Directions LLC.

To arrange an appointment, call 732-382-8100.

Correction

The story "Youth is served," on Page B1 of the June 19 edition, should have carried a byline by Correspondent Stephanie Zultank.

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Lucky for lightning rods

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Gelnovatch of Hot Rod's Garage on Walnut Avenue gets my nod for lightning rod status. He pressed the Chamber of Commerce and also the Downtown Management Corporation to run a vintage car show last week in the township. Through his efforts, there was a crowd of onlookers who also filtered into everything from the Chinese restaurants to the local ice

cream stop. It was a boost for the downtown.

Truth is I didn't even know Mike's last name until Deputy Mayor Barbara Bilger helped out. Another mark of lightning rods is that while they bet blame, rarely do they get notice.

How lucky we are to have them around.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

Memorial fundraising will continue

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appointed by mayors of towns who were affected by the Sept. 11 attacks.

"I've been very moved by some of the individual memorials that I've seen in the individual towns in our county and I think people will be very proud of our memorial," said Mirabella.

All donations are tax deductible and can be made payable to the Union County September 11 Memorial Fund and sent to UC Sept. 11 Memorial Fund, c/o The Office of the County Manager, Administration Building, 6th Floor, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, 07207, or call Tedeschi at 908-527-4200.

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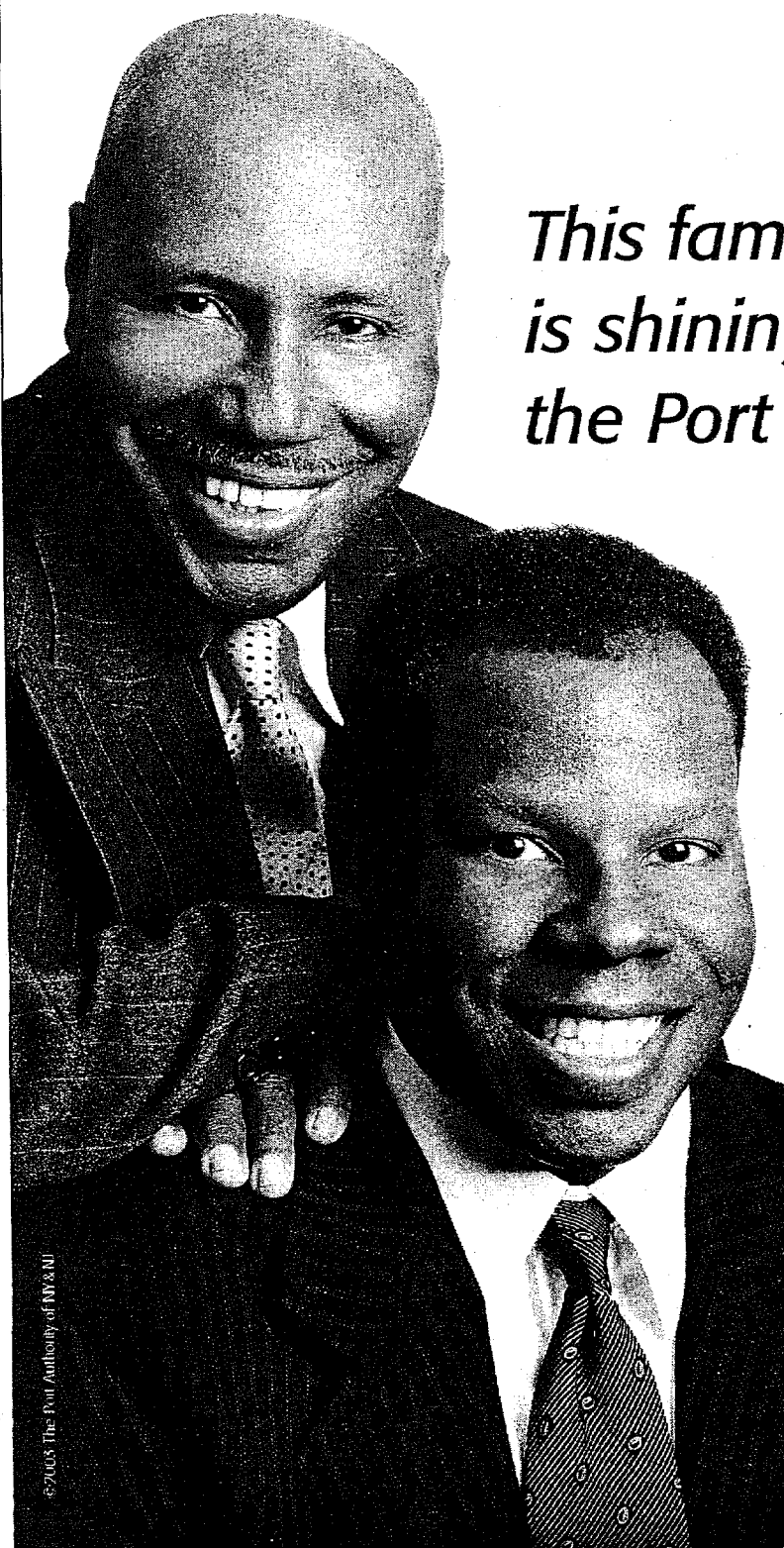
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Exec turns attention to writing

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

In order to give the public more than an excessive amount of information, consultation and expertise in the dynamic business world, Howard M. Guttman, former Unionite and principal of a consulting firm, decided to write a book.

The book, which is intended to reach out to the entire business world, is appropriately called "When Goliaths Clash."

"I wrote it to be readable, not a text book," explained Guttman during a visit to this office the other morning. "For me, it really was a personal challenge, something I thought about for years. I felt that we had a story to tell in terms of the consulting work we did, finally getting the willingness up and putting pen to paper." He laughed. "It was like a personal Mount Everest."

Guttman, who is head of Guttman Development Strategies Inc. in Ledgewood, a management consulting firm that has, since 1989, "worked with clients internationally to build high performance teams, align strategy and operations and manage conflict." The new author has served in executive positions at Johnson and Johnson and Automatic Data processing. He also was an adjunct professor at both the Graduate School of Management at Rutgers University and the Graduate School of Psychology in Fairleigh Dickinson University.

"There was a magazine article that came out about four years ago about how senior executive teams deal with conflict," Guttman recalled. "It got a good response, and so the question

was asked of me, 'Do you think you have a book in you?' 'I think that I do,' I replied, 'but I don't know how to extract it.'"

Guttman decided that the first step was to "contact a literary agent to somewhat be my guide, to take me through the uncharted territory of writing a book or what the publishing world would think. I had no familiarity, and it was with the help of Peter Tobia," he said, "I was able to create the book. We worked for about a year and a half, literally, every Sunday morning."

"The reason why it was such a challenge is because we wanted to incorporate live stories from current executives of Fortune 100 companies in order to get the book published. We had to get the approval of all the major companies, at least 20, and contact the corporate and legal departments of all these corporations to get their cooperation and approval. We contacted all of these companies, including Johnson and Johnson, Motorola, Sara Lee, etc. That was a challenge. And in the end, what we're pleased about, is that it's been very well received and comparably approved. Virtually, 98 percent of the original copy was approved, which was great!"

"When Goliaths Clash" has been "out for about six or seven weeks," said Guttman. "It's climbing in the Amazon.com list, and the reviews are very favorable. It's pretty exciting," he exclaimed, "when you deal with the whole topic of executive conflict. These corporations are very sensitive about how they've been portrayed. It's very significant to them."

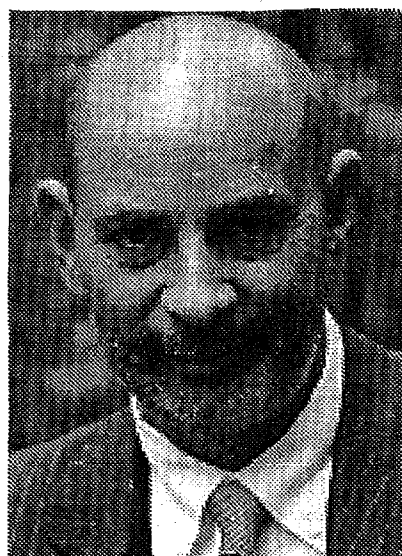
"The lessons learned in this book apply to every day life. But it's far easier to deal with the whole area of management conflict." He went on to add that "when conflict is ignored, especially at the top, the result will be an enterprise that competes more passionately with itself than with its competitors."

Guttman explained that "corporate life is a two-dimensional world. It's about how someone works in the workplace. Lessons learned apply in both business and personal areas. Everybody can relate to the book. One of the reasons why people find the book interesting," he said, "is because everyone knows this exists, but it's not talked about. It's in that twilight zone area. Companies, you see, need the cooperation of everyone."

Guttman, whose consulting firm, includes 17 consultants, "who work all around the world aligning senior executive teams. So they work as a high performance team," he said. "And so that the company is able to gain a competitive edge in the marketplace."

Guttman's wife, Jackie, "works with me. She's in charge of infrastructure, and the whole office." They have a son, Chuck, and two daughters, Michelle and Melissa, who is a freshman in college in Boston. Their newest addition is a granddaughter, Keely Jacqueline.

Guttman said that he has fond memories of Union. He was 14 years old when the family moved from Newark to Union. "We lived on Dayton Avenue, at the end of a pansy farm. I felt like I was out in the coun-



Howard M. Guttman

try. We had grass, a backyard. I remember on Saturday evenings, we played outside, baseball and football, with my friends. I also have memories of playing with my brother, Steven, and my sister, Karen. I remember going to Burnet when it was a junior high school. Union was a great place in which to grow up. I lived there from 1965 to 1968, then I went to college. Some time later, I came back for a couple of years, and I lived on Braun Terrace. In 1974, I moved again to go to graduate school in Cleveland, Case Eastern Reserve University, where I got my master's in applied social sciences."

Now that Guttman has a new book, "I'm doing more speaking with the book, more interviews. I'm going to take advantage of that time. But," he said, "what's exciting about this book is that the lessons to be learned are really all timeless. So, 10 years from now, I'll still be talking about this book."

Theater maintains rep on 'Glass Menagerie'

On the Boards

By Ruth Ross
Theater Correspondent

Artistic Director Bonnie J. Monte has called Tennessee Williams America's greatest poet-playwright, an admiration borne out by the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey's previous excellent productions of "Camino Real" and "Sweet Bird of Youth."

And now, with its current production of "The Glass Menagerie," the troupe can be anointed as one of the foremost interpreters of Williams' canon.

The plot is classic Williams: fading Mississippi belle Amanda Wingfield attempts to raise her two now-adult children, physically and psychologically disabled Laura and dreamy, adventure-seeking Tom, in the slums of St. Louis.

In his dramatic directorial debut, however, Robert Cuccioli's self-confessed inexperience with the play almost sinks the production. At a quick pace more suited to musical comedy, he fails to establish Amanda Wingfield as a sympathetic character, anxious about her children's ability to survive what she knows is a harsh, unforgiving world out there.

It isn't until the intimate scene where Tom informs his mother that he has invited a Gentleman Caller home to dinner that the gentle, leisurely banter clearly shows the antagonists' love for each other, despite their carp-

ing. Although the events are filtered through Tom's memory, the real protagonist is Amanda herself. Wendy Barrie-Wilson is the right age — mid-40s — for the role of a woman so "bewildered by life" that she takes refuge in recalling ad nauseum the day she had 17 gentleman callers!

She is superb when recalling her debutante cotillions and picking jousts and outrageously, desperately flirting with Jim O'Connor, the gentleman caller Tom has brought to dinner. It's then that we get a sense of what she gave up to marry a man with a charming smile, only to be left demonstrating brassieres in a department store or calling women to renew their magazine subscriptions to help make ends meet!

As Tom, Robert Petkoff is more

successful as introspective narrator than son chafing at his mother's mettlesome behavior. Chalk it up to the character's maturation, perhaps, but he gives Williams' words the poetic tone they deserve, making his description of the family, especially Laura, more poignant and guilt-ridden.

And Kevin Rolston is terrific as Jim, the decidedly lower class gentleman caller, who sits on the floor, chews gum — and shoots it into a wastebasket when he's finished with the wad, brays at Amanda's corny jokes and ultimately breaks Laura's heart.

The weakest link in the production is Katherine Kellgren, who portrays Laura with a goofy smile plastered on her face. Her self-conscious performance fails to convey the insecurities and pathological shyness that cripples the young woman more than her slight limp. Even while lying on the couch while the others eat dinner, her Laura smiles.

Hopefully with some tweaking, the cast will settle into their roles. Here's hoping they do because the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey's production of "The Glass Menagerie" has many solid production values and the play is such an important part of America's literary heritage that it begs to be produced and seen. That the play is taught in most high schools means many theatergoers are already familiar with it; seeing a production will only extend the experience.

"The Glass Menagerie," presented by the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey, will run through July 20 at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theater on the campus of Drew University in Madison. For information, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B11.



Robert Petkoff and Wendy Barrie-Wilson share a moment of family intimacy in Tennessee Williams' 'The Glass Menagerie,' on stage at the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey through July 20.

Management book serves more than execs

Although "When Goliaths Clash" was written expressly for managing executives of top companies to promote and encourage ideas for more dynamic organizations and how to do away with or improve dysfunctional departments and employees, it also was written for laymen and business and industrial students.

This employee certainly learned a great deal about handling conflicts in the cohesive corporate world. It was like going to school all over again.

And it's no wonder. Howard M. Guttman, a former Union resident, principal of Guttman Development Strategies Inc., a Ledgewood-based management consulting firm that has worked with international clients to build high-performance teams, also has been an adjunct professor at the Graduate School of Management at Rutgers University and the Graduate School of Psychology at Fairleigh Dickinson University. In his very informative book, Guttman sounds like a professor trying to make his text understood and exciting, all in the same breath.

And he certainly succeeds. This is a book, unlike many others of its kind, that effectively manages to advise and inform the industrial Goliaths in the world on how to turn conflict situations among their department heads into productive, high-performance teams. All they have to do is work together amiably, talk out their differences fearlessly and come to some

On the Shelf

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

common conclusions.

The book, which was published by Amacom, American Management Association in New York, contains seven chapters covering every aspect of business and vital material from Guttman's personal affiliations with seniors executives, of such companies as Johnson and Johnson, where he once worked; Philip Morris USA, L'Oreal Consumer Products, Sara Lee Corp., Campbell Soup, Motorola, and Colgate-Palmolive.

In Chapter One, "Anatomy of Conflict," Guttman brings out conflict roots in individuals and how to effectively manage conflict in people and organizations.

"Why Goliaths Clash," in Chapter Two, covers conflict among senior executive teams and offers an insight on how to replace unresolved conflict with "healthy disagreement."

In Chapter Three, "High Performance Teams and Conflict Management," Guttman shows how the team development wheel turns conflict into a transformed management team "from dysfunctional to high performance."

The author, in Chapter Four's

"The Road to High Performance," brings his readers to an important discussion on how to effect high-performance teams throughout a company or organization.

Interestingly, Guttman delves deeply into the heart of conflict management and the skills needed to manage conflict among individuals or teams in Chapter Five's "Conflict Management as Art and Skill."

The newness of electronic communication can be troubling, and troublesome, and in "E-Conflict" in Chapter Six, Guttman shows how to manage conflict and improve performance — electronically.

In the final chapter, and obviously, the most important, "Leadership in Conflict Management," one is shown the role of the leader in managing conflict and business performance.

Guttman's practical insights into dynamic business organizations have been acquired throughout his career in this conflicting business world. And the text of "When Goliaths

Clash" is as helpful and informative not only to the people at the very top of their businesses, small, but mostly large, but to anyone who is interested in being a large part of a dynamic organization that always succeeds, especially where others fail.

One may read "When Goliaths Clash" as an addition to a college text, as a commentary of how to succeed in the business world and how to perform at the top, but however one looks at this book, one will certainly gain knowledge, insight and how to perform in the building of a more dynamic organization — corporate America.

Well, done, Howard M. Guttman. Your readers will be looking forward to a sequel to "When Goliaths Clash."

One can never get enough information or inspiration or personal business knowledge in this world of Goliaths. So, just keep the books coming, Guttman. They will certainly be well received — absorbed and appreciated.

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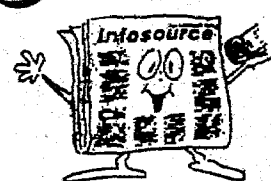
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Bill Van Sant, Editor

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Soul-searching takes you back to your roots. Ask family members to help in digging up your ancestral history.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Communication is highlighted. You will be asked to reach out and help decipher an important message. Stay focused and keep plugging away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Avoid a big financial headache. Balance your income against your expenditures and strive to be more responsible and frugal.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Opportunities for creative expression are everywhere. Act out the most dramatic, romantic and exciting roles with a partner or mate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You're encouraged to volunteer your services to a nonprofit or charitable organization. Give from the heart and your generosity is returned tenfold.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Group activities are charted for the week. Look to expand your circle of friends to include people from different backgrounds or cultures.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Juggling professional duties and responsibilities is quite challenging. Simplify

your schedule as much as possible and be sure to cover all your bases.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): A new teacher or mentor greatly influences your thinking. Ask questions in order to get clarity and gain understanding of a philosophical idea.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your chance for profit is minimal. Pool your resources with others and spread the risk for loss or monetary disappointment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Practice an even give-and-take in relationship matters. Speak honestly about your feelings and expect your partner to do the same.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Pay attention to your health. A new diet or exercise program is just what the doctor ordered. Avoid the temptation to cheat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take time to reflect on what really makes you happy. Plant the seeds for future goals now and be prepared to nurture them and wait.

If your birthday is this week, monetary and romantic lessons will come hard and fast during the coming year. You'll have to work a little harder in order to realize gains or to satisfy your longings. Play your cards close to the chest and avoid taking unnecessary risks with your heart or wallet. Going back to school would bring positive results. Study what you love.

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NJPAC concert date proves Bennett still has what it takes to enthrall

Riddle: Why were 3,000 fans screaming for Tony Bennett in Newark the night of June 21?

Answer No. 1: Prudential Hall at NJPAC can't hold any more than that? Answer No. 2: The guy is lovable!

So lovable that he would have drawn cheers for tying his shoelace or brushing his teeth. But the 76-year-old living icon did much more. For a star with almost 60 years of entertaining under his belt, every concert makes history. But beyond that, with Tony Bennett, every concert is different as he never interprets a song the same from one appearance to another.

Every good entertainer has the talent to make you feel you are the only one in the audience, and that the artist is really having a great time entertaining you, and is doing so not for the dollar but for the psychic satisfactions. With Mr. B., there is no doubt about any of this. The jovial warmth is not mere stage persona. You know he is singing to you; you know he is having a ball; and you know he's not doing it just for the money.

Nothing standard about standards
Reinforcing the feeling of intimacy is Bennett's unique conversational way with a lyric. You can call it jazz, or you can call it interpretation, with a capital "I." But whatever you call it, the notes aren't sung as written. The words aren't sung as written. Time signatures are not observed. Nothing is sacred, but everything is wonderful. And surely, there is nothing standard about the standards he sings.

Backed by his musicians on piano, guitar, bass, and drums, who he profusely and deferentially thanked and complimented, Bennett rolled through the performance like the consummate pro that he is. When he needed a break, Bennett let each band member take long solos.

The singer's performance was peppered with good-natured banter, much of it in response to the many "I love you, Tony's" tossed by admirers in the audience like bouquets.

In one instance, the lyric, "Maybe this time I'll be lucky, maybe this time she'll stay" was interrupted by a female fan's "Love you, Tony!" Bennett ad-libbed, "I wish I could see what she looks like." When the fan screamed back, "I'm gawjuss," Bennett broke down in laughter. Instead of being rattled by interruption Bennett took it in stride, as relaxed as if he were joking around at a family picnic.

Every number was tweaked and massaged by Bennett's limitless inventiveness. In "I Got Rhythm," Bennett changed rhythms throughout and ended with some playful lines of scat. He likewise added personal twists to "The Best Is Yet to Come," "All of Me," "If I Ruled the World," "I Wanna Be Around to Pick Up the Pieces," "They Can't Take That Away From Me," and about 20 more, including some two-minute pop songs and an Ellington medley.

Bennett eased the tension by doing "I Left My Heart in San Francisco," early in the program rather than encoring with it. I was slightly disappointed that he didn't seem to take himself seriously. After all, this was the blockbuster hit that introduced Bennett to a second generation of fans from more than 30 years ago, much as

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Concert Scene

By Joel Levin
A&E Correspondent

"MTV Unplugged" brought him to Generations X and Y nine years ago — and Saturday night he rushed through it.

On the other hand, maybe the old pro knew it would be unwise to try to regurgitate every perfect note, rest and phrase in his signature recording that everyone in the audience knew by heart from vinyl, jukeboxes, and radio.

The contrarian view: According to my companion — in fact, my lifetime companion — "Bennett reinterpreted a classic within the capabilities of his more mature voice, giving us another superb, but very different rendition. If he re-records 'I Left My Heart,' he will be in competition with himself over which becomes the preferred version."

He also surprised with "People," the song that made Barbra Streisand famous, using the song's original structure as a platform, but in an arrangement devoid of emotion. The jazzy swing styling so completely lacked the drama of the '60s hit that he could just as well done the entire song in nonsense syllables. "People," as well as "San Francisco," shocked only because their readings were so unexpected. For these two pieces only, the score was Versatility 1, Emotion 0.

The contrarian view: According to Anita, "The Bennett interpretation was so engaging and so different from the Streisand that after the first few

notes, you forgot that Streisand ever sang it. Tony made it his own."

Evolution of a fuzzy instrument

Bennett showed that decades of performing haven't dulled his instrument. The trademarked fuzzy edge is still there, and he remains always in tune, but occasionally he would indulge that voice by modifying a high note. Just compare Bennett's longevity and the way he has cared for his voice with the careers of others who continued performing long after

they should have hung it up. He isn't resting on past laurels; in fact he isn't resting at all. He's evolving and adapting, never losing his ability to enthrall an audience of all ages.

He demonstrated his vocal endowments and his power of projection when he ordered all amplification turned off. He did "Fly Me to the Moon" a cappella with no mike, and while one couldn't say that his voice filled the room, it reached us clearly in second mezzanine. It didn't lack

body or soul, only volume. Equally amazing, for the duration of this not-a-pin-drop episode, not one cough, not one page turn, not one rustle of clothing broke the spell.

As with all his songs, every syllable was plainly enunciated. The main hall at NJPAC is huge, so discarding electronic assistance was a brave experiment. Sure, Bennett would have sounded better in a small club, but remember, most singers don't even know how to sing without a

mike. Captivating and lovable, Bennett truly showed his stuff with "Smile Though Your Heart Is Aching" and "Steppin' Out." The only conclusion to be drawn from this Newark date was that this guy can do anything. Bennett was phenomenal; he is simply one of a kind. He's still touring, so watch for local appearances and catch him before he starts spending every weekend with his other family, instead of with his family of fans.

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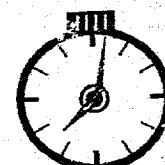
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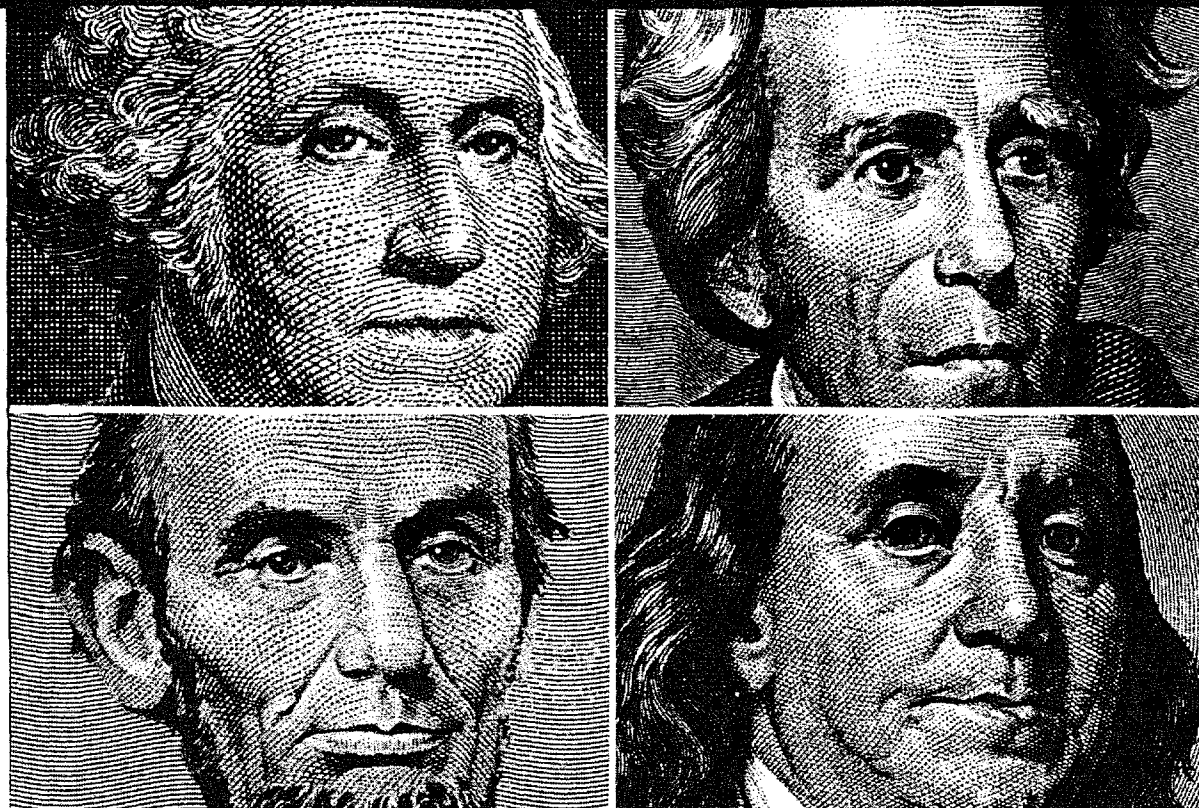
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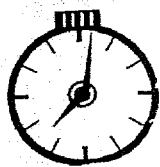
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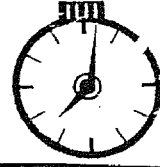
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County communities pull out stops to celebrate the 4th of July

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The township will kick off its annual Independence Day celebration at 4:30 p.m. Friday. 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. Friday on TV36; on the radio at 1700 AM, and online at www.ourclark.com. The rain date is Saturday.

Cranford

A fireworks display Friday will be the highlight of Cranford's annual Independence Day celebration, a daylong community festival that offers something for everyone. The event this year includes canoe races, a one-mile and a four-mile run, a bike decorating contest and field games for the whole family, plus vendors in the park. The celebration is co-sponsored by the Cranford Recreation and Parks Department, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and by Spencer Savings Bank of Cranford. The festivities will begin at 8 a.m. with canoe races at the Cranford Canoe Club on Springfield Avenue. Pre-registration for the canoe races is in the Community Center through from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today. Registration also will be taken immediately before the races at 7:30 a.m. Friday at the canoe club. Races will include categories for children 13 and younger; paddlers 14 to 20 years old; adults 21 and older; parent-and-child teams; parents; marathon 17 and younger; and marathon 18 and older. Trophies will be awarded for first, second, and third place in each category. Cranford Jaycees will host the Firecracker four-mile and road race on Friday. This event will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Nomahegan Park. All four-mile finishers will receive a postcard with overall and complete category results. Food and awards for various categories of runners will follow the race. A one-mile "fun run" for children precedes the race at 9 a.m. Entertainment with a clown, deejay, balloons and face painting is free. All pre-entrants get a T-shirt. Entry fees are \$15 for adults and \$7 for the fun run. On-day registration will cost \$18 for adults and \$7 for the fun run.

For more information, call 908-276-4567 or visit Web site www.cranfordjaycees.com. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Jaycees' scholarship fund, formed to help Cranford residents defray the cost of higher education. There will be a bike decoration contest at Nomahegan Park starting at 2 p.m. Contestants will be divided into age groups of children 4 and younger, children 5 to 7, and children 8 to 11. There will be trophies awarded for first, second, and third place in each age group. A series of games will begin at 2:30 p.m., including an egg toss and a "backward race." Ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third places for each game. All children will receive ribbons for participating. There will be food vendors in the park offering zeppoles, hot pretzels, pork and beef barbecue, Italian sausage, pizza assorted soda and Italian ice, along with other vendors hawking novelties, face painting and balloon art from 2 to 10 p.m. The fireworks will begin at 9:15 p.m. Limited parking will be available at Union County College. Rain date for fireworks only will be July 5. For more information, call the Recreation Department at 908-709-7283.

Rahway

The nationally and internationally known music group the Marvelettes is scheduled to perform in Rahway at 7:30 p.m. Friday as part of Rahway's Fourth of July Holiday at Home celebration. The event will take place at the parking lot of 1 City Hall. The celebration starts at 4 p.m. with rides, vendors, and a food court followed by the Marvelettes concert at 7:30 p.m. A fireworks display will begin at 9:30 p.m. Admission is free. No backpacks or coolers are allowed. For further information, call 732-669-3601.

Roselle Park

Mayor Joseph Delorio and the Roselle Park Borough Council will sponsor a July 4 fireworks celebration at the Green Acres Complex, 185 W. Webster Ave., with the rain date being the following day at the same time and location. There will be a live band performing from 6 to 8:30 p.m. For children, there will be pony rides and a Moon-Bounce from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. Refreshments will be available throughout the evening. To conclude the celebration, a fireworks display will begin at 9:15 p.m.

and will last for approximately 30 minutes. For more information, call Karen Intile at 908-245-0666.

Summit

The Summit Fourth of July and Celebration Committee Inc. invites the public to Summit's 56th annual Fourth of July Celebration at Memorial Field Friday. The day's festivities begin at 9:30 a.m. with a flag raising, followed by the Children's Decorated Bicycle Parade at 9:45 a.m. Novelty events begin at 10 a.m. with mechanical rides, carnival games, moonwalks, giant inflatable rides and more. A concert from the Summit Stompers Dixieland All-Stars kicks off at 11 a.m. followed by the Summit Chamber of Commerce Classic Softball Game at noon. Field events end at 1:30 p.m. and starting at 6 p.m., Ashland Road closes to traffic. At 7:45 p.m., Schering-Plough presents The Shangri-Las in concert, followed by the grand fireworks display at 9:15 p.m. Food service begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 1:30 p.m. Guests can enjoy breakfast treats, full lunch fare, soft drinks, cotton candy, popcorn, ice cream and more. In case of rain, the fireworks display will be conducted the next clear night at Memorial Field. No alcoholic beverages will be permitted on the field. For weather information, call 908-277-2300. For information on the day's events, call 908-522-1700.

Union

The Township of Union Recreation Department will hold its annual fourth of July celebration at Biertumpfel Park at Winslow Avenue and Vauxhall Road. The Union Municipal Band concert begins at 7:30 p.m. The musical presentation will feature patriotic tunes as well as old favorites. The concert will continue until dusk when the extravagant fireworks show is planned to start. The fireworks displays will follow. Raindate is July 5. For more information, call 909-686-4200. According to Dominick Fagnoli, director of the Recreation Department, because the Fourth of July celebration falls on a Friday this year, the emphasis will be on the nighttime activities.

NEWS CLIPS

Guild 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.

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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: Monday through July 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 non-profit 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.

**Bill Van Sant,
Editor**

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Applause for others' work can be unexpected appreciation

While attending a New Jersey Symphony concert, I was struck by lightning.

Not literally — figuratively. I mean a comic book graphic of being hit by an idea. For between concertos, the stage hands came on and in full view of the audience began rolling in carts piled with chairs and set them all up, plus the appropriate music stand before each chair. When they finished and walked off stage, despite this intricate pattern set-up and their hard work, the audience was silent.

No applause. Two seconds later, the symphony orchestra members walked on, without having played or done anything to merit it, yet they received a round of hand-clapping for just sitting down.

That's when the idea hit me, born of the injustice of it all. Why is it fair that some people in this world get rounds and rounds of applause for what they do in life, while others get silence?

That thought might have passed into the miasma of memory or the hard drive of my head, except that between numbers, I saw an usher hurrying down the aisle, leading some late patrons to find their exact seats in

On the Arts

By Helen Argers

the dark, and then silently retreating. No applause for that either, yet it was a job well done. Outside, after the concert, I was standing on the corner before the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, and saw a policeman in the center of the crossroads, directing traffic. He had on his policeman's costume and was waving a baton — a performance with swoops and waves very similar to that of the conductor's on stage. One noticeable difference was that the policeman's baton was bright red and reflected light. He held it up, and traffic miraculously stopped, allowing me to pass safely to the other sidewalk. While crossing, still suffering from the side effects of my idea, I paused and applauded him.

He turned and gave me a look that indicated he was wondering if he should handcuff my applauding hands. But I stopped him by adding, "Thank you for the fine job you're doing." He paused, apparently somewhat appeased. Although still uncertain whether to arrest me or not, he

finally decided I was just being nice, even if just a bit nuts. "You're welcome," he said modestly, and waved me and the traffic on.

So you see, ordinary people are not accustomed to being either thanked or, certainly, applauded for jobs that I believe deserve several rounds of applause. My next attempt at testing this theory was to stand beside my Hefty-bagged garbage while an official Department of Sanitation representative — or garbage man — jumped off his truck and approached me, grabbing my bag and tossing it with a sweeping and accurate throw into the jaws of the sucking garbage truck's mouth.

I applauded. He stared. Then, grinning, he bowed.

Okay! I smiled and saluted. Apparently some people accept applause better than others. But all are surprised that others recognize how deserving they are.

Why don't you try it for those you know and love? How about a round of applause for Mom when she serves a great meal and, at last, sits down. How about bravos for a teacher when

she concludes a particularly interesting lesson? Hold on, students, I'm not suggesting you go so far as to cry for an "Encore!" but a few high-fives would be appreciated. Or why not occasionally toss a few kudos to the produce man in your supermarket for the ingenious, albeit dangerous, pile of oranges, melons, apples and squash he daily creates? How about an ovation for the mailman for never missing the mail slot? Or a hearty hand-clapping for a cashier when she gives you correct change?

What about applauding for yourself, if no one else will? You deserve it. Everyone deserves it. We all need to know others have noticed what we do and salute us for it. How about now applauding for me for writing this column and reminding you all how special you are? Ahh, I can hear it! I'm bowing right now. Are you requesting an encore? Or is enough of this enough?

Oh, well, it's the thought that counts? But an ovation is always appreciated. Try it.

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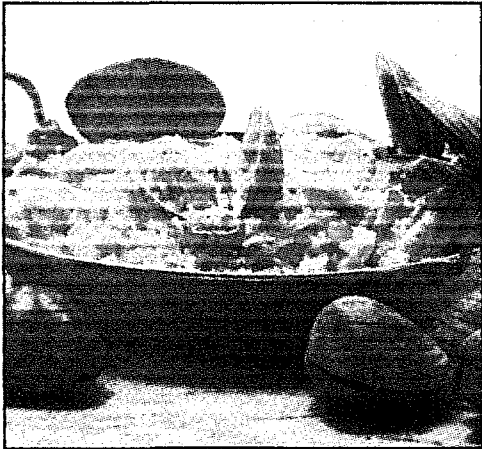
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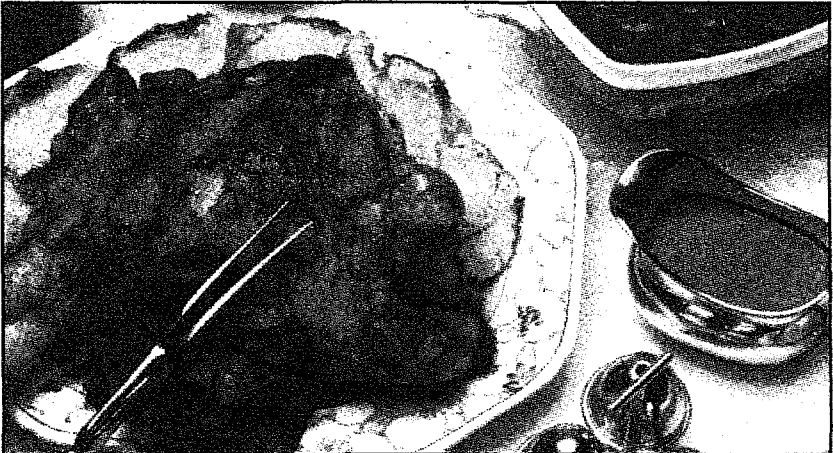
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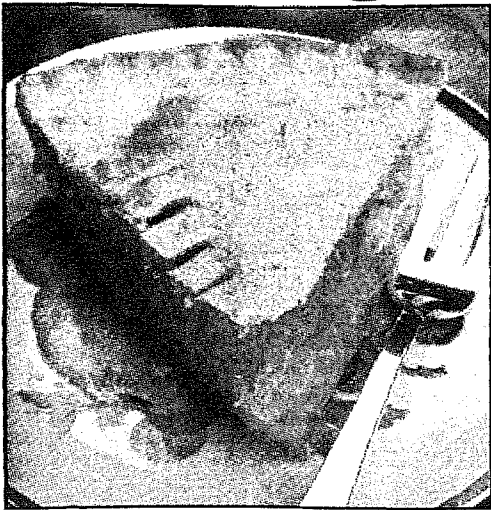
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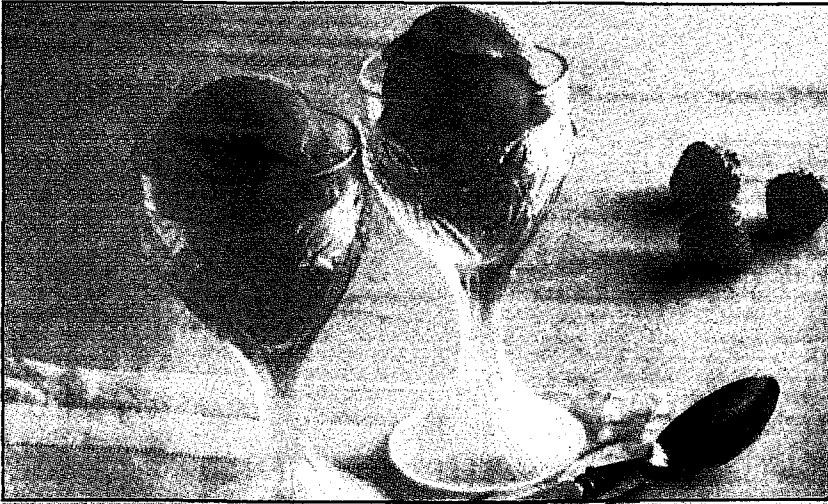
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Internet Lounge plays host to open mic event

The Internet Lounge of 256 South Ave., Fanwood, will play host to an Open Mic-Karaoke Night on Sunday 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.

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.

Each year, NJCVA presents the Members' Show and Sale to highlight the diverse works of the members. Open to all mediums, the show features painting, drawing, sculpture, jewelry, photography, and collage among others.

During the opening reception more than \$1,300 in prizes were awarded. This year's Members' Show and Sale juror is Ginny Butera, vice chairman of NJCVA's Board of Trustees. The best-in-show award winner received a check for \$350 and merit award winners received \$100. Certificates were awarded for honorable mentions. Special awards of \$100 were given in portraiture pho-

tography, watercolor, and sculpture. Each of these awards is named for a former NJCVA member. The Emeriti Award of \$100, funded by past presidents and board chairs of NJCVA, is given to a work the juror finds noteworthy. The most innovative and original work is presented with the Promise Award.

Members in good standing may submit one original work, with only the first 200 entries accepted.

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

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.

Skulski shows teachers

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.

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 Sci-

ence Center in Mountainside 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.

Rahway artist exhibited

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.

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 Tababuela, 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 Dolin-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."

The exhibition is open to the public Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m. and by appointment until July 20. For more information, call 732-815-1475.

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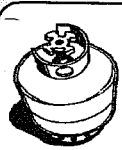
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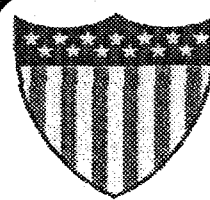
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ART SHOWS

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 Wednesday. 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.

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 Wednesday through July 31. For information, call 908-558-2550, Relay Service users dial 711.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mountainside will exhibit the works of Mirosław Chelchowski, Tim Weaver and Alice Major throughout the month of 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.

SMALL FACES, photography by David J. Lipman, will be on exhibit at the Donald B. Palmer Museum in the Springfield Free Public Library from Wednesday through Aug. 28.

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

A NATURAL CONNECTION, landscape photography by Nancy Ori and Dwight Hiscano, will be on exhibit at Bouras Galleries in Summit through 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

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

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"

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

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at 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.

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

EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITERS' CIRCLE, led by Cheryl Racanelli, meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 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 in 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.

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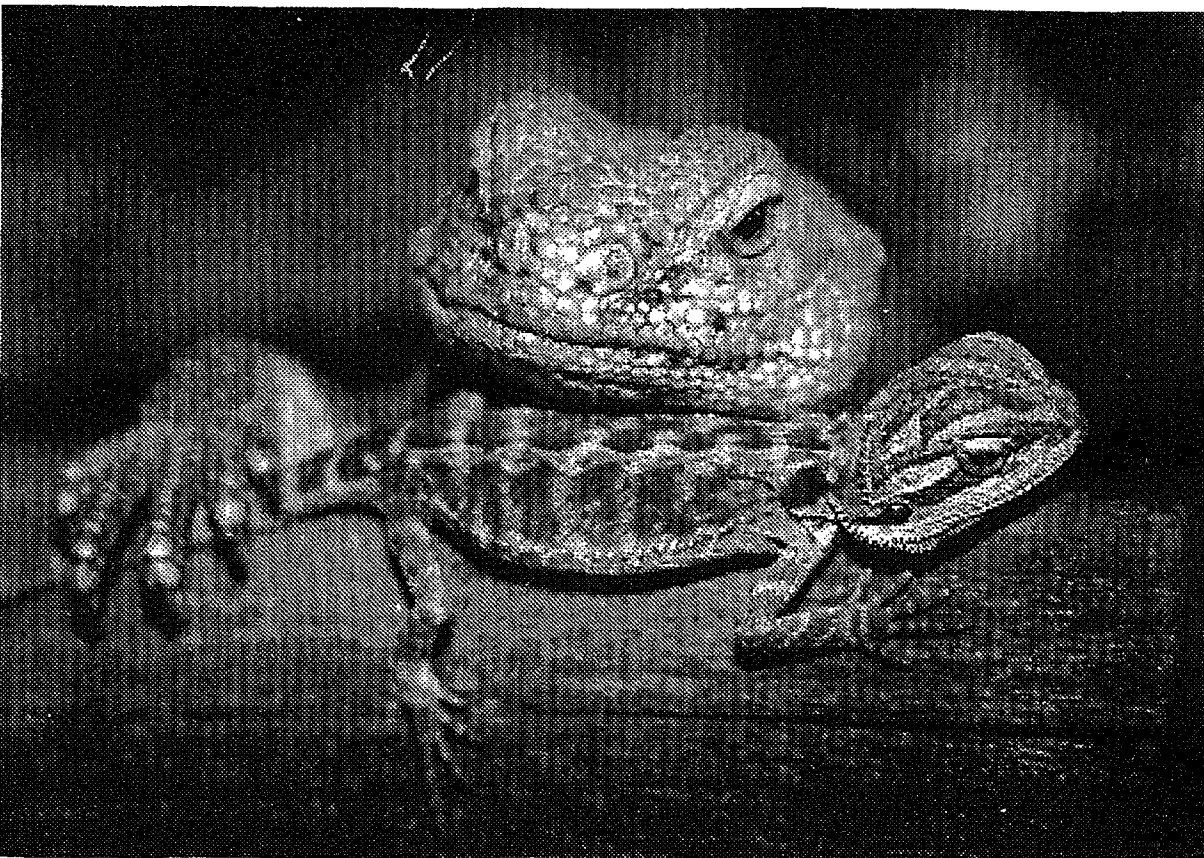
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ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY will sponsor a series of free film classics at the Main Branch. All films begin at 10 a.m. The Main Branch is of the Elizabeth Public Library located at 11 S. Broad St., Elizabeth. For information, call 908-354-6060.

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.



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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. Hehnly School, Raritan Road, Clark. Fee for each lesson is \$4. For information, call 908-298-1851, 732-381-2535 or 908-241-9492.

DISCUSSION

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

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 Wednesday 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.

County College in Cranford will present "A Wilde Night in the Rockies" by Jewel Seehaus-Fisher through 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; student tickets are \$7 at all performances. 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. performance July 20. Special curtain times are 7:30 p.m. today, 2 p.m. July 16. Tickets are \$29 to \$43.

A special performance is the Symposium Series, featuring post-show discussions, Saturday 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. 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.

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THE SHAKESPEARE THEATER OF NEW JERSEY will present "That Scoundrel Scapin" by Moliere from July 16 to Aug. 3 on its Outdoor Stage, the Greek Theater on the campus of the College of St. Elizabeth, 2 Convent Road, Morristown. Tickets are \$27 for adults, \$15 for children 12 years old and younger. For information, including show times, call 973-408-5600 or visit www.ShakespeareNJ.org.

VARIETY

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mike Night every Thursday night, as well as solo artists and bands on weekends.

The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-6544.

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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 Sunday at 7 p.m. The Internet Lounge is located at 256 South Ave., Fanwood. For information, call 908-409-1234 or visit 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.

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"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 sooen@ucnj.org.

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McGlynn has a wealth of experience behind him as a licensed real estate professional with more than 31 years experience in new homes development, sales and marketing. He has been with the Weichert organization for more than 15 years, most recently as New Jersey Division vice president and vice president of business development with Weichert New

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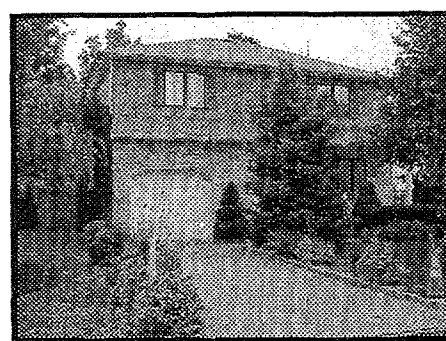
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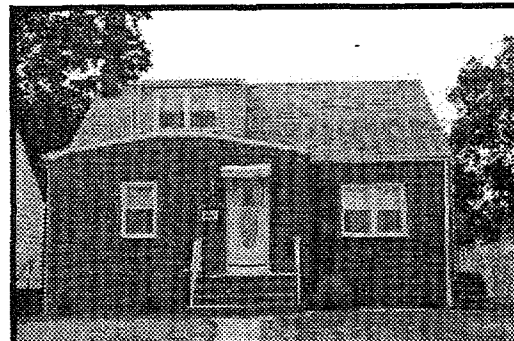
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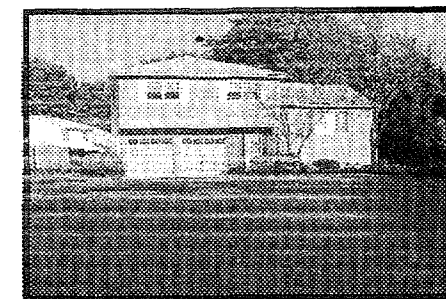
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VW promotes seatbelt use by teenagers

According to a just-released nationwide polling of high school students conducted by Volkswagen of America Inc., peer pressure, lack of comfort and a feeling of invincibility are the leading reasons American teenagers cite for their tendency towards non-use of safety belts. Another top reason given by teens was the belief that seat belts are not necessary for short trips from home or school.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which just announced a nationwide safety-belt campaign, teens and young adults are the group least likely to buckle up and most likely to die in traffic accidents. In 2001, more than 5,000 teens perished in auto accidents; two-thirds of those, tragically, were not wearing safety belts.

Volkswagen conducted the survey as part of its educational initiative, "Fasten Your Seat Belt ... Go Far!" which promotes teenage seat belt use. In conjunction with Scholastic Inc., the global children's publishing and media company, Volkswagen distributed curriculums to 12,000 teachers, grades nine through 12, in eight major U.S. cities. Students were asked to enter a contest to create 30-second television ads to promote buckling up. Volkswagen will select three of these student-created ads to be aired on national television this fall.

Volkswagen informally polled several hundred high school students and teachers and asked: "What are the primary reasons teenagers don't wear seat belts as often as they should?" Among the findings:

- Peer pressure not to wear, embarrassment — 32 percent;
- Uncomfortable, too constricting, wrinkles clothes — 30 percent;
- Only traveling short distance, unnecessary, not along trip — 20 percent
- Feeling of invincibility, nothing will happen to me — 18 percent.

Of particular note was the attitude that seat belts are not necessary when traveling short distances, as statistics show that, traditionally, the majority of auto accidents occur within one to five miles of one's homes. Additionally, most students knew of a friend or relative who had been in an accident and how they had benefited from wearing a seat belt. Despite this, many still felt such a scenario was not likely to happen to them. Students polled resided in the areas of Atlanta, Boston, Detroit, Los Angeles, Miami/Fort Lauderdale, New York, San Francisco and Washington, D.C.

"We believe the most effective messenger for a teenager is another teenager and our survey findings confirm this," said Frank Maguire, vice president of sales and marketing for Volkswagen of America. "This is a national health problem that could be cured if teens thought it was hipper and more important for their well-being to wear a safety belt. We want to spread the message from teen to teen that safety belts save lives."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in fact, reports that safety belts save more than 11,000 lives a year. Through "Fasten Your Seat Belt ... Go Far!" Volkswagen and Scholastic hope to significantly add to those positive numbers while educating teens on driving safety.

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"Inexperience behind the wheel, coupled with risk-taking behavior, often yields tragic results for our young people," said Jeffrey W. Runge, M.D., the NHTSA administrator. "We applaud Volkswagen of America for its new initiative to promote teenage safety belt use."

The commitment from Volkswagen to high schools is a fitting initiative. In a 2002 survey of 3,300 teens conducted by CNW Marketing, Volkswagen was rated as having the best youth image among all automakers.

"Response to the program has been overwhelming and the dedication and efforts of the students and their teachers has truly been inspiring," said Maguire. "Volkswagen is a very popular brand with teenagers, so we want to use our connection with them to help create awareness and, ultimately, help save lives."

The trio of student finalists will each receive a \$1,500 U.S. savings bond and a digital video camera. Of the finalists, the grand prize winner will also win a \$10,000 savings bond; the second- and third-place winners will receive \$5,000 and \$2,500 bonds, respectively.

Teachers of the three finalists will each win a seven-day educational trip to Europe, courtesy of Volkswagen, a classroom set of Scholastic communication and writing skills books, and up to \$250 in Scholastic gift certificates. All three finalists' schools will win \$5,000 worth of audio-visual equipment provided by Volkswagen.

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