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His replacement

Union County Democrats were expected to announce their choice to replace Sen. Joseph Suliga on this year's ballot. See story on Page B1.





THE EAGLE

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Repairs up on the roof



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Workers from Wellington-based Best Roofing and Waterproofing Inc. unload their equipment and supplies Friday as they get ready to repair the roof at Carl H. Kumpf Middle School. Unfortunately for students, who had been tantalized with the prospect of an entire week of early dismissals, Best Roofing was able to make the repairs without letting school out early any more than just that day.

Residents, business feud

Schiefersteins push to clean up market site

By David Learn
Managing Editor

When Fred Schieferstein looks out at Rainbow Drive, he sees people who are determined to make him miserable.

When residents of Rainbow Drive look at Schieferstein's Farm Market, they see a business with no regard for its neighbors or how it affects them.

The township this spring sided with the neighbors, and got a court order telling the Schiefersteins it had to clean up its act. The township granted an extension because of the rainy skies over Clark throughout the spring and summer, and let Schieferstein's have until Tuesday to get everything in order.

"Of course today was the deadline, and they didn't come by today," Schieferstein said Tuesday evening. "So they'll probably come by tomorrow."

Schieferstein ran through a litany of the faults he claims the business has mended: Debris has been tossed into a trash bin, the firewood it sells is stacked less than 10 feet high, trucks no longer run to the farm through Mae Belle Drive, a hedge

row has been planted to provide a visual buffer for the neighbors.

"Do I think it will be enough? I don't know what to think. You can't use rational thought with these people," said Schieferstein. "It has been my experience that I always have to expect problems."

That's also the expectation of Joseph Celeste, a 40-year resident of Rainbow Drive who remembers the market when it was a working farm under the management of Jim and Catherine Schieferstein, the uncle and aunt of its current owners.

"They are doing work, I don't deny that," Celeste said of Schieferstein and his brother, Andy Schieferstein. "Will they finish it and maintain it according to the requirements of the order? That's the question."

Like Schieferstein, Celeste has a list he can cite by rote — of problems he has experienced with the site over the last four years. Among them are weeds that get out of hand, growing as high as six feet tall, trucks driving down Rainbow and Mae Belle drives to enter the farm market through the Mae Belle Drive cul-de-sac, instead of the proper entrance on Madison

Hill Road and a generally poor appearance to the property.

"I'm lucky," Celeste said. "I've got the smaller, older home. I'm only paying \$8,000 (in property tax). The people next to me, they're paying \$12,000."

The property has been in the Schieferstein family for 100 years, since 1903. At less than 5 acres, the site is too small to qualify for the state's definition of a farm. The business sells firewood, and also sells produce at farmer's markets, including produce grown by farmers elsewhere.

Fred and Andy Schieferstein themselves participate in the community; both are appointed members of the Environmental Commission, although neither has attended regularly for some time. Fred Schieferstein also is a member of the Union County Board of Agriculture Executive Committee.

The issue for Celeste, of course, and other neighbors, is whether their efforts to spruce up the property will endure. He doesn't think so.

"This is the way they do things," he said. "They're not going to change."

Township pursuing grant to repair hockey rink, gym floor

By David Learn
Managing Editor

As basketball courts go, the floor of the municipal gym leaves a lot to be desired.

Made of gray plastic tile, the floor collects dirt and lacks the sheen of buffed and polished hardwood. It's supposed to be easier on the back when players fall on it, but it's also harder to get that smooth, easy twist and slide. And dribbling itself? Unless the ball is overinflated, that's not going to happen either, not very well.

The gym is in use constantly. Not just basketball games, but volleyball, aerobics and martial arts practitioners use the gym. For everyone dissatisfied with the tile flooring, good news may be coming in the next few months from a grant the township hopes to receive.

The grant, a bonanza arranged about three weeks ago by state Sen. Joseph Suliga, D-Union, could supply the township with \$100,000 for repairs not only to the Brewer gym but to the township's roller skating rink next to Carl H. Kumpf Middle School on Mildred Terrace.

Keith Dolan, director of the Recreation Department,

declined to comment.

The other recreation area that stands to benefit from the grant is Clark's roller hockey rink, an easily overlooked blacktop playground on the north side of Kumpf School.

Repairing the hockey court could cost from about \$20,000 to \$25,000, Mayor Sal Bonaccorso said.

"It's developing cracks and a couple problems," he said of the blacktop. "It's safe, but it's time" for the repairs to be made.

The Clark Roller Hockey League, which had fall registration Sept. 22-24, uses the rink during the spring and fall seasons. About 100 children belong to the roller hockey league. Teams will be assigned Friday, with play beginning soon after.

The tile flooring was added to the gym a few years ago, during the Ellenport administration. At the time, the plastic tiles were billed as a state-of-the-art repair for the floor, which needed repairs as a result of a freeze caused when someone turned the heat off in the gym one winter.

The tiles are an improvement over the buckled floor that players had to deal with before, but even

so, they leave a lot to be desired.

"The tiles have failed," said the mayor, who supported their installation when he was on Township Council. "They're not what we thought they were."

The tile flooring has presented its share of problems to athletic purposes; it also has posed problems for cleaning crews. The traditional cleaning method — sweeping, and then mopping — catches dirt in cracks between tiles, and then streaks the dirt across the floor once workers pass it over with a wet mop.

Cleaners now vacuum the floor instead of sweeping it. It's an improvement — the floor Tuesday morning was clean, even though it didn't glow like a polished wooden floor would.

At this point, the fate of the tiles is up in the air. If the grant comes through — the administration hopes to hear this December — the floor will be ripped up and relaid. Bonaccorso said he has no idea whether to store the tiles or toss them into the garbage.

If the grant fails to provide enough money for both projects, the township would cover the rest out of its capital budget in 2004.

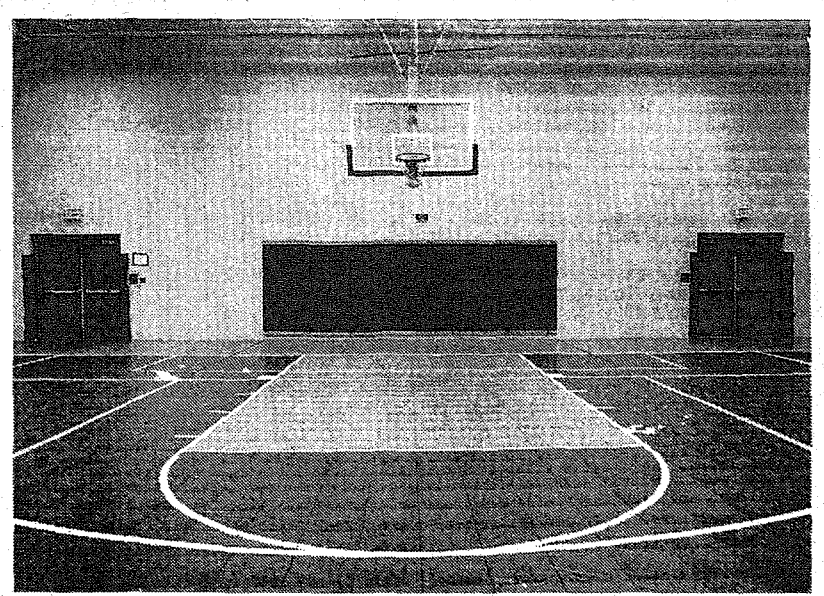


Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

The gym at the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building is made of gray tiles that may make way in the next few months for a hardwood floor.

Mission of giving



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Audrey Palmatier of Clark drops a bundle of clothes off at the DARE receptacles next to the tennis courts outside the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building.

Library work being drawn up

By David Learn
Managing Editor

Work on the Clark Public Library expansion remains in the drawing stages — the architectural drawing stages.

The Township Council unanimously approved the project on March 17. The work is expected to cost about \$1.75 million.

The plans are being drawn up by architect Anthony Iovino, who prepared drawings for the township when the library expansion project first came up for a vote last year.

Even though the vote to build the library was made this past spring, it still will be next spring by the time work can get under way.

"Any construction project, it's really not much of a surprise," Angel Albanese, the Township Council liaison to the library board of trustees, said of the delays. "It's naive to think any construction project is going to take place in four months."

The time has allowed the township to pursue more grant money to offset the cost to local taxpayers. One of the latest of these is a Union County Block Development Grant to improve handicap access at the library.

The grant will be decided and awarded in February.

Tinsmith



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Clark resident Frank Mai demonstrates his tinsmithing hobby during the Harvest Festival at Trilside Nature and Science Center's 22nd annual Harvest Festival in Watchung Reservation on Saturday. Mai normally practices his hobby in his basement.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Today

• The A.L.J.Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Arthur L. Johnson High School library.
For more information, call Jim Molloy at 732-388-4543.

Tuesday

• The Clark Republican Civic Association is sponsoring its seventh annual pig roast barbecue from noon to 5 p.m., rain or shine, at the Deutscher Club on Featherbed Lane.

Admission costs \$25 for adults. Children younger than 14 will be admitted free. Reservations are available by sending a check to the Clark Republican Municipal Committee at 62 Stonehenge Terrace, Clark, NJ 07066.

For more information, call Sonny Brattole at 732-381-0452.

• The Deutscher Club of Clark Inc., 787 Featherbed Lane, will hold an Oktoberfest celebration at 7:30 p.m., with music by The Windjammers Orchestra. Admission costs \$5.

The program will be held inside. Traditional German and American food and beverages will be available. For more information, call 732-574-8600.

Sunday

• Junior members of the Clark Historical Society will paint pumpkins for Halloween from 2 to 4 p.m. in Room 30 of the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

• The Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 8 p.m. in the municipal courtroom, 315 Westfield Ave., when it expects to hear an application by developer Rudolph Duanno to build 18 townhouses at 639 Raritan Road.

Upcoming

Oct. 10

• Cub Scout Pack 30 will sponsor its 28th annual tricky tray gift auction on at St. John the Apostle School, Valley Road.

Doors to the event open at 7 p.m., followed by drawings at 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$5. Refreshments will be available. No one younger than 18 will be admitted. For more information, call 908-486-3670.

Oct. 11

• The township will hold a cleanup of the Clark Wildlife Preserve and Habitat from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants are to gather at the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave.

For more information, call 732-388-3600.

• The Deutscher Club of Clark Inc., 787 Featherbed Lane, will celebrate Oktoberfest at 7:30 p.m., with music by Bernie's Orchestra.

Admission costs \$5.

The program will be held inside. Traditional German and American food and beverages will be available. For more information, call 732-574-8600.

Oct. 13

• The Clark Democratic Committee will hold its annual golf outing at the Hyatt Hills Golf Complex. Registration for a full day of golf, lunch and dinner costs \$145 per person. Dinner by itself costs \$60 per person.

Registration was due by Wednesday, with checks sent to Clark Democratic Committee, 6 Elm St., Clark, NJ 07066.

For more information, call Jim Spaziani at 732-382-0921 or Nancy Sheridan at 732-382-6884.

Oct. 14

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

Oct. 15

• Nicole Ingra will speak to the Clark Historical Society about "The Holistic Approach to Osteoarthritis/Osteoporosis Prevention" at 7:30 p.m. in Room 30 of the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave. Refreshments will be served.

Oct. 20

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

Oct. 22

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

Oct. 23

• Friends of Clark Public Library will sponsor its annual Sales Extravaganza vendor night from 5 to 8:30 p.m. A percentage of all vendor sales will benefit the library.

Oct. 26

• Trick or Treat, the 43rd Annual Halloween Parade down Westfield Avenue will return at 2 p.m. Participating children design costumes of all types for this event and compete for prizes and silver dollars, which are awarded each year.

After the parade, free hot dogs, juice, balloons and candy will be distributed. The parade will start at Westfield Avenue and Denman Street, and will end at the Charles H. Brewer

For more information, call 732-381-1900.

Oct. 27

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

Oct. 28

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

• The Planning Board will meet at 8 p.m. in council chambers, 315 Westfield Ave.

Ongoing

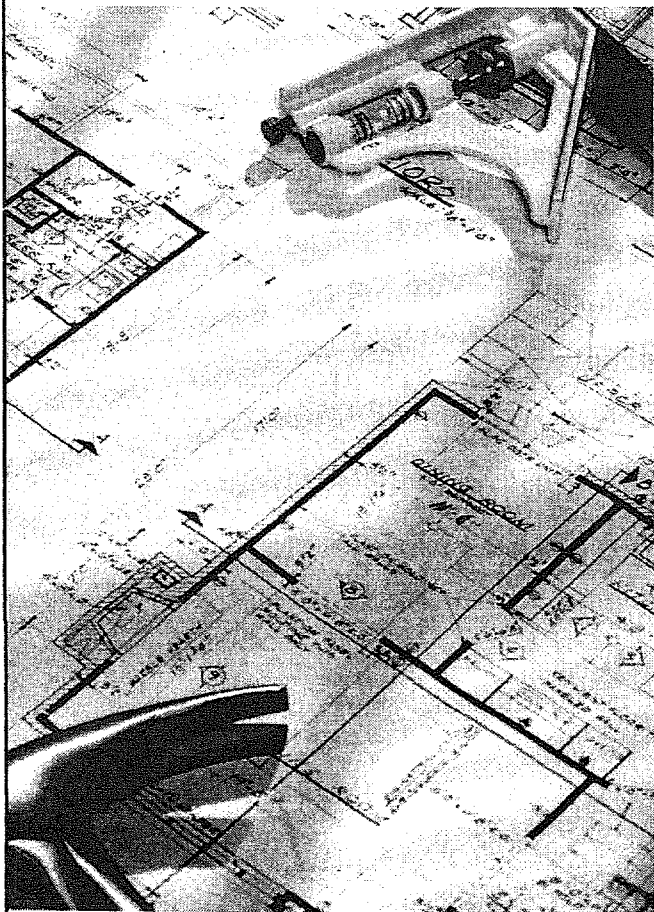
• The Skulski Art Gallery, 177 Broadway, is open to the public 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturdays.

For more information, call Aleksandra K. Nowak at 732-382-7197.

• Bishop Justin J. McCarthy Knights of Columbus Council 5503 is conducting its Make a Child Smile at Christmas toy drive through Dec. 15. Proceeds will be given to the children of Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

Donations can be taken to the council, 27 Westfield Ave., or sent to Knights of Columbus Council 5503, 27 Westfield Ave., Clark, NJ 07066. For more information, call 732-574-9067.

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Burglars hit homes on State, Maurice

Someone stole unlisted items from a State Street home in a theft reported at 12:34 p.m. Sunday.

A Maurice Avenue home also was reported burglarized at 2:35 a.m. Friday.

Police did not list the items stolen in either burglary, or provide any information about how the burglars gained entry to the homes.

• Richard Brown, 28, of 72 Canal St., Sayreville, was arrested at 9:23 p.m. Sept. 22 on an outstanding contempt-of-court warrant.

Police took Brown to Union County Jail when he was unable to pay a total \$1,800 in fines.

• Police charged Jennifer Torrick, 30, of 101 Fifth Ave., New York, with shoplifting at Rite-Aid Pharmacy at 10:57 p.m. Sept. 22.

Torrick allegedly shoplifted \$41.18 worth of unlisted items.

• A Newark man cleared the books with Clark after paying \$300 in an outstanding contempt-of-court fine at 9:06 a.m. Sept. 24.

The man, identified as Segunao Miranda, 46, of 268 N. 10th St., Newark, had been stopped in Springfield on an unspecified motor-vehicle charge.

State Police, after stopping Miranda, discovered the outstanding Clark warrant.

• An Oak Ridge Road resident reported losing a cellular phone, at 3:32 p.m. Sunday.

No other information was available.

• Unlisted items were reported stolen from a Walnut Avenue business at 9:20 a.m. Monday.

There had been a burglar alarm activation at the same address at 12:34 p.m. Saturday, which police determined to be a false alarm.

Police did not indicate if the alarm and theft were at the same business, or if they were at different businesses that occupy the same building.

• Someone called police to report a suspicious person near Westfield

POLICE BLOTTER

Avenue and Raritan Road, at 10:39 a.m. Sunday.

Police investigated, and discovered that the man's vehicle had broken down and he was waiting for a ride.

• Police and Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad were called to the scene after a man cut his wrist at a Westfield Avenue residence at 7:59 a.m. Sept. 23.

The victim left for the hospital before the rescue squad could arrive.

• A Suburban Road resident reported credit card theft at 11:28 a.m. Sept. 23.

No other information was available.

• A 23-year-old woman reported having abdominal pains while at a Central Avenue business at 1:52 p.m. Sept. 24.

Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad took the woman to Rahway Hospital.

• Cleaning crews accidentally set off a fire alarm at a Valley Road building at 11:11 a.m. Sept. 25.

• Police responded to a call for help for a 68-year-old man "in distress" at 12:47 p.m. Sept. 25.

Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad took the man to Rahway Hospital.

• Sevell's Auto Body towed an impounded motor vehicle from Ross Street and Valley Road at 1:22 p.m. Sept. 25.

Police did not say why the vehicle was impounded.

• An 82-year-old Brookside Terrace resident reported having chest pains at 5:28 a.m. Friday.

Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad took the woman to JFK Medical Center.

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EVENTS

ALJ Booster Club holds second monthly meeting

The A.L.J. Booster Club will hold its second meeting of the school year on 7:30 p.m. today in the Arthur L. Johnson High School library.

Meetings are held in the library at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of every month.

For more information, call Jim Molloy at 732-388-4543.

Art gallery invites public to get in tune with nature

Skulski Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation has begun its fall season with a presentation of works "In Tune With Nature," open through Friday.

The show features sculpture by Lubomir Tomaszewski, Ivan Bratko, Julie Ambrose and Renata Komorniczak; paintings by Maria Fuks, Aleksandra K. Nowak and Arthur Skowron; drawings and prints by Janusz Skowron; photography by Eva Rubinstein and Janek Hausbrandt; tapestry by Josephine Tomaszewski; and music by Polish jazz musician Krzysztof Medyna and other instrumentalists.

"In Tune With Nature" was initiated in 1994 by Lubomir Tomaszewski, a Polish sculptor living in the United States. Since then, the group has exhibited in the United States, France, Germany and Poland.

Members of the group represent a variety of artistic expression, including painting, sculpture, drawing and graphic art, tapestry and photography. They enter other domains as well and the shows they organize

often include improvised music and dance.

The Polish Cultural Foundations is located at 177 Broadway.

The gallery is open for the public 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturdays.

For more information, call Nowak at 732-382-7197.

Oktoberfest comes twice at Clark Deutscher Club

The Deutscher Club of Clark Inc., 787 Featherbed Lane, will have two Oktoberfests.

The first Oktoberfest will start at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, with music by The Windjammers Orchestra. The second Oktoberfest will start at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 11, with music by Bernie's Orchestra. Admission to each costs \$5.

Each program will be held inside. The kitchen will be open. Traditional German and American food and beverages will be available.

For more information, call 732-574-8600.

Clark Republicans hold annual pig roast barbecue

The Clark Republican Civic Association is sponsoring its seventh annual pig roast barbecue from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, rain or shine, at the Deutscher Club.

Admission costs \$25 for adults. Children younger than 14 will be admitted free. Hot dogs, sausage, hamburgers, beer, soda and a pig roast are included in the price. Kiddie rides and a deejay also will be on hand.

Reservations are available by sending a check to the Clark Republican Municipal Committee at Clark Republican Municipal Committee, 62 Stonehenge Terrace, Clark, NJ 07066.

No tickets will be issued. Payment reserves a space.

The Clark Republican Civic Association is open to the public and welcomes anyone interested in becoming a member.

Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month at Molly Maguire's in Clark.

For more information, call Sonny Brattole at 732-381-0452.

Clark Historical Society plans pumpkin painting

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Nicole Ingra will speak to the Clark Historical Society about "The Holistic Approach to Osteoarthritis/Osteoporosis Prevention" at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 15. Refreshments will be served.

Membership in the historical society costs \$5 a year for adults, and \$1 for children.

Meetings are held in Room 30 of the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave.

Seminars present church view on value of life

St. Agnes Church, 322 Madison Hill Road, will offer insights into the Catholic beliefs on life through a

series of talks.

The series will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Mondays in October. Programs include Stem Cells and Cloning, Monday; Post-Abortion Healing, Oct. 13; Euthanasia and End-of-Life Issues, Oct. 20; and Death Penalty, Oct. 27.

The seminars are free, open to the public and will be held in the church auditorium. There will be a question and answer period afterward.

Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. each Monday.

For more information, call Mary Thoden at 732-382-2749.

Cub Scout Pack 30 holds annual tricky tray auction

Cub Scout Pack 30 will sponsor its 28th annual tricky tray gift auction Oct. 10 at St. John the Apostle School, Valley Road.

Doors to the event open at 7 p.m., followed by drawings at 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$5. Refreshments will be available. No one younger than 18 will be admitted.

Golf outing held to aid municipal Democrats

The Clark Democratic Committee will hold its annual golf outing at the Hyatt Hills Golf Complex on Oct. 13.

Open to the public, the outing includes 18 holes of golf, lunch, a buffet dinner, an open bar, awards, door prizes and the chance to win a Buick Rendezvous as a hole-in-one prize. Reservations also are being accepted for dinner separately.

This year's outing is the first to be

held locally at Hyatt Hills.

"The outing gives everybody a chance to get together, relax and have fun for the day," said golf outing Chairman Jim Spaziani.

The outing is open to individuals, businesses and organizations within and outside Clark. A number of county and state elected officials are also on the guest list.

Registration for a full day of golf, lunch and dinner costs \$145 per person. Dinner by itself costs \$60 per person.

Registration was due Wednesday, with checks sent to Clark Democratic Committee, 6 Elm St., Clark, NJ 07066.

For more information, call Jim Spaziani at 732-382-0921 or Nancy Sheridan at 732-382-6884.

Public invited to help remove reservoir litter

The township will hold a cleanup of the Clark Wildlife Preserve and Habitat from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 11.

Participants are to gather at the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave.

The event is open to the public. For more information, call 732-388-3600.

Miscellaneous monsters wanted for spooky parade

Trick or Treat, the 43rd Annual Halloween Parade down Westfield Avenue will return at 2 p.m. Oct. 26.

The parade is sponsored by the Clark Lions Club for the children of Clark. Participating children design

costumes of all types for this event and compete for prizes and silver dollars, which are awarded each year.

After the parade, free hot dogs, juice, balloons and candy will be distributed.

The club is seeking public participation in the parade as marchers, and as float riders and builders. Teams and classes are welcome. The parade will start at Westfield Avenue and Denman Street, and will end at the Charles H. Brewer.

"We are asking once again for your help in making our year 2003 parade an outstanding success while continuing the tradition of providing a wholesome and happy activity for the children of Clark," said Robert Gittleman, chairman of Halloween Parade.

For more information or to make a donation, call 732-381-1900.

St. Agnes School marks 40 years of education

St. Agnes School in Clark will mark its 40th anniversary with a celebration Nov. 29.

During the event, alumni, neighbors, parishoners and guests will enjoy festivities honoring the school starting with a Mass of Celebration at 5:30 p.m. followed by a cocktail reception. Students will celebrate the anniversary Friday.

An anniversary journal is being prepared to coincide with this event. For more information, call 732-381-0850 for more details.

St. Agnes School is an accredited pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade school.

SENIOR NEWS

Line dancing is offered to Clark senior citizens

Line dancing in the gym will be held 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday; and Oct. 20, and 27; Nov. 3, 10, 17 and 24; Dec. 1 and 8.

Phyllis McGarry will be the instructor.

Contemporary American Issues, a Union County College history course taught by Anthony Troncone, will be held in the cafeteria from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday and Oct. 20 and 27; Nov. 3, 10, 17 and 24; Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22.

Exercise sessions will be held in the gym from 9 to 10 a.m. today and Tuesday, and Oct. 9, 14, 16, 21, 23;

28 and 30; Nov. 4, 6, 13, 18, 20 and 25; Dec. 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23 and 30. Evelyn Panish will be the instructor.

Arts and crafts will be held in the cafeteria from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday; Oct. 15, 22 and 29; Nov. 5, 12, 19 and 26; Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Helen Rokosny will be the instructor.

Speaker to highlight area's Colonial history

Clark seniors will meet at 1 p.m. Oct. 16 in the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building cafeteria, 430 Westfield Ave. Another meeting is scheduled for Nov. 20.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Lillian B. Krov at 732-381-3823.

The senior dinner-dance at the Westwood will be Dec. 18.

Senior bus service

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

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

Mondays: morning, ShopRite;

afternoon, Clark shops, library, Municipal Building.

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

Wednesdays: first Wednesday, Woodbridge Mall; second Wednesday, Menlo Park Mall; third Wednesday, Woodbridge Mall; fourth Wednesday, Middlesex Mall; if a fifth Wednesday, Woodbridge Mall.

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

Fridays: morning, A&P, Kmart and Wal-Mart; afternoon, Aviation

Plaza, Linden; last Friday of month: A&P and Route 1 East Brunswick Flea Market, weather permitting.

AARP members sought

The Clark Chapter 3733 AARP meets at the Charles H. Brewer Senior Center, 400 Westfield Ave.

Dan Flynn reminds members the need for Teddy Bears for the homeless children. Holiday packages containing soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste are needed for distribution at Christmas to Veteran Hospitals and Nursing Homes.

The chapter invites area residents with membership in the National AARP to join the local group and

enjoy the social gatherings, trips and volunteer programs and to keep abreast of matters of interest to retirees and those anticipating retirement.

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

AARP still has openings for the following trips:

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


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

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Commissioners to pave way for Riverfront development

By Josh Saltzman
Staff Writer

No one is banging down the door to build on the downtown Riverfront redevelopment zone, but the township is about to make the property legally ready for a commercial and residential development.

As of next Tuesday, pending a vote by the Township Committee, the Riverfront property — bounded by South Avenue, High Street, Chestnut Street and the Rah-

way River — will be designated for a potential mixed-use development that could include townhouses, apartments, and businesses like restaurants, health clubs, retail stores and even a hotel.

"What (the ordinance) basically is it says that this is a special section," said Township Commissioner Ann Darby, who has helped to spearhead the Riverfront redevelopment effort.

At the same time, passing the ordinance

doesn't mean developers are going to line up immediately, or that the township is going to start actively seeking a developer.

"The town doesn't own the property," she said, "and obviously the town is very busy with Cranford Crossing."

The plan divides the property, located about a block from the future site of Cranford Crossing, into a residential zone and a mixed-use zone.

In the final draft of the plan, the residen-

tial zone is limited to 12 residential units per acre. Officials expressed strong approval of this density limitation, which was absent from the original plan.

"It was designed not to create a burden on the surrounding area," Darby said.

The updated plan also requires a minimum of a one-car garage per housing unit and a maximum of three bedrooms per unit.

"These are supposed to be nice, higher-end housing stock," Darby said, explaining

that the target market would be childless couples and empty-nesters.

The mixed-use area of the property, which is zoned for commercial space and apartments, also received added regulations.

Most notably, a minimum first-floor retail area of 3,000 square feet per unit was added to provide space for larger businesses, including the kinds of national retailers some officials believe could serve as anchor stores for the downtown.

Newark men face car-theft charges

A Cranford man got a surprise Friday morning when police called to tell him his car had been recovered.

The man didn't know it had even been stolen.

Rafael Arias, 28, Calvin Henry, 32, and Kendall Conover, 18, all of Newark, were charged with motor vehicle theft and burglary to a motor vehicle in connection with the incident, which Cranford police learned about at 3:04 a.m. Friday.

That was when police in West Orange called Cranford to report that they had arrested the three men, whom they found with a 2001 Audi that was registered to a Keith Jeffries Avenue resident.

The three Newark men were taken to Essex County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 bail each.

The Cranford resident, whom police did not identify, checked his driveway and confirmed for Cranford police that his car was missing.

Police also found a 1990 Pontiac Bonneville, reported stolen from Belleville on Sept. 25, in front of the Keith Jeffries Avenue residence.

Lt. Steve Wilde, a police spokesman, said that Cranford averages about 20 stolen cars each year.

Police are still investigating two gas station burglaries Sept. 24 in which the thieves employed similar methods to steal the goods.

The first incident happened at 3:49 a.m., when a burglar alarm activation

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drew police to Cranpark Mobil, 475 North Avenue East.

Police found that the glass front door of the station had been smashed in, and about \$600 worth of cigarettes had been stolen.

The second burglary happened between 10 p.m. Sept. 24 and 6:20 a.m. Sept. 25, at North Avenue Sunoco, 401 North Avenue E.

As in the first burglary, the glass front door had been completely smashed in. In addition to cartons of cigarettes, the cash register also had been stolen. The total value of the stolen items was estimated at \$500.

The incidents remain under investigation.

Police stopped a vehicle on North Avenue at the intersection of Elizabeth Avenue for allegedly crossing the center line, at 1:22 a.m. Sept. 28.

The driver, Danil Solomatina, 27, of Union, was charged with failure to keep right, driving while intoxicated, and having no registration card in his possession.

Police stopped a vehicle at Arlington Road and North Avenue, for allegedly making an illegal u-turn.

The driver, Veronique Lott, 38, of 73 Centennial Ave., was charged with making an illegal U-turn and careless driving.

2-year-olds are invited to four weeks of stories

Cranford Public Library will hold a second four-week series of story hours for 2-year-olds on Wednesdays and Thursdays starting Wednesday.

Parents may register for either morning session, to be held at 10:15 Wednesday and Thursday mornings through Oct. 30.

Adults must accompany each 2-year-old. Older and younger siblings may not attend.

Registration is in person at the library, 224 Walnut Ave. For more information, call 908-709-7272.

'American Desi' spotlights cross-cultural confusion

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library will launch its fall foreign films program with "American Desi" at 1:30 and 7 p.m. Oct. 27 in the Community Center, 222 Walnut Ave.

The film, in English, is a coming-of-age comedy with an ethnic twist. Written and directed by a Rutgers University graduate reflecting on his school days and filmed at Middlesex County College in Edison, the story focuses on the difficulty of cross-culture and second-generation assimilation.

In the lexicon of young Indian Americans, a Desi is someone born in India but who lives somewhere else. You can't get more conflicted than New Jersey Krishna Reddy. Preferring to be called Kris, he cringes at anything that reminds him of his heritage and the traditions of his parents.

He is, of course, appalled when his new roommate and the white girl he has fallen in love with, turn out to be Desis who relish being Indian. The cultural confusion is the basis for much of the comedy that rings with firsthand experience.

Funding for these films has been made possible in part by the New Jersey Council on the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Admission is free.

Friends of the Library selling nylon tote bags

Friends of the Cranford Public is launching its 2003-04 fund-raising season with a tote bag sale.

The washable tote bags are selling for \$10. Made of nylon and polyester, the bags are 12 inch high, 19 inches long and 4 inches wide.

Bags are available at the circulation desk at Cranford Public Library, 224 Walnut Ave.

Readers hit the books together in special forum

The Reader's Forum, the book discussion group of Cranford Public Library, is in its 11th year of reading and discussing literature.

Remaining titles and dates for the 2003-04 reading year are "The Piano Shop on the Left Bank" by Thaddeus E. Carhart, Oct. 20, "Atonement" by Ian McEwan, Nov. 10; "Empire Falls" by Richard Russo, Dec. 8; "Dreaming Water" by Gail Tsukiyama, Jan. 12; "Disobedience" by Jane Hamilton,

Feb. 9; "White Teeth" by Zadie Smith, March 8; "The Magician's Assistant" by Ann Patchett, April 12; "The Family Orchard" by Naomi Eve, May 10.

The forum has been led since its inception by librarian Muriel Baumwoll and still boasts a number of original members. New members are welcome at any time.

Sessions start at 7 p.m. and are held in the library's Robert J. Fridlington Room.

For more information, call the library at 908-709-7272 or e-mail the library at library@cranfordnj.org.

Yearbooks wanted

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

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

To donate a yearbook, call the library at 908-709-7272.

Library offers storytime for preschoolers this fall

Cranford Public Library will hold preschool storytime for an eight-week period through Oct. 28-30. Programs are open to Cranford residents and holders of paid Cranford out-of-town library cards.

Sessions for 4-year-olds will be held at 10:15 a.m. Tuesdays through Oct. 28. Children attending must have

had their fourth birthday before the first meeting and not yet be in kindergarten.

Sessions for 3-year-olds will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Oct. 28. Children who attend must have had their third birthday before the first scheduled session.

There will be an additional drop-in session for 3-, 4-, and prekindergarten 5-year-olds at 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Oct. 29.

There will be four sessions for 2-year-olds and their accompanying adults, with four weeks each session, at 10:15 a.m. through today.

The second sessions will be held from Wednesday and Oct. 9 through Oct. 29 and 30. Registration must be made in person at the library and is ongoing.

Registration is limited to a minimum 12 children in any group, a maximum of 15 3-year-olds and 20 4-year-olds per group. An adult responsible for the child must remain in the library during storytime. Each 2-year-old must be accompanied by an adult.

Raise money by donating used-up inkjet cartridges

Cranford Public Library has begun participating in a program that offers cash for empty inkjet printer cartridges.

Dropping used ink cartridges off at the library, rather than throwing them in the trash, will raise money to supplement the library's book budget.

Cartridges can be dropped off at the main desk of the library, 224 Walnut Ave.

Former club president to speak about books

The featured speaker at the Philanthropic Tea of the Wednesday Morning Club, a woman's study group, will be Irma Merante, a former Cranford resident and past club president.

She will enlighten the members with her program, "Bout Books."

The tea will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Cranford at 1 p.m. Oct. 15. Sandi Pells, president, will preside.

Forthcoming department meetings include:

- The Drama/Music Department

will meet at the home of Peg Ruff to hear Vera Daniels, daughter of Kim Cokelet, speak on the "History of the Theater" at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

The Literature Department will meet at 1 p.m. Oct. 9 at the home of Meg Lynes. Dorothy Woglom will speak on "Theodore Roosevelt's Presidency" by Edmond Morris.

The Public Affairs Department will meet at the home of Helen Popiel at 1 p.m. Oct. 13. Township Commissioner Ann Darby will present the program, "Politics in Cranford."

The Antiques Department will meet at the home of Peg Ruff on at 1

p.m. Oct. 20 members will be sharing a "Show and Tell" of their favorite collectibles.

The Fine Arts Department is inviting all members of the club to join the group on a trip to the Whitney Museum in New York City on Oct. 23. Contact Dorothy Woglom for details.

The Applied Arts and Home Life Department will meet at the Community Center at 10 a.m. Oct. 27 to cover tins for the Dandy Cookie Project. Doris Taber and Florence Paredes will serve as hostesses and would like the entire club to participate.

For more information about the club, call Marie Mastorakis at 908-722-6243.

College Women's Club selling events calendar

The College Women's Club of Cranford is selling copies of its 30th annual community calendar, featuring a line illustration of Cranford High School by local artist and club member Linda Sowa.

The calendar runs from September 2003 to September 2004, and includes important dates for Cranford's public and private schools, sports schedules,

club activities, community organizations, municipal meetings and churches.

Calendars cost \$5, with proceeds supporting scholarships for township students. The calendar can be purchased at Perotti's, Michelle's Hallmark, Cranford Corner at Crisanti Shoes, Baron's Drug Store, Deidre Shea's School of Irish Dance and Cranford Public Library.

For more information, call Elaine Romano at 908-276-1875.

Freeholders to discuss issues at Democrats Club
The Cranford Democratic Club

will host members of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday as part of the kick-off for the social club's 2003-04 year.

The freeholders will chat informally about issues affecting Cranford and the county at large.

For more information about the Cranford Democratic Club, call Jonathan Jaffe at 908-276-6500.

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Entertainment — noon Friday. Sports — noon Monday.

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With over 31 years of experience, Robert Schneider, the instructor, remains dedicated to studying and training in Taekwon-Do and sharing his experiences with willing students. He is an ISSA Martial Arts Conditioning Specialist and has published several articles on fitness and martial arts. He continues to travel to the world headquarters in New York as well as Europe to enhance his own knowledge in the art of Taekwon-Do. For more information, he can be reached at 908-497-1100 or on the web @ Taekwon-docenter.com

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Cutting costs

One of the biggest challenges with education is finding a way to say no to something. With everything ostensibly being done to improve the quality of education that children receive, denying something on purely fiduciary grounds seems impossibly miserly. What could be worth more than our children's education?

Still, if the message Superintendent of Schools Paul Ortenzio is sending to the Board of Education is accurate, that's something the board will have to start doing more of. The news Ortenzio gave board members in a memo that has not been released to the public is that finances are getting tight. Voters approved a budget this year that was designed not to have many frills, and as a consequence there isn't a lot of money left for the board to start new programs, including the laptop computer program board member Karen Amalfe has been pushing.

If the laptop computer program doesn't take off this year, it can join a host of other, established programs that have been axed in recent years, including popular programs at Arthur L. Johnson High School such as auto shop and home economics.

Those cuts not only were hard, they were controversial, and it's not surprising that several board members have expressed a desire to restore the programs, in one form or another. The problem is that any restoration costs money, and money is not something the school district is rolling in. The board so far has managed to escape or postpone its date with financial hardship through maneuvers such as selling the former Abraham Clark School and moving its district administrative offices into Arthur L. Johnson High School, cutting programs, and reducing the amount of the budget required for staff salaries and benefits through the retirement of a number of veterans teachers and other staffers at the top of the salary scale.

The good times can't go on forever. At this point, the district is running out of easy ways to shore up its budget and revenue situation, and will have to start making some more tough choices about how to make ends meet. It's impossible to get something for nothing, and if board members don't start making some decisions about what to cut, the district's financial situation will start making those choices for them. It is illegal for a board of education to end a fiscal year with a deficit. When the Willingboro School District found itself in a similar situation a few years ago, it was forced to sell textbooks as well.

Good call

Difficult though the decision had to be, developer Rudolph Duanno made the correct choice in canceling the Zoning Board hearing on his Hollander Hill Estates application.

The application, which would add a townhouse development to Raritan Road, already has been the subject of some public scrutiny because it calls for triple the number of homes allowable under current land-use law. The entire hearing process is likely to receive continued scrutiny, and as such it is important for all concerned to avoid even the appearance of impropriety.

The life you save

Fire is heat, light and warmth. Many scholars believe control of this element set humanity apart from the animals and began our race on the path to enlightenment and progress. However, the benefits of fire are counterbalanced by the danger it possesses if not treated with the respect it warrants.

Fire Prevention Week traces its origin to the Great Chicago Fire, which began Oct. 8, 1871, lasted for 27 hours and killed more than 250 people. In addition, it left 100,000 people homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. It is a less well-known fact that, on the same day as the Great Chicago Fire, the Peshtigo Fire roared through northern Wisconsin, killing 1,152 people and burning more than a million acres.

As our society has advanced, the danger of fires has grown greater than ever. And while we depend on the great protection provided by our fire departments, it's up to every individual to take steps to lessen the danger of fire for everyone. Besides installing fire alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, we must follow the safety guidelines issued by the fire department and treat safety as the highest priority. The life you save may be your own.

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—Woodrow Wilson, 28th U.S. president, 1908

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GOLF BENEFIT — The Clark Police Benevolent Association held its annual William J. Waterson charity golf outing at Twin Brooks County Clubs in Watchung on Sept. 22. Held in the memory of Waterson, who was killed in the line of duty July 4, 1971, the outing raised more than \$7,000 in scholarships. Pictured are officers Keith Dunn, Kevin Shackleton, Dennis Reilly, John Doherty, Thomas Westerlund and PBA President Glenn Griffin, back row; and Walter Merfert, Glenn Griffin, and Steven Francisco.

Plants are not always what they appear to be

The Gardener's Apprentice

By Elisabeth Ginsburg

Mystery writers, students of magic and parents of teenagers know that things are not always what they seem.

Blue-eyed grass — *Sisyrinchium angustifolium* and related species — is a case in point. It does not have blue eyes and is not a grass. However, it does have a combination of winsome flowers and an easy-going growth habit.

Couple those traits with the current vogue for native plants and ornamental grasses, and the end result is a lot of interest in blue-eyed grass. Now its brown-eyed and yellow-eyed *Sisyrinchium* relatives are on their way to popularity, as well.

If you get down on your knees and look closely at any species of blue-eyed grass, the elongated leaves appear similar to the straplike foliage of its fellow members of the iris family. Take a few steps back and that same foliage looks like grass, hence the common name.

The six-petaled flowers appear from May to July. Depending on the species, each lightly veined petal is light or dark purple-blue, sometimes shading darker toward the center. A characteristic tiny point at the top center often accents the petals. The "eye" in the middle of the flower is actually yellow, not blue.

*Sisyrinchium*s, including blue-eyed grass, have been around a long time. Various species of both the blue- and yellow-flowered plants flourished in the Western Hemisphere — from the Pacific Northwest to parts of Central and South America —

before the first settlers. Lewis and Clark encountered one blue-eyed species, *S. idahoense*, on their famous 1804-06 expedition.

Even now, in the face of pollution and development, there are a host of *Sisyrinchium* species growing wild in untended spaces all around the United States. The blue-flowered varieties resemble the most common species, *Sisyrinchium angustifolium*, which stands about 8 to 10 inches tall, and forms clumps that are 10 to 12 inches wide.

Blue-eyed grass would probably be a garden staple already if not for its small flowers. Wild species sport blossoms that are easy to miss at only 1/2-half inch in diameter. Cold tolerance also is a problem. Most *Sisyrinchium* species are unable to survive outdoors in climates where winter temperatures hover at or below freezing.

Fortunately, help arrived several years ago from Europe in the form of *S. angustifolium* *Lucerne*, which solves the size problem with larger bluish-purple flowers. *Lucerne* has the added bonus of being more cold tolerant and less prone to promiscuous self-seeding than other blue-eyed grasses.

Ironically, though blue-eyed grass

is a North American native, *Lucerne* was discovered in a Swiss nursery by Connecticut plantsman Robert Herman, and named in honor of the location. Herman said that *Sisyrinchium*, like some other American native plants, is valued more highly in Europe than on its home turf.

The success of *Lucerne* helped to pave the way for other blue-flowered *Sisyrinchium* hybrids. California Skies and Marion have medium-blue flowers with darker veins. Suwannee is an American-bred hybrid that produces large numbers of pale blue *Lucerne*-size blossoms. Suwannee also has an extremely compact habit and dense evergreen leaves, making it useful for smaller gardens.

If you like the looks of *Sisyrinchium*, but do not want blue flowers, you can opt for yellow-eyed grasses. The flower shape is usually the same, though the stalks of some varieties have a spikier appearance than those of blue-eyed grass.

S. palmifolium, sometimes called *S. macrocephalum*, grows taller than the blue-eyed grasses, with 1-inch yellow flowers atop branched stalks. The foliage is the same blue-green grass-like array, but it forms into clumps that can be as large as 20 inches wide and 20 inches tall.

The bloom time is approximately the same as that of blue-eyed grass — May and June — but the blossoms open late in the day. Yellow-eyed grass species, including *S. palmifolium* and *S. tinctorium*, are native to Mexico, Central and South America,

and must be overwintered indoors in climates with cold winters.

In addition to blue and yellow-eyed grass, at least one catalog carries a brown-eyed hybrid called Quaint and Queer. Not surprisingly it has typical *Sisyrinchium* foliage and flowers with chocolate brown petals. The plant's origins are unclear, but brown-eyed *Sisyrinchium* is probably a hybrid of blue and yellow varieties.

*Sisyrinchium*s — yellow-, brown- or blue-eyed — are perfect for small spaces or rock gardens. They also make good edging plants, somewhat reminiscent of lilyturf. Most prefer sun or, at the very least, bright shade, and favor locations that are uniformly moist but not boggy. *Sisyrinchium*s are not especially particular about soil, and mingle happily with most other perennials.

You can find *S. angustifolium* *Lucerne* at White Flower Farm, P.O. Box 50, Litchfield, CT 06759 or by calling 1-800-503-9624; or online at www.whiteflowerfarm.com.

Plant Delights Nursery features yellow, blue and brown-eyed grasses. Contact them at 9241 Sauls Road, Raleigh, NC 27603, by phone at 919-772-4794; or online, at www.plantdelights.com.

Marion and California Skies are available from Heronswood Nursery, 7530 NE 288th St., Kingston, WA 98346; by phone at 360-297-4172; or online at www.heronwood.com.

Elisabeth Ginsburg is a frequent contributor to this newspaper.

Union County park system enjoys a rich history

It was quite a number of years ago that the family first visited the Watchung Reservation after it had become a part of the Union County Park System.

In those days there was swimming allowed in the lake that is concealed in the valley below the round area that a visitor first sees after making his way up the winding road of the park entrance. This lake used to be known as Silver Lake, but the Park Commission changed its name to Surprise Lake and it is something of a surprise to be found among all of the wooded area of the park.

In those long-ago days it was a simple matter to park a car along the road that encircled the large grassy area at the top of the mountain. From a parked car it was a long walk down a set of stairs carved into the side of the hill, with the edge of each step made from a log embedded in the ground. At the bottom of the stairway was a small beach and the swimming area of the lake. On a hot weekend there were usually quite a number of swimmers in the lake and many of them were children.

There was also a sort of a path along the edge of the water, and at the end of the lake was a stone dam that created the lake by holding back the water of the stream that flowed along the valley. It was a bit tricky to walk across the top of the dam because the stones were wet and slippery, and a careless step might cause a walker to suddenly fall into the lake.

As the years went by the Park Commission added several features to the reservation. One was a log cabin built in the woods a short distance

The Way It Was

By William Frolich

from the road that leads to the bridge at the northern end of the lake. This was a rather large cabin with a wide open first floor and a smaller second floor as a sort of inside balcony at one end. At the other end was a stone fireplace and chimney that could provide heat on a cold evening.

Arrangements could be made with the park office for the use of this cabin, and there was one delightful time when a number of us had a Halloween party in the cabin. Firewood was plentiful and we soon had a fire going. There was apple cider and doughnuts on hand, and ghost stories to be told, with just the right atmosphere in the dark areas of the cabin, as the only light came from the fire. Shadows flickering around the walls added to the mystery of the stories.

Sad to relate, this cabin no longer exists, as a few years after our party, it was destroyed by fire, and never replaced. It is almost impossible to pinpoint the exact spot where the cabin had been, now, as new trees have grown up where it once stood.

On the western side of the park, along Glenside Avenue, is a large area of grassland, which is used frequently by the Boy Scouts for some of their programs. In recent years it has also been used for an "archaeological dig" where school groups have been shown how to locate ancient artifacts.

The students do actually locate

items such as iron cannonballs and old musketballs and other objects like old animal bones. However, most of these items have been "salted" in the ground by the instructors, with genuine material provided by historical societies.

Further along Glenside Avenue is the entrance to Feltville, the "Deserted Village" of the park. Before Route 78 was built this was a narrow roadway leading to a number of old buildings, most of which were in rundown condition. In recent years there has been a strong effort by the Park to restore these old buildings, that are all that remain of a company village of 1835 that housed about 500 people.

The history of the area goes back much further than 1835, and there are at least three graves known to exist that contain the remains of Revolutionary War soldiers. Years later a gentleman named David Felt bought enough acres around the small stream that flow through it and established a paper factory that produced the varied colored paper used on the inside covers of ledgers. He provided the housing for his workers and their families, but when the factory went out of business, everything began to decay as the workers moved away.

It was around 1900 that a Mr. Ackerman acquired the village and turned

it into a summer resort named Glenside Park, nestling in the cool mountains. He added some front porches to the houses, and used cedar poles to hold up their roofs. This gave a rather rustic appearance to the village, and that look continues today.

Visitors seemed to enjoy the cool mountain air and the chance to get away from the hot towns and cities. This venture was successful for a while, but the automobile and public transportation to the New Jersey shore and other places ended this resort by 1915, and it was again abandoned until the Park Commission bought the Watchung Reservation around 1925.

This addition to the Park System presented a challenge to the Commissioners, as to how to make the reservation easily available to the public, and yet maintain the natural appearance of the area. The automobile had certainly arrived by this time, so roads were carefully planned and created. On a winter day after the leaves have fallen from the trees, the view from the entrance road of Tracy Drive can be breathtaking.

A member of the Union County Historical Society, William Frolich is a frequent contributor to this newspaper.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Judge wrong to strike Do Not Call list

To the Editor:

Since this is a government of, by and for the people, and such a huge number of people signed up voluntarily for the Do Not Call program, this program should never be questioned.

Betty Schroeck
Clark

WHAT? WHY?

HERE'S A CHANCE for all readers to share their answer to questions presented in this column. We will publish responses a week later. Send comments or suggest another question to WHAT and WHY, P.O. Box 3109, Union, N.J. 07083 or e-mail to editorial@thelocalsource.com. Please include your town name.

WHERE ROUTE 280 MEETS THE PARKWAY, TRAFFIC IS ALWAYS A NIGHTMARE DURING MORNING AND EVENING RUSH HOURS. DO YOU THINK SOMETHING CAN BE DONE TO RELIEVE THE TRAFFIC PROBLEM IN THIS AREA?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

St. Anne's reunion special to alumni

To the Editor:

Sept. 20, was a great day for us Cranford residents who attended Garwood schools when we were children.

When my friend Marilyn and I went to the block party in Unami Park, we were delighted to be reunited with classmates from the former St. Anne's School: Cathy Gathercole, Roseanne Barca, Eileen von Ohlen, Mike Schultz, Steve Vajsabel, Jay Trelease, Joe Petrozellio and Annette, whose surname I don't recall.

The Unami Park block party brought back great memories for us middle-age kids. We feel blessed by the Lord that we grew up in simple times, when prayer was in all schools and being American made us feel invincible and especially blessed by God.

Although St. Anne's has now become the Deron School, St. Anne's will always exist in the hearts and minds of us Baby Boom kids who have fond memories of Sister Agnelle, Father Mike and Father Rischmann.

Martha McLoughlin
Cranford

Labyrinth walk to be held at 1st Pres on Sunday

First Presbyterian Church of Cranford is sponsoring an ongoing series of open labyrinth walks.

Walks will be held in Bates Hall in First Presbyterian Church, 11 Springfield Ave. The community and surrounding towns are invited to participate.

The next labyrinth walk is scheduled for Sunday. Participants are invited to come and walk the Labyrinth any time between 1 and 4 p.m., but walks should begin by 3:30 p.m. so they can finish by 4. Walks are held the first Sunday of every month.

Walking the labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice of prayer and meditation. For more information the labyrinth walks, call the church at 908-276-8440.

OBITUARIES

Lawrence Marro Sr.

Lawrence Marro Sr., 86, of Cranford, formerly of Roselle Park, died Sept. 21 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in New York City, Mr. Marro lived in Roselle Park before moving to Cranford 42 years ago.

He was a used car dealer at Parkway Motors, Roselle Park, for 30 years and retired 27 years ago.

Earlier, Mr. Marro was a tailor at Morro Tailor Shop, Roselle Park.

Surviving are a son, Lawrence Jr.; three sisters, Theresa Capone, Mary Walton and Doris Dreyfus, and a grandchild.

Walter Warmke

Walter B. Warmke, 100, of Cranford died Sept. 22 in Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth.

Born in Germany, Mr. Warmke lived in Roselle and Cliffwood Beach before moving to Cranford many years ago.

He was a tool and die maker with Thomas and Betts, Elizabeth, for many years and retired in 1968.

Mr. Warmke celebrated his 100th birthday Dec. 1.

He was a member of the German American Club in Plainfield.

Surviving are two daughters, Jean Homer and Barbara Moskal; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

George H. Smith

George H. Smith, 80, of Cranford, formerly of Elizabeth and Linden, died Sept. 25 in Union Hospital.

Born in Newark, Mr. Smith lived in Elizabeth and Linden before moving to Cranford 40 years ago.

He was a mason with Exxon USA at the Bayway Refinery for 38 years and retired in 1983.

While at Bayway, Mr. Smith was a member of the Bayway Refinery Fire Brigade and was world champion heavy rescue squad.

Mr. Smith was a Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He served on the U.S.S. Lindenwald during the latter conflict.

Mr. Smith was the current commander of American Legion Post 260, Bayway, Elizabeth, and a member of the 40/8 honor society of the American Legion and the Union County chapter of the Korean War Veterans, Kenilworth.

He served as captain of the Volunteer Fire Auxiliary Rescue Squad of the Cranford Fire Department for 25 years.

Mr. Smith was a CPR instructor for the American Heart Association, an emergency medical technician instructor certified in New Jersey and the original course administrator of the EMT program at Union County College.

Mr. Smith was a former quartermaster of the Patriots Drum and Bugle Corps in Cranford, and the

Saints Drum and Bugle Corps in Fords.

He also was a former member of the Knights of Columbus Linden Council 2859 and a member of the Exxon Annuitants Club.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Margaret; two daughters, Kathryn Jackson and Peggy Smith; a son, James; a sister, Dolores McShane, and five grandchildren.

Frank J. McNally

Frank J. McNally, 80, of Beach Haven Terrace, formerly of Cranford, died Sept. 26 in Deborah Hospital, Browns Mills.

Born in Newark, Mr. McNally also lived in Cranford. He was a self-employed accountant working in the North Jersey area from 1950 to 1988.

Mr. McNally was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Camille I.; two daughters, Betty Lou Robillard and Carol Ann Kenny; a son, Michael; a sister, Jean Allatta, and nine grandchildren.

Gisela Chilletti

Gisela M. Chilletti of Cranford died Sept. 27 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Mosbach, Germany, Mrs. Chilletti came to the United States in 1957 and lived in Belleville before moving to Cranford three years ago.

Surviving are a son, William J.; two brothers, Lothar and Hermann; two sisters, Engele and Aloisia, and a grandchild.

Send us your wedding announcement

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the lifestyle editor.

Announcements should be typed, doubled spaced and no longer than one page. All announcements should

In politics, a popular name is the best platform

The Miller's Voice

By George McDonough

that do not always support our break with England.

Such behavior is not newly learned. From the Adamases and Harrisons of the 19th century to the Roosevelt, Kennedys, Doles, Bushes and Clintons of the 20th, our fascination with recognizable family names tends to cloud a decision making process that already is distorted by television sound bites and media biases.

In a culture where we have an unlimited access to data and information, we also place a premium on recognizable names from outside of government.

This trend is not only seen on the national level, but within state and local politics as well, as both major parties are guilty of promoting recognizable name candidates or "stars" over the qualifications of rivals within their own party.

An analysis of the recall election in California makes a strong argument in this regard.

Arnold Schwarzenegger, a popular film star with no government experience, is now on the doorstep of controlling the fifth largest economy in the world. Will New Jersey counter in the coming years with a Bruce Springsteen for governor movement?

Probably not, but Thomas Kean Jr. is being rushed forward to run for governor two years from now, having only spent one year in the Assembly and one in the Senate.

Does the fact that his dad was governor make him more qualified for the job than the many people who have spent their entire lives in government service? Certainly his father's name helped to elect him to the state legislature.

The problem with this name game is that many of the descendant or star candidates are not prepared for high-level roles in government.

Yet they are thrust into a leadership capacities based on popularity, similar to many high school student government elections.

Unfortunately, the stakes are much higher than having meat loaf removed

from the cafeteria menu.

Regardless of whether or not you support him, are we to believe that George W. Bush would have become governor of Texas, let alone president of the United States based on his academic and business acumen?

Can we not agree that he and brother Jeb had their gubernatorial candidacies greatly enhanced by their father and grandfather's successes?

John F. Kennedy Jr. and George W. Bush may have been good guys to a great many people, but they were, in fact, the consummate rich kids.

Born to nobility, they both gained access to Ivy League schools without the standard requisite grades, and later in life, easily moved toward the pinnacle of the American political system. Should we continue to reward such traits and behavior?

In essence, do we want qualified people or popular people to assume the leadership roles in American government?

George McDonough is the owner of Dreescher's Mill, and a frequent contributor to this newspaper.

EDUCATION

Networking academy at Union County College

Union County College is a Regional Cisco Networking Academy and through its Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education, teaches the Cisco-sponsored curriculum to train adults to become a Certified Cisco Network Associate.

The first semester of CCNA training begins Monday, on the college's Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave. The course fee is \$849.

The Cisco Networking Academy program teaches adults how to design, build, and maintain local, national, and global networks. The Cisco curriculum provides a complete range of basic through advanced networking concepts, from pulling a cable through such complex concepts as subnet masking rules and strategies.

Students who complete all four semesters are prepared to take the CCNA and Comp TIA Network exam. CCNA classes this spring are offered evenings on the college's Cranford campus.

For more information on the CCNA program, call the Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education at 908-709-7600.

Restaurant management

The Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education will be offering advanced courses for its Restaurant Management and Culinary Arts Certificate program.

Two courses begin on Nov. 4. All four courses will be at the Roselle Community School at Abraham Clark High School in Roselle. Each course cost \$95 and all four courses are requirements for the Restaurant Management and Culinary Arts Certificate Program.

"The Culinary Professional," will be from 6 to 8 p.m. and begins Nov. 4. Students in this course must have taken "Food Service Operations" as a prerequisite. Students will focus on dining room management and food service. They will learn the prerequisite skills of food preparation, handling, service, and basic restaurant purchasing procedures, inventory control and financial management.

The "Food Service Management," will be from 8:10 to 10:10 p.m. and begins Nov. 4. Students in this course will receive an overview of food service career management, including management responsibilities, human relations, management strategies, and facility sanitation.

For more information on registering for these courses, call the Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education at 908-709-7600.

EMT degree program

This fall, Union County College is introducing a new degree program for current or soon-to-be paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians. It offers these emergency health practitioners the opportunity to expand the skills and knowledge they already have through general education courses that lead to an associate in science degree allowing seamless transition to a bachelor's degree program at a four-year college or university.

There are several program tracks being offered suited to those who are already certified as a paramedic or EMT, as well as for those who have not yet been certified.

For those who are committed to saving lives for a living, this new program can change your life by offering

you the opportunity to enhance your competence and credentials in the delivery of health care.

For more information, call Program Coordinator Jennifer McCarthy at 908-412-3551, mccarthy@ucc.edu or Peter Vida, director of recruitment, at 908-709-7518, vida@ucc.edu.

New paralegal studies program will be available

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Statistics, the paralegal profession is projected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2010.

In Union County, recent market research indicates that 60 percent of law firms employ legal assistants/paralegals, of which 45 percent were able to fill their open positions due to a lack of qualified applicants.

For more information, contact Linda Spagnola, spagnola@ucc.edu or Peter Vida, director of recruitment, at 908-709-7518, vida@ucc.edu.

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NEWS CLIPS

Municipal Alliance offers instruction on parenting

Cranford Municipal Alliance will start its Systematic Training for Effective Parenting program Wednesday.

The overall goal of the program is to increase knowledge of parenting, improve family communication and relationship, and to decrease family conflict. It will be facilitated by Karen Murphy.

Seating is limited for the eight class sessions, which will be offered in morning and evening sessions. Registration costs \$25 each or \$40 per couple, plus a \$10 book cost. Babysitter service is available at the morning sessions.

For more information, call Murphy at 908-276-8091.

It's time to buy permits for bulky waste pickup

Cranford residents who want to participate in the township's bulky households waste program can purchase a permit.

A \$90 permit is required for residents to dispose of up to 750 pounds of bulky waste at the curbside. More than one permit can be purchased. Permits will be sold only at the Cranford Municipal Building Recycling Office, 8 Springfield Ave., Room 5. A \$15 late fee will be levied for permits.

Residents in districts three and four can buy from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

District 4 residents will be able to buy permits from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 14 to 15.

Cash or checks will be accepted. Permits will not be sold after a district's cleanup week has begun. No refunds will be given.

Pickup in District 1, southeast Cranford, already began. District 2 pickup, in southwest Cranford, will begin Monday. District 3 pickup, northwest Cranford, will begin Oct. 13. District 4 pickup, northeast Cranford, will begin Oct. 20.

Items such as appliances, furniture, carpeting, lawn mowers, toys and tools will be collected.

Unwanted books should be bundled or put into brown paper bags and set out at curbside on recycling days.

Clean used clothing, towels and sheets can be recycled at the Fanwood Recycling Center, North Avenue, Fanwood, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays. Unacceptable materials include regular household garbage, contractor generated construction debris, yard waste, chemicals and hazardous waste, medical waste, auto batteries and concrete.

Residents who participate will be required to display a permit placard in their front window and a sticker on the most prominent item at the curb.

Only materials with the proper permits displayed will be collected and removed. The township will perform random to ensure compliance with regulations and to prevent illegal dumping.

For more information, call 908-709-7299.

Biographies, pictures of servicemen sought

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department is asking families to submit photographs of loved ones serving overseas in the armed forces.

Include a short write-up about the individual, including personal and professional accomplishments.

The department will compile these photographs and write-ups and display them in the atrium of the Cranford Community Center, where they will be placed in a display area.

For more information, call the Recreation and Parks Department at 908-709-7283. Photographs and write-ups can be forwarded to: Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., Cranford, 07016.

Police seek volunteers to aid violence victims

The Police Departments is recruiting volunteers for a regional domestic violence victim response team in connection with Project Protect.

Team members will work with police to provide support, information, and referral at the time of a

domestic violence crisis. Projected start-up date for team operation is September.

Project Protect and the Police Department are committed to a multi-racial, multi-ethnic team to serve the community in the best manner possible. Applicants must be at least 18, have access to transportation, possess a valid driver's license, be willing to serve a minimum of four 12-hour shifts a month, and submit to background investigations, including fingerprinting.

A 40-hour mandatory intensive training course held over eight weeks on evenings and weekends, is required and will be provided to successful applicants. An understanding of domestic violence issues is a plus, as is bilingual capability.

For more information, contact Sgt. Bill Peters at 908-272-2222.

Car maintenance helps keep donations well-oiled

Need an oil change? South Avenue Sunoco is donating \$5 to the Cerebral Palsy League by for every oil change done at the station through December.

The station is located at South and Lincoln avenues.

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

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

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

Conservation Center offers autumn hours

The center has resumed its fall hours, and is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays,

Getting ready for the sale



Joey Kugelman, 7, Silvana Paradiso, 9, and Anthony Paradiso, 6, pose for a the Project Home Townwide Garage Sale, held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Rain date is Oct. 11. Maps of sale sites will be distributed at Cranford United Methodist Church, Walnut and Lincoln Avenues, from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday and from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Saturday; at Dunkin' Donuts, South Avenue West, Drug Fair Mall, 7:30 to 9 a.m. Saturday; and Bagel America, Cleveland Plaza, 7:30 to 9 a.m. Saturday; and at Kugelman and DeRosa Attorneys, 126 South Ave. E, from 3 to 5 p.m. Oct. 3. Maps will be at the Cranford Community Center after 9 a.m. Saturday. For more information, call 908-276-3530.

and from 9:30 a.m. to 3:50 p.m. weekends through November.

The center will be closed Nov. 28. The center is closed Thursdays.

Old telephone directories being replaced with new ones can be set at the curb with other recyclable materials or taken to the Cranford Conservation Center on Birchwood Avenue.

Printed telephones book — yellow or white pages — may be set out with mixed paper, bundled or in a brown paper bag. Mixed paper includes items such as catalogs, magazines, junk mail and cereal boxes.

Newspaper and corrugated cardboard are not included.

Yard waste permits are required for dropping off branches, grass and

yard trimmings.

A permit is not required to drop off other acceptable recyclable materials: newspapers, corrugated cardboard, mixed paper — no books — glass bottles, plastic type 1, 2 and 3 bottles, aluminum cans and steel cans.

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

Cranford historical group seeks membership boost

Cranford Historical Society is accepting new members.

There are three levels of membership: \$25, member; \$50, patron; and

\$100 or more, benefactor.

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

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

The society was founded in 1927.

Legislators available

In addition to regular business hours on weekdays and one Saturday per month, the legislative office at 203 Elm St., Westfield, is open from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays.

The 21st Legislative District includes Cranford. For more information, call 908-232-3673.

EVENTS

WORSHIP CALENDAR

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Project Home seeks participants for sale

The annual Project Home Townwide Garage Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, with an Oct. 11 rain date. Last year, 225 families participated.

Maps will be available from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday and 7:30 to 9 a.m. Saturday at Cranford United Methodist Church, Walnut and Lincoln avenues; from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Saturday at Bagel America, Cleveland Plaza; and from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday at Kugelman and DeRosa, 126 South Ave. E.

For more information, Cranford Family Care at 908-276-3530.

Freeholders to visit Cranford Democrats

The Cranford Democratic Club will host members of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders Wednesday.

The freeholders will chat informally about the latest issues affecting Cranford, as well as the county at-large, and will field questions.

"This is a great opportunity for Cranford residents to talk candidly with their elected representatives about the many initiatives happening at the county level that directly effect our community," said Mayor Daniel J. Aschenbach.

Residents are invited to the 7:30 p.m. meeting at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. Refreshments will be served.

The Cranford Democratic Club meets the second Wednesday of every month through June. Guest speakers are invited on a regular basis to discuss issues affecting Cranford.

For more information, call Jonathan Jaffe at 908-276-6500.

Candidates forum comes to Cranford next week

The Cranford League of Women Voters and Cranford Jaycees will host the annual Township Committee candidates forum at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 9 in the Cranford Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Ave.

An open forum will be provided for questions from the audience. Appearing will be Township Committee candidates Mayor Daniel J. Aschenbach and challenger Rita LaBrutto. The event is open to the public.

Knights of Columbus holds annual dance

Knights of Columbus Council 6226 of Cranford is hosting its third annual Columbus Day Dance, starting at 7 p.m. Oct. 11.

The event will be held in the gym of St. Michael's School, 100 Alden St.

Tickets cost \$25 each. The event will feature a deejay, an Italian buffet catered by the Gourmet Deli, and refreshments. Guests should bring an appetizer or dessert.

There will be a gift basket raffle, and a 50/50. Call 908-272-0374 or 908-709-8054 for more information.

Audiences invited to see 'Only an Orphan Girl' play

See a blizzard on stage. Wonder whether the buzz saw will stop before it cuts the heroine in half.

Cheer the hero. Boo the villain.

See "Only an Orphan Girl," a melodrama where the audience plays a major part, at 8 p.m. Oct. 17 and 18, and at 3 p.m. Oct. 19 at Orange Avenue School. Tickets cost \$6.

Marchers to raise money to fund autism research

A fund-raiser walk for the National Alliance for Autism Research will be held Oct. 12 in Nomahegan Park. Proceeds from the walk will benefit the national alliance, whose primary mission is to fund and accelerate biomedical research into the causes, prevention, treatment and, ultimately, a cure for the autism spectrum disorders.

Autism affects more than 1 million people in the United States alone and

occurs in an estimated one in every 250 children, making it the second most common developmental disability.

There is no treatment or cure for autism and little definitive research about the disorder. Since the national alliance was founded in 1994, it has committed \$14.9 million to fund 169 autism research projects and fellowships worldwide.

For more information about the walk, contact Dina Schwab at 888-777-6227 or via e-mail at dschwab@naar.org.

Cerebral Palsy League holds tricky tray auction

The Cerebral Palsy League will hold its second annual tricky tray gift auction at the Westwood in Garwood on Nov. 2.

The volunteer committee has begun its efforts to obtain prizes for this event from the community. The committee is seeking donations of individual items to be grouped together and for completed theme baskets.

We already have received donations varying from lunch gift certificates to an all-inclusive four day, three-night trip to the Bahamas.

For ideas or details on donating or ticket purchasing, call Leslie at 908-709-1800, ext. 101.

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Union, Cranford, Summit and Brearley continued their triumphant ways, while Linden and Roselle Park reached the win column for the first time.

Scotch Plains also remained undefeated after opening with three straight home victories.

Union defeated Elizabeth 35-28 at home last Saturday night. It was Union's first win over Elizabeth since 1999 when the Farmers bested the Minutemen 14-8 in Union.

Summit has now won 10 consecutive regular season games after posting a 28-10 victory over Mendham last Friday afternoon at Tatlock Field.

Cranford has now won eight straight regular season games with its 30-6 victory at Morris Knolls last Friday afternoon in Denville.

Brearley is now 12-0 in the regular season under head coach Scott Miller. The Bears handled Manville 48-0 last Friday in the first night game ever played at Ward Field in Kenilworth.

Linden halfback Norman Wakefield scored on a seven-yard run in the fourth quarter to help lift the Tigers past Shabazz 14-7 last Friday afternoon at Cooper Field.

Roselle Park fullback Elliot Fidali scored three touchdowns to spark the Panthers to a 20-7 win at Bound Brook last Thursday night.

WEEK THREE GAMES Friday, Oct. 3 (5)

East Side at Elizabeth, 7 p.m.

Linden at Cranford, 7

Summit at Parsippany, 7

Manville at Roselle Park, 7

Brearley at Newark Central, 7

Union forfeit win over Kearny.

Saturday, Oct. 4 (7)

Plainfield at Irvington, 1 p.m.

Shabazz at Westfield, 1

Immaculata at Johnson, 1

Hillside at Rahway, 1

North Plainfield at Roselle, 1

Ridge at Gov. Livingston, 1

Butler at New Prov., 2 p.m.

Scotch Plains is off.

WEEK TWO SCORES

Thursday, Sept. 25 (3)

Roselle Park 20, Bound Brook 7

North Plainfield 15, Hillside 14

Immaculata 26, Gov. Liv. 0

Friday, Sept. 26 (5)

Cranford 30, Morris Knolls 6

Summit 28, Mendham 10

Linden 14, Shabazz 6

Scotch Plains 27, Westfield 6

North Plainfield 15, Hillside 14

Brearley 48, Manville 0

Saturday, Sept. 27 (1)

Union 35, Elizabeth 28

Plain. forfeit win over Kearny.

Johnson, Rahway, Roselle

and New Providence were off.

WEEK THREE PICKS (12)

Elizabeth over East Side

Cranford over Linden

Summit over Parsippany

Brearley over Newark Central

Roselle Park over Manville

Plainfield over Irvington

Westfield over Shabazz

Immaculata over Johnson

Rahway over Hillside

North Plainfield over Roselle

Ridge over Gov. Livingston

New Providence over Butler

Last week: 8-1

This year: 27-4 (.871)

UNION COUNTY

1. Summit (3-0)

2. Union (4-0)

3. Elizabeth (2-1)

4. Cranford (3-0)

5. Scotch Plains (3-0)

6. Johnson (2-0)

7. Plainfield (2-1)

8. Linden (1-1)

9. Brearley (3-0)

10. New Providence (1-1)

Gov. Livingston (1-1)

Hillside (1-1)

Roselle Park (1-2)

Rahway (0-2)

Roselle (0-2)

Westfield (0-3)

County's top players give it their all on tennis court

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

PLAINFIELD - Familiarity.

It's what the Kent Place High School girls' tennis team used to its advantage in capturing its second consecutive Union County Tournament team championship last Friday afternoon at the Donald Van Blake Courts.

Playing against rival Westfield in all but one final, Kent Place received first-place victories at second singles, third singles and first doubles to post a team score of 92.

Westfield finished second with 76 points, while Summit was third with 50.

The Dragons were paced by the fine play of their first doubles team of seniors Tracy Chung and Jackie Altieri that defeated the Westfield duo of Katherine Kielar and Michele Morawski 6-2, 6-2.

"We played them last year in the (first doubles) final and beat them," Chung said. "We were pumped up because they beat us in our regular-season match."

Chung and Altieri defeated the Roselle Park duo of Laura Strasse and Katie Bundy 6-0, 6-1 in the quarterfinals.

"We knew that Kielar and Morawski were going to be tough because they have really great alley shots," Altieri said. "They had no glaring weakness, so we tried to just grind it out. We were at our best when I hit a good serve and return and Tracy volleyed it away."

At second singles, Kent Place received another grind it out victory as Allie Solomon defeated Westfield's Nikki Reich 7-6 (7-1), 6-2.

The Dragons' Lydia Bull had a much easier time at third singles, where she posted a 6-0, 6-2 win over Westfield's Jessica Bender.

"I played her in our regular-season match and it went to a third set tie-breaker, so I knew it might be tough," Bull said. "My second serve was working well for me because she couldn't hit my spin and forehand."

Bull won the UCT crown at second singles last year and captured her first title at third singles in 2001.

"It was new territory for me this year, but I felt comfortable out there," Bull said. "She was nervous in the beginning because she had a lot of unforced errors."

Bull stated that she felt even more confident heading into the final because of her victory in her match over state power Newark Academy on Sept. 22.

"I found my game when I won that match," Bull said. "I was really hitting all my shots and really pounding it. I went into the UCT feeling that I had to win."

Westfield's lone crown came at second doubles when Lauren Steller and Lane Maloney defeated the Kent Place pair of Tatum Reynolds and Alison Smith 6-3, 6-2.

At first singles, Summit freshman Ana Mungo captured the title by earning a 3-0 (retired) victory over Kent Place's Amanda Barletta.

"I played well in all of my matches," Mungo said. "I didn't really get to play much in the final because she (Barletta) hurt her back. I moved her around a lot and made her use her backhand."

Mungo, who began the week undefeated, didn't lose a set in the tournament.

"None of the girls that I played were bad, it was just that I was playing really well," Mungo said. "I was able to take control of the points and never let down. I was able to set up the points and hit winners."

In the consolation matches, Summit's Emily Moore

defeated Johnson's Ashley Amalfé 6-2, 6-1 at second singles, while teammate Maria Bennett defeated New Providence's Courtney Maret by the same score at third singles. In first singles play, Plainfield's Monika Young defeated Westfield's Danielle Coleman 6-3, 6-2.

At first doubles, the Scotch Plains pair of Karina Gotliboy and Joanna Rosenberg defeated the Governor Livingston duo of Katie Freda and Jess Baroff 6-1, 6-4.

The two schools hooked up again at second doubles and Scotch Plains again came away the victors as Dani Finkel and Octavia Gomes defeated the GL pair of Jen Bernston and Lauren Portnoi 6-7 (2-7), 7-5, 6-2.

Scotch Plains finished fourth in the team standings with 26 points, while GL was right behind with 25.

"I'm very proud of my girls," GL head coach Bob McNutt said. "We had both of our doubles teams make it to the final four, so we competed really well."

Another coach that was pleased with the performance of her team was Roselle Park's Nancy Sturcke.

"I shuffled my lineup heading into the tournament," Sturcke said. "My first two singles players (Erica Olinick and Jaime McCrady) both took fifth place, so I'm very happy with that."

Roselle Park and New Providence tied for sixth in team standings with 18 points, while Plainfield was eighth with 15.

Johnson finished with 11 points, while Oak Knoll rounded out the top 10 with 10 points.

"It was a great two days for the girls because they were able to get out there and gain some experience," Johnson head coach Chris Raguseo said.

"The future of the program looks bright because we have all juniors and sophomores on it. We'll be returning the whole team next year."

UNION COUNTY TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

TEAMS: 1-Kent Place 92. Westfield 76. 3-Summit 50. 4-Scotch Plains 26. 5-Gov. Livingston 25. 6-Roselle Park, New Providence 18. 8-Plainfield 15. 9-Johnson 11. 10-Oak Knoll 10.

FIRST SINGLES: Ana Mungo, Summit, def. Amanda Barletta, Kent Place, 3-0 (retired).

SECOND SINGLES: Allie Solomon, Kent Place, def. Nikki Reich, Westfield, 7-6 (7-1), 7-2.

THIRD SINGLES: Lydia Bull, Kent Place, def. Jessica Bender, Westfield, 6-0, 6-2.

FIRST DOUBLES: Tracy Chung and Jackie Altieri, Kent Place, def. Katherine Kielar and Michele Morawski, Westfield, 6-2, 6-2.

SECOND DOUBLES: Lauren Steller and Lane Maloney, Westfield, def. Tatum Reynolds and Alison Smith, Kent Place, 6-3, 6-2.

CONSOLATION FINALS

FIRST SINGLES: Monika Young, Plainfield, def. Danielle Coleman, Westfield, 6-3, 6-2.

SECOND SINGLES: Emily Moore, Summit, def. Ashley Amalfé, Johnson, 6-2, 6-1.

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Other Johnson squads impress

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

In addition to the Johnson High School football team getting off to a 2-0 start, the field hockey and soccer teams have had early success.

The field hockey team got off to a 4-1-1 start as of Tuesday's scheduled game at Roselle Park, including big wins over some good Union County rivals.

The Crusaders opened their season with a 2-1 victory at Cranford on Sept. 12.

Johnson then blanked visiting Union 5-0 on Sept. 17. Lynne Kovalisky led the attack by netting two goals, while Jessica Megill, Jacklyn Grysko and Erin Suckiel scored once. Between the pipes, goalkeeper Stephanie Parrott made four saves to notch her first shutout of the season.

Two days later, Parrott earned her second shutout as Johnson defeated visiting North Plainfield 4-0. Kovalisky and Janna Koch netted two goals, while Megill and Kerri Polipore earned assists.

Johnson kept its unbeaten streak alive against Union County power Oak Knoll in a 2-2 tie on Sept. 23. Suckiel scored a first-half goal, while Kovalisky connected off an assist from Megill in the second half.

The Crusaders improved their mark to 4-0-1 on Sept. 25 with a 4-1 home victory over Governor Livingston. Allison Severage finished with two goals, while Kovalisky added a goal and two assists. Megill also chipped in with one goal.

Severage scored midway through the second half off an assist from Kovalisky to give Johnson a 2-1 edge.

Johnson suffered its first loss of the season in a 1-0 defeat to visiting Ridge on Sept. 26. Parrott stood out in net as she made 14 saves.

The Crusaders are scheduled to host Mount St. Mary's today at 4 p.m. and then play at Westfield Saturday in a time to be announced.

The boys' soccer team has also started out strong by posting a 3-1-2 mark as of Tuesday's scheduled contest at Immaculata.

In its season-opener on Sept. 13, Johnson won a tight 1-0 decision over visiting South Plainfield. Mike Gaspar converted a feed from Vinny Sa in the 54th minute for the only goal. Senior goalkeeper Vince Caporaso earned the shutout by turning aside four shots.

The Crusaders then improved to 2-0 with a 6-1 home victory over Technology. Garry DiCosmo paced a balanced attack with two goals, while Sa, Gaspar, Nayol Gouzales, Dan Zieger and Brian Michalczyk added one each.

Two days later, Johnson tied Governor Livingston 1-1 in Berkeley Heights.

Johnson then won at Roselle Catholic 1-0 on Sept. 23 to up its record to 3-0-1. DiCosmo scored off an assist from Sa six minutes into the second half. Caporaso shined between the pipes by making four saves.

The Crusaders suffered their first loss of the season in a 2-1 decision to visiting Ridge on Sept. 25. Zieger gave Johnson a 1-0 lead off a pass from David Pinho in the fourth minute. Caporaso was sharp in net making nine saves.

Last Friday, Johnson earned a 1-1 tie at Rahway. Sa connected on a penalty kick in the 23rd minute.

Johnson is scheduled to host GL today at 4 p.m. and Roselle Catholic tomorrow at 4.

The girls' soccer team also sported a winning record as they stood at 3-2 as of Tuesday's scheduled game against visiting Immaculata.

Last Friday, the Crusaders blanked the visiting Rahway Indians 6-0. Jillian Whiting led the charge with three goals and two assists, while Jody Tropeano added two goals and Jackie Swierc one. Samantha Parin and Amy Gryzb combined for six saves in the shutout.

The day before, Johnson dropped a 3-0 decision at Ridge to fall to 2-2. Parin shined between the pipes as she recorded 22 saves.

Johnson is scheduled to play at Governor Livingston today at 4 p.m.

Luis and Olenick net goals for Dairy Queen

The following are Clark Soccer Club results:

DIVISION 2

Dairy Queen 3, Personal Threads 1: Justin Luis and Ed Olenick scored for Dairy Queen to lead it to its first victory of the season. Ryan Tombs was outstanding in goal as were Joe Byrne and Rebecca Bratole on defense.

Rice Bowl 3, American Legion 1: Wesley McManus and Tim Riddlestorf made several outstanding saves in goal. Cole Deacy, Sarah Castro, Matt Berko and Danny Mullin played well on offense, while Mary Davey, Vito Racanelli and Jessica Remo held off the Rice Bowl attack.

Little Jimmy 4, Personal Threads 2: Daniel Herring and Amanda Arancio scored for Personal Threads, while Jake Miller, Amanda Ciccone and Aubrey Rieder put in strong performances to keep the game within reach.

Porcelli Electric 3, Village Insurance 0: PE netted the game's only goal and played well on defense.

Merchants of Venice 2, American Legion 1: Wesley McManus and Tim Riddlestorf played well in goal in the first half and Danny Mullin and Vito Racanelli excelled in the second. Also playing well were Mary Davey, Danielle Vaccaro, Sarah Castro, Matt Berko, Jessica Remo, Cole Deacy and Michelle Primamore.

Rice Bowl 1, Little Jimmy 0: Noelle Maertz scored the game's only goal. Also playing well were Domenico Petracca, Alexandra Beck, Krystyna Boczon and Ashley Marciano on offense and Brian Catarino, Tyler Ashmont, Patti Bailey and Amy Frost on defense. Goalkeeper David Berry was like a brick wall, stopping every shot attempted by the Little Jimmy Italian Ice squad.

Village Insurance 2, Rice Bowl 1: Domenico Petracca scored for Rice Bowl, while Alexandra Beck, Krystyna Boczon, Ashley Marciano, Brian Catarino and David Berry also turning in solid efforts. Amy Frost, Tyler Ashmont and Noelle Maertz were excellent on defense in front of a standout effort by Patti Bailey.

Personal Threads 3, American Legion 1: Jake Miller, Tackin Tarighian and Daniel Herring had outstanding goals for Personal Threads.

Gianna Cuccolo, Hayley Rieder and Michelle Primamore also played well.

Standings: Merchants of Venice (2-0-0, 6 points), Porcelli Electric (1-0-2, 4), Rice Bowl (2-1-0, 4), Dairy Queen (1-0-1, 3), Little Jimmy (1-1-1, 3), Personal Threads (1-2-0, 2), Village Insurance (1-2-0, 2), American Legion (0-3-0, 0).

DIVISION 3

Bonaccorso Landscaping 2, Printmark 0: Anthony Lanza played a powerful first half.

He fended off several attempts on goal.

Also playing well were Michele Brocato, Taylor Valian, Nicholas Migliaro, ToniRose Alicea, Shane Deacy, Samantha Hoenings, Jimmy Marciano and Drew Shannon.

Cromwell Management 4, Mijo's Pizza 2: Emily Lasinski

started in goal and kept the opposition scoreless throughout the first half.

Michael Quesada led the offense and scored Cromwell's first goal and then put another one in before the half.

Trevor McSorley and Steven Weisensee scored in the second half. Also playing well were Drew Ritter, Michael Pieros and Joseph Arancio. McSorley also played well in goal.

Michael Boulanger did a solid job in goal for Mijo's in the first half, making four excellent saves. Jonathan Denci excelled in the second half. Boulanger played forward in the second half and scored both of his team's goals. Also playing well were Gabriella Hurtado, Carelys Andino, Gianna Rebioso, Matthew Robinson and Nicholas Lechitsky. Game captains were Rebioso and Andino.

Clark PBA 2, Vaccaro's Bakery 2: The squads played to a tie, with each team netting two goals.

J&E Auto 1, Body Works by Fischer 0: Quentin "Flash" Oddi scored the game's only goal with a diving shot in the second half.

Emily Bailey and Drew Schurtz kept the defensive pressure on the entire game by clearing the ball out of the zone.

TJ Kaczan played a great game in goal, stopping some tough shots in the first half. Lucas "Boomer" Gallo was energized and moved well throughout the game, just missing a goal.

Lauren Beck and Lauren Margel also played well.

Cromwell Management 2, J&E Auto 0: Steven Wiesensee scored in the first half and Michael Quesada in the second.

Bonaccorso Landscaping 4, Vaccaro's Bakery 3: Bonaccorso edged Landscaping in this high-scoring affair.

Mijo's Pizza 3, Body Works by Fischer 2: Jonathan Denci scored two goals and Matthew Robinson one for Mijo's, with Michael Boulanger assisting on all three. Nicholas Lechitsky played well in goal for the entire game and made several outstanding saves.

Game captains were Gabriella Hurtado and Boulanger.

Standings: Cromwell Management (3-0-0, 6), Bonaccorso Landscaping (2-0-0, 4), Mijo's Pizza (2-1-0, 4), J&E Auto (1-1-0, 2), Clark PBA (0-1-1, 1), Vaccaro's Bakery (0-1-1, 1), Printmark (0-2-0, 0), Body Work by Fischer (0-2-0, 0).

DIVISION 4

UPS Store vs. Arena Sports: Michael Rojek led the UPS Store scoring for the second week in a row. Zachary Sandler was solid in net, while Caitlin O'Connell and Haleigh Rojek also played well.

UPS Store vs. Red Legs: The UPS Store was led by the passing skills of Liam Deacy and strong support from Michael Rojek.

Also playing well were Tanner Westcott and goalkeeper Derek Jacobsen.

UPS Store vs. Rems Optical: Michael Rojek scored two goals and Michael Pimpinelli netted a spectacular goal that was assisted by Liam Deacy.

Zachary Sandler and Alexis Ciccone were outstanding in goal.

Clark Girls Softball to hold first fall meeting on Oct. 15

The Clark Girls Softball Association will hold the first fall meeting on Oct. 15 at 8 p.m. at Brewer Recreation Center on 430 Westfield Ave. in Clark.

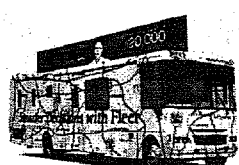
Nomination of candidates for two openings on the Board of Directors will be heard at this meeting.

An election for two new board members will take place immediately following the nominations.

Any coach or team parent interested in being nominated and voted on for a board member position must be present.

More information may be obtained by calling Ray Lombardi at 973-379-4700, ext. 25.

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NEWS CLIPS

Knights of Columbus resume family dinners

Bishop Justin J. McCarthy Knights of Columbus Council 5503 will resume its monthly family dinners beginning Sunday.

Cost is \$8 for adults, and \$3.50 for children 4 to 10 years old. Children 3 and younger are admitted free.

Dinner will be served from 1 to 5 p.m.

For more information, call Grand Knight Tony Fiorillo at 732-340-9781, or the council home at 732-574-9067.

Knights of Columbus collecting children's toys

Bishop Justin J. McCarthy Knights of Columbus Council 5503 is conducting its Make a Child Smile at

Christmas toy drive through Dec. 15.

Proceeds of this drive will be given to the children of Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountain-side. The council is asking for new, unwrapped toys.

Donations can be taken to the council, 27 Westfield Ave., or sent to Knights of Columbus Council 5503, 27 Westfield Ave., Clark, NJ 07066.

For more information, call 732-574-9067.

Polish foundation holds bingo Saturday, Tuesday

The Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, has changed its bingo sessions to 11 a.m. Saturdays and 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Each of the \$1,000 has two specials in its game.

For more information, call 732-

382-7197.

Public Works Dept. offers pickup of old appliances

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

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

Clark Township sites available on Internet

Residents of Clark and alumni of Arthur L. Johnson High School have their choice of Web sites to keep in touch with one another.

The Web site www.geocities.com/ALJClassOf1978 includes reunion information.

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

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

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

Mobile Meals now accepting clients

Mobile Meals, a private, not-for-profit organization that delivers meals to housebound people of all ages or income in the Clark area, is accepting new clients.

Volunteers deliver nutritious dinners and lunches to homes Monday to

Friday at a cost of \$30 per week or dinner-only for \$20 per week. Meals are prepared at First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. They are packed and delivered by volunteers in reheatable aluminum trays.

Mobile Meals is looking for drivers, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., for routes in Westfield, Clark and Cranford, and packers to work one day per week or one day every other week from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

Volunteer scheduling is very flexible. For more information, call Jean at 732-233-6146 or send e-mail to mobilemeals@westfieldnj.com.

Noah's Ark shelter in need of volunteers

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

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

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

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

The greatest need at this time is foster homes for cats, dogs, kittens and puppies, as all animals are kept in volunteers' homes until they are adopted. For more information, call 732-815-1633.

OBITUARIES

Harold Pierson

Harold F. Pierson, 83, of Manchester, formerly of Elizabeth and Clark, died Sept. 23 at home.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Pierson lived in Clark and Spring Lake before moving to Manchester three years ago.

He was a partner for more than 40 years at Union County Buick-Opel, a car dealership, in Elizabeth, and retired in 1989.

Mr. Pierson was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 1000 in Elizabeth.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn Gobel; a daughter, Pamela Gilligan; two sisters, Helen Wainright and Ruth Roselli; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Josephine Kennedy

Josephine Kennedy, 92, of Scotch Plains, formerly of Clark, died Sept. 26 in Muhlenberg Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Jersey City, Mrs. Kennedy lived in Plainfield and Clark before moving to Scotch Plains two years ago.

She was an insurance clerk at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center for more than 20 years and retired in 1976.

Mrs. Kennedy was a member of the Rosary Society, the Catholic Women's Club and a Confraternity of Christian Doctrine teacher at St. Mary's Church, Plainfield.

Surviving are two sons, William V. and John J.; a daughter, Janet Pennucci; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Felix Laskowski

Felix "Phil" Laskowski, 83, of Clark died Sept. 24 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Laskowski lived in Bayonne before moving to Clark 52 years ago.

He was a welder at Merck & Co., Rahway, for 10 years and retired 20 years ago.

Earlier, Mr. Laskowski worked for Amerada Hess, Port Reading, for 15 years as a supervisor.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Laskowski was a member of the American Legion Post 328 in Clark.

He was a member of the Clark Seniors and a former bingo worker at St. John the Apostle Church, Clark.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Josephine; a daughter, Maryann Raines; a son, Philip; a sister, Theresa Crawford; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Leda Kellenbence

Leda Kellenbence, 99, of Clark died Sept. 18 in the Clark Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Kellenbence lived in Newark from 1946 to 1966, and in Old Bridge before moving to Clark three years ago.

She was a bookkeeper at the National Newark and Essex Bank before retiring in 1966.

Isabel Degner

Isabel N. Degner, 78, of Monroe Township, formerly of Clark, died Sept. 25 at home.

Born in Scotland, Mrs. Degner lived in Clark and Morristown before moving to Rossmore in Monroe Township in 1994.

Surviving are a sister, Matilda Conway, and two grandchildren.

Joseph Vargo

Joseph Vargo, 80, of Clark, formerly of Elizabeth, died Sept. 19 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Graceton, Pa., Mr. Vargo lived in Elizabeth before moving to Clark last year. He was a sheet layout man with Witte and Co. in Linden and Washington for 30 years and retired in 1977.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Mary; a son, Richard; a daughter, Roberta; a brother, Ed, and three grandchildren.

AT THE LIBRARY

Turtle Singer returns to entertain children

Children and their families are invited to an encore Turtle Singer program at Clark Public Library at 11 a.m. Oct. 18. The program will be free of charge.

Karen Buckley, The Turtle Singer, writes and performs songs about her turtles Rocky, Gracie and Bart, and other turtles she has seen around the world. She is licensed by the state Division of Fish and Wildlife to bring Rocky, Gracie and Bart along.

In concert, Buckley accompanies herself on an electronic keyboard.

Clark Public Library is located at

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

Library, AARP offer safe-driving course

Clark Public Library and the American Association of Retired Persons will hold a safe driving course at the library from 9 a.m. to 1 Oct. 20 to 21.

Students attending the course learn defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws, and rules of the road.

Through interacting with one another, they find out how to safely adjust their driving to compensate for

age-related changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time.

The course is open to drivers of all ages who wish to improve their driving skills.

Students who complete the nine-hour course will be entitled to a 5 percent discount on the major portion of their automobile insurance premium for three years. Two points also will be deducted from their driving record, if applicable.

Enrollment costs \$10, payable to the library upon registration. Enrollment is limited to 30 people.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

—NOTICE—

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

Take notice that application has been made to the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark to transfer from place to place the Retail Consumption License Number 2002-33-04-003 issued to KCSM Corporation for the Rice Bowl, premises at 1051 Raritan Road, Clark, New Jersey. The names and addresses of stockholders, officers and directors are: Morris Constantin, 2401 NW 59th Street, Boca Raton, Florida 33496 and Stanley Constantin, 7 Fordham Road, Livingston, New Jersey 07039.

Objections if any should be made immediately 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.

U8590 CCE Oct. 2, & 9, 2003 (\$34.80)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Cranford, New Jersey, on the application of the undersigned to construct a new platform & stairs to our front porch within the minimum required setback of 24 ft. on land owned by Joseph & Dawn Joyce located at 318 Manor Ave, Block 235, Lot 12.

This application requests relief from the provisions of Section(s) 136-31D (3) 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 Planning and Zoning, Room 101, Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Date 9-23-03

Joseph Joyce Dawn Joyce Applicants

U8575 CCE Oct. 2, 2003 (\$14.42)

THE CLARK TOWNSHIP

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

ANNOUNCES THE SCHEDULING

OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2003

AT THE CLARK MUNICIPAL BUILDING,

430 WESTFIELD AVENUE,

CLARK, N.J. AT 8 P.M. IN ROOM 16.

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION

WILL BE HEARD:

Hollander Hills Associates LLC
637-639 Raritan Road, Clark, N.J.
J. Gentry Secretary, Bd. of Adj.

U8590 CCE October 2, 2003 (\$12.09)

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE Township Committee of the Township of Cranford will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 20, 2003, at 7:30 p.m., in Room 108, Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey, for the purpose of obtaining testimony and comments from the public on the Township of Cranford's application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), Green Acres Program, (GAP) to approve of the following:

DIVERSIONS

In the past, the Township of Cranford has inadvertently sold, conveyed or otherwise disposed of the following parcels of property which were included in the Township's Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI): Lots 1.01, 1.02 and 1.03 (Albany Avenue) in Block 299; Lots 6.01, 7.01, 7.02 and 7.03 (Carpenter Place) in Block 334; and Lots 3.01 and part of current lot 4.01 (Kensington Avenue) in Block 215 on the Tax Map of the Township of Cranford. These inadvertent diversions total approximately 1.66 acres.

Further, the Township plans to divert parts of Lot 7 in Block 210, parts of Lot 1 in Block 242 and parts of Lot 1 in Block 243 (behind Herning Avenue), which lots are currently on the Township's ROSI by installing drainage pipes or culverts, which diversions total approximately 0.28 acres.

Further, the Township proposes to divert part of Lot 1 in Block 103 (Riverside Drive), which is owned by the County of Union, and which is listed on the County

PUBLIC NOTICE

of Union's ROSI, for the purpose of installing drainage pipes or culverts. This proposed diversion on lands owned by the County of Union totals approximately .13 acres.

The total of the proposed diversions is approximately 2.07 acres.

REPLACEMENT PARCELS

The Township proposes to replace the above-described diverted lands by adding certain parcels to its ROSI, including the vacation of certain streets, which vacations shall increase the total lands included on the Township's ROSI. The following streets shall be vacated: Pitman Place and Veronica Avenue. Portions of the following streets will be vacated: Pacific Avenue, North Union Avenue and Haskins Avenue. The following parcels shall be added to the ROSI: Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 336; Lot 3 in Block 340; Lots 7 and 8 in Block 282; Lot 1 in Block 284. The total acreage to be added, including vacated streets and additional parcels totals approximately 5.96 acres.

GAP rules require the Township to hold a public hearing to obtain public comment on the application. The application is on file at the Office of the NJDEP GAP, 501 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey, and at the Office of the Cranford Township Clerk, Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey, and is available for review.

Rosalie Hellenbrecht, Township Clerk U8587 CCE Oct. 2, 2003 (\$39.53)

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD

CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-300

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional services in connection with the NJDEP Remedial Investigation/Remedial Action Workplan for property located at 2 South Avenue West (Cranford Crossing Redevelopment Project); and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq.) requires that notice with respect to contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Cranford, New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of Cranford be, and hereby are, authorized and directed to execute an agreement with ICON Engineering, a Division of CME Associates, 10 Jefferson Plaza, Suite 200, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.

2. ICON Engineering shall receive a fee not to exceed \$7,500.00;

3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because the professional services contemplated are of such a nature that it does not lend itself to competitive bidding; and

4. A copy of this resolution shall be published as required by law within ten (10) days of its adoption.

Certified to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held September 23, 2003.

Rosalie Hellenbrecht Township Clerk

Dated: 10/2/03 U8563 CCE October 2, 2003 (\$25.58)

ATTEST: CARPENTER, BENNETT & MORRISSEY 3 GATEWAY CENTER 100 MULBERY ST. NEWARK, NJ 07102 U8568 CCE Oct. 2, 2003 (\$12.09)

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Please Take Notice That, the following action was adopted at the Public Meeting of the Clark Board of Adjustment. Held on: July 28, 2003 Calendar #: 14-03 Resolution # 13-R-03

The application for variances from the provisions of the Zoning Ordinances of the Township of Clark, Chapter 34, Section 34-8.3(b), lot coverage, was granted permission for the proposed addition to the side of the house, on the premises known as Block 28, Lot 30, on the Tax Map of the Township of Clark, commonly known as 14 Thomas Drive.

The file papers for the above decision are available at the Clark Township Building Department, Clark Municipal Building 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, for the public review during 9AM to 4PM, Monday through Friday.

Vincent Vaccaro Applicant

U8573 CCE October 2, 2003 (\$12.56)

NOTICE

You are hereby notified, as provided by law, that on October 20, 2003 at 8:15 p.m., a Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Cranford in Room 107 of the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue.

NOTICE OF AWARD PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION SERVICES

The Cranford Board of Education met on September 22, 2003 and awarded the following contract without competitive bidding as a professional service (or extraordinary, unspecifiable service) pursuant to 18A:18A.5a(1). The resolution of award and the contract listed below are available for public inspection in the Office of The Board Secretary located at 132 Thomas Street from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday thru Friday.

Name	Nature of Award	Contract Period	Contract Not to Exceed
Russell J. Kormann, Ph.D.	Consultation Services	2003-2004 School Year	\$19,000.00
Russell J. Kormann, Ph.D.	Specialized Evaluations	2003-2004 School Year	\$15,000.00
Douglas Outreach	Home Program	2003-2004 School Year	\$25,000.00
Dr. Bonnie Cimring	Social Skills Services	2003-2004 School Year	\$27,000.00

Robert J. Carfagno Business Administrator/Board Secretary

U8592 CCE October 2, 2003

(\$26.52)



University Day 2003

Saturday, October 4

Join us for a day of food and fun!

A warm sunny autumn day ... smells of popcorn and barbecue wafting on the breeze ... community members reminiscing about their favorite professor or toughest course ... sounds of laughter at the pumpkin painting table ... the thrills of scaling the climbing wall or completing the annual 5K Run.

Seton Hall's University Day 2003 promises to be full of excitement for people of all ages. There's something for everyone, including:

- Movie Night featuring *Bruce Almighty*
- Walsh Library Gallery Exhibition of *The People of Newark*
- The 19th Annual Farinella 5K Run
- Third Annual University Day BBQ
- Mass of Celebration
- Student Film & Arts Festival
- Scarecrow-making Contest
- Athletic Competitions
- Music, Dancing and Carnival Activities

Plus much more!

For more information about University Day, call (973) 378-9834 or visit the University Day Web site at events.shu.edu/uday

This event is free and open to the public. Activities begin at 11:30 a.m.



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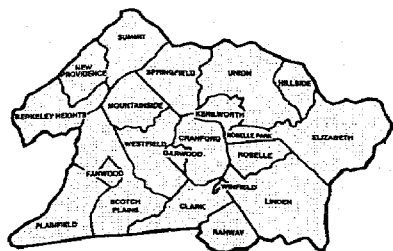
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Defining moments

The contradictions can be confusing. In their new book, "Invisible Citizens", authors Ganesh Sitaraman and Previn Warren present a depressing picture of citizen motivation after Sept. 11. It turns out that all the flag waving and solidarity hasn't resulted in a "defining moment" to motivate the younger generation.

"Invisible Citizens" concludes, "the failure of our political system to capitalize on the surge of patriotism and compassion felt by young people after Sept. 11, should weigh heavily on us."

Left Out

By Frank Capece

The underpinning for the depressing news is 30 million citizens in the 18 to 30 age group continue not to vote or become engaged. Unlike the defining moment of Eisenhower going to Korea, or Kennedy's call to action, the Sept. 11 tragedy didn't result in new participation.

Maybe all the bad press has something to do with the inaction. The past two weeks saw a searing look at the state Legislature by the seven New Jersey Gannett Newspapers. Detailing conflicts of interest, dual office holding, weak ethics enforcement and plain greed, the bipartisan attack concludes with a plan to just throw the rascals out.

It reminded me of a law school professor who advised always write to be more ethical than the next guy on the bar exam. It probably works on the test, but not in real life.

Maybe its like Clemenza said in "The Godfather", every 20 years or so there has to be a blowout. Or could it be the problem is a good deal more complicated.

One critic said the recent bad press accounts have another agenda. In the world of obscene fund raising for television and direct mail, the role of the print media may have become too diluted for the owners of the ink barrels.

On the subject of money, the real flash would be to find just one candidate who enjoys the fund raising and pandering to the special interests. The drugery is akin to the nuclear arms race in that no one is willing to unilaterally stop spending.

In the editorials last week, the reforms of ending dual office holding, ending pay to play, more extensive public disclosure forms and independent ethics oversight are advocated.

Not surprisingly, missing are offers for free advertising space for candidates in their newspapers or free television time, the cookie monsters of campaign costs.

The recommendation for a full-time Legislature has also reappeared. To the angry press, the benefits of a part-time, real world legislator or the staggering costs for the new system are dwarfed by the need for immediate change.

Criticism of the legislature didn't include a view of the public. Not only the non-voters, but those interested in sound bites rather than real policy. It is probably easier to identify the location of the weapons of mass destruction than people who can name the 10 Democratic candidates for president or what they stand for.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reported on Monday that an estimated \$300,000 will be spent by candidates in opposition research, a.k.a., dirt digging. The voters love it and the press dutifully reports on it.

On angry editorial in a cliché said, "the fox we know holds the key to the hen house." An alternate cliché is "about the devil we know." It all depends on who does the definitions.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

Freeholder appears front-runner for Senate

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Fearing they might not be able to replace two legislative candidates on the ballot in the 22nd District, Democrats appeared ready to support Freeholder Nicholas Scutari of Linden for state Senate.

Democratic committee members were to have an emergency meeting at The Westwood in Garwood last night, after this newspaper went to press, to select a successor to Joseph Suliga for senate. Assemblywoman Linda Stender of Fanwood, who ran for freeholder with Scutari in 1996 and 1999, also was being considered.

At presstime Tuesday night, Scutari had the support of the two largest towns in the district, Linden and Plainfield, which theoretically would give him almost 140 of the 250 delegates.

Some Democrats were wary that if Stender were to replace Suliga in the

Senate race, the party legally would not be allowed to replace her in the Assembly election.

Suliga dropped his bid for re-election after revelations about an alcohol problem which arose after a Sept. 20 incident at an Atlantic City casino where he was charged with harassment and creating a public inconvenience.

A West Caldwell woman accused Suliga of making explicit sexual remarks. On Friday, the freshman senator from Linden entered the High Focus Center in Cranford for alcohol treatment and evaluation.

Democrats said Suliga had a health problem, but no problem exists for Stender to leave the Assembly race.

The 22nd District represents Clark, Fanwood, Linden, Rahway, Plainfield, Scotch Plains, Winfield and portions of Middlesex and Somerset counties. Republicans are running Scotch Plains Mayor Martin

Marks for Senate and George Gore of Plainfield and Kevin Retcho of Linden for Assembly.

Democrats said Stender's candidacy has the support of state Sen. Raymond Lesniak, D-Union, while Scutari has been the candidate that Linden Democrats have gotten behind. His bid for the seat is aimed at keeping it in Linden, the strongest Democratic town and the second largest city in the district, behind only Plainfield.

While dismayed that no candidate from Plainfield had been mentioned as a successor to Suliga, Mayor Albert McWilliams said there was a concern that Stender's candidacy could face a "legal impediment" as to whether the party could replace her in the Assembly race. Plainfield does have Gerald Green who serves in the Assembly.

The deadline for replacing candidates in the Nov. 4 General Election was Sept. 17. However, last year the state Supreme Court allowed Democ-

rats to replace U.S. Sen. Robert Torricelli on the ballot with Frank Lautenberg after the deadline had passed.

Union County Assignment Judge Edward Beglin Jr. is scheduled to decide the matter at a hearing Friday. Absentee and provisional ballots already had been printed in Middlesex County but not in Union or Somerset when Beglin ordered them stopped Monday.

"They did it last year," said Marks. "They circumvented state law and they're trying to do it this year, for one reason and one reason only: they fear they are going to lose this election."

Control of the state Senate, which is split 20-20, will be at stake this fall with fewer than a half-dozen competitive districts expected to provide any margin.

"It wasn't on our radar screen last week, it is this week," William Palatucci, a Republican consultant

from Westfield, said of the 22nd District. "The fact that control in the Senate is up in November, we scrutinize every district. Now it has the potential to become very competitive."

The Republican State Committee is expected to pour more money and resources into the race now, while Democrats will be forced to the same.

The 22nd District is considered a safe Democratic district. Overall, registered Democrats outnumber Republicans 34,124 to 14,589, although there are 53,177 unaffiliated registered voters.

David Rebovich, managing director of the Rider University Institute for New Jersey Politics, said as long as Democrats are allowed to switch candidates, he expects the party to hang on to the Senate seat.

On Friday morning, some Democrats were still confident that Suliga

See REPLACEMENT, Page B7

Protesters call for shutdown of facility

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

County officials have until Monday to meet five demands for the George W. Herlich Juvenile Detention Center before protesters begin civil disobedience.

Led by Salaam Ismial, chairman of the Elizabeth-based United Youth Council Inc., dozens of adults and teens spoke before the county freeholder board last week to plead their case to shut down the facility where 17-year-old Edward Sinclair Jr. was found hanged in the spring.

Demonstrations have taken place in front of the Union County Courthouse in the Elizabeth in recent weeks, but Ismial has promised civil disobedience — such as sit-ins and street marches — to garner the attention of elected officials.

Ismial issued an ultimatum to the freeholder board during its Sept. 25 meeting, listing the following demands:

- Shut down the juvenile detention center and send juveniles elsewhere, other counties if necessary, until a new facility is built in Union County.
- Terminate the director of the detention center.
- Develop a strict health and safety policy.
- Develop a plan that will include education, motivation, recreation and self-esteem activities for youths.
- Establish a juvenile center citizens advisory board that includes youth representatives.

Ismial said the county has 10 days — until Monday — to meet the demands or civil disobedience will follow. Many of the protesters are friends or family of Sinclair.

County officials planned to meet with Ismial yesterday afternoon.

Union County Manager George Devanney said improvements totalling more than \$90,000 have

been made to the detention center in recent months, including a new security camera system, new radiator covers, replacement of floor drains, new lighting and an electronic Morse Watchman system that will be fully installed by this month.

The Watchman system will be able to verify that checks have been done at the times they are scheduled, Devanney said. In the case of Sinclair, jail staff was supposed to check on him every 15 minutes but it was not done.

Last month, the county also commissioned Ricci Associates to update and create a new policy and procedure manual for the detention center for \$90,000. Work on the manual is under way and should be done within three months. The firm was hired last year for \$150,000 to study the current facility, and officials offered recommendations on programs and operations this past summer.

Devanney said closing the facility is not feasible, as the issue of bed space is not specific to Union County but a problem throughout the state. "There are no beds throughout the state to do it."

He said the county is working in partnership with the state Juvenile Justice Commission to reach a "comfort level" in running the system as it should be.

"I would be very reluctant to close the facility," said Howard Beyer, executive director of the Juvenile Justice Commission. "When you say, 'Let's just close the place and move kids other places,' it's not always in the best interests of the kids."

Beyer said if detainees are moved, the facility where they are being moved to must be safe and have a staff that understands how to deal with kids.

"You have to make sure that the

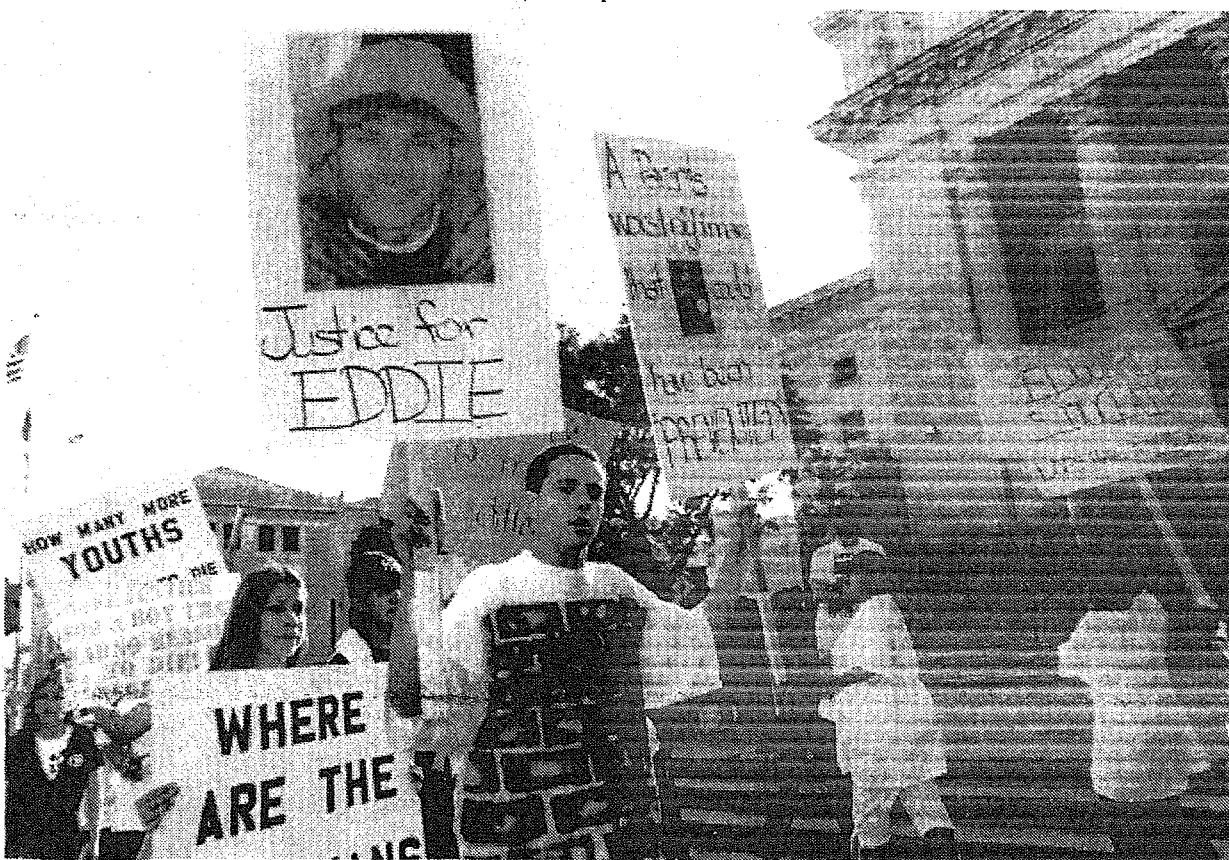


Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

Demonstrators march outside the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth to protest conditions at the juvenile detention center. County officials have until Monday to meet five demands before protestors engage in civil disobedience.

child's basic needs are met: food, medication, education, recreation and a safe environment," said Beyer.

The detention center, built in 1968, is located on the seventh floor of the parking garage adjacent to the courthouse annex. It regularly housed more than 50 detainees but has a capacity of only 34.

Union County imposed a cap of 34 in May, weeks before a state directive came down to do so. It cost the county roughly \$1.1 million to send detainees to other facilities around the state. Officials cut about \$600,000 from the county budget and increased the tax levy by \$500,000 to cover the cost of housing juveniles elsewhere, which can be as much as \$150 per day, per child.

"It's important they understand, and we understand what their

demands are and what they mean," Director of Human Services Frank Guzzo said, relaying to protesters.

"A new facility will solve some issues," Guzzo said, "but it's not a matter of just building a new facility. We need to create alternatives in the community."

"This board and this county manager have made this a priority since issues have come to the forefront and that didn't happen in May," he said.

Overcrowding is just one of a litany of issues that need to be addressed at the detention center, Ismial said, adding that there have been complaints about the facility dating back to the 1980s.

"It's a death trap set up for our children," Sinclair's mother, Yolanda Padilla, said of the facility. "To know it could have been prevented, it's a slap in the face."

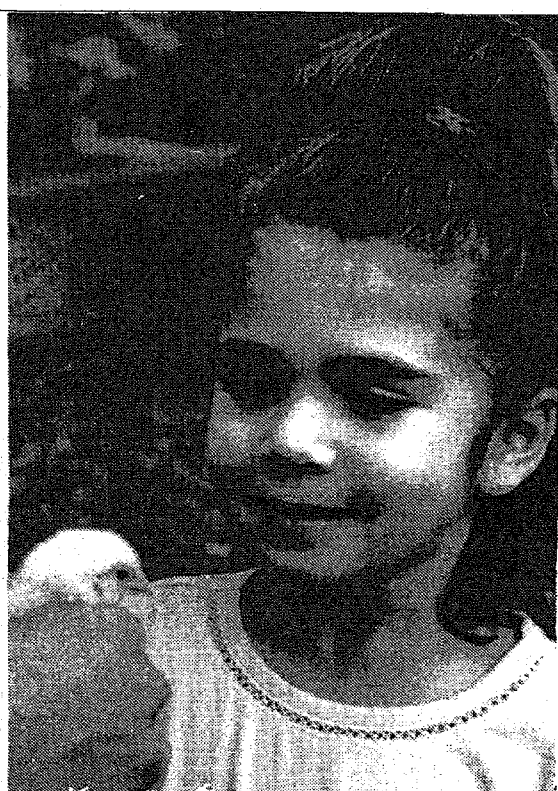
"Kids need a place to go to learn, not to die," Elizabeth resident Anthony Hall told freeholders last week. "Give 'em an education if they're in there."

Protesters also spoke of the shoddy conditions at the youth center and deplorable treatment of detainees by the center's staff.

County officials say a new facility must be constructed on a site that is at least five acres. Two sites have been evaluated this year but they were removed from consideration because of location or other negative aspects.

Devanney said preliminary evaluations of new sites were promising but were rejected because they could not accommodate a 200-by-200-foot outdoor recreation space as required by the state. A third site is currently being evaluated, he said, with early reports looking promising.

Harvest Festival of fun



Photos By Barbara Kokkalis

Karen Andrus of Mountainside, left, spins llama wool, a hobby of hers, at the annual Harvest Festival at Trailside Nature and Science Center on Sunday. Jessica Perrotta, 4½, of Mountainside, right, pets a little chick at the petting zoo.

County purchases farm for \$10 million

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

With the acquisition of the Ponderosa Farm in Scotch Plains, Union County has completed its goal of preserving 100 acres of open space seven years ahead of schedule.

Originally, the county had set a goal of acquiring 100 acres within 10 years. To date, the county has acquired 104 acres.

"Most said it would take 10 years to preserve 100 acres of open space in Union County given its density and everything about it," said Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, chairman of the open space advisory board. "In three short years we've been able to reach our goal and we've only just begun."

In three years, the county has acquired four pieces of property at a total cost of more than \$26.3 million.

In addition to \$10 million to acquire the 23-acre Ponderosa Farm, the county spent \$7.5 million to acquire 63 acres from New Jersey-American Water Co. in Summit, \$3.4 million for five acres in Union, and \$5.45 for the 13-acre Esposito Farm in Clark.

The money used to purchase these properties came from the county's Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, which voters approved in a 2000 referendum.

The measure established a tax of \$0.15 per \$100 of assessed value dedicated to open space, recreation and historic preservation purposes for a length 20 years. The tax generates about \$7 million annually.

"With every acre we protect we are doing our part to control overdevelopment and traffic congestion that plagues Union County, which is a very developed part of the state," said Mirabella. "We want to make Union County a better place to live."

Although the county has achieved its goal seven years early, there is no indication it will stop collecting toward the open space trust fund.

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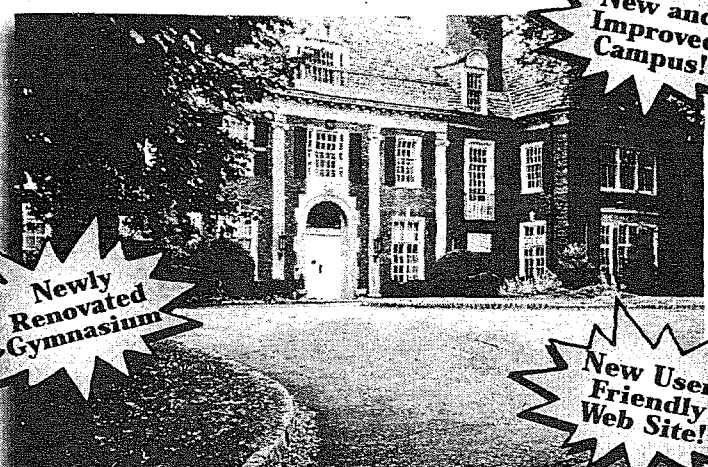
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Community Coordinated Child Care of Union County, a child care resource and referral agency, has launched a public awareness campaign encouraging lead testing for young children.

Posters will be distributed to child care centers and family child care homes throughout the county. Public service announcements are also being distributed to local radio and television stations.

"Lead poisoning remains a threat to all young children, whether they are living in the city or suburbs of our country," Tracey Owate, healthcare coordinator for CCCC,

said. "Despite the law requiring physicians, nurse practitioners and health care facilities to perform lead screening on each patient under 6 years of age, many children are not getting tested," said Owate.

Lead exposure primarily occurs when children swallow lead dust from hands, toys and other objects that are put into their mouths. Exposure also occurs when children swallow lead paint chips or contaminated soil, inhale lead dust and eat food or drink water that has been contaminated.

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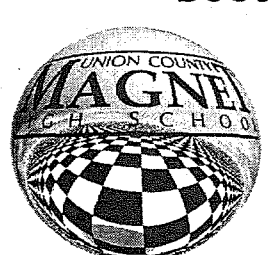
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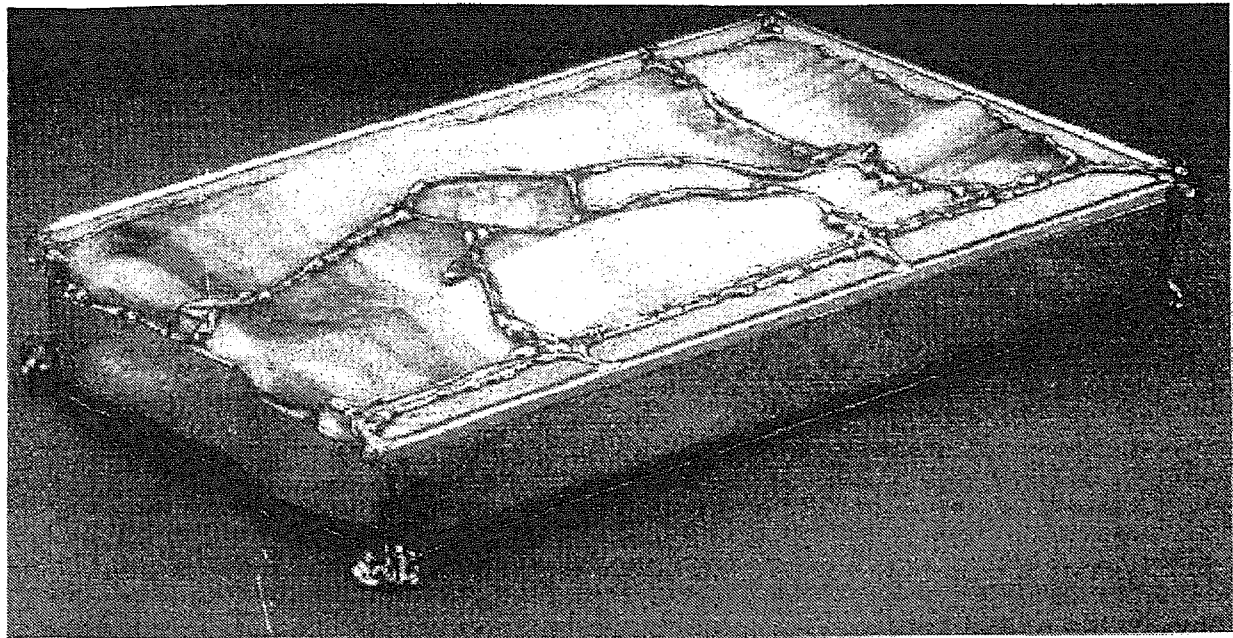
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



This one-of-a-kind stained glass box by craftsman John Best of West Milford is representative of the works to be found at the 15th annual Fall Fine Art and Crafts Show at Nomahegan Park in Cranford this weekend. The free show will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Art and crafts return to Nomahegan

The 17th annual Fall Fine Art and Crafts at Nomahegan Park show will take place Saturday and Sunday in Cranford.

The show will feature many new artists and crafters from throughout the northeast and beyond, displaying and selling their American-made, hand-crafted work. This free-to-the-public show will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine.

The show is co-sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation, and Janet and Howard Rose of Rose Squared Productions Inc.

The Fall Fine Art and Crafts at Nomahegan Park Show will feature fine art, photography, weaving, clothing, pottery, wood, fiber, leather, stained glass, and much more.

One of the new exhibitors at this year's show is an active hobbyist and woodworker, Karl Recktenwald of Bordentown. Having made a lamp out of his trumpet for his own home, he explains, "Every visitor admired it and wanted to know where I got that. I got involved in rescuing 'retired' musical instruments" — those that required extensive and/or costly

repairs — "which were destined to languish in attics or basements forever."

Suddenly lamps, tables, clocks, wine racks, and other creative musical decor items brought these discarded instruments back to a useful life. Recktenwald creates each piece individually after wife, Carmela, meticulously cleans and shines the instrument for presentation, and the results have been most gratifying. Many people bring Recktenwald a cherished or sentimental instrument to fashion into a workable decor item and they have special significance to the client.

Another unique exhibitor at this year's show, Don Syme of Pompton Plains offers portraits from photos furnished by the customers. With a background designing and building banks in the northeast, home and building portraits were the beginning of a second career after Syme's retirement in 1990.

Pets, and recently people and equine subjects, have been added to Syme's portrait offerings. Unlike the harsher appearance of hatching and cross hatching used in pen-and-ink drawing, these portraits are executed

with various grades of graphite pencils, sticks and powder. Expanding his horizons, Syme is now beginning to work with pastels. "This medium offers a challenging exploration of color and form which, for me, makes each tomorrow an exciting adventure of great anticipation," explains Syme.

Influenced by her parents, both professional artists, stained glass artist JoAllyn Vlossak of Manchester will also be attending this year's show. Originally a teacher of the deaf, Vlossak changed careers to satisfy her love of stained glass. As a result, she has had the opportunity to create 25 church windows over the years for two churches in New Jersey.

"I especially enjoy selling at craft-shows because of my personal contact with customers. Most of my new items actually come from suggestions and discussions with the customers," explains Vlossak.

The setting for this free event is Nomahegan Park on Springfield Avenue in Cranford, across the street from Union County College, where parking is free. The hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. rain or shine. For information, call 908-874-5247 or visit www.rosesquared.com.

Vache to kick off Guild series

The Arts Guild of Rahway announces the commencement of the sixth season of its Jazz Series, set to begin Friday at 8 p.m. with jazz cornetist Warren Vache Jr.

The series is comprised of five jazz concerts running from October 2003 through May 2004. The season's musical acts also include jazz vocalist Marlene VerPlanck on Nov. 7 at 8 p.m., pianist and composer Vince DiMura and the George Street Project on Feb. 27 at 8 p.m., saxophone player Bradford Hayes on April 2 at 8 p.m., and the Jimmy Halperin Trio with Don Messina and Bill Chatten on May 14 at 8 p.m.

Warren Vache Jr., a Rahway native, leads off the series' sixth season with his smooth jazz cornet style, which is a winning combination of classic jazz and blues. A talented professional, Vache has entertained audiences across the globe, including performances on Broadway, recordings on multiple labels in both the United States and in Europe, and has belonged to various groups including the New York Repertory Company and the Benny Goodman Orchestra.

Vache's true spirit of showmanship has also allowed him to take part in major film productions as not only a musician, but also as both actor and musical director. Vache has been featured on NBC and PBS, and also served as the personal music coach for

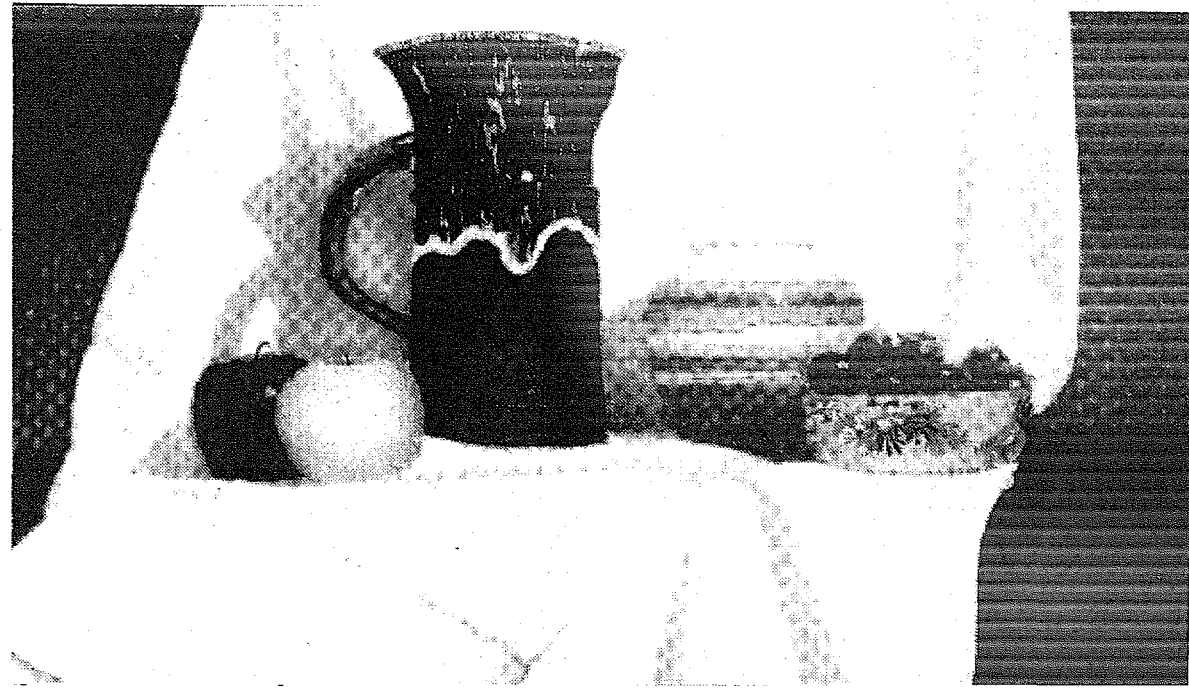
Richard Gere, training him to play the trumpet for his role in the movie "The Cotton Club." Vache has also recorded with Rosemary Clooney, having appeared with her on both stage and on television.

Like many players of the classical jazz genre, Vache has found inspiration in legends such as Louis Armstrong, George "Pee Wee" Erwin, and Roy Elridge. It seems that one day, Vache's talents may be comparable to that of his heroes, as Whitney Balliet, in a review, has noted: "...Vache was truly on the mark. He can play Beiderbecke note for note, but he makes the notes sound as if he created them..." Vache currently teaches trumpet at the Juilliard School in New York City and continues to tour extensively.

Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, and are available through the Arts Guild of Rahway. There are also special advance-sale rates of \$9 when purchasing tickets for all five or any four shows, and \$10 for tickets to any two or three concerts. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving Street in Rahway.

For information or ticket purchases, call 732-381-7511, send e-mail to artsguild1670@earthlink.net, or visit www.rahwayartsguild.org. Funding for the sixth season Jazz Series is provided in part by Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery, Linden.

'Inside & Out'



This still life by Nancy Brangaccio is among the works to be seen in 'Inside & Out,' a two-person exhibit featuring Brangaccio and Nat Lewis at Swain Galleries in Plainfield. The exhibit opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday. For information, see the 'Art Shows' listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B6.

Films and play draw attention to the creative contributions of writers

Three excellent movies in our neighborhood screens and a good, if imperfect, locally produced play remind us of the key role in the writer in the creative theatrical process.

The director may be the auteur cleverly conceiving the production, and the actors are the star attraction which draws the audience, but the script is usually the key to creative success.

The Irish film "The Magdalene Sisters" savages a just recently closed archaic, religion-based system in Ireland for incarcerating and cruelly handling teen-age girls who are judged promiscuous. What makes the film dramatic and gripping is the close attention in the script to the personalities and details of the lives of the young women. Writer-director Peter Mullan challenges us by involv-

On the Arts

By Jon Plaut

ing us in the girls' individual struggles.

"Thirteen" is both horrible and wonderful. About a 13-year-old middle-class girl engaged by the alternate culture and drug scene in Los Angeles, "Thirteen" succeeds because its unblinking script carries us through this teen-ager's descent with her ineffective mother into a very recognizable contemporary inferno. The

screenplay by Niki Reed is drawn from her own life, and is totally unsentimental. "Thirteen" is sympathetic to the plight of its teen-age characters in this tragic L.A. culture, but never sentimentalizes it.

"American Splendor" is as good as any film I've seen this year, combining a narrative about a down, but not out, Cleveland cartoon strip writer, Harvey Pekar, and his family and friends, with the real Harvey Pekar moving in and out of and commenting on the film. The movie is made extra special and highly creative by adopting the comic strip style of Mr. Pekar's work, including the "American Splendor" cartoon series and the

National Book Award-winning "Our Cancer Year." It is Mr. Pekar's peculiar and brilliant writing history and contribution which invests the film "American Splendor" with a unique literary quality.

The play "Anna in the Tropics," at our renowned regional playhouse, the McArter Theater in Princeton, explores the dynamics of a Cuban family in a Tampa, Fla., cigar factory in the 1920s. A lector, or reader, is reading Tolstoy's "Anna Karenina" to the workers, and a juxtaposition of events between the real lives in the factory and the Russian novel's development illuminates character and plot. It is a brilliant conception by

playwright Nilo Cruz, for which he has won the 2003 Pulitzer Prize. The play, however, needs at least one more re-write to tighten action, enlighten motivation, and reconstruct bits of foolishness that just don't work on the stage. If the prestigious

Pulitzer Prize means Mr. Cruz does not re-write the script at least one more time, then that prize will have curtailed the possibility of that writer completing his creative process.

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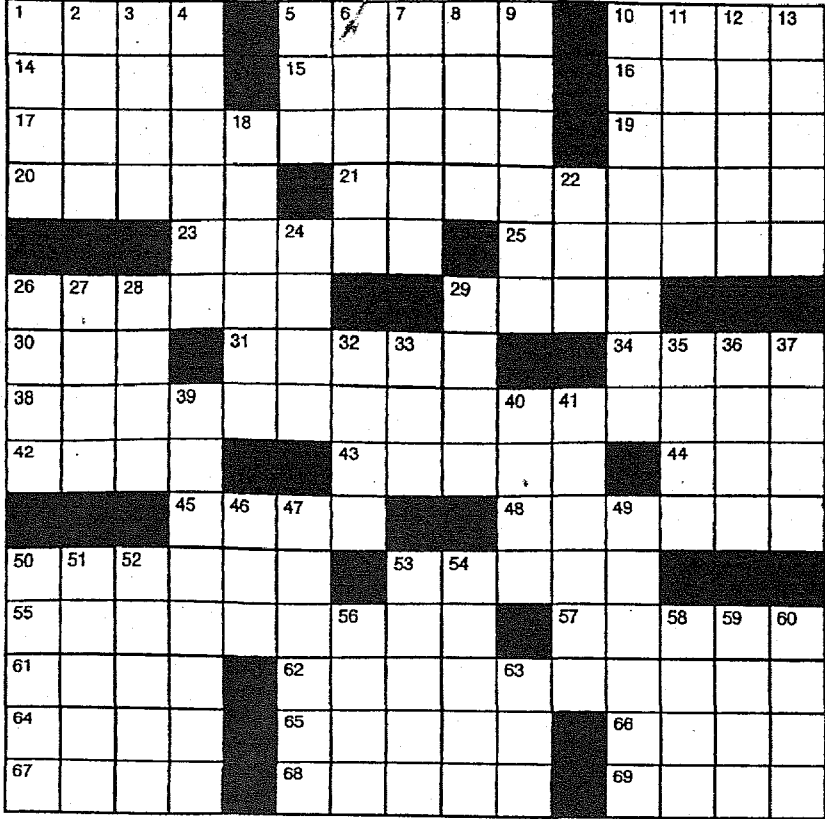
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Oct. 6-12
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't be too overconfident about a close personal relationship. You have a lot to learn. Take it slow and communicate your feelings clearly.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Problem solving can be easy and fun. Make exploration an enjoyable adventure and welcome suggestions from siblings or peers.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Express yourself creatively and add a little drama or flair to a dull presentation. Leave your public on the end of their seats and wanting more.
CANCER (June 22-July 22): Feelings and values play an important part in making a domestic decision. Do your best to stay centered and follow your heart to happiness.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): All it takes is a telephone call to rectify a dire situation. Pick up the phone and

share what information or insights you might have.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Practice caution in spending this week and avoid going over your budget for an impractical reason. Stay away from a speculative venture.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Put forth a positive self-image and attract positive situations and people into your life. Let your light shine from deep within your soul.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): It pays to listen to your inner voice and take guidance from it. Follow your instincts and you are free.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): In a group situation, you have a tendency to be outspoken. Cool your heels and watch what you say, and how you say it.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A mentor or parent is willing and ready to help and support you in reaching your goals. Just ask for what you need.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It is not too late to correct a mistake or to clear up a misunderstanding. Don't hesitate to speak up and offer your point of view.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep your cool emotionally and overcome the fears or doubts that may be blocking your success. Acknowledge a mishap and then let it go.
If your birthday is this week, organization and discipline are important to your professional success during the coming year. Buckle down and agree to work within the framework of the system in order to get the best results. Expect a sudden and disruptive change in your finances or relationships. When the dust clears, you will see that it is all for the best. Be happy and prosper!
Also born this week: Luke Perry, Tanya Tucker, Jackson Browne, R.L. Stine, Toni Braxton and Elisabeth Shue.

Musical Club kicks off season Wednesday

The 88th season of the Musical Club of Westfield will begin with a concert at the home of Helen Frieland, 201 Linden Ave., Westfield, on Wednesday at 1 p.m.
To begin the program will be a piano duo of Beverly Thomson-Shea and Debra Parente Rosin playing Dvorak's "Slavonic Dance for Four Hands," Op. 46, No. 4.
Mezzo-soprano Drude Sparre Roessler and bass-baritone Glen Crane, with pianist Mary Beth McFall, will sing "Mein Freund ist mein" from Cantata No. 140 by J.S. Bach; "Herbstlied," Franz Schubert, Felix Mendelssohn; "Heidenroslein,"

Franz Schubert; "Das Veilchen," W. A. Mozart; and "Vergebliches Standchen" by Johannes Brahms.
Performed in memory of Rachel Hylan and Lynne Pomerantz, "In Memoriam" (1993) by Gary Schocker will be performed by flautist Jenny Cline and pianist Mary Beth McFall.
"The Further Adventure of Two Flutes" (2002) by Gary Schocker — Foxtrot, Floating, Valse — will be performed by flautists Clarissa Nolde and Jenny Cline and pianist Mary Beth McFall.
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SUNDAY
October 5th, 2003
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October 4th, 2003
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SATURDAY
October 4th, 2003
EVENT: Art Scene At the Green (Art Festival)
PLACE: Essex Green Shopping Center, Prospect Avenue, West Orange
TIME: 10am-5pm
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INFORMATION: Town-Wide Garage Sale - over 200 sales at individual homes. Call 908-276-3530 for information on where to pick up maps showing locations of the garage sales. Then after 9am on Saturday, the site maps will be available for pickup at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., Cranford, NJ
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October 3rd, 4th, 2003
EVENT: Garage & Rummage Sale
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EVENT: Rummage Sale
PLACE: Battle Hill Community Church, 777 Liberty Avenue, Union
TIME: Friday - 9:30am-4:00pm; Saturday - 9:30am-12noon
INFORMATION: Come and find a treasure. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 908-686-LAMB
ORGANIZATION: The Moravian women of Battle Hill Community Church

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SATURDAY
October 4th, 2003
EVENT: Harvest Festival
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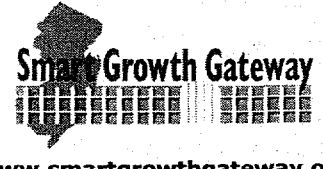
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REUNIONS

- Battin High School, Edison Vocational and Technical High School, and Thomas Jefferson High School, Elizabeth, Classes of 1968 will conduct a joint 35-year reunion Saturday at the Wyndham Newark Airport Hotel. Tickets are \$60 per person. For information, send name and address to P.O. Box 9390, Elizabeth, 07202; call 610-438-1371; or send e-mail to Rhemyz@aol.com.
- Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Springfield, Class of 1953 will conduct its 50-year reunion Oct. 10 to 12 at the Marriott Hotel in Somerset. For information, call Joan (Robertson) Amberg at 908-233-0868 or Barbara (Harris) Greve at 908-272-6118.
- Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Springfield, Class of 1948 will conduct its 55-year reunion Oct. 12 from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Gran Centurions in Clark For information, call Trudy Lorenz Piccarillo at 908-647-5958 or 908-754-5976, Dorothea Constantino Campanelli at 732-785-2754 or Irene Oltarzski Wietry at 732-381-4955.
- Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, Clark, Class of 1978 will conduct its 25-year reunion Oct. 17 to 19 at five different venues. For information, write to Norm Marrocci at 3000 Ford Road, Apt. L-10, Bristol, PA 19007, call him at 215-788-3504 or 215-431-6108, send e-mail to ALJClassOf1978@yahoo.com, or visit the class' Web site at www.geocities.com/ALJClassOf1978.
- Linden High School Class of 1953 will conduct its 50-year reunion Nov. 1 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Galloping Hill Inn, Union. For information, call Claire Fruchter Rinsky at 973-992-0614 or send e-mail to her at grandmared1@aol.com, or call Shona Stolar Young at 908-272-4777.
- Governor Livingston Regional High School Class of 1978 will conduct a two-day 25-year reunion Nov. 27 and 28, with various events planned. For information, call Craig Bruening at 315-446-9120, write to him at 2736 E. Lake Road, Skaneateles, NY 13152, or visit www.techmarcom.com/GL1978.
- Roselle Park High School Class of 1978 will conduct its 25-year reunion Nov. 28 at the Galloping Hill Caterers in Union. For information, call Jim Nicoll at 908-620-1337 or send inquiries to Nicoll via e-mail at thenicolls@comcast.net.
- David Brearley Regional High School, Kenilworth, Class of 1983 will conduct its 20-year reunion Nov. 29 at Cafe Repetti in Kenilworth. For information, send e-mail to Susy.Condo@verizon.net or call 908-347-3542.
- Union High School Class of 1954 will conduct its 50-year reunion June 4 to 6, 2004. For information, write to Class of '54 Reunion Committee, 250 Globe Ave., Union, 07083.
- Linden High School Class of 1959 will conduct its 45-year reunion June 19, 2004 at the Sheraton Woodbridge. For information, call Jan Murawski at 732-381-1763.


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Nat Lewis' use of watercolors in capturing the older homes of Maine is highlighted in 'Inside & Out,' a two-person exhibit opening this weekend at Swain Galleries in Plainfield. Joining Lewis in the exhibit is Nancy Brangaccio, represented by her pastel still lifes.

Artists go 'Inside & Out' in joint exhibit

Two well-established women artists who met more than a decade ago in an art framing store will mount their first mutual exhibit, Saturday to Oct. 30, at Swain Galleries in Plainfield, where each has had solo shows. Their exhibit is titled "Inside and Out."

Nancy Brangaccio's interior still life pastels and Nat Lewis' exterior watercolors, specifically of Maine's venerable houses, will balance each other's realism and vision. Brangaccio is noted for tight composition and the intense colors achievable with pastels and Lewis, often capturing what she terms "sun glint" on Maine's white houses in the looser flow of watercolors, will, in this exhibit, present Maine's "yesterday houses — the old gray ladies" as well.

Brangaccio aims for a very clear, elegant simplicity to invoke serenity and a sense of the permanent. "My still lifes contain sturdy objects and there is no enigma — when I paint an apple or strawberry, that's exactly what you see. Florals naturally depict a moment in time, but my idea is to create an image that seems everlasting."

Lewis sees permanence vanishing, replaced by suburbia more and more in the northern state where the Caldwell resident spends close to half the year. She defines her sense of loss, "These old places speak to me of hard-working families they sheltered and seem to reflect the simpler existence that took place within their walls, in fact, the kind of life many of us come to Maine to find."

Also a New Jersey resident, Brangaccio lives in Basking Ridge.

For Brangaccio, pastels give her every opportunity to delineate or exaggerate somewhat to achieve, for example, the volume as well as the shiny exterior of an apple. "One

apple may require 10 different pastels, not by color, but from hard to very soft. I like to rub in my colors to make objects look real enough to touch."

Lewis explores with watercolors, changing her sensibility or quickly verifying another approach. Her paintings are "more than surface, they concentrate on atmosphere," she stated. "Different houses have different expressions."

In 2002, Brangaccio received the Award of Excellence in the Mountain Art Show, Bernardsville, a designation she achieved at least three times; Best-in-Show and the Grumbacher Gold Medal in a past Somerset Art Association's Members' Show; and first place, pastels, in the Tineum Festival, Bucks County, Pa. Exhibited in numerous shows throughout the greater metropolitan area, her work is included in personal and corporate collections. Also in 2002, she repeated the 1996 Best-in-Show award she garnered for a different piece at the Lamington Art Show.

Lewis' work holds a permanent place in the Zhejiang Museum, People's Republic of China and has been exhibited throughout Europe and the United States. In 1997, she was awarded the Grumbacher Hall of Fame accolade from among Grumbacher medalists and, in 2000, was recognized by the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society's crest medal for "consistent excellence in her work exhibited in the Society's national annual exhibitions."

The Brangaccio-Lewis exhibit opens Saturday with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m., and continues Tuesdays to Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Swain Galleries, 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. Call 908-756-1707.

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Fall in love with Valentino's!

By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor

Maybe it's the name, but Valentino's Pizza and Restaurant will have you falling in love - with the decor, with the atmosphere and, most especially, the food.

Located on East Westfield Avenue in Roselle Park, Valentino's sets itself apart from the traditional and well-loved "pizza joint" in many ways. The decor, which features movie posters and memorabilia and an array of pop culture lunch boxes, is highlighted by the sleek art deco chairs and the comfortably cool air. The bright atmosphere also adds immeasurably to the environment.

But, like any restaurant, it's the food that really matters. I visited Valentino's this past weekend with a friend and our combined total of three kids. While the youngsters chowed down on delicious pizza, the grownups sampled other portions of the menu. Our appetizers of chicken wings and calimari in marinara were the perfect beginnings to a wonderful meal. The chicken was cooked in a crispy batter and was complemented beautifully by the tangy blue cheese dipping sauce. The calimari was firm without being tough or chewy, and the marinara in which it was swimming was robust and fresh-tasting.

For our main courses, I opted for the veal allo Valentino, a delicious creation of veal topped with ricotta and mozzarella cheeses and the chef's incredible sauce. The veal was very tender, and the tang of the sauce was perfectly complemented by the richness of the cheeses and the delicate flavor of the meat. My friend chose the homemade lasagna, which I sampled and found to be wonderful, a perfect balance of pasta, cheeses and sauce.

For our desserts, we all had soft-serve ice cream, which made a tasty and refreshing end to a delightfully filling meal.

Not only are the food and service impeccable, but Valentino's is very family-friendly, as well. Before we even ordered our meals, the children - and the adults! - were busy trying to see how many movies and TV shows were represented by the lunch boxes and posters. In addition, the wedged-shaped pizza plates made the meal seem more like a party for the kids, and the video games in the rear gave them something to do while their dads finished their dinners. For diners with food allergies, it's important to note that Valentino's uses no peanut oil in its cooking. Also, the off-street parking lot behind the building is well lit.

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ART SHOWS

FALL FINE ART AND CARTS will be presented at Nomahegan Park in Cranford on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nomahegan Park is located on Springfield Avenue, across from Union County College. For information, call 908-874-5247 or visit www.rosesquared.com.

ART IN WESTFIELD Sidewalk Art Show and Sale will be presented by the Westfield Art Association on Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The rain date is Oct. 18. For information, call 908-789-9444 or 908-232-7053.

ARTIST FERNANDO DA SILVA will have his paintings and ceramics on exhibit at the Les Malamut Art Gallery in Union Public Library, Union, through today.

Gallery hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave. in Friberger Park, Union. For information, call 908-851-5450.

IN TUNE WITH NATURE will be on exhibit at the Skulski Art Gallery in Clark through Friday.

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

FIELD OF FLOWERS, the works of Mary Wickliffe, will be on exhibit in Wisner House at Reeves-Reed Arboretum through Oct. 9.

Exhibit hours are Mondays to Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-8787 or visit the Web site at www.reeves-reedarboretum.org.

THREE TWINS will be on exhibit at the Arts Guild of Rahway through Oct. 10.

Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m., and Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511, send e-mail to artsguild1670@earthlink.net, or visit www.rahwayartsguild.org.

FACING EAST, works by Asian and Asian-American artists, will be on exhibit through Oct. 22 at EdgeArt Gallery in Rahway.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sundays, noon to 5 p.m. EdgeArt Gallery is located at 1571 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-669-0112 or send e-mail to EdgeArtInc@aol.com.

EDGEART GALLERY in Rahway will exhibit works by Marcel Truppa, Tom Picard and Lloyd Garrison from today through Oct. 23. An opening reception will take place today from 7 to 9 p.m.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sundays, noon to 5 p.m. EdgeArt Gallery is located at 1571 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-669-0112 or send e-mail to EdgeArtInc@aol.com.

INSIDE AND OUT, works by Nancy Brangaccio and Nat Lewis, will be on exhibit at Swain Galleries in Plainfield from Saturday through Oct. 30. An opening reception will take place Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Swain Galleries is located at 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For information, call 908-756-1707.

JERSEY BOUND, works by Tim Daly and Gary Godbee, will be on exhibit through Oct. 30 at the Tomasulo Art Gallery at Union County College in Cranford.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m., and Tuesdays to Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. The Tomasulo Gallery is located

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in the Kenneth MacKay Library on the Cranford campus of Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-709-7155.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mountainside will exhibit the works of photographer Raymond Sliva, mixed-media artist Lisa Brown, and sports artist Stephen Marotta throughout the month of October. CHS is located at 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

DIMENSIONAL ART, a group exhibit, will be on display at the Diversity Art Gallery in Clark through Nov. 2.

Gallery hours are Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. The Diversity Art Gallery is located in the Union County Baptist Church, 4 Valley Road, Clark, at the Clark Circle. For information, call 732-574-1479 or visit the Web site at www.diversityart.com.

ESCAPE FROM NEW YORK: "New Works From the Outer Boroughs" will be on exhibit through Nov. 2 at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit.

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

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: The Merck 2003 Juried Union County Arts Show will be on exhibit at the Arts Guild of Rahway from Oct. 19 through Nov. 19. An opening reception will take place Oct. 19 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m., and Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511, send e-mail to artsguild1670@earthlink.net, or visit www.rahwayartsguild.org.

BOOKS

AUTHOR NANCY HERKNESS will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign copies of her new book, "Bridge to Love." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535 or visit the Web site at www.townbookstore.com.

AUTHOR LINDSEY POLLACK will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. to sign copies of her new book, "Women for Hire: The Ultimate Guide to Getting a Job." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535 or visit the Web site at www.townbookstore.com.

UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY Book Discussion Group will meet the third Wednesday of each month, with no meetings in August and December.

Oct. 15: "Stolen Lives: Twenty Years in a Desert Jail" by Malika. All meetings begin at 7 p.m. Participants must have read the selection prior to the meeting. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave., in Friberger Park, Union. For information, call 908-815-5450.

CLOAK AND DAGGER READING GROUP will meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble of Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-8544.

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.

COMEDY

DAVID SEDARIS, NPR commentator and bestselling author, will appear in concert today at 7:30 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$11 to \$31.

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

COMEDY NIGHT will be sponsored by the Garwood Knights of Columbus on Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. at the council hall, 37 South Ave., Garwood. Tickets are \$15 and include an open bar beginning at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 908-789-9809 after 4 p.m.

CONCERTS

SANCTUARY CONCERTS in Berkeley Heights will present musical acts in



Photo by Reena Rose Sibayan

DYSFUNCTION JUNCTION — The cast of Nicky Silver's black comedy "Pterodactyls" gathers in front of the blood-red T-Rex skeleton that figures prominently into the plot. From left, standing, are Matt McCarthy, David Maulbeck, and Liz Zazzi, while Gary Glor, and Megan Muckelmann are seated.

the coming weeks. Oct. 11: Klezmer Mountain Boys, \$12.

Oct. 25: Richard Shindell, \$20. Concerts are presented at Union Village Methodist Church, 1130 Mountain Ave., Berkeley Heights. For information, call 973-376-4946 or visit www.sanctuaryconcerts.org.

WESTFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will appear in concert Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway. Tickets are \$25 to \$60. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org.

U THEATER will appear in "The Sound of Ocean" on Sunday at 7 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$16 to \$46.

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

MYSTIC VISION PLAYERS of Linden will present "American Rapture: A Continued Vision of a Rock 'n' Soul Revue" on Wednesday, and Oct. 9, 10 and 11 at 8 p.m. Performances will take place in Linden High School, 121 W. St. Georges Ave., Linden. Tickets are \$16. For information, call 908-925-8689.

DANCE

THE SUZANNE FARRELL BALLET will appear Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$11 to \$55.

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

SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS will sponsor evenings of international dance throughout the year at The Connection for Women and Families, 79 Maple St., Summit. Sessions are alternate Fridays from 8 to 10:30 p.m. 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. Hehny School, Raritan Road, Clark. Fee for each lesson is \$4. For information, call 908-298-1851, 732-381-2535 or 908-241-9492.

FESTIVALS

THE SECOND ANNUAL ETHNIC FAIR AND FESTIVAL will be sponsored by the borough of Roselle on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Chestnut Street between First and

Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

POETRY

POETRY OUT LOUD! will take place at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

OPEN MIKE POETRY NIGHT takes place the second Sunday of every month at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

SINGLES

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

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

THEATER

THE THEATER PROJECT at Union County College in Cranford will present "Pterodactyls" by Nicky Silver through Sunday. Shows are at 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$15 Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays; \$7 Thursdays; student tickets are \$7 at all performances. UCC is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford; the performance is in the Roy W. Smith Theater. For information, call 908-659-5189.

THE ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE will present "Look Homeward Angel" by Ketti Frings through Oct. 12. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$6 for students and senior citizens. The Elizabeth Playhouse is located at 1100 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. For information, call 908-355-0077 or visit www.elizabeth-playhouse.com.

PAPER MILL: The State Theater of New Jersey will present Fats Waller's "Ain't Misbehavin'" through Oct. 19. Shows are at 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, with matinee performances at 2 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets are \$30 to \$67.

Special performances include sign-interpreted and audio-described performances, Lambda Night on Oct. 15, and Singles Night on Oct. 17.

Paper Mill is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information, call 973-376-4343 or visit the Web site at www.papermill.org.

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will present "You Can't Take It With You" by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman from Oct. 17 through Nov. 1. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15. The CDC Playhouse is located at 78 Winans Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-276-7611.

VARIETY

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mike Night every Thursday night, a disc jockey every Friday night, and solo artists and bands on Saturdays. Happy Hour is 4 to 7 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, with \$1 drafts and \$3 Long Island iced teas. Mondays are Mexican Mondays with \$2 shot specials, \$2 Coronas, \$2 margaritas and \$1 tacos. Wednesdays are Ladies Nights and karaoke.

Saturday: Filthy Rich and the Poor Boys

Oct. 11: The Brother John Brown Band

Oct. 18: Day One

Oct. 31: Halloween Costume Party with Kindred Classic rock band, \$7 cover includes an "all you can eat" buffet

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Oct. 31: Enjoy!

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

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

THE INTERNET LOUNGE in Fanwood will sponsor Open Mic/Karaoke Night on Sunday at 7 p.m. Admission is free. The Internet Lounge is located at 256 South Ave., Fanwood. For information, call 908-490-1234 or visit the Web site at www.theinternetlounge.com.

MOLLY MAGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, formerly Casual Times, in Clark will present entertainment in the coming weeks. Thursdays are Ladies Nights, and Sundays feature NFL games and \$2 drafts.

Molly Maguire's is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call 732-388-6511.

SECOND SATURDAYS COFFEEHOUSE will take place the second Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Summit Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. Featured will be an "open mic" forum of music, poetry, comedy and performance art. Refreshments are served. Admission is \$4. Talent is sought for future dates.

For information, call 908-928-0127 or send e-mail to info@secondsaturdays.org.

TAVERN IN THE PARK in Roselle Park will present Teddy Halek in "An Evening of Frank Sinatra" Saturdays at 9 p.m. Tavern in the Park is located at 147 W. Westfield Ave., Roselle Park. For information, call 908-241-7400.

VAN GOGH'S EAR, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesdays are "Acoustic Tuesday," some of which feature open mic from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by a featured folk performer. Open mike participants sign up at 7:30 p.m., and get 10 minutes at the microphone. Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 for all Sunday concerts.

For information, call 908-810-1844.

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

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

WORKSHOPS

UNION COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN will present its annual Women's Workshop on Tuesday at 7 p.m.; registration is at 6:30 p.m. The event, which carries a \$5 fee, will take place at Costa's, 120 Chestnut St., Roselle Park. For information, call 908-301-1945.

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Replacement likely to be freeholder

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would weather the storm of controversy. By the end of the business day, party leaders were looking for a new candidate.

Union County Republican Chairman Ron Frigerio said the situation that arose last week could be the difference in a Senate election, and he's hoping it will have a "coattail effect" throughout the district and in the freeholder race. "We have a real shot this year with a light turnout."

Frigerio expected to hold a press conference today following the Democrats' vote last night to blast opponents for switching candidates after the deadline for a second straight year.

"This has gotta stop. You get into trouble, you don't give people a choice."

"The actions of the senator are nothing new," he said referring to Suliga, they only came out recently.

Marks said he doesn't think it makes a difference who he runs against because voters should be disgusted with the behavior of the Democratic Party. Marks said that Suliga has had an alcohol problem for

a very long time and his fellow Democrats knew about it.

"Whether it's Joe Suliga running or those that have immediately leapt to his defense after the story broke have dirtied themselves, all of them, because of this. They stood by and watched for a long time and did nothing about it," said Marks, referring to a report that Suliga had to be assisted on the Senate floor to cast a vote for the state budget.

"Everybody saw it and everybody knew it and the Democrats did nothing about it," continued Marks. "So as far as I'm concerned they're all tainted."

Frigerio said Republicans are sticking with Marks and there are no plans to find a stronger candidate for Senate.

"We cannot allow the Democrat Party to once again flout the law that is so clearly outlined in state election statutes," State Republican Chairman Joseph Kyrillos said. "If Assemblywoman Linda Stender is allowed to replace Senator Suliga, we would have two switches, not just one."

Staff Writer Joshua Zaitz contributed to this report.

County acquires farm

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"We are going to continue to be aggressive, investigate sites and secure open space because in a county like Union, as densely populated as it is, we can't afford to sit back and let development creep in," Mirabella said.

Clark Environmental Commission Chairman William Fidurski said that he is thrilled with the county's acquisition of the Ponderosa Farm. He would like to see the county continue in its quest to preserve open space.

"I thought 100 acres was a very cautious goal to begin with, considering a major portion — roughly 70 acres — was acquired with the water company in one swoop," Fidurski said.

Fidurski said he would like to see the county continue to collect the open space taxes and acquire even more property.

"They should adjust the goal as they become more aware of what's available for preservation," said Fidurski.

The Ponderosa Farm was the largest available farm in Union County and is one of the county's last remaining farmsteads.

"Home ownership is important for us in the state of New Jersey but open space and quality of life is more important," said state Sen. Joseph Suliga, D-Union, who contacted the county about possibly acquiring the farm. "When we don't preserve our open space not only do we not have the recreation areas and quality of life but it just exacerbates the problems of sprawl."

For the past 40 years, the farm on Cooper Road had been maintained by Norman "Dutch" Sevell and his wife, Marie. On the farm, there are 18 cows, red barns, farming equipment, a windmill, a man-made pond, an in-ground pool and tennis courts.

The Sevels have life tenancy on the farm, meaning they can live on the property as long as they like. Once one of them decides to move, then the county will take possession of the property.

Mirabella said the county decided to purchase the farm now in order to save it from being bought by developers.

"We looked at it as an opportunity to secure the land for future generations and save it from overdevelopment in that area which leads to increased traffic," said Mirabella.

The farm will not be open to the public until the Sevels decide to vacate it. It is undetermined as to what the property will be used for, though Mirabella said it probably will retain its farm theme.

"We really haven't discussed how it will evolve," he said.

It is the county's intention to apply for state Green Acres funding to help offset the cost of the farm. The county has received Green Acres funding for some of its other open space acquisitions.

Director of Finance Lawrence Caroselli said the county will issue \$10 million in notes to cover the purchase of the farm, with a \$500,000 down payment. Within a year the county will go out to bond on the \$10 million. Caroselli said the interest on the bond should be in the 1 to 2 percent range and that the life of the bond will most likely be between 15 and 20 years.

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"Our decision to save this farm will make a lasting improvement to the quality of life not only for all residents of Union County but also for the state of New Jersey," said Mirabella.

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Ethnic Fair is Saturday

The second annual Roselle Ethnic Fair and Festival on Saturday will provide an excellent opportunity for local ethnic groups to create awareness of their customs and their heritage.

It will also be an ideal forum for businesses to showcase their products, handicrafts and services to a large and diverse audience.

The day-long celebration of cultural diversity will feature live music, food and entertainment for both children and adults.

Last year's inaugural event included representation from the African-American, Chinese, Filipino, German, Haitian, Irish, Italian, Jamaican, Korean, Mexican, Polish, Portuguese, Puerto Rican and West Indian communi-

ties, as well as an estimated attendance of 3,000. Its success has prompted the borough of Roselle to expand both the size of the fair and its hours of operation.

The event will be held this year on Chestnut Street between First and Fourth avenues from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The rain date is Oct. 18.

For information, call Jo-Ann Drake at the Roselle Borough Hall at 908-259-3029.

N.J. filmmakers sought

The New Jersey Movie Makers' Network is looking for state-based independent producers with shorts or features that they would like to be seen.

Short movies — 20 minutes or less — can be aired on Cablevision's pub-

lic access show, "Imagine That," produced and hosted by Robin Richie Carpenter. Carpenter is on the Network's board of directors and would like to show the works of and possibly interview independent producers once a month.

The Network would also like to hear from producers with features and shorts longer than 20 minutes. They are preparing to negotiate with a local movie theater that would allow state-based movie makers to take over the theater one day month and screen their productions. This will be a great opportunity for public viewings and to have the work reviewed by critics. However, right now the New Jersey Movie Makers' Network has no idea how many people in the state have movies they'd like to show.

Producers should contact the Network by email at

njmoviemakers@aol.com or snail mail at 149 Orange St., Bloomfield, 07003.

Community blood drives

The Blood Center of New Jersey and the Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor the following blood drives:

- Friday, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union.
- Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Elks Lodge 1075, 122 W. Milton Ave., Rahway.
- Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hillside High School, 1035 Liberty Ave., Hillside.
- Monday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Registrar & Transfer Company, 10 Commerce Drive, Cranford.
- Oct. 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Masonic Lafayette Lodge, 1550 Irving St., Rahway.

COUNTY NEWS

UCESC sponsors golf outing at Hyatt Hills

On Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Union County Educational Services Commission will sponsor a miniature golf outing for the special children of Union County at Hyatt Hills Golf Course on Raritan Road in Clark.

The Union County Educational Services Commission is an intermediate agency, which provides educational opportunities to disabled children who cannot be served in a regular classroom setting. The governing body of the Union County Educational Services is a representative assembly comprised of one representative from each member school district's board of education.

The students will be participating in this event. The school offers a comprehensive program for students with mild or moderate cognitive disabilities, learning and/or language disabilities. This specialized 10-month program combines development academics with real-life skills, serves 130 children in elementary through secondary grades.

The public is invited to attend to volunteer and cheer for these special children on this exciting day for them. Each child will receive a ribbon and medal for their participation.

Irish fund-raiser Sunday

The Joseph Nugent Sr. Association of Union County will sponsor its 16th annual Irish festival and picnic at the Elks Lodge, 281 Chestnut St., Union, Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m., rain or shine, to benefit a child with a life-threatening illness through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The Make-A-Wish Foundation raises funds to grant these special children their favorite wish.

Admission is \$20 per person or \$40 per family which includes food, beer, soda, Irish vendors and activities for the children. There will be continuous Irish-American entertainment featuring The Willie Lynch Trio, The Carrie Callahan Band and "DJ" Joe Colletti.

For information call Bob or Linda White at 908-241-7341 or Maureen Dowling at 908-206-9107.

The Nugent Association was

founded in 1933 and is the oldest independent Irish-American organization in the state. The Nugent Association is celebrating its 70th anniversary.

Donations may be sent to The Joseph Nugent Sr. Association, 161 Country Club Drive, #2, Union, 07083.

Columbus anniversary to be marked Oct. 12

The Columbus Parade Association of Union County continues, Italian-American Heritage Week, with its 2003 annual celebration, honoring Christopher Columbus' 511th anniversary of his discovery of America on Oct. 12 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Peterstown Community Center, 408 Palmer St., Elizabeth.

The Columbus Celebration will include a tribute to Cristoforo Colombo (Italiano), traditional parade, procession and feast, concert music, a special tribute to the armed forces, Eastern New Jersey Vietnam Chapter 779 Color Guard, nostalgic displays, Italian-American souvenirs, buffet and Bocce.

Freeholder Alexander Mirabella will also be honored as an Italian-American who has significant accomplishments and contributions.

Donation is \$23 per person. For ticket information, call Lucille Disano at 908-486-1949, Millie Favor at 908-486-4554, Lil Ullisano at 908-355-5274, Carl Zarro at 908-351-3460 or Mike Guarino at 908-289-4640.

Adult equestrian classes

The fall session of classes for adult equestrians has begun at Watchung Stable, a facility of the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, and openings still exist for adults interested in riding.

To be in the adult troop, riders must be 18 years of age or older. Classes are available Sundays at 12:35 p.m.; Tuesdays at 10 a.m.; and under the lights on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Riders are grouped according to ability as determined by the stable management — beginner, advanced beginner, intermediate, advanced intermediate or advanced. Applicants with previous experience may be

asked to demonstrate their riding ability. Beginners are encouraged.

The fee for the eight-class session is \$200 for Union County residents or \$248 for out-of-county riders. All registrations and fees must be submitted in person at Watchung Stable, 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside.

For more information, and to obtain registration materials, call 908-789-3665.

Prosecutor appointed as chairman of committee

Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow has been appointed to be chairman of the Juvenile Justice Committee of the New Jersey Prosecutors Association.

Romankow, the county's chief law enforcement officer since July 2002, was named last month to head a special committee of New Jersey prosecutors who study and evaluate how the state administers its system of juvenile justice and recommends improvements.

The prosecutor, who initiatives during his time in office include the creation of a Union County Gang Task Force, a Counter-Terrorism Task Force and a Save a Neighborhood effort with local police officers, the Union County Sheriff's Office and the Union County Police Department, now also serves as vice chairman of the Police Chief Association Ad Hoc Liaison Committee to work closely with issues involving laws enforcement statewide.

"For the last 12 months, I have been pleased to head up plans to improve education for young mothers and teenage babysitters on the issue of the Shaken Baby Syndrome," said Romankow, who was recently reappointed to the Child Life Protection Committee. The committee members evaluate and approve applications from public and private agencies that utilize grant funds from the "Children's Trust Fund."

Romankow, who also serves as treasurer of the New Jersey Prosecutor's Association, was recently appointed as that group's Drug Court Representative. In that capacity, he serves to address issues relating to the creation and operation of Drug Courts throughout New Jersey in programs

that divert those caught in drug addiction from severe state prison sentences.

The prosecutor said he has supported Union County's successful Drug Court program that has become a model of how narcotics offenders can get swift treatment and avoid becoming violent career criminals.

Other new programs that have helped municipal departments fight crime include the Community Prosecution Program, the Intelligence Unit that shares law enforcement information and the Insurance Fraud Unit.

Volunteers wanted at Rape Crisis Center

Caring, supportive and committed individuals are asked to step forward to volunteer to assist rape survivors during day, evening and weekend shifts at the Union County Rape Crisis Center.

Training will prepare advocates to respond with information and support on the 24-hour hotline, provide emotional support and accompaniment at the hospital, police department, Prosecutor's Office and/or court.

The 40 hours of specialized training to become a rape crisis advocate, which is mandated by the state, will be scheduled twice a week until Nov. 20. Training addresses ways to assist survivors of the different types of sexual assault, the trauma experienced by sexual assault survivors, their family members and related issues.

In addition to serving as rape crisis advocates, volunteers may become involved in making educational presentations to schools or groups in the community on sexual assault topics.

The Union County Rape Crisis Center is located at 300 North Ave. East in Westfield. The center is a program in the Department of Human Services, Division of Planning, that is designed for comprehensive work with survivors of all areas of sexual assault. Some people may believe that only young women would need its services, but they are offered to adult males, females, teenagers, children and their families whether the sexual assault/abuse took place recently or in years past.

For more information, call 908-233-RAPE(7273).

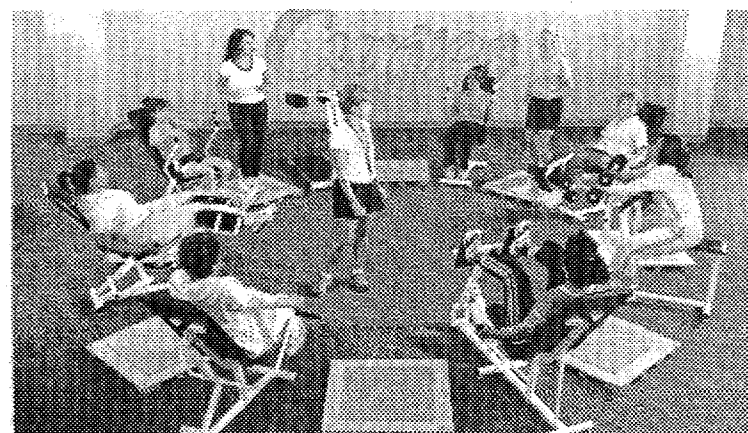
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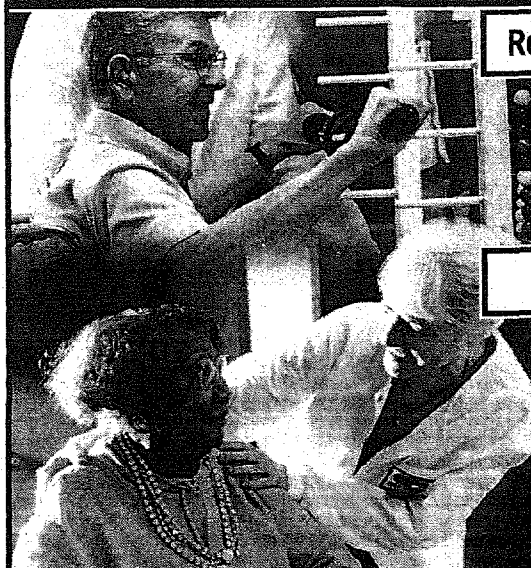
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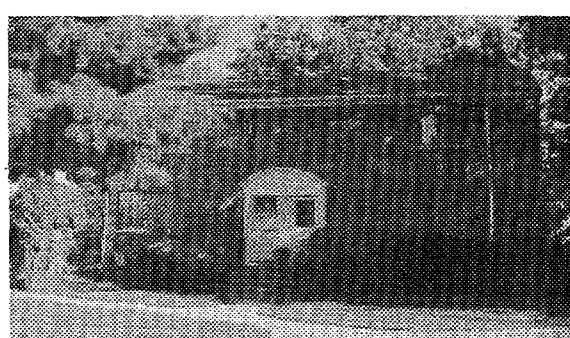


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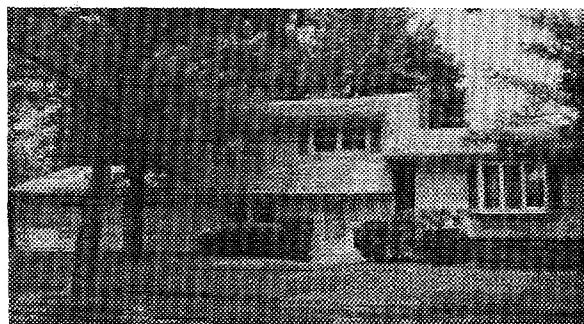
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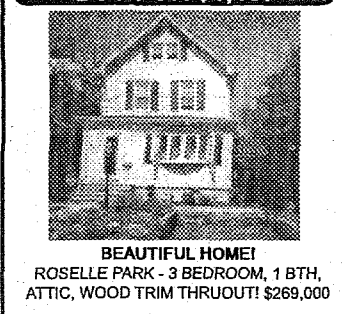
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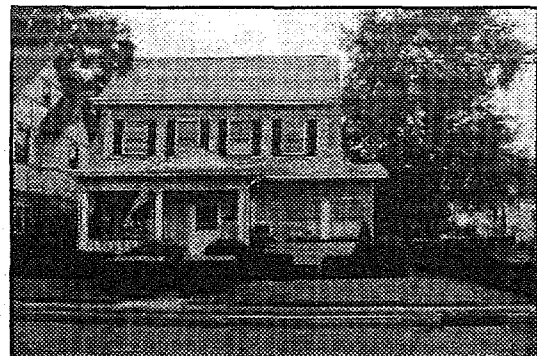
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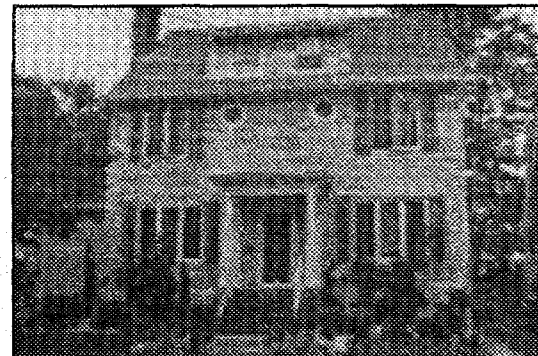
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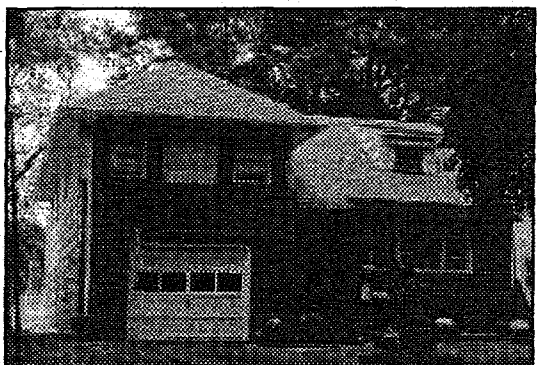
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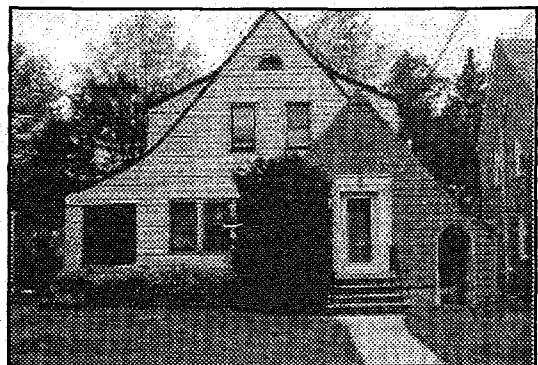
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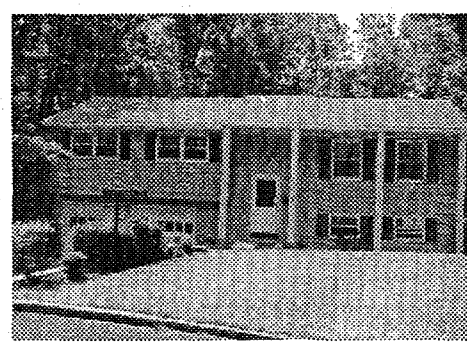
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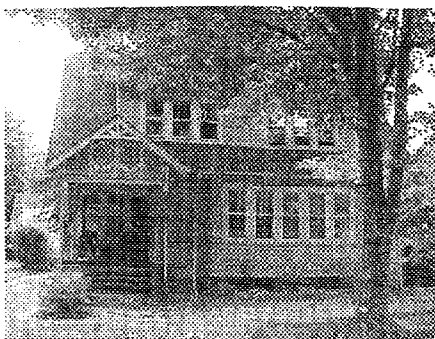
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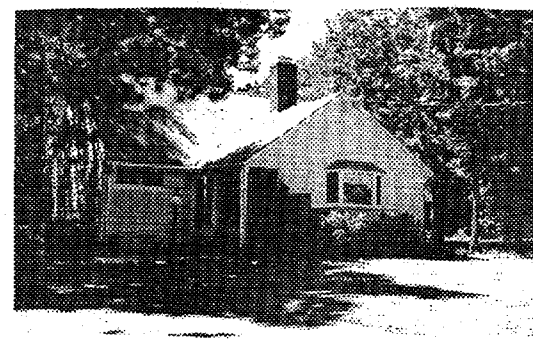
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Added power for the 2004 Forester

By Mark Maynard
Copley News Service

At long last, Subaru has given a version of its Forester a welcome power boost. New for 2004, the Forester 2.5 XT gets the pressure treatment for 45 more horsepower over the standard model.

The turbocharged and intercooled 2.5 liter, four-cylinder boxer engine performs with no turbo lag, or that second or so wait as exhaust gases turn an impeller that drives yet another impeller to cram fresh air into the manifold for a bigger charge of energy.

The engine spins at slightly higher revolutions to cancel the turbo lag, but the engine noise is well sound-isolated from the cabin — and what you do hear sounds like fun.

With 235 foot-pounds of torque — 69 more than the non-turbo engine — the Forester XT can slip through traffic like a hungry nuthatch. There's so much low-end pulling power that the driver of a manual transmission Forester can cheat shifts in traffic, rowing handily between second and third gears.

Foresters with the manual transmission also have Subaru's Hill Holder Clutch for no more tears getting started on a hill. Depress the clutch and the transmission prevents the vehicle from rolling backward. Now why doesn't every carmaker offer this?

At highway speeds, the engine can be spinning at 3,000 to 4,000 rpm — and at times I was ready to reach for a sixth gear — but there was never a concern for passing power in fifth gear. Expect 0 to 60 mph times in less than 6.5 seconds in the five-speed manual or 6.9 with the automatic.

Not to worry, the acceleration is not overwhelming and it is handily distributed with all-wheel drive. Cars have brakes at all four wheels, why not traction at all four? Especially when it is as efficient, lightweight and affordable as the Subaru system.

Fuel mileage for the XT might be a consideration for the old-school Subaru owners, who value the thrift of less-speedy transport. Despite

admirable fuel-economy ratings of 19 mpg city and 23 highway, my enthusiastic driving created frequent premium-fuel feedings of the 15.9-gallon tank.

But for those who enjoy rapid acceleration in the daily commute, I doubt the XT's fuel economy will be much of an issue.

The five-speed Forester 2.5 XT has a starting price of \$25,520, including the \$550 destination charge. Add \$800 for the four-speed Direct Controlled Electronic automatic transmission, which uses the wonders of microprocessing to optimize shift points.

A topline model with premium package (including a power sunroof) and leather runs \$28,070.

The XT is easily recognized on the road by the big hood scoop, six-spoke 16-inch alloy wheels, body color side cladding and aluminum finish and body-color mounts on the roof rails.

All models come with four-wheel disc brakes with ABS and electronic brake force distribution. The Forester meets passenger car safety standards and comes with such standard features as dual-stage front air bags, head and chest side bags and front seat belts with pretensioners and force-limiters.

The Forester has stylish, not sexy lines. Visibility is unhindered over the hood or over the shoulder and the turning circle is a very mall-friendly 34.7 feet.

The raised back seat, height-adjustable belts and seatback pockets create a comfy environment for kids. Up front, adults have plenty of areas to stash phones, CDs and beverages. Plus, the 60/40 rear seatback folds and the cargo area has several covered, in-floor storage areas.

This faster Forester is some trickle-down from Subaru Tecnica, the high-performance rally racing division. The 2.5 XT is good, and there's plenty more it could be.

2004 Subaru Forester 2.5 XT
Body style: Compact five-passenger SUV

Drive system: All-wheel drive
Engine: 210 hp, 2.5 liter turbocharged boxer four-cylinder; 235

foot-pounds of torque at 3,600 rpm

Transmission: five-speed manual with Hill Holder clutch or optional four-speed automatic

EPA estimated fuel economy: 19 mpg city, 23 highway

Fuel tank: 15.9 gallons; premium unleaded recommended

Standard equipment: Remote locking, 16-inch tires and alloy wheels, seven-speaker 120-watt AM-FM-weather band radio with six-disc CD changer, 60/40 split folding rear seatback, automatic climate control, center console with passenger-side storage compartment, cruise control, dual-mode trip computer, front seatback pockets, door pockets, fog lights, power locks and windows, rear wiper-washer, remote fuel door release, tilt steering, roof rails with crossbars

Safety equipment: Dual stage front air bags, head and chest front bags, active front head restraints, height-adjustable driver's seat, four-wheel disc brakes with ABS and electronic brake force distribution

Length: 175.2 inches

Ground clearance: 7.2 inches

Front head/leg/shoulder room:

40.2/43/53.5 inches

Rear head/leg/shoulder room:

39.6/33.4/53.6 inches

Curb weight: 3,210 pounds (3,250, automatic)

Towing capacity: 2,000 pounds

Cargo capacity: 32 cubic feet behind back seat. 63, rear seat folded

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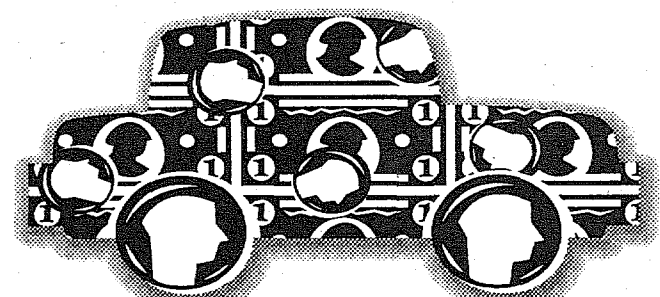
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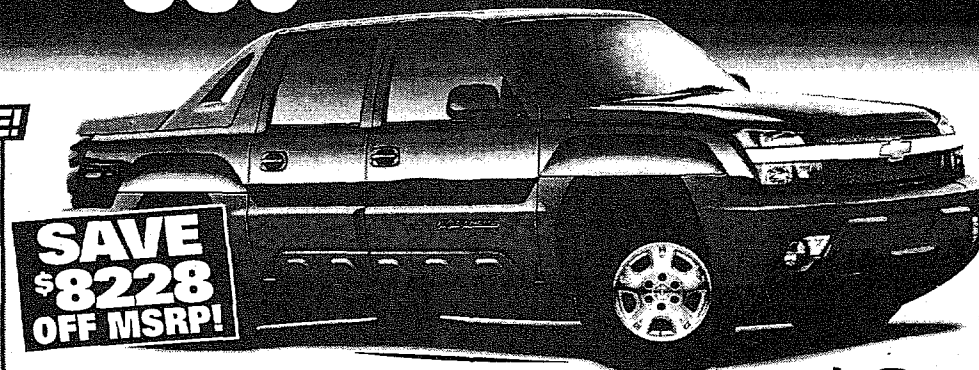
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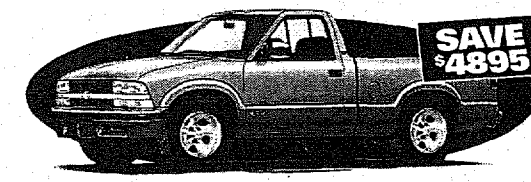
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