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TWO SECT

## Bleak picture painted of school district finances

By David Learn  
Managing Editor

The Clark School District has retired long-term teachers, eliminated programs and sold its oldest school building in recent years an effort to remain financially solvent.

But with expenses related to special education on the rise, deregionalization-related payments to Garwood and Mountainside coming due and other costs washing ashore, Superintendent of Schools Paul Ortenzio is forecasting more problems if the district doesn't take action soon.

The Board of Education is due to discuss the district's financial situation at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, when it will meet in the Arthur L. Johnson High School library. Ortenzio distributed a memo about potential shortfalls to board members on Sept. 23.

"I'm deeply worried about some of those issues that we're going to face, and we need to face them now, or they're going to get com-

pounded," Ortenzio said Tuesday.

As it stands now, the district is underbudgeted between \$500,000 and \$600,000 for the 2003-04 school year, meaning it would take at least that much money to pay for the programs and expenses already approved for this school year. By state law, the school district may not end the year with a deficit and must maintain a surplus between 3 and 6 percent.

What puzzles some school board members is how the district could be facing a situation where it potentially would be in arrears. It was only last year that an auditor told the district it was in excellent financial shape.

"We were in a position at the end of 2002 where we had more than 6 percent surplus," said board member Karen Amalfe. "You would think we would be in a financially safe position, so I do find it somewhat confusing."

Amalfe is not the only one.

Diane Lanigan, chairwoman of the board's finance committee, also found the reversal of

fortune beyond her understanding.

"I'm being blunt with you. I don't know the answer. I'm stumped," said Lanigan. "We will be asking a lot of questions. I don't want to see anything lost out of the district."

The Board of Education made several cuts in the 2003-04 budget to bring it in without significant increases. When four new positions became necessary at Arthur L. Johnson High School, the budget committee made cuts elsewhere, resulting in the elimination of athletic programs such as gymnastics.

Another expense, which came in after voters already had approved the budget, was the addition of two new basic skills instructors. The state informed the district of that requirement after fewer than 75 percent of the eighth grade displayed basic proficiency on the math portion of a state-mandated test.

Ortenzio links the financial situation to several areas, from the five annual payments of \$400,000 that Clark soon will have to start

making to the Mountainside and Garwood school districts as a result of deregionalization, to the increasingly high costs of special education.

In addition to the special-education students Clark educates in-house at Frank K. Hehny School, the district has 43 special-education students whom it sends out of district, at a cost of \$1.9 million, plus transportation costs.

Those transportation costs themselves continue to escalate, particularly as parents of other special-needs children move to Clark with an eye on taking advantage of the school's special-education program.

The district has received about a "half-dozen" calls from such parents looking at buying homes in Clark, Ortenzio said.

"That's a two-edged sword when you blame things on special education, because it can come back and hit you in the face," said Ortenzio. "I'm not trying to be callous, but

those are some of the issues."

One of the programs that might be hit is a laptop computer program that Amalfe has been pushing for months to restore to Hehny School. The school's centralized computer room was dismantled over the summer to accommodate the special education program.

Amalfe has been trying ever since to build support for a computer-on-a-cart program. Such a program would enable students to use computers as a class, instead of relying on infrequent opportunities to use the one or two personal computers in the classroom.

Amalfe is still holding out hope for the program, but acknowledges it will depend in large part on the recommendations of the finance and curriculum committees.

"It's pretty disheartening, because it just shows you what some of the priorities are," she said. "For the sake of the kids, I hope we can get a laptop program at Hehny since they have one over at Valley Road."

## Eatery on the green

Hyatt Hills bistro open for outings

By Josh Saltzman  
Staff Writer

After 18 months of preparation, the new restaurant in the Hyatt Hills Golf Complex is all but ready to open.

Lana's, an upscale Continental American restaurant, is expected to open to the public this month on the premises of the complex, which is located in Cranford and Clark.

Until recently, the restaurant was expected to open to the public Friday, but Peter Kowal, one of the three owners and a bar owner in Rahway, said Tuesday that a problem with the building's certificate of occupancy had caused some delays.

"It's a little bit of a problem," he said.

Clark Mayor Sal Bonaccorso, a member of the Hyatt Hills Golf Commission, described the problems as extremely minor — one he mentioned is that the crash bar on a door does not work properly — and predicted the eatery would open later this month.

The bar in Lana's already is open to the public, and the restaurant's kitchen recently began catering golf outings in the dining room, which already is finished.

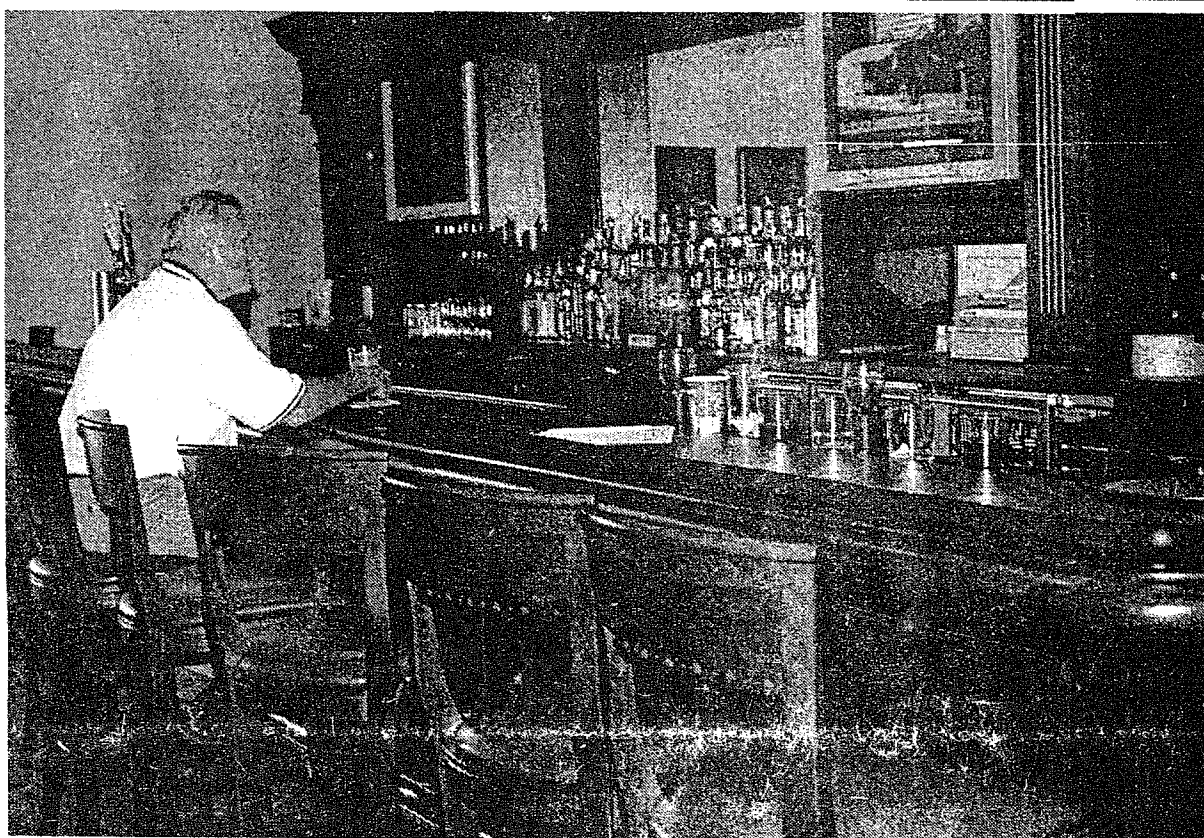
Lana's takes its name from Lana Bridgman, who co-owns the restaurant with her husband, Harry Bridgman, and with Kowal, who is Harry Bridgman's lifelong friend.

The restaurant's owners said they are confident in the success of the restaurant.

Kowal pointed out that there are numerous other successful restaurants in the area, and yet few that provide dining experiences similar to Lana's.

Harry Bridgman also cited the demographics of the area.

"It seems to be in an affluent



Photos By Barbara Kakkalis

A man sits at the bar in Lana's at the Hyatt Hills Golf Complex, enjoying a drink in the quiet of Monday afternoon.

enough area, between Clark, Cranford, Westfield," he said.

The owners also cited the built-in clientele and publicity provided by the golf course, which has a total 250 parking spaces available.

In addition to operating as a restaurant, Lana's also will have exclusive food rights at the complex and will cater all events and outings held there.

Midamerican Dining LLC, the corporation formed by the three owners, has a 15-year contract with the golf complex, which it won through a bidding process overseen by the Hyatt Hills Golf Commission.

The contract says that Midamerican Dining will pay rent — \$4,500 a month during golf season and \$3,500 a month at other times — plus a percentage of the gross earnings of the restaurant.

Fees that clients pay for catered golf outings or events hosted at the restaurant are included in those gross earnings.

Chairman Robert Hoeffler of the golf commission said that the revenue Hyatt Hills would earn directly from the restaurant — in the

range of \$40,000 a year — will not be a considerable source of income to the golf complex.

"Forty thousand out of a budget of 1.4 million is not that significant," Hoeffler said.

On the other hand, he said, "It's part of making the property a success." He said that the golf course would bring customers to the restaurant and vice versa.

"One helps the other," he said.

Hoeffler also expects the restaurant to result in three to four times as many private events and outings as before on the golf course. A number of organizations have held golf outings at the complex, but the need to use an outside caterer for such events has been a deterrent.

Though none of the three owners have previous experience operating a restaurant, Kowal owns and operates Butch Kowal's, a successful bar in Rahway, where he is a member of the Board of Education.

Lana Bridgman, who lives in Clark with her husband, Harry Bridgman, is a former accountant, but recently attended and graduated from culinary school in anticipation of opening the restaurant.

The kitchen will be headed by executive chef Humberto Campos, a 32-year old Culinary Institute of America graduate who previously worked as a chef at The Ryland Inn in Whitehouse Station.

Using ingredients like prime aged steaks and fresh Atlantic salmon, Campos will prepare a menu that he said is, "a little Spanish, a little Asian, a little French, a little bit of everything."

The restaurant area will seat 120 indoors, plus another 55 on the outdoor patio, which sometimes will feature live light music.

The bar area, which will serve a tapas menu in addition to numerous wines, beers, and martini-style drinks, seats 48.

The patio is adjacent to the popular miniature golf course, with a small "buffer zone" separating the two areas.

Harry Bridgman said he does not expect the miniature golf play to cause a problem for the restaurant.

He added that it could even attract customers, who could have their children play miniature golf while the adults eat dinner.

## Windows broken at 2 businesses

Owners say vandals used pellet gun

By David Learn  
Managing Editor

Vandals damaged windows on two neighboring Raritan Road businesses late last week, striking twice in as many days.

Managers at J & E Auto Body and E-Z Rental Center discovered the damage when they opened for work Friday and Saturday mornings, according to police reports. Police provided few details about the incidents, but the managers say it appeared to them that their windows had been shot with a pellet gun.

A request for a copy of the police reports about the incidents was filed with the Police Department early Tuesday afternoon. Police had not responded to that request by presstime Tuesday evening.

"We came in and found the bottom of our window was cracked with something," Bill Evans, shop manager at J & E Auto Body, said Tuesday afternoon. The body shop replaced the window. "Then it happened again," Evans said.

Next door at E-Z Rental Center, someone damaged a window pane in the store's front door. The glass on the door was cracked in a spider-web pattern, which suggests to manager John Mauro that the vandal was using a BB gun.

Neither Evans nor Mauro found a BB pellet.

Like Evans, Mauro found the act repeated the next day. This time, the vandal had shot the side door of the business.

J & E Auto Body spent \$275 on its

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— John Mauro

first replacement window, and E-Z Rental Center spent \$238.50 replacing the glass pane in its front door. Each of the businesses expects similar costs for the second repair.

Evans said he has no idea who targeted the businesses, or why.

"We have a couple ideas," said Mauro. "It seems to be just our two businesses. There's an apartment building behind us, and they've called a couple times to complain about the noise." He was quick to add that the vandals could be acting from any motive. "It could be kids with a new toy."

In the meantime, as the businesses wait to replace their windows — again — it's a matter of sitting tight and waiting to see if the vandals return a third time, or if there's a breakthrough in the police investigation.

"They purposefully targeted us twice. That's pretty ballsy," said Evans. "We're just seeing if Clark finds anything out. With any luck, if it's kids, they're telling or bragging."

## Schieferstein market gets extra cleanup time

Concerns linger over progress so far

By David Learn  
Managing Editor

Schieferstein Farm Market has been given a brief extension to its deadline to clean up its property.

The market, less than 5 acres along Madison Hill Road near St. Agnes Church, has been the subject of controversy in recent years as its neighbors have complained about an unkempt appearance and poor maintenance.

The Township Council discussed potential litigation concerning Schieferstein Farm Market on Tuesday night, during a portion of the municipal meeting that was closed to the public.

Details of that discussion were not available, owing to the potential for litigation. Mayor Sal Bonaccorso said the council discussed areas the business already had improved and what the township felt needed to be improved further.

He would not elaborate, citing the legal nature of the discussion.

Neighbors of the business have complained that weeds on the site have been allowed to get out of hand, growing sometimes as high as six feet

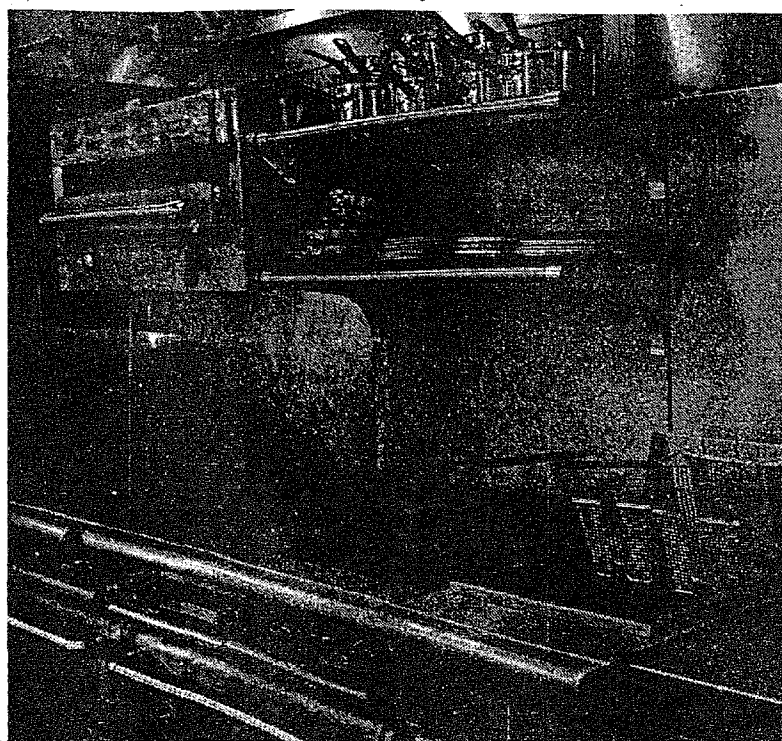
tall. The township this spring got a court order telling the market to clean up the site, but granted the business an extension through Sept. 30 to get the site satisfactorily cleaned up.

The township also erected a barrier on Mae Belle Drive, where a cul-de-sac abuts Schieferstein Farm Market. Residents had complained that trucks were entering the property through that cul-de-sac.

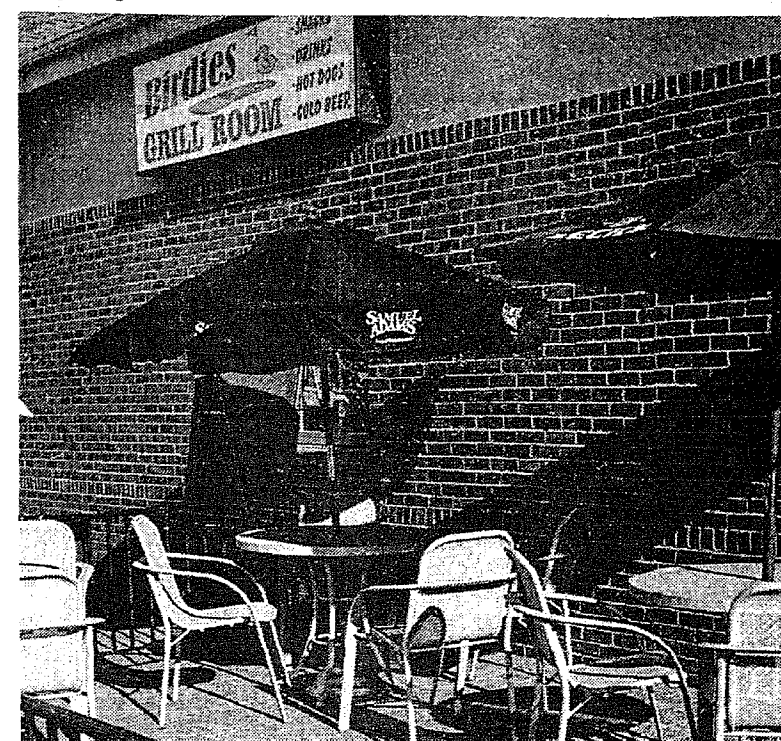
Schieferstein Farm Market makes its business selling firewood and selling crops from other farms.

In a recent telephone conversation, Fred Schieferstein claimed the business grows some organic produce on site. Neighbors and township officials claim to be unaware of any actual farming or agriculture done at the site.

The property has been in the Schieferstein family since 1903. 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 kitchen at Lana's will be used to prepare a mixture of foods, creating a 'Continental American' menu.



A patio will allow for outdoor dining at the Hyatt Hills Golf Complex, not far from the miniature golf course.

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**Friday**  
• 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.

**Saturday**  
• 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.

The event is open to the public. 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.

**Monday**  
• 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.

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

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

**Wednesday**  
• 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.

**Upcoming Oct. 16**  
• Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., will show "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" at 1 p.m. as part of its film series on movies adapted from books. There is no charge for the program.

For more information contact Director Maureen Baker Wilkinson at 732-388-5999.

• Clark seniors will meet at 1 p.m. in the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building cafeteria, 430 Westfield Ave. Guest speaker will be Eric A. Karp, medical director of Rahway Regional Cancer Center.

For more information, call Lillian B. Krov at 732-381-3823.

**Polish former prisoner shares Siberia memories**

Fred DeMont, a former Polish prisoner in a Siberia labor camp, presented a 40-minute video titled "Forgotten Odyssey" to The Polish University Club of New Jersey on Sept. 17.

An audience of more than 40 members and guests viewed the plight of Polish citizens imprisoned in Russia after the Yalta Conference partition.

Mr. DeMont discussed his experience after being taken to Siberia and imprisoned there for a number of years. He provided firsthand information regarding the plight of the large numbers of his Polish countrymen who endured hardship and loss of family before finally being allowed to return to Poland.

Also appearing in the video were fellow prisoners of the Russians who related their own personal experiences. With voices choked with emotion, they spoke of family members

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who perished because of starvation, disease and inadequate medical care.

The Polish University Club presents a topic of varying interests each month to those in attendance. The club welcomes guests and new members.

The principal activity of the club is to provide scholarship assistance at the college or university level to deserving students of Polish ancestry.

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**University Club to hear from foreign consulate**

The Polish University Club of New Jersey will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway.

Following the business meeting, Anna Belka of the Polish Consulate in New York City will address the role the Polish Consul plays in the lives of

Polish citizens in the United States and in the lives of Polish-Americans.

Belka also will present information about the many ways the consul also interacts with Polish Americans in the metropolitan area, and the types of assistance and/or information that the consulate may provide.

Polish-American college graduates founded the club in 1925. Since the organization's founding 78 years ago, more than 500 young people have been awarded P.U.C. scholarships.

The club welcomes guests and new members. If you are a college graduate of Polish ethnicity and wish to make application to join the club, contact Diana Gaza at 732-380-8581.

Club officers are President Wes Warchol of Scotch Plains, First Vice President Audrey Lewandowski-Foley of Colonia, Second Vice President Andrzej Welenc of Boonton, Treasurer Jim Barwick of Wycoff and Secretary Diane Martin of Union.

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# Unpaid fines worth \$2,383 lead to Linden man's arrest

A Linden man came face to face with thousands of dollars in outstanding fines late last month.

Rodney Rodriguez, 35, of 18 E. Munsell Ave., Linden, was arrested at the Linden Police Department at 11:16 p.m. Sept. 30 on an outstanding contempt-of-court warrant from Clark.

The warrant was for an unpaid \$1,020 fine. Police also uncovered additional warrants from Point Pleasant and Bordentown, worth a total \$1,363.

A series of outstanding fines also caught up with a 32-year-old Rahway woman Friday morning.

Police arrested Kazembe Taylor, 32, of 718 Audrey Drive, Rahway, at Valley Road and Liberty Street on outstanding contempt-of-court warrants from East Windsor, Plainsboro and Trenton. The warrants related to a total \$2,204 of unpaid fines.

A Westfield Avenue business re-

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ported being the victim of credit card fraud, at 3:16 p.m. Sept. 29.

No other information was available.

A Stonehenge Terrace reported stolen mail, a federal offense, at 5:37 p.m. Sept. 29.

There was no information about what was stolen in the mail.

An Exeter Road resident reported being the victim of identity theft, at 10:05 a.m. Sept. 30.

Police provided no other information.

Two wallets were reported stolen at a Central Avenue business, at 2:13 p.m. Sept. 30.

Police found a stolen motor vehicle near Ross Street and Georgian Drive at 3 p.m. Sept. 30.

The vehicle had been stolen from Brick. Police provided no information

about the vehicle, and provided no details about its recovery.

A customer at A&P on Westfield Avenue reported losing a wallet, at 2:18 p.m. Saturday. No information was released about what was in the wallet.

A James Avenue resident reported being the victim of fraud, at 10:31 a.m. Monday. No other information was available.

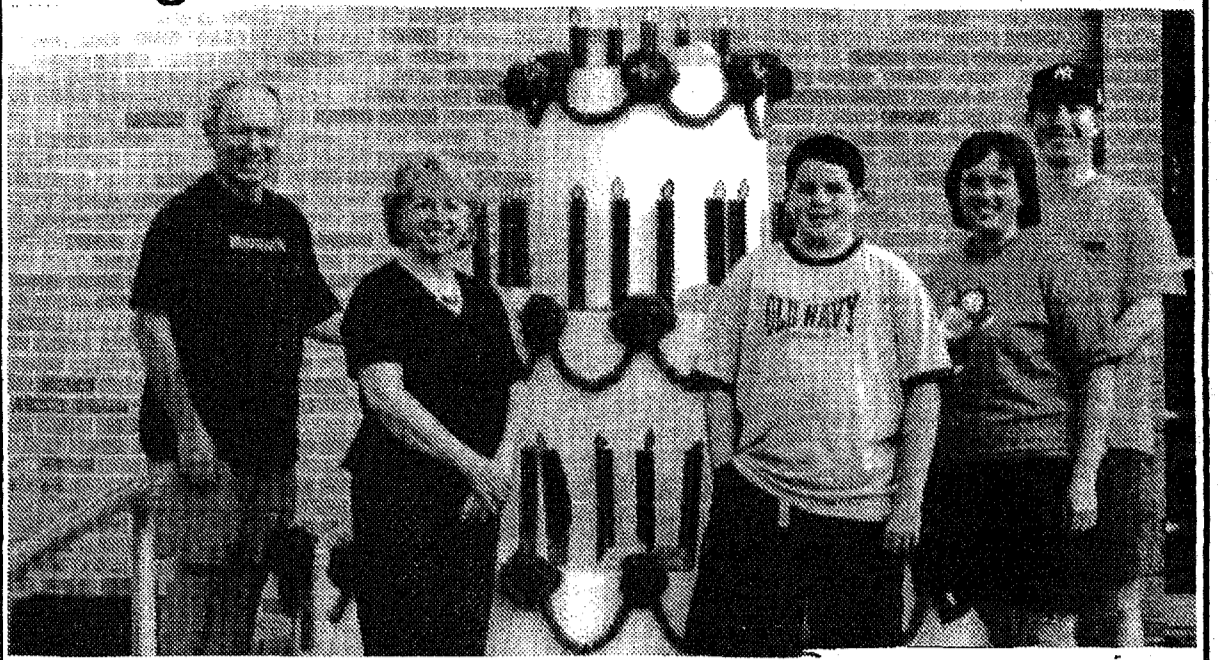
Police arrested Nicholas Hausser, 44, of 25 Fairfield Road, Toms River, on an outstanding contempt of court charge at 12:57 p.m. Monday.

Hausser, who was arrested at the Tinton Falls Police Department, was taken to Union County Jail.

Someone requested an ambulance for a female — police did not list an age — on Briarwood Path at 12:04 p.m. Oct. 1.

The victim reportedly had suffered back and elbow injuries. She was taken to Rahway Hospital.

## St. Agnes School turns 40



With a giant birthday cake and banner, St. Agnes School is preparing for its 40th anniversary. Incoming eighth-graders took time during summer break to paint the cake with St. Agnes School colors. St. Agnes School opened Sept. 9, 1963, with about 150 students. The first St. Agnes students were taught at Union Catholic High School while their own building was under construction. For more information on the school or the celebration, call 732-381-0850 or visit Web site [www.stagnesschool.com](http://www.stagnesschool.com).

# Fire Department extinguishes residential electric fire

The Fire Department was called to a Walnut Drive residence for a report of a fallen electric power line at 11:26 a.m. Sept. 29.

Upon arrival, firefighters found that the electric service had detached from the residence, and smoke was coming from the electric meter.

Firefighters forced their way into the residence to determine whether there was any fire in the residence.

A small fire behind the electric meter was extinguished and the area was checked for fire inside the walls.

Public Service Electric and Gas Co. turned off power to the residence.

The Fire Department was dispatched for a report of a house explosion on North Lane at 2:01 p.m. Oct. 2.

## FIRE BLOTTER

Upon arrival, no problems were found, but numerous residents reported an interruption in electric power service.

Investigation determined that a transformer failure was the source of the power failure and Public Service Electric and Gas Co. was called to the scene.

The Fire Department responded to a fire alarm activation at an unoccupied Fairview Road residence at 2:29 p.m. Oct. 2.

Investigation of the residence did not detect any visible fire.

The Police Department contacted the homeowners to come home and reset the fire alarm system.

The Fire Department responded

to a fire alarm activation at a Stonehenge Terrace residence at 8:40 p.m. Oct. 1.

Investigation determined that a smoke detector was activated by smoke from an extinguished candle.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a fire alarm activation at a Central Avenue office building at 6:55 p.m. Oct. 1.

Investigation determined that a smoke detector in the lobby of the building was activated for no apparent cause.

The Fire Department was dispatched for a report of smoke coming from an unoccupied Colonial Drive residence at 1:57 p.m. Sept. 29.

Upon arrival, a small amount of smoke was found coming from the chimney. Firefighters entered the

residence through an open window and found light smoke in the basement.

A thermal imaging camera determined that the only source of heat in the residence was the furnace.

Firefighters determined the furnace was the source of the smoke.

The furnace was turned off with the emergency switch, the residence was cleared of smoke with a mechanical fan, and the residence was secured.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a fire alarm activation at Arthur L. Johnson High School at 7:04 p.m. Sept. 26.

A smoke detector in the boys locker room had been activated by water being sprayed in the area.

Maintenance staff replaced the smoke detector, and the fire alarm system was reset.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a St. Laurent Drive residence for a 911 call reporting smoke

in the residence at 3:03 a.m. Sept. 26.

The smoke was coming from unattended cooking. The residence was checked to ensure that there was no other source for the smoke and the smoke was ventilated from the residence with a fan.

The Fire Department was called to a Lexington Village apartment for a report of smoke coming from an apartment at 4:03 p.m. Sept. 25.

Firefighters linked the smoke to a pot on the stove. The pot was removed from the stove, the residence was checked to ensure that there was no other source for the smoke and the smoke was dispersed with a fan.

The Fire Department was dispatched to the Crowne Plaza hotel for a fire alarm at 11:10 a.m. Sept. 25.

Firefighters determined that a smoke detector apparently had been activated due to the use of a deodorizing spray by cleaning personnel.

The Fire Department was called to a Cutler Place residence for a report of a flooded basement 8:50 a.m. Sept. 25.

The owner told firefighters the hose to the sump pump had been reconnected and appeared to be working properly.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Whittier Road residence for a report of a fire alarm activation at 8 p.m. Sept. 24.

While en route to the residence, the Fire Department was told the report was a false alarm, which firefighters confirmed at the scene.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Terminal Avenue manufacturing facility for a fire alarm at 6:38 a.m. Sept. 22.

The activation was caused by a water flow detector in the fire sprinkler system.

Maintenance personnel were told to have the system repaired, because of a number of similar problems.

## EDUCATION

### High school DECA clubs elect school year officers

The Arthur L. Johnson High School Marketing I and Marketing II DECA clubs have selected their officers for the 2003-04 school year.

Marketing I DECA officers are Megan Crafa, secretary; Josh Avoil, vice president; Kevin Couper, treasurer; and Stephen Frost, president.

Marketing II DECA officers are Jessica Klein, vice president; Steve

Mandela, president; Joelle Roseman, secretary; Mike Gaspar, treasurer.

These students will attend a DECA leadership conference in November.

### Veterans Day service to honor ALJ alumni

The Veterans Day service at Arthur L. Johnson High School this year will honor alumni of the school who are serving in the U.S. military, as well as those who have served in our nation's armed forces.

The Veterans Day ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Nov. 11, in front of the school. The ceremony will be open to the public.

Arthur L. Johnson High School Principal Robert Taylor is asking all Clark and Garwood parents or relatives of alumni who are serving in the military to contact his office at 732-382-0910 with the name of the enlisted person, which branch of the military they are serving in, and the year they graduated from ALJ.

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## SENIOR NEWS

### Driver safety is goal of AARP-driven program

Cranford Municipal Alliance will host a driver safety program from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 20 and 21.

This refresher program, conducted by AARP, will be held at the Cranford Community Center. The program is for individual 50 and older, but is open to anyone interested.

Participants will receive a certificate upon completion of the full two-day course, which may be used for 5 percent insurance saving on major portion auto premium, or the deduction of 2 points from driver's auto record, if applicable.

Seating for this workshop is limited and registration required. Cost is \$10, payable to AARP.

For more information, call 908-272-3077.

### Senior billiards program to run through October

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department is offering a senior billiards class from noon to 2:30 p.m. Fridays.

Classes are held at the Cranford Community Center game room, which contains four billiard tables.

Classes will run through Oct. 24 and are open to Cranford seniors 60 and older.

Lessons will include instructions on the proper method of holding the cue stick and making the stroke; the variety of games, explanation of game rules and scoring; good sportsmanship; how to play the game with complete concentration with no outside disturbances; and more.

After the instructional period, there will be free time for game play.

Registration is required. Call the Recreation and Parks Department for more information at 908-709-7283.

### No movie to be shown on Monday, Columbus Day

There will be no Monday movie this week because of Columbus Day.

The Recreation and Parks Department will resume its senior movies Oct. 20.

Movies run from 11:10 a.m. to about 12:45 p.m. The following movies will be shown:

Monday — Columbus Day. No movie.

Oct. 20 — "Down With Love," 94 minutes. Renee Zellweger and Ewan McGregor star in this movie, which

imitates the romantic comedies of the early 1960s, particularly the Doris Day/Rock Hudson movies.

Oct. 27 — "Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein," 83 minutes. Enjoy one of the team's best films and one of the best horror-movie spoofs ever concocted.

There will be no movies shown in November. They will resume in December.

### Thursday club

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

The club has the following meeting activities planned:

Today — Ernie Gratz from Elizabethtown Water Co. will address the club at its regular meeting.

Wednesday — Neil Friedman will speak on "Sleep Solutions."

Oct. 23 — Bunco

Oct. 30 — Halloween Party, have fun, wear a costume, win a prize.

The following trips are planned:

Oct. 28 — Caesars Casino in Atlantic City. Call 272-6828 for more information.

Dec. 10-11 — Christmas party, Delaware Park Casino, Christina Mall

### PUBLIC NOTICE

At 10:00 a.m. on December 11, 2003, in Room 16. The Township of Clark shall not be responsible for any bid mailed which is lost in transit or delivered late by the Postal Service. At the above time, all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids must be presented in a sealed envelope which is clearly marked "Bid for Recycling Collection and Marketing". No bid will be received after the time and date specified. After receipt of bids, no bid may be withdrawn within sixty (60) days after the date of the bid opening except if provided herein.

All bids shall be in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the Business Administrator John F. Laezza, and are on the bid forms provided by the Township in the bid package and no other forms will be accepted. Specifications and bid forms can be obtained at the Township Clerk's Office Room #28, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Bid proposals and all required documents must be completed and submitted by the date set forth above. All documents in the enclosed bid package must accompany the bid proposal and/or proposals. The bid security shall be in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid or twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000.00), whichever is lower.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive immaterial formalities, or to accept any bid which, in the opinion of the Township, will be in the best interest of the Township. All bidders must comply with PL 1975, Chapter 1271 entitled "An Act Relating to Affirmative Action in Relation to Discrimination in Connection with Certain Public Contracts and Supplementing the 'Law Against Discrimination' approved April 16, 1945 (PL 1945, Chapter 169)", N.J.A.C. 17.27, as amended from time to time, the American's with Disability Act and PL 1977, Chapter 33. John F. Laezza, Business Administrator U8734 CCE October 9, 2003 (\$30.69)

### 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 Herring 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 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

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### AARP Chapter 4269

Cranford AARP Chapter 4269 is offering the following trips:

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Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. from the Centennial Avenue Pool Complex parking lot.

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

### Bridge on Thursdays

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department reminds Cranford seniors that the Bridge Club meets Thursdays at the Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

The morning session is from 10 a.m. to noon, and the afternoon session is from 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. Beginners and advanced players are welcome.

All games are played in an air-conditioned room. For more information, call 908-709-7283.

### PUBLIC 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 Constantini, 2401 NW 58th Street, Boca Raton, Florida 33496 and Stanley Constantini, 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 Fisch-

### PUBLIC NOTICE

er, 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. U8390 CCE Oct. 2, & 9, 2003 (\$34.80)

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#### Invitation for Bids

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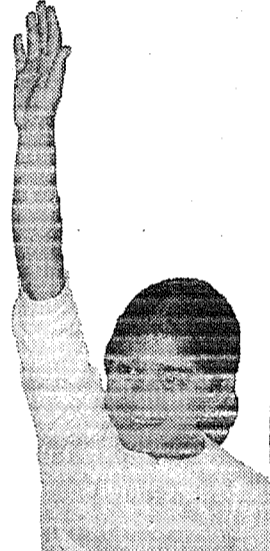
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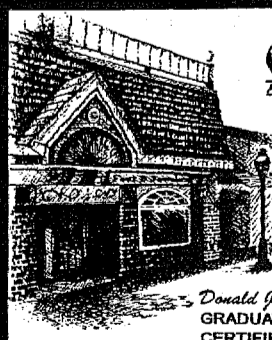
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## EDITORIALS

### Keep up the pressure

Township officials this year have been more than reasonable in accommodating Schieferstein's Farm Market when it's come to getting the site of the business cleaned. After originally giving the business a spring deadline, the township ended up offering an extension that was months long.

Now that the deadline has passed and the township has decided the farm market has met sufficient standards for cleanliness, township officials should arrange for a period of sustained vigilance with biweekly or monthly check-ins to make sure the business continues to meet those standards.

Pictures that residents have taken of the site reveal a situation that at times has been nothing short of appalling. Weeds grown tall enough to obscure a grown adult. Trucks parked behind the business. Wall after wall of firewood, stacked high enough to pass for a wooden Tower of Babel.

Those problems, at least for now, appear to have been remedied, and a hedgerow along the border of the property as it grows should help considerably at minimizing problems related to unsightly views. That's good — but it's important that the business be held to the expectation of being a good neighbor.

One scenario the township must avoid is that of a loop of improvements and relapses. The property, now that it has been put back in order, must remain so. To allow the property to become choked with weeds once more is to show unmasked contempt not only for the neighbors whose health can be endangered by rodents drawn by the overall weeds, but also for the very legal process that the township initiated in the spring.

### Who cares about the law?

California has become known far and wide for its gubernatorial recall election. New Jersey has become known far and wide for its last-minute switches in general elections. For the second year in a row, Democrats have replaced a candidate they thought was in trouble weeks after the deadline had passed. Last year, it was Robert Torricelli who dropped his bid for re-election to the U.S. Senate as his poll numbers plummeted. The party replaced him on the ballot with former Sen. Frank Lautenberg and the state Democrats picked up the tab for reprinting the ballots. This year, it is state Sen. Joseph Suliga who is no longer seeking re-election after a number of embarrassing stories have arisen.

In the case of Suliga, at least there is a health problem; the freshman senator has admitted to and sought help for an alcohol problem. But while Torricelli only suffered from poor poll numbers, Suliga's problem with alcohol seems to have existed long before last month, it just never became an issue for an election. Now that it has, it seems to have changed a Senate seat the party didn't have to worry about losing to one where they at least have to spend more resources to ensure a victory. And only now is the party all for Suliga seeking help.

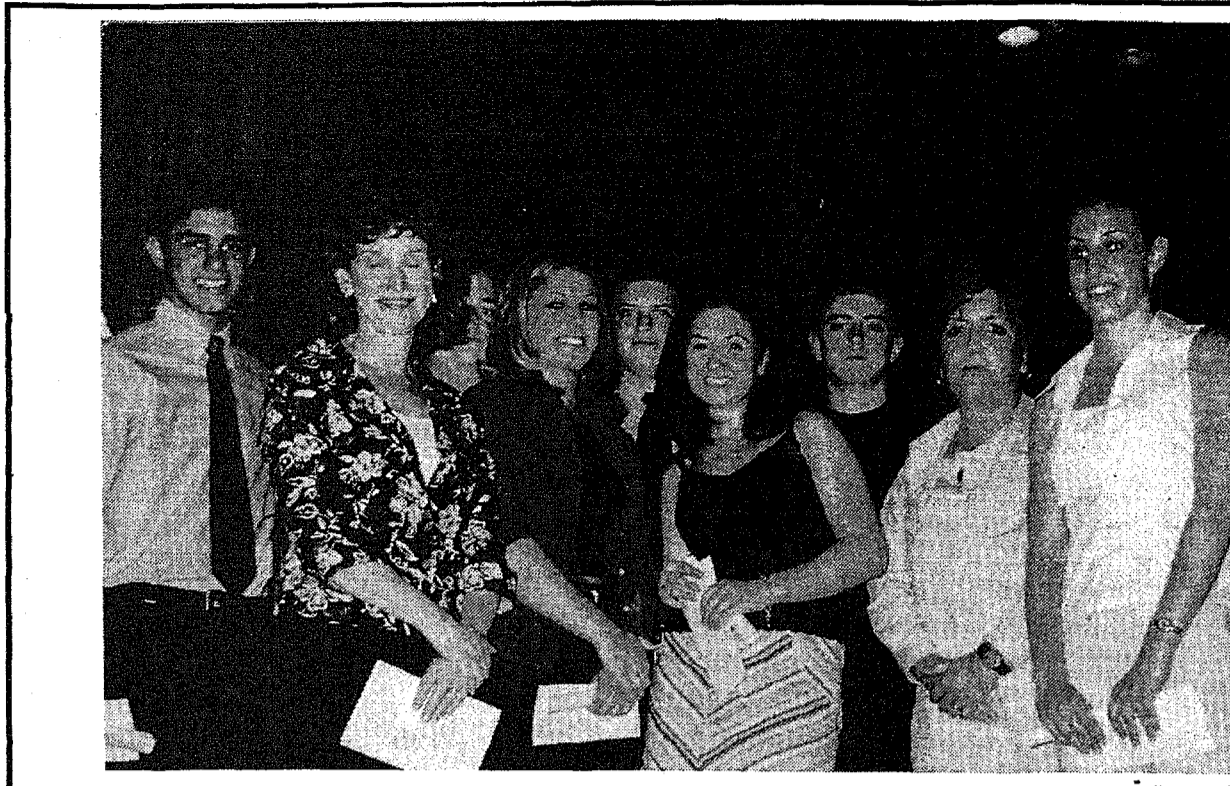
Only a half-dozen competitive races coupled with a 20-20 split in the state Senate, we'll guess, had more impact on Suliga being pressured to drop out than his alcohol problem. Democrats, already down to a slimmer majority in the Assembly than just two years ago when they took control, didn't want to risk losing a seat when there was no room for error. It's another example that the two major political parties place retaining power ahead of most any other concerns. You know, things that affect you, the taxpayer, like property taxes and auto insurance.

Last year's outrageous state Supreme Court decision to allow Democrats to replace Torricelli set the precedent that many feared. Once there was even a hint that Suliga might be dropping out last month, already there was talk of a replacement candidate; not whether it would be allowed. Superior Court Judge Edward Beglin ruled Friday that it was okay for the Democrats to disregard the law and replace Suliga.

Fall has always been referred to as the "silly season," but it's getting sillier every year when the people who make the laws are allowed to disregard them. Just as Torricelli should have remained on the ballot last year, Suliga should have remained on the ballot this year.

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—Anne Lamott, writer, 1995



**SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS** — The Clark Scholarship Fund awarded scholarships to seniors from Arthur L. Johnson High School Class of 2003. Pictured are recipients Michael Zizza, Charles E. Driesens Jr. Engineering Scholarship; Lisa Messina, Clark Scholarship Fund; Bryan Bocco, Alice B. Flood Scholarship; Heather Hull, Henry C. Staeger Scholarship; Adam Hundemann, Anthony M. Prisco Bursary; Danielle Wojcik, Elks Scholarship; John Kosempel, Robert J. Jeney Bursary; Barbara White, Clark Scholarship Fund secretary; and Lynn Harbutzinski, Elks Scholarship.

### A parent's dream, but a nightmare for justice

If you're like me, you probably spent at least a little time recently on the computer checking the state's new online registry of sex offenders, at [www.njsp.org](http://www.njsp.org).

For a parent, it's a dream come true. I have two daughters, one almost 4 years old, and the other almost 1. With a few clicks of the mouse, I was able to find the names, addresses and other pertinent information about all six sex offenders who live in the same town as I. One lives only two blocks from me.

Let me focus on him. He was convicted Aug. 15, 1997, of sexual assault involving a preteen girl, criminal sexual assault against a woman and aggravated criminal sexual assault against a preteen girl. The site doesn't provide any more information than that about the crimes.

I guarantee you that not only will I keep my children away from this man, but whenever I see him, I'm going to be filled with revulsion for what he's done. If I were to meet him on the street while I'm walking my dog, it would be next to impossible for me to interact with him without words like pedophile, pervert and

#### Speaking for Myself

By David Learn  
Managing Editor

rapist running through my mind.

I find that troubling.

Whether it's intended or not, this registry automatically has become an added punishment to men and women — but usually men — who already have paid their debt to society through a jail term.

As a result of this scarlet-letter treatment, this man has now been given the 21st-century version of the stocks. I know where he lives. I know how tall he is, what color his eyes and hair are, and with a little digging, I could find out all sorts of other personal information about him. If there's one thing a reporter's good at, it's digging information other people like to keep private.

What's worse is that if anyone molests a child in the neighborhood, I

know exactly who I'm going to suspect right from the get-go.

I'd like to think that if someone hurt one of my daughters, my wife and I would have the self-restraint not to take matters into our own hands, but I don't know. It's too easy to imagine an angry crowd making a beeline for the man's door in such a situation. Our passions run deep where our children are concerned.

Despite the gravity of the arguments I'm making now — arguments that have been made ever since Megan Kanka was killed nine years ago and the law that bears her name was first proposed — a U.S. Court of Appeals last month overturned a U.S. District court judge's decision that the registry violates privacy rights. Essentially, the appellate court ruled that the protection of citizens outweighs an offender's privacy rights.

I can't fault parents who check the Web site — I've done it myself — but I do think the appellate court was dead wrong in its decision. Information about sex offenders and their records should be public information, but it shouldn't be so easily accessible.

The state has taken a tremendous risk in presenting the sex offender information in this format and especially on the Internet. This just doesn't make sense for someone who's not considered a high risk for repeat offenses, and if people are considered high risks, they don't belong on the Internet — they belong in an institution, getting treatment.

To its credit, the Web site reminds users on almost every page that they can't misuse the information in the manner I've described. Anyone who uses the registry's information to commit a criminal offense faces three to five years in jail and a fine of up to \$15,000.

That's well and good, but it assumes that people are going to be rational about a volatile subject. That is not always a safe assumption, particularly after an assault has occurred.

Stiffer penalties, some offered by other states, are not the answer. That Web site has to come down, and the state needs to find a better way to disseminate the information, if it is to be disseminated like this at all.

### This is access that every parent should have

Imagine having your innocence stripped away, your safety violated and your sense of self-esteem destroyed.

This is what happens to children who are sexually molested. Often, the trauma of the incident lingers into the child's adult years, affecting their future relationships with others, particularly in regards to their feelings toward sex, love and intimacy.

When a child is sexually assaulted, he or she may fear intimacy and close relationships with others. They have difficulty moving into healthy relationships, and often become suicidal, as the horrific memories of their trauma continue to weigh heavily on their minds.

When a child is sexually assaulted, their rights to live a life free of fear are stripped away.

It takes many, many years for them to gain back a healthy sense of self, the feeling that they can live a free, happy life. Above all else, the

#### Think About It

By Brian Pedersen  
Staff Writer

rights of the victims of abuse need to be held in higher regard than those of their abusers.

This is why the decision of the New Jersey State Police to begin listing the names and home addresses of registered sex offenders on their Web site is a good thing.

The site offers parents and anyone else the ability to know immediately if any convicted sex offenders are living in their neighborhood and where. This is a right every parent or concerned individual should have.

Those looking to find out if there is a registered sex offender living nearby can find out by logging onto [www.njsp.org](http://www.njsp.org) and typing "sex

offender registry" or some other similar search term.

By using a geographic search, visitors can find offenders by county, ZIP Code, locality or street name. Visitors can also find an offender's age, height, weight, distinguishing marks, aliases and even a photograph of the individual. The offenders are also listed by low-, moderate- and high-risk categories.

What this site should not be used for is a witch hunt to seek, harass, intimidate or otherwise attack these sex offenders. The information is there simply to make visitors aware of who is living in their neighborhood. Whether one has children or not, isn't it better to know than not to know? This can clearly be a case of what you don't know can hurt you, as children are not the only victims of sex offenders.

The information is here. In and of itself, it's not harmful to anyone, but can be if it's used improperly.

The site does not list any regis-

tered sex offenders in Clark, and it lists only one in Cranford, but it's important to remember that the site is only listing those offenders who are registered or convicted. It says nothing about offenders who have committed assaults and haven't been caught.

One other thing to keep in mind is the difference, however slight, between an actual assault and an act of exhibitionism involving a child.

The case could be made that offenders themselves are trying to regain a place in society after serving time and seeking institutional care and that listing their names and personal data on a Web site for anyone to see hinders their ability to rebuild a life for themselves and gain employment.

But when it comes right down to it, whose rights are more important — those of the victims, innocent children and the larger community, or those of convicted sex offenders?

The answer is quite clear.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Developer ignores Clark master plan

To the Editor:

I want to add my concerns to the comments in Brian Camillo's letter "Developer would overload property" (*The Clark Eagle*, Sept. 25).

The majority of Clark residents were very satisfied when the county purchased the Eposito Farm, preventing the 13 acres from a housing development that could have added 30 or more homes. Isn't it ironic that a developer has requested a variance to build 18 townhouses on 1.9 acres?

The developer is ignoring the township master plan, and I question why the Board of Adjustment must consider the proposal when it does not satisfy the low-density building requirement and also requires a change in the front and rear yard clearances. Why is a town's master plan vulnerable to changes to accommodate developers?

Bob Barrett  
Clark

#### Consider more convenient location

To the Editor:

I read with interest the Sept. 18 *Star-Ledger* article "County Studies Need for Ice Rink." The article mentioned that teams from Clark, Cranford, Summit

and Westfield use the existing Warinanco rink for home ice, while other teams from Berkeley Heights and Springfield can only periodically use the facility for practice because "they don't have as many time slots as they would like."

It explained how Union County is spending \$17,500 to determine whether there is enough demand for hockey ice time to spend \$3.5 million for a second ice rink at Warinanco Park in Roselle.

Setting aside this anecdotal evidence of demand for additional ice time, I am disappointed that the money apparently won't be spent to consider a more convenient location to the existing demand for ice time slots, such as behind the county maintenance facility off Shunpike Road in Springfield.

Locating a rink there in Springfield adjacent to Route 78 would allow these teams from the western half of the county to use a rink with convenient access, thereby easing the transportation burden of the parents or the school district.

In addition, easy access to Route 18 should prove an attractive selling point to potential future demand. Finally, I suspect that any additional costs by having separate locations would be outweighed by the additional usage from locating the rink in a strategically accessible location. I respectfully urge the freeholders to study this or any other site in the western half of the county, where a second ice rink would be located closer to the existing demand for ice time.

Henry M. Ogden  
Summit

### 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](mailto:editorial@thelocalsource.com). Please include your town name.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Service learning shows school vision

To the Editor: As the mother of four children who have benefited from the Cranford School District, I am very proud of visionary Board of Education that has worked to develop well-rounded individuals, academically and socially prepared for life.

The board's recent approval of the senior vice project is an action that merits applause, not censure. In fact, Superintendent of Schools Lawrence Feinsod and Cranford High School Principal Carol Grossi should be commended for having the foresight and energy to put into effect this pilot project in which seniors can volunteer to conclude their senior year with worthwhile service that reinforces the skills that they have learned and prepares them to assume civic responsibilities.

In dismissing this pilot program as "hare-brained," The Eagle fails to recognize the educational merit of service learning. Service learning is a thoughtfully organized educational experience sanctioned by the National Association of High School Principals in Breaking Ranks. Instead of replacing the academic curriculum, it enhances it.

Why? Students participate in a prepared, structured learning experience that fulfills the New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards, addresses community needs and cause them to reflect on the value of helping others. Moreover, a 19-member committee worked industriously over the summer to prepare the board a proposal that truly reflected the mission statement of our high school.

We all agreed that we wanted our students "to preserve our diverse, Democratic, society, and to choose, experience and enjoy a life of consequence in the complex world of the 21st century." It is ironic that The Eagle refers to concluding senior year with service as "the lost mission" while we feel that it is the very fulfillment of our school's mission.

The senior service project is the logical conclusion to a developmental service-learning program that has reaped national and state educational awards. Congress had designated our high school as a national service learning leader school; the New Jersey Department of Education has recognized it as a star school, one of the two high schools in the state so honored.

Indeed, our specialization in service learning added to our record of outstanding accomplishments. Eight Promising Practices awards from the prestigious Character Education Partnership, five New Jersey Department of Education Best Practices, Leader School Award from the New Jersey School Boards, and ABC/Channel 7 coverage of our inspirational work. There are powerful tributes to the instructional effect of our service learning initiative.

As parents, we try daily to achieve that goal. How grateful I am to live in a town that places a value on nurturing the humanity of its students. Let us open our minds and our hearts to this exciting Senior Service Project!

Robin Woglon  
Cranford

Editor's note: The writer is president of the Cranford High School PTA.

Aschenbach is ideal municipal official

To the Editor: Dan Aschenbach is the kind of leader any town could wish for. What has he done for Cranford lately? He has saved taxpayers a substantial amount of money — \$800,000 by refinancing the township's debt.

Dan's financial know-how has served the town well over the course of his 12 years on the Township Committee and two terms as mayor.

A senior vice president for a large Wall Street firm, Dan specializes in analyzing municipal credit. He has a master's degree in public administration from Rutgers and has done post-graduate study at Harvard John F. Kennedy School of Government.

It is hard to imagine anyone more qualified to guide Cranford through its current redevelopment projects.

Not only is Dan experienced and qualified, but he understands the need for bipartisan cooperation to get things done. Who else could have cleaned up the quagmire left by those who wanted to saddle taxpayers with guaranteeing any debt on Cranford Crossing, and brought together people from both parties with a developer who is ready to move ahead with the project?

When Dan commits himself, he follows through. While he was the township liaison with the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee, he sought input from all the committee's members and followed through on many of our recommendations. In his low-keyed way, he manages to find a consensus and implement improvement.

I'd like to see Dan continue on the Township Committee. We need his leadership now more than ever.

Andy Lanset  
Cranford

LaBrutto 'great' township candidate

To the Editor: I strongly support Rita LaBrutto for Cranford Township Committee. Rita will be a great addition. Her work ethic, along with her love for Cranford and attention to detail, will bring a higher level of quality to the decision-making process. If you have met her, you know what I mean. Rita is tough and tenacious, yet caring and kind.

Rita represents this year's opportunity for positive change and the opportunity for Cranford to step further away from its failed political past.

On Jan. 1, 2003, Cranford witnessed the workings of the "old boy's network" of Republicans and Democrats from Cranford's political scene that work together to manipulate committee and board appointments to control their results and predetermine the winners and losers in each process.

We continue to see this bipartisan jockeying in the recent nomination to the Downtown Management Corp. Board. The special interests win and Cranford

Recreation Department offering piano lessons for Cranford adults

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department is sponsoring an Introduction to Piano class presented by James A. Sinclair.

Discover a variety of simple and easy-to-follow piano techniques in this course designed for adult learners with no music background or experience. Students will be introduced to a "Sinclair Piano-Forte Method" of learning the piano basics.

In 10 lessons, each participant will be able to play professionally arranged single melodies as well as

some of their own favorites. Sessions will be conducted 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays, beginning Oct. 18 at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Avenue.

Cost is \$400 for 10 two-hour sessions. This class is for Cranford residents only. For additional information, call the Recreation and Parks Department at 908-709-7283.

Cranford residents can register online at www.cranford.com/rec or at the Community Center.

loses. If we elect and appoint people who are capable and committed rather than connected, I believe each committee or board will do what is right for Cranford, and Cranford will be the better for it.

Over the last two years, the Cranford Republican Party has undergone a profound transformation with Missy Weisgerber as its chairwoman. We retain many of our longtime Republicans, and we are proud to include new Cranford Republicans as well as Cranford Democrats and Cranford independents as active participants. We put Cranford first. Local cliques, the county and the state do not direct us. We do not cater to people who expect favor in return for their support.

Last year Cranford overwhelmingly elected Ann Darby, and I barely won after surviving the personal attacks and divisive tactics of the competition. Ann and I have worked to break the political logjam and continue the effort to bring integrity and professionalism to the Cranford Township Committee. We seek no higher position, and do not do the job with re-election in mind.

Rita deserves your vote in her own right, but if you voted for Ann or for me in 2002, please vote for Rita La Brutto on Nov. 4. As a result you will not only gain a great advocate for Cranford's future in Rita, but you will help continue the renewal of the Cranford Township Committee you started last year.

If you would like to meet Rita and others who support her, you are invited to a free gathering at my home from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Oct. 18, I live at 7 Central Ave. Please come for hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Call 272-8224 to RSVP. All are welcome.

Scott Mease  
Cranford

Consider more convenient location

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**EVENTS**

**Voters league holds forum for candidates**

The Cranford League of Women Voters and Cranford Jaycees will host the annual Township Committee candidates forum at 7:30 p.m. today 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 LaBrunto. The event is open to the public.

The Cranford League of Women Voters also tentatively has scheduled a candidates forum featuring candi-

dates for Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders for Tuesday.

**County seeks work crews to remove invasive plants**

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is recruiting volunteers to combat the alien and invasive weeds that clog area parks.

On "Weed Out Day," planned for Friday and Saturday, the county Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Cranford Public Works Department will team up with the Cranford League of Women Voters, Scouts, community groups and other volunteers to weed a section of river bank in Cranford.

Weed Out Day will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. along the Rahway River Parkway on Springfield Avenue behind the Hanson House. The work site is across the river from the Cranford Canoe Club.

Work will occur even in the event of light rain.

"Our parks are beautiful and great places to take a fall stroll or watch wildlife, but they also must be managed for problems like invasive weeds," said Freeholder Alexander Mirabella. "Wherever possible we try to promote native plants to provide food and shelter for animals, help buffer the stream from pollutants and keep the environment in our parks healthy."

Invasive species include Japanese knotweed, oriental bittersweet, wild cucumber, English ivy, vinca and Canada thistle.

Volunteers will remove exotic and invasive plants, and spread wood chips. Community groups also are being asked to weed and water the site as needed. Training will be provided.

For more information or to volunteer, call 908-527-4231.

Participants should bring work gloves, loppers, pruning shears, shovels and rakes if they have them, although some tools will be provided. Bottled water will be provided.

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.

**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. Saturday.

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.

**Astronomy professor to address stargazers**

Amateur Astronomers Inc. will conduct its monthly membership meeting at Union County College at 1033 Springfield Ave. at 8 p.m. Oct. 17, in the main lecture hall located in the Nomahegan Building.

Immediately following the business meeting about 9 p.m., the club will have a free public lecture on "Armchair Astronomy of the X-Ray Universe: Using DS9" given by Terry Matilsky.

Matilsky is professor of physics and astronomy at Rutgers University. He has worked with several NASA satellites and will share his findings.

Following the lecture, members and guests will be invited to the William Miller Sperry Observatory, which is located nearby on campus and will have the opportunity to speak with club members and tour the facility.

Refreshments will be served.

If weather permits, a celestial viewing focusing on Mars will be conducted using the club's two large telescopes. Although Mars was closest to the Earth on Aug. 27, it is still exceptionally close to the Earth, and the polar caps are still visible.

For directions and more information on Amateur Astronomers Inc., visit us at www.asterism.org.

**Brookside School invites public to annual festival**

Brookside Place School, 700 Brookside Place, will hold its annual fall festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 18 on school grounds.

There will be carnival-like games, a moonwalk, an inflatable slide, a deejay, pumpkin painting and prizes.

Food from local vendors as well as fresh, baked goods will be available throughout the day. For those who are creative, there are plenty of crafts to make and bring home.

Tickets for each activity are available at the festival. The event will be held rain or shine.

For more information, call 908-272-0366.

**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.

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.

**Board of Health has clinic to dispense free flu shots**

The Cranford Board of Health will hold an influenza immunization clinic from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Oct. 23 in the Lincoln Avenue School gymnasium, Thomas Street.

Residents who are Medicare-eligible are required to bring Medicare cards to the clinic since the township has been designated a Medicare provider. There will be no charge for the flu shot this year.

The flu immunization is recommended for anyone older than 65, with chronic heart or lung problems, kidney disease, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, anemia, or severe asthma.

People with immunological disorders or certain types of cancer that lower the body's normal resistance to infection also are urged to receive the immunization.

Children 9 to 18 also can be immunized with parental permission. This year's flu shot contains the strains that have been circulating in the past year or thought to be most likely to occur in the United States this winter.

Persons who are ill and have a fever should delay vaccination until the fever and other temporary symptoms have gone. In addition, those person allergic to eggs should not be given the flu shot.

Residents are encouraged to wear loose-fitting clothing.

For more information, contact the Cranford Health Department at 908-709-7238.

**Cerebral Palsy League holds tricky tray auction**

The Cerebral Palsy League will hold its second annual tricky tray gift auction at The Westwood restaurant 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.

The league, with locations in Union and Cranford, is a nonprofit organization.

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

**WORSHIP CALENDAR**

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## THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

Union County football is back this season, with an undefeated team in every group size so far.

In Group 4, we have the Union Farmers at 4-0 and in Group 3, Scotch Plains is 3-0.

In Group 2, we have Summit and Cranford both 4-0 and over in Group 1, Breatley is 4-0.

In addition, defending North 2, Group 2 champion Johnson is 2-1, with its only blemish being last Saturday's 7-6 loss to visiting Immaculata. The Crusaders are situated in Central Jersey, Group 2 this year.

Elizabeth is 3-1 with two forfeit victories in what is turning out to be a highly-unusual season for the Minutemen. After playing at Plainfield this Saturday, the Minutemen have another week off.

Union is back as a force in Group 4 and is scheduled to play East Side tomorrow night at 7 at Shabazz Stadium in Newark.

East Side had to forfeit its game at Elizabeth last weekend, but says that it will have enough players to finish the rest of its season.

Elizabeth's home-opener is now Oct. 25 at 1 p.m. vs. Irvington.

The Minutemen are known for having night games at Williams Field and will now have only one in the regular season this year, that being Nov. 7 against Linden.

Cranford had the win of the season so far, coming back to score the winning TD with 3.9 seconds left in a 15-8 triumph over Linden.

### WEEK FOUR GAMES

**Friday, Oct. 10 (6)**

Union at East Side, 7 p.m.  
Westfield at Linden, 7  
Scotch Plains at Cranford, 7  
Johnson at Ridge, 7  
Roselle Park at Montville, 7  
Butler at Breatley, 7  
**Saturday, Oct. 11 (5)**  
Roselle at Hillside, 11 a.m.  
Elizabeth at Plainfield, 2 p.m.  
Rahway at Gov. Livingston, 2  
West Essex at Summit, 2  
Newark Cent. at New Prov., 2

### WEEK THREE SCORES

**Friday, Oct. 3 (4)**

Cranford 15, Linden 8  
Summit 35, Parsippany 0  
Roselle Park 47, Manville 0  
Breatley 7, Newark Central 0  
Union forfeit win over Kearny.  
Eliz. forfeit win vs. East Side.  
**Saturday, Oct. 4 (7)**  
Irvington 12, Plainfield 8  
Westfield 14, Shabazz 0  
Immaculata 7, Johnson 6  
Hillside 14, Rahway 7  
North Plainfield 42, Roselle 6  
Ridge 37, Gov. Livingston 0  
Butler 20, New Providence 14  
Scotch Plains was off.

### WEEK FOUR PICKS (11)

Union over East Side

Linden over Westfield  
Cranford over Scotch Plains  
Ridge over Johnson  
Montville over Roselle Park  
Breatley over Butler  
Summit over West Essex  
Elizabeth over Plainfield  
Rahway over Gov. Livingston  
Hillside over Roselle  
New Prov. over Newark Central  
**Last week: 9-3**  
**This year: 36-7 (.837)**

### UNION COUNTY

1. Summit (4-0)  
2. Union (4-0)  
3. Elizabeth (3-1)  
4. Cranford (4-0)  
5. Scotch Plains (3-0)  
6. Breatley (4-0)  
7. Johnson (2-1)  
8. Plainfield (2-2)  
9. Linden (1-2)  
10. Hillside (2-1)  
Roselle Park (2-2)  
New Providence (1-2)  
Gov. Livingston (1-2)  
Westfield (1-3)  
Rahway (0-3)  
Roselle (0-3)



Photo by Joe Sorrentino

Johnson senior defensive tackle Casey Ryan (No. 53) brings down Immaculata senior tailback Patrick Cahill (No. 3) during last Saturday's Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division game at Nolan Field.

## Johnson football team has 10-game win streak halted Crusaders edged by Immaculata 7-6

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

CLARK - Some games, the score can be misleading. That was not the case as far as the Johnson-Immaculata contest went last Saturday.

Both teams scored touchdowns on 80-yard drives in the second quarter and both had other chances to score as well. The stats were almost even.

The difference simply was that Immaculata converted its point after and Johnson didn't.

Immaculata held on for a 7-6 Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division victory over Johnson, snapping the Crusaders' 10-game winning streak.

Johnson had not lost since falling 28-20 here last year to Ridge. The Crusaders will seek to rebound at Ridge tomorrow night at 7 in Basking Ridge.

Both touchdowns were scored in the second quarter, with Immaculata senior tailback Patrick Cahill reaching the end zone on a four-yard run and Johnson junior running back Mark Washington reaching the outside and racing some 69 yards to paydirt.

Immaculata's point after split the uprights, while Johnson's was blocked.

Johnson had a nice drive going on its first possession, but gave up the ball on an interception.

Immaculata drove deep into Johnson territory late in the game only to see a short field goal go wide left.

"Immaculata has a great program and we knew they had a good team," first-year Johnson coach Michael Katz said. "We played good, but not great."

Johnson also saw its seven-game regular season winning streak come to an end.

"We got a nice play before the half (Washington's touchdown)," Katz said. "We were also hurt by not having Eddy Hamilton available in the second half to catch the ball."

After opening with convincing victories at home against Roselle 41-0 and at Roselle Park 35-7, the Crusaders had a week off to prepare for Immaculata, which opened with a 20-13 loss at West Morris, had a week off and then blanked visiting Governor Livingston 26-0 two weekends ago.

Receiving the opening kickoff, Johnson got started on its own 32 after a decent Don Heeren return and quickly moved the ball down field. Senior quarterback Michael Smith hit Washington for a 23-yard pass and then Heeren gained 22 yards on a carry that put the ball on the Immaculata 13.

The Crusaders were scheduled to play at North Plainfield Tuesday and today have a home game scheduled against Oak Knoll at 4 p.m.

Johnson is scheduled to play at Governor Livingston tomorrow at 4

## Field hockey nets 2 more shutouts

The Johnson High School field hockey team turned in another solid effort last Saturday morning when it defeated Westfield 4-0 in Westfield.

Johnson also posted a shutout win over Roselle Park 3-0 on Sept. 30.

### Clark Girls Softball meeting Wednesday

The Clark Girls Softball Association will hold its first fall meeting Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the 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.

After losses on a run and pass, Smith was intercepted by Immaculata senior defensive back Domenic Callocchia.

"I'm proud of the way the kids played and I think we caught them off guard a bit," Katz said. "Things just didn't go our way."

Johnson played well on defense the entire game and held Immaculata immediately and didn't even allow the Spartans to punt as the ball was downed on the Immaculata 36.

On its next possession, however, Johnson was stopped and forced to punt as Washington's kick sailed through the end zone.

Immaculata then went on its only scoring drive of the game as it mixed the run with the pass to reach the end zone in 10 plays, using 4:17 to go 80 yards.

Cahill concluded the march when he scored on first-and-goal from the four. Eric Callocchia booted the extra point to give Immaculata a 7-0 lead.

Johnson didn't score on its next drive but stopped Immaculata from scoring again when it reached the Crusader 37.

After Immaculata had a punt go through the Johnson end zone, the Crusaders took over on their own 20 with 3:13 left in the first half.

Johnson gained one first down to the Spartan 31 before Washington, on second down, broke free up the middle and then got outside to the right.

He then raced down the sideline untouched and into the end zone for six points.

Little did anyone realize that those would be the last points of the game scored.

On three possessions in the second half, Johnson was unable to cross midfield.

"They did a good job against us defensively," Katz said.

A roughing-the-kicker call on the Immaculata punter prevented Johnson from having one last drive toward a possible winning field goal.

**NOTES:** Washington led all rushers with 96 yards on 10 carries. Washington and Cahill caught four passes, while Cahill led Immaculata with 73 yards rushing on 15 carries.

Johnson senior defensive tackle Kevin Webb had a shoe-string sack for the Crusaders in the third quarter, his tackle of Immaculata quarterback Alex Stone going for a nine-yard loss.

Crusader senior cornerback Michael Krieger had a touchdown saving tackle in the fourth quarter.

in Berkeley Heights.

**Upcoming:** Today: Oak Knoll, 4 p.m.; Tomorrow: at Gov. Livingston, 4; Monday: South Plainfield, 4; Tuesday: at Ridge, 4; Oct. 16 Roselle Park, 4; Oct. 21 at Mount St. Mary, 4.

### Johnson girls' score

The Johnson High School girls' soccer team defeated Rahway 6-0 at home Sept. 26. Jillian Whiting had three goals and two assists.

**White assists MSU:** Gabby White, a former Johnson standout, had an assist for Montclair State University in its 6-0 win over Ramapo College Sunday afternoon.

### CRUSADERS FOOTBALL

CLARK - Johnson came the closest to beating Immaculata at home probably since falling 29-22 in 1997.

Immaculata has not lost to a Mountain Valley Conference team since being defeated by New Providence in 1997.

Johnson last beat Immaculata in 1996 when the Crusaders won a 30-6 decision in Somerville. Johnson began its famed 1995 11-0 season with a 23-0 win at Immaculata.

The Crusaders seek to rebound against Ridge tomorrow night at 7 in Basking Ridge. The Red Devils are 3-0 and coming off a 37-0 road win at Governor Livingston last Saturday.

Ridge defeated Johnson 28-20 in Clark last year.

#### GAME THREE Immaculata 7, Johnson 6

**FIRST DOWNS:** Immaculata 14, Johnson 5  
**RUSHES-YARDS:** Immaculata 43-143, Johnson 25-149  
**PASSES:** Immaculata 6-10-0, Johnson 5-9-1  
**PASSING YARDS:** Immaculata 84, Johnson 23  
**FUMBLES-LOST:** Immaculata 1-0, Johnson 0-0  
**PUNTS-AVG.:** Immaculata 3-32, Johnson 4-39  
**PENALTIES:** Immaculata 3-15, Johnson 7-55

Immaculata (2-1) 0 7 0 0 - 7  
Johnson (2-1) 0 6 0 0 - 6

Immaculata - Cahill 4 run, Callocchia kick (17-0)  
(Second quarter: 10 plays, 80 yards, 4:17 used)

Johnson - Washington 69 run, kick failed (17-6)  
(Second quarter: 4 plays, 80 yards, 1:07 used)

**RUSHING:** Immaculata - Patrick Cahill 15-73, one touchdown. Kelms Amoo-Achampong 20-55. Eric Pawlowski 3-8. Alex Stone 4-7. Domenic Callocchia 1-0. Totals: 41-143, one touchdown. **Johnson** - Mark Washington 10-96, one touchdown. Don Heeren 12-46. Michael Smith 2-2. Eddy Hamilton 1-5. Totals: 25-149, one touchdown.

**PASSING:** Immaculata - Alex Stone 6-10-0, 84 yards. **Johnson** - Michael Smith 5-9-1, 23 yards.

**RECEIVING:** Immaculata - Patrick Cahill 4-50. Michael Ziarnowski 1-21. Eric Pawlowski 1-13. Totals: 6-84. **Johnson** - Mark Washington 4-18. Don Heeren 1-5. Totals: 5-23.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Immaculata - Domenic Callocchia.  
**FUMBLE RECOVERIES:** Immaculata - Kelms Amoo-Achampong.  
**SACKS:** Immaculata - None. **Johnson** - Kevin Webb.

- JR PARACHINI

## Boys' soccer nets OT win vs. rival GL Began week with 5-2-2 mark

By Jeff Wolfrum  
Staff Writer

CLARK - A phenomenal tradition.

That's what the rivalry between Johnson and Governor Livingston high school boys' soccer is.

As with all good rivalries, this was a hard-fought Mountain Valley Conference contest that Johnson managed to pull out 2-1 in overtime last Thursday afternoon.

"Our rivalry, that goes back 35 years that I've been here, has been great," Johnson head coach Al Czaya said. "It doesn't get any better when the other coach was a former captain of mine."

With the win against a Bruno Somma-coached GL squad and a 2-1 victory over visiting MVC foe Roselle Catholic the next day, Johnson's record stood at 5-2-2 as of Monday.

"The Mountain Valley Conference is one of the most competitive conferences in the state of New Jersey," Czaya said. "It was an exciting win, but every day you have to come to play, roll your sleeves up, put the blue collar on and get it done."

That's exactly what the Crusaders did two minutes into the sudden death extra session when defenseman Brian Michalczyk converted off an assist from Matt Glackin to win the game.

"I followed it up off the knock down by their goalie," Michalczyk said. "I then just put it in."

Just five minutes into the contest, Johnson had an excellent opportunity to get on the scoreboard when midfielder Dave Juzefyk crossed to forward Garry DiCosmo, who ripped a low liner wide right.

A minute later, junior midfielder Dave Pinho blasted a 10-footer that GL goalkeeper Jon Moss made a deflection on.

At the 10-minute mark, GL had its best scoring chance when Connor Donohue hit the right post after receiving a nice cross in front.

Johnson finally broke through at 28:24, when Pinho scored an unassisted goal to give the Crusaders a 1-0 edge.

"I basically cut the ball off from a rebound," Pinho said. "I then turned my hips square, shot and the ball went up and in."

GL looked to even things up five minutes before halftime when Johnson goalkeeper Vince Caporaso came out of net. GL's Chase Golomb tried to gain control in front, but midfielder Mike Gaspar was able to clear.

Two minutes later, Gaspar ripped a 35-footer that Moss made a leaping save on.

"We moved the ball well in the first half," Pinho said. "We really tried to concentrate on square passes, drops and talking a lot more."

That communication was mixed up early in the second half as GL tied the score at 1-1 just minutes in.

Mike Carmody managed to beat Caporaso to a loose ball and crossed to Golomb, who tucked in an eight-footer into the right corner.

Caporaso kept the game tied with 20 minutes remaining in regulation when he made a terrific one-handed deflection on a shot by Carmody.

A minute later, Caporaso shined again as he stopped a Golomb shot from the left wing near the left post.

The senior keeper finished with 11 saves.

With six minutes remaining, Gaspar dribbled down the right side and unloaded a blast that hooked just wide left.

Carmody then had a pair of chances in the waning minutes, but came away empty as Caporaso made the stops.

"Our guys stepped up and did everything they had to do," Czaya said.

"I'm really proud of them, especially the younger guys."

**NOTES:** Johnson and GL played to a 1-1 tie in Berkeley Heights back on Sept. 19.

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## EVENTS

**Oktoberfest comes twice at Clark Deutscher Club**

The Deutscher Club of Clark Inc., 787 Featherbed Lane, will have its second Oktoberfest celebration at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The program will be held inside. The kitchen will be open. Traditional German and American food and beverages will be available. Admission costs \$5.

For more information, call 732-574-8600.

**Clark Historical Society plans pumpkin painting**

Nicole Ingra will speak to the Clark Historical Society about "The Holistic Approach to Osteoarthritis/Osteoporosis Prevention" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. 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 Post-Abortion Healing, Monday; 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 each 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 on Friday 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.

**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 Saturday.

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.

**Golf outing held to aid municipal Democrats**

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

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.

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

**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.

**ALJ Booster Club meets in high school lunch**

The A.L.J. Booster Club will hold its second meeting of the school year

on 7:30 p.m. Nov. 6 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.

**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, parishioners 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.

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## AT THE LIBRARY

**Film series highlights books-turned-movies**

Many of the books people have enjoyed have been turned into feature films by Hollywood.

Clark Public Library will feature some of these films in a program for adults at 1 p.m. Thursdays.

Seniors can use the Clark Seniors Bus for transportation to the library for the program.

Films in the series are: "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood," Oct. 16; "The Rainmaker," Oct. 23; "Message in a Bottle," Oct. 30; "Snow Falling on Cedars," Nov. 6; "Chocolat," Nov. 13; "Cider House Rules," Dec. 4; "The Client," Dec. 11; and "Circle of Friends," Dec. 18.

There is no charge for the program.

For more information contact Director Maureen Baker Wilkinson at 732-388-5999.

**Big Kids' Club**

Children in kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to this club, which features folk tales and activities.

The club is free, but registration is requested. The club meets 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24 and Nov. 17.

**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.

**Pajama storytime**

Come wearing your pajamas, if you like! For families with children ages 2½ and older. Stories with a simple activity.

Storytime is free, but registration is requested. The program meets from 7 to 7:30 p.m. today, Oct. 16, Oct. 23, Nov. 13 and Nov. 20.

**Tots' storytime**

For children 2½ to 5 years old. Stories with a simple craft.

Storytime is free, but registration is requested. Meets from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4.

**Toddler time**

For babies and toddlers up to 3 years old. Nursery rhymes, songs, stories and movement activities. Free. Drop-in; no registration.

Meets from 10 to 10:20 a.m. Oct. 27, Nov. 3 and Nov. 10.

**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.

**Annual vendor night planned as fund-raiser**

Friends of Clark Public Library is sponsoring its annual Sales Extravaganza vendor night from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 23.

Door prizes will be raffled off. A percentage of all vendor sales will benefit the library.

Companies displaying their products include Longaberger Baskets, Discovery Toys, Home Interiors, Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, PartyLite, Manualized Italian Link Bracelets, Home and Garden, Cre-

ative Memories, Edmund Lasinski Photography, One Stroke Painting, Stamp In Up, Tastefully Simply Gourmet Foods, Home Sweet Home Jewelry, Elegant Lady Handbags and Felsly, and Audrey Angrisana Hand-Crafted Jewelry.

**Performer encourages kids to find reading magic**

Magician Brian Richards will perform at Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., at 11 a.m. Nov. 15.

Geared for children 3½ and older, Richards' magic show will tickle the funny bone, stimulate the imagination, and encourage a love of reading.

A Cherry Hill resident, Richards features magic, comedy, audience participation, books and fun in his performances.

"The Magic of Reading" is free, but preregistration is required.

For more information, or to register, call 732-388-5999.

**Reserve must-read books over a home computer**

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

For more information, call 732-388-5999.

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

Videocassettes and DVDs are available for adults and young adults 16 and older with a valid library card. Children younger than 16 may not use

a parent's card to borrow.

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

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

Library users can reserve material online at [www.clarklibrary.org](http://www.clarklibrary.org).

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

Fines for overdue videos and DVDs are 50 cents a day. There is a \$5 fine if videos are placed in the outside book drop, and a 50 cent fine for videos that are not rewound. Damaged videos or DVDs are assessed a \$25 replacement cost, plus a \$3 service fee.

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

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

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

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

**New collection targets children learning to read**

Clark Public Library recently

started a new collection of children's books called easy readers.

Easy readers are intended for children who are just learning to read. These books have larger type and simpler vocabulary than are found in other children's books.

The library's easy readers span reading levels from kindergarten through second grade.

The books are shelved separately in the children's section of the library.

**No charge for those wanting library cards**

Clark residents, employers and employees of Clark businesses are invited to come to Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., to get a free library card. The only thing needed to get a library card is valid identification and proof of living, working or attending school in Clark.

A library card entitles the cardholder to all available library services, including borrowing any of the books, videos, audio books, music compact discs and more.

For more information, call 732-388-5999.

**Entertainment books now available for sale**

Friends of Clark Public Library is now selling Entertainment Books at the library.

Central/Middlesex New Jersey books are available for \$30, and Northern/Essex New Jersey are available for \$22. Other county books can be ordered.

Proceeds from the sale benefit The Friends of the Clark Public Library.

## SENIOR NEWS

**Radiation oncologist talks on medical services**

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.

The guest speaker will be Eric A. Karp, medical director of Rahway Regional Cancer Center.

Karp will talk on the center's special support services such as nutrition, educational programs, and financial and psychosocial counseling.

Karp, a radiation oncologist, will take questions from attendees at the meeting.

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

The Clark Health Dept. will hold a flu clinic for Clark seniors, 65 or

older, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. in the gym after the meeting.

Have Medicare and insurance cards with you. Call Health Officer Nancy Raymond for more information at 732-388-3600, ext. 3045.

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

**Line dancing is offered to Clark senior citizens**

Line dancing in the gym will be held 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. 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. 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. 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. 22 and 29; Nov. 5, 12, 19 and 26; Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Helen Rokosny will be the instructor.

**Chief Danco to discuss brewings in township**

The Clark Chapter 3733 AARP will meet at 1 p.m. Friday at the Charles H. Brewer Senior Center, 400 Westfield Ave.

The social hour with refreshments will begin at noon.

Police Chief Anton Danco will

give an overview of various developments concerning Clark.

Paul Hadsall asks members to donate nonperishable foods at the October and November meetings for distribution at Thanksgiving.

Dan Flynn thanked the members who brought in the knitted and crocheted items and the teddy bears. Flynn is still in need of these items for distribution at Christmas to Veteran Hospitals and Nursing Homes.

Marian Connelly reminded members the need for robes, shirgs, and bingo prizes for Runnells Hospital.

Joe and Jean Olterzewski will collect holiday packages containing soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste for distribution at Christmas to Veteran Hospitals and Nursing Homes.

Gus Tjaden, chairman of the annual Christmas party, announced reservations are being accepted for the

Christmas party to be held at The Westwood restaurant, Garwood, on Dec. 12 at a cost of \$19.50 for members and nonmembers.

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 Connelly.

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

AARP still has openings for the following trips:

- Wednesday: Platzi Brauhaus, Pomona, N.Y., for Oktoberfest. Cost is \$59.

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

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

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

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

**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.

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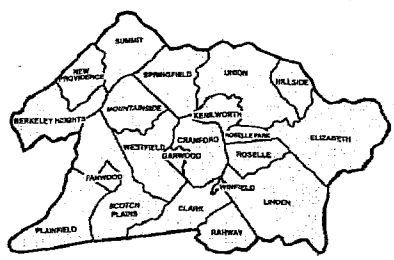
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## Movin' on up

The passport is... "Legal impediment."

It's what cost Linda Stender a chance to move up from the Assembly and allowed Nicholas Scutari to possibly leapfrog from freeholder to the exclusive 40-member club known as the state Senate.

Shortly after Joseph Suliga of Linden announced he would drop his re-election bid and seek treatment for an alcohol problem, Stender was viewed as the favorite. That was Sept. 26, a Friday. By Monday, it wasn't so clear. And before the month ended Tuesday, Scutari was tapped.

## County Seat

By Mark Hrywna  
Regional Editor

Word has it that Scutari was being congratulated "like a made man" at last Tuesday's \$300-a-head fund-raiser. The next night, Democrats officially crowned him as the replacement candidate for Suliga. "Legal impediment" was the phrase of the day, night and week, as party leaders explained why Stender was not given the nod to run in the Senate race. Had she been chosen to run for Senate, Dems said they were afraid the party would not be allowed by the courts to replace her with a candidate for Assembly.

Democrats roundly denied reports that the "double switch" issue was raised to push support behind Scutari. Party faithful also denied reports that Scutari will be a "placeholder" until Suliga gets back on his feet. Should Scutari win, which most people expect in the safe-Democratic 22nd District, he earns a six-year term in the Senate.

At the risk of getting ahead of ourselves, should Scutari win, he would give up his freeholder seat, leaving the party to appoint a successor. Judging by how vociferous Linden Mayor John Gregorio was about keeping Joseph Suliga's Senate seat in Linden, you can bet the freeholder vacancy would be filled by a Linden candidate.

Two years ago, when Stender, then a freeholder, was elected to Assembly, it was already fairly well known on election night that Rick Proctor would fill her vacant seat on the board.

Though he's from Rahway and Stender's from Fanwood, the previous two vacancies remained in the same town when Mary Ruotolo replaced Carol Cohen, both of whom are from Westfield, and Lewis Mingo of Plainfield succeeded Walter McNeil, also of Plainfield, in early 1998.

So, who would get Scutari's part-time, \$27,500 freeholder seat if he goes on to win Suliga's post in the Senate? Of the 11 Linden City Council members, nine are Democrats. Of the nine Dems, another is not considered a "true" Democrat. At least three others are county employees. That leaves five.

Of course, the vacancy might not be filled by a council member but another Democrat from Linden who does not currently hold elected office. There's also the matter of only two freeholder seats currently being held by women and another three by minorities, which might very well play into the selection process.

Scutari would become the youngest senator in the state if he's successful in the Nov. 4 General Election. Union County could lay claim to having two of the youngest senators in the state, Scutari, 34, and Thomas Kean Jr., R-Westfield, who turned 35 last month.

If Scutari were to resign his freeholder post early next year, the person appointed to his seat likely would have to run in November 2004 — with incumbents Daniel Sullivan and Mingo and Ruotolo — to win the last year of Scutari's term, which does not expire until 2005.

## Detention center site to be announced

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

Protesters threatening to begin civil disobedience — including sit-ins and blocking streets — have temporarily delayed their actions after meeting with Union County officials and compromising on five demands concerning the George W. Herlich Juvenile Detention Center.

In response to the suicide of 17-year-old Edward Sinclair Jr., who was found hanged in his cell in the spring, Salaam Ismial, chairman of the Elizabeth-based United Youth Council Inc., issued an ultimatum to the freeholder board that included demands such as shutting down the facility, terminating the director and creating a juvenile center citizens advisory board.

Ismial said he met with county officials, including Director of the Department of Human Services Frank Guzzo, and has reached a compromise on each of the demands.

"All five of the demands that we submitted were satisfied," said Ismial.

The county committed that it will announce a

site for a new facility within 45 days.

"The facility closing is not an option that we have even if we had the authority, which we don't, to do that," said Guzzo. "The issue with that is that there are kids who require a secure detention. Just simply closing it up and thinking that the kids are going to be able to go somewhere in the community is not feasible."

Detention Center Supervisor Darrell Hatchett will not be terminated.

"To look at one person as responsible for all the problems that have existed relative to overcrowding and everything else that's happened at the center over these many years is absolutely ridiculous," said Guzzo.

However, according to Ismial, Hatchett will no longer have any authority over the detention services.

"He will have no input and no say over the operation of the detention services," said Ismial.

Guzzo said any administrative changes were the result of recommendations made by consultants who conducted an independent study

assessing the conditions at the detention center and not because of demands issued by protesters.

"Any movement of a director, or anybody for that matter, would come as a result of looking at what the consultant's recommendations are and what's good for the population that we're serving," said Guzzo. "We'll make the decision based on those principles not because one group or individual feels that somebody needs to go."

In reaction to some of the demands, a detention center advisory board will also be considered. Guzzo will make the suggestion to the freeholder board and county manager.

The advisory board will consist of between 11 and 15 residents; some experts in the field of child care.

"The advisory board will review periodically the policies, the operations of the center and make recommendations toward the benefit of the center," said Ismial.

Ismial said if the county does not fulfill any of the negotiation agreements, protesters will

immediately begin civil disobedience.

"We'll do everything we can think of short of violence," he said.

Last spring, following the suicide, the state capped the number of detainees housed at the George W. Herlich Juvenile Detention Center in Elizabeth at 34.

The cap will cost the county at least \$1.1 million this year. The average daily population at Union County's detention center, located on the seventh floor of the parking garage next to the county courthouse, had been approximately 50.

The current facility was constructed in 1968 and has a capacity of 34, though it regularly housed at least 50 detainees.

Last year, the county sold a three-acre parcel under the Goethals Bridge to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for more than \$2 million. The land originally was purchased in 1999 from Olympia Trailways to construct a new juvenile detention center. That was planned as a 72-bed facility with a capacity for as many as 86 detainees.

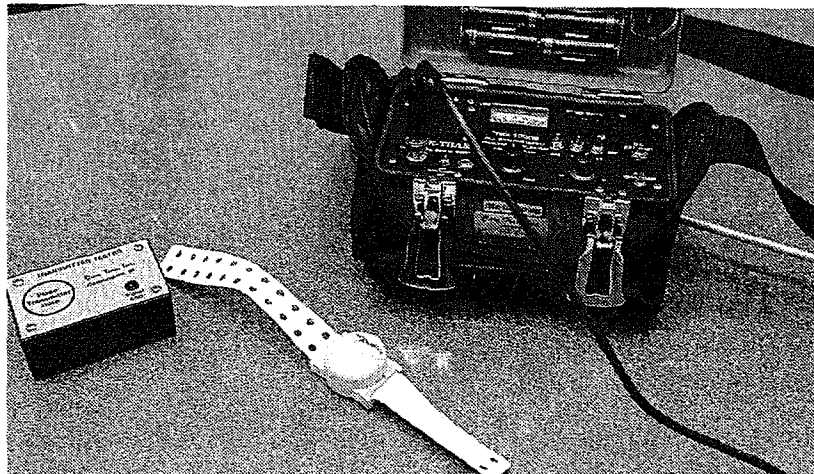


Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

Project Lifesaver uses a wristwatch-sized transmitter, and a receiver, to help find missing or lost people.

## 'LoJack for people'

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

Sheriff Ralph Froehlich calls Union County's new rescue service system a "Lojack for people."

"We have a transmitter that's smaller than my watch and weighs less than my watch," he said. "That will give off a beam once it's placed onto the recipient that within a range of a mile we can pick up that beam on the ground."

Project Lifesaver uses state-of-the-art technology to help locate individuals with Alzheimer's Disease, autism and other disorders which may cause people to wander from home and become lost and endangered.

"Persons suffering from these disorders often wander from their homes," said Freeholder Chairwoman Deborah Scanlon. "It is far too easy for them to become lost, disoriented and frightened."

Project Lifesaver uses a watch-sized transmitter to track and locate individuals who have been reported missing or lost. The 1-ounce, battery-operated transmitter can be tracked on the ground or in the air over several miles. Each device has a unique radio signal that can broadcast 24 hours a day.

The Sheriff's K-9 Search and Res-

cue Unit, headquartered in Summit, will be equipped with receivers to enable them to quickly locate those in need.

"In the past few months whenever kids have been left on school buses either for school or for camps or for other kinds of field trips where people don't even realize they're there, something like this can really help us pin down where those people are immediately and get them help if they need it," Paul Potito, the executive director of the New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community Inc., said.

Each person's wristband will have a different frequency that is picked up by the transmitter.

Union County is the second county in the state to launch this program. Morris County was the first.

Froehlich said he is optimistic that other counties soon will follow Union and Morris.

Each receiver costs approximately \$1,300. The wristband transmitters cost about \$285 each, plus about \$15 monthly for batteries and maintenance.

For more information, call the Sheriff's Office at 908-527-4450.

## Republican plans to appeal ruling

By Michelle Runge  
Staff Writer

Republicans will appeal a Superior Court ruling that allows the county clerk to proceed with making a ballot change, inserting Union County Freeholder Nicholas Scutari's name, replacing Sen. Joseph Suliga, D-Union, the former candidate on the Democratic line in the Nov. 4 election.

Papers requesting a reversal of the ruling were filed with the state's Appellate Court Tuesday afternoon and Republicans expect to hear something by the end of the week.

"We're appealing on an emergency basis because anything that involves elections and election law is by definition an emergency, especially when you're four weeks away from an election," said Republican state Senate candidate Martin Marks. "Therefore, something is going to happen this week."

Seven different attorneys offered remarks both for and against the ballot substitution in the 22nd Legisla-

tive District during a court hearing Friday.

Union County Assignment Judge Edward Beglin Jr. cited last year's state Supreme Court ruling which permitted last-minute changes to the ballot when embattled U.S. Senate candidate former Sen. Robert Torricelli was forced to withdraw because of ethical conflicts from the race and Frank Lautenberg ran in his stead.

"Any change in the ballot could be done within 24 hours; the question then becomes is there enough time to allow voters the fundamental chance to learn about the candidate?" Beglin ruled. "This substitution, roughly one month before the election, will not adversely keep voters from examining the candidate's platform and the issues which affect them."

The court order for the substitution was a requirement since there is a statutory deadline of 48 days prior to changing a ballot entry.

Suliga dropped out of the race on Sept. 26, citing alcohol-related problems after an incident in an Atlantic

City casino where a woman filed a harassment complaint against him.

Democrats met Oct. 1 to select Scutari as Suliga's replacement in the election, after Assemblywoman Linda Stender dropped her bid. Democrats feared a judge would not allow the party to replace Stender in the Assembly race if she ran for Senate.

Beglin said he was satisfied that Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, also in the courtroom with an attorney, could produce the ballot change "in an orderly fashion."

Rajoppi, on the 43rd day, Sept. 22, had directed the printer not to create the ballots, she said after the court session.

Each of the clerks representing Middlesex and Somerset counties were instructed to replace Suliga's name with Scutari's and for Democrats to make payment for the new ballots, estimated to cost \$600.

Steele Chadwell, a lawyer representing GOP candidate and Scotch

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## Red ribbons mark annual awareness day

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

Continuing in its efforts to warn parents and children about the dangers of drug use, the Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse will host its annual Red Ribbon Awareness Day next weekend.

The event, also coordinated through Prevention Links, will take place Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Nomahegan Park in Cranford.

Red Ribbon Awareness Day commemorates those who have lost their lives fighting against drug abuse.

"I can't reach everybody when I go out and do programs," said Sandee Moroso, coalition coordinator. "I hope this event reaches everybody."

Activities will include a youth talent show, petting zoo, pony rides, a rock climbing wall, face painting, and exhibits.

"We make it fun with the activities so everybody has a chance to bring their kids, enjoy the day and get educational material that they can walk away with," said Moroso.

Parents and educators will also be able to pick up

brochures on drug abuse and general health issues, as well as view anti-drug exhibits.

"Maybe they don't need it for their families but maybe they know somebody that could use it," said Moroso.

Red Ribbon Week began in 1985, when federal drug agent Enrique Camarena was murdered in Mexico by drug traffickers. The red ribbon became a symbol to reduce the demand for drugs. It symbolizes an individual's commitment to a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

Red ribbons are worn and displayed every year during Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 23-31, to reinforce the belief that the use of illegal drugs will not prevail in local neighborhoods.

There is less of a stigma surrounding recreational drugs such as marijuana these days. Moroso said that this is unfortunate.

"Any kind of drug is mind-altering," said Moroso. "It's dangerous no matter what."

Moroso pointed out that several parents don't see the big deal about their teenagers using marijuana because parents used it at the same age. However, Moroso said

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## Field of eight vie for three seats on county's board

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

Trying to make the all-Democratic Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders bipartisan, five candidates are challenging the three incumbents whose three-year seats on the board will be filled during the Nov. 4 election.

The eight candidates include Democratic incumbents Deborah Scanlon, who is this year's freeholder chairwoman; Chester Holmes and Alexander Mirabella. Republican candidates include Bob Reilly, Fanwood Councilman Stuart Kline and Kenneth Haynes. Independent candidates include Joe Renna and Green Party candidate Barbara Briemer.

Republican and independent candidates said a major problem in Union County is that the freeholder board has a 9-0 Democratic majority.

"I can't think of one place on Earth where one-party control benefits the citizens," said Kline.

Scanlon said even though the members of the freeholder board are Democratic, they're not representing that party. They're representing the residents of Union County.

"Once elected we're there for the



people not for the party," said Scanlon.

Membership on the freeholder board has been comprised solely of Democrats for the last six years.

"We want to expand the choices to the voters of Union County," said Briemer.

Reilly said there needs to be two parties on the freeholder board. That way, someone can keep an eye on what the freeholders are spending money on.

"They have to show taxpayers that they really care," said Reilly. "They have to set an example."

Kline said a 9-0 majority minimizes conversation on the board.

"We'd force a dialogue," said Kline. "We'd force a discussion."

The freeholder board consisting of entirely one party is not good for county residents, said Haynes.

"If everybody agrees on the same things, the citizens of Union County are going to suffer the consequences," said Haynes.

Holmes disagreed and said there's a heavy dialogue when the freeholders are discussing issues.

"I feel free to be a representative and use my discretion when voting," said Holmes. "I'm concerned with people and the things I do to represent my constituents."

Renna said there needs to be better communication between the freeholder board and the public. He said that often when he attends a freeholder meeting and residents ask questions, the freeholder board doesn't answer.

"I would answer those questions if I was sitting there," Renna said.

Scanlon said the public comment portion of the freeholder meeting is for residents to make comments and that it's not a question-and-answer session.

"If people bring questions or concerns up at a meeting we'll consider

them," she said.

Holmes said the board can't always answer questions on spot.

"Residents always have the opportunity to come and present issues to us one on one," he said.

Renna said there needs to be better interaction between the county, the municipalities and the residents.

He suggested that the county use its Web site to display public records and minutes of freeholder meetings.

As a board, Mirabella said, accessibility could be better. However, he said residents need to reach out too.

Republican candidates said that when residents voted to approve the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund they wanted to preserve open space, not build on it.

"Many residents who voted for the Open Space Recreation and Historic Trust Fund voted for that open space. They didn't vote to have buildings put up," Reilly said.

Haynes said that open space should remain as open space and nothing should be constructed on it.

"Leave some for the next generation," he said.

Currently, the county has acquired

more than 100 acres of open space.

"In a county like Union, once the land is gone, it's gone," said Mirabella.

However, the money from the trust fund finances things besides open space preservation.

Without the money from the trust fund, the county would not have the funds to issue grants to maintain historic buildings throughout the county, said Scanlon.

"The other parts of the trust fund are historical preservation and recreation," said Scanlon. "That's two critical elements."

Another issue on candidates' minds and on the minds of residents throughout the state is if county government is even needed.

"County government essentially meets the needs of residents with services the state can't handle," said Mirabella.

Scanlon said that without county government there would be too many services municipalities would have to be responsible for, such as the county courthouse, juvenile detention center and Prosecutor's Office.

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**COUNTY NEWS**

**Columbus anniversary to be marked on Sunday**

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 Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Peterstown Community Center, 408 Palmer St., Elizabeth.

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.

**UCC will mark Founders' Day on Wednesday**

On Wednesday, Union County College will celebrate Founders' Day and commemorate 70 years of existence as New Jersey's oldest community college's Cranford campus at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford.

David Levering Lewis, Julius Silver University professor of history, New York University, and author of two-volume Pulitzer Prize-winning biography of W.E.B. DuBois, will provide the keynote address at 7 p.m.

in the Roy Smith Theater, "W.E.B. DuBois on Higher Education".

At 8:30 p.m., Gary Edison will present, "Three Views" a theatrical production which includes a narrative with musical accompaniment on the poetry of Langston Hughes. Both events are free and open to the public.

Lewis is a double Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer of the American man of letters and social activist W.E.B. DuBois.

For more information, call Larry Hogan at 908-497-4235.

**Freeholder debate set for Tuesday in Cranford**

Candidates for Union County freeholder have been invited to take part in a forum at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Cranford Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Ave., Cranford.

The annual event is being sponsored by the Union County Council of Leagues of Women Voters.

Invitations to participate have been sent to Deborah Scanlon, Alexander Mirabella and Chester Holmes, Democrats; Bob Reilly, Stuart Kline and Kenneth Haynes, Republicans; Joe Renna, Independent, and Barbara Briemer, Green Party candidate.

**Irish dance Oct. 18**

The Irish-American Society of Union County will sponsor its annual dance Oct. 18 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Knights of Columbus, 1034 Jeanette Ave., Union.

Entertainment by "The Mike Byrne Show Band" with Ceili Dancing, step dancers and bagpipers. The 2003 guests of honor are Maureen Melody and John Holmes.

Donation is \$20, which includes beer, soda, wine, coffee and tea and Irish soda bread. Liquor is not allowed to be brought into the hall but it can be purchased there.

For tickets and reservations, call Lynn Raymond at 908-964-4969; Patrick Scanlon at 908-964-3393; John Peters at 908-810-1283; Karen Caulfield at 908-687-8613; Michael Panella at 908-686-4781, or Kathleen Holmes at 908-687-7246.

Make checks payable to: Irish-American Society of Union and mail to: Elizabeth Scanlon, 321 Newark Ave., Union, 07083.

**Barn dance on Sunday**

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the county's Department of Parks and Recreation will present the annual Barn Dance at

the Watchung Stable, 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside, on Sunday, rain or shine, from 4 to 7 p.m. In addition to the square dancing there will be a barbecue, hayride, arts and crafts and other activities.

Pre-registration for the barn dance is a must. The registration fee is \$7 for each person attending.

Call 908-527-4096 to register or for more information about this and other programs for people with disabilities.

**Light the Night Oct. 19**

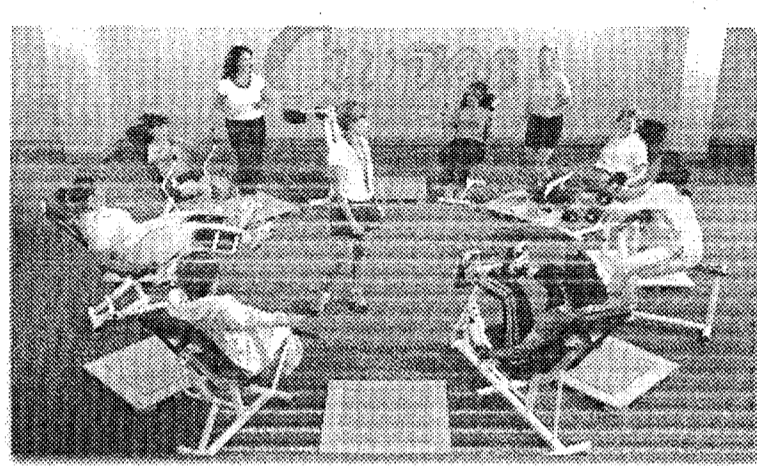
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Fifth Avenue Light The Night Walk will take place weekends until Oct. 19. Light The Night is the society's nationwide evening walk to celebrate and commemorate lives touched by cancer.

Participants carry flickering red and white balloons along a 1- to 3-mile route in their communities, creating a breathtaking sight and spirit of fellowship among all who carry them. Cancer survivors hold white balloons, and all other participants carry red balloons. In northern New Jersey, 10 walks will take place, including Oct. 19, at Kean University in Union.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Artists making a difference are celebrated this month

By Bill VanSant  
Associate Editor

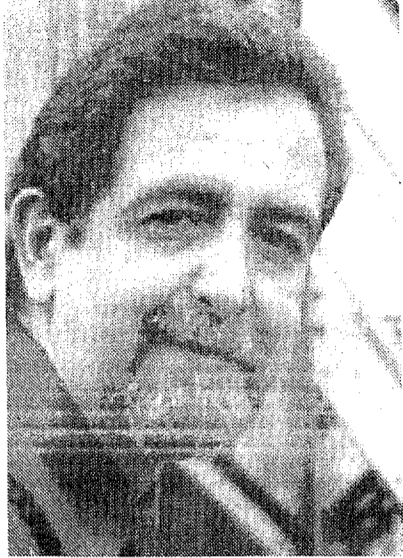
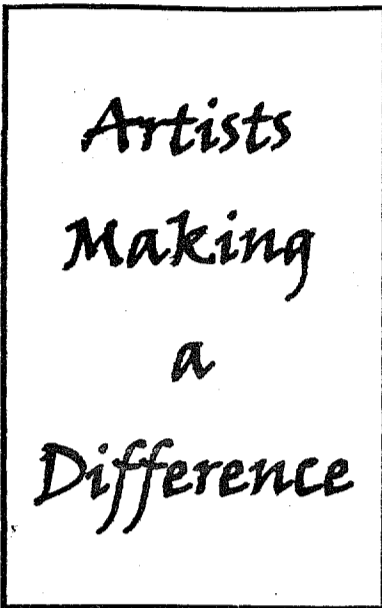
What does it take to make a difference in the lives of others? When you're talking about two individuals dealing one-on-one, it could be a kind word, a helpful gesture, support in a time of need. But when you're talking about someone making a difference in the life of an entire community, it takes more than a genial nature. It takes dedication, commitment, vision, and a generosity of spirit that isn't limited to personal acquaintances. And when that difference is made through the arts, the accomplishment is even more laudable — especially when one considers the uphill battle most artists face in terms of gaining support, momentum and, more importantly, funding to do what they do. At a time when funding for the arts is being cut in New Jersey, the work done by certain individuals goes a long way to improve

the quality of life in their communities. Their work provides aesthetic rewards, economic and cultural growth, funds for worthy causes, and an investment in the future, both immediate and long-range. And when one considers the number of towns seeking to revitalize themselves as "arts communities," many of these contributions are at the heart of a renaissance. In celebration of National Arts and Humanities Month, we honor individuals in Union and Essex counties who, through their work in the arts, are making a difference in the lives of their respective communities. In selecting the people honored on these pages, the following criteria was considered:

- Do the person's endeavors educate the next generation of artists?
- Do the person's endeavors educate the audience?
- Are the person's endeavors philanthropic in nature?

• Do the person's endeavors stimulate economic growth in the community? Not every criterion had to be met in making the selections. The individuals selected represent a cross-section of artistic disciplines, as well as a cross-section of contributions to the community. Some are educators, some are fundraisers, some are the guiding vision of a theater or dance company or gallery. Included on the list are local television producers, actors, directors, artists, dancers, musicians, concert promoters, writers. Many have professional affiliations with their towns' recreation departments, chambers of commerce or redevelopment corporations; some are making their livings doing what they do; while others are private citizens sharing their gifts and talents with their neighbors. And they're all making a difference.

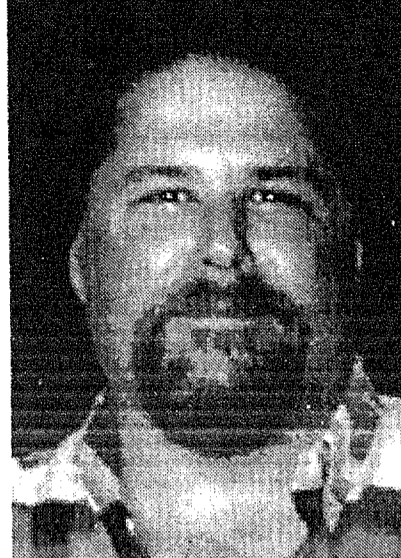
Editor's note: In next week's edition, we will spotlight more Artists Making a Difference in their communities.



Lawrence Cappiello



Margareta Paslaru



Mark Spina



Judy Wukitsch



Liz Zazzi

### Mixing of media and art forms offers rewards

By Bill VanSant  
Associate Editor  
Name: Lawrence Cappiello  
Title: Executive Director, The Arts Guild of Rahway  
Resides: Rahway  
Age: 51

On the surface, the Arts Guild of Rahway is a gallery. But dig beneath the surface and you find that the site is a center for a variety of artistic disciplines enriching a growing arts district. Executive director Lawrence Cappiello, originally a Rahway native who moved back to the city after living in other parts of the country for almost 20 years, has initiated several series at the Guild, satisfying residents' appetites for independent filmmaking and jazz along with their tastes in visual art. Cappiello has been the executive director since 1998. Prior to being established as the Arts Guild of Rahway, the building served as the city's Recreation Department; it was originally the city's first library building.

In addition to the various exhibits presented at the Arts Guild and the extensive series of classes, he also oversees a jazz series, bringing international performers to town in an intimate setting, as well as a film series featuring the work of independent filmmakers.

The Arts Guild is the site of several exhibits each year, including the annual "Celebrating Excellence" exhibition, a juried show sponsored by Merck and Co. Among Cappiello's other endeavors is the Usual Suspects, an artists' forum that, until recently, met regularly at Eat to the Beat coffeehouse in downtown Rahway.

"That grew out of a conversation," he said. He said he and his associate, Francesca Rizzo, saw the opportunity to "have artists meet here, have a 'salon' type thing where they could talk about their work with other artists. For a while, it was very well attended."

However, Eat to the Beat is in the



Photo by Barbara Kokkalis

Lawrence Cappiello, left, captures a moment during the recent opening of the 'Three Twins' exhibit at the Arts Guild of Rahway while artists Lori Field, center, and Elizabeth Seaton enjoy the festivities.

process of relocating in the downtown area. Once the move is made, Cappiello plans on reviving the forum. "The draw was to be around creative people," he said. He hopes that, eventually, multiple artists will collaborate on mutual projects that can be presented in Rahway and throughout the region.

In addition to Cappiello's artistic projects, his work is also benefiting the town in general. He serves on the board of the Rahway Center Partnership, the downtown-redevelopment corporation. His hometown figures prominently into his dream for the Arts Guild and the town.

"My dream would be for people, when they think about art, to think about Rahway," he said. "To think about, 'What's happening at the arts center? What's happening at the Arts Guild? What's happening at that theater? What's happening at that performance space?' To think about this as one of their priority alternatives for the presentation of the arts."

And that work has already begun with the initiatives Cappiello has undertaken, both as the director of the Arts Guild, as a member of the Rahway Center Partnership, and as a private citizen dedicated to promoting

the arts in his community. "The things we've started are, in a lot of ways, the seed of what I hope to see grow," he said of the Guild's work, "not just at the Arts Guild but carried throughout the area."

In this capacity, he's been involved in a grassroots renaissance in the city, although he would like to see the growth continue at a more rapid rate. In addition, his goals don't end at the city line, but extend beyond to neighboring towns. He visualizes a multi-town artists' network, stimulating growth among artists as well as art lovers.

"I think this is the idea of building community," he said. "We're a close network of towns, we're not separated by great distances. And I think there's an awful lot of talented people around."

Cappiello views such growth as two-fold: it not only enriches the lives of the artists and the audiences, but also stimulates growth within the communities. And at the center of this, in his opinion, is the arts.

"I'd like to see us start to look at the arts as a resource; as, in a way, a necessity, as something that can be, should be, an essential part of our lives."

### Diversification enables Paslaru to unite people

By Bill VanSant  
Associate Editor  
Name: Margareta Paslaru  
Title: Producer, M Soul Productions  
Resides: Summit  
Age: 60

"When we are young, we struggle to make a name for ourselves. Becoming mature, we must use that 'name' in helping others."

That's the motto of M Soul Productions, based in Summit. The brainchild of Margareta Paslaru, M Soul encompasses everything from award-winning local-access television programming to international initiatives.

"International" is a key word. Prior to moving to the United States xx years ago, Paslaru was — and still is — a major celebrity in her native Romania, having "made a name" for herself in film and television, on stage, and as a recording artist.

However, her endeavors on these shores have not solely been the promotion of her career, but of assorted humanitarian interests, from the award-winning "Impromptu Art" television program on TV36 to her work in promoting International Children's Day throughout the country.

This past year, Paslaru was honored with a national Telly Award as producer of "Impromptu Art," giving testament to the far-reaching appeal of her local programming. Another of her programs, "Human Mosaics," is simply that — a mosaic of humanity and humanitarian topics. In addition, she produces two other programs for TV36.

Her work in promoting International Children's Day has united the city of Summit with both San Francisco and Washington D.C., creating an exchange of children's artwork that was exhibited in all three towns. In addition, artwork was shared with several other countries.

"We can create a better society starting with the youngsters," she said, "because then is when they're so impressionable and you can mold them. It's like a wonderful material to



Margareta Paslaru, left, shows her Telly Award to Alice Kolater, president of TV36 in Summit, the station for which Paslaru was honored.

play with it, to create a new person, which is the future."

Paslaru served as the catalyst in creating a collaboration between Summit Mayor Walter Long and the mayors of San Francisco and Washington.

"Mayor Long was extraordinary," she said. "I'm so grateful to him."

Paslaru relates having grown up with International Children's Day as a child in Romania. However, the observance, which was begun in 1925 at the Geneva Conference, remained relatively obscure in many nations. The first American city to observe the day was San Francisco, which Paslaru discovered when she began doing research once she was living in Summit. In her efforts to promote International Children's Day in Summit, she drew on her research and reached out to San Francisco as a partner.

Her efforts have been ongoing in reaching out to other states. However, many states require that a resident bring the idea to the state legislation.

When not working to promote children's causes, Paslaru toils tire-

lessly as the producer of several local-access cable television shows, including "Summit Rhapsody" and "Impromptu Art," which covers the New Jersey Center of Visual Arts. Having spent years in front of the cameras in Romania, she took courses to learn the technical aspects of television production. She now handles everything from concept to script development to editing to post-production.

In her passion for art, she points out that "everything is done by an artist," from a painting to the design of a building to the creation of a decorative teacup.

Through her diversification, and her celebrity, she feels she's able to open doors for others, whether she's raising awareness of an issue by producing a documentary, aiding children worldwide by spear-heading a national partnership between communities, or helping everyday people by lending her "name" to worthwhile causes, both here and abroad.

"Every artist creates a step," she said, "for the rise of new talents."



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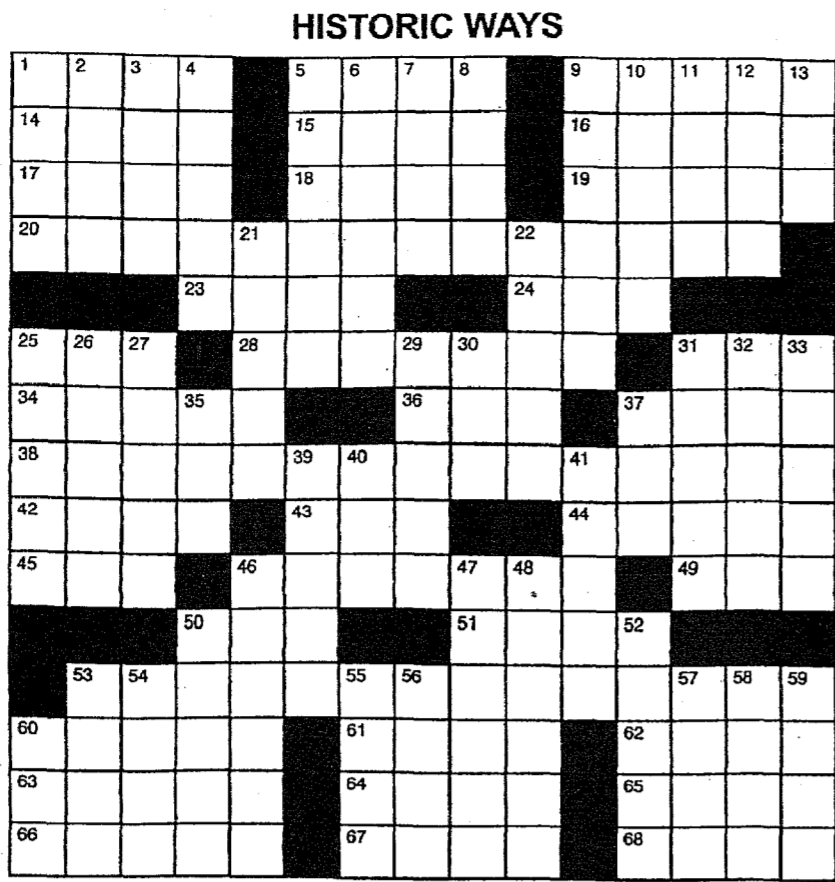
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By Charles Preston

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# What's Going On?

FLEA MARKET

**SUNDAY**  
**October 19th, 2003**  
**EVENT:** Flea Market, Craft & Collectible Show  
**PLACE:** Beautiful Yanticaw Park, Park Drive Nutley between Centre and Chestnut Streets  
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**ORGANIZATION:** Dystonia Foundation

RUMMAGE SALE

**SATURDAY**  
**October 11th, 18th, 2003**  
**EVENT:** Rummage Sale  
**PLACE:** St. Joseph's Polish National Catholic Church, corner of Porter Road and Stanley Terrace, Union.  
**TIME:** October 11th, 9am-4pm; October 18th, 9am-1pm  
**PRICE:** Free Admission.  
**ORGANIZATION:** Blessed Sacrament Society

AUCTION

**FRIDAY**  
**October 17th, 2003**  
**EVENT:** Tricky Tray Fun Auction  
**PLACE:** Community Center of Sts Constantine & Helen Church, 510 Linden Place, Orange, NJ  
**TIME:** 7:30pm  
**PRICE:** Admission \$7 at the door. There will be many special prizes including gifts for the holiday and refreshments. Proceeds will benefit the many charities of the Daughters of Penelope. For information and to reserve tables of 8, call 973-731-8295.  
**ORGANIZATION:** Daughters of Penelope.

OTHER

**WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY**  
**FRIDAY, SATURDAY**  
**October 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 2003**  
**EVENT:** AMERICAN RAPTURE, a continued Vision of a rock-n-soul Revue  
**PLACE:** Linden H.S. Theatre 121 W. St. Georges Avenue Linden  
**TIME:** 8pm  
**PRICE:** \$16 -Seniors Free October 8th only. For info call 908-925-9068  
**ORGANIZATION:** Mystic Vision Players

**SATURDAY**  
**October 18th, 2003**  
**EVENT:** Carnival Night  
**PLACE:** Elks Lodge -281 Chestnut Street, Union  
**TIME:** 7pm-11 pm  
**PRICE:** \$35. Proceeds to benefit Children's Miracle Network. For information call Donna 908-245-9300 ext. 301  
**ORGANIZATION:** Remax Action Group Realty.

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Bill VanSant, Editor

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**FRIDAY & SATURDAY**  
**October 17th, 18th, 2003**  
**EVENT:** RUMMAGE SALE  
**PLACE:** Glen Ridge Congregational Church, 195 Ridgewood Avenue, (corner of Clark Street)  
**TIME:** Fri, 6pm-9pm; Sat, 10am-1pm  
**PRICE:** Free admission. Men's, women's children's clothing and shoes. Books, housewares, toys, electronics, attic treasures, jewelry. Refreshments available. For information call 973-743-5596.  
**ORGANIZATION:** Women's Association Glen Ridge Congregational Church

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## Network seeks to assist local filmmakers

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 public 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 via snail mail at 149 Orange St., Bloomfield, 07003. Filmmakers should send their name, address, phone, e-mail, company name, name and length of the project, format and a one-paragraph description. Everyone who writes will be contacted.

## REUNIONS

- Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Springfield, Class of 1953 will conduct its 50-year reunion Friday to Sunday 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 Sunday 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 Oltaruzski 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 Marcocci at 3000 Ford Road, Apt. L-10, Bristol, PA 19007, call him at 215-788-3504 or 215-431-6108, send e-mail to ALJ-ClassOf1978@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.techmar.com.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 thenicoll@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.

## Oct. 13-19

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Something a partner or associate says is important to your well-being or peace of mind. Believe it or not, you should take it to heart.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Get great business ideas from co-workers or colleagues. Don't stress yourself with imaginings. Keep it real and stay focused.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21): Concentrate on creating a positive or desired outcome in a social or community challenge. You've got what it takes to succeed.  
**CANCER** (June 22-July 22): Emotions tend to run wild. If you should find yourself in an out-of-control situation, take a deep breath and regain your composure.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): This would be a great time to get to know a neighbor or sibling on a more personal level. Plan an encounter around a common interest or hobby.

## HOROSCOPE

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Great money news is right on time. You are dealt a winning hand in a fiscal endeavor. Count your blessing and collect your just due.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): You are the star in the drama of your life. Don't back down from a chance to act out your feelings. Throw away the script and be yourself.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Supporting a special cause makes you feel good about yourself. Give time or money to your favorite charity and really make a difference.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A smile and a positive attitude pays off. Find wonderful friendships among the people you'll meet in a club or group.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It pays to be attentive and thorough in career matters. A raise is proof that your supervisor appreciates your efforts. Keep up the great work.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Thoughts fly through your head with lightning speed. Write down some of your most unusual or far-reaching ideas for future reference.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Your lack of commitment, passion or interest is sure to undermine a close personal relationship. Make an honest confession of your feelings.  
**If your birthday is this week,** do your best to maintain a positive attitude during the coming year. Instead of seeing the limitations or restrictions in a personal situation, choose to look at the bright side and garner a lesson or two. Relationships will blossom and grow during this forecast period. Pay attention to your partner and make sure that you are sending out, as well as receiving, the correct signals.  
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# David Roth will open Summit's 'Saturdays'

Second Saturdays Coffee House — the only venue for live music in Summit — will present pop-folk sensation David Roth at its first concert event this season.

The concert will take place Saturday in the Fellowship Hall of the Summit Unitarian Church at 4 Waldron Ave., corner of Springfield Avenue, in Summit. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$12 and all net proceeds from this concert will be donated to the Keith Knost Special Needs Trust.

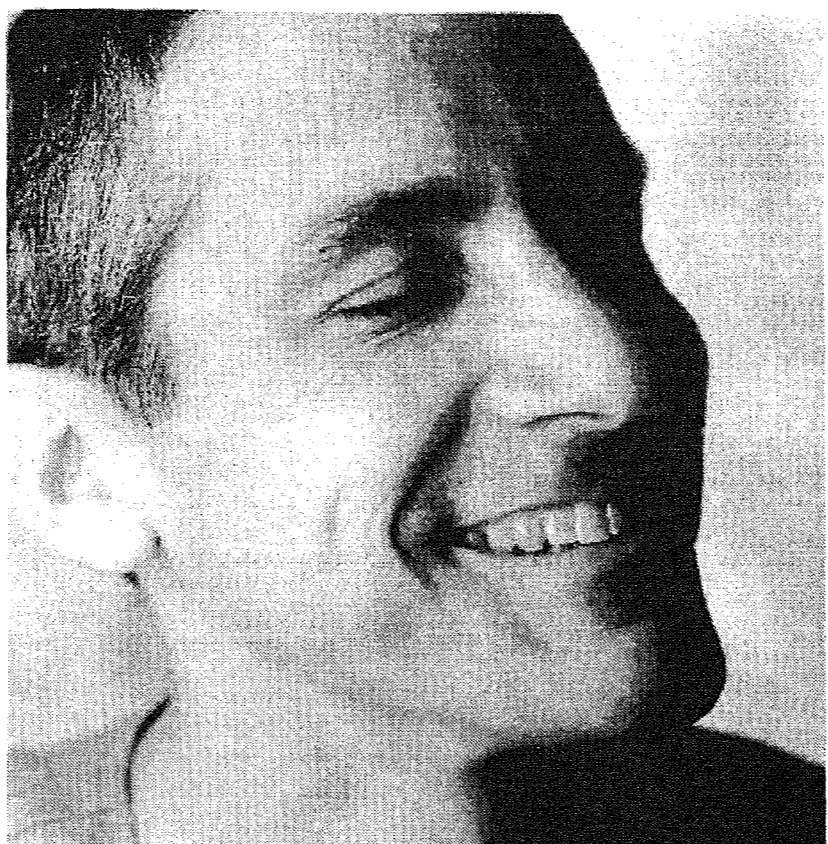
David Roth blends a dash of Dan Fogelberg, a pinch of David Letterman, a whoosh of Will Rogers, and a touch of James Taylor-meets-Jerry Seinfeld in his highly original, sometimes hilarious and always thought-provoking, award-winning music. Recognized as an exceptional, charismatic performer, Roth has gained national attention for his unique songs, moving stories and creative guitar artistry.

Since emerging as New Folk Winner to open Texas' 1987 Kerville Folk Festival, the Chicago native — and two-time national anthem singer for the NBA's Michael Jordan-era Bulls — has often been cited for his entertaining stage presence and powerful singing and subject matter. In 1996, Roth was the landslide top vote-getter at New York's Falcon Ridge Folk Festival's "Most Wanted" Showcase. In addition to singing "Earth" at the 40th anniversary of the United Nations in New York, Roth's "Rising in Love" was performed at the 100th anniversary of Carnegie Hall. "Manual Garcia" and "Nine Gold Medals" both appear in the international best-selling "Chicken Soup for the Soul" books by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen. Canfield says "David's music will touch you to the very depths of your soul. He'll make you laugh and cry, inspire you to rise and fly!"

More information on Roth can be found at [www.davidrothmusic.com](http://www.davidrothmusic.com).

Second Saturdays Coffee House takes place on the second Saturday of each month, September through June. It is a "series within a series" — two consecutive "open mic" months pave the way for a "concert" month featuring singer/songwriters who are professional and touring but not yet nationally known. Three concert events are planned for this season: David Roth kicks off the season Saturday, the folk duo Danzig and Woolley share the stage with folk duo Martha's Trouble on Jan. 10, and award-winning singer-songwriter Tom Prasada-Rao will close out the concert season April 10. All other months are reserved for "open mic."

All proceeds from Second Saturdays Coffee House will be donated to the Keith Knost Special Needs Trust. Knost is a former Summit resident who survived an automobile accident three years ago and is left paralyzed from the chest down.



Award-winning singer-songwriter David Roth will kick off the 2003-04 Second Saturdays Coffee House series in Summit on Saturday.

For more information about Second Saturdays Coffee House, the upcoming concert, the "open mic" nights, directions to the event, the Keith Knost Special Needs Trust, or ways in which to get involved with the series, call 908-928-0127 or send e-mail to [info@secondsaturdays.org](mailto:info@secondsaturdays.org). You can also visit [www.secondsaturdays.org](http://www.secondsaturdays.org).

### Bill VanSant, Editor

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# Liberty Hall picks pumpkins

There is a hidden treasure to be discovered in Union, across from Kean University. Liberty Hall Museum, a 23-acre National Historic site, which first opened to the public in May 2000, offers New Jersey families an opportunity to travel back in time.

Built in 1772 by New Jersey's first governor, William Livingston, this ancestral home was lived in by seven generations of his family until 1995.

Referred to as a "house of history," a trip through Liberty Hall traces the growth and struggles of the nation from its earliest days right through the final days of the 20th century.

On the weekend of Oct. 25 and 26, a Pumpkin Patch family event will take place on the grounds of the historic mansion. Families can celebrate in a safe, fun-filled way. Highlights include pumpkin carving, scarecrow making, hayrides, and pony rides.

Integrated into the fun and games will be a focus on the rich history of the property that was continuously occupied from 1772-1995 and a large working farm until the mid-1950s.

Open for public tours, April to December, Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m., Liberty Hall can be reached at 1003 Morris Ave., directly across from Kean University. The phone number is 908-527-0400 and the Web site can be found at [www.libertyhallnj.org](http://www.libertyhallnj.org).



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## Sun Tavern satisfies tastes

By Bill VanSant  
Associate Editor

Whether it's burgers and beers with the boys or a family night out for pizza and pop, the Sun Tavern in Mountainside is the place to head. Conveniently located on the westbound side of Route 22, the Sun Tavern is a comfortable, family-friendly inn featuring a wealth of hearty fare, most notably a menu that boasts 18 different styles of pizza and a list of 24 extra toppings from which one can choose.

My dining companion and I started our meal with a half-rack of baby back ribs and a new menu item, the breaded and fried crab claws, accompanied by a Sam Adams and a Sierra Nevada, two of the more than half-dozen beers on tap. The ribs were perfectly cooked and accented by a delicious sauce, just spicy enough without being too hot or overpowering the succulence of the meat. The crab claws were equally tasty, with the meat chopped and mixed in a dough, which was then deep fried. Dipped in the sweet chili sauce accompanying the dish, this appetizer was a delightful change of pace from the usual mozzarella sticks and potato skins.

For our main course, we bypassed the regular menu and opted for choices from among the specials. My companion selected the T-bone steak, which he described as having excellent texture. "The flavor's what you would expect a good steak to have," he said. My choice was the broiled swordfish with a creamy ginger basil sauce, which perfectly complemented the moist flavor of the fish. Both meals were accompanied by a more-than-generous serving of sauteed vegetables which could have made a meal on their own.

While my companion was too stuffed for dessert, I selected a slice of the Heath Bar Crunch ice cream pie, one of six such treats. Also featured on the dessert menu are sorbets, tartuffo, cheesecake and a popular brownie sundae.

The perfect destination for a relaxed good time with good food, the Sun Tavern is sure to satisfy every taste that visits.

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# County to travel through 'Four Centuries'

Over the course of one weekend, you can travel through 400 years of Union County's — and America's — past as 22 historic sites open their doors during "Four Centuries in a Weekend ... A Journey Through Union County History."

The annual free Heritage Festival will take place Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Oct. 19 from noon to 5 p.m.

"Union County proudly welcomes the many returning and first time visitors to these historically significant house museums and sites," said Deborah P. Scanlon, chairwoman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. "We are especially pleased that our young school-age visitors get to learn a bit of local history through hands-on activities."

Visitors may pick any or all of the five separate historic theme expeditions as a way to enjoy the sites of the Heritage Festival. Sightseers can select their favorite time period of the past and visit examples of it at their own pace.

"Grouping the sites into five historic themes that describe major changes in what is now Union County from colonial times until the early 1920s enhances the visitor's learning experiences even more," said Freeholder Chester Holmes, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.

Participants can select a cluster of sites to visit or mix and match from all 22 locations. The thematic clusters include the grand homes of the Early Aristocracy; the settings for the dan-

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For a fee copy of the Heritage Festival booklet, write to the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202; send e-mail to culturalinfo@ucnj.org; or call 908-558-2550 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. NJ Relay Users 711.



Dionne Warwick

## Warwick opens UCAC's 75th anniversary season

The Union County Arts Center in Rahway has announced its opening night performance, "An Evening With Dionne Warwick."

On Oct. 18 at 8 p.m., Dionne Warwick comes to the Union County Arts Center for an unforgettable evening.

Born into a gospel family, Warwick emerged as a solo artist in 1961 when aspiring songwriter Burt Bacharach heard her singing on a background session and started writing songs for her with his partner, Hal David. The team released one hit single after another, and Warwick became an international star with songs such as "Walk On By," "I Say a Little Prayer," "Do You Know the Way to San Jose," "That's What Friends Are For," and "Heartbreaker."

Warwick is a study in personal successes and controversial struggles — from her legendary hits and interest in astrology, to her humanitarian pursuits. Tickets are priced at \$75, \$55 and \$40. The \$75 Diamond Circle tickets include a post-show gathering with Warwick.

The Union County Arts Center is the hub of a richly diverse arts district in Rahway. The theater, located just two blocks from the NJ Transit train station, is a jewel in the midst of the city. Recent renovations have transformed the RKO movie house into a magnificent performing arts center complete with burgundy velvet curtains and gold leaf. Local restaurants are within walking distance of the theater and represent the various cultures that are part of the district.

The Union County Arts Center is a not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to presenting quality performances. The theater is handicapped-accessible and group discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased online at www.UCAC.org, by phone at 732-499-8226, or in person at the Union County Arts Center box office, located at 1601 Irving St. in Rahway. MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover are accepted.

Major support for the arts center and its programs comes from the city of Rahway, Merck and Co., the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Rahway Savings Institution, Liberty Bank and Comcast. The New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State has made other funding possible.

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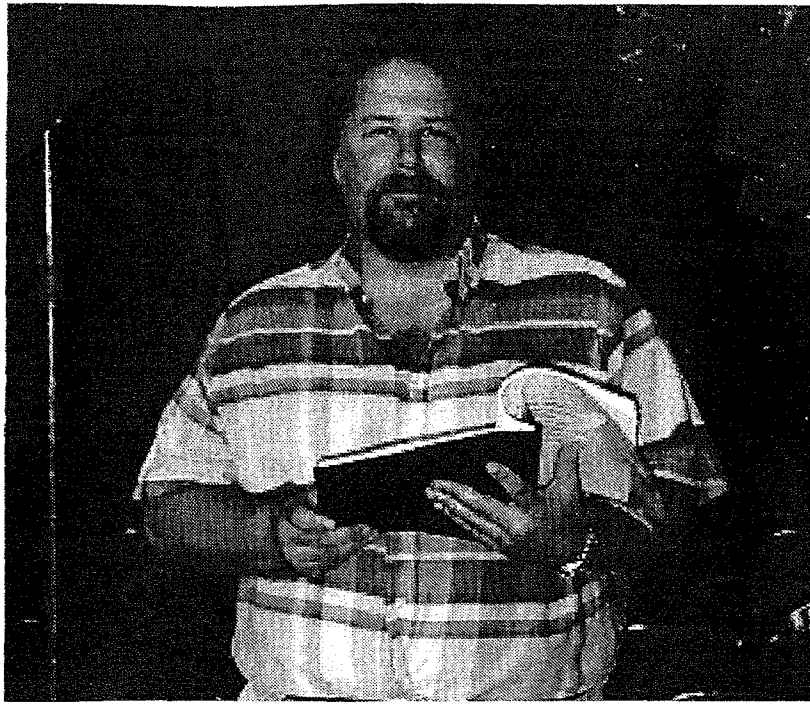


# Artists Making a Difference

## Cultivating new playwrights is a vital endeavor

By Bill VanSant  
Associate Editor

**Name:** Mark Spina  
**Title:** Artistic Director, The Theater Project, Union County College, Cranford  
**Resides:** Essex Fells  
**Age:** Undisclosed



Mark Spina, artistic director of the Theater Project at Union County College, reviews a script during the company's recent production of 'Pterodactyls.'

Every season, theaters are faced with the dilemma of selecting their plays.

However, while some theaters rely heavily on the classics and tried-and-true chestnuts, some theaters take chances on new titles or plays that aren't often produced.

And then there are the theaters that go way out on the limb and present new works, giving audiences and playwrights alike the chance to experience something for the first time.

Mark Spina, the founder and artistic director of the Theater Project at Union County College, has taken this last concept one step further: in addition to its regular season of plays, the Project sponsors several initiatives that cultivate a new generation of playwrights, both young and not-as-young.

Last year, the Project sponsored its first competition for young playwrights in Union County schools, an initiative made possible by local playwright and author Bill Mesce.

"His sense was that unless we get more people involved earlier, this is just going to be a dying art form," Spina said. "So he made a very generous donation to the Theater Project, and he made it again this year so we can continue to do the work. So it's really his endowment that's made it possible for us to do the Young Playwrights Competition."

Local high school students submit scripts for review by the committee, and the honorees receive script-in-hand performances by professional

actors, as well as a savings bond.

"It's our second competition this year," Spina said. "It's a new competition, so it will take time. I'm sure it'll be four or five years before everyone in the county knows about it and has heard of it."

"It was very encouraging for us," he said of last year's competition, "and we hope it was encouraging for them to go on with their work."

The culmination of last year's competition took place in March during New Jersey's Family Week at the Theater. This year's Family Week may experience some changes, due to AT&T discontinuing its sponsorship of the statewide initiative. However, Spina is still targeting March for the presentation of the winning scripts.

Not simply focusing on the playwrights of tomorrow, the Project, Spina and Mesce have also launched a Playwriting Workshop wherein adult scribes gather in a forum setting

so each can develop works in progress.

In addition to his work to develop the skills of budding playwrights, Spina has also been educating his audience as well. Whether as a means to "test" plays under consideration for a staged production, or as a vehicle to experiment with works in development, the Project regularly features script-in-hand staged readings, with audiences invited to comment following the performances. The audiences for these Sunday-afternoon presentations has steadily grown since its inception, reaching 50 to 75 people.

"It really has been interesting because you can see the growth in the kinds of questions that are being asked," he said. "The audience is becoming more savvy, more involved in the process."

Like any living thing, the theater must be cultivated. And Spina's garden at the Theater Project is thriving.

## Various forms of art find a home in South Orange

By Bill VanSant  
Associate Editor

**Name:** Judy Wukitsch  
**Title:** Director, The Pierro Gallery, South Orange  
**Resides:** South Orange  
**Age:** 52

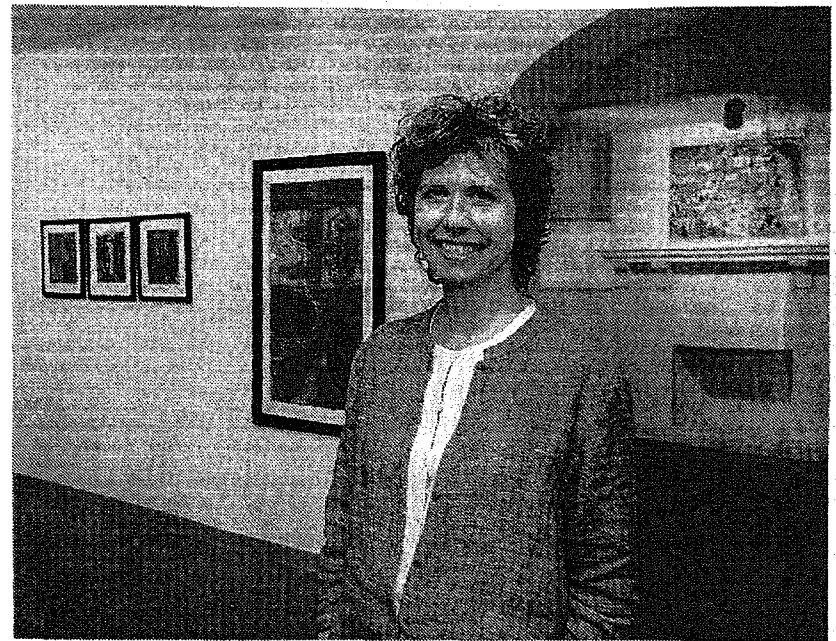


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Judy Wukitsch, director of the Pierro Gallery in South Orange, pauses among the works currently on exhibit at the facility in the Baird Community Center.

A love of the arts and experience as a jewelry crafter have become a far-reaching mission for Judy Wukitsch of South Orange.

Wukitsch — whose husband was late artist Lenny Pierro — serves the community as the assistant director of Recreation and Cultural Affairs, a position she combines with her post as the director of the Pierro Gallery in the Baird Center to reach out into the community with art, music, education, puppetry, and theater.

However, Wukitsch goes above and beyond her official job description, and has extended the cultural outreach into the community.

Although Wukitsch herself did not initiate all of the offerings to be found in and around the Baird, she serves as a driving force in promoting such events as Giants of Jazz, the Penny Pretzel Puppet Theater, the many exhibits and classes at the Pierro Gallery, Arts in the Park, and such theater companies as the touring Hudson Shakespeare Company, the Baird Theater, and the building's newest resident, Dreamcatcher Repertory Theater.

Wukitsch, an original member of the Artists' Network, began her association with the Baird Center and the community's Recreation Department as a teacher of art. This eventually translated to her helping to launch what was then the Gallery of South Orange on a volunteer basis approximately 10 years ago. And this, in turn, led to her position with the township, a job she's held for five years.

Under her guidance, or with her participation, several programs have undergone considerable growth. The sixth edition of "Giants of Jazz" will be presented this weekend at South

Orange Middle School, the list of art class offerings has increased, the theater space on the third floor of the Baird is now home to two production companies, and the gallery itself was recently renamed in memory of Pierro.

But education is key to stimulating the growth of the audience.

In addition to formal art classes, instruction in art appreciation is offered through the Gallery Talks presented by artists in the gallery during each exhibit.

"It's not an intimidating space," she says of the gallery. "It's very user-friendly, it's very accessible. And a lot of people within the community — and it doesn't mean only South Orange, but our community of visitors — feel very comfortable and a part of it."

Wukitsch has also seen growth in the number of people attending the

Gallery Talks with exhibiting artists, an outreach she sees as invaluable in educating the audience.

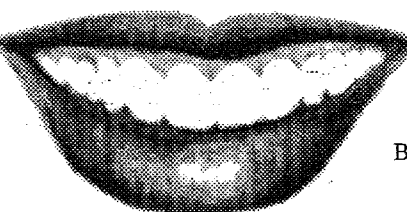
"What happens is that, especially with contemporary art, the average person doesn't have the vocabulary on how to look at art," Wukitsch said. "And it's a vocabulary — it's a way of looking at it and being exposed to it."

By way of example, Wukitsch points out that, until one really listens to it, all forms of classical music sound the same. "And contemporary art, abstract art is very much the same thing. If people don't understand it, they fear it and then they don't like it. It's important to start people understanding so that they don't fear, so that they're just more open to it. They don't have to love every piece they see, but you don't want them to get so turned off."

"Education in the arts is always an ongoing thing."

### Bill VanSant, Editor

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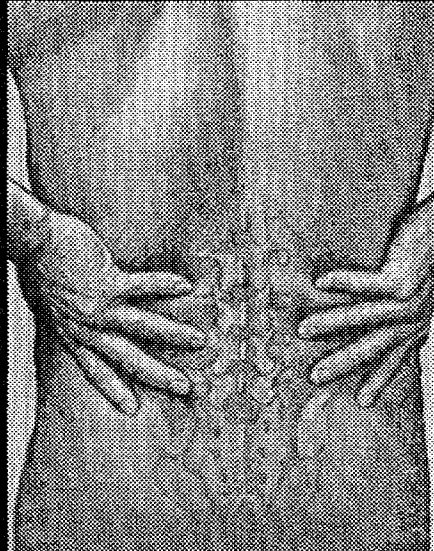
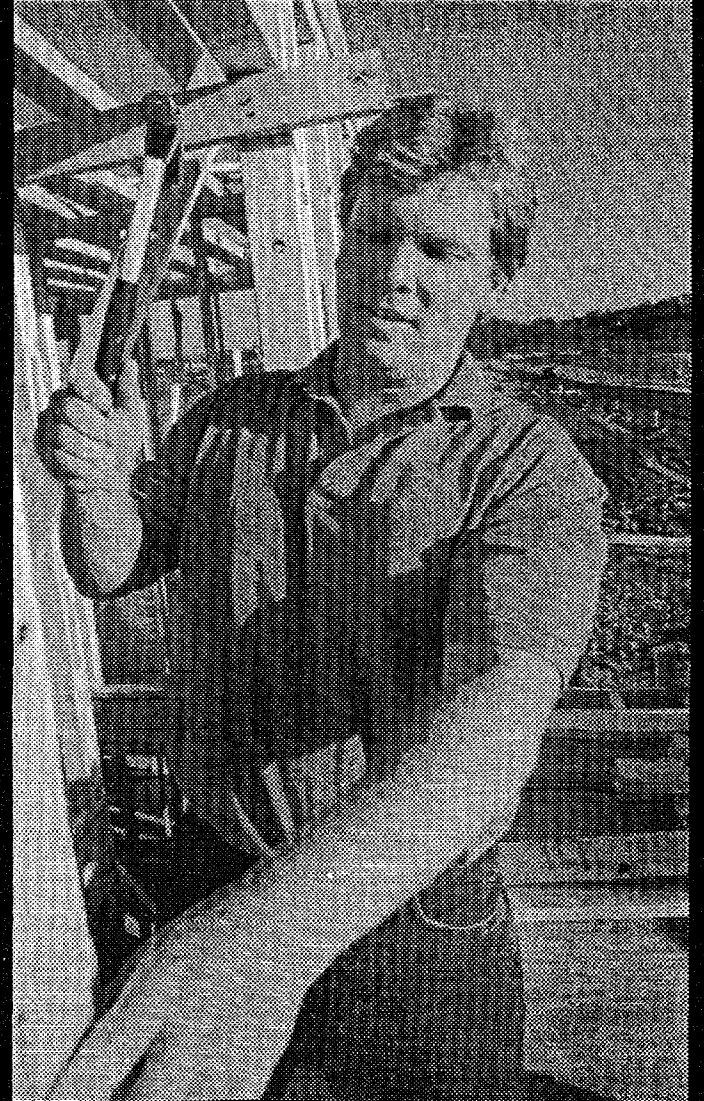
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# Healthy Living

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By Dr. Navin Bogg

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**The dental check-up:** Regular visits with the dentist are important. Start your children's check-ups at age 2. The dentist will educate you on how to maintain good oral health and prevent oral disease.

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Dr. Navin Bogg is a private dental practitioner in Roselle at Gentle Dental of Roselle and practices all phases of family dentistry including orthodontics. She is currently involved in initiating a hygiene program for the public schools of Roselle. Bogg graduated from Columbia University and belongs to the American and New Jersey dental associations. Bogg is also a member of the Academy of General Dentists and was recently awarded the coveted Master of AGD.

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## Artists Making a Difference

### 'Old' is new when bringing radio plays to the area's stages

By Bill VanSant  
Associate Editor

**Name:** Liz Zazzi  
**Title:** Actress, director, educator, script adapter  
**Resides:** Glen Ridge  
**Age:** Undisclosed

When considering a career in acting, education is a key element. The aspiring thespian must learn the history of the art form and the tools of the craft.

However, it's equally important to educate an audience; to train faithful theatergoers that not all plays look the same.

Liz Zazzi knows this very well.

Zazzi, a professional actress, also spends a fair amount of time educating: as a teacher for theater classes, as well as serving as the script adapter and director of radio plays on stage.

Zazzi's work in this area has graced the stages of several of New Jersey's small professional theaters, starting at 12 Miles West Theater Company in Montclair, and continuing at the What Exit? Theater Company in Maplewood and the Theater Project at Union County College. Drawing on the scripts of the Lux Radio Theater, most adapted from then-contemporary films, Zazzi has crafted numerous "time machines," taking audiences back to the 1940s and into a radio studio, where period-costumed actors perform, script in hand, at a bank of microphones while a sound person creates all the necessary effects nearby.

Zazzi finds excitement in broadening the scope of what theaters present and what audiences welcome.

"In theater, you have to continually intrigue in a tiny space," she said, pointing out that such enchantment must be created without changing devices that movie-going audiences have come to expect.

However, the stage has been competing with the screen sing Jolson sang, and many plays even have a certain cinematic quality to them.



Liz Zazzi works with actor Gary Glor on the radio-play version of 'It's a Wonderful Life,' presented by the Theater Project at Union County College during the 2002 holiday season.

"Even in a traditional theater setting," Zazzi continued, "your work gets enhanced by all of the technical elements."

However, when presenting a radio play, there's none of that.

"With radio plays," she said, "you're asking an audience to not see a costume change and not see a lighting change, but just simply watch the actor transform, character by character, through the use of his voice, through the use of a little bit of change of body language; and, in the case of a radio play, you're enhancing all of that action with live sound."

Zazzi's experience as a professional voice-over artist has been an asset in training her actors to let go of traditional acting tools, such as gestures and facial expressions, elements which would never translate over the airwaves.

While audience feedback has been positive at the three theaters where her radio plays have been presented, Zazzi finds greater reward in watching the audience during the show.

"Even when you have a young mom and dad in their 20s or 30s with their little kid, who's anywhere from

6 to 12," she said, "they're constantly turning to look at their child reacting to the magic of something like that getting created; because they want their child to appreciate the story, but they also want their child to understand the history."

Zazzi also says she loves interactive theater and the chance to incorporate that style into her radio plays' pre-show experience.

"The play starts from the minute the audience walks in," she said. To that end, she provides her actors with a detailed history of the show's era, such as popular songs and movies, sports news and the like. Thus prepared, the actors mingle with the audience before the show, discussing "current" events, "as though the audience has stepped into the time period."

While Zazzi regularly appears on the area's professional stages in those "traditional" types of shows, her work in non-traditional theater has done much to raise her audiences' expectations and appreciation for something "new."

"There's a certain kind of magic to that," she said.

## Dems, GOP joined by third parties

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"Can 21 communities come up with a plan to take care of these things as well as county parks?" she said.

Renna said county government should not be eliminated but should be reigned in.

"There's a lot of services the county provides which municipalities can't," he said.

Reilly said there are lots of things in county government that could be taken over by municipalities through shared services.

"We could pass off certain functions the county does to municipalities," said Reilly.

As an example of shared services, Kline pointed to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education.

"We're at the forefront of shared services and I'd like to see it at the county as well," said Kline.

Haynes said New Jersey residents are being overgoverned and there should be a study conducted to deter-

mine which level of government is responsible.

"If we got rid of county government how many people would even realize it?" said Haynes. "Nine out of 10 people couldn't even tell you what a freeholder does, so that tells you how effective county government is."

Some elected officials in the county's western region have said that county police are not a necessity. Instead of the county having an officer patrol a park, the municipality could have an extra police officer in its department who could patrol the park.

"I don't think it's a valuable use of a local officer's time," said Mirabella. "You take care of the neighborhood and we'll take care of the parks."

Scanlon, a Union resident, is seeking her third term on the freeholder board, along with her two running mates.

Holmes, a Rahway resident, is a former police officer and owner of a security business.

Mirabella, a Fanwood resident, is chairman of the county's Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Advisory Board and the Sept. 11 Memorial Committee.

Reilly, Winfield's GOP chairman, retired from working in the county's print shop for 30 years.

Kline has served on the Fanwood Council since 1997. He is employed in the finance industry.

Haynes, a Roselle resident, is a supervisor for United Parcel Services. In the past he has run for Borough Council and board of education.

Renna, a Cranford resident, works in the public information office at the county's Runnells Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights.

Briemer is a Westfield resident. This is her first time running for public office.

On Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., the candidates will participate in a debate at the Cranford Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Ave.

## Red Ribbon Awareness Day set

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today's drugs are much more dangerous.

"It is dangerous," said Moroso. "Nowadays there's a lot of mixture of drugs. Studies say that marijuana is a gateway drug." Gateway drugs, she said, lead to more serious drug abuse.

Prevention Links began Red Ribbon Day in 1999. The organization is a private, not-for-profit agency, which takes a leadership role in the prevention of alcohol, tobacco, drug abuse and related issues. Its educational programs service all of Union County.

In collaboration with the New Jersey Army and Air

National Guard, the National Guard Drug Awareness Fly-In will kick off Red Ribbon Awareness events. The state's National Guard will be landing its helicopter and driving its vehicles through communities in the county.

On Wednesday at 10 a.m., the helicopter will land at Sanford Playground in Hillside. On Oct. 16 at 10 a.m., it will land at New Providence Middle School and at 1:30 p.m. at Hillside Avenue School in Cranford. On Oct. 17 at 10 a.m., it will arrive at David Brearley Middle School in Kenilworth.

For more information on Red Ribbon Awareness Day, call Prevention Links at 732-381-4100.

## GOP to challenge judge's ruling in 22nd District race

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Plains Mayor Martin Marks, implored Beglin to consider the fact Suliga only dropped out of the race because of poor poll standings after his derogatory and lewd remarks became public.

"The court has a responsibility, besides rationalizing the ballot process for county clerks," Chadwell said. "There is a need to examine the facts, the separation of power here because when the court gets into the political thicket, then the court should be more concerned with such last-minute switches."

Democratic attorney Angelo Genova suggested Beglin's decision to allow Elroy Darden, a Roselle council candidate who requested to withdraw from a local council race two years ago for family and employment reasons, after the 45-day deadline, was no different from replacing Scutari with Suliga.

"I think the decision was very fair because voters would be deprived of a choice if the substitution had not been permitted," said Genova. "If Mr. Marks was hoping the judge would not permit a substitution on the ballot then he was looking for a coronation, not an election victory."

"We think that a very bad precedent was set last year that will continue to have repercussions in elections in New Jersey," said Marks.

Marks said that some of wording in last year's ruling indicated that the Supreme Court thought that particular case was an isolated incident not likely to occur again.

"Here we are a year later and it's occurred again and it will likely continue indefinitely as long as campaigns find themselves with flawed candidates that are in jeopardy of losing," said Marks.

Staff Writer Joshua Zaitz contributed to this report.

## Playwrights being sought for Project's script development

There are still a few openings for the monthly playwright's workshop at The Theater Project, Union County College's professional theater company.

The workshop meets once a month, in addition to a monthly script-in-hand public performance/discussion of one of the plays in development. Organizers are particularly interested in writers who can contribute to the process of the other participating playwrights.

Playwrights interested in developing their work through readings and critiques by actors, directors and other writers should submit scripts, self-addressed stamped envelopes with a cover letter, including a brief summary of writing background to: Mark Spina, The Theater Project, Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 07016.

### Bill VanSant, Editor

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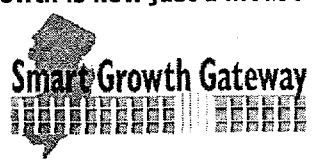
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## Azzara is a rising star, earns award from ERA

Burgdorff ERA President Pat Hoferkamp recently announced that Francesca Azzara, a first-year sales associate from the Westfield office, received the Rising Star Award. This award is presented to the top six out of all new sales associates joining real estate who, in their first full year, have exceeded expected production standards at Burgdorff ERA.

Azzara is a member of the Garden State Multiple Listing Service, Greater Union County Association of Realtors and the Middlesex Multiple Listing Service. A licensed New Jersey real estate sales associate since 2001, she received the Rising Star Award for her outstanding sales record in 2002.

Before making a career change as a sales associate, Azzara had been involved in all facets of housing in her personal life, from design and construction to contracting. This experience led to an interest in real estate sales.

"I love the excitement of helping people realize their dream," said Azzara. "Purchasing a home is a huge commitment emotionally and financially. It is a great feeling to help my clients in this process. I work hard for my clients, and I use my strong negotiating skills to ensure that each transaction will be efficiently completed."

Before joining Burgdorff ERA, Azzara had 17 years of experience as

a children's clothing designer for major manufacturers and was also the owner of a freelance design company. She started a second career in 1993 as a professional artist and is the recipient of two HEART grants — History, Education, and Art Reaching Thousands — given by the Freeholders of Union County. She is an expert in encaustic painting, an ancient technique that predates oil painting.

Azzara is a member of the National Association of Women Artists, and she has received numerous awards for her artwork, which she shows extensively in the tri-state area and nationwide.

Azzara annually mentors an art student as part of her Art Reach Program at City Without Walls, a non-profit art gallery in Newark. She maintains an art studio in Rahway.

Additionally, Azzara serves on the board of trustees for the Children's Museum of Central New Jersey and is a member of Westfield Symphony Friends.

A New Jersey native, she and her husband, John, have resided in Westfield for the past 12 years, and their son Matthew recently graduated from Westfield High School.

Azzara has a bachelor of fine arts degree from Kean University and an associate in applied science degree from The Fashion Institute of Technology in New York.

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## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### Feuerstein joins ERA

Burgdorff ERA recently announced that Shirley R. Feuerstein has joined the company as a sales associate in its Westfield office, located at 600 North Avenue West.

Feuerstein is an active member of the Greater Union County Association of Realtors and is a licensed New Jersey real estate sales associate who specializes in marketing properties in and around Scotch Plains and Westfield.

As the former owner of Affairs and Arrangements, a business specializing in party and wedding planning, Feuerstein is a keen negotiator who provides exceptional client service. Before entering the real estate field she was a registered dental assistant and dental office manager for Dr. Rudolph M. Feuerstein.

Feuerstein attended Middlesex County College and Union High School, and is a Lioness with the Springfield Lions Club. She is an accredited and certified wedding consultant with the Association of Bridal Consultants and the National Bride Service. A lifelong resident of Union County, Feuerstein lives in Scotch Plains.

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inquire about a career in real estate, call the office at 908-233-0065.

### Alfaro joins RE/MAX

RE/MAX Action Group Realty has welcomed Digna Alfaro as its newest sales associate. Alfaro specializes in the listing and sale of residential properties in Union and Middlesex counties. She has been licensed for one year and was previously affiliated with Century 21.

"I was attracted to RE/MAX for the ability to make my own business decisions," said Alfaro, a resident of Elizabeth. "RE/MAX has also experienced tremendous growth in the past year, and now is officially the premier real estate organization in the state."

To contact Digna Alfaro, call RE/MAX Action Group Realty in Roselle Park at 908-245-9300.

### ERA names top agents

Pat Hoferkamp, president and chief operating officer of Burgdorff ERA, announced the sales associates from the Summit office who ranked in the top 10 percent in the entire company for sales volume and/or for the number of properties sold during the first six months of 2003.

Sales associates ranking in the top 10 percent for sales volume include Kim Cannon, Lori Dahl, Madeleine

Diab, Macy Egerton, Toni George, Eileen Sergent, Ginny Jordon, Louise Biunno, Mike Del Duca, and Karen Howells.

Sales associates placed in the top 10 percent of the company for the number of properties sold are Kim Cannon, Madeleine Diab, Mike Del Duca, Eileen Sergent, Louise Biunno, and Christine Niedzielski.

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### Fiore now with RE/MAX

RE/MAX Properties Unlimited in Summit has welcomed Sara Fiore as its newest sales associate. Fiore specializes in the listing and sale of luxury and historical homes in Summit, Berkeley Heights, Chatham, Long Hill and Basking Ridge.

"Joining RE/MAX was the only upward move left in real estate," said Fiore. "Anything else would have been a lateral career move."

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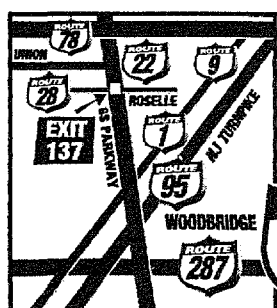
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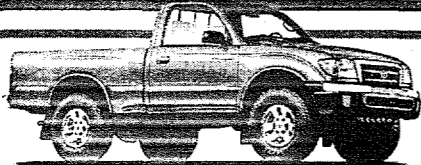
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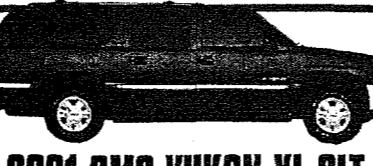
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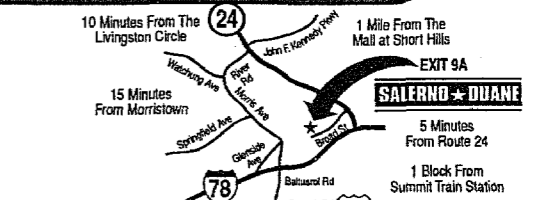
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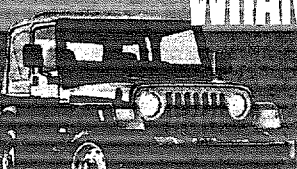
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**\$10,210**

**2001 MITSUBISHI GALANT ES 4 DR**



4 cyl, auto, p/st/brks/winds/lcs/mirrors, air, cd, tilt, cruise, r/def, sunrt, airbags, cloth bkt seats, alloy, security sys, A/S radios. 18,824 mi. S#K#6405. VIN#1E058187.

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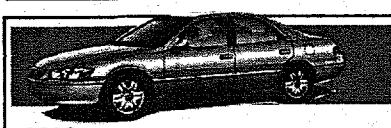
**2000 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 4X4 2 DR**



6 cyl, auto, p/st/brks, air, cass/cd, tilt, cruise, r/def, airbags, cloth int, alloy, r/t hood, bodline, A/S radios. 72,552 mi. S#K#99A. VIN#1E201300.

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**2000 TOYOTA CAMRY LE 4 DR**



4 cyl, auto, p/st/brks/winds/lcs/mirrors, air, cd, tilt, cruise, r/def, airbags, cloth bkt seats, security sys, A/S tires. 30,623 mi. S#K#6094. VIN#0507010.

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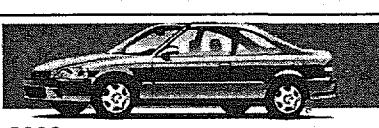
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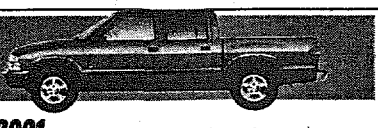
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**\$14,510**

**2001 CHEVROLET S10 CREW-CAB LS 4X4 4 DR**



6 cyl, auto, p/st/brks/winds/lcs/mirrors, air, cass/cd, tilt, cruise, airbags, cloth bkt seats, alloy, black, leather, A/S radios. 44,634 mi. S#K#6405. VIN#1K121261.

**\$15,510**

**1999 CHEVROLET CORVETTE COUPE**



8 cyl, 6-spd man, air, p/st/ABS/winds/lcs/mirrors/seats, air, am/fm stereo, tilt, cruise, r/def, airbags, leath bkt seats, alum whls, security sys, black hard top. 10,179 mi. S#K#932A. VIN#1K3131359.

**\$30,510**

**2003 CHEVROLET BLAZER EXTREME 2 DR**



6 cyl, auto, p/st/ABS, air, cd, tilt, cruise, r/def, sunrt, airbags, alloy, security sys, r/seal, alloy wheels, w/DVD. 7,414 mi. S#K#412. VIN#3121275.

**\$16,910**

**2003 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER EXT LST 4X4 4 DR**



6 cyl, auto, p/st/ABS/winds/lcs/mirrors/seats, air, cass/cd, tilt, cruise, r/def, sunrt, airbags, cloth bkt seats, alloy, security sys, r/seal, alloy wheels, w/DVD. 7,414 mi. S#K#412. VIN#3121275.

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8 cyl, auto, p/st/ABS/winds/lcs/mirrors/seats, air, cass/cd, tilt, cruise, r/def, sunrt, airbags, cloth bkt seats, alloy, security sys, A/S radios. 10,139 mi. S#K#6426. VIN#2511693.

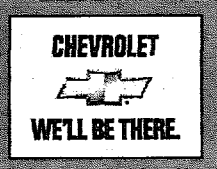
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