

## Attorney: Local foster parents will be vindicated

By David Learn  
Managing Editor

Standing outside state Superior Court in Elizabeth, an attorney for Donna Keaveney predicted that his client and her husband would be vindicated of neglect charges in the death of her aged father.

Keaveney, 36, and her husband, Kenneth Keaveney, were arraigned Wednesday morning before Judge Joan Robinson Gross on charges of child cruelty and elder neglect in the circumstances surrounding the death of Nicola Lombardi, whose badly decayed body was discovered in their home on Aug. 29. An autopsy by the Union County medical examiner deter-

mined the cause of death as natural.

Official reports state that the Keaveneys' 13-year-old foster daughter had been Lombardi's primary caretaker when his death was discovered. The Keaveneys, who entered pleas of not guilty to the charges, declined to speak with reporters as they left Gross' courtroom just after 11 a.m. Wednesday.

Thomas Plaia, a Union-based attorney representing Donna Keaveney, described his client and her husband as decent and hard-working people with a close relationship to Lombardi. "Here's the misconception in this case, that everyone knows grandpa was dead and left him there. That was not true," said

Plaia. "As soon as they found out he was dead, they called the police."

Police responding to Keaveney's call report that the odor from the body was overwhelming.

Plaia described the house as divided into two separate living units, one where the Keaveneys lived with their 11-year-old child and two foster children, and a second living unit where Lombardi lived. The family has lived in the house for 18 years, after the Keaveneys bought it along with her parents. Lombardi's wife had died about 10 years ago.

"It was separate living quarters to all intents and purposes," Plaia said. "I'm not sure I

would have a schedule of when she visited her father."

One of the concerns named by the state Division of Youth and Family Services, which manages the state's foster care system, is that the Keaveneys had made their 13-year-old foster daughter function as Lombardi's primary caretaker. "It just happened to be her responsibility," said Plaia, who likened caring for Lombardi to other, typical chores for teenagers.

While he was living with them, and even after his death, the 13-year-old foster daughter — who is living in another, undisclosed foster home — regularly was given meals to take to

Lombardi. Police reports at the time indicate the plates generally came back with the food apparently having been eaten.

Officials have been unable to explain why the 13-year-old did not report Lombardi's death to her foster parents. Plaia, who said the Keaveney enjoyed a healthy relationship with all three children, was not able to shed further illumination on the issue himself.

Donna Keaveney is being represented by a separate attorney, Randy Davenport, a Newark attorney, is representing Kenneth Keaveney. The Keaveneys are scheduled to appear at 9 a.m. March 25 before Judge Joseph Donahue for a conference.



SAY IT WITH VALENTINES — With Valentine's Day just around the corner, everyone attached is getting ready to find a good way to say 'I love you' to that special someone. At 1-800-Flowers.com on Central Avenue, manager Terese Cate is getting the store ready for the deluge of customers. Above, Cate arranges a teddy bear in view of a heart-shaped balloon. At right is a balloon shaped as a martini glass.

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## First baby of 2004 arrives prematurely

By David Learn  
Managing Editor

Jordan Elizabeth Michaels' life began last June, when an ovum from her mother was fertilized by her father and began to grow.

Under optimal circumstances, Jordan would have stayed in her mother's uterus until her due date March 17, her every need provided by the umbilical cord that connected to her mother.

Jordan was born at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick at 11:07 a.m. Jan. 2 to Lisa and Stanley Michaels of Tudor Drive, making her the winner of *The Clark Eagle's* first baby contest for 2004.

Her voyage to the outside world didn't begin with the painful series of uterine contractions that mark active labor, nor with a head-first voyage down the birth canal that is considered a normal delivery. Born two months premature, she was born by cesarean section, a surgical procedure that involves cutting through the mother's abdominal muscles to remove the baby from the uterus.

Born weighing 2 pounds 12 ounces and measuring 15 1/4 inches, Jordan had the same reaction to the larger world that any number of other newborns have when they discover it.

"She came out screaming, clear as day. That's how I knew she was born," said Lisa Michaels. "She was wailing away all the way down to the neonatal intensive care unit."

It took doctors about 20 minutes to deliver Jordan, who kept moving away from doctors when they tried to take her out.

Once Jordan had been born, doctors gave her a shot of surfactant as a precaution against Respiratory Distress Syndrome. An affliction that strikes about 50,000 preemies every year, the syndrome leads to collapsed alveoli in the lungs, making it difficult for the babies to breathe. About 5,000 of those children died each year before the Food and Drug Administration approved surfactant in August 1990.

One of about 250,000 babies who will be born prematurely this year, Jordan was in remarkably good development. An X-ray showed her lungs were working correctly, and externally, she looked to be in good shape as well, if a little on the skinny side.

"She was fully formed. She had the longest hands," said Michaels, 23. "I'd never seen any baby in intensive care that looked as old as mine."

Jordan's progress since has been good. She's gained weight — she had increased to 3 pounds 15 ounces by the time she was 5 weeks old — and she's even learned to suck, swallow and breathe, the drill preemies must master before they can go home with mom and dad.

As a result of her progress, Jordan could come home by the end of the week to Tudor Drive, where she lives with her mother, her father and her maternal grandparents.

"My husband is so anxious," said Jordan's mother, Lisa Michaels, who graduated in May from Seton Hall University with a degree in nursing. "He can't wait for the baby to come."

Babies can be born prematurely for any number of reasons, including problems with their own development. In Jordan's case, the emergency C-section was brought about by pregnancy-induced hypertension.

Before Christmas, Michaels began to notice extreme swelling in her feet, where she could push her foot with a finger and leave an indentation in the skin that would go away only gradually. Her OBGYN recommended elevating her feet for at least 15 minutes a day to reduce the swelling.

It didn't work.

"I called them up because I was doing that and my ankles were still swollen," said Lisa Michaels. "I told them, 'Look, I can't even walk any more.'"

By Dec. 30, it had reached the point Michaels couldn't even walk down the stairs. She made it out to the car and drove to see her OBGYN, with her slippers barely on the fronts of her feet.

"From there, they sent me to JFK and from there they sent me to St. Peter's University Hospital," said Lisa Michaels.

Located just outside the hustle and bustle of downtown New Brunswick, St. Peter's is widely regarded for its ability to handle difficult pregnancies and births. With continued hypertension presenting the risk of seizures and serious harm to both mother and child, doctors at St. Peter's opted for the C-section.

Lisa Michaels was discharged six days after the delivery, on Jan. 8. Despite the progress, some problems remained.

"It had to be a week later, I was visiting the baby with my husband at night at the NICU, and I got a pain," she said.

The pain was in the lower right side of her back, caused by, Lisa Michaels would later discover, a blood clot that resulted from the C-section and had moved to her right lung.

"In the end," said Lisa Michaels, "we have a nice little baby."

## Picking name no easy task

By David Learn  
Managing Editor

As any parent can attest, picking a name for a child at times can seem like an impossible decision.

Aside from the interminable list of name possibilities, parents try to consider what the name means and how it will be interpreted by other people.

Jordan is a popular girl's and boy's name that comes from the biblical River Jordan. Meaning "flow down," it was adopted as a given name after Crusaders brought water from the Holy Land to baptize their children at home during the Middle Ages.

Used both for girls and for boys, the name can leave people outside the family unsure of the baby's sex.

"All the nurses are like, 'He's doing fine, he's doing fine,'" recalled Lisa Michaels, whose daughter, Jordan, is the winner of *The Clark Eagle's* 2004 first baby contest.

The Michaelses also considered the names Shawna and Halley. Shawna is a feminine form of Sean, the Irish form of John, a name shared in the New Testament by John the Baptist and John the Apostle. Halley can be traced back to Hayley, a town in England.

It was Stanley Michaels, 32, Lisa Michaels' husband, who picked the name Jordan. And that of course prompts the question of what makes a good middle name.

"It was Jordan Alexandria Michaels, so I was like, 'Oh good, everyone'll call her Jam,'" said Lisa Michaels.

Instead of Alexandria — a girl's name stemming from the Greek conqueror — the Michaelses picked Elizabeth. A name meaning "God is my oath," Elizabeth has been the name of queens of England, a saint and an empress of Russia.

And with her other initials, Jordan's middle name spells out the value her parents place in her: JEM.

"Now we're waiting for the gem to come home," said her mother.

## Board members want informed public

By David Learn  
Managing Editor

With the Board of Education bracing for its annual battle of the budget, several board members on Tuesday night expressed a desire that the public be adequately informed about happenings in the school district.

The board will distribute its annual informational flier about the budget to residents about two weeks before the April 20 budget vote. School board member Karen Amalfe suggested the district either invest in a separate newsletter about events within the district as a whole, such as the school facilities repairs, or expand the budget flier to include other information as well.

Superintendent of Schools Paul Ortenzio objected to the proposal as an inefficient use of money during a tight budget year. He predicted most residents would not read such a newsletter, which would duplicate information already published in local and area news media.

"My whole point is just something to keep the public informed, because there's so much going on," said Amalfe.

In addition to budget planning, the district is preparing for a \$19.1-million schools rehabilitation

effort under the direct control of the state, it is faced with substantial payments to the Garwood and Mountainside school districts, it is searching for a new superintendent to replace Ortenzio when he retires this summer, and is engaged in contract negotiations with teachers.

No formal action was taken with regards to a school newsletter, although the district has been putting more information about school events on the district Web site, [www.clarkschools.org](http://www.clarkschools.org).

The board is required by state law to submit a preliminary budget to Union County Superintendent of Schools Glenn Tillou Feb. 26.

The preliminary budget will provide Tillou with an overall view of the district's budget, which will be fine-tuned before going to voters April 20. It does not specify exact amounts for individual budget items, or even for classes of anticipated expenses.

The school board budget committee, which met before the entire board meeting Tuesday evening, has recommended staying within a projected 4 percent cap, the state-set limit on budget increases.

The school board has the option of asking voters to approve supplemental budget items that would increase the total tax levy, but the budget committee has recommended not doing that.

Staying within cap could mean the board would need to cut \$665,000 from its budget next year.

The biggest chunk of those cuts would come from personnel, where the budget committee is recommending \$450,000 in cuts. Another \$100,000 would come from sports, followed by \$70,000 in maintenance supplies and \$50,000 from clerical expenses.

As drafted now, the budget would call for a 25-cent tax increase for every \$100 of assessed property value. The tax increase would work out to about \$295 for the owner of a home assessed at \$118,000, the township average.

"This isn't a final document," said school Business Administrator William Takacs. "We don't have state aid figures."

The district this year was hit by several unforeseen expenses, including about \$200,000 in added costs for special education and transporting special education students to programs and facilities outside the district.

April 20 is also when voters will elect three school board members. Residents interested in running have until 4 p.m. March 1 to register at the board offices in Arthur L. Johnson High School on Westfield Avenue.

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**EDUCATION**

**Preschool registration begins at church facility**

Zion Lutheran Church Preschool, 559 Raritan Road, is registering children for the school year beginning in September.

The preschool is nondenominational and fully certified by the state. It offers morning and afternoon sessions for 3 and 4-year olds on a two-, three- or five-day per week basis.

For information or to schedule a visit to the facilities, call Director Rebecca Schulz at 732-382-7663.

**Press foundation offers college scholarship**

New Jersey high school seniors who work on their student newspapers have been invited to apply for a \$5,000 college journalism scholarship

to be awarded by the New Jersey Press Foundation.

The Bernard Kilgore Memorial Scholarship will honor the student who is named the 2004 New Jersey High School Journalist of the Year by the Garden State Scholastic Press Association, the organization of the state's high school journalism teachers and school publications advisers.

Applications must be postmarked by Sunday and mailed to the New Jersey Press Foundation, 840 Bear Tavern Road, Suite 305, West Trenton, 08628-1019.

The application form and information about the program have been mailed to all New Jersey high schools and are posted on the press foundation's Web site at [www.njpa.org/foundation](http://www.njpa.org/foundation).

The scholarship is named for

Bernard Kilgore, former publisher of The Wall Street Journal and The Princeton Packet.

**Register for kindergarten at elementary schools**

Kindergarten registration for the Clark School District will take place on March 9 at Frank K. Hehny School and March 11 at Valley Road School. Registration will be from 9 to 10 a.m. Registration forms are being sent out to all eligible students.

Parents should bring with them an original birth certificate, health history and health record from physician, and proof of residence.

Children who will be 5 years old by Oct. 1 are eligible to enroll.

For more information, call Hehny School at 732-381-8100, and Valley Road School at 732-388-7900.

**SENIOR NEWS**

**Education continues at Brewer center**

Instructor Phyllis McGarry will provide line dancing lessons in the Brewer gym from 10 a.m. to noon March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24; and June 7, 14, 21, 28.

Instructor Anthony Troncone will teach Contemporary American Issues, a Union County College L.I.F.E. class, from 1 to 3 p.m. Feb. 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17.

Evelyn Panish will lead exercise sessions in the cafeteria from 9 to 10 a.m. today, Tuesday, Feb. 19; March 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30; April 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29; May 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27; and June 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29.

**State officer to address consumer awareness**

The Clark Seniors will meet at the senior center, 450 Westfield Ave., at 1 p.m. Feb. 19. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month.

Guest speaker will be Principal Investigator James F. Lavery of the state Department of Banking and

Insurance, who will make the second of four presentations to the seniors with the topic "Insurance and Consumer Awareness for Seniors." A question-and-answer session will follow.

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

Refreshments will be served. Other meetings will be held March 18, April 15, May 20 and June 17.

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

**AARP chapter seeks potential members**

The Clark Chapter 3733 AARP meets at 1 p.m. the second Friday of each month in the Charles H. Brewer Senior Center, 400 Westfield Ave. Social hour, with refreshments, begins at noon.

The next AARP meeting will be at 1 p.m. Feb. 13.

The following trips have been scheduled:

• March 15 — Doolan's Luncheon Theater, St. Patty's Day Festival, luncheon at Doolan's with choices.

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• April 21 — King Henry's Pocono Mountain Opry. Full course luncheon with choices, "This Is My Country." \$58.

• May 12 — Renault Winery 7 Casino, luncheon at Winery and on to Atlantic City \$39.

• Sept. 15 — Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum's 7 South Street Seaport. Luncheon at area restaurant with choices \$62.

Ongoing activities include the Volunteer programs at Runnells Hospital, under the leadership of Marian Connolly.

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.

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

**STUDENT UPDATE**

**Seavy named semifinalist for college scholarship**

Elizabeth Seavy, a student at Arthur L. Johnson High School, has been named a semifinalist for the 2003-2004 Coca-Cola Scholars Program.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation is one of the largest corporate-sponsored merit scholarship programs of its kind in the United States. The program recognizes a diverse group of extraordinary high school seniors who have demonstrated academic and civic excellence in their schools and communities.

Seavy is one about 2,000 seniors in the running for \$1.8 million in college scholarships that the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation will award in spring 2004.

Students are selected to advance to this next phase based on the level of academic excellence, leadership and achievement demonstrated in school

and community activities.

As a semifinalist, Seavy must submit additional information that will be reviewed in February 2004 by a committee comprised of 30 educators from high schools and universities throughout the United States.

Two hundred fifty finalists will travel to Atlanta for three days in April to attend the Coca-Cola Scholars Weekend.

Fifty national scholars each will receive a \$20,000 renewable scholarship award, while the remainder, 200 regional scholars, will receive a \$4,000 renewable scholarship.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation was created in 1986.

**Dean's list at TCNJ**

Six Clark residents were among the students named to the dean's list for the fall semester at The College of New Jersey in Ewing.

The following students earned

dean's list honors, followed by their major of study:

Jaelyn A. Brief, elementary/early childhood education; Jennilyn Hanson, special education; Michele D. Materna, accounting; Lyn C. Steeger, art; William A. Tevlin, health and exercise science, and Patrick C. Young, general business.

To obtain dean's list status, students must be matriculating full-time students and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester.

**Howlett earns honors**

Jeffrey Rudo Howlett of Clark, a senior marketing major at the University of Delaware's Lerner College of Business and Economics, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester.

Named to the dean's list are full-time students with grade point averages of 3.33 or better on a 4.0 scale for the semester, with no temporary grades as of Jan. 22.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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

**Today**

• Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., will hold a Toddler Time program for babies and toddlers up to 2½ years old. The program runs from 10 to 10:20 a.m.

This program includes nursery rhymes, songs, stories and movement activities. No registration is required.

**Tuesday**

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

**Upcoming Feb. 19**

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• The Health Department and Complete Care Medical Center of Scotch Plains will offer free glucose, blood pressure and quick cholesterol screenings to Clark residents from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave.

A two-hour fast is required for the glucose sugar screening. The quick cholesterol screening takes about three minutes to read.

For more information contact Health Officer Nancy Raymond at 732-388-3600, ext. 3045.

**Feb. 21**

• Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., will present a dramatic version of Jack and the Beanstalk at 11 a.m. for children from 4 to 12 years old. Register by calling the library at 732-388-5999.

**Feb. 23**

• The Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet from 8 to 11 p.m. in the municipal courtroom, 315 Westfield Ave.

**Feb. 24**

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

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

**Feb. 26**

• Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., will hold a Toddler Time program for babies and toddlers up to 2½ years old. The program runs from 10 to 10:20 a.m.

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**Feb. 28**

• Osceola Presbyterian Church of Clark, 1689 Raritan Road, welcomes all children 4 to 11 years old to its Annual Indoor Winter Carnival from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission costs \$5 and includes 20 game tickets plus four snack tickets. The carnival will include fun, games and treats for all who attend.

Parking is available in the Osceola Church lot or across the street at Grace and Peace Church.

• Clark Volunteer First Aid Squad will host an EMS and Fire Trade Show at St. Thomas the Apostle Church hall, 1407 St. George Ave., Rahway. Admission costs \$3. For more information, call Chris at 732-574-0214 or Rob at 732-382-2155.

**Ongoing**

• The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program sponsored by Community Access Unlimited will again offer free tax assistance for Union County citizens who earn less than \$34,000 per year, are disabled or elderly.

The free tax assistance will be offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays, from Feb. 1 to April 15 at Clark Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 1213 Westfield Ave. Call 732-396-7100 for an appointment.

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# Leak prompts gas shut-off on Old Raritan Rd.

The Fire Department was dispatched to an Old Raritan Road residence at 9:45 a.m. Jan. 26 for a report of an odor of natural gas inside the residence.

Firefighters smelled natural gas when they arrived, and shut off the gas supply.

Elizabethtown Gas Co. asked Public Service Electric and Gas Co. to shut off electric service to the building due to a continued presence of a high level of natural gas.

Once that had been done, Elizabethtown asked the Fire Department to remove two windows to allow ventilation of the gas from the structure.

Gas company crews found the source of the natural gas leak and made the necessary repairs.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Walnut Avenue office building at 2:45 p.m. Feb. 3 for an automatic fire alarm activation.

An alarm technician working on the fire alarm system had activated a smoke detector. The technician was asked to complete the necessary repairs.

The Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at a Forest Drive residence at 3:19 p.m. Feb. 2.

There was no apparent cause for the smoke detector activation.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a fire alarm at the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building on Westfield Avenue at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 1.

A heat detector on the ceiling of one of the gyms had been struck by a basketball, causing the detector to malfunction.

## FIRE BLOTTER

The Fire Department was dispatched to Quick Chek on Westfield Avenue at 7:56 a.m. Feb. 1 for a fire alarm.

A smoke detector had been activated when an oven door was opened and the fan was not turned on to dissipate the smoke from the oven.

The Fire Department was dispatched to East Lane and Sunrise Drive at 3:40 p.m. Jan. 26 for a report of natural gas in the area.

The only odor present was at Valley Road and North Lane, in an area with high-pressure gas vents.

Elizabethtown Gas Co. was asked to ensure its equipment was functioning properly and that no hazardous conditions existed.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Gibson Boulevard residence for an odor of natural gas in the residence, at 9:37 a.m. Jan. 26.

The leak was in the boiler room. Elizabethtown Gas Co. turned off the gas supply to the heating unit and made the necessary repairs.

The Fire Department was dispatched to the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building on Westfield Avenue for a fire alarm at 2:28 a.m. Jan. 26.

The building was checked and no problems were found.

The Fire Department went to a Gibson Boulevard apartment at 10:21 p.m. Jan. 25 for a 9-1-1 report of smoke in the apartment.

A couch was smoldering from a

cigarette burn. The fire was extinguished, the couch was removed, and the apartment was ventilated of smoke.

The Fire Department responded to an Oak Ridge Road residence at 4:41 p.m. Jan. 25 for a 9-1-1 report of an electric fire in the kitchen.

Water had got into the motor when the refrigerator was being cleaned, possibly causing some sparks.

The refrigerator was unplugged and the resident was advised to have a service technician inspect the refrigerator.

The Fire Department responded to a Largo Lane residence at 1:07 p.m. Jan. 25 for a fire alarm.

The resident had been testing the fire alarm system.

The Fire Department responded to a Goodmans Crossing residence at 6:49 p.m. Jan. 24 for a carbon monoxide alarm. Firefighters could not find any unusual carbon monoxide concentrations.

The Fire Department responded to a Cornell Drive residence at 7:13 p.m. Jan. 23 for a 9-1-1 report of smoke in the residence.

Some food had spilled in the oven and burned, causing the smoke. The food remnant in the oven was removed and the residence was ventilated to remove the smoke.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Hayes Avenue residence at 6:56 p.m. Jan. 22 for a carbon monoxide alarm.

Investigation did not identify any unusual carbon monoxide concentrations.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Valley Road residence at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 21 for a carbon monoxide alarm.

Investigation did not identify any unusual carbon monoxide concentrations.

The Fire Department responded to a Riverbend Drive residence at 6:23 p.m. Jan. 20 for a 911 report of smoke in the residence.

A lint accumulation in the bottom of the dryer was burning. Power and gas to the dryer were shut off and the area was checked to ensure the fire had not spread.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Terminal Avenue manufacturing facility at 5:05 p.m. Jan. 20 for a fire alarm.

A faulty smoke detector had triggered the alarm.

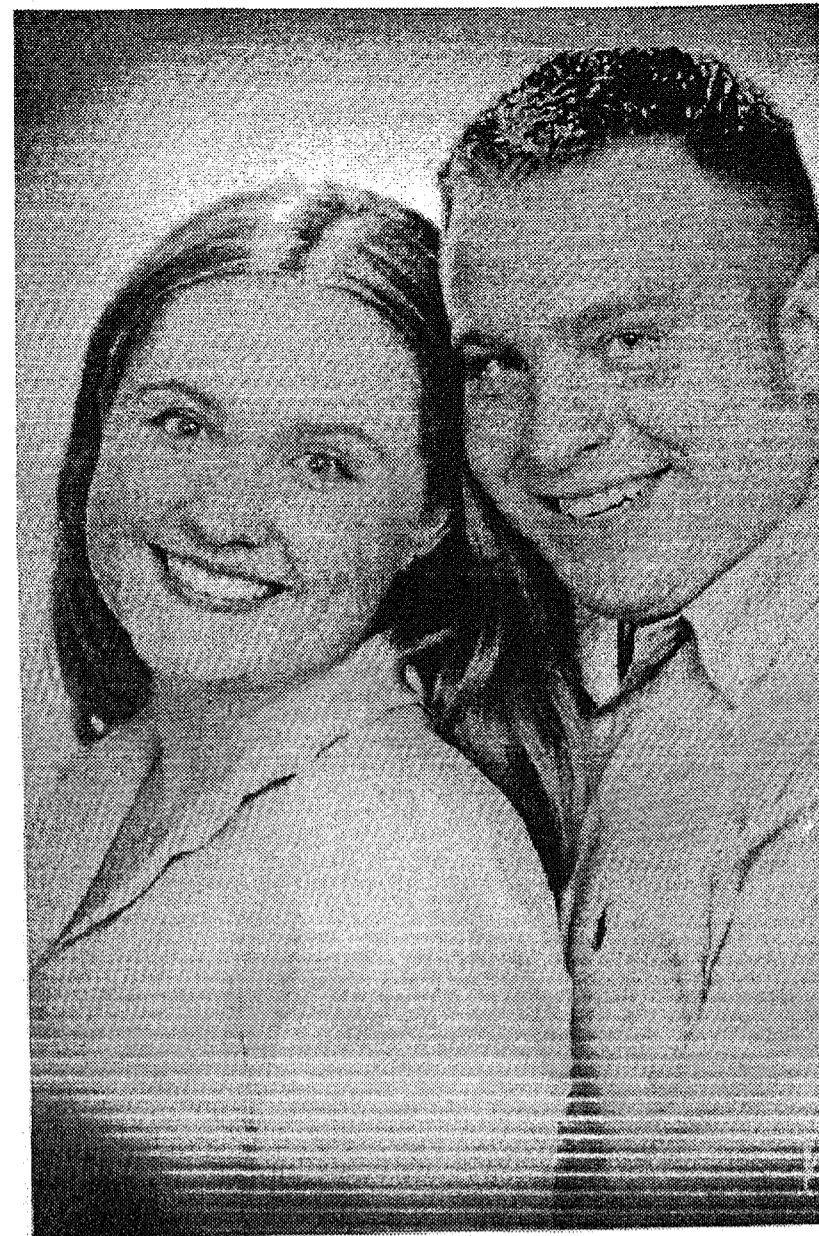
The Fire Department responded to a Dawn Drive residence at 8:57 a.m. Jan. 20 for a report of a natural gas odor in the residence.

Elizabethtown Gas Co. found no natural gas present in the structure.

The Fire Department was sent to the Emerald Place area at 9:26 a.m. Jan. 19 to assist Elizabethtown Gas Co. with high levels of natural gas in the area, about five-and-a-half hours after a fatal house fire had erupted on Dawn Drive.

The Westfield Fire Department also assisted with the assignment.

The Fire Department went to Broadway and Fulton Street at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 19 for a report of natural gas in the area. No natural gas was detected in the area.



Leigh Anne Ashley Ruble and Matthew W. Jadro

## Ruble, Jadro plan to marry

Mr. and Mrs. Richard and Marylee Terrano of Clark and James and Susan Ruble of Jacksonville, Fla., announce the engagement of Leigh Anne Ashley Ruble, daughter of Mr. Ruble and Mrs. Terrano, to Matthew W. Jadro, son of Vladimir and Jean Jadro of Linden.

The bride to be is a graduate of Arthur L. Johnson High School in New York, and currently working toward a master's in speech language pathology at Kean University. She is

employed by Developmental Learning Center of New Providence as a substitute teacher.

The future groom is a graduate of Seton Hall Preparatory High School in West Orange, and Stevens Institute of Technology. He is working toward an MBA at Fairleigh Dickenson University, and is employed by International Paint of Union, as a technical support chemist.

A June 4, 2005, wedding is planned.

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## NEWS CLIPS

### Cultural foundation offers Polish language lessons

The Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, has begun registration for its language classes on March 2.

Classes in beginner's and intermediate Polish are offered Thursday evenings. Tuesday evening classes for students learning English as their second language are offered at the beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. These classes meet for 12 weeks. Early registration is suggested.

For more information or to register, call the foundation's office at 732-382-7197.

### Y-Squares members share square dance bug

Y-Squares Square Dance class of Clark meets 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Frank K. Hehny School on Raritan Road.

For more information, call Janice Ubhlig at 732-381-2535 or Don Madden at 908-241-9492.

### Hyatt Hills offers unlimited golf plan

Hyatt Hills has initiated an unlimited golf plan for the entire year.

Golfers who sign up before March 15 will receive, in addition to the season pass, two free cart fees, a free all-season private locker and 20 range tokens.

Rates for the entire year are \$1,400 for Cranford and Clark residents, \$1,600 for New Jersey residents, and

\$2,800 for out-of-state residents.

The Hyatt Hills Golf Complex is located at 1300 Raritan Road.

For more information, visit Web site [www.hyathills.com](http://www.hyathills.com) or call 732-669-9100.

### RSVP tax assistance

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program sponsored by Community Access Unlimited will again offer free tax assistance for Union County citizens who earn less than \$34,000 per year, are disabled or elderly.

The free tax assistance will be offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays, from Sunday to April 15 at Clark Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 1213 Westfield Ave.

Call 732-396-7100 for an appointment.

### Knights of Columbus offers family dinners

This Valentine's Day Weekend, don't stand in long lines to take your loved one out.

Bishop Justin J. McCarthy Knights of Columbus Council No. 5503 will celebrate Polish Day and Valentine's Day with popular Polish dishes like stuffed cabbage, pierogies, kielbasi and sauerkraut. Cost is \$7.50 for adults, and \$3.50 for children 4 to 12. Children 3 and younger eat free. Dinner will be served from 1 to 5 p.m.

Bishop Justin J. McCarthy Knights of Columbus Council No. 5503 is located at 27 Westfield Ave,

For more information, contact Grand Knight Bill Moore at 908-355-4277, Tom Manganiello at 908-925-2360 or the council home at 732-574-9067.

### Play bingo on Saturdays, Tuesdays at foundation

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

For more information, call 732-382-7197.

### Volunteers are needed to man Noah's Ark shelter

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

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

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

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

The greatest need at this time is foster homes for cats, dogs, kittens and puppies, as all animals are kept in

volunteers' homes until they are adopted.

For more information, call 732-815-1633.

### Homebound can get food via Mobile Meals

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

Volunteers deliver nutritious dinners and lunches to homes Monday to Friday at a cost of \$30 per week or dinner-only for \$20 per week.

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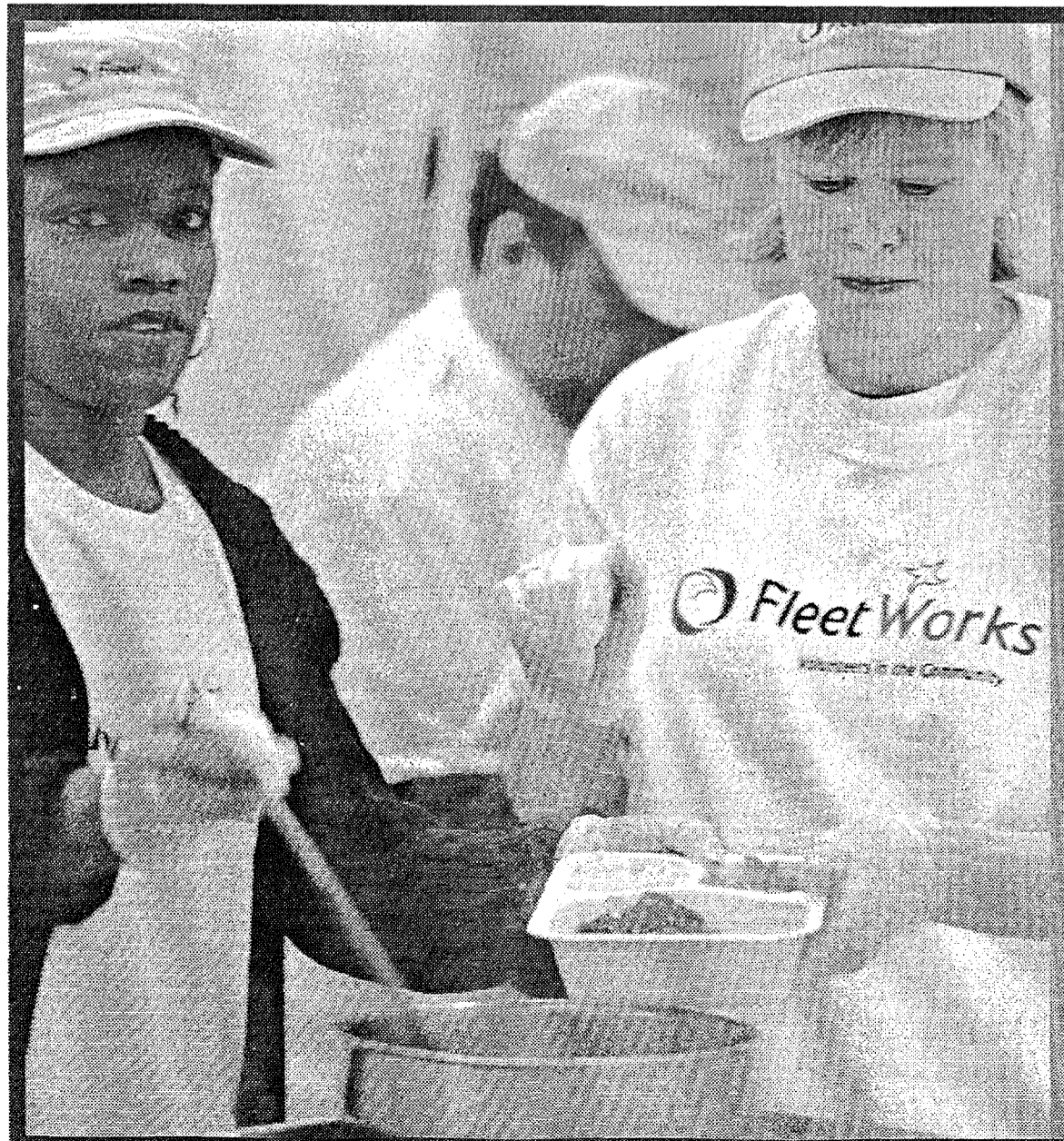
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# COMMUNITY FORUM

## EDITORIALS

### Involve yourself

Now is the time for parents concerned about facing another school year with unwanted budget cuts to speak and be heard. Now is the time for senior citizens and others on a limited income concerned about yet another hike in their school taxes to speak and be heard.

The Board of Education will introduce and discuss its preliminary budget when it next meets, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Arthur L. Johnson High School library. The preliminary budget, which must be submitted to Union County Superintendent of Schools Glenn Tillou this month, will give voters their first concrete glimpse of what is to come during the remainder of budget discussions this year. It is imperative that everyone with a stake in the outcome attend the meeting and make themselves heard.

The news so far is not encouraging for either group. At the school board's most recent meeting, on Feb. 3, the budget committee outlined a proposal that on average would raise taxes \$295 per household per year and trim about \$665,000 from the budget. In the preliminary budget — which is meant to give Tillou the shape of things to come, and does not account for how the district will use every penny — the lion's share of those cuts, some \$450,000 of them, will be taken from personnel expenses. Another \$100,000 will be taken from sports.

And so it begins again.

Diane Lanigan, chairwoman of the board's budget committee, said during her presentation last week that there are no plans to eliminate programs to offset the difference. Given the controversy regarding program cuts the last few years, that is going to be a popular sentiment on the board. But unless the school board knows how to create money out of nothing, or unless it plans to sell district property — a deceptively easy short-term answer to a long-term problem — that's going to be an incredibly difficult dream to keep alive. Budget cuts the size the board is talking about require staffing cuts, and that in turn means fewer people to provide high-end electives, and fewer people to manage popular extracurricular activities.

Earlier this school year, Superintendent of Schools Paul Ortenzio presented the school board with his projection for an upcoming budget shortfall, and asked board members to start thinking of places to make cuts. One of the board members asked, "When does it stop?" Ortenzio's answer is as true now as it was back then: "It doesn't."

No, it doesn't stop. The situation Clark is in presents yet another illustration of why politicians in the State House should stop talking voters to death and actually present a plan for meaningful reform in how we fund education before every excellent public school system has been meddled down to the point where public education is every bit as bad as its strongest detractors claim.

In the meantime, those with a stake in how the budget process works out — and that includes everyone who lives in Clark and pays taxes to the school district — need to give board members their input. Those who want to save the programs from the chopping block need to signal their willingness to pay the extra money in a year that already is going to cost them dearly.

And everyone — senior citizen, parent and childless resident alike — needs to send the Legislature a message that meaningful reform is past due.

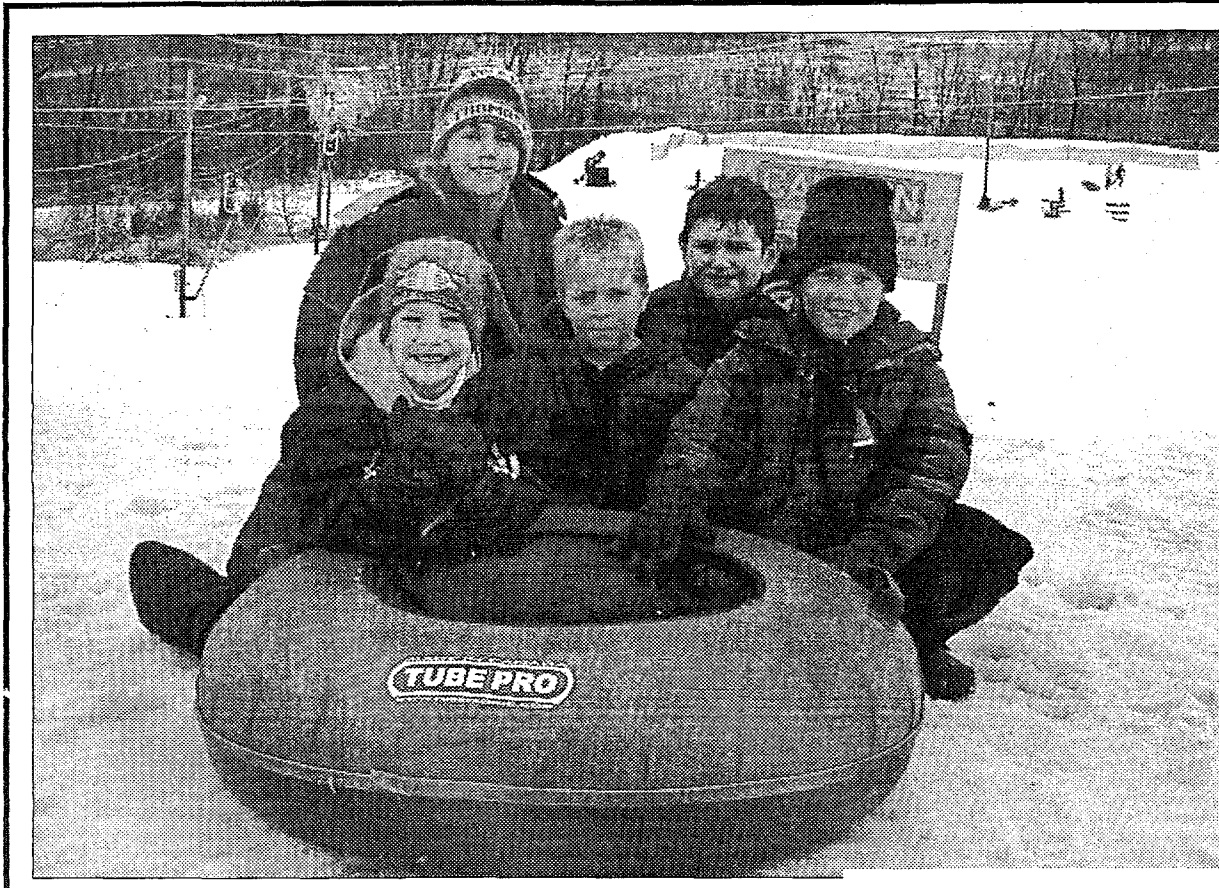
### Learning from history

February is when our nation celebrates Black History Month, since its inception in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson. It might seem strange that we dedicate a month exclusively to the study of one race, but Woodson saw this as an opportunity to atone for years of ignorance with regard to the place of blacks in the history of the United States.

Born to parents who were former slaves, Woodson spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines and enrolled in high school at the age of 20. Graduating within two years, he later went on to earn a doctorate in philosophy from Harvard. The scholar was disturbed to find in his studies that history books largely ignored the black American population — and when blacks did figure into the picture, it was generally in ways that reflected the inferior social position they were assigned at the time.

Woodson established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History — now called the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History — in 1915, and a year later founded the widely respected Journal of Negro History. In 1926, he launched Negro History Week, which later became Black History Month, as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American history.

A great deal has been accomplished toward equal rights for all races since 1926, but there is still much that needs to be done. But rather than dwell on the negative, Black History Month should be a time to remember the past as an inspiration for the future. February should be a time to set our sites on greater equality for all.



**SLIP SLIDING AWAY** — Members of Clark Cub Scout Pack 145 gather together on an inner tube after a day of snow-tubing at Mountain on Saturday. Despite the wet and icy weather on Friday, about 60 children and parents joined in the adventure. Pictured Jacob Stockl, and Edward Olenick, with Brendan Mulvihill, Dylan McCabe and Christopher Makosiej in front.

### Understanding the origins of St. Valentine's Day

Saturday is Valentine's Day but I'm betting you know that already. Probably completely prepared, right?

Me? I got some ideas working. Might head out to the mall. Pick up a box of candy. Everyone loves sweets and one size fits all, unless you've got willpower issues. Maybe one of those red velvet cards...

Who am I kidding? I'm never prepared for Valentine's Day because I don't get it. Every year Valentine's Day comes around and every year I feel like I'm being slapped with a romance subpoena demanding that I declare my love and my savings to everyone I've ever met.

I have to buy cards and gifts for my children to give to their classmates, their teachers, their friends, their grandparents. I'm supposed to purchase something for my wife, my daughters, co-workers and my mother. What's the significance of this sloppy, all-inclusive holiday anyway? If Valentine's Day is about romance, why in the name of Sigmund Freud and Jerry Springer must I send something to my mother? Isn't that why we have Mother's Day?

Judging by what people spend on this holiday, I may be the only one on the planet who remains in the dark as to what we're celebrating when we celebrate Valentine's Day.

According to the National Retail Federation's 2004 Valentine's Day Consumer Intentions and Actions Survey (romantic title, no?), Americans will spend \$13 billion this year on

### Now what?

By John Hartnett

cards, candy, flowers, jewelry and meals, averaging out to nearly \$100 per individual.

That's nothing. Young adults between the ages of 18-24 are the biggest spenders, averaging \$155 apiece. For the sake of those poor kids, let's hope the relationships last as long as it takes to pay off the credit cards used to purchase all those expressions of love. Love? What's love got to do with it? This is big business, baby.

"But John, you're just being cynical." "Maybe you're right, whoever just said that."

Perhaps I've spoken too soon. Maybe I should go back to the beginning to understand the origins of Valentine's Day before passing judgment. You can come to; just don't get too chummy. The last thing I need is another person I've got to buy something for.

The story of Valentine's Day is one in which fact and legend are intertwined — just like blind dates. Beginning in the fourth century B.C., the rites of passage of young men to the pagan god Lupercus were celebrated in a lottery where teenage boys selected the names of teenage girls out of a

box to establish romantic relationships for a period of one year.

Some 800 years later in A.D. 496, Pope Gelasius wanted the church to distance itself from such pagan rituals and commanded that the names of young women be replaced with the names of saints, with the intention that young men would forget all about girls and choose to emulate the saints they selected. You don't need a market research firm to tell you how that flew.

Undaunted, the Church continued to seek a more suitable representative for romantic love than a pagan god, and reached back in history to A.D. 270 to summon Valentine, the bishop of Interamna, who had been clubbed and beheaded for his devotion to lovers and the sacrament of marriage.

Valentine had raised the ire of the Roman emperor Claudius II, known far and wide as a certifiable lunatic (but not to his face), who abolished marriage as a means to strengthen his armies.

Claudius believed that married men made poor soldiers who preferred staying home and cleaning the gutters rather than poking strangers with sharp objects who often poked back with sharp objects of their own.

Without wives at home, Claudius reasoned that men would welcome the diversion of invading another country on the weekends instead of say, bowling.

In defiance of the decree, Valentine continued to marry couples in secret until Claudius found out. Impressed

with Valentine's conviction and integrity, Claudius attempted to convert Valentine to paganism as a means to avoid execution.

Valentine, against the strong protests of his attorney, attempted to convert Claudius to Christianity.

Although Claudius made a half-hearted gesture of flipping through a Christian pamphlet Valentine had given him, Claudius remained a pagan and Valentine held fast to his belief in God and the sanctity of marriage.

During his imprisonment, Valentine fell in love with the blind daughter of his jailer and reportedly through his unyielding faith, miraculously restored her sight.

Before his execution, he signed a farewell message to his beloved, "From your Valentine."

So Pope Gelasius resurrected Valentine to serve as a romantic role model and after a time, pagan gods faded away and Valentine's Day became known as a church holy day.

Now I get it. If that's not a holiday intended to celebrate romance, call me Claudius. You can send Valentines and gifts to who ever you'd like but me, I'm going to write a little love letter to my wife, and that's it.

I love you too, mom, but if you're craving chocolates, we're talking mid-May at the earliest.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Clark benefit ball is highlight of year

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the Clark Benefit Fund Executive Committee for all their hard work, and for another successful Clark Benefit at The Westwood in Garwood on Feb. 7.

After 11 years, this winter event is still a highlight of the year. It is wonderful to see our friends and neighbors of Clark enjoying themselves and making Clark the wonderful tight-knit community that it is.

I am looking forward to next year. Thanks again.

Mayor Sal Bonaccorso  
Clark

#### Feds mulling trash train proposals

To the Editor:

Concerned residents of Union County, who were relieved thinking we escaped a New York City garbage transfer station, will want to direct their immediate attention to rapidly moving plans to export garbage from Staten Island.

In two separate requests, the New York City Economic Development Corp. and The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey have asked the federal Surface Transportation Board to rule that they have the authority to construct new rail connections from a waste transfer station at Fresh Kills Landfill on Staten Island to the Staten Island Railway, and to construct new connections between the Staten Island Railway and the Chemical Coast Line in New Jersey.

After reaching the Staten Island Railway and the Chemical Coast Line, the 4,700-foot, 70-car trash trains would be able to move out to Oak Island Yard and through most of Union County using the Lehigh Valley Railroad through Hillside, Union, Roselle Park, Roselle, Cranford, Clark, Westfield and Scotch Plains and using the Rahway Valley Line through Roselle Park, Kenilworth, Union, Springfield and Summit. So much for the work of the Union County Freeholders at trying to effect a controlled reactivation of the Staten Island Railway and the Rahway Valley Railway in Union County.

To see the actual filings before the Surface Transportation Board go to [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov) and go to Filings search and use the Full Text Search option to locate finance dockets FD\_34429\_0 and FD\_34428\_0. So far, there have been very few objections to the plans.

William T. Fidurski  
Clark

#### Democratic behavior self-destructive

To the Editor:

During the last State of the Union address I got amused by some of the congressional members' hilarious behavior; especially those on the Democratic side of the aisle. The camera caught U.S. Sen. Ted "Chappaquiddick" Kennedy trying hard to control his anger. The poor guy looked ready to self-destruct at any moment. New York Congressman Charles Rangel got caught napping. New York Sen. Hillary Clinton was caught rolling her eyes dreamingly halfway toward heaven, probably thinking of something more pleasant, like a dip into Whitewaters. Hiding behind high-ranking brass it could not be determined whether Senator Dianne Feinstein was applauding.

A bad case of frostbite was most likely the reason why most Democrats sat on their hands during the address by President George W. Bush.

Joe Loeb  
Hillside

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The Eagle also welcomes regular columns from writers with an eye on topics of local interest. Such columns may be submitted as frequently as the writer desires, and should be no longer than 800 words long. To suggest or discuss a possible column idea, contact Managing Editor David Learn at 908-686-7700, ext. 321, during regular business hours Mondays through Fridays.

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— Michael Pakenham, journalist  
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# Pliny's 'Natural History' still fascinating reading

Though not being able to go out in the garden gives me a pang at this time of the year, it also gives me the opportunity to catch up on my reading — horticultural and otherwise.

One of the best works of fiction that I have read lately is "Pompeii" by English author Robert Harris. The book is set in and around Pompeii in August A.D. 79, just days before the cataclysmic eruption of Mount Vesuvius. One of the important secondary characters was a real person, Gaius Plinius Secundus, known to modern readers as Pliny the Elder.

If you have ever been interested in the natural sciences you probably know the name of Pliny, one of the bright lights of the Roman Empire. Though he was a soldier, statesman and all-around intellect, he is best remembered for his only complete surviving work, the 37-volume "Natural History."

Just reading the table of contents of this ambitious book has made me resolve to go out and purchase a good English translation. It also makes me wish that I could read more Latin, so I could experience the sections that deal with botany, horticulture and agriculture in Pliny's own language.

Like all good naturalists, Pliny was an incessant observer, arriving at his ideas about the nature of plants, animals and insects by scrutinizing the subjects and then making conclusions that seemed reasonable and logical.

"Natural History" is a record of

## The Gardener's Apprentice

By Elisabeth Ginsburg

thousands of observations, bolstered by scholarship derived from many sources, including long-lost Greek texts.

A look through the table of contents is fascinating. Books 12 and 13, for example, are devoted to "Exotic Trees." A number of species are described, with special attention given to products derived from them.

Given the time of year recently past, I was especially struck by the fact that both "frankincense" and "myrrh" were included in the "Exotic Trees" chapter. The former is a resin derived from trees of the genus *Boswellia* that originate in East Africa and the Middle East. Myrrh is another resin, often derived from a tree of the genus *Commiphora*, which is native to the same regions.

Presumably, the three wise men or kings, who according to New Testament accounts delivered these gifts to the infant Jesus, also hailed from those areas.

In Book 14, "The Vine," there is an interesting-sounding section titled "the decay of science and the spread of

avarice."

Not limiting himself to mere descriptions of the culture of the grape and the resultant products, Pliny also discusses famous wines, the physiological effects of wine, and for those who might not be familiar with its perils, overindulgence. He devotes a small section specifically to retsina, a Greek wine that is flavored with resin.

I have experienced retsina directly in Greek restaurants, and have observed that overindulgence can give people an uncontrollable urge to dance on tabletops. I would love to know whether Pliny observed the same phenomenon.

Then as now, scientists and laymen were particularly interested in substances that can heal physical ailments. Pliny included several books on the subject in "Natural History."

Book 20 is "Drugs Obtained from Garden Plants," Book 21 and 22 are devoted to "Drugs Obtained from Flowers and Herbs," Book 23 is "Drugs Obtained from the Vine and the Walnut," and Book 24 is "Drugs Obtained from Forest Trees."

Bees and honey are covered in the book dealing with flowers and herbs, as is thyme, still used today for both culinary and medicinal purposes. In fact thymol, now made synthetically, but once derived from oil of thyme, is still the principal ingredient in a best-selling mouthwash.

Pliny also details the power of vinegar in his book devoted to the vine

and the walnut. Vinegar has undergone a renaissance in the last 20 years, leaving its home at the back of the kitchen shelf as advocates of natural cleaning methods have championed its efficacy as an all-purpose cleaner and odor remover. I am absolutely certain that Heloise, newspaper columnist and author of hundreds of household hints involving white vinegar, owed a little something to Pliny. An observer to the end, Pliny died while trying to get a better view of the ultimate natural phenomenon of his time — the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

The description of Pliny's death in Pompeii seems close to other historical accounts. When a huge cloud of dust and debris rose from the erupting volcano, the corpulent middle-age Pliny, who was also an admiral in the Roman navy, left his villa in the comparative safety of the city of Misenum, and was taken by boat to Stabiae, near Pompeii. The following day, while standing on the beach preparing to flee from the continuing eruption, noxious fumes overcame him. His nephew recorded the events of the day for posterity.

Though Pliny's "Natural History" is almost 2,000 years old, translations are still in print. This winter I will look to Pliny to learn enduring truths about the natural world, as well as the long-term value of close observation.

Elisabeth Ginsburg is a resident of Glen Ridge.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Funds needed to maintain memorial

To the Editor:

On behalf of the 9/11 committee, I would like to express our gratitude for the incredible support we have received from the community over the last 2½ years, as we transformed Crane's Park into a living memorial, which pays tribute to the six residents of our town who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

Our new park has become a peaceful place of reflection that is visited often by all residents of Cranford.

The transformation has been a labor of love — one that required not only the time and efforts of many people, but also required the financial support of many friends. In order to maintain the park, so that we as a community can continue to enjoy this space, we will need to continue to ask our residents for financial support.

Therefore, on March 5, we will hold our first annual fund-raiser at the Kenilworth Veterans of Foreign Wars. This event will take place from 7:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. and will include a premium open bar, light finger food, dancing and some interesting surprises. The cost of the ticket is \$40 per person, and can be purchased at the Cranford Corner/Crisanti Shoes on Centennial Avenue, Back to Nature Health Food Store on Walnut Avenue, Jeff's Landscaping on North Union Avenue or by calling me at 908-276-1587.

Please join us for a night of fun. I look forward to seeing many of our supporters at this event. For those unable to attend this event, but who would like to support our project, please feel welcome to send donations to the 9/11 Memorial Fund, c/o Jerry Dobbins, 17 Tuxedo Place, Cranford, NJ 07016.

Jerry Dobbins  
Cranford

Editor's note: The writer is chairman of the 9/11 WTC Memorial Committee.

### Webelo hike a walk through history

To the Editor:

On Saturday, December 13, Senior Webelos Dens 1 and 2 of Cub Scout Pack 103/174 of Cranford went on a five-mile hike through the historic Monmouth Battlefield State Park. The hike was led by our den leaders, Chris Sands and Bob Anstatt. One of the largest battles of the American Revolution took place in the fields and forests that make up the park.

It is a great place for everyone to visit to learn about the history that took place so close to our home town. The park is located in Manalapan.

Andrew Falzon  
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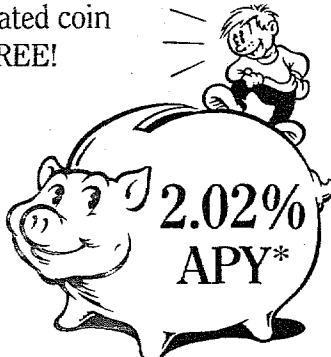


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Small business owners invited to Score seminar

Representatives of the New Jersey chapter of Score will provide a free seminar titled "How to Find Dollars for Your Business" at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 24.

The program is sponsored by Cranford Public Library and is open to the public.

Score, headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a nonprofit association dedicated to entrepreneurial education and the formation, growth and success of small business nationwide. Score's 10,500 retired and working volunteers provide free business counseling and advice as a public service.

Score is a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration.

For more information about the program, contact John Malar at Cranford Public Library at 908-709-7272.

For more information about Score, visit its Web site at www.nj-score.org.

Celebrate black history with special activities

Cranford Public Library will celebrate Black History Day on Feb. 21, with stories and crafts on famous black Americans read by Cranford High School students

There will be three consecutive sessions, running from noon to 12:45 p.m. for 5-year-olds, from 12:55 to 1:40 p.m. for 6-year-olds, and from 1:50 to 2:35 p.m. for 7-year-olds.

Call the Cranford High School Social Studies Department at 908-709-6306 to register and for more information.

Preschool storytimes scheduled for spring

Cranford Public Library has announced its spring schedule of pre-

school story hours. The sessions will run through April 1. These programs are for Cranford residents and holders of paid Cranford out-of-town library cards.

The session for 3-year-olds will be held at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday mornings through March 31. Children must be 3 years old to attend.

The sessions for 4-year-olds will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays through March 31. Children must be 4 and not yet in kindergarten to attend.

There will be an additional drop-in session for 3-, 4- and pre-kindergarten 5-year-olds at 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays through March 30. This session is for children who cannot attend the other sessions. No pre-registration is required.

There will be four sessions for 2-year-olds and their accompanying adults of four weeks each session, to be held at 10:15 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays through March 3 and 4.

The second sessions will be held from March 10 and 11 through March 31 and April 1. Pre-registration is required for these programs.

Registration for any group must be made in person by a parent at the library. Registration is limited to a minimum 12 in any group, a maximum of 15 3-year-olds and 20 4-year-olds for each group.

An adult responsible for the child must remain in the library during story hour. An adult must accompany each 2-year-old in story hour.

Board of Trustees holds meeting for planning

The long range planning committee of the Cranford Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 19 in the director's office of Cranford Public Library, 224 Walnut Ave.

No formal action will be taken at this meeting.

Buy postage stamps while borrowing books

Cranford Public Library is now selling postage stamps.

Standard 37-cent stamps are available at the main desk in booklets of twenty for \$7.40. Payment must be in cash.

The library is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Readers hit the books together in special forum

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

Remaining titles and dates for the 2003-04 reading year are:

- "White Teeth" by Zadie Smith, March 8.
• "The Magician's Assistant" by Ann Patchett, April 12.

"The Family Orchard" by Naomi Eve, May 10.

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

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

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

Yearbooks wanted

Cranford Public Library, 224 Walnut Ave., is seeking Cranford High School yearbooks for 1933 and any years prior to 1933, 1935 through 1937, 1939 through 1948, 1958 through 1956, 1958 and 1959.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD AND THE STATUTES OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, NOTICE IS HEREBY SERVED UPON YOU THAT AN APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT (NO. 23-03) TO BE LOCATED IN A B-3 ZONE BLOCK 625; LOT 20, ON THE PREMISES KNOWN AS 1170 RARITAN ROAD HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY MOTIVA ENTERPRISES, LLC, 520 ALLEN AVENUE, BLDG #2, PROVIDENCE, RI 02905.

THE DEVELOPMENT INVOLVES A PROPOSAL TO REVISE THE EXISTING SIGNAGE OF THE NON-CONFORMING GASOLINE SERVICE STATION AND TO RECONSTRUCT THE CANOPY OVER THE GASOLINE PUMPS. THE EXISTING FREESTANDING ID SIGN (CURRENTLY 50 SQUARE FEET) IS BEING REDUCED TO 38.7 SQUARE FEET. THE CANOPY ROOF IS BEING DEMOLISHED AND A NEW ROOF IS BEING CONSTRUCTED AT A HEIGHT OF 16 FEET 6 INCHES. THE NEW CANOPY WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 3 FEET 6 INCHES FROM THE SERVICE ISLAND. THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED REQUIRES THE GRANTING OF RELIEF FROM THE FOLLOWING ZONE REQUIREMENTS:

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136-38.C. (1) REGULATION OF NON-CONFORMING USES- NO EXISTING BUILDING OR PREMISES DEVOTED ENTIRELY OR IN PART TO A NONCONFORMING USE SHALL BE ENLARGED, EXTENDED, RECONSTRUCTED OR STRUCTURALLY ALTERED.

136-23 H (5)(b) (2) SIGN REGULATION FOR SERVICE STATIONS ONE NON-MOVING, FREESTANDING SIGN ADVERTISING THE NAME OF THE STATION AND PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS SOLD NOT TO EXCEED 30 SQUARE FEET. PROPOSED IS A 38.7 SQUARE FOOT SIGN.

136-30 I2 MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE PERMITTED IS 16 FEET, PROPOSED IS A 16 FEET 9 INCHES HIGH CANOPY.

136-34 A. (7) ACCESSORY STRUCTURES- IN ALL NONRESIDENTIAL ZONES, THE DISTANCE ACCESSORY STRUCTURES SHALL BE LOCATED FROM ANY PRINCIPAL STRUCTURE SHALL BE DETERMINED AS PART OF THE SITE PLAN REVIEW. PROPOSED IS A CLEAR DISTANCE OF 3 FEET 6 INCHES BETWEEN THE CANOPY AND THE SERVICE STATION.

THE APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT IF IT

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IS DETERMINED THAT USE, OR BULK VARIANCE, RELIEF, WAIVERS, OR EXCEPTIONS, OR OTHER APPROVALS SUCH AS SITE PLAN APPROVAL, ARE INTERPRETED TO BE REQUIRED TO MAKE THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT THE EXISTING SERVICE STATION, THEN THOSE ADDITIONAL VARIANCES, APPROVALS, WAIVERS, EXCEPTIONS OR RELIEF BE GRANTED.

THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS MATTER ON FEBRUARY 23, 2004 AT 8:15 P.M. IN ROOM 107, 8 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY. ANY PERSON OR PERSONS AFFECTED BY THIS APPLICATION WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT ANY OBJECTIONS YOU MAY HAVE TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT. THE BOARD DOES, HOWEVER, HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE REPETITIOUS TESTIMONY.

ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THIS APPLICATION MAY BE INSPECTED BY THE PUBLIC TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 A.M. UNTIL 12:00 P.M. AND 1:00 P.M. UNTIL 4:00 P.M. IN THE ZONING OFFICE, 8 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY.

U1726 CCE Feb. 12, 2004 (\$37.88)

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LEGAL NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Adjustment (Zoning), Township of Cranford, County of Union, New Jersey will hold a reorganization meeting on Monday, February 23, 2004 at 7:45 p.m. in Room 107 of the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey and to hear the following case:

1. Application #31-03: Grog and Erica Fagan, Applicants, 22 Hillside Place, Block 148, Lot 4, Zone R-4 to permit construction of a roof over an existing stair platform with less than the required front yard setback (136-30.6).

2. Application #23-03: Motiva Enterprises, LLC vs Sibel, Applicant, 1170 Raritan Road, Block 625, Lot 20, Zone B-3 to revise the existing signage of a nonconforming gasoline service station and to reconstruct the canopy over the gasoline pumps with the following variances: Regulation of nonconforming use shall not be enlarged, extended, reconstructed or structurally altered (136-38.C(1)); Sign regulations for service stations to exceed the maximum permitted for a freestanding sign (136-23.H(5)(b)(2)); To exceed maximum height allowable for an accessory structure (136-30.12); Accessory structure site plan review to determine

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distance from the principal structure (136-34.A(7)).

All maps and papers relative to said applications are on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk and are available for inspection in the Municipal Zoning Office.

Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Barbara Ginsberg Secretary U1702 CCE Feb. 12, 2004 (\$18.38)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clark Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Meeting on February 23, 2004 at 8:00 PM, at the Municipal Court Room 315 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, at which time the following application will be heard: CAL #6-04: Application of Tadeusz Halat for demolition of the present house and construction of the new house at the premises located at: 166 Lexington Blvd., Clark, NJ, in Lot: 33 Block: 67, in R100 District. Violation of Chapter 34, Section 9.3, Sub-Section B, c-3, c-3b, c-3a.

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

Tadeusz Halat Applicant U1722 CCE Feb. 12, 2004 (\$9.38)

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board, Township of Cranford, County of Union, New Jersey will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 107 of the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey to hear the following case:

1. Application #38D-03, Irving and Elma Adams Applicants, 560 North Union Avenue, Block 284, Lot 4, R-1 Zone, to permit a minor subdivision (136-14D) with less than the required minimum side yard setback (136-30.7).

All maps and papers relative to said application are on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk and are available for inspection in the Municipal Zoning Office.

Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Planning Board.

Edward M. Schmidt Secretary U1703 CCE Feb. 12, 2004 (\$12.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clark Board of Adjustment will hold a meeting on Monday, February 23, 2004, at 8:00 P.M. in the Municipal Court Room, 315 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, at which time the following application will be heard:

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CAL #8-04: Application of John B. and Victoria Bowen -

variances and site plan review for construction of three (3) additions, steps, sidewalk and rear deck, at the premises located at:

173 Orchard Terrace, Lot 50, Block 4.05, in an R-150 District.

Violation of Chapter XXXIV, Sections 34.8, Subsections 6-3a1, b and c1

The file papers for the above application are available for inspection at the Clark Township Building Department, 430 Westfield Avenue, Room 29, Clark, New Jersey Monday through Friday, 9AM to 4PM.

Fink Rosner Ershov-Lawenberg, LLC by: Stanley A. Fink Attorneys for Applicant U1706 CCE Feb. 12, 2004 (\$13.13)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clark Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing on 2/23/04 at 8:00 PM, at the Municipal Court Room, 315 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, at which time the following application will be heard:

CAL # 6-04: Application of Margaret and Frank Miller for installation of 6 fence along property line along Victoria Dr. and 5' along back property line at the premises located at: 44 Large Lane, Clark, NJ in Lot: 1, Block: 33.03, in a R150 District. Violation of Chapter 34 Section 6.6 Sub-Section C.

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

Margaret Miller Applicant U1712 CCE Feb. 12, 2004 (\$9.00)

NOTICE

NEW LICENSE APPLICATION

Take notice that Superior Wines LLC has applied to the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for a limited Wholesale License for the premises situated at Commerce Drive, Suite 2000, Cranford, NJ 07016.

Objections if any, should be made immediately in writing to the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, P.O. Box 087, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0087.

Superior Wines LLC 6 Commerce Drive Suite 2000 Cranford, NJ 07016 Applicant U1724 CCE Feb. 12, 19, 2004 (\$20.00)

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## Top Union County wrestlers for 2004

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

Scotch Plains edged seven-time defending champion Roselle Park by 1.5 points to win its first Union County Wrestling Tournament last Saturday at Union. The Raiders also had the most champs, at four.

**TEAMS:** 1-Scotch Plains 238.5. 2-Roselle Park 237. 3-Rahway 190. 4-New Providence 153.5. 5-Cranford 134. 6-Breareley 129. 7-Union 124.5. 8-Linden 97.5. 9-Plainfield, Westfield 69. 11-Elizabeth 64. 12-Johnson 42.5. 13-Gov. Livingston 38. 14-Roselle Catholic 19. 15-Orotary Prep 17.

### FINALS

**103:** Rob Mench, Westfield, pinned Anthony Priore, Johnson, 1:50.

**112:** Ryan Wilson, Rahway, pinned Sam Kramer, Westfield, 3:49.

**119:** Darrion Caldwell, Rahway, pinned Ross Baldwin, New Providence, 2:44.

**125:** Derek Francavilla, Scotch Plains, dec. Ed McCray, Rah., 8-4.

**130:** Stephen Mineo, Scotch Plains, pinned Dominic Olsen, Breareley, :54.

**135:** John DeLaurentis, Roselle Park, dec. Chris Taglia, Cranford, 10-6.

**140:** Eric Connolly, Scotch Plains, pinned Troy MacDermant, Roselle Park, 2:48.

**145:** Charlie Mueller, Union, dec. Carlos Nicasio, Rahway, 15-0 (technical fall, 4:40).

**152:** James Garrison, Roselle Park, pinned Pat Hogan, Cranford, 5:41.

**160:** Jose Nazario, Union, pinned Ratul Bhattacharyya, New Providence, :46.

**171:** Andrew Silber, Scotch Plains, pinned Jesse VonLinden, Union, 2:28.

**189:** Shane Mallory, New Providence, dec. Charlie Bachi, Scotch Plains, 3-1.

**215:** Steve Carbone, Cranford, pinned Marc Fabiano, Scotch Plains, 1:54.

**HWT:** Chris Bouhoutsos, Roselle Park, dec. Ronell Orr, Linden, 4-3.

**Outstanding Wrestler (103-140):** Darrion Caldwell, Rahway.

**Outstanding Wrestler (145-HWT):** Andrew Silber, S. Plains.

### Finished Third

103-Adel Afzal, New Providence

112-Brian Swick, Roselle Park

119-Tom Duffy, Union

125-Joe Blackford, Roselle Park

130-Pete Jacangelo, Union

135-Pat Mineo, Scotch Plains

140-Omar Carter, Plainfield

145-John Rapczak, R. Catholic

152-Lee Tomasso, Westfield

160-Ryan McMenamin, Breareley

171-John Wright, Roselle Park

189-Marquis Maples, Elizabeth

215-Andre Neblett, Rahway

**HWT-Chris Venditti, Cranford**

### Finished Fourth

103-Kevin Blatt, Roselle Park

112-Eric Ogada, Elizabeth

119-Ross Soares, Roselle Park

125-Jon Reedy, New Providence

130-Joe Signorella, Roselle Park

135-Mark Neuwirth, New Prov.

140-None

145-Joe Rodrigues, Breareley

152-Jon Rego, Breareley

160-Yoav Nudell, Scotch Plains

171-Connor Shannon, Breareley

189-Nick Dutto, Linden

215-Jose Aravena, Roselle Park

**HWT-Bobby Fink, New Prov.**

### Top Seeds

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• As many as 12 top seeds won championships, three more than last year. The two that didn't - Lee Tomasso at 152 and Ryan McMenamin at 160 - finished third. Tomasso was first at 145 last year, while McMenamin did not finish first, second or third.

• Of the eight returning champions, five repeated. Those grapplers were Darrion Caldwell, 103 last year and 119 this year; Stephen Mineo 119 last year and 130 this year; Jim Garrison 152 last year and this year; Andrew Silber, 171 last year and this year and Shane Mallory, 189 last year and this year.

## ALJ frosh Priore 2nd in UCT at 103 First-time champ bests king

By Jeff Wolfrum  
Staff Writer

UNION - Two seemed to be the word of the day for the Union County Tournament wrestling finals before 1,000 last Saturday at Louis J. Rettino Gymnasium.

That's because of the eight returning champions, five repeated as UCT winners.

It was also the number of points Roselle Park needed to have to win its eighth straight title as it placed second to Scotch Plains by a 238.5-237 margin.

Johnson freshman Anthony Priore did well for the 12th-place Crusaders, placing second at 103 pounds.

Needing a pin in the last match at heavyweight to secure the crown, RP's top-seeded Chris Bouhoutsos won the bout 4-3, but didn't get the cover as Scotch Plains claimed its first-ever title.

RP, which lost a dual match to Scotch Plains 32-24 on Jan. 24, outpointed the Raiders in last year's UCT by a margin of 257-220.5.

"We wrestled well here," RP head coach John Ranieri said. "It came down to the last bout, so it could've gone either way."

In addition to the Bouhoutsos title, RP had two other grapplers win county crowns.

Top-seeded John DeLaurentis defeated Cranford's Chris Taglia 10-6 at 135 pounds, while Jim Garrison pinned the Cougars' Pat Hogan in 5:41 at 152 pounds to claim his second consecutive title at that weight.

In a dual meet between the two teams on Jan. 30, the results were very similar as DeLaurentis won an 11-6 decision over Taglia, while Garrison pinned Hogan in 2:44.

"It was a good match and I really worked to get the takedown because we really needed the points," Garrison said. "I'm happy that I won last year and this year because my brother (Bryan) won it twice and I knew I had to."

At 140 pounds, RP's Troy MacDermant was pinned by top seed Eric Connolly of Scotch Plains in 2:48.

Rahway, which was the last team prior to RP to win the title in 1996, finished third with 190 points. The Indians finished third last year with 192 points.

The Indians had four finalists and two winners.

Top-seeded Ryan Wilson pinned Westfield's Sam Kramer in 3:49 at 112 pounds, while top seed Darrion Caldwell got the cover over New Providence's Ross Baldwin in 2:44 at 119.

Caldwell, a sophomore, who won at 103 last year, improved his record to 22-0 when he used a spladle to register the pin.

Caldwell was honored with the Outstanding Wrestler Award for the lower weights (103-140) for the second straight year.

Caldwell, who placed fourth in the state at 103 last year, is ranked No. 1 at 119.

"I just try to take it one match at a time," Caldwell said. "My opponent was tough, but I just rise to the occasion when I have to."

At 125 pounds, top-seeded Derek Francavilla of Scotch Plains and Rahway's Ed McCray hooked up in the match's best bout.

Francavilla, who lost to Elizabeth's Amin Queen at 125 last year, jumped out to a 4-1 first period lead on a pair of takedowns, while McCray tallied on an escape.

The senior then added another pair of takedowns in the second period to take an 8-3 advantage. In the final period, McCray could only manage an escape as Francavilla hung on for the victory. Francavilla, who finished fourth in the state last year at 125, improved his career record to 101-15.

New Providence, which finished fourth with 153.5 points, had one winner when top-seeded Shane Mallory defended his title at 189 pounds with a hard-fought 3-1 decision over Scotch Plains' Charlie Bachi, who won at 160 last year.

Cranford, which finished fifth with 134 points, also had one winner, while Breareley, which was sixth with 129 points, had one finalist.

At 215 pounds, Cranford's top-seeded Steve Carbone improved his record to 17-1 as he registered a pin over Scotch Plains' Marc Fabiano in 1:48.

"I was second the past two years at 215, so this was great to win in my senior season," Carbone said.

Breareley's Dominic Olsen did well to reach the 130 championship match where he was pinned by top-seeded Steve Mineo of Scotch Plains in 54 seconds.

Union, which finished seventh with 124.5 points, had two winners and one finalist.

Top-seeded Charlie Mueller captured his second UCT title when he won a 15-0 technical fall decision over Rahway's Carlos Nicasio at 145 pounds, while Jose Nazario pinned New Providence's Ratul Bhattacharyya in 46 seconds at 160 pounds.

"I didn't wrestle in (the UCT) last year due to an injury, so I'm happy to win it again this season," Mueller said. "All my moves were working and I'm glad I had to wrestle to win the match because I needed the work. This was like practice because the hard work I put in the room, I put out on the mat and I came out on top."

At 171 pounds, the Farmers' Jesse VonLinden was pinned by top-seeded Andrew Silber of Scotch Plains in 2:28.

Silber, who also won at 171 last year, was awarded the the Outstanding Wrestler Award for the upper weights (145-heavyweight).

"I was very proud of my guys performance in the tournament," Union head coach Ron Bubnowski said. "Charlie didn't wrestle in it last year, so he was really hungry for it this year and came out and had an awesome tournament. Jose upset the top seed at 160 (Breareley's Ryan McMenamin in the semifinals), so I was very happy about that. Jesse lost to the outstanding wrestler, so that's nothing to be ashamed of."

**FIVE LOCALS MAKE STATES** - Union and Linden in North 2, Group 4; Rahway and Cranford in Central Jersey, Group 2 and Roselle Park in Central Jersey, Group 1 qualified for next week's team state tournament competition.

Tentative pairings were reported in Monday dailies, however, every year they are adjusted and the matchups changed once the power points are revised.

The original pairings, in many cases, are changed.

As of the tentative pairings, Union, with a record of 7-7, was the fifth seed in North 2, Group 2 and Linden, at 7-2, the seventh seed.

Rahway, 9-3 as of Monday, is the fourth seed in Central Jersey, Group 2 and Cranford, 7-4 at the start of the week, the sixth seed.

Roselle Park, which won North 2, Group 1 last year, fashioned an 8-3 record as of Monday and is the second seed in Central Jersey, Group 1. Bound Brook, which defeated Roselle Park 34-30 in Roselle Park on Feb. 4, is the top seed.

The competition will commence Tuesday with quarterfinals and semifinals and continue Thursday with sectional finals. The group finals are scheduled for Feb. 21 at Sovereign Bank Arena in Trenton.

## Clark/Garwood wrestlers impress at various tournaments

Four Clark/Garwood Gladiator wrestlers took home medals at the Kenilworth Bantam/Pee Wee Tournament held Feb. 1.

Garwood grapplers Jake Burkert finished second at 56 pounds and Mike Manfre fifth at 45.

Clark wrestlers Vincent Concina was third at 60 and Kyle Gregoril fifth at 43.

Seven wrestlers earned medals at the Berkeley Heights Tournament held the same day.

Clark grapplers Branden Santos was first at 70, Vin Delvecchio second at heavyweight, Mike Lindsay fourth at 115, Mike Buccino fourth at 132 and Joe Kilberg fourth at 90.

Garwood wrestlers Joe Boyn was third at 85 and Joe Calello fourth at 80.

Outstanding Gladiators last weekend were Santos and Kilberg. Santos pinned four of six opponents, while Kilberg wrestled ten matches over two days.

On Jan. 31, the squad participated in the 29th annual Old Bridge Tournament.

Santos earned a first-place medal at 70, while Brenden Calas was second at 65.

Kilberg was third at 90 and Brian Merkel third.

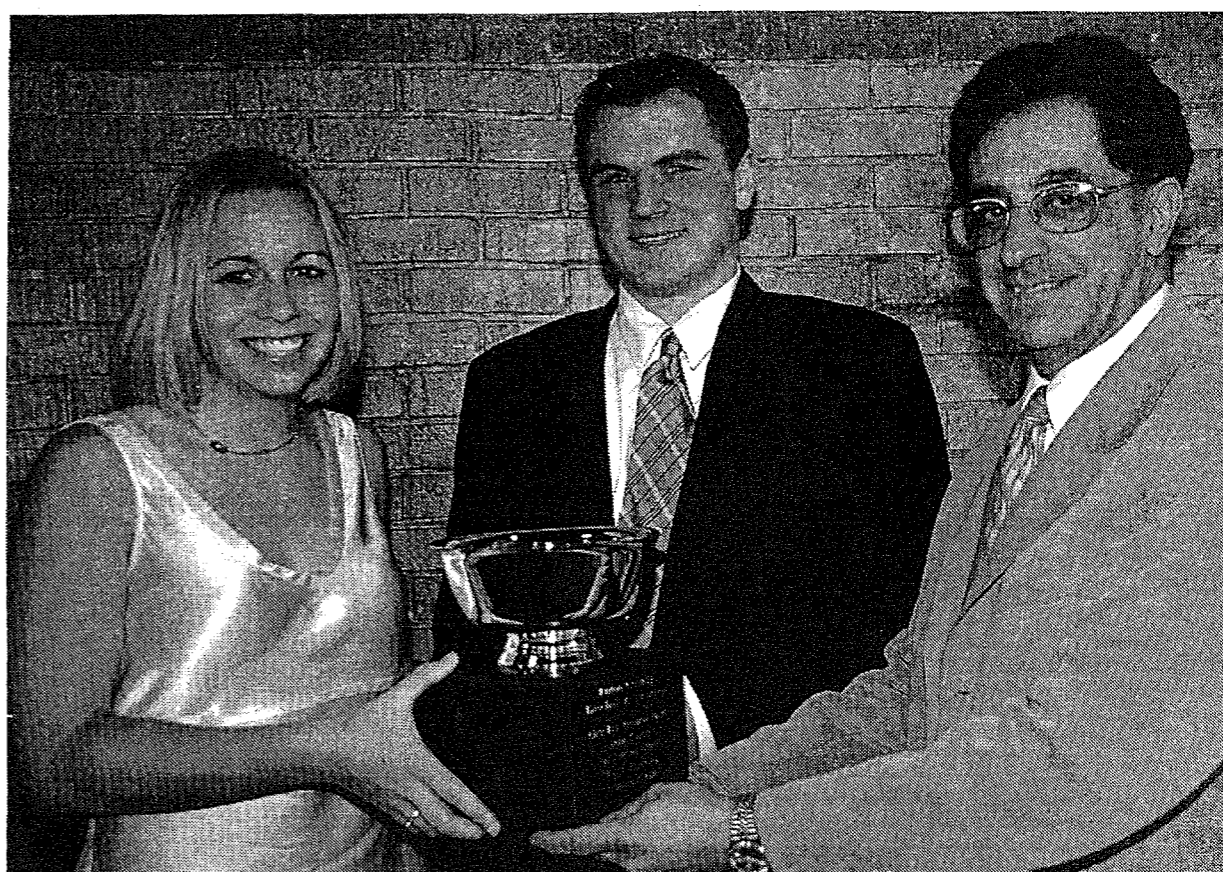


Photo by Barbara Kokkalis

Matthew Poskay of Clark, middle, was presented the Chris Zusi Memorial Award for Outstanding Male Athlete in Union County for 2003 by Union County Baseball Association president James Iozzi at Sunday's 68th annual Hot Stove League Dinner at L'Affaire in Mountainside. Ballweg, a former girls' soccer standout at Union Catholic who now stars at Santa Clara University, was presented the Joseph R. Lombardi Memorial Award for Outstanding Female Athlete in Union County.

## Clark's Poskay honored at Hot Stove League Dinner Outstanding Male Athlete in Union County

By Jeff Wolfrum  
and JR Parachini

MOUNTAINSIDE - With less than two weeks before pitchers and catchers report to spring training, the 68th Annual Hot Stove League Baseball Dinner Sunday afternoon at L'Affaire got the juices flowing for the national pastime.

The program opened up with a welcome and message from Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders Daniel Sullivan followed by the Invocation and National Anthem by Reverend Jerome Romanowski, "The Baseball Padre."

Master of Ceremonies Jim Iozzi then greeted the Union County Baseball Association Hall of Fame inductees along with families and friends attending.

John Langan, the Dinner Chairman, then spoke of his love of the game and the great job the Union County Baseball Association did in hosting the event.

After dinner and memorial service, the awards presentation part of the program commenced.

The first recipient was Cranford's Dave Drechsel, who was honored with the Edward Cooper Memorial Award for Most Valuable Scholastic Baseball Player.

Drechsel was the 2003 Union County Player of the Year for the Cranford, which won the Union County Tournament championship and the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 title.

Drechsel helped the Cougars by batting .435 with 25 RBI and 16 stolen bases. He was selected to the First Team All-Watching Conference and participated in one of the North-South All-Star Games.

Drechsel is a catcher on the Lafayette College baseball team in Easton, Pa.

The Banyasz Brothers Memorial Award for Most Valuable Scholastic Softball Player was then shared by a trio of Roselle Park seniors, Becky Riccitelli, Erin O'Callahan and Amanda Strahan.

O'Callahan batted .325 with 13 RBI as catcher for RP, the 2003 Group 1 state champion. She was named First Team All-Union County and First Team All-State.

Her battery mate, Riccitelli, compiled a 24-1-1 pitching record, while leading the team with a .441 average. She was named Union County Player of the Year and was chosen to the First Team All-State.

"I think this is a great accomplishment because I won the award last year," Riccitelli said. "However, I feel much happier this year because I get to share it with two of my teammates."

Strahan provided excellent defense at third base, making only one error in 26 games. She batted .273 with 10 RBI and was chosen to the First Team All-Mountain Valley Conference and the Second Team All-State.

"It was nice to receive the award along with my fellow classmates because we've played together since the fifth grade," Strahan said. "I hope next year, we'll be here again."

The Union County American Legion Senior and Junior Division awards were then presented.

Roselle Post #229 swept the Senior and Junior Division champion honors.

The Roselle Post #229 Senior Division team, under the direction of coach Dave Kahney, completed its season with a 21-1 record and was District 2 champions, while the Junior Division team, under the direction of Rich Biddulph, posted a 21-3 mark.

The Union County American Legion Outstanding Senior and Junior League Pitcher was then honored.

Tim Cowan of Roselle Post #229 won the Outstanding Senior League Pitcher Award by compiling a 7-0 record, while Don Gould of Roselle Post #229 won the Outstanding Junior League Pitcher Award with a 6-0 mark.

The Union County American Legion Senior and Junior League Batting Champions were then recognized.

Frank Meade of Linden Recreation finished the season with a .478 batting average to garner the Senior League Award, while Mike Garcia of Roselle Post #229, who finished with a .493 average, won the Junior League Award.

"It was an honor to be recognized by such a great organization," said Meade, who will continue on scholarship at Rutgers. "I enjoyed playing over the summer because I had my high school coaches teaching me."

After Luis Caraballo of the Elmora Cardinals was honored as the Union County American Legion Junior League MVP, the George T. Cron Memorial Youth Leagues Awards

were given out.

The Minor League MVP was Taylor Jameison, the Major League MVP was Ken Russell and the Teen League MVP was Brett Kunz.

The Jerry Molloy Memorial Award for service to Union County Baseball was then given to Ralph Abbate.

Jessica Ballweg, who starred at Union Catholic, was then honored with the Joseph R. Lombardi Memorial Award for Outstanding Female Athlete in Union County.

The Chris Zusi Memorial Award for Outstanding Male Athlete in Union County was then presented to Matt Poskay of Johnson.

The three-sport athlete was an All-Union County football quarterback and punter, an All-America lacrosse midfielder and three-year varsity basketball guard while at Johnson.

Poskay, who played in the Union County Summer Youth Baseball League, holds the national lacrosse record for goals in a high school career (362) and the New Jersey state record for points in a career (470).

Poskay was on the Atlantic Coast Conference Honor Roll in 2002-2003 and currently is a lacrosse midfielder in his sophomore year at the University of Virginia, the NCAA Division I lacrosse champions in 2003.

"I had a great time playing last year and look forward to this season," Poskay said. "Winning the national championship was a great experience."

Poskay netted eight goals last year and saw quite a bit of playing time for a freshman. He will be counted on even more for the Cavaliers this year.

"Playing in the semifinals and then the final in Baltimore in front of such big crowds was a great experience," Poskay said of last June's Final Four.

His four years playing for Anthony Calandra at Johnson set up Poskay perfectly to handle the rigors of a program such as Virginia.

"When you get there you know you're playing with 40 other All-Americans. The playing field is great and you know the ball is coming back to you and you can count on other guys if need be," Poskay said. "I look back on my experience in high school and I wouldn't take anything back, especially the coaches I had and how they helped me. I never had a coach I didn't like. That was the main thing that set me forward. I could always count on them and they could count on me. We always had mutual respect for each other."

The Hall of Fame honorees then had a friend or family member give an introductory speech before adding a few words of their own.

Inductees included Stanley Jakubowski, formerly of Union; George Lewis, a native of Rahway who now resides in Florence, Ore.; Robert Murawski, who was born in Elizabeth, excelled at Thomas Jefferson High and now lives in Point Pleasant and Bill Simo of New Providence, a Thomas Jefferson (Elizabeth) graduate, who is one of the top high school basketball officials in New Jersey.

Former New York Yankees and Mets player Elliott Maddox, who starred at Union High School earning First Team All-State honors in 1965 and 1966, was scheduled to be the guest speaker, but couldn't make the event.

So, in his place, Roy White stepped up to the plate and knocked a shot out of the park by telling stories of his playing days and what it takes to make it as a major leaguer. White, who starred for the Yankees in the 1960s and 1970s, was a teammate of Maddox on the Yankees from 1974-76. White presently resides in Ocean County and looks like he could still play left field for the Bronx Bombers.

"Elliott had a breakout year for us in 1974," White said. "He and Paul Blair were the best centerfielders at the time."

Maddox batted .303 and replaced Bobby Murcer in center field in 1974 as the Yankees finished in second place. He, ironically, was traded to Baltimore after the 1976 season for Paul Blair.

"He had tremendous talent," White said. "He had great hands and always got a great jump on the ball. There was no question that he was going to be the centerfielder for the next 10 years off the season he had in 1974."

Maddox had an injury-plagued 1975 season and then the Yankees got Mickey Rivers from the California Angles in a trade prior to the 1976 season.

The event then ended with a silent auction that included baseball memorabilia and a thanks from Iozzi for those attending the function.

## In honor of Catholic education



Sister Donna Marie O'Brien, principal of St. John the Apostle School, and Monsignor Richard McGuinness, pastor of St. John the Apostle Church, received proclamations in honor of Catholic Schools Week recently from Mayor Sal Bonaccorso at a 9 a.m. liturgy attended by students and parents. Also at the liturgy, Bonaccorso presented O'Brien a proclamation in honor of the St. John the Apostle auditorium being named the 'Sister Donna Marie Auditorium.'

## OBITUARIES

### John DeFilippo

John J. DeFilippo, 67, of Clark, formerly of Roselle, died Feb. 2 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston. Born in Newark, Mr. DeFilippo lived in Roselle before moving to Clark 25 years ago.

He was an administrator for the Emergency Management Department, Clark.

Previously, Mr. DeFilippo had been a construction project coordinator with the department of engineering for Newark and retired in 2002.

Before that, he was an electrician with the city of Newark for 27 years.

Mr. DeFilippo served in the National Guard.

He taught softball umpiring in Clark and was an officer and coach for the Union County Girls Fast Pitch League.

Surviving are three daughters, Luanne Magee, Marie Agresta and Debbie Woods; four brothers, Danny, Gerard, Joseph and Victor; a sister, Florence Riscinti, and five grandchildren.

### Susie C. Borish

Susie C. Borish, 89, of Clark, formerly of Cranford, died Feb. 3 in the

Clark Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Borish lived in Cranford before moving to Clark in 1967.

She was a factory worker at Gibson Plastics, Cranford, for many years and retired in 1979.

Surviving are a son, Carl R. Massa; a brother, Salvatore Pesce; four sisters, Rafia Pinnochio, Millie Buffa, Betty Mazza and Jean Corres; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

### Norman Sevell

Norman "Dutch" Sevell, 77, of Scotch Plains, formerly of Clark, died Feb. 3 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Weehawken, Mr. Sevell lived in Clark before moving to Scotch Plains in 1966.

He owned Sevell's Auto Body Co., Westfield, since 1946. Mr. Sevell also owned Windsor Auto Glass and Westfield Lumber and Home Center, both of Westfield, as well as the Ponderosa Farms in Scotch Plains.

He served on the Battleship USS Idaho in the Navy during World War II.

Mr. Sevell was a member of the

200 Club of Union County, an honorary member of the Mountainside Police Benevolent Association and a board member of the Town Bank of Westfield.

He also sponsored many Little League baseball teams in Union County.

Surviving are his wife, Marie; two sons, Gene and Michael; three daughters, Christine Soreth, Donna Leber and Kathleen; a brother, Walter; a sister, Johanna Cordes; 10 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

### Kathryn Zambito

Kathryn Zambito, 84, of Clark, formerly of Rahway, died Feb. 5 in the Princeton Care Center.

Born in Avon, Mrs. Zambito lived in Rahway before moving to Clark 20 years ago.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Colonial Dames.

Surviving are her husband, Arthur J. Sr.; four daughters, Mary Ann Molinari, Dorothy Vitkouskis, Annette Heffers and Barbara Downing; three sons, Arthur J. Jr., Edward and Richard; 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

## AT THE LIBRARY

### Pajama Storytime

Come wearing your pajamas, if you like. For families with children of all ages.

Stories with a simple activity. Registration is requested. Meets from 7 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 23, March 8 and March 15.

Register by calling the library at 732-388-5999.

### Toddler time

For babies and toddlers up to 2½ years old. This program includes nursery rhymes, songs, stories and movement activities.

No registration is required. Toddler Time meets from 10 to 10:20 a.m. today, Feb. 19 and 26.

### Teenagers sought for advisory group

Clark Public Library is seeking teenagers to act as artists, book reviewers, CD reviewers and movie reviewers.

The Teen Advisory Group will

meet at 3:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, March 5, March 12 and March 26.

Contact Youth Services Librarian Kathy Percoco at 732-388-5999 to register. You must be at least 11 years old to attend.

### Club matches wits, skill over chess board

Fancy a nice game of chess? Chess enthusiasts are welcome to drop in for a game from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Fridays.

The chess club meets in the small meeting room in Clark Public Library's downstairs area.

For more information, call 732-388-5999.

### Tots' Storytime

For children 2½ to 4 years old. Stories with a simple activity.

Storytime meets 10:30 to 11 a.m. Feb. 18, Feb. 25, March 3 and March 17.

Register by calling the library at 732-388-5999.

### Jack and the Beanstalk done as interactive drama

This dramatic version of Jack's traditional tale of magic and humor is not to be missed.

The performance will be at 11 a.m. Feb. 21.

All children from 4 to 12 are invited. Register by calling the library at 732-388-5999.

### Join Clark Public Library at absolutely no cost

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.

### 'Seussentennial' marks 100 years of Dr. Seuss

Clark Public Library is planning a celebration for the 100th birthday of Theodor Giesel, popularly known as Dr. Seuss.

The Seussentennial will be held at 3:30 p.m. March 2. Come enjoy some classic Seuss stories, and join in an activity to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. For all ages.

Register by calling the library at 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 serv-

ice 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.

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

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.

Head cleaners are lent free of

charge but must be checked out at the desk.

For more information, call 732-388-5999.

### Reserve must-read books from 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.

The library Web site is [www.clarklibrary.org](http://www.clarklibrary.org).

For more information, call 732-388-5999.

### Check blood pressure at free monthly clinic

Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., holds a free blood pressure clinic in the Ayers room from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month.

For more information, call 732-388-5999.

## EVENTS

### Free health readings at Brewer cafeteria

In honor of American Heart Month, the Health Department and Complete Care Medical Center of Scotch Plains will offer free glucose, blood pressure and quick cholesterol screenings to Clark residents from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 19, at the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave.

A two-hour fast is required for the glucose sugar screening.

The quick cholesterol screening takes about three minutes to read.

For more information contact Health Officer Nancy Raymond at 732-388-3600, ext. 3045.

### Art gallery to showcase work by young artists

Skulski Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation will present the young talents from the Ivan Bratko's Art School through Feb. 27.

The public will see paintings, drawing, sculpture and ceramic works of the advanced students and beginners and can meet the young artists.

The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway. The gallery is open to the public 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

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

### Church invites children to attend indoor carnival

Osceola Presbyterian Church of Clark welcomes all children 4 to 11 years old to its Annual Indoor Winter Carnival on Feb. 28 afternoon.

As part of its long-standing commitment to the children of Clark, Cranford, Winfield Park and neighboring towns, Osceola Church has planned a day of fun, games and treats

for all who attend. Food and refreshments will be available.

Osceola Presbyterian Church is located at 1689 Raritan Road. The carnival will be held in Fellowship Hall from 1 to 5 p.m.; rain or shine. Parking is available in the Osceola Church lot or across the street at Grace and Peace Church.

Admission costs \$5 and includes 20 game tickets plus four snack tickets.

### Trade show highlights trends in rescue work

Clark Volunteer First Aid Squad will host an EMS and Fire Trade Show on Feb. 28.

The trade show will be at St. Thomas the Apostle Church hall, 1407 St. Georges Ave., Rahway.

Admission costs \$3.

This will offer an opportunity to see new trends in the EMS and fire communities.

Vendors are still needed for this event on a first come, first-served basis.

For more information, call Chris at 732-574-0214 or Rob at 732-382-2155.

### Lions Club sponsors flea market, show

Clark Lions Club will sponsor a flea market and collectibles show, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 29 at the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave.

Sale items include new merchandise, crafts and collectibles, and a garage/tag sale section.

For more information, call 201-997-9535.

### Support Kiwanis Club with spaghetti dinner

Clark Kiwanis Club will hold its annual spaghetti dinner from 1 to 5 p.m. Feb. 29 at Zion Lutheran Church, 559 Raritan Road.

The Kiwanis Club has sponsored the event for 11 years. It is being funded in part this year by Fleet Bank of Clark and Clark ShopRite.

"Both businesses have contributed greatly to our event each year, and we are appreciative of the efforts of Bank Vice President Robin Roszkowski and ShopRite manager Frank Juba," said Susan Dougherty, the club's current president. "We couldn't ever take on this project without the help of the

area businesses like Fleet and ShopRite."

The spaghetti dinner is a daylong family event involving builders club students from Carl H. Kumpf Middle School and the Key Club members of Arthur L. Johnson High School who serve as waiters and waitresses.

As the parent organization of those two service organizations, Kiwanis Club oversees their activities, which include projects with Habitat for Humanity, nursing home visits, walk-a-thons and fundraisers for children's charities.

The Clark Kiwanis Club funds scholarships to middle school and high school students for leadership conventions, for team building retreats, and incentive for service involvement in college.

Tickets cost \$8 for adults, \$7 for

senior citizens, and \$5 for children. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Take-out is available. Tables for groups will be arranged.

For advance tickets to the spaghetti dinner, call Kiwanis Club Secretary Angie Maulbeck at 732-382-0910 during business hours.

### Aid Project Graduation at breakfast fund-raiser

There will be a breakfast fundraiser for Project Graduation at the Gran Centurions hall on Madison Hill Road on March 14.

There will be continuous seating from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$12 for adults, and \$8 for senior citizens and children younger than 12. For more information, call Diane at 732-388-4543 or Regina at 732-396-8709.

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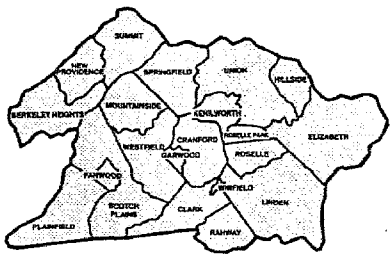
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## Yesterday came suddenly

Karen Pedersen of Berkeley Heights sat in the front row listening to lecturer Vincent Bruno reminisces about the Beatles last week at the Cranford Community Center. Invited by the Friends of the Cranford Library he is alternately engaging, knowledgeable and bubbly. His lecture "From Liverpool to Abbey Road" brought out a group of 60 or so together.

Pedersen thinks Bruno knows his stuff. She should know. The area around her office in Elizabeth includes some engaging Beatlemania including a poster of the Ed Sullivan show aired 40 years ago on Monday.

## Left Out

By Frank Capece

A lot of people recall the frenzy on Feb. 7, 1964 at 1:20 p.m. when the Beatles arrived in New York. According to Bruno, the numbers were not really the 3,000 as hyped by the news media.

Still the engaging lecture has, as its center piece the Ed Sullivan show. Considering 74 million people watched the first show, everyone knows where they were that evening and the following days. Pedersen, a pre-teen living in Linden like most was glued to the black-and-white television set.

Parks and Recreation Director Chuck Sigmund was sitting "in front of the 13-inch, black-and-white in Linden just like everybody else." I confide in Sigmund that a number of weeks before the invasion, I happened to be in Vogel's in Linden on Wood Avenue when the very first shipment of the Capitol Records "I want to Hold Your Hand" was put on the shelf. Despite limited assets, I made the purchase and was at least for a few days a very smooth operator among my peers.

The Bruno lecture is something to behold. He actually teaches a course on the subject at New York University. The facts and analysis border on being a little scary. The first Beatles song in England was "Love Me Do..." They turned down, "How do you do it", later made famous by Jerry and the Pacemakers. They received only \$3,000 without expenses to do Ed Sullivan, according to Bruno. The number is disputed by the *Bergen Record* which says it was \$10,000 plus expenses.

Still the passion of a guy who made the pilgrimage to George Harrison's childhood home should not be questioned. He says "John Lennon was the 'catalyst' of the group. George Harrison sang 27 lead songs in his career as a Beatle. The story about the Beatles actually dumping Pete Best for Ringo corrects Best's version that it was the other way around.

Like the Kennedy assassination less than three months earlier, those around remember exactly where they were. Historians say we were looking for a release from that horror and the kids from Liverpool were the tonic.

My favorite Beatles story happened on May 9, 1964 when WABC declared that "Hello Dolly" had become the number one hit displacing the Beatles, causing an avalanche of nasty phone calls to Bruce Morrow and a rock through a window of the station. Other reports say during Sullivan, America's crime rate was the lowest in 30 years.

Bruno gets into the nasty business side. Like the fight over "Yesterday" and whether the songwriting credit should be Lennon and McCartney or McCartney and Lennon. Still, the dialogue with the audience is so spirited, the Friends of the Library have to end the presentation before he can play some of the wonderful 45 records he had brought along.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

## More geese to be removed

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

Despite a public backlash last year from animal-rights activists and outraged residents, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will continue its goose-control efforts at county parks this year.

At the Feb. 5 regular meeting, the Union County Board of Freeholders awarded a contract not to exceed \$115,500 to Metuchen-based Goose Control Technologies of New Jersey Inc. for services that include "trapping and removing geese in a safe, humane manner and egg and nest treatment."

Department of Parks and Recreation Director Charles Sigmund said he expects the contract to actually be significantly less based on the number of geese the county actually eliminates. The county has a permit to remove 2,700 geese. If the county opts to remove that many geese, then the cost of the contract will be around \$115,500. However, last year, when the county had the same permit, it only removed 700 geese.

County officials said that the Canada Goose problem in the county's parks has escalated to serious proportions, threatening water quality, polluting the environment, destroying the turf areas, and posing a hazard to health, safety and property.

A timeframe for when the geese removal will take place and at what parks has not been determined yet.

Sigmund expects the removal to occur during the summer. The methodology used to remove the geese has also not been determined.

"Whether or not they round-up and slaughter the geese or gas them, it's even ecologically the wrong way to go. It doesn't work. That's why they have to keep doing it," said Sue Russell, policy director for the Rumson-based Center for Animal Protection, a statewide organization opposed to human-caused suffering, injury and death to animals.

The contract with Goose Control Technologies also includes nest location and egg treatment.

"It's not just removing them from our property," said Sigmund. "There are costs associated per park with

those activities as well."

"It's reprehensible that people who represent themselves as leaders in the community would do violence against these harmless creatures when it is a proven fact that people who do violence to animals are one step away from doing violence to their fellow human beings," said Kerri Blanchard, a Rahway resident.

With no known predators, the number of geese have risen exponentially over the years, county officials maintain.

Due to the geese's fast digestive system, their fecal material is spread throughout the county's parks. The fecal material is washed into the waterways when it rains. Whenever fecal chloroform is added to a waterway it causes many problems. It adds nitrates to the water, which creates additional algae, which reduces the dissolved oxygen in the water, which kills off much of the fish population.

The added nitrates in the water reduce the water quality and quality of life for the animals living there.

In March, freeholders allocated \$20,000 for an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to establish a goose management program that entailed egg addling and the removal of up to 2,700 geese, as allowed under a federal permit.

Despite having a permit that allowed the killing of 2,700 geese that habitat county parks last year, the county only removed 700. Still, the program created an uproar as residents voiced their displeasure over the killings, even going so far as to compare it to the Holocaust. Geese were collected in a specialized truck that employed noxious gas to kill the birds.

Last year's two-day goose control effort took place on July 1 and 2 at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside, Nomahegan Park in Cranford, Rahway River Park and Warinanco Park in Roselle.

"I think that the freeholders are looking at the geese as simply a nuisance when they should think about what the geese has represented throughout literature and for children," said Blanchard. "To set an

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## Freeholder will step down on March 1

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

State Sen. Nicholas Scutari, D-Union, will resign from his seat on the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders on March 1.

Once Scutari resigns, the Union County Democratic Committee has 30 days to conduct a special election among delegates and elect a replacement.

In November, the replacement will face off against challengers from other parties during a countywide special election where voters will elect a permanent replacement to fill the remaining year of Scutari's unexpired term.

John Wohlrab of Hillside appears to be the front-runner to get Scutari's seat.

Linden Mayor John Gregorio has been adamant that Scutari's replacement should hail from Linden. Scutari is a lifelong Linden resident. A native of Linden, Wohlrab had lived in Hillside before recently purchasing a home in Linden.

However, Linden Councilman Eugene Davis has said he's interested in filling the freeholder seat. Davis, a former school board member who has served on the Linden council for five years, also said he believes the seat should remain in Linden.

This year's General Election will have voters deciding on six county-wide posts; the most within the last 20 years.

According to the Union County Clerk's Office, the previous record for the most countywide posts up for election in the same year was five in 1986 and 1995, respectively. During each of those years, voters decided on who filled three freeholder seats, the sheriff's post and the county clerk.

Aside from choosing between candidates to fill the remaining one-year of Scutari's term, voters this year will

also decide who fills three other freeholder seats as Mary Ruotolo of Westfield, Daniel Sullivan of Elizabeth and Lewis Mingo of Plainfield are all up for re-election.

Also up for re-election this year are Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich and Union County Surrogate James LaCorte. Both incumbents said they will run.

Scutari, who was elected to represent the 22nd District as senator in November's General Election, has served on the freeholder board since 1996. He was the youngest person to ever serve as freeholder chairman, when he held the post in 1999 at the age of 31.

Ruotolo said she has "every intention of seeking re-election this year." The intentions of the other two incumbents are not clear.

Sullivan and Mingo did return phone calls seeking comment. Messages left for Union County Democratic Chairwoman Charlotte DeFilippo also went unreturned.

Each of the three freeholders up for re-election this year were originally appointed to their current seats. Mingo and Ruotolo in 1998 and Sullivan in 1995.

Sullivan was elected to three-year terms on the board in 1995, 1998 and 2001. In 2001, Ruotolo, and Mingo were elected to a second term on the freeholder board.

Since last June, when Plainfield Mayor Albert McWilliams defeated Assemblyman Gerald Green to become the city's Democratic chairman, it's been expected that Mingo's days on the freeholder board are numbered since he is aligned with Green.

While freeholders are elected at-large, Democrats have historically selected at least one seat to be filled by a Plainfield resident and the city's municipal chairman generally has had input on who that is. That practice is



Photos By Barbara Kokkalis

**KLONDIKE DERBY** — Members of Troop 68 of Connecticut Farms School in Union, above, push their sled through the snow during a Klondike Derby on Saturday at Watchung Reservation. Below, Ryan Callaghan and Jim Kukucka of Troop 75 in Cranford demonstrate the Heimlich maneuver to Jonathan Van Oslunbridge. Boy Scouts had to demonstrate proficiency in a variety of skills during the competition.



Nicholas Scutari

expected to continue as the party holds all nine seats on the county's governing body. In 1998, Mingo was appointed to fill the seat of Walter McNeil of Plainfield, who resigned to become the city's administrator.

"There are a few people that I would consider" for filling Mingo's seat, McWilliams said, but would not discuss who they are. "I'm not prepared to name any names yet because I haven't had any discussions with them in detail."

McWilliams said he would like the seat to be filled by someone from Plainfield. However, the mayor said he does not have any interest in filling the seat himself.

Froehlich will be seeking his 10th three-year term as sheriff. He was first elected to the county sheriff's post 27 years ago in 1977.

Froehlich said there are several things he'd like to implement if re-elected, including combining services with the Prosecutor's Office to combat domestic violence, instituting a gun safety program for children and increasing animal control measures.

LaCorte was first elected as the county surrogate in 1999.

The surrogate serves a five-year term and is responsible for probating wills and appointing executors, administrators, guardians and trustees of decedents' estates.

## Funds for youth jail loaned to UCIA

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

Although a location for a new juvenile detention center has not been announced, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders approved a loan of \$4.3 million to the Union County Improvement Authority for the implementation of the project.

Department of Human Services Director Frank Guzzo said a site and a total cost for the new juvenile detention center will be announced "as soon as negotiations are completed."

The \$4.3 million loaned to the Improvement Authority will be nowhere near what the final project will cost. It has been estimated that the entire cost of the project — including land acquisition, construction and furnishing — will cost between \$15 million and \$20 million.

Union County Finance Director Lawrence Caroselli said that by the county loaning the Improvement Authority money it will speed up the time frame for the completion of the juvenile detention center project. The loan was approved at the Feb. 5 regular meeting of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

"It saves a good four to six weeks at least," said Caroselli.

In order for the Improvement Authority to issue the bonds for the project without receiving a loan from the county, the authority would have to have an ordinance approved by the freeholders. The ordinance would first have to be introduced to the public, who would be able to comment on it. The ordinance must then be approved for final adoption by the freeholders, a process that could take more than a month depending on the freeholders' meeting schedule.

"Although \$4.3 million is a lot of money, we could certainly afford to float that money to the Improvement Authority for a couple of months.

A date for when the money must be paid back to the county has not been determined.

"We're hoping for a short time frame," said Caroselli.

There is no interest on the money loaned to the Improvement Authority because, as Caroselli explained it, "that's like charging yourself interest."

The loan of funds to the Improvement Authority is nothing new for the county.

"We've done that numerous times," said Caroselli.

Following the suicide of an inmate last spring, the state's Juvenile Justice Commission mandated that the county build a new juvenile detention facility to replace the George W. Herlich Juvenile Detention Center in Elizabeth.

The commission also capped the number of detainees housed at the facility at 34.

Since mid-November the county has continually said that it is searching and negotiating a site to construct a new juvenile facility on.

"We will make an announcement as soon as negotiations are complete," said Guzzo.

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, prior to the state's mandated cap.

Last year, freeholders allocated \$1.1 million for the purpose of housing additional juvenile detainees at facilities outside Union County.

This year, freeholders allocated \$1.5 million for the same purpose. Guzzo said he doesn't anticipate the county using the entire amount of money.

The number of detainees housed outside Union County last year averaged about 30 a day. This year the county is only averaging 16 a day.

**COUNTY NEWS**

**Job fair, open house**

The Union County College Foundation invites the public to come "Dine Around the Towns" and attend a recruitment job fair/business to business open house on Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Commons on the college's Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave.

The "Dine Around the Towns" will feature delicious samplings from fine Union County restaurants, including Beana's of Rahway, Freshwaters Southern Cuisine of Plainfield, Los Faroles Restaurant and 640 Club & Restaurant, both of Elizabeth, and many more.

Tickets for the dine-around are \$20 per person. There will be light musical entertainment and ample parking is available at the job fair/business open house, potential employers will discuss job opportunities and accept resumes. There is no fee to visit the business tables and participation in the dine-around is not required.

If you are a business interested in participating in the job fair/business open house, the fee for the display table is \$100 for a 6-foot table/\$125 with electricity, and includes one ticket to the "Dine Around."

This event is a fund-raiser for the UCC Foundation. All funds raised provide scholarship for deserving UCC students. Last year 70 percent of the college's students applied for financial assistance but funding was available for only two-thirds of the applicants. The foundation's goal is to bridge this gap and provide financial aid to all qualified applicants.

For advance sale "Dine-Around the Towns" tickets, to reserve a business display table, or for more information, call Diane McCurdy at the UCC Foundation at 908-709-7505 or by fax at 908-709-7166. Tickets for the dine-around will also be available at the event.

For directions to Union County College, go to [www.ucc.edu](http://www.ucc.edu).

**Vollero, People appointed to board of UCUA**

Clifton J. People of Union and Alfonso Vollero of Cranford were appointed to the Union County Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners at the Feb. 5 regular meeting of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Their terms expire Jan. 31, 2009.

James D. Huff of Clark was also

appointed as an alternate to the Board of Commissioners. His term expires Feb. 2, 2008.

**Catherine's Closet seeks donations of gowns**

Catherine's Closet has begun its annual prom gown collection in preparation of the third annual giveaway on April 3. Named to honor the memory of Catherine Johnson, a Clifford Scott High School senior killed in January 2002, the project distributes prom dresses to help senior girls defray the high cost of attending their proms. In the past two years, more than 2,500 dresses, many by top designers like Armani, Vera Wang, Ralph Lauren and Jessica McCintock were given away.

This year, the organization is again asking for the public's assistance in obtaining new or slightly worn, latest style prom gowns in all sizes, preferably by famous designers. Shoes, bags, jewelry are also needed.

The local dress collection will be until Sunday. Anyone who has a dress to donate can drop it at either Westfield High School, 550 Dorian Road, or at Burgdorff Realtors, 600 North Ave., Westfield.

Dresses should be clean, on hangers and should be no more than two years old. Tax donation letters will be available. If you would like your dress picked up, send an e-mail to: [catherinesclosetorg@hotmail.com](mailto:catherinesclosetorg@hotmail.com) or call 908-654-1320 or 908-317-9553.

With the assistance of some dedicated adult and student volunteers, the dresses will be sorted and brought to the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark where the Catherine's Closet giveaway will be held. Any senior girls who need a dress should also contact Catherine's Closet to obtain a ticket for the April 3 event.

If you do not have a dress to donate, tax deductible monetary contributions are welcome at Catherine's Closet Inc., PO Box AR, Paterson, 07509 or visit the organization's Web site at [www.catherinescloset.org](http://www.catherinescloset.org).

**UCIA commissioner reappointed to board**

Sebastian D'Elia of Elizabeth was reappointed to the Union County Improvement Authority Board of Commissioners at the Feb. 5 regular meeting of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The term runs

from 2004 to Feb. 1, 2007.

**Free tax assistance**

RSVP and AARP both offer free tax assistance to senior citizens and other lower-income taxpayers at locations throughout Union County.

To request an appointment, taxpayers must call the site in their local community and bring with them their 2003 records of income, deductions, property tax bills, and their 2002 income tax file. Last year, volunteers aided more than 2,600 citizens with their tax returns.

Free tax assistance will be offered from early February until April 15 at the following locations:

- Berkeley Heights Free Public Library, 290 Plainfield Ave., 908-464-9333.
- Clark Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave., 732-388-3600.
- Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., 908-709-7283.
- Elizabeth Free Public Library, 11 S. Broad St., no appointments necessary. Tax help on Thursdays from Feb. 5 to April 15, 9 a.m. to noon.
- Kenilworth Free Public Library, 548 Boulevard, 908-276-1451.
- Mountainside Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza, 908-233-0115.
- New Providence Senior Center, 4th Street, 908-665-0046.
- Plainfield Senior Center, 305 E. Front St., 908-753-3506.
- Plainfield Free Public Library, 8th and Park avenues, Plainfield, 908-753-3506.
- Senior Citizen Annex, 1036 Esterbrook Ave., Rahway, 732-827-2016.
- Casano Community Center, 314 Chestnut St., Roselle Park, 908-245-0666.
- Scotch Plains Free Public Library, Bartle Avenue, 908-322-5007.
- Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., 908-376-4930.
- Union Senior Center, 968 Bonnell Court, 908-851-5290.
- Community Center, 558 W. Broad St., Westfield, 908-232-4759.
- St. Helen's Parish Center, 1600 Rahway Ave., Westfield, 908-232-1867.

For more information, call Sal Conforti, AARP Union County tax aide coordinator, at 908-351-9050 or Jim Walsh at 908-276-3152.

If you are interested in becoming an RSVP volunteer tax counselor, call

**'Freeholders Forum'**

A series of "Building Better Communities" initiatives for Union County government is the subject of the latest "Freeholders Forum" television show sponsored by the Board of Chosen Freeholders. The proposed "Building Better Communities" initiatives are:

- 211 Info Line, a 24-hour hotline for social services and other resources;
- Making the Union County Discount Prescription Drug Plan available to all residents who are seeking discounts on their medications;
- Investing in the Arts by purchasing the Union County Arts Center in Rahway and renovating it into a year-round facility;
- Developing the Kids Recreational Trust, through the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, to provide more athletic and recreational opportunities for our youth; and,
- Greening Union County, in which the county will strive to plant 4,000 new trees in communities.

In each 30-minute program, freeholders and guests discuss events and issues affecting the people of Union County.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:**

**LONNIE REAVES, Deceased, his/her heirs, devisees and personal representatives, and his/her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest,**

**ELLA MAE JENKINS**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED TO serve upon FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 7 Century Drive, Suite 201, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, telephone number # (973) 538-9300, an Answer to the Complaint and Amendment to Complaint, filed in a civil action, in which BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is Plaintiff and LONNIE REAVES, et. al., are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, UNION County and bearing Docket No. F-330-04 within thirty-five (35) days after 02/12/04, exclusive of such date, if you fail to do so, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated May 26, 1994 made by LONNIE REAVES and ELLA MAE JENKINS as mortgagors to FIRST TOWN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, recorded on 06/02/04, in Book 5345 of Mortgages for UNION County, Page 0026, et seq., which said mortgage was duly assigned to the Plaintiff named above, who is the present holder of said Mortgage and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises known as 418 D. EAST FRONT STREET, A/K/A 418 18D FRONT STREET, PLAINFIELD, NJ 07060. If you cannot afford or are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of venue by calling: UNION COUNTY LAWYER REFERRAL: (908) 353-4715

**Geese targeted in county's park system**

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example like this — where you take an animal whose intelligence and maternal instincts have been proven — and treat it like it's nothing more than a cockroach to be wiped away, is not only leaving a scar on adults who love animals but children are watching what these freeholders are doing."

Blanchard said you cannot read children "Mother Goose" tales and then tell them it's okay to gas a goose.

With every freeholder except Vice President Rick Proctor in attendance at the Feb. 5 meeting, freeholders approved the resolution authorizing the contract with Goose Control Technology. However, the approval was not unanimous. Freeholder Alexander Mirabella voted against the resolution, while Chairman Angel Estrada and Freeholder Deborah Scanlon abstained.

"I congratulate them for voting 'no' because that is an extremely responsible thing to do," said Blanchard.

As an alternative to gassing the geese, Blanchard suggested that the county allow residents with dogs who are not vicious to chase the geese away in the county's parks.

"If we had a dog management program for geese, we could stop the geese from congregating in the hundreds," said Blanchard.

Russell said removing the geese from the parks does not solve the problem in the long run.

"Opportunistic geese will almost immediately come because you've done nothing to alter the habitat that's drawing the geese to these spaces," said Russell.

The geese problem can be avoided by re-landscaping the county's parks, according to Russell. "Union County's landscaping is all wrong," she said.

Putting rocks or a vegetative barrier around the parks' ponds would deter geese from using the waterways, said Russell. Also, planting trees in clumps and meadows of wild flowers are also goose deterrents.

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**UNION COUNTY LEGAL SERVICES:**

(908) 354-4340  
YOU, LONNIE REAVES, Deceased, his/her heirs, devisees and personal representatives, and his/her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest, are made party defendants to this foreclosure action for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises by reason of the Mortgage made by LONNIE REAVES and ELLA MAE JENKINS as set forth above, and by reason of the death of the deceased, LONNIE REAVES. Upon request, a copy of the Complaint and Amendment to Complaint, if any, will be supplied to you for particularity.

YOU, ELLA MAE JENKINS are made party defendant(s) to this foreclosure action because you are one of the mortgagors and may be liable for any deficiency and for any lien, claim, or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises by reason of the Mortgage made by you, LONNIE REAVES AND ELLA MAE JENKINS, as set forth above. Dated: February 2, 2004  
DONALD F. PHELAN  
Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey  
U1592 WCN Feb. 12, 2004 (\$66.00)

**NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT**

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: **Marion Blake, husband of Johnnie Blake**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED TO serve upon GOLDBECK MCCAFFERTY & MCKEEVER, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Suite 420, Sentry Office Plaza, 218 Haddon Avenue, Westmont, NJ 08108, phone # (856) 858-3242, an answer to the Amended Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Wachovia Bank National Association, successor by merger to First Union National Bank, as Trustee of the Security National Mortgage Loan Trust 2000-1 is plaintiff and Johnnie Blake, and Joseph Brevard are the

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defendant(s), pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket No. F-14533-03 within thirty-five (35) days after February 12, 2004 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated August 26, 1983, made by Johnnie Blake, and Joseph Brevard as mortgagor(s), to Jersey Mortgage Company recorded on September 05, 1983, in Union County in Book 3401, page 337 of Mortgages for said county, which mortgage was assigned to the plaintiff, Wachovia Bank, National Association, successor by merger to First Union National Bank, as Trustee of the Security National Mortgage Loan Trust 2000-1, by Assignment recorded on April 17, 2002 for Union County in Book 1293, Page 237, and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 1007 W. 8th St., Plainfield, NJ 07063. If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling 1-(732)-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 1-(908) 353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services offices of the County of venue by calling 1-(908) 354-4340.

YOU, Marion Blake, husband of Johnnie Blake, as Trustee made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you are the husband of the record owner of the mortgaged premises and because you may be liable for any deficiency thereon, and for any lien, claim or interest (dower or curtesy) you may have in, to or against the mortgage premises.

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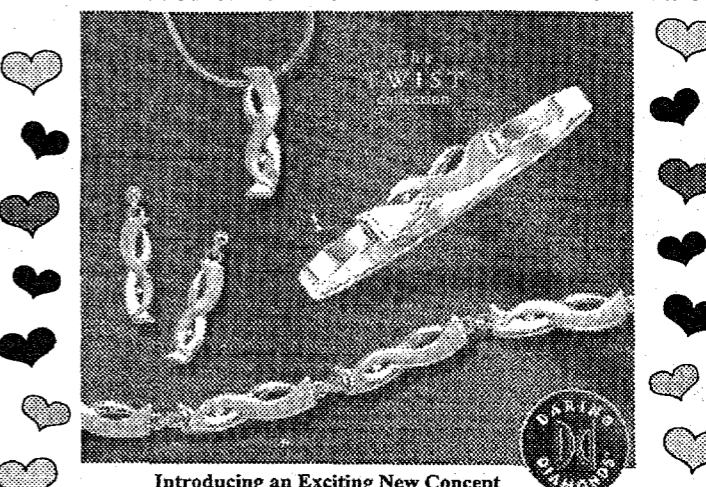
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



DaVinci's Notebook — featuring, from left, Bernie Muller-Thym, Greg 'Storm' DiCostanzo, Paul Sabourin and Richard Hsu — will bring their instrument-free musicianship and trademark absurdist humor to the Coffee With Conscience Concert Series in Westfield on Feb. 21.

## Quartet mixes music and mirth

The Coffee With Conscience Concert Series of Westfield will present laugh-riot DaVinci's Notebook in concert on Feb. 21 in Westfield.

DaVinci's Notebook will perform at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 E. Broad St., on the corner of North Avenue, in Westfield, on Feb. 21. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$12.

All net proceeds from this evening's concert will be donated to the Interfaith Council for the Homeless.

The featured act for March, We're About Nine, will open the show.

DaVinci's notebook is less a musical group and more like a ride at a theme park. Many bands are musically captivating. Some bands are hilariously funny. Other bands are full of charm and personality. Then there's DaVinci's Notebook — they're all of the above, and they do it all without instruments. With soaring vocals and a "Simpsons"-like sense of humor and absurdity, they take no-prisoners song skewer everything and everybody from boy bands, road rage, and pretentious '70s rock icons to weight loss schemes, cloying folk anthems and pickled okra.

This award-winning a cappella quartet from the Washington, D.C. area has been described as "Bobby McFerrin and 'Weird Al' Yankovic colliding on stage." They have drawn comparisons to Barenaked Ladies with their inspired original material, clever parodies and high-energy, "absolutely anything goes" live performances. DaVinci's Notebook shows regularly feature on-the-spot requests, audience participation, improvised lyrics, conga lines and the occasional Britney Spears imitation.

Greg "Storm" DiCostanzo, Richard Hsu, Bernie Muller-Thym and Paul Sabourin all met while singing in a pick-up doo-wop group during the summer of 1993. Quickly realizing their common interest in pursuing wilder and more adventurous musical directions, they "seceded" from the larger group, reforming as DaVinci's Notebook.

## Workshop to aid in document archival

Do you have a collection of documents and records? Are you in need of consulting services, at no cost, from a professional archivist who can teach you how to better manage your archival collection?

Mary P. Murrin, director of Grants Program at the New Jersey Historical Commission, will discuss "The CAPES Program: A Free Archival Evaluation Service" at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Liberty Hall Museum, 1003 Morris Ave., Union.

The workshop, sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, will benefit historical and cultural groups and institutions with archival collections.

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Mary P. Ruotolo, liaison to the Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.

Murrin will give a detailed talk on the focus of the conservation evaluation services offered through CAPES — Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service — including collections policy and its method of appraising materials, accessioning and processing them — preparing and arranging items, developing storage systems, and creating descriptions, and finding aids. She will also discuss the availability of grant funds, from NJHC and the Union County History Grant Program, to carry out any corrective steps or measures recommended in the conservation report written by the CAPES collections evaluator.

The workshop is presented by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs in the Depart-

ment of Economic Development and funded in part by the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of Cultural Affairs in the Department of State.

To register for this free workshop and for information about other programs and services related to Union County history and the arts, contact the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202; or call 908-558-2550, Relay users dial 711. Inquiries may be sent via e-mail to culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

### Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday noon. Entertainment - Friday noon. Sports - Monday noon. Letters to the Editor - Monday 9 a.m. General - Monday 5 p.m.

## O'Neill play is complex and powerful

If it weren't for the beauty in the written word — as only Eugene O'Neill could write it — all of his tragically dramatic plays could tear a theatergoer in half emotionally.

And even with the playwright's gems, wholeheartedly appreciated by serious-minded audiences, his autobiographical doom and gloom in all of his plays can cause theatergoers to wring their hands while enjoying a good performance.

Take "The Great God Brown," for example — which opened Friday evening at the Elizabeth Playhouse on East Jersey Street in Elizabeth — O'Neill's "experimental masterpiece" written in the early 1920s and first produced on stage in 1926. In a little more than two hours — his plays usually run five or more hours — the playwright has offered a complex look at life at its most meaningless, full of hopelessness and faithlessness. It adds more complexity by the use of masks, which hide the characters' true feelings, and which they prefer in their everyday lives and activities.

Marlow Ferguson, producer of the Elizabeth Playhouse, must have had a difficult time directing this powerful play and its equally powerful players. Ferguson, a veteran actor, also gave himself a small part in the second act, as a committee member, and he appeared very comfortable up on that stage.

Clint Scott plays the title role of Billy Brown, a good-natured person, who has lived in the shadow of his "genius," good-for-nothing, drunken friend, Dion Anthony, since childhood. He is an architect, and Anthony, who is an artist at heart, also becomes an architect and, without effort, does his best work for Brown. Brown envies the talents of his friend, is in love with his friend's wife, Margaret, and, in the long run, finds himself, with the help of a mask, becoming Dion Anthony altogether. He utters to Dion: "You've given my weakness strength to live."

And one can forgive the restless, faithless waif of a human being, Dion, when he says poetically, "I could feel



Clint Scott, left, and Roberta Steve face the tragic hopelessness of their existence in Eugene O'Neill's 'The Great God Brown,' on stage at the Elizabeth Playhouse in Elizabeth.

## On the Board

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

the night wrapped around me like a gray velvet gown, lined with warm sky and trimmed with silver leaves," or when he tells the audience, "I've been life's lover."

But his contempt for humanity and, particularly, Billy, tells Margaret, "William Brown's soul lies mouldering in the crib, but his body goes marching on."

Scott is excellent in the exhausting role of Billy. He runs the gamut of emotions, love, hate, envy, envy, and takes the bull by the horns in trying to justify his own existence.

Alan Niebuhr as Dion is an extremely sensitive actor, and his role is even more exhausting. O'Neill, in his own drunken state, would probably applaud Niebuhr for attempting to be the charming, disarming, drunk, helpless, hopeless, godless creature, destined to disaster and probable death. His realism has the audience in a

dither, holding onto its seat with real concern.

Roberta Steve, a beautiful woman, is exceptionally talented, and, in this play, as Margaret, is given the opportunity to show an array of emotions that truly affects the players as well as the playgoers. And she fits into the costumes of the 1920s as if they were made especially for her. In her strength of character, she is up to the demands of both of her men.

Lorraine Hernandez, as Cybel, a prostitute, who is also hopelessly in love with the hapless, hopeless Dion, is very convincing. She is warm and loving, and at the same time, protective of her own feelings.

The supporting cast is equally up to the task. They include Peter Curley, John Ingram, Kathy Mattingly, Tom Baginski, and, of course, Ferguson.

"The Great God Brown" is magnetic in its power to draw audiences to an early O'Neill play. It is a theatrical experience one will not forget in a long, long time.

"The Great God Brown" runs through March 7 at the Elizabeth Playhouse. For information, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B12.

## Phipps concert to benefit the homeless

Internationally acclaimed gospel/inspirational recording artist and Grammy Award-nominee Wintley Phipps will perform a concert Feb. 22 at Fountain Baptist Church of Summit to benefit the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County.

The concert will begin at 5 p.m. at Fountain Baptist Church, located at 116 Glenside Ave. in Summit. There is no admission charge for the benefit concert, although there will be a collection of free-will donations. All proceeds will benefit the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County, headquartered in Plainfield.

Phipps is a world-renowned bass-baritone, motivational speaker and education activist. He has sung for every U.S. president since Jimmy Carter, at several National Prayer Breakfast events and other distinguished celebrations. He was chosen by Oprah Winfrey to offer musical interpretations for her week-long coverage of the Sept. 11 tragedy. Winfrey also asked him to write a special prayer she delivered in tribute to the lives lost.

Phipps has performed for Mother Teresa of Calcutta, President Nelson Mandela of South Africa, the Billy Graham Crusades, the Vatican, the National Easter Seal Telethon, and the Rosa Parks Birthday Celebration; and has conducted lectures in Europe,

Australia, Asia, Africa, and North and South America.

Phipps was nominated for Grammy Awards in 1988 and 1989, and is the author of "The Power of a Dream." He is the founder, president and CEO of the U.S. Dream Academy Inc.

Phipps was born in Trinidad and raised in Montreal, Canada. He attended Kingsway College, a Christian academy; Oakwood College, where he received an undergraduate degree in theology; earned a master's of divinity degree from Andrews University; and holds an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Waynesburg College.

Formed in 1898, Fountain Baptist Church uses its witness to transform lives, minister to the poor and broken-hearted, and to expand the sense of community with the Gospel message of hope and change. The church membership, currently more than 2,000 has a commitment to evangelism and outreach. Local outreach programs include ministry to prisons,

nursing homes, transitional housing residents, and HIV/AIDS patients. Educational enrichment is provided through after-school tutoring programs and summer college preparatory and enrichment programs.

Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County is located in Plainfield. The agency has been in existence since 1986 and is dedicated to improving the quality of life for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness. Interfaith Council provides emergency shelter through the Interfaith Hospitality Network, transitional and affordable permanent housing, education, advocacy and other supportive services, promoting personal development, independence and self-sufficiency. Interfaith Council's long-term strategy is to provide affordable housing to the low- and very-low-income working population in Union County.

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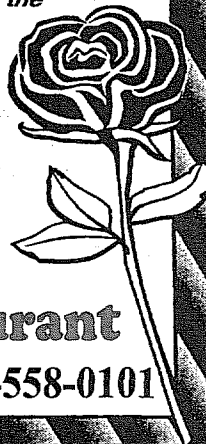
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We were hungry - we selected dinners. For appetizers we selected clams on the 1/2 shell and mussels in marinara. While waiting crusty fresh bread and butter arrived. Our soda was served in 32oz. glasses. When our starters arrived - they were delicious, the clams were served on a bed of ice and greens accompanied by cocktail sauce. The clams were very cold and fresh - very good. The mussels were immersed in marinara and absolutely wonderful. The bread was perfect for dipping into the light very savory sauce. For the main meal we chose the Eggplant Rollatini and the Shrimp stuffed with Crabmeat. Both entrees included linguini with marinara.

While waiting I noticed this restaurant was getting busier by the minute - so many people greeting the wait staff by name - quite a clientele of regulars coming for their Saturday night meal. Our dinners were now being brought to the table. Both plates were steaming hot and very appealing to the senses. The Shrimp stuffed with Crabmeat was delicately seasoned and the linguini cooked to perfection. My Rollatini consisted of eggplant with ham, ricotta, mozzarella and romano - a wonderful blend of flavors and very good, the portions were large - what we didn't finish we had wrapped.

We were full and had no room for dessert, but I did look at the gourmet dessert menu, such a wide variety of selections offered 28 in all - something for everyone. Also for consideration were 12 varieties of coffee some laced with liquor. We did choose double espressos - steaming hot and the fragrance of the fresh brewed beans filling the air. Upon leaving Pinocchio's my companion and I were very satisfied with the quality of the food and looking forward to returning soon.

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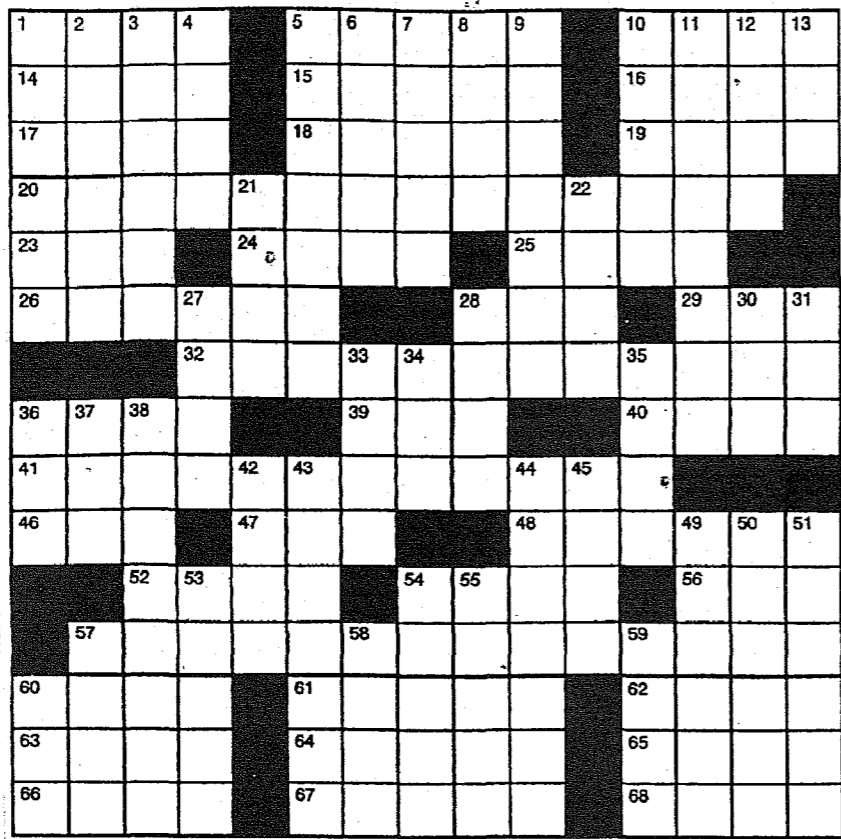
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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): There appears to be a lot of work that needs to be completed behind the scenes. Tie up loose ends and prepare for new challenges and goals.  
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**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21): Stand up and feel proud about the results of a successful professional venture. What you have done makes a tremendous impact.  
**CANCER** (June 22-July 22): Your thoughts or opinions are susceptible to change. In the company of teachers,

politicians or mentors, keep an open mind to learn a lot.  
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**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The emphasis is on relationships this week. Plan an unusual activity or excursion and enjoy quality time with that special someone.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): An unconventional or erratic approach to a controversial assignment divides the troops. Stick together with co-workers and play by the rules.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Your social life is exciting, fun and wonderful. Take a chance on romance and let

your heart be free to discover true happiness.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): While traveling in the fast lane, make an effort to avoid neglecting your loved ones. Slow down and review or adjust your priorities.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep in mind it is better to be safe than sorry. Take time to think things through before making an important decision.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): There are no guarantees when it comes to a speculative venture. Play it smart and avoid taking unnecessary risks with your money.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Turn a recent setback into a positive experience. Pay attention, quickly learn from

your mistakes and proceed with confidence.  
**If your birthday is this week**, you will be exposed to unusual ideas or concepts during the coming year. Be willing to adjust your thinking or accept change in your life. If you have not already, venture into the world of high-tech communication, including the Internet and e-mail. You will be amazed by the facts at your fingertips or the vast amount of available information available. Happy surfing.  
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The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra has announced that it is able to offer free concert tickets to people with visual impairments for its 2003-04 season.  
 This offer is made possible through the generosity of the Jorgensen Trust. The terms of the Jorgensen Trust Underwriting Program allow a person with a visual impairment and a guest to receive free tickets to as many as three NJSO concerts this season.  
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 Hillside High School Class of

1964, 40-year reunion, July 31.  
 Governor Livingston Regional High School, Berkeley Heights, Class of 1974, 30-year reunion, Aug. 7.  
 Union High School Class of 1974, 30-year reunion, Aug. 28.  
 Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Springfield, Class of 1969, 35-year reunion, Oct. 8.  
 Plainfield High School Class of 1954, 50-year reunion, Oct. 9.  
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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.  
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**ARTS CLIPS**

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Nine performances of two-time Pulitzer Prize-winner Wilson's play will be offered in Wilkins Theater, 1000 Morris Ave., Union.

Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, and Feb. 18, 19, 20, and 21 at 8 p.m., with matinee performances Sunday and Feb. 22 at 2 p.m.

The play has won praise for improving the historical understanding of the nation's legacy of slavery and the redemption of the human spirit.

Tickets are \$15 for the general public, \$12 for senior citizens and Kean alumni, and \$10 for students and children. For information or to reserve tickets, call the Wilkins Theater box office at 908-737-7469.

**Singing valentines**

The Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Barbershop Chorus, a nonprofit musical and educational chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America Inc. announces its 11th year of performing "Singing Valentines" for that special person.

Send a musical Valentine that your sweetheart or someone special will never forget. A barbershop quartet dressed in formal attire will sing a love-song serenade at a location of choice, such as workplace, residence, restaurant, etc. The recipient will also receive a special chocolate candy, a flower, and a picture of the event. This service will be available Feb. 13, 14 and 15 for \$50; other dates are accommodated if possible.

"Availability of quartets is limited, so reserve your serenade now," said

Kent Friedlander, president of the Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Chorus.

For more information or to arrange the time and place for your special singing Valentine, call 908-272-1503 or 888-480-0901, send inquiries via e-mail to lugeman@msn.com, or visit www.geocities.com/rjsejyaires/.

The Rahway Valley Chapter's funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

**Scholis is on exhibit**

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders announces the opening of an exhibit of paintings by Dario Scholis of Elizabeth in the gallery space at the offices of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, located at 633 Pearl St. in downtown Elizabeth.

"Mr. Scholis won the competition to design the city of Elizabeth's 9-11 commemorative monument," said Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada. "The 8-foot monument that pays special tribute to the Elizabeth residents who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, is in the new pedestrian plaza in front of the historic Midtown Train Station. We are proud to display paintings by this talented artist."

Scholis was born in Ecuador and studied art at the Escuela de Bellas Artes of the Universidad Central del Ecuador and at the Corcoran School of Art in Washington, D.C. His work has been exhibited in cities throughout the United States, Europe and Latin America.

Scholis' painting are on display at the Pearl Street Gallery through March 15. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

"Mr. Scholis works in mixed media, acrylics and intaglios in colorful, traditional South American and contemporary styles," said Freeholder Mary Ruotolo, liaison to the Cultural

and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "We thank Dario Scholis for sharing his inspired and distinctive vision."

Union County artists — whose works can be hung on a wall — interested in exhibiting in the gallery are welcome to apply. For more information about the Pearl Street Gallery, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs by writing to 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202; calling 908-558-2550, NJ Relay users can dial 711; or sending e-mail to culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

**UCAC lists future gigs**

The Union County Arts Center in Rahway has announced its Winter/Spring 2003-04 75th Anniversary season. For information, call 732-499-8226 or visit the Web site at www.ucac.org.

• Feb. 20, 8 p.m.: "My Way: A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra." All tickets are \$5.

• Feb. 21, 8 p.m.: Richard Nader's Doo Wop Reunion Tour with Lou Christie, Emil Stucchio and The Classics, and The Chiclettes. Tickets are \$40, \$35 and \$30.

• Feb. 22, 3 p.m.: Children's show, "Martin Luther King Jr.," a musical tribute. All tickets are \$10.

• Feb. 28, 8 p.m.: Gospel Fest starring Yolanda Adams. Tickets \$40, \$35, \$26.

• March 20, 8 p.m.: The Black Brothers and The Aofie Clancy Band. Tickets are \$40, \$35 and \$30.

• March 21, 3 p.m.: Duck Soup Magic Show. All tickets are \$10.

• March 26, 8 p.m.: "Sophisticated Ladies: The Music of Duke Ellington." All tickets \$35.

• March 27, 8 p.m.: The Amazing Kreskin. Tickets are \$40, \$30.

• April 3, 2:30 p.m.: Movie Matinee, "Sons of the Desert" with Laurel and Hardy. All tickets \$5.

• April 3, 7:30 p.m.: Movie double feature, National Lampoon's "Animal

**Year in arts prompts interesting thoughts**

**On the Arts**

By Jon Plaut

As the Academy Awards are upon us early this year, here are some thoughts and ideas stimulated by my recent consumption of movies, plays, and books.

The Civil War period film "Cold Mountain" and the contemporary working-class, Cleveland-based, "American Splendor" rely on the same conclusion for optimism. That is, the regeneration of family. The best in "Cold Mountain" are the period pieces mirroring "The Odyssey." In that sense, "Cold Mountain" and "Oh, Brother, Where Art Thou?" share similar, fascinating terrain. The most impactful moments in "Cold Mountain" are the short episodes on the odyssey, such as in the deaths of the gregarious preacher, Phillip Seymour Hoffman, on the river and of the union soldier at the hand of the lonely, abused frontier woman, Natalie Portman.

There is an even more powerful moment in the German Holocaust film, "Gloomy Sunday," in which the SS officer, after being bribed, purposely picks the wrong Jew off the train heading for the camps to provide a personal defense after the war. And when the 10-year-old daughter in Jim Sheridan's "In America" tells her Irish immigrant parents in New York City that she too grieves for her dead brother, it is a pure and telling emotional moment.

The documentary "Capturing the Friedmans" is a peep-hole cinema from home movies that I would walk out of if a neighbor showed them to me. Showtime's "The Boys of Second Street" rises way above it, because its documentary author, Dan Klores, never condescends or becomes the titillating voyeur.

"Mystic River" is a great, if depressing, work of art, raised to its artistic level by the performance of an almost unimaginable cast assembled by Clint Eastwood, led by the fabulous and ambiguous performance of Mar-

cia Gay Hardin. Can anyone doubt Sean Penn's supreme acting ability after his great work in "Mystic River," following as it does on his depth and charm in Woody Allen's "Sweet and Low Down." The same might be said of Meryl Streep after her grand triple performance in HBO's "Angels in America," except such a statement about that magnificent actress would be trite.

Charlize Theron was as good as advertised in "Monster," but I would have rather seen the story told from the more sympathetic perspective of her teen-age lover, played expertly by Christina Ricci. It is interesting how youthful female directors are making clear-eyed movies with an anti-romantic perspective, including "Boys Don't Cry," "Thirteen," "Lost in Translation," and "Monster."

"Lost in Translation" clearly does include Japanese racial stereotypes. You might be able to look past that, if you like the psychological babble and repetitive pace — I didn't — but there is no doubt that the almost continual hype and ridicule of the Japanese characters is insulting to that rich and diverse culture.

There is more to think about as to the nuclear threat and politics in the stage play "Golda" than in the more heralded "Copenhagen." Why? Because "Golda" places the issues in the context of the struggle for Israel's survival, while "Copenhagen" ignores that the decision-maker — Harry Truman — was alternately faced with at least another year of costly island invasions in the war against imperial Japan.

Video discs sometimes provide great rewards as, for example, the

opportunity to see missed films like the German "The Education of Rita;" the Mexican movie version of the Egyptian Nobel Prize-winning book, "Midaq Alley;" and the French "He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not." Whether or not these movies or others like them are ever readily available on neighborhood screens, they are accessible through video rental.

The sweep of the Golden Globes of "Angels in America" in the TV movie or miniseries category of not only the best production, but also all four major acting awards — Meryl Steep, Al Pacino, Mary Louis Parker, and Jeffrey Wright — is unprecedented and richly deserved. Note also that Tony Kushner's play is really a New York City drama focused around AIDS. I'm sure that soon it will be available on video, although for those who missed it, HBO tends to repeat its programs regularly.

And finally, one of the most important themes in contemporary American literature is the treatment of American cities and their conflicts. The root of "city" and "civilization" is after all, the same. I think particularly of Newark in Philip Roth's "American Pastoral," New York City in Henry Roth's "Call It Sleep" and Ralph Ellison's "The Invisible Man," Los Angeles in F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Last Tycoon" and Nathaniel West's "Day of the Locusts," and Detroit in Joyce Carol Oates' "Them," and most recently in Jeffrey Eugenides' "Middlesex." "The Last Tycoon" is the subject of a superior Showtime video with Jeremy Irons as Fitzgerald. "Middlesex" is the 2002 Pulitzer Prize-winner for fiction, a well-deserved award for this epic novel of a Greek family's exodus to and life in Detroit. The picture of what is called Negro life in urban Detroit is withering.

Jon Plaut is a regular contributor to this newspaper.

**UCC moves art to Commons during library renovations**

Due to extensive renovations being made to the MacKay Library on the Cranford campus of Union County College, the next several shows exhibited by the Tomasulo Art Gallery will move from the gallery space to various venues on the Cranford campus. Through March 22, "Paintings by Matt Johnson" will be on display in The Commons, located in the Campus Center on the Cranford campus at 1033 Springfield Ave.

This exhibition consists of large-scale paintings of urban scenes of New Jersey.

The display in The Commons will consist of eight to 10 paintings ranging in size from 6 by 14 feet, 10 by 12 feet, and 5 by 8 feet. The paintings will be large oils on stretched canvas or on hanging tarpaulins. The theme will be of landscapes, predominantly of urban scenes such as bridges, utility poles, signage, and storefronts.

Johnson is a painter as well as a sculptor. He has found it important in his art to engage himself with works larger than himself that allow for physical interaction that then become athletically challenging. He explains that "this whirlwind of activity manifests itself in the art piece as intensity and aggressiveness which agrees with the nature of the imagery that attracts me. I have chosen to deal with those elements of that urban/industrial environment, which have sur-

rounded me for many years, which impose themselves with both brutality and grace. In all, documentation, historical correctness, and general commentary are secondary — even incidental — to my need to be immersed in process and activity. The charity of my solitary labors gives life to the work and in the end I experience, essentially spent, momentary satisfaction."

As a sculptor, Johnson created "Dauntless Efforts," a steel sculpture that shows an ironworker amidst the rubble of the World Trade Center. On Sept. 11, 2002, Mack-Cali Corp. dedicated the sculpture at its Harborside Financial Center in Jersey City to honor the efforts of the rescue and recovery workers after the attack on the World Trade Center. Actual wreckage from the World Trade Center was used as the ruins in the sculpture.

The exhibit is located in The Commons on the campus of Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Gallery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and on Saturdays. Evening hours are from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays through Thursdays.

For more information, call 908-709-7155.

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S Day to Our Precious Pam, Mark, Kayla and Josh. We look forward to celebrating with you!! Love and Kisses and Hugs. Sherry and Leon.

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# Cabaret singer looks for the romantic things in life

By Bill VanSant  
Associate Editor

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, thoughts naturally turn to romance.

And if Brooklyn native Marcus Simeone has anything to say about it, there should be even more.

"I don't think there is enough of it today in the world, honestly. I really, really mean that," the acclaimed cabaret singer said. "We're the microwave generation: 'I want it now I've gotta do it now.'"

"And 'romance' doesn't only mean the romance between two people," he continued. "I mean the romance in life, in the world in general."

Simeone will provide some romance of his own when he brings his most recent act, "Mostly Standards," to The Manor in West Orange on Feb. 19 as part of the restaurant's Cabaret Soiree series.

Speaking via phone from Palm Springs, Calif., where he's appearing in the ASCAP-produced "Musical Chairs," Simeone discussed his views on romance, music, and a wealth of other topics — from the 75-degree weather he was enjoying, to his Brooklyn roots, to reruns of "Charlie's Angels."

The self-proclaimed romantic will do his share to set hearts a-flutter next week when he recalls more romantic times with such standards as "I Can Dream, Can't I?," "Where or When," "Stardust," and "As Time Goes By," among others.

However, Simeone wasn't always crooning such old melodies. A two-time finalist on TV's "Star Search," he also twice appeared on NBC-TV's "Showtime at the Apollo" singing more modern compositions.

"I had done so many shows doing contemporary songwriters," Simeone said. However, that all changed when someone told him, "You have the kind of voice where you should be doing standards."

It was this advice that led him to secure a position as a singer with the Elite Orchestra on Long Island about six years ago. However, despite steady work, he still wasn't making his mark in the music world as a solo artist.

"I was working with them, surviving as a singer, but not really getting any recognition," he said of his work

with Elite, which played mostly corporate shows that weren't open to the public.

However, Manhattan's more intimate venues gave Simeone his chance to shine.

"That's really what cabaret allowed me to do, present myself to the public," he said.

What followed were numerous appearances at such famed clubs as The Duplex, Don't Tell Mama, Judy's Chelsea, the West Bank Cafe, Chez Suzette, and Danny's Skylight Room, among others.

In addition to gaining recognition with the public, he also received critical acclaim, being described as "one of the brightest stars to step foot on New York's cabaret stages" by Stu Hamstra in Cabaret Hotline Online.

Others concurred, most notably the Manhattan Association of Cabarets and Clubs, from which he received back-to-back MAC Award nominations as Outstanding Male Vocalist, and *Back Stage*, which honored him with a Bistrot Award for "Mostly Standards."

He credits his parents with instilling his love of music, as well as his tastes for varying styles.

"My mom played Mathis, and Nat King Cole, and Tony Bennett all the time," he said. "My dad played Streisand. They were my influences."

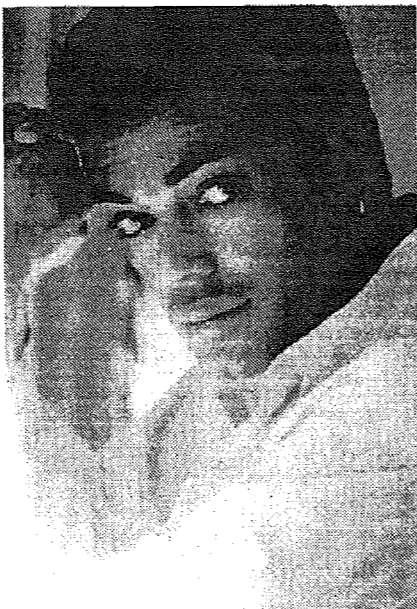
Making the transition from the cavernous Apollo to the intimate Duplex also allowed Simeone to convey a certain tenderness and sensitivity in his performance.

"You're very vulnerable when you're up there on the cabaret stage," he said. "I think part of my persona as an artist is that if I'm going to shed a tear or lose a little control emotionally on a song, then that's what I've got to do. People appreciate that, they appreciate a certain realness."

"Of course, you don't want to lose complete control where the audience has to console you," he added with a warm laugh.

That ability to tap into a sensitive side is a benefit to Simeone not only as a singer, but as a counselor — the award-winning vocalist still works part-time as a licensed social worker, his area of study in college.

"When you're doing social work, it's so different from being an artist,"



Marcus Simeone

Simeone said. "I keep the social work in my life because of the fact that it balances you, it keeps you grounded. It's very easy when you're an artist for your head to get very blown up; you forget there are people less fortunate."

As a counselor, Simeone works with teens in foster care. "I help them build independent-living skills so that when they're 18, 21, they're prepared to live on their own in an apartment."

Prior to his work with teens, his caseload comprised HIV-positive clients, from whom he learned to further appreciate life's special moments.

"I was working with people who kind of refocused everything because suddenly they needed to get in as much as they could," he said, adding that this was at a time when a positive diagnosis "was a death sentence."

Not surprisingly, these patients helped reinforce the need to see even more beauty in life.

"It's always beautiful," he said, "but you never notice it's there until you're afraid it'll be taken away."

Maybe that's why he prefers to discuss old TV shows and his affectionate cat rather than awards and "Star Search" appearances.

"There's a road that you take and you enjoy it while you go along," he said simply.

"And those are the romantic things in life."

For information on Marcus Simeone's appearance at The Manor on Feb. 19, call 973-731-2360 or visit the Web site online at [www.themanorrestaurant.com](http://www.themanorrestaurant.com).

# 'Chosen' to bow next Wednesday

Paper Mill Playhouse will present the New Jersey premiere of "The Chosen" as the third production of the 2003-04 season.

The play, adapted by Aaron Posner and Chaim Potok from the novel by Potok, runs Feb. 18 to March 21 and is directed by David Ellenstein. Tickets are \$30 to \$67. Student rush tickets are \$16 and are available day of performance with current ID. Call the Paper Mill box office at 973-376-4343 or buy online at [www.papermill.org](http://www.papermill.org).

Starring in the production are Theodore Bikel, Mitchell Greenberg, Paul Kropfl, Richard Topol, and John Lloyd Young.

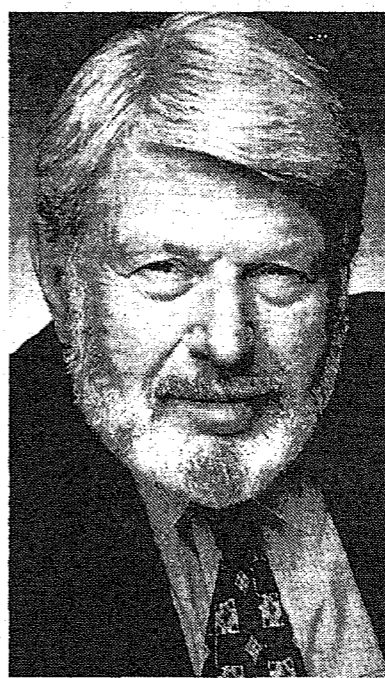
To help kick off AT&T Family Week at the Theater, Paper Mill Playhouse will host a free symposium March 8 at 7:30 p.m. with Bikel, Posner, and Adena Potok, wife of the late Chaim Potok. Don't miss the AT&T seventh annual Family Week at the Theater March 10 to 14: buy one full-price ticket and get a second ticket for students younger than 18 free.

Set in 1940s Brooklyn, "The Chosen" tells the story of two boys, two fathers and two very different worlds existing only blocks apart. Reuven Malter, played by Richard Topol, is studious and gentle, the son of an Orthodox scholar and teacher, played by Mitchell Greenberg. Danny Saunders, played by John Lloyd Young, is restless and searching for a new way to look at the world apart from the strict teachings of his father, a Hasidic rabbi, played by Theodore Bikel. After the boys' fateful first meeting on a neighborhood baseball diamond, their contentious relationship soon turns into a meaningful friendship based on faith, understanding and family.

The cast for Paper Mill's includes Theodore Bikel as Reb Saunders, Mitchell Greenberg as David Malter, Paul Kropfl as Young Reuven Malter, Richard Topol as Reuven Malter, and John Lloyd Young as Danny Saunders.

Chaim Potok's first novel, "The Chosen" has been dramatized before — in a 1981 film and a musical that lasted eight performances off-Broadway in 1988. Potok, who died last year, readapted his book with Posner as a drama for Philadelphia's Arden Theater Company in 1999. It starred Jesse Bernstein, Mitchell Greenberg, Sam Henderson, Michael Thomas Holmes, and Tom Teti. Since premiering at the Arden Theater, "The Chosen" has played at numerous theaters throughout the United States.

Chaim Potok, 1929-2002, born Herman Harold Potok, was born in New York City, the son of Polish immigrants, and was reared in an Orthodox Jewish home. Inspired by reading Evelyn Waugh's "Brideshead Revisited," Potok began writing fiction at the age of 16. He is the author of eight novels, including "The Chosen," "My Name Is Asher Lev," "The Book of Lights," and "I Am the Clay". In addition to writing fiction, Potok is



Theodore Bikel

well known for his children's books, short stories, plays and paintings. He has won numerous awards, including The Edward Lewis Wallant Award for "The Chosen."

"I'm always looking for stories that move me," said Posner. "The Chosen" has all the elements of great theater: fathers and sons, coming of age, friendship, passion and disillusionment. I was also very interested in adapting a piece with a Jewish theme. I was planning to ask Chaim for suggestions. To prepare, I went back and read "The Chosen" again, and I knew I needed to look no further. Instead of asking Chaim for ideas, I ended up asking him to help me adapt "The Chosen."

Bikel was born in Vienna and left for Israel — then Palestine — at the age of 14. He joined the Habimah Theater at 19 and, one year later, became a cofounder of the Israel Chamber Theater. After graduating with honors from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London, he appeared in several West End plays including "A Streetcar Named Desire," under the direction of Sir Laurence Olivier, and "The Love of Four Colonels" by Peter Ustinov. Broadway credits include "The Lark," "The Sound of Music," creating the role of Capt. Von Trapp; "My Fair Lady"; "Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well ..."; "Threepenny Opera;"

"Zorba;" and "Fiddler on the Roof," in which he has played the role of Tevye more than 2,000 times. Film credits include "The African Queen," "My Fair Lady," "I Want to Live," and "The Defiant Ones," for which he received an Academy Award nomination. Awards won also include an Emmy Award in 1988. Bikel has recorded 20 albums, all but four on the Elektra label. Bikel holds honorary doctorates from the University of Hartford and Seton Hall University and his autobiography, "Theo," was published by the University of Wisconsin Press.

Greenberg resides in Maplewood, and is no stranger to "The Chosen" as he originated the role of Reb Saunders at the Arden Theater. Broadway credits include "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," "Ain't Broadway Grand," "The Threepenny Opera," "A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine," "Marilyn ...," "Into the Light," "Can-Can," and "Yiddle With a Fiddle," for which he won a Carbonell Award.

Kropfl hails from New Providence, and is a recent graduate of NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. New York theater credits includes "LibidOff" at the 78th Street Theater Lab, "Macbeth" at the Harold Clurman Lab Company, and the world premiere of "Father Guzman" by Gerald Stern.

Topol recently made his Broadway debut in "The School for Scandal" at the Lyceum Theater. New York credits include "Twelfth Night," "Hyde in Hollywood." The African Company Presents "Richard III," "Just Say No," "Diphthong," and "Carbondale Dreams." Topol has also taught acting and Shakespeare for Cal State Northridge, UCLA, CAL Arts, and the Academy of the Classics.

Young last appeared Off-Broadway in "The Summer of the Swans" at the Lucille Lortel Theater. Other credits include the world premiere of Larry O'Keefe's "Sarah, Plain and Tall," "The Five Hysterical Girls Theorem," and "Spring Awakening."

Audio-described performances, with a sensory seminar 90 minutes prior to curtain, are scheduled for March 18 at 2 p.m., March 20 at 2:30 p.m., and March 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Performances are Wednesdays to Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 7:30 p.m.; with matinees Thursdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. and Saturdays at 2:30 p.m.

# Union gallery focuses on Lenga's photos

Making a return appearance, Sheila Lenga of Union will hold her second solo exhibit of photographs in the Les Malamut Art Gallery in the Union Public Library on Morris Avenue.

Since her first show in the gallery seven years ago, Lenga has traveled extensively and developed an unusual and keen perspective of her subjects. Thus the title of the exhibit, "Odyssey With an Open Eye," is very appropriate.

The exhibit will continue through March 10.

Although Lenga has been a photographer since she was a child, her father, a famous artist, wanted her to

become a pianist. She studied at the Juilliard School of Music and performed concerts with her violinist brother, Mark. After marriage and raising three children, she was ready to pursue her true love — photography. She has since studied at the New School of Social Research and photographic workshops across the country.

She is continuing her love of music and is a board member of the New Jersey Jazz Society. She is on the board of many photographic organizations, the Westfield Art Association, the New Jersey Federation of Camera Clubs, the Cranford/Millburn Camera Club, the New Jersey Center for Visu-

al Arts in Summit, the Photographic Society of America, and the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

The gallery is open during regular library hours: Mondays to Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave., Union, in Friberger Park. For information, call 908-851-5450.

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# Healthy Living

### Catered dinner to precede 'Coffee'

The "Songwriters in the Round" forum won't be the only "first" this Saturday night at the Coffee With Conscience Concert Series in Springfield.

In addition to the new offering, there will be the added option of a gourmet meal prior to the evening's festivities.

Three groups are joining together to make this evening special for all who attend: Cioffi's Catering of Springfield, Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, and Coffee With Conscience Concert Series of Springfield.

On Saturday, the traditional trappings of Valentine's night will be there: soft lighting, live music, delicious food, cozy atmosphere, and friends, but something unseen will underscore the event. Proceeds from this affordable evening will put food on the tables of the homeless and working poor in New Jersey.

Dinner reservations must be made in advance through the church office. Call 973-379-1695.

The combined cost for the dinner and the concert is \$25 per person with a \$5 discount for those 62 years and older. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 8 p.m.

"Concert only" tickets can be purchased at the door for \$12 for adults and \$6 for ages 13 to 18 years old. No reservations are necessary.

Representatives of CUMAC-ECHO, the primary beneficiary of the event will briefly share how their nonprofit, ecumenical agency based in Paterson assisted more than 27,700 people in 2003 — an increase of 6,000 people from 2002.

Following the dinner, the Coffee With Conscience Concert Series of Springfield will present "Songwriters in the Round," hosted by pop duo Open Book and featuring their special guests, Ina May Wool and Dan Bonis.

## Coffee With Conscience kicks off 'Songwriters' forum

The Coffee With Conscience Concert Series of Springfield will present the first of four evenings of its Songwriters in the Round Sub Series on Saturday at the Emanuel United Methodist Church of Springfield, 40 Church Mall in downtown Springfield.

Pop duo Open Book will host the first in this series of four shows, and will present special guests Ina May Wool and Dan Bonis.

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$12, which includes an evening of live entertainment and all manner of treats and refreshments.

In keeping with the mission of the Coffee With Conscience Concert Series, the proceeds from each concert will benefit a charitable organization. The beneficiary of this concert will be named at a later date.

Four intimate evenings of acoustic music and harmony will be presented between February and June, where audience members are introduced to the varying musical styles of several touring singer-songwriters. Each of the four events will be hosted by a singer-songwriter of some prominence who has selected two others as his or her guests. The setting will be cozy, the atmosphere will be warm and magic is guaranteed!

Open Book, the duo of Michele Rubin and Rick Gedney, has gained a loyal following of listeners drawn to the beautiful melodies, harmonies and honest, hopeful lyrics. Their live show is intimate and compelling, with their individual writing styles, guitars and voices weaving seamlessly. Hugh Blumenfeld writes of

their midway performance at Falcon Ridge Folk Festival, "You don't hear such careful attention to the sounds of words very often in folk music, and they were fine musicians to boot."

Rubin and Gedney met in 1999 at a New York-area open mic. Their musical connection began when Rubin asked Gedney to play mandolin with her at a subsequent gig. That first show led to others and soon Gedney began to write his own material as well. During the next couple of years, they honed their material and did many shows backing each other up instrumentally and vocally. The response to their collaboration was met with a great deal of enthusiasm on the part of musical friends and club owners. The path became clear: they would become a duo. Although they have only been playing publicly for three years, they have individually and privately been moving toward this their whole lives.

For information on Open Book, visit the Web site at [www.OpenBookMusic.com/index.html](http://www.OpenBookMusic.com/index.html).

Ina May Wool has garnered her share of affirmation and acclaim. Representatives from BMI and ASCAP — the world's top two music publishers — chose one of her songs for a CD of the 15 best unsigned acoustic artists worldwide.

She has also been a finalist in the New Jersey Folk Festival Songwriter Contest and the Plowshares Songwriting Competition. The Just Plain Folks Music Awards named one of her songs, "Elephant Learning to Dance," the best song by a female singer-songwriter and placed her first CD, "Moon Over 97th Street," in the top five albums worldwide. Suzanne Vega included one of Wool's

tunes on the "Vigil" CD, a collection by New York songwriters after Sept. 11, 2001, also featuring Vega, Christine Lavin, Richard Julian, and Jack Hardy. For information on Wool, visit [www.InaMayWool.com](http://www.InaMayWool.com).

Dan Bonis is an accomplished multi-instrumentalist and composer who plays a variety of lap steel instruments and the mandolin. He is an in-demand sideman and has just completed his first soon-to-be-released CD of original material called "Delivering the Cake," produced by Billy Masters, Suzanne Vega's guitarist who toured with Cry, Cry, Cry and produced Open Book's "Out of Time" CD. For information on Bonis, visit the Web site at [www.danbonis.com](http://www.danbonis.com).

There will be three more Songwriters in the Round events this season. On March 13, Bob Malone will host and present his guests, Kristy Jackson and Carla Ulbrich. On May 8, Ritt Henn will host and present his guests, Noam Weinstein and pop-duo Too Human. Finally, on June 12, Jessica Owen will host and present her special guests, Scott E. Moore and Rod Picott.

Several of the hosts have been featured before at other Coffee With Conscience concerts and all are among the finest in professional and touring singer-songwriters.

For information about the series, the Songwriters in the Round Sub-Series, the upcoming performance, or ways in which to get involved, call Ahrré Maros, owner of Ahrré's Coffee Roastery in Westfield, at 908-232-8723. Information also is available online on the series' Web site at [www.coffeewithconscience.com](http://www.coffeewithconscience.com).

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For information or to register, call 800-531-9416.

The series is open to anyone, but seating is limited, so early enrollment is advised. Subscription is \$131 for six weeks or \$249 for 12 weeks, plus \$20 registration fee.

Confirmed films and those under consideration for the upcoming spring session include "The Agronomist," directed by Jonathan Demme; "The Clearing," with Robert Redford and Helen Mirren, directed by Pieter Jan Brugge;

"Danny Deckchair," with Rhys Ifans and Miranda Otto, directed by Jeff Balmeyer; "Dogville," with Nicole Kidman and James Caan, directed by Lars von Trier; "Ella Enchanted," with Anne Hathaway and Cary Elwes, directed by Tommy O'Haver; "Envy," with Ben Stiller, Jack Black and Rachel Weisz, directed by Barry Levinson; "Final Cut," with Robin Williams and Jim Caviezel, directed by Omar Naim; "Godsend," with Robert De Niro, Greg Kinnear and Rebecca Romijn Stamos, directed by Nick Hamm; "Hidalgo," with Viggo Mortensen, directed by Joe Johnston; "I'll Sleep When I'm Dead," with Clive Owen and Charlotte Rampling, directed by Mike Hodges; "I'm Not Scared," with Aitana Sanchez-Gijon and Dino Abbrescia, directed by Gabriele Salvatores; "The Intended," with Olympia Dukakis and Janet McTeer, directed by Kristian Levring; "Intermission," with Cillian Murphy and Colin Farrell, directed by John Crowley; "The Ladykillers," with Tom Hanks and Marlon Wayans, directed by Joel Coen; "Laws of Attraction," with Pierce Brosnan and Julianne Moore,

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Jesus said, "I will build my church", thus Christ is the Head of His Church, with all Authority in Heaven and on Earth (Eph. 5:23, Matt. 28:18), NOT the pope. The pope's claim to be the head of the Universal Church is a colossal usurpation of Power that belongs to Christ Alone.

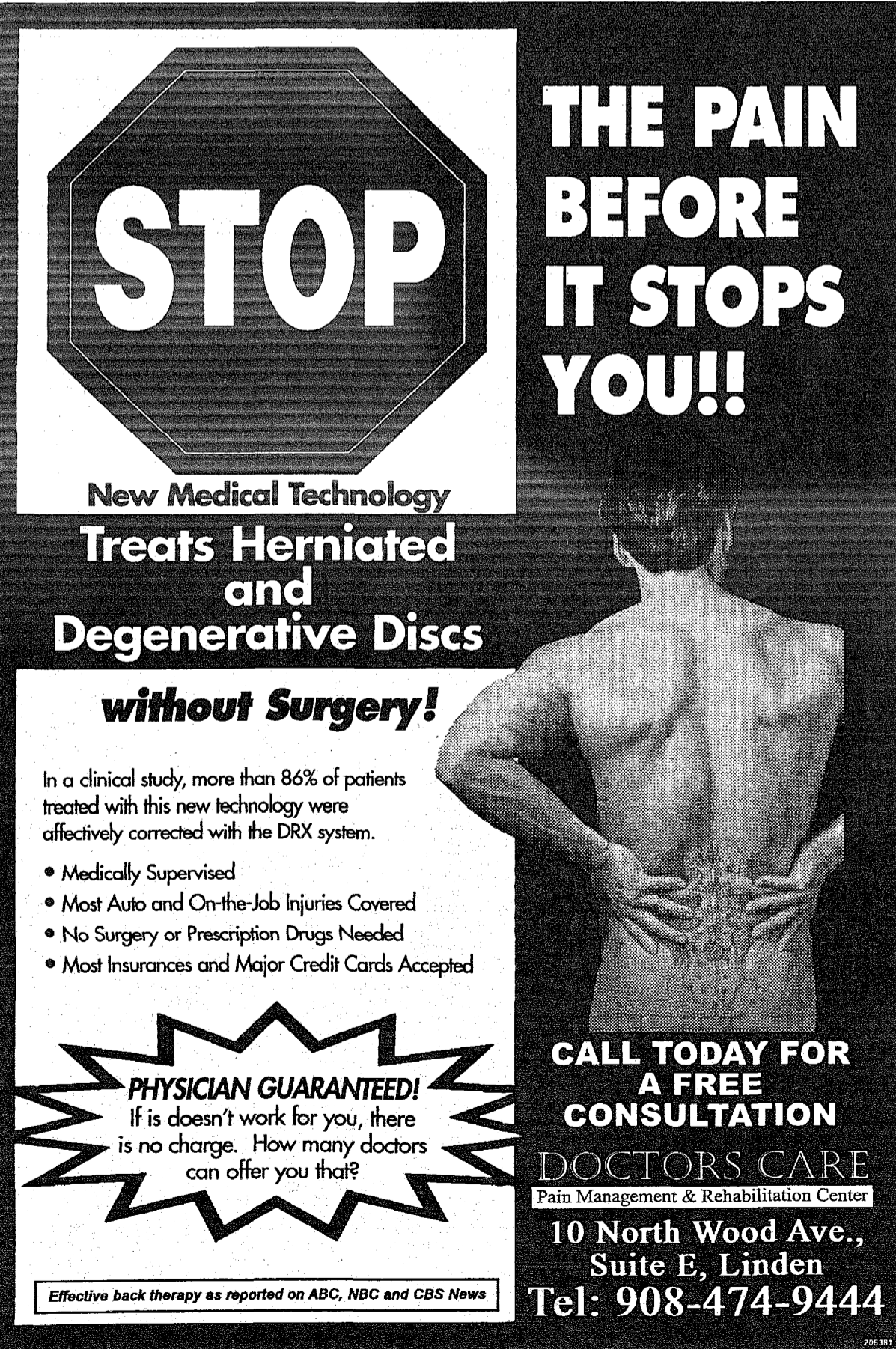
The pope desperately needs to submit to the "Son of God" like all sinners, to lay aside false religion, to repent and be baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins (Rom. 3:23), by the authority of Christ (Mk 16:16, Acts 2:38), and he will be called simply "Christian" (Acts 11:26, 26:28), **NOT** "Pope".

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# Exhibit at Rahway Arts Guild takes a look at artists' self-portraits

Opening reception is scheduled for Sunday

"The Face in the Mirror," an exhibit of artists' self-portraits, will be on view at the Arts Guild of Rahway from Sunday to March 12.

There will be an opening reception Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Since the revitalization of the art of painting during the Renaissance, artists have been painting and drawing the human figure. It has not been unusual since then for artists, especially as students, to paint or draw their own images. Many mature artists have produced remarkable or memorable self-portraits, as well. Michelangelo portrayed himself as a flayed skin being beaten on a rock by a demon in his "Last Judgment" in the Sistine Chapel. He also used his features on the figure of Nicodemus in an unfinished Pieta grouping he worked on late in his career. Leonardo DaVinci left a powerful study of his features in a red chalk drawing completed when he was quite old. Dutch painter Rembrandt Van Rijn completed no fewer than 50 self-portraits, showing himself in many striking costumes, as a homely young man of 18 to a triumphant elder artist, even an

image of himself as a silly, perhaps even slightly senile old man. Edgar Degas, Claude Monet, Eugene Delacroix, Vincent Van Gogh, and Paul Cezanne all created images of themselves. In contemporary times, English painters Francis Bacon, Lucien Freud, and David Hockney have all produced self-portraits during their notable careers.

Some self-portraits by these great artists have become well known master works. Yet many were, as often as not, produced as a kind of journal of the self: an inquiry into the internal life, the psyche or character of the artists who were taking a cold, sometimes hard or harsh look at themselves and their lives during key areas of their career and often difficult lifetimes.

The 11 artists featured in "The Face in the Mirror" at the Arts Guild of Rahway are a continuity of this tradition. Each has produced numerous self-images during their careers. Each self-portrait reflects the attitude of self-inquiry into their lives, times, and careers. The old adage says that the eyes are the windows of the soul. For each of these artists, their look into their own eyes and the outer mask typifies their reflection on the image that they project to the outer world as a glimpse of their inner life.

Artists in the exhibit are Francesca Azzara, Lawrence Cappiello, Sarah Davis, Tim Gaydos, Gary Godbee, Nicholas Imapli, Owen Kanzler, Neal Korn, Leonard Merlo, Nicholas Rosal, and H. Lisa Solon. These self-portraits include oil and acrylic paintings, traditional and non-traditional photographic prints, mixed media, constructions, and encaustic paintings.

Regular gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m., and Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Appointments are also available for school visits and large groups. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St. in downtown Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511, send e-mail to artsguild1670@earthlink.net, or visit the Web site at www.rahwayartsguild.org.

The Arts Guild of Rahway is a nonprofit multidisciplinary center for the arts offering art exhibits, jazz and other musical performances, and a series of art classes and workshops for all ages and all levels of experience.

It is the mission of the Arts Guild of Rahway to provide quality art programs for the residents of northern and central New Jersey and to promote the works of New Jersey-based visual artists, musicians, and other artistic disciplines.

## SCHOOLS, Kids & CAMPS

### Camp welcomes new counselors

Stars of Tomorrow Performing Arts Camp is a summer theater program offering campers, ages 3 through high school, classes in dance, improvisation, and voice at beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels. In addition to monologue classes and musical revue rehearsals, the curriculum also offers age-appropriate weekly workshops, and special daily elective classes, some of which may include street funk, hip hop, stage combat, stage makeup, graffiti art, special effects, physical comedy, animation, scenic design, auditioning techniques, musical theater, and more. Classes are taught by highly skilled professionals in their respective fields.

Making their 2004 debut at Stars of Tomorrow are Jeff Schwiekhart, Simon Mandal, and Kathryn Sonners Tuttle.

Schwiekhart, a lifelong resident of Cranford, is joining the staff as voice director. He has a B.A. in music education from Kean College and is currently an instrumental and vocal music teacher in East Rutherford, teaching students in grades K to eight. He had previously taught instrumental music in the Clark public schools. Since 1988, Schwiekhart has played trumpet for the Paper Mill Playhouse and has taught the art of playing the trumpet for the past 20 years. He is a member of the NJEA, MENC, MEBCI, and the American Federation of Musicians Locals. In his spare time, he enjoys boating, fishing, cycling, and going to the Jersey shore.

Mandal, a resident of New Providence, is a 2000 graduate of the Professional Actor's Program at the William Esper Studio, having also attended Mason Gross School of the

Arts at Rutgers University for two years. He studied directly with actors from "Oz," "A Beautiful Mind," and "X-Men 3." While honing his craft, Mandal was featured in many productions, most notably in comedies. Favorite stage roles include Oscar in "The Odd Couple," Mark from the comedic adaptation of the "The Twilight Zone," and roles in the student films "The Chekhov Project," "The Club," and "8-Hour Movie." Mandal also was in more than a dozen plays including the community theater production of "Cheaper by the Dozen," for which he was awarded the Stony Hill Players' Best Actor Scholarship. As a professional, Mandal has just completed his first starring role in an independent film, "Under Pressure." In 2003, he logged more than 100 professional performances of his one-man show, "Simon and His Guitar." He also has toured Rhode Island, New York, and New Jersey as an actor performing improvisational comedy shows with a positive message for kindergartners to eighth-graders, high-schoolers and college students. He has also played some of New York City's most famous clubs. At the Dancing Monkey, Mandal recently headlined a bill featuring "Otto and George," of Howard Stern and Showtime fame. He also has performed free shows to benefit developmentally disabled children and the homeless. Mandal found his way into the camp through the the SOT-spawned powerhouse, the "Short Bus." Having already met some of last year's campers, he is very enthusiastic about making his debut at camp this summer.

Tuttle grew up in Oregon and

Washington state. She has performed at various collegiate and professional events, while working toward her B.A. in music from Brigham Young University, where she studied vocal technique, dance, music dance theater, and education. She studied under professionals including those who taught the likes of Celine Dione and Jennifer Lopez, as well as the head of BYU's international performers, the Young Ambassadors. Tuttle recorded her first album, "Be There," named for the song she wrote as the theme. She has recorded on various albums as lead vocal and back-up, as well, and has traveled to promote her own album as well as others. Tuttle also taught for Showtime Music Dance Theater Company in Utah as an MDT instructor, as well as private vocal instructor. She now resides in Cranford.

Returning counselors from last year are Tony Smith Jr., Megan Mucklemann, Patti Stryker, Kristen Baldoni Szantczik, Jennie Smith, and Jobina Delgado Rivera. Other counselors include Ally Bumin, Kevin Balla, Megan Baniewicz, Brian Ceci, Peter Collier, Rita DeChillo, Jessica Egan, John Merkel, and Kelly Wegryn, Amy Helbig, and Katie Rogers.

The next open house is March 28 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cranford United Methodist Church. The camp is currently accepting registration for all 2004 summer programs. Visit [www.StarzOfTomorrow.com](http://www.StarzOfTomorrow.com) to obtain detailed information on summer programs, camp dates, registration, staff and counselor qualification, and special discount offers. To receive a 2004 Anniversary Brochure, call 908-276-5053.

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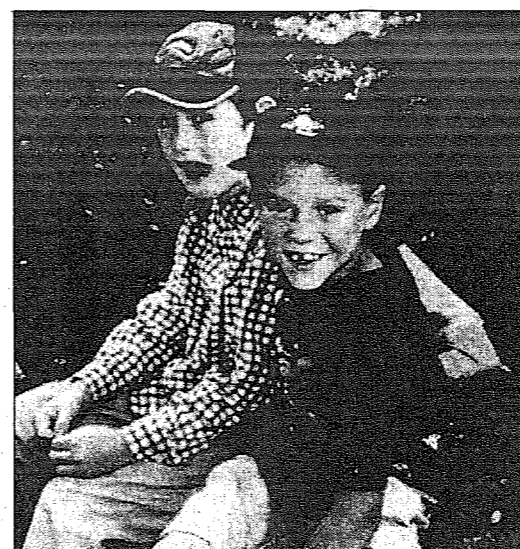
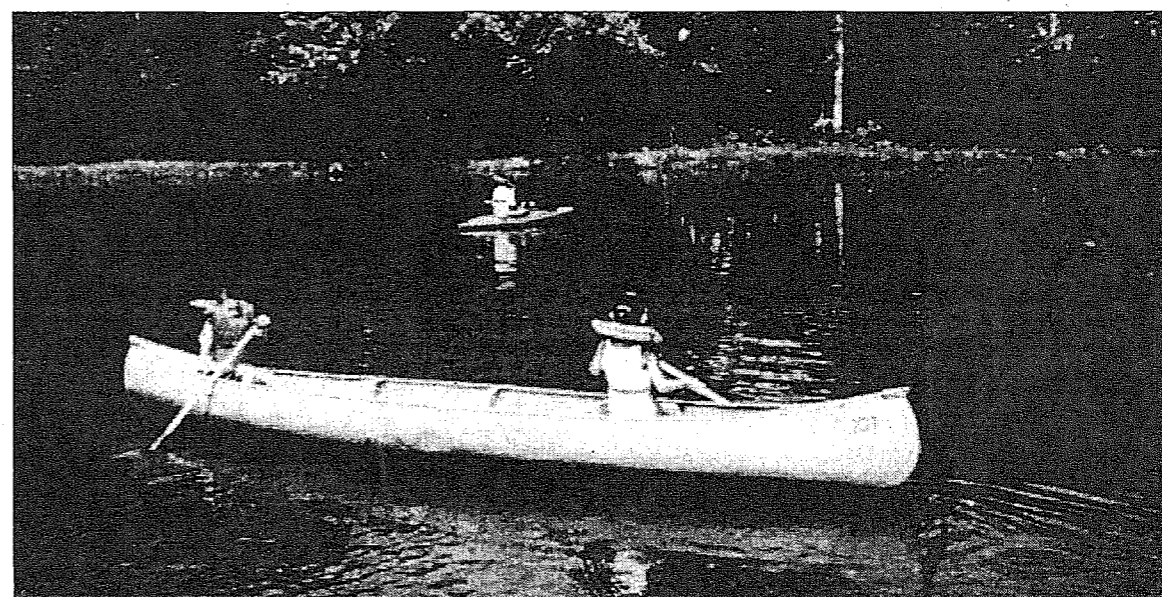
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# Newark Museum unveils programming to mark Black History

In celebration of Black History Month, the Newark Museum has announced its lineup of cultural programming to be offered throughout February.

Titled "Breaking Barriers, Bridging Cultures," the programming features a wide array of offerings.

All programs are free with suggested museum admission unless otherwise noted. Visitors can confirm event locations at the South Wing Information Desk or by calling 973-596-6550.

### Family programs

#### Vacation Day

"Good Day, Mr. President"  
Friday, 1 to 4 p.m.

This drop-in workshop recounts the stories of the country's greatest presidents, including George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Participants will learn how these men and other famous world leaders have been immortalized in painting and sculpture, as well as on money.

#### Lecture/performance

"I, Nat Love: The Story of Deadwood Dick"  
Saturday, 2 p.m.

Rochel Garner Coleman slips on the personae of two legendary pioneers: the famous black cowboy, Nat Love, and Negro League baseball player Thomas "Cool Papa" Bell. Their remarkable life stories offer a glimpse into the times in which these men lived.

#### Super Saturday at the Newark Museum

Feb. 21, 1 to 4 p.m.

Children's Gallery Tours and Art Activities

Words leap off the canvas in this 3-D tour of "My Ethiopia: Recent Paintings of Wosene Worke Kosrof." Children will discover how one artist explores Ethiopia's ancient language through art. This program is offered at 1 and 2 p.m.

Family performance: "Looking Back, Moving Forward: The Spirit of Marcus Garvey"

Referred to as the "Black Moses" during his time, Marcus Garvey was one of the most powerful and influential leaders of the African-American community during the early 20th century. Written and performed by veteran actor Rob Bobb-Semple, this presentation reenacts highlights from Garvey's 1916-25 sojourn to the United States. Presented by Claudron Productions. The program is offered from 2 to 3 p.m.

#### Drop-In Arts Workshops

"All Write!"

Saturdays, through Feb. 28, 1 and 2:30 p.m.

These hands-on workshops allow participants to learn something new while creating something colorful to take home. During the month of February, participants will journey to the East African country of Ethiopia, using the ancient written language of Amharic as a guide. Children will discover how the written word explodes into powerful visual images that tell a story of life and culture.

#### Lectures, films and performances

The 24th annual Marion Thompson Wright Lecture  
"Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas: A Retrospective"

Feb. 21, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Keynote speaker: Roger Wilkins, the Clarence J. Robinson Professor of History and American Culture at George Mason University

Location: The Paul Robeson Campus Center, Rutgers University, Newark

For further information, call 973-353-1871, ext. 11.

This program is sponsored by the Rutgers Institute on Ethnicity, Culture, and the Modern Experience, and is free.

#### Lecture/performance

"Monty Alexander and Yard Movement: Spirit of Jamaica"

Feb. 22, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Pianist Monty Alexander presents interpretations of classic Bob Marley songs from a jazz perspective. Traditional Jamaican music will also be included.

#### Performance

"Cross That River: The Story of Blue"

Feb. 29, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Written and performed by Allan Harris, this musical tells the story of a runaway slave named Blue, who escapes Louisiana in the 1850s and becomes a black cowboy and Buffalo Soldier. His crossing the river represents both a physical and symbolic passage from bondage to freedom.

#### Lecture

"Blues for Tomorrow"

March 21, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Speaker: Stanley Crouch

A columnist, novelist, essayist, critic and television

commentator, Stanley Crouch speaks on today's culture and Americans' sense of identity in what he refers to as "the Age of Redefinition." Crouch is the recipient of both the Jean Stein Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters and a MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Award, as well as the founder of Jazz at Lincoln Center, a not-for-profit organization dedicated jazz education.

#### Gallery tours

Wednesdays to Sundays, 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Tour the treasures of the Newark Museum with an expert docent, featuring the current contemporary African art exhibition, "My Ethiopia: Recent Paintings by Wosene Worke Kosrof." For a complete listing of gallery times and tours, stop by the South Wing Information Desk, or visit the museum's Web site at [www.NewarkMuseum.org](http://www.NewarkMuseum.org). Reserved tours are available for groups of 10 or more by appointment only. For fees and other information, call 973-596-6613.

#### About the Newark Museum

The Newark Museum, located at 49 Washington St. in Newark, is open Wednesdays to Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. Suggested museum admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children and senior citizens. Members are admitted free. For general information, call 973-596-6550 or visit the Web site at [www.NewarkMuseum.org](http://www.NewarkMuseum.org). The Newark Museum receives operating support from the city of Newark, the state of New Jersey, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, and corporate, foundation and individual donors.

## ARTS CLIPS

### Volunteers are sought for annual Teen Arts Festival

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The Union County Teen Arts Festival, sponsored by the Union County

Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Department of Economic Development, is a two-day celebration of the arts held annually at the Union County College campus in Cranford.

The event, scheduled for March 18 and 19, is open to all students from public, private and parochial middle and high schools in Union County.

"At the Teens Arts Festival, more

than 3,000 students participate in performances, critiquing seminars, master classes and workshops with a staff of 50 professional artists in every discipline — visual art, music, writing, theater and dance," said Freeholder Chester Holmes, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "We appreciate the invaluable assistance of Union County residents with this exciting program."

For information, contact the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 908-558-2550; Relay users call 800-852-7899; or send e-mail to [klearly@ucnj.org](mailto:klearly@ucnj.org).

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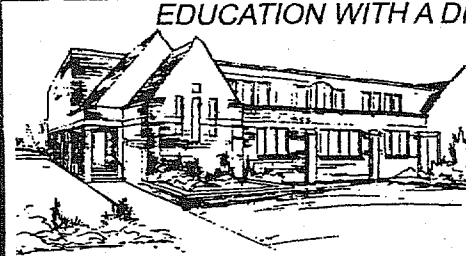
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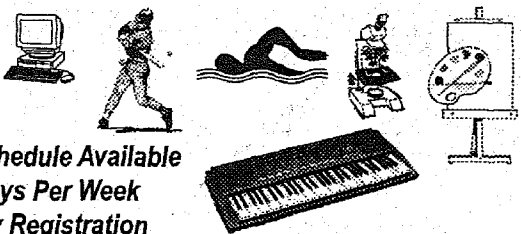
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ART SHOWS

PHOTOGRAPHER GINA BELLANDO will have her work on exhibit in the Freeholders Gallery on the sixth floor of the Union County Administration Building through Feb. 27.

GALLERY HOURS are Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursdays to 8 p.m. The Union County Administration Building is located at Elizabethtown Plaza at Rahway Avenue, Elizabeth.

FROM THE ROCKIES TO THE PACIFIC, works by photographer Marie Burns, will be on exhibit in the Wisner House at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit through March 8.

EXHIBIT HOURS are weekdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit.

ODYSSEY WITH AN OPEN EYE, works by photographer Sheila Lenga of Union, will be on exhibit at the Les Malamut Art Gallery in Union Public Library through March 10.

GALLERY HOURS are Mondays to Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave. in Frisberger Park, Union.

THE FACE IN THE MIRROR, artists' self-portraits, will be on exhibit at the Arts Guild of Rahway from Sunday through March 12. An opening reception will take place Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

GALLERY HOURS are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursdays 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway.

PAINTINGS BY DARIO SCHOLIS will be on exhibit through March 15 at the Pearl Street Gallery in the offices of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

GALLERY HOURS are Mondays to Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Pearl Street Gallery is located at 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth.

18TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL JURIED SHOW will be on exhibit at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through March 17. A panel discussion will take place Feb. 22 at 2 p.m.

GALLERY HOURS are noon to 4 p.m. daily. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit.

PAINTINGS BY MATT JOHNSON will be on exhibit in The Commons at Union County College in Cranford through March 22.

THE Cranford campus of UCC is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, including exhibit hours, call 908-709-7155.

BOOKS

AUTHOR RUSSEL LIKE will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign copies of his new book, "A Bowl of Fruit, A Whale in the Woods."

AUTHOR ROBERT E. TEVIS will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign copies of his new book, "Keep Your Hands Out of My Pocket: Strategies to Get More for Your Money."

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield.

THE 'LORD OF THE RINGS' READING GROUP meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble in Clark.

EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITERS' CIRCLE, led by Cheryl Racanelli, meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark.

CLASSICS BOOK CLUB meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield.

CLOAK AND DAGGER READING GROUP will meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTERESTS meets the second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield.

MYSTERY READING GROUP meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION BOOK GROUP, a monthly reading group featuring staff members' favorite books, meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield.

JEWISH BOOK LOVERS meets the third Monday of the month at Barnes and Noble in Springfield.

BOOKS WE LIKE, a reading group featuring staff recommendations, will meet the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark.

SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading Group meets the third Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark.

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CONCERTS

COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE CONCERT SERIES in Westfield and Springfield will present a series of artists through June at two locations through June.

Saturday: Songwriters in the Round, hosted by acoustic duo Open Book, Springfield

Feb. 21: DaVinci's Notebook, Westfield

March 13: Songwriters in the Round, hosted by Bob Malone, Springfield

March 20: We're About Nine, with opener Devon Sproule, Westfield

April 17: Caroline Aiken, Westfield

May 8: Songwriters in the Round, hosted by Ritt Henn, Springfield

May 15: Sonia/Disappear Fear, with opener Chris Glenn, Westfield

June 12: Songwriters in the Round, hosted by Jessica Owen, Springfield

June 19: Zoë Lewis, Westfield

Westfield concerts are presented at the First United Methodist Church, 1 E. Broad St., Westfield; Springfield concerts are presented at Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Hill, Springfield. Tickets are \$12 and include refreshments.

SANCTUARY CONCERTS in Berkeley Heights will present musical acts in the coming weeks.

Saturday: The Best of Jersey acoustic performers

Feb. 22: Tom Rush

March 13: Michael Smith

March 26: The Bobs

April 10: Bluegrass Festival, featuring the Travis Wetzel Trio, String Fever, and Steppin' In It

Concerts are presented at Union Village Methodist Church, 1130 Mountain Ave., Berkeley Heights. For information, call 973-376-4946 or visit www.sanctuaryconcerts.org.

THE ROYAL PHILHARMONIC will appear in concert, under conductor Daniele Gatti, on Friday at 8 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

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VIOLINIST HILARY HAHN and pianist Natalie Zhu will appear in concert Sunday at 3 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

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CELEBRATION, featuring the Golden Lights, will be presented Sunday at 6 p.m. at Evangel Church, 1251 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains.

MOSTLY MUSIC will present violinist Ani Kavafian, cellist Carter Brey, violist Cynthia Phelps, and fortepianist Kenneth Cooper in a "Baroque Extravaganza" on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield.

ALL-STATE WIND ENSEMBLE, Symphonic Band and Women's Choir will appear in concert Feb. 21 at 4 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

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DOO WOP REUNION TOUR, featuring Lou Christie, Emil Stucchio and The Classics, and The Chiclettes, will be presented by the Union County Arts Center in Rahway on Feb. 21 at 8 p.m.

GOSPEL SINGER WINTLEY PHIPPS will appear in a concert benefiting the Interfaith Council for the Homeless on Feb. 22 at 5 p.m. at Fountain Baptist Church, 116 Glenside Ave., Summit.

RAHWAY VALLEY JERSEYAIRES Barbershop Chorus will appear in the 43rd annual Novice Quartet Competition on Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Rahway High School, Madison Avenue, Rahway.

THE PACO DE LUCIA SEXTET will appear in concert Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

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YOLANDA ADAMS will appear in Gospel Fest at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway on Feb. 28 at 8 p.m.

DANCE

JANT-BI: THE GERMAINE ACOGNY COMPANY will appear in "Rwanda: Fagaala" on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

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BILL T. JONES AND THE ARNIE ZANE DANCE COMPANY will be presented Feb. 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 22 at 2:30 p.m. in the Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

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

THE BATSheVA DANCE COMPANY will be presented Feb. 29 at 2:30 p.m. in the Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

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BALLET HISPANICO will appear March 5 and 6 at 7:30 p.m. and March 7 at 2:30 p.m. in the Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

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SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS will sponsor evenings of international dance throughout the year at The Connection for Women and Families, 79 Maple St., Summit. Sessions are alternate Fridays from 8 to 10:30 p.m.

Y-SQUARES, a local square dance club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Frank K. Hehny School, Raritan Road, Clark. Fee for each lesson is \$4.

DISCUSSION

JOURNAL WRITING GROUP, led by professional life coach Jami Novak, meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble in Clark.

WRITERS' WORKSHOP will meet every other Monday at Barnes and Noble in Springfield, 240 Route 22 West.

FILM

ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY will sponsor a series of free film classics at the Main Branch. All films begin at 10 a.m.

HOBBIES

THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC. meets at 295 Jefferson Ave., Union, behind Home Depot on Route 22 East.

JAZZ

VOCALIST NNENNA FREELON will appear in concert Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

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THE ARTS GUILD OF RAHWAY will present "A Poet in Harlem," a spoken-word jazz opera with music by Vince DiMura and libretto by Willie Perdomo on Feb. 27 at 8 p.m.

KIDS

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TRAILSIDE NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER in Mountainside will sponsor several workshops for the whole family in the coming weeks.

"The Journey of Sap to Syrup" — Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m., Monday and Tuesday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.;

"The World of the Coyote" — Saturday from 1 to 2 p.m.; 6 years old and older with an adult;

"Vertebrates of New Jersey" — Monday and Tuesday from 10 to 11:30 a.m.;

"Wildlife Watch" — Monday and Tuesday from 3 to 4:30 p.m.;

CRAFT TIME for children ages 5 to 10 years old will take place every Monday at 11 a.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will sponsor Tales for Tots Preschool Storytime, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m., and the Kids' Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m.

OPERA

KEAN UNIVERSITY will present the Carl Rosa Opera Company in Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado" on Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Wilkins Theater on the Union campus.

POETRY

POETRY OUT LOUD! will take place at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield.

OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT takes place the second Sunday of every month at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark.

RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old

Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-241-5758.

SINGLES

DINNERMATES and Entrepreneurs Group invites business and professional singles to dinner at a local restaurant; wine and mingling is at 8 p.m., dinner is at 9 p.m.

INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield.

SOCIAL SINGLES DANCING, for 45-year-olds and older, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Yankee Buffet Grand Ballroom, 2660 Morris Ave., Union.

THEATER

PROGRESS THEATER will present "Peaches" by Cristal Truscott on Saturday at 8 p.m. in The Chase Room at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

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CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will present "Smokey Joe's Cafe" through Feb. 21. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.

KEAN UNIVERSITY will present "Joe Turner's Come and Gone" by August Wilson from Friday to Feb. 22 in Wilkins Theater on the Union campus.

CHAMPAYNE ENTERPRISES will present "The Shop" by Monique Singleton on Feb. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Ritz Theater, 1148 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth.

ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE in Elizabeth will present "The Great God Brown" by Eugene O'Neill through March 7.

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE in Millburn will present "The Chosen" by Aaron Posner and Chaim Potok on Wednesday through March 21.

SUMMIT PLAYHOUSE will present "The Imaginary Invalid" by Ferenc Moliere from Feb. 27 to March 13.

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

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SECOND SATURDAYS COFFEEHOUSE will take place the second Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Summit Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit.

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VAN GOGH'S EAR, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesdays are "Acoustic Tuesday," some of which feature open mic from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians.

SATURDAY: The Benthys, 7 to 10 p.m., no cover

SUNDAY: Pam Purvis and Bob Ackerman, 8 to 11 p.m.

TUESDAY: Open mic, 8 to 9 p.m.; Rich Stolp, 9 to 10 p.m.

FEB. 22: The Pat Clare Trio, 8 to 11 p.m.

FEB. 24: Blue Mouse, 8 to 9 p.m.; Breaking Laces, 9 to 10 p.m.

FEB. 29: The Steve Minzer Band, 8 to 11 p.m., a Chris Fiore Benefit

MARCH 2: Open mic, 8 to 9 p.m.; Chris Kasper, 9 to 10 p.m.

MARCH 9: Monkeyworks, 8 to 10 p.m.

MARCH 14: Groove Apparatus, 8 to 11 p.m.

MARCH 16: Open mic, 8 to 9 p.m.; Andy Schneider, 9 to 10 p.m.

MARCH 17: John Playaz, 9 to 11 p.m., no cover

MARCH 21: The Mike Bagetta Trio, 8 to 11 p.m.

MARCH 23: Change of Structure, 8 to 10 p.m.

MARCH 28: Roamin' Gabrielles, 8 to 11 p.m.

MARCH 30: Get Razz, 8 to 9 p.m.

APRIL 4: Guitar Jazz Trio, 8 to 11 p.m.

APRIL 6: Open mic, 8 to 9 p.m.; Ellipsis, 9 to 10 p.m.

APRIL 13: Television Down, 9 to 10 p.m.

APRIL 18: X Marks the Spot, 8 to 11 p.m.

APRIL 20: Open mic, 8 to 9 p.m.; Shamra, 9 to 10 p.m.

APRIL 25: The Benthys, 8 to 11 p.m.

APRIL 27: 13 Scotland Rd., 8 to 9 p.m.; Kevin Brooks, 9 to 10 p.m.

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WORKSHOPS

THE CAPES PROGRAM: "T Afree Archival Evaluation Service" will be sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Liberty Hall Museum, 1003 Morris Ave., Union.

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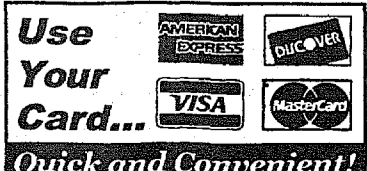
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One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 3.61 percent this week, with an average 0.6 point, up from 3.59 percent last week. At this time last year, the one-year ARM averaged 3.89 percent. (Average commitment rates should be reported along with average fees and points to reflect the total cost of obtaining the mortgage.)

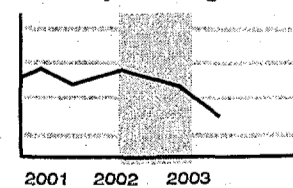
"Shrugging off statements by the Fed last week, mortgage rates remained relatively more stable than bond market yields," said Amy Crews Cutts, Freddie Mac's deputy chief economist. "Without a key indicator that would move it one way or another, the financial market is in something of a state of limbo."

"The prime missing ingredient to sustainable growth is jobs, so January's employment report, due out tomorrow, may just be the sign that is needed to help the market decide which way to go."

## National Averages

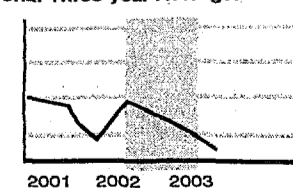
### 30-year mortgage

- National Average: 5.36%
- National Three-year Average:



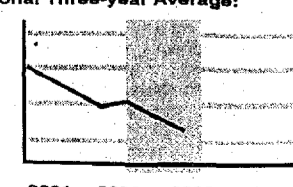
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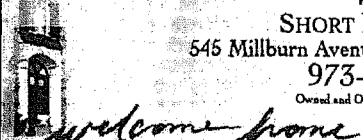
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## Office vacancy rate stable in '03

*The New Jersey industrial market is poised to take advantage of the economic recovery.*

Cushman & Wakefield of New Jersey Inc. has released its year-end 2003 office and industrial market research statistics. The data, which covers 10 counties in northern and central New Jersey, provides information on vacancy rates, rental rates, inventory and construction.

Compiled by the firm's research services team, the latest statistics and recent market activity indicate a number of industry trends. During 2003, the Northern New Jersey office market began to stabilize as overall vacancy rates remained virtually unchanged from 2002, holding at 17.3 percent.

Changing market fundamentals continue to transform the region. Developers completed six buildings totaling 1 million square feet during 2003. Sublease space declined by 1 million square feet during 2003. However many tenants continue to market large blocks in the Northern New Jersey market.

Tenants signed 4.8 million square feet of new leases during the year, with nearly 60 percent occurring after July. Pharmaceutical firms were the main economic drivers in the Northern New Jersey region.

Due to the limited number of office buildings marketed for sale, combined with high vacancy rates in many trophy properties, investors remained more cautious during 2003. As a result, 3.3 million square feet of investment sales were executed in Northern New Jersey, down 39 percent from the three-year average of 5.4 million square feet.

Looking ahead, the strengthening economy and gradual increase in job growth predicted for 2004 should spur more movement among tenants. As major corporate tenants look to consolidate facilities or leave the state,

overall vacancy rates are expected to increase in Northern New Jersey. Developers will continue to move slowly on new construction.

During 2003, the Central New Jersey office market began to stabilize as vacancy rates leveled off at 22.1 percent after three years of steady increases.

Although the telecommunication and high technology sectors are slowly recovering after a prolonged downward period, these sectors continue to negatively impact the landscape throughout Central New Jersey.

A positive sign indicating the desirability of Central New Jersey as a preferred corporate destination was the wave of corporate headquarters relocations to the area. The activity includes such notable companies as Dendrite International, Tyco International, Biovail Pharmaceuticals and Barnes & Noble College Bookstores Inc., among others.

Healthy investment sales activity in Central New Jersey occurred this year as buyers sought out assets with guaranteed revenue streams and limited leasing risk.

Looking ahead, overall vacancy rates are expected to remain flat next year as few large blocks are poised to enter the market. Developers will continue to remain cautious and only break ground once a tenant is secured.

At year-end 2003, the overall New Jersey industrial vacancy rate registered 5.4 percent, a 1.1 percentage point decline from the 6.5 percent recorded one year earlier.

Central New Jersey continues to

show strength, with Middlesex County, home to the Exit 8A submarket, recording a decline of 4.8 million square feet in available industrial space, the largest decrease throughout the region.

Decreasing available space in Northern and Central New Jersey and several construction completions of fully occupied buildings contributed to direct net absorption of 1.5 million square feet during 2003 and pushed average asking rental rates up slightly. Robust industrial leasing activity this year included 24.5 million square feet of new leases, outpacing the total recorded in 2002 by 8 percent.

Industrial construction completions slowed considerably this year, a developers responded to recent economic uncertainty by completing just 2.5 million square feet of new space, compared to 8.1 million square feet in 2002.

Looking ahead, the New Jersey industrial market is poised to take advantage of economic recovery. Its strategic, central location will continue to draw tenant interest. To the extent that interest rates remain low, user sales activity should remain strong. Due to the lack of new product in the construction pipeline, market fundamentals are expected to show improvement in 2004.

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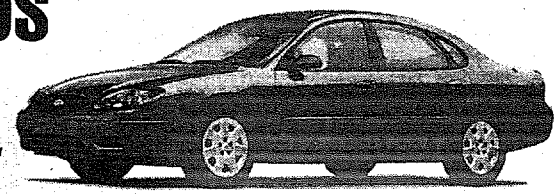


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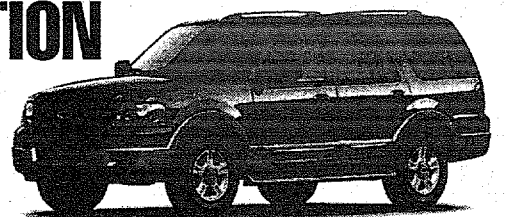


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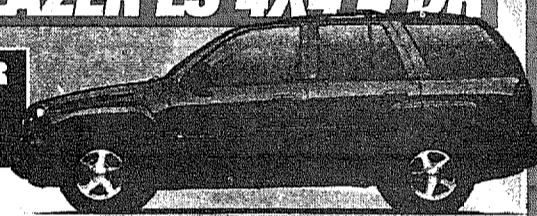


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**2002 JEEP  
LIBERTY LIMITED 4X4 4 DR**



6 cyl, auto, p/st/ABS/winds/lks/mirrors/seats, air, cd, tilt, cruise, r/def, roof rack, airbags, leather bkts, alloy wheels, security sys, A/S radials. 30,085 mi. S/N#6443. VIN#2W173993

**\$19,916**

**1999 LEXUS  
GS400 4 DR**



6 cyl, auto, p/st/ABS/winds/lks/mirrors/seats, air, cd, tilt, cruise, r/def, sunroof, airbags, leather bkts, alloy wheels, security sys, A/S radials. 49,100 mi. S/N#4041A. VIN#10009904

**\$21,516**

**2000 LEXUS  
RX300 AWD 4 DR**



6 cyl, auto, p/st/ABS/winds/lks/mirrors/seats, air, cd, tilt, cruise, r/def, moonroof, luggage, airbags, leather bkts, alloy wheels, security sys, B/W A/S radials. 44,947 mi. S/N#158765. VIN#10158182

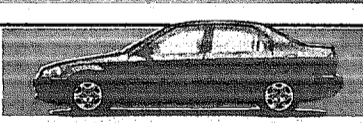
**\$25,916**



**1998 TOYOTA  
COROLLA 4 DR**

4 cyl, 5 spd, manual, p/st/brks/winds/lks/mirrors, air, cd, tilt, cruise, r/def, airbags, cloth int, A/S radials. 71,000 mi. S/N#6311A. VIN#FW048014

**\$5916**



**1998 HONDA  
CIVIC LX 4 DR**

4 cyl, auto, p/st/brks/winds/lks/mirrors, air, am/fm stereo, tilt, cruise, r/def, airbags, cloth int, A/S radials. 48,046 mi. S/N#6432

**\$8116**



**2000 DODGE  
RAM MAXI 2500 CARGO VAN 4 DR**

8 cyl, auto, p/st/brks, air, am/fm stereo, tilt, cruise, r/def, airbags, cloth int, A/S radials. 63,772 mi. S/N#40358A. VIN#1P118056

**\$9516**



**2000 CHEVROLET  
S10 4X4 2 DR**

6 cyl, auto, p/st/brks, air, cd, tilt, cruise, airbags, A/S radials. 52,672 mi. S/N#8780. VIN#1YK213372

**\$9916**



**1999 SUBARU  
LEGACY GT AWD 4 DR**

4 cyl, auto, p/st/ABS/winds/lks/mirrors, air, cd, tilt, cruise, r/def, sunroof, airbags, cloth int, alloy wheels, A/S radials. 28,386 mi. S/N#6884. VIN#F725377

**\$11,716**



**2001 CHEVROLET  
BLAZER 4X4 2 DR**

6 cyl, auto, p/st/ABS/winds/lks/mirrors, air, cd, tilt, cruise, r/def, airbags, cloth bkts, security sys, B/W A/S radials. 30,000 mi. S/N#6417. VIN#1K117841

**\$12,816**



**2001 CHRYSLER  
TOWN & COUNTRY EX 5 DR**

6 cyl, auto, p/st/ABS/winds/lks/mirrors/seats, air, cd, tilt, cruise, r/def, airbags, cloth int, alloy wheels, A/S radials. 44,152 mi. S/N#40494. VIN#1Z382479

**\$12,916**



**2001 CHEVY  
EXPRESS 12 PASS VAN 4 DR**

8 cyl, auto, p/st/brks, air, am/fm stereo, tilt, cruise, airbags, A/S radials. 35,715 mi. S/N#89343. VIN#1130207

**\$14,516**



**2001 FORD  
EXPLORER SPORT TRAC XLT 4X4 4 DR**

6 cyl, auto, p/st/ABS/winds/lks/mirrors/seats, air, cd, tilt, cruise, hard tonneau cov, sunroof, airbags, leather bkts, alloy wheels, security sys, A/S radials. 33,810 mi. S/N#40331A. VIN#1A18585

**\$19,716**



**2001 FORD  
EXPEDITION 4 DR**

8 cyl, auto, p/st/ABS/winds/lks/mirrors/seats, air, cd, tilt, cruise, r/def, roof rack, airbags, leather bkts, alloy wheels, security sys, A/S radials. 25,209 mi. S/N#40190A. VIN#1A17284

**\$20,516**



**2002 CHEVROLET  
TRAILBLAZER LT 4X4 4 DR**

6 cyl, auto, p/st/ABS/winds/lks/mirrors/seats, air, cd, tilt, cruise, r/def, roof rack, airbags, leather bkts, alloy wheels, security sys, A/S radials. 31,403 mi. S/N#6448. VIN#2211246

**\$22,516**



**2000 CHEVROLET  
SUBURBAN LT 4X4 4 DR**

8 cyl, auto, p/st/ABS/winds/lks/mirrors/seats, air, cd, tilt, cruise, r/def, roof rack, airbags, leather bkts, alloy wheels, security sys, A/S radials. 69,223 mi. S/N#9021. VIN#1G216901

**\$23,516**

**2003 DODGE  
DAKOTA SLT QUAD-CAB 4X4 4 DR**



8 cyl, auto, p/st/ABS/winds/lks/mirrors, air, cd, tilt, cruise, r/def, airbags, alum whls, A/S radials. 33,293 mi. S/N#8461. VIN#1S238399

**\$22,916**



**2002 CHEVROLET  
AVALANCHE 4X4 Z71 4 DR**

8 cyl, auto, p/st/ABS/winds/lks/mirrors/seats, air, cd, tilt, cruise, r/def, roof rack, airbags, leather bkts, alloy wheels, security sys, A/S radials. 32,382 mi. S/N#4463. VIN#2G354007

**\$27,916**



**2001 TOYOTA  
SEQUOIA LTD 4X4 4 DR**

8 cyl, auto, p/st/ABS/winds/lks/mirrors/seats, air, cd, tilt, cruise, r/def, roof rack, airbags, leather bkts, alloy wheels, security sys, A/S radials. 25,209 mi. S/N#40402A. VIN#1S04256

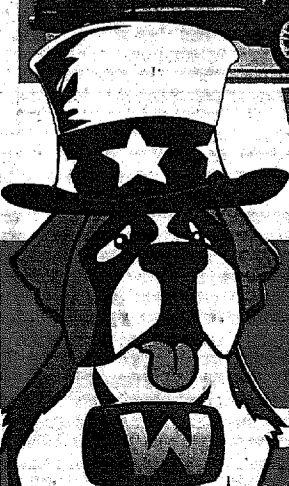
**\$32,516**

**2000 LINCOLN  
NAVIGATOR 4X4**



8 cyl, auto, p/st/ABS/winds/lks/mirrors/seats, air, cd, tilt, cruise, r/def, moonroof, roof rack, airbags, leather bkts, alloy wheels, security sys, A/S radials. 30,215 mi. S/N#40399A. VIN#1010626

**\$26,516**



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