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Officials watch and wait for fate of school budget

By David Learn
Managing Editor

In just five days, when Clark voters decide the fate of the school district's budget, they also may decide how contract negotiations go, a board member said.

The budget going before voters is for \$25,061,524. Residents would pay \$3.52 for every \$100 of their home's assessed value if that budget is approved, a 10.8-percent increase from last year. The owner of an average Clark home, assessed at \$108,000, would pay \$3,801.60, about \$240 more than last year.

"If the budget gets defeated, what number of money would they (the Township Council) be looking for to get it down lower?" board member Bruce Best said. The council is authorized to make cuts in the budget if voters defeat it. "If they come up and say we have to cut another \$500,000 or \$1 million, where's it going to come from?"

Best, who is on the negotiations committee, would not say what terms the school board and teachers union have been discussing, citing the confidential nature of the discussions.

Karen Amalfi, who heads the committee,

did not return a call seeking comment.

The budget, when it was pieced together, assumed that teachers would receive the same level of pay increase they received this year. That alone increases the salaries and wages portion of the budget by \$327,234, with another \$507,101 increase allotted for benefits.

That is despite plans to eliminate nine positions from the district staff. Salaries and benefits are contractually mandated, prompting many districts to complain that increases there often outpace the state-imposed cap on budget increases, leaving school boards with little

choice but to cut other programs.

Much of the 10.8-percent increase in the budget is outside the control of the school board, board members have said.

In addition to its salary and benefits obligations, the board has been ordered by a state administrative law judge to begin making payments to Garwood and Mountainside in connection with the breakup of the former Union County Regional School District.

School officials have maintained there are no extras built into the budget.

In addition to the budget question, voters

will elect three of five candidates to the school board for a three-year term. Best is the lone incumbent seeking re-election. Also running are Jessica Kinsella, Tom Lewis, Sheri Sandler and Carmen Brocato.

If voters choose to reject the budget, it will go to the Township Council for review. By state statute, the council has the authority to order the school district to cut the budget, although school officials are left to decide where and how to make the cuts.

Democratic Party announces slate

By David Learn
Managing Editor

There were a few setbacks on the way, but the Clark Democrats reached a final ticket.

Leading the ticket is Sheree Bosze of Frances Drive, a third-generation Clark resident who will run in November against Mayor Sal Bonaccorso, a Republican. Bosze's grandfather, Anthony Bosze, founded the Clark Little League.



Bosze

"I think she reflects our vision of Clark and what we want it to become," said Nancy Sheridan, the Democratic municipal chairwoman. "There's a lot of issues, and when we talk to her, she's right there. She's right on the same page."

Bosze did not return calls seeking comment on her candidacy. A statement from the Democratic Party identifies her as a 1984 alumna of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, and notes that she has served on the Clark Wildlife Preserve and Habitat improvement committee. She also is active in the Hahnly School PTA.

"She's very outspoken and very committed, and that's what we're looking for," Sheridan said Monday.

Bosze is a management supervisor for Associates in Cardiovascular Disease LLC in Springfield, where she oversees insurance operations.

Bosze studied at the New York

School of Interior design before returning to Clark 10 years later.

She and her husband, Dean, live on Frances Drive with their son, Dalton, 9, and daughter, Victoria, 5.

In addition to the mayorship, voters in November will fill three at-large council seats. Republican candidates are incumbents Angel Albanese and Al Barr, and Sheila Whiting, who recently finished a term on the Board of Education.



Romano

The Democrats are running political newcomer Leslie Romano, as well as James Spaziani and Sheridan. Spaziani and Sheridan ran unsuccessfully for council in 2000.

Sheridan repeated a common Democratic sentiment, that there is a need for a greater variety of voices on the Township Council, which has been all Republican since the 2002 election.



Spaziani

Among the specific concerns Sheridan cited were the gradual creep of businesses into otherwise residential areas, and the fate of the U.S. Gypsum site and vacant A&P storefront on Raritan Road.

U.S. Gypsum filed for bankruptcy protection last year, and the A&P site has been empty for years. The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., which owns the supermarket chain, has Planning Board approval to redevelop the

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Rain-kissed



Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

Drops of rain sparkle and fall from the petals of a new flower bud on Monday afternoon.

Ellenport death rocks community

By David Learn
Managing Editor

Friends and family were left shocked and at a loss for words this week by the sudden and unexpected death of Beverly Ellenport.

The founder and longtime president of the Clark Benefit Fund, Mrs. Ellenport died about 9:30 a.m. Monday at John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison from an unknown infection. She was buried Wednesday at Mount Lebanon Cemetery in Iselin, following a service at 1 p.m. at Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union. She was 55.

"It was sudden and fast," said her husband, former Mayor Robert Ellenport. "She wasn't in any pain."

The Ellenports had known each other since 10th grade, when they attended Union High School together and met in the school chorus. Their relationship survived a separation during their college years; it survived another year of separation when Robert Ellenport, who is also an attorney, was based in Connecticut for a year to defend a client in a lengthy court battle; and it survived her husband's involvement in Clark politics over a 14-year period.

"We dated for 39 years," he said Tuesday afternoon. The couple would have celebrated their 33rd anniversary on June 19.

Friends and colleagues say Mrs. Ellenport's greatest legacy is the love she had for teaching and for her students. At the time of her death, Mrs. Ellenport had been a reading specialist in the Mountainside public school district for 15 years.

"She was one of the most extremely professional individuals I've ever come in contact with," said Gerard Schaller, Mountainside chief school administrator, who worked with Mrs. Ellenport for six years. "She was dedicated to the students and would help anybody. She was always there."

Mrs. Ellenport had a bachelor's degree from Trenton State College, a master's degree in remedial reading from New York University and a master's degree in educational administration and supervision from Kean College.

As a reading specialist at Deerfield School, Mrs. Ellenport helped students to overcome reading difficulties, and worked with them to improve their study skills, take better notes in class, and do a better job outlining and writing assigned papers.

"Beverly took a one-on-one interest with each of her students," said her husband. He recalled one of her students, who originally had not expected even to finish high school. After graduating from high school, the student wrote to Mrs. Ellenport, "Without you, my life would have been a disaster."

Schaller added that Mrs. Ellenport, who designed the district's study skills, received the utmost respect from all of her colleagues.

While substitute teachers are helping to fill the void left upon her passing, one faculty member is helping to guide the study skills program without its founder.

"We'll miss her approach and the beautiful smile she always had on her face," Schaller added.

Locally, Mrs. Ellenport is well known as the founder of Clark Benefit Fund, an annual fund-raiser that assists nonprofits based in Clark.

"Beverly was all about the kids and whatever benefitted kids, which is why the Clark Benefit Fund was started, to help children," said Beth



Beverly Ellenport

"She was a delight to be around. Not only was she physically beautiful, she made people feel good about themselves."

— Robert Ellenport

Adamusik, who worked several years as vice president of the fund under Mrs. Ellenport.

Adamusik, who knows the Ellenports socially also, recalled the personal interest that Mrs. Ellenport took in her daughters and their education.

"Education was very big for Beverly," said Adamusik. "She used to bring me books and literature for my middle daughter. She knew Jenna loves to learn, and she would bring her things because she thought she would be interested."

For her husband, Mrs. Ellenport's death means the loss of a lifelong companion and the loss of a partner who was involved in all his major decisions, particularly when it came to his involvement in local politics and his decision to resist an ultimately unsuccessful effort to recall him from office during the mid-1990s.

"I would not have done it without her consent to do so," said Robert Ellenport. "She was a true companion and a true friend."

At their home on Tuesday afternoon as the rain poured outside, Robert Ellenport was still coming to terms with the earthquake his wife's sudden departure has brought to his life, as dozens of little things demand attention. Home projects his wife had wanted to undertake, like widening the driveway, are left incomplete.

"She always saw the positive side of people, of events," he said. "She was a delight to be around. Not only was she physically beautiful, she made people feel good about themselves."

In addition to her work with the Clark Benefit Fund, Mrs. Ellenport was a member of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth-Or in Clark, the National Education Association and the International Reading Association.

Born in Newark, she lived in Union and New York City before moving to Clark.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by their son, Aaron, and daughter, Rachel; two sisters, Sharon Libes Green and Sandra Lember, and a brother, Richard Libes.

Memorial contributions can be sent to American Diabetes Association Memorial and Honor Program, Attn: Call Center, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, OH 44720.

Staff Writer Rick Klittich contributed to this report.

Raritan Rd. bridge work nears finish

Engineer: Project on time, on budget

By David Learn
Managing Editor

Motorists tired of shifting lanes every time they cross the Raritan Road bridge are in for a bit of good news: Repairs are almost finished.

A contractor has been working on replacing the county-owned bridge since June 20. Work should end more than a month ahead of schedule, according to the Union County Division of Engineering.

"We anticipate that by May 1st we should have the road paved and the bridge open," County Engineer Jeffery Sias said Tuesday afternoon. "Actually, we're anticipating a little before that, but again with the weather, we're anticipating a little before May 1."

Only two lanes wide, the Raritan Road bridge crosses the Clark Natural Habitat and Wildlife Preserve just south of Westfield Avenue, not far from the Clark Volunteer Emergency Services squad house. The bridge is on grade with the rest of the road.

As part of Raritan Road, the bridge serves as a major traffic artery for commuters headed from Woodbridge and Edison to Garden State Parkway Exit 135 in Clark. An estimated 40,000 cars cross the bridge each day.

County officials originally had planned to keep only a single lane open during the entire course of the project, but decided in October, when the first half of the project had been completed, that it would be possible to open the bridge to traffic in both directions.

The new bridge is 110 feet long,



Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

Carlos Fernandes pushes a manhole into place on the Raritan Road bridge Monday afternoon. County officials expect to see the work project finish by the end of the month.

with a 60-foot span from one side to the other. Pedestrians can cross the bridge along 7-foot-wide sidewalks with elaborate stonework guardrails.

Once the second lane of the bridge opens, contractors will finish some stray bits of work connected with the project, including restoring the wetlands that disturbed while crews worked on the project, and other less-intensive aspects of the project, like

the stonework that adorns the guardrails.

Officials have said the repairs were necessary because of deteriorating steel supports and concrete.

Constructed in 1927, the bridge has been rebuilt in its entirety to rectify the wear and tear the bridge has endured during the last 75 years.

The county also is finishing work at the Goodmans Crossing bridge in

Clark, a \$760,000 project that Sias says is coming in under budget.

"We're just waiting for the weather to give us a span of a few days to finish paving it," he said.

Like the Raritan Road project, the Goodmans Crossing bridge has been open only one lane at a time, although the traffic load is substantially lower there.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Upcoming April 22

• Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, 875 Raritan Road, will hold a blood drive from 3 to 8:30 p.m.

April 23

• The Skulski Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation will present the photographic works by Claire Warlikowski of Jersey City with an opportunity to meet the artist from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. The Polish Cultural Foundation, a nonprofit organization, is located at 177 Broadway.

For more information, call 732-382-7197.

• St. Agnes School, 332 Madison Hill Road, will hold an art show and auction benefit in its auditorium. A preview will begin at 7 p.m., with the auction beginning at 8 p.m. Admission costs \$15 per person, or \$20 per couple, which includes wine, beer, refreshments and door prizes.

For more information, to order advance tickets, or to request a particular artist, call Ellen Tavormina at 908-226-1958.

April 26

• The Department of Public Works will collect residential recyclables. Newspaper, magazines, junk mail, catalogs, notebooks, office paper, telephone books can now be put together in a paper bag or tied with string.

Co-mingled glass, aluminum, steel and plastic containers can be mixed together in a sturdy reusable container no larger than 32 gallons.

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

April 27

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

April 28

• The Board of the Clark Public Library will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the local history room of Rahway Free Public Library, 275 E. Milton Ave., Rahway.

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

May 1

• St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will sponsor the ninth annual Country Western dinner and dance at the Gran Centurions, 440 Madison Hill Road, Clark. The event will feature live music by Miss Babs and the Kickin' Boogie Band, and DJ's Jim and Wanda York.

For information and tickets, call Ray Fleming at 732-382-7167.

May 3

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

May 10

• The Department of Public Works will collect residential recyclables. Newspaper, magazines, junk mail, catalogs, notebooks, office paper, telephone books can now be put together in a paper bag or tied with string.

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May 12

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May 17

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

May 24

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Democrats unveil slate for fall election

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site, but its permits are approaching the point of expiration.

"We have to think about what we want there," said Sheridan, who sat on the Planning Board from 1998 to 2002, and served on the Environmental Commission from 1994 to 2002. "I think we need to be more proactive in recruiting the types of businesses and uses that we want in town, instead of letting it come to us."

Sheridan and her husband, Tom Sheridan, live on Durham Drive with their two sons, Brian, 10, and Kevin, 9.

Romano also graduated from ALJ, and graduated from Penn State

in 1969. She had her own computer consulting firm for 13 years, handling computer conversions and writing systems manuals.

She has held positions in systems management and analysis for Coffee Mat in Kenilworth, Codase Inc. in Nutley, and now works for Chase Home Finance.

Spaziani is a lifelong Clark resident. A member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment from 1999 to 2003, he also has served as a coach for Clark Little League.

The primary election will be held in June. The four candidates now on the ticket are expected to face their Republican opponents in the general election to be held this November.

AT THE LIBRARY

Library invites parents to make time for kids

Clark children are invited to register for programs at Rahway Free Public Library, Milton Avenue and Main Street, Rahway, while construction continues at Clark Public Library.

The spring session will begin April 28 and will end May 26. The program schedule will match the Rahway public school calendar. When the Rahway public schools are not in session, children's programs will not be held.

Time for Twos and Threes is for children 2 and 3 years old. A parent or caregiver must attend this 30-minute program with the child.

Time for Twos and Threes will be held at 9:30 a.m. April 28 and May 3, 10, 17, and 24.

Time for Fours and Fives is for children 4 and 5 years old. A parent or caregiver must attend this 30-minute program with the child. Time for Fours and Fives will be held at 9:30 a.m. April 29 and May 4, 11, 18, and 25.

Big Kids Club is for children enrolled in kindergarten through third grade. Big Kids Club will be held on from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. April 30 and May 5, 12, 19, and 26.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Monday. Clark residents may register

by phone at 732-340-1551, ext. 222, or in person at the children's department. Registration is limited.

For more information about these programs, call 732-340-1551.

Return library materials at Municipal Building

Residents can return library materials borrowed from either the Clark or Rahway public library to a drop box in the front of the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building.

The drop box will be emptied several times a day, with material taken to Rahway Free Public Library for check-in.

Clark residents who reserve library material will be called as soon as the requested item becomes available. Reserved items can be picked up at the circulation desk at Rahway Free Public Library, Milton Avenue and Main Street.

The Rahway library is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays; and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

For more information, call Clark library Director Maureen Baker Wilkinson at 732-388-5999, or via e-mail at mbwilkinson@clarklibrary.org.

Town wants volunteers for emergency response

Clark is attempting to start a Community Emergency Response Team program.

The CERT concept dates back to 1985, when the Los Angeles Fire Department recognized that in the early stages of a major disaster local emergency responders could be overwhelmed, and basic training in disaster survival and rescue skills could improve the ability of community members to help themselves until responders or other assistance arrived.

This program, which now exists in about 40 states, is being promoted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State Police Office of Emergency Management.

This program is an eight-week, 20-hour training program that provides information on a variety of topics.

Participants will receive training in team organization; identifying hazards most likely to affect their homes or community, and disaster preparedness, basic fire knowledge, basic First Aid training, light search and rescue, and terrorism.

This program is intended to train people to be better able to help themselves and their families, to possibly help their neighbors, and if they choose, to help their community by assisting the various township emergency services in a major emergency situation.

CERT members who volunteer to help on a community level during an emergency situation could be used for a number of things including: staffing emergency operations centers or shelters, providing food and supplies to the Police and Fire departments, or First Aid Squad personnel, or delivering pumps and/or generators to other residents in time of flooding or power outages.

For more information, contact the Office of Emergency Management at 732-388-3600, ext. 3007.

Send contact information for ALJ 25th year reunion

The Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School Class of 1979 will hold

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its 25th-year reunion Oct. 16 at The Gran Centurions, 440 Madison Hill Road.

Classmates should current contact information to alclassof1979@comcast.net or call Jean Harrison McAllister at 908-317-0252.

Cart rentals at half price at Hyatt Hills golf course

The Hyatt Hills Golf Complex is offering a 50 percent-discount off cart rentals through April 15.

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 course provides a challenge for players of all levels. All nine holes have various tee locations, creating different angles to make the course playable as an 18-hole course with a slope rating of 130.

Contoured with clusters of trees and a 5/4-acre pond, the course provides a challenging water hazard on its signature hole.

The Hyatt Hills Golf Complex is located at 1300 Raritan Road. For more information, call 732-669-9100 or visit www.hyatthills.com.

Branch pickup offered April through September

The Department of Public Works will collect residents branches from April through September.

Residents should begin leaving branches out for pickup during the third week of the month, for DPW workers to collect during the fourth week of the month.

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Only branches will be picked up during this pickup schedule. Wood and furniture will not be picked up.

Regular grass collection will begin April 21

The Department of Public Works will hold regular grass pickup from April 21 through Oct. 27.

Containers should hold no more than 20 gallons and weigh no more than 40 pounds each. Containers must be placed by the curb no later than 6 a.m. Wednesdays.

DPW workers will not collect grass left in plastic bags or mixed with any other material.

Bulky material pickup offered by appointment

The Department of Public Works will collect used appliances by appointment only on Mondays.

Appliances that will be collected include refrigerators, cast iron radiators, hot water heaters and other metal items.

Call the DPW at 732-388-5305 or at 732-388-3600, ext. 3096, to schedule a pickup appointment.

Take used motor oil to DPW to recycle it

The Department of Public Works will accept used motor oil to recycle from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the last Saturday of each month.

The DPW facility will be closed holidays, and on Saturdays before Monday holidays. The DPW is located at 315 Westfield Ave.

raphy Department, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083. Payment must be made in advance.

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MICHELIN HARMONY

Resident hears crackling, no fire found

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Lexington Boulevard apartment complex for a fire alarm at 1:52 a.m. Friday.

Upon arrival, a resident stated she heard a crackling sound in the kitchen area. Visual examination and the use of a thermal imaging camera did not identify any problems. The fire alarm system was reset.

The Fire Department responded to a Raritan Road residence for a reported oven fire, at 11:25 a.m. April 10.

The fire was extinguished. The Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at a Westfield Avenue residence at 5:55 p.m. Friday.

Firefighters blamed the alarm on cooking that had been left unattended.

The Fire Department was dispatched to the area of Locust Grove and Orchard Terrace for a reported gas can on fire, at 3 p.m. Friday.

No fire was visible. The Fire Department responded to a church on old Raritan Road for a fire alarm, at 1 p.m. April 6.

The fire alarm had been activated by workers in the basement area.

The Fire Department responded to the Riverview Apartments at Goodman's Crossing for a fire alarm at 12:31 p.m. April 5.

Investigation determined that there was no apparent cause for the activation.

The alarm system was reset.

FIRE BLOTTER

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Mae Belle Drive residence for a fire alarm, at 11:12 a.m. April 5.

Investigation determined that the fire alarm had been activated by contractors working in the residence.

The Fire Department truck company assisted the Police Department at Marshall's department store on Central Avenue, at 6:06 p.m. April 4.

The Fire Department removed a piece of flashing from the roof that had become loose in the high winds.

The Fire Department responded to a car fire on Grand Street, at 12:21 p.m. April 4.

The fire was extinguished, but the engine compartment of the vehicle sustained heavy fire damage.

The Fire Department was dispatched for a fire alarm at the Jehovah's Witnesses church on Old Raritan Road, at 3:36 p.m. April 3.

A smoke detector in the basement had been activated, possibly from dust from cleaning activities in the area.

The Fire Department responded to a Terhune Road residence for a report of smoke in the basement, at 1:10 p.m. April 3.

There was a problem with the gas furnace. Attempts to shut off the furnace with the emergency switch did

not work and the gas supply to the house was shut off at the gas meter.

Elizabethtown Gas Co. came to the scene to make any necessary repairs.

The Fire Department responded to a Tudor Drive residence for a carbon monoxide alarm at 12:51 p.m. March 31.

The Fire Department detected minimal carbon monoxide throughout the residence, and occupants did not have any symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Elizabethtown Gas Co. came to determine whether any repairs were necessary.

The Fire Department responded to a pickup truck on fire on Westfield Avenue at 12:18 p.m. March 29.

Firefighters found heavy fire in the engine compartment. The fire was extinguished, but the truck had sustained heavy fire damage.

The Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at the Deutscher Club, at 6:21 p.m. March 27.

The alarm system had malfunctioned.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Terminal Avenue manufacturing facility for a fire alarm at 9:01 a.m. March 26.

There had been a malfunction in a pull-box station. The fire alarm company was to be notified to make the necessary repairs.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a fire alarm at a Sandal-

wood Drive residence at 12:12 p.m. March 25.

A smoke detector had been activated by wood floor sanding being performed by a contractor.

The Fire Department responded to a Terminal Avenue manufacturing facility for a fire alarm at 8:45 p.m. March 24.

The alarm had been tripped by a water flow sensor in the alarm system. There were no apparent problems and the alarm company was contacted by the building owner to make the necessary repairs.

The Fire Department was dispatched to Arthur L. Johnson High School for a fire alarm at 12:20 p.m. March 24.

There was no apparent cause for the activation, so the detector was replaced by maintenance personnel.

The Fire Department was dispatched for a fire alarm at Quick Check on Westfield Avenue at 3:13 a.m. March 24.

There was no apparent cause for the activation.

The Fire Department was dispatched to the area of Westfield Avenue by ACE Town Hardware for a report of sparking electrical wires and a leaning utility pole at 4:18 a.m. March 22.

Firefighters found no sparking wires. The Fire Department secured the area until PSE&G could evaluate the situation.



Roger DaSilva recalls the night he lost his father in the Dawn Drive conflagration. Also pictured are Constance DaSilver, co-organizer of the fund-raiser Sheila Whiting, Mayor Sal Bonocorro and Nelson DaSilva.

Victims of fire share how faith has helped

Faith. That's what 19-year-old Roger DaSilva expressed to the hushed crowd that attended the benefit breakfast at the Gran Centurions on April 3.

DaSilva shared the horrific experience of the night of his father's death in the gas explosion and fire of their Dawn Drive Cape Cod home.

"God has a plan for us. Without him comforting us, we would have nothing," he said.

After offering a prayer, he also explained to his neighbors and community members, "I pray for the reunion of the people in the community who are apart from their families now. Life is so short ... you never know what it will bring."

And who should know better than the DaSilva family, which lost Joao DaSilva, 46, in the accident.

The breakfast was a benefit for Constance, Roger and Nelson DaSilva who lost their husband and father in a gas explosion of their house in Clark in January. The breakfast turned into a tribute to the depth of the human spirit propelled by a strong faith.

Both Constance and Roger spoke to the community group comprising senior citizens, children and parents who bought tickets to support the effort to raise money for the family. Officers and members of the Clark Kiwanis Club came to lend support and add a \$250 check for the family.

The benefit was spearheaded by Steve Kulbaba and Sheila Whiting, a Republican candidate for the Township Council.

"The sponsors had the idea and asked us to chair it," said Whiting. "I just want to thank the whole community for their support and outreach."

Whiting is a longtime supporter of the Clark Educational system as a PTA President, committee chairperson, and Board of Education member.

Kulbaba said the motivation for his involvement came from his love of the community. When he first heard of the disaster, he knew he wanted to help in some way.

"It was time to assist in this project," he said. "It's working with people like John Gennaro from Cuts Fitness in Clark that makes it worthwhile."

For years, Kulbaba has been instrumental in running fund-raisers such as the ALJ High School's Project Graduation and Clark Kiwanis Club's Scholarship Fund.

Whiting and Kulbaba secured the help of Troop 145 of the Clark Boy Scouts of America under the direction of Scoutmaster Neil Curcio to serve the lavish breakfast buffet.

Curcio, also the chairman of the Board of the Gran Centurions, said they were happy to donate the facility, the staff and the volunteer group of Scouts.

EDUCATION

Aragona named teacher of the month at ALJ

John Aragona, a science teacher at Arthur L. Johnson High School, has been named the school's teacher of the month.

Aragona was raised in Kenilworth and graduated from Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in 1965.

He received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Seton Hall University in 1969. In that year, he married Rosalie Aragona during semester break.

He went on to earn a master's degree in secondary education from Seton Hall University and his sixth-year level in science education from Rutgers University Graduate School of Education.

Aragona began his teaching career at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in 1969.

While at ALJ, he has taught chemistry, honors chemistry, oceanography, earth science, biology and gifted and talented programs.

He also served as class adviser to the Class of 1989 and coached the Academic Challenge Team.

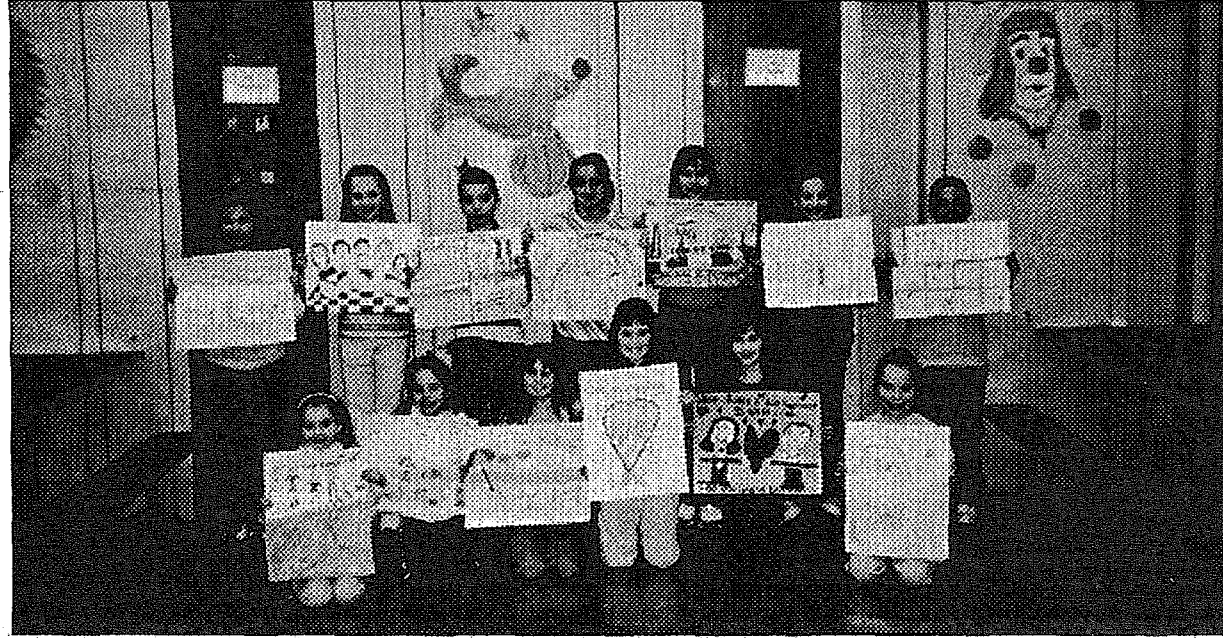
He and his wife are the parents of a married daughter, Christine, who lives with her husband, Kyle, in South Carolina; and a son, John Jr., who lives in Connecticut with his wife.

Outside school, Aragona relaxes by smoking cigars, reading, cooking Italian food and attending the opera and theater.

He plans to retire this year and move to Murrells Inlet, S.C.

School looks to future, chasing accreditation

Arthur L. Johnson High School is seeking re-accreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools using the Accreditation for Growth protocol, and has formed a planning team to accomplish this task.



Children in kindergarten to fifth grade at Valley Road School were chosen to have their artwork sent to the 2005 Calendar Art Contest, sponsored by the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect and the New Jersey PTA. The children illustrated this year's theme, 'What Makes a Happy Family...' The Valley Road School PTA presented the 10 winners and four honorable mentions with a certificate and gift card from Target, including, from left, Danielle Carnovale, Aleksandra Wec, Jimmy Douglas, Cathryn Vaccaro, Elizabeth Zalewski, Brenna Westcott and Dom Strumolo; and, front, Mariel Loughlin, Toni Rose Alceia, Jaclyn Calo, Pati Bailey, Stephanie Budrock and Marissa Hampp. Not pictured is Zack Caplette.

The committee consists of students, parents, teachers and community members.

Accreditation for Growth is a unique accreditation process that uses strategic and site-based planning as vehicles for school improvement and growth in student performance.

The process, developed by the Commission on Secondary Schools, Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges, provides linkages between district and site planning efforts.

The primary determinants of progress are actual student results rather than the input of resources. Accreditation for Growth requires the school to base its objectives on a

vision of a preferred future and thus is a future-oriented process.

Accreditation for Growth provides for a continuous review of programs and services and allows diverse constituent groups to participate in charting the future of the school.

A five-member validation team will visit Arthur L. Johnson in the fall. This team is a group of professional educators appointed by the Committee on Institutionwide Accreditation to visit a school using the Accreditation for Growth process.

First, the team assesses the planning processes used by the school in developing the plan; the team determines the school's adherence to planning requirements as outlined by

CIWA as well as whether the planning processes will ensure continuous improvement and commitment.

Second, the team reviews the content of the school's plan to judge the validity and clarity of the plans along with the level of commitment to implementation.

Finally, it is the team's responsibility to review the school's maintenance and implementation of the Middle States Association accreditation standards.

School scheduled auction of artwork

St. Agnes School will hold an art show and auction benefit April 23 at the St. Agnes School auditorium, 332 Madison Hill Road.

A preview will begin at 7 p.m. and will include wine, beer, refreshments and door prizes. The art auction will begin at 8 p.m.

Many bids are guaranteed to be between \$50 and \$300 and investment works will be available for serious collectors as well as sports memorabilia, sculpture and estate jewelry. All art is priced below retail and includes

an exclusive lifetime exchange privilege. The artwork includes pieces by Wooster Scott, Max Orlando, Ebgi, Lena Liu, Shaviko, Kinkade, Rockwell, Behrens, Chagall, Moses, Delacroix, Wyeth, Neiman, Disney Cells and many others.

Admission costs \$15 per person, or \$20 per couple, which includes wine, beer, refreshments and door prizes.

For more information, to order advance tickets, or to request a particular artist, call Ellen Tavormina at 908-226-1958.

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Students named to Cranford High School honor rolls

The following students made the Cranford High School principal's list for the second marking period of the 2003-04 school year.

Ninth grade

Sarah Belden, Jonathan Beloff, Sarah Bender, Haley Brown, Kristine Caiafa, Nicole M. Carbonell, Rebecca Dooley, Jennifer Folinus, Daniel J. Frieri, Julie Anne Garretson, Sophia S. Gomez, Gary Gregory, Krystina L. Kobylinski, Julie Lafferty, Natalie Laucius, Jennifer Margherito, Allie J. Miller, Rebecca Schlenker, Yelena Shteynberg and Kyle J. Sobocinski.

10th grade

Katherine Behrens, Melissa Benimeo, Kevin Brown, Mary Brown, Nicole C. Cabrera, Melissa Cancillieri, Allison Carollo, Brian Ceci, Armina Cheema, Catherine Felegi, Justin Grand, Erica Grysko, Joshua Hanke, Kimberly Hart, Matthew Kessler, Dan Heinrich Manuyag, Alexandria Moriera, Alana Murphy, Jonathan Schwartz and Jennie Stolte.

11th grade

Katherine Baylock, Glenn Brown, Emily Clader, Christopher D. Laucius, Kyle Lynch, Jill McCoy, Lauren O'Hara, Katherine O'Neill, Caryn M. Pepose and Cordelia R. Siporin.

12th grade

Lindsay Baer, Joanna Becker, Laura Belden, Meghan Brady, Brian Brown, Paul Buonaguro, Joseph Cancillieri, Cheryl Cecchini, Lynn English, Bryan Gianecchini, Malory Harlin, Lindsay Henoch, Leigh Johnson, Stanley Kozek, Corinne Marotta, Joseph Marra, Jordan O'Donnell, Lisa Papandrea, Lia G. Petrozziello, Robert Piatkowski, Jean Marie Ridente, Bryan Tansky and Katherine Vaupel.

The following students have earned a place on the Cranford High School honor roll for the second marking period of the 2003-04 school year.

Ninth grade

Jacob Alderdice, Jaclyn Altebrando, Lauren Aslan, Erik

Augenzucker, Stephen Backiel, Kimberly Baglieri, Ashley Blanding, Kevin Boyle, Corinne Brown, Ryan Brown, Conor Byrnes, Andrew Cannon, Arthur Cardillo, Corinne Chandler, Nicholas M. Codella, Jack Colicchio, Peter Collier, Thomas Connolly, Christopher Cook, Joseph M. Correia, Jason D'Agostino, Teresa Dankosky, Dana Dechiaro, Keith Dobbs, Lindsay Dolan, Bridget C. Dooley, Matthew Duescher, Alanna Duffy, Breanne Durning, Erika L. Edmundo, Glenn D. Eisenberg, Natalie Espinosa, Robert J. Falco, Andrew Fassler, Evan Feeney, John Ferraioli, Deborah J. Ferrao, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Morgan Fitzpatrick, Amanda A. Floyd, Amanda Fortus, Laura Gallo, Meghan Grandal, Laura Grossi, Jennifer Hanke, Maura Hayes, Alicia Hertz, Alexandra Hochstein, Randy Holderried, Jacquelyn A. Holleran, Kerry Hutchinson, Amanda Jenkins, Elizabeth Johnstone, Katie Jones, Joseph Kardos, Michael Kiesling, Thomas Klimek, Amy Konieczny, Christopher Kopal, George Krahner, Caitlin A. Krenak, Cristina LaBrutto, Meghan LaPolla, Lisa Levonas, John P. Lynch, Jenne V. Manchery, John Martinez, Andrew Maturo, Britany McGinley, Brigid E. McGovern, Christian McGrath, Alyssa Meeks, Mitchell A. Merman, Sean Molloy, Jaclyn M. Morgese, Richard Morris, Mary Motichka, Kylie Murtore, Jenna Newmark, Nell P. O'Connor, Daniel O'Hara, Timothy Olsen, Nicole Patrone, Kamila Pavezzi, Cassandra Perez, Jenna Pfarr, Emily Porter, Kathleen Price, Derek Rocchini, Cindy Romero, Steven Romero, Samantha Rose, Carla Rutmayer, John C. Ryan, Kelly A. Scardino, Allison J. Schulz, Christopher Serafin, Clare Sheehan, Elizabeth E. Simon, Christopher Snyder, Allison Stolte, Kara Stull, Megan Ulrich, Hannah Van Why, Karianne Weber, Jonathon Westcott, Travis E. Wilkins, Amanda Williams, Stefanie Winnicki, Derek Yates and Clinton D. Zulick.

10th grade

Patrick Ahern, Daniel S. Aldredge, Joanna Arcieri, Ashley B. Atwood, John E. Bender, Leah M. Blanes, Rebecca

Booth, Michael Bottino, Emily Brewster, Benjamin Chewey, Monika Chopra, Crista Colaneri, Tracey Coleman, Danielle D'Amico, Carmen Delle Donne, Christina Di Pasquale, George H. DiMayuga, Rebecca Flanagan, Kristen Ford, Colin Fraser, Julia Frieri, Courtney Garges, Thomas R. Gessner, Julie Gilbertson, Laurel Hartmann, Brian Hearon, Caitlin Helmsstetter, Andrew Hogan, Max Kaplan, Charles N. Kawczynski, Courtney Koellner, Andrew Koneski, Francis Krov, Megan Kuhn, James Kulinski, James Lacey, David Landau, Katrina Lawrence, Deanna Liotard, John Maturo, Jennifer Meyer, Monica Miller, Theresa Minitelli, Sara Morgan, Amy E. Nusek, Erin O'Dowd, Peter Orlandi, Matthew J. Petrozziello, Erin Polito, Amanda Porter, Terence Prunty, Kathryn Ramey, Katelyn M. Rasmus, Anthony Riggi, Johanna Riggi, Steven Savva, Megan Schomp, Nicole Siani, Rachel Sigmund, Samantha Soney, Nicole E. Stapinski, Mary K. Starkey, Peter Stempniewicz, Mateusz Sternik, William Struthers, Scott Swift, Gregory Van Horn, Patrick Virgili, Leslie Whitty, Steven Wilcox, Sara Winters and Mark Zamorski.

11th grade

Abbe Allen, Michael Altebrando, Robert Argen, Amanda Aslan, John Backiel, Jr., Jennifer Bayak, Jillian Berkowitz, Ryan Berns, Katherine Bither, Sean A. Brennan, Alana Buonaguro, Stephen Caprio, Steven Coda, Alisse Connolly, Thomas De Vito, Aniello (Neil) Della Valle, Christopher DeLuca, Jonathan Di Fabio, Lauren J. Di Marco, Christopher D. Drechsel, Kenneth Erlichman, Art Ernst, Alisa Flesher, Michael Folger, Sara Gardner, Sean Gerrity, James P. Goski, Katie Hayeck, Allison Hunter, Jamar M. Ingram, Robert Jordon, Christopher Judge, Tara E. Kechner, Justin Kelemen, Julie Ann Kuczynski, Keith Laudati, Mark Leissing, Elizabeth A. Lodge, Tong Yong Lu, Brian Mahoney, Kevin Mahoney, Michael Malinowski, Joseph Manganiello, Lauren Maramara, Melissa Marotta, Karen Mardsen, Kathleen Masterson,

Ryan Mc Mahon, Nicholas T. McDermott, Michael Milea, Robert Morrissey, Caitlin Neely, Michelle Newton, Melissa Niebylski, Brian J. Niemiec, Puja Patel, Scott Pender, Daniel S. Richardson, Matthew J. Ross, Ashley M. Rumzie, Christopher W. Saba, Selena A. Santangelo, Tara Scaramuzzi, Emery H. Schulz, Sara Shtrauch, David Snyder, Andrew Soman, Daniel G. Statue, Christine Stolte, Thomas C. Streko, Michael Strom, Judith Sukovich, Nathanael Thompson, Kathleen M. Tobin, Sharon Vosseller, Laura Wagenblast, Stephen Weiss, Dana Welch and John Ying.

12th grade

Daniel Abramson, Lauren Albert, Edwin Aranzazu, Maritza Boll, Patrick Boyle, Ryan Byrnes, Richard Cameron, Joseph Campagna, Steven Carbone, John Cateana, Sarah Clader, Daniel D'Agostino, Christine D'Arcy, Michelle Della Serra, Ryan Duffy, Michael Eisert, Gabriele Fazio, Krista Fincke, Lindsay Fisher, Isabella Fitzgerald, Jacquelyn Fortus, Megan Francis, Lisa Grebenyuk, Jessica Hampson, Jessica Head, Michael Hrebin, Jill Humphries, Nicole Hynes, Brian Jacko, Adam Jenkins, Scott Kalyn, Krystyna Karmol, Lauren Kawczynski, Chester S. Klimek, Andrea Krenak, Kate Kuhn, Toni La Prete, Allison Lacey, Chelsea Lanier, Melodie MacPherson, Ryan Madden, Raimi Marx, Katharine A. McCarthy, John McCorkell, Joseph McGinley, Michelle McKenney, Rachel Meeks, Matthew Milwicz, Jennifer Mitchell, Victoria Moreira, Suzanne A. Morris, Bridget Murphy, Brandi A. Norris, Alexandra Nowak, Christopher Ozolnieks, Blair Palmisano, Stephanie Pearl, Alexandra Perrotta, Lauren Phillips, Julia Pitassy, Katie Piwowarczyk, Jason Purdie, Regina Reda, Michael Resseque, Robert Rich, Cullen Sarnelle, D'Arcy Sarnelle, Kristin Savnik, Amanda Schlenker, Gloriarose Schmitt, Max Schnur, Mary Grace Schramm, Kurt Sigmund, Julia Skwarski, Jeffrey Thorn, Christopher Venditti, Todd Wilson, Emily Zemlansky, Noelle Zielenbach, Jillian Zimmer and Kristin Zuravnsky.

Students take state essay honors

Three Orange Avenue School students have placed at the state level in an essay contest sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Roy Colicchio, Margaret Dooley and Michael Bither each won a first place at the local level before their names were submitted to the state level. The essay topic was "The Louisiana Purchase, Thomas Jefferson's Presidential Legacy."

Students were asked to pretend they were Thomas Jefferson writing his autobiography near the end of his life.

This produced 246 essays in three Cranford schools which were then judged by nine judges.

The Louisiana purchase cost the United States \$15 million, and eventually became the states Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado and Montana.

First-place winners went to the state level for judging along with 40 others from around the state.

The Crane's Ford Chapter of the DAR has sponsored the American history essay contest in Cranford for the past 13 years.

The contest is open to students in fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Cranford schools have produced several state winners over the years, and once there was a national winner from Cranford.

Winners this year are:

Fifth grade

First place: Christopher Power, Bobby's Run School; Col. Thomas Reynolds, sponsor.

Second place: Dana Reimers, William R. Ross School; Gen. Lafayette, sponsor.



Roy Colicchio

Third place: Casey Berry; St. Clare School; Clavemack, sponsor.

Sixth grade

First place: Roy Colicchio, Orange Avenue School; Crane's Ford, sponsor.

Second place: Kevin Lewis, Oak Hill Academy; Shrewsbury-Towne, sponsor.

Third place: Neil Edwards; Timberlane Middle School; Gen. David Forman-Penelope Hart, sponsor.

Seventh grade

First place: Margaret Dooley, Orange Avenue School; Crane's Ford, sponsor.

Second place: Nick Rizzo, Bloomfield Middle School; Maj. Joseph Bloomfield, sponsor.

Third place: Richard Gangloff, Immaculate Conception School; Chinchewunsk, sponsor.

Eighth grade

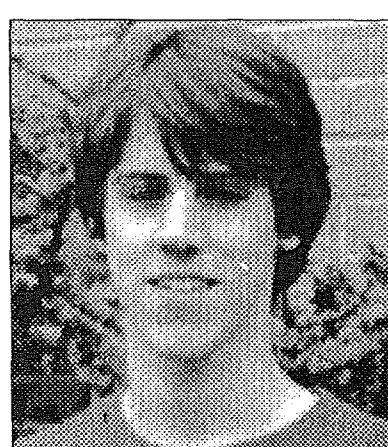
First place: Ashley Whelan, Hardyston Middle School; Chinchewunsk, sponsor.

Second place: Nicholas Esposito, St. Clare School; Clavemack, sponsor.

Third place: Michael Bither, Orange Avenue School; Crane's Ford,



Margaret Dooley



Michael Bither

sponsor. State winners on March 16 were able to attend Awards Day at Rutgers University, where they were awarded prizes and first-place winners read their essays.

Local winners will be honored further at closing ceremonies at their respective schools.

St. Michael's has four winners and their awards day will be Tuesday. The remainder of the winners will receive awards and medals at Orange Avenue on the last day of school.

EDUCATION

Roselle Catholic honors

The following Cranford students were named to the honor roll for the third marking period at Roselle Catholic High School in Roselle:

• First honors: Paul Camarda, grade nine; Tara Clark, Rachael Mikelson, Meghan Wischusen, John Foster and Jill Kropa, grade 11.
• Honorable mention: Maureen Muntz, grade 11.

Knights of Columbus offers scholarship

Cranford Knights of Columbus Council 6226 is accepting scholarship applications until April 30.

The scholarship is available to graduating seniors who have been accepted to at least one college and who have a grand-point average of at least 2.5. Students also must be the son or grandson of either a current member in good standing or of a deceased member of Council 6226 who was a member in good standing when they died.

Detailed requirements and application forms for the Cranford Knights of Columbus Scholarship are available at <http://home.infi.net/~sms/kc6226.htm>.

Applications and additional information also are available by calling scholarship committee Chairman Joe Stolte at 908-931-0648.

Sign up now to try out for cheerleading squads

Cranford High School will hold tryouts for its fall and winter cheerleading squads for the 2004-05 school year on June 2.

The fall squad cheers for football, field hockey, and boys and girls soccer.

The winter squad cheers for girls

and boys basketball and wrestling. Potential squad members may sign up to cheer either in the fall season, winter season, or both.

High school students at any grade level may try out for the cheerleading squad. Male students are encouraged to participate.

Signup for potential cheerleaders in eighth grade at Orange Avenue School will take place after school on April 28. Cranford High School students can attend afterschool signups on May 4 and May 5 at the high school.

Eighth-grade students may sign up after school at Hillside Avenue School on May 6.

For more information, call Connie Toth, varsity cheerleading coach, at 908-709-6292.

High school compiling list of guest speakers

The Cranford High School Social Studies Department is asking Cranford residents and business leaders to join the directory of classroom speakers.

This program will formalize a comprehensive directory of speakers who can provide their experience and expertise on historical events and main fields of study. Speakers will assist high school teachers and enrich the classroom education through their participation in the program.

To join the speakers' directory, contact Pete Clark at 908-709-5606.

Chamber of Commerce extends scholarships

The Cranford Chamber of Commerce for 2004 is offering five \$500 scholarships to Cranford High School seniors, consisting of four students

attending a four-year college or university and one for a vocational/technical school.

Applications will be available at the high school academic affairs office. Applications and supporting documentation must be in the chamber office by May 16 to be eligible.

For more information, call 908-272-6114.

Child care center plans 'world tour'

The Cranford Child Care Center will have a summer program titled "Summer Fun Around the World" from June 28 to Aug. 20.

Children will explore Australia, Africa, China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States. The center's theme-based curriculum will continue during the summer. This is a full eight-week program.

The child care center is licensed by the state and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. It is located in Alliance Church at 7 Cherry St., Cranford.

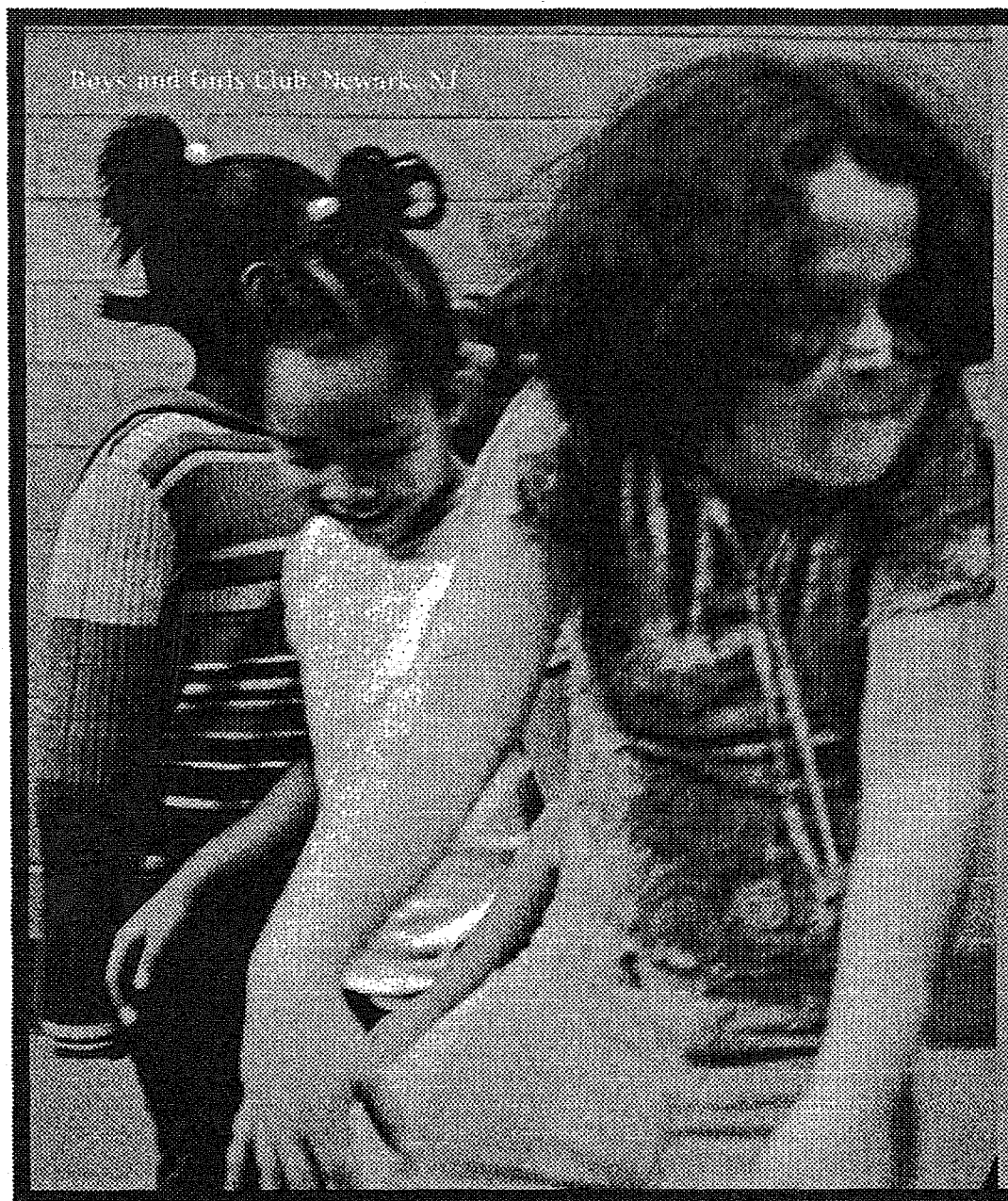
For more information, call director Patti Williams at 908-276-8689. Openings are available in the kindergarten and prekindergarten classes.

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RELIGION

Brunch spotlights tales of Holocaust survivors

In observance of Yom Hashoah, the sisterhood of Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim, in conjunction with Roselle/Cranford Hadassah, will host a brunch Sunday.

Children of the religious school will present dramatic readings from the book, "Children in the Holocaust and World War II: Their Secret Diaries," by Laurel Holliday.

This program and dairy brunch is open to the public and free of charge.

Brunch will begin at 9:15 a.m., at Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim. For more information, call 908-276-9231.

Unlock neglected talents at church's adult forum

Would you like to nurture the talents of your children? Have you wished you could better develop your own gifts?

Calvary Lutheran Church, 108 Eastman St., will hold a presentation on "Strategies for Discovering Your

Gifts and Talents" at the church's adult forum at 9:45 a.m. Sunday.

The session will explore ways to identify and nurture gifted and talented people, from children to adults. Handouts and follow-up resources will be available.

The presenter will be Donna Vaupel, teacher of the gifted and talented in the Cranford public schools and chairwoman of Christian Education at Calvary.

Vaupel, who has been an educator in the gifted and talented field for over

25 years, has a master's degree in Gifted and Talented Education and school administration. She was selected as Educator of the Year in 2000 by the state Association for Gifted Children.

The Adult Forum presentation will be held in the second-floor lounge of Calvary's Education Building behind the church.

For more information or directions to Calvary, call the church office at 908-276-2418.

The program is being presented as

part of Calvary's Monday Morning Ministries series, a periodic look at how congregational members serve the community in their professional lives.

Walk the Labyrinth and uphold tradition

First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, 11 Springfield Ave., is sponsoring an ongoing series of open labyrinth walks.

The next labyrinth walk is sched-

uled for May 1. Participants are invited to come and walk the Labyrinth any time between 1 and 4 p.m., but walks should begin by 3:30 p.m. so they can finish by 4 p.m. Walks are held the first Sunday of every month in Bates Hall.

The community and surrounding towns are invited to participate. Walking the labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice of prayer and meditation.

For more information on the labyrinth walks, call the church at 908-276-8440.

SENIOR NEWS

AARP Chapter 4269

Cranford AARP Chapter 4269 meetings are held at Lincoln Avenue School on Centennial Avenue, at 9:30 a.m., and are open to the public.

A video showing staged accidents will be one of three consumer-directed videos to be shown at the April 23 meeting of Cranford AARP Chapter 4269. The other two will deal with predatory lending, and with how to protect oneself from being victimized by questionable billing by health care providers.

All three short videos will be introduced by Jan Allen of the Office of Public Affairs, state Department of Banking and Insurance, who also will describe the steps seniors should take to guard themselves in all three situations. Allen will answer questions from the audience.

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

The chapter will visit Showboat casino in Atlantic City on April 28 and May 26, leaving from the Centennial Avenue pool parking lot at 8:45 a.m.

The cost is \$16, with a casino bonus. Atlantic City trips on June 23, July 28 and Aug. 25 will leave from Lincoln School on Centennial Avenue.

For more information, call Mike Doncrank at 908-486-6679.

Center shows movie 'Pieces of April' Monday

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department will show senior movies during April at the Cranford Community Center in the second-floor audio visual room.

Movies will start at 11:10 a.m. and run until about 12:40 p.m. The following movies will be shown:

Monday — "Pieces of April" (80 minutes): An offbeat comedy of a young woman trying to impress her family by cooking a Thanksgiving feast. The turkey is ready to be cooked when she discovers her oven does not work. A frantic search begins to find an oven she can use in her apartment complex.

There will be no movies shown during May.

James Maroney

James M. Maroney, 94, of Cranford, formerly of Elizabeth, died April 5 in the Clark Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Born in New York City, Mr. Maroney lived in Elizabeth for many years before moving to Cranford.

He was a sheet metal worker at Western Electric, Kearny, for 30 years and retired in 1971.

Mr. Maroney was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Elizabeth and the Holy Name Society at Blessed Sacrament Church, Elizabeth.

He also belonged to the Pioneer Group of Western Electric.

Surviving are his wife of 69 years, Mary; a daughter, Mary Ellen Lyp; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Rastelli

Dorothy M. Rastelli, 76, of Cran-

ford died April 5 at home.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Rastelli moved to Cranford 54 years ago.

Surviving are her husband of 56 years, Anthony; two sons, Richard and Kenneth; a daughter, Donna Kennedy, and six grandchildren.

Lena Colombrita

Lena M. Colombrita, 85, of Cranford died April 10 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Colombrita lived in Irvington and Parsippany before moving to Cranford 28 years ago.

She was a cashier at Governor Livingston High School, Berkeley Heights, for 20 years and retired five years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary C. Capece; two sisters, Antoinette Cancellieri and Mary Pagano; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

Susan T. Atkins

Susan T. Atkins, 90, of Cranford, formerly of Clark, died April 9 in the Cranford Health and Extended Care Center, Cranford.

Born in Simpson, W. Va., Mrs. Atkins lived in Newark and Clark before recently moving to Cranford.

She was a packer for Bamberger's,

Newark, for 12 years and retired in 1982.

Surviving are a daughter, Constance B. Brown; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social events - Friday at noon.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clark Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Meeting on April 26, 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 # 14-04: Application to use existing garage for living space and construct new 14' x 27' garage addition, at the premises located at 21 Glenwood Terr. in Lot: 14 Block: 192, in a R100 District. Violation of Chapter 34, Section 9.3, Sub-Section C-3.

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.

Keith W. Dolan
Applicant

U70560 CCE April 15, 2004 (\$9.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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The Clark Planning Board is adding an agenda item to the previously advertised special meeting to be held on April 21, 2004 at 7:30 pm, at 430 Westfield Avenue in room 16, to discuss the CCAH Mediation Agreement with action to be taken. U70825 CCE April 15, 2004 (\$3.38)

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment, Township of Cranford, County of Union, New Jersey will cancel the public meeting to be held on Monday, April 26, 2004 at 7:45 P.M. in Room 108 of the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey due to lack of scheduled applications.

Barbara Ginsberg
Secretary

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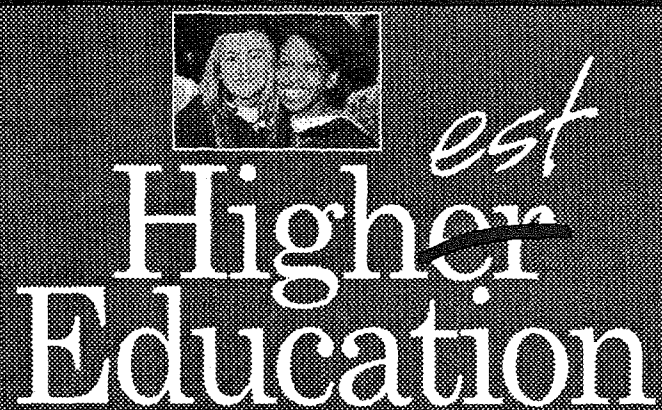
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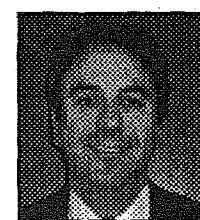


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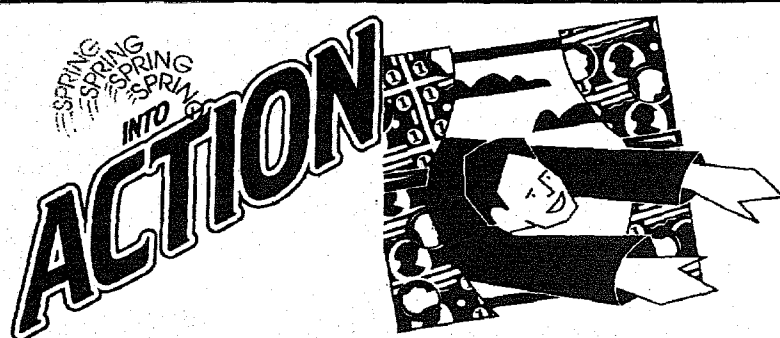
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Our endorsements

This Tuesday, voters will head to the polls to choose which of five candidates they want to fill three three-year seats on the Board of Education. We endorse the candidacies of Jessica Kinsella, Bruce Best and Carmen Brocato. We believe these three represent the best combination of talent, drive, ideas and experience that is available from the candidates now running.

Kinsella in particular offers a voice that the board politic would greatly benefit from. As someone only recently graduated from college, she has insight that more senior members of the board lack: She still remembers what it is like to be in high school, and more specifically, she remembers what it is like to attend Arthur L. Johnson High School. That gives her an automatic edge at looking past policy discussions' bureaucratic issues and seeing the very real impact of school board decisions and policies on the students themselves. The chief danger she faces is not being taken seriously for her age, but anyone who confuses her relative youth with inexperience would be in error. At the age of 23, Kinsella already is the owner of a real estate investment business and has a certainty of purpose and direction lacking in some of her older opponents for office.

That same self-starting attitude, and the determination to succeed that goes with it, also can be found in Carmen Brocato. A veteran officer of the Westfield Police Department and owner of his own real estate business, Brocato will bring with him the organization and seasoned judgment that both those jobs have brought him.

Best, who is finishing his first term on the school board, presents the valuable voice of experience. This is made all the more essential by the dearth of long-term board members. Aside from Best, there are only two other multi-term members: Michael Timoni, now on his third term; and board President James Rooney, in his second term. Like them, Best already has been through the board's learning curve. He has been through three cycles of budget preparation and is now taking part in discussions with the teacher's union. That seasoned experience, particularly with his calm demeanor and attention to detail, make Best an invaluable member of the school board, particularly as it now prepares to hire a new superintendent.

Yes on the budget

In addition to the candidates, the public must decide whether to support the annual school budget. Despite some serious misgivings about the size of the tax increase Clark taxpayers will face this year, we believe voters should give the budget their seal of approval.

The budget before voters this year calls for a 10.8 percent increase from the 2003-04 school year. For the owner of the average Clark home — assessed at \$108,000 — that increase is going to be \$240 more per year in school taxes than last year. That's a hefty chunk of change, and much of it stems from things outside its control, such as salary and benefits for staff, and the money it has been ordered to repay Garwood and Mountainside in connection with the breakup of the regional district.

The chief problem with the budget increase is its size. Two hundred forty dollars, while it is not a fortune, is still no drop in the bucket. A nearly 11 percent increase, while it may be reasonable given the much smaller budget increase last year, is still substantially greater than the increases most people in Clark saw in their own income levels during the last year. It's not just the proverbial seniors on fixed incomes who feel the pinch of such increases; as taxes continue to outpace income levels in the race upward, more and more people are getting caught short-handed. The school board has a responsibility to all those people not to take too much money out of their pockets.

Now the board's hands are reaching deeper once again, and while we accept that this is largely out of the board's hands, we must contend that is not wholly the case. The board has lobbied for the state to assume responsibility for the financial train wreck Clark experienced caused by deregulation, and it should continue to do so. Moreover, as negotiations continue between the school board and teachers' union, the board should press teachers to assume some of the cost for their health benefits — and teachers should accede.

The most important changes need to come from above. One of the perils of having a quality school district is that it attracts parents who have children with special needs — children the school district is required by federal mandate to educate at no cost to the parents. That is as it should be, but the addition of even one such child after the budget has been completed can leave the district saddled with staggering special education costs that neither the state nor federal governments provide any money for. As long as the state and federal government are going to mandate expensive programs and allow no provision for advance planning financially, they also must be forthcoming with the money to make those programs work.



Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

WATER OVER THE DAM — Water flows down the new dam on the Rahway River by Valley Road. Work on the dam, now all but completed, began in December. The new staircase design makes the dam stronger and incorporates aluminum logstops to lower the level of water behind the dam during times of drought, according to County Engineer Jeffery Sias.

All I need to know I learned by reading magazines

Hello friends. Do you ever wonder why there is never enough time or money to do the things you know deep down you'd like to do? To decorate your homes, travel, invest wisely, sculpt your body, add romance or raise your children without resorting to methods more commonly associated with members of the animal kingdom.

I'll tell you why. You're not reading enough magazines. This weekend I corrected every problem I've ever had with my life not to mention 74 I didn't even know I had — simply by reading magazines at the bookstore.

You were on my mind the entire time. In fact I made a list of the most significant, life-transforming articles you'll ever have the great fortune of reading, assuming you can find them between the ads.

Transforming your life does require a bit of work so before we get started, I suggest you read Lifetime magazine's "Five Secrets of Nonstop Energy" first. Better do it now. I'll wait.

Wow, you look positively radiant. Let's get physical.

If you need an exercise plan that doesn't require more than a half-hour, consider Fitness magazine's "Single, Best 20-Minute Workout." While I'm sure it is the best, otherwise they wouldn't say that, I went with Outside magazine's "The Only 10 Workouts You'll Ever Need." Exercise 10 times and then be in shape forever? I'm in.

Many articles allow you to transform your physical appearance quickly. If you have only minutes to spare, Allure magazine offers "Kicked Back Beauty — 2-Minute Hair and Makeup."

Now what?

By John Hartnett

If you have but one minute, there's "The Minute-a-Day Method to Perfect Shape," from Jane magazine and if you have no minutes, Women & Home magazine shows you how to "Look Five Years Younger Now," Men's Fitness provides "30 Ways to Look Great Right Now," and Self magazine authoritatively offers "The No. 1 Way To Look Prettier Instantly."

If time isn't an issue but having a number of options is, I suggest "789 great health, sex, fitness & nutrition tips," from Men's Health, "546 style trends for You," from Perfect Hair magazine; "200-plus new looks for you," from Seventeen; "42 muscle-building meals," from Men's Fitness; "25 Fat Burning Shortcuts," from Exercise And Health; "Nine ways to dine out and lose weight," from Allure; and "Five sandwiches that build muscle," from Muscle and Fitness.

To show how these articles have already altered my life, before I read "Five Sandwiches that Build Muscle," I used to make sandwiches without any strategy whatsoever and build muscle by carrying my kitchen table to the park, eating my sandwich there and then hauling the table home again. All that time wasted and never knowing how little I knew about love.

To enhance your romantic skills, I

suggest you first read "Find Your Signature Scent" in Body & Soul magazine. Every little edge helps, particularly if you're a man — because magazines make it clear that there is nothing as mysterious and unknown as women.

Before reading "187 Things You Don't Know about the Other Sex" in Esquire, "11 sex dreams you need to know about" in Cosmopolitan UK Edition, "Eight ways to reignite post partum passion" in Pregnancy magazine, "Seven myths that could end your marriage" in Psychology Today and "The 31 sex & love thrills no women should miss plus 6 bedroom 'musts' you can skip" in Glamour — you may wonder, as I once did, if the Hubble telescope is pointed in the right direction.

Have no fear. They've explained everything there is to know and now that all women's secrets have been revealed, I suggest all of us (that includes men and women!) focus on beautifying and organizing our homes.

If the inside of your house is a mess, I suggest you start with the outside. If there are no bodies of water on the property, I suggest "10 reasons why you need a pond" from Ponds USA. I was hooked as soon as I read reason No. 3: "It's a great place to conceal old tires, rusted lawn furniture and the occasional murder victim."

For those of you who have a back yard but are no longer elated when standing in it, Do magazine humbly offers "3 ways to enjoy your back yard."

Turning our attention inside, O: The Oprah Magazine shows you how to get outside again with "Stop morn-

ing chaos. 12 ways to get out the door quicker." If you must stay indoors, and want to challenge yourself, why not consider "47 projects to do this weekend" from Better Homes And Gardens; "100 Ways To Unclutter Your Home," from Organizing Good Things, or for those of you looking for appliances as role models for your children, Dwell magazine offers insight on "How to find the perfect oven."

Worried that your household is so dysfunctional it's affecting your pets? Make the diagnosis today by reading Cat Fancy's groundbreaking treatise "When cats mourn — 7 signs of grief."

Now if all this self-help information appears overwhelming, relax. There are articles to restore serenity to your life such as "You got stress? 1,000 time savers, mind savers — just for you" from Redbook, and Good Housekeeping's "Moody? Anxious? The medical test you need now!" to determine whether your goofy personality quirks betray deeper, more serious medical concerns.

I hope you pick up these magazines. A new life awaits you, really. Me? I'm 100 percent more energetic, insightful, successful and organized.

As a matter of fact, during the entire time I was writing this article, I was also reading Field and Stream's "50 ways to fool spring trout." Turns out they're a sucker for those lose-weight-while-you-sleep schemes.

A frequent contributor to this newspaper, John Hartnett can be reached at johnhartnett@earlybird-publishing.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why should county buy arts center?

To the Editor:

Your editorial, "One step toward Socialism," in the April 1 edition regarding Union County's plans to acquire the Union County Arts Center was right on target.

On Feb. 12, Staff Writer Joshua Zaitz raised a red flag in his article "Acquisition targeted as investment." He pointed out that the Union County Arts Center group had a deficit of more than \$100,000 in 2002. The article went on to quote Union County Arts Center Interim Executive Director Donna Sandorse as having said, "...that by the county taking over the center it can pour in much needed money ..." Obviously, Sandorse knows the Union County freeholders very well. The trouble is, the sugar they will pour will be our taxes.

If the arts center needs an infusion of dollars to keep it going, it should look to the private sector for assistance. At best, the county would be putting a Band Aid on a lost cause anyway. The arts center's location alone is a loser — poor parking space and tricky one-way streets do not attract paying customers.

Union County has already moved forward with plans to finance part of a children's museum with the Open Space Trust Fund. The county freeholders don't ask for or respect the wishes of their constituents. Of course, the trust fund's administrator is Angela Devaney, Union County Manager George Devaney's wife, who is the nephew of state Sen. Raymond Lesniak. Union County's elected officials will probably bristle at the charge of stepping toward socialism, but their willful political maneuvering makes it difficult for them to deny nepotism.

Since we do not seem to have any choices once the freeholders are in office, I hope those of us who object to their indiscriminate spending of our tax dollars will use our votes next time to vote them out.

Mary Ann Sweeney
Cranford

We can't declare war on nature

To the Editor:

Call off the search for weapons of mass destruction. We live on the most dangerous one, it's called the planet Earth, and currently it has major issues.

Forget about the colors for spring fashion, Janet's overexposure or Koby's extracurricular activities, this is a global security issue. It is painfully obvious

that our planet's safety is in the "red." It's time we take note. The truth is that we can't declare war on nature. Although that may be a good enough reason for the Bush administration to ignore it, it's no reason for you to do the same.

Just like before any major catastrophe, there is the foreshadowing; heat waves in unfamiliar regions, rising ocean levels, widespread droughts. Whether we pay attention to these signs will shape our future. We cannot simply bring our missiles, tanks and soldiers to the "environment" and force it to surrender. We can't battle with our planet; it has no attackable "axis of evil." It is the ground we stand on. Our planet has been hospitable enough to allow the pillaging of its oil, the desecration of its forests and the contamination of its waters. We have yet to learn to respect its power and appreciate its luxurious accommodations.

Our landlord requires gentle care and understanding of its tenants, who only temporarily rent space. The 2 a.m. drunken frat parties will have to come to an end sooner rather than later, if we hope to renew our lease. Countries argue daily about border lines, trade laws and the bottom line. All the while dumping their waste into the oceans and spouting black soot into the skies.

What would happen if one day our gracious landlord revolted and wiped away all the seemingly important political issues in an earthquake or volcanic explosion or any other manner of natural disasters? Would we still fight over gay marriages and cigarette bans? Or would we be forced to fight for something real — our world.

So as we look to a future filled with microscopic technological, wireless everything and prayers for peace on earth, take a moment to remember how greatly you need to treasure the ground we stand on.

Shannon M. Stocker
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The following students earned places on the honor roll for the second marking period of the 2003-04 school year.

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Johnson softball enters with plenty of confidence

Crusaders capture their first two contests

By Jeff Wolfrum
 Staff Writer

CLARK - The Johnson High School softball team has entered this season with plenty of confidence.

That's because the team is mostly made up of players who have won the junior varsity Union County Tournament championship the past two seasons.

"The girls have amazed me in how much confidence they have," Johnson head coach Jennifer Feeley said. "They just go out there and have fun."

That's exactly what the Crusaders have done in posting a 2-0 record as of last Thursday's 10-5 victory over visiting Rahway.

Johnson is scheduled to play at Immaculata today at 4 p.m.

Like most Union County teams, Johnson has suffered from non-play due to this month's rainfall.

The Crusaders had scheduled games against Roselle Park - twice - and Ridge postponed. Johnson was set to host Ridge Tuesday after failing to face Roselle Park for a second time on Monday.

"The team was looking forward to competing against those tough opponents," Feeley said. "It would've given us a good feel of where we stand because we would be facing pretty good teams."

Johnson opened its season on April 6 with a 3-1 triumph over Governor Livingston in Berkeley Heights. Senior shortstop Lauren Tomasovic tripled and scored, while sophomore second baseman Jamie Pflug doubled in a run. Junior righthander Jackie Funk scattered six hits, while striking out eight and walking none.

"We lost our shortstop, who started the past three seasons, so Lauren is new at that position," Feeley said. "She pitched for us last year."

Last season, Johnson posted a 7-12 record, but did qualify for the state playoffs.

In the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 quarterfinals, the Crusaders were shut out 10-0 in a six-inning perfect game at Caldwell.

This season, along with Funk, Johnson has junior Jessica Megill on the mound.

In the victory over Rahway, the southpaw hurled six innings, registering four strikeouts and four walks.

"Jessica has all the pitches," Feeley said. "She really has a great changeup."

After retiring the side in order in the top of the first

inning, the Crusaders didn't waste any time giving Megill a lead as they plated seven runs in the bottom half of the inning.

Senior rightfielder Jessica Serretelli opened the frame with a double down the left field line.

She was erased, though, trying to reach third on an infield single by Megill. Advancing to second on a passed ball, Megill looked like she might not score as Rahway recorded the second out on a fly to right.

However, Tomasovic singled to right and scored on a triple by Pflug.

"I was pleased by my team's fielding and batting," Feeley said. "I was pleasantly surprised how the girls stuck in their and adapted to a slower speed of pitcher after facing a hard thrower from GL."

Pflug would make it 3-0 after scoring on a single down the left field line by senior first baseman Erin Suckiel.

After senior third baseman Valerie Ziobro reached on an error, junior leftfielder Dayna McManus laid down a bunt base hit to load the bases.

Sophomore designated hitter Gina DeLauro then broke the inning wide open by driving in three runs with a triple to left-center. She would then score on a throwing error.

"We hit the ball well," Feeley said. "The only thing we need to work on is situational play."

Johnson added a pair in the bottom of the second inning to increase its lead to 9-0.

With two runners on and two out, the Crusaders again received timely hitting as Suckiel ripped a two-run double to center.

Rahway plated five runs in the top of the fourth to close the deficit to 9-5, but Johnson closed out the scoring with a run in the bottom half of the inning.

The rest of the Johnson roster includes junior catcher Michelle Serretelli, junior first baseman Cori Curti, junior outfielders Jackie Carrano, Katie Mulligan and Reille Colucci and sophomore catcher Samantha Parin.

Feeley, in her fifth year at the helm of the Crusaders, has Phil Frese and Sue Spencer as assistant coaches and junior Jennifer Oflenger as the team manager.

Johnson's goals include qualifying for the Central Jersey, Group 2 playoffs and playing under the lights in the semifinals of the UCT at Linden's Memorial Field.

"I have a team that is mainly made up of juniors," Feeley said. "They've had success at the junior varsity level and are looking to continue that success on this level."

Johnson golf team tops Linden

The Johnson High School golf team, as of Tuesday, had competed against Linden on April 7.

The Crusaders came away with a 159-228 victory over the Tigers.

Here's a look at high school golf scores involving Union County teams:

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 Union 173, Roselle Park 211
 Union Catholic 103, Brearley 235
 New Providence 170, Roselle 229
APRIL 12
 Westfield 154, Peddie 171
 Livingston 182, Dayton 202

Johnson diamond teams to face GL

The Johnson High School diamond teams are scheduled to compete against Governor Livingston next Thursday.

The baseball team is set to play the Highlanders at 4 p.m. in Berkeley Heights.

The softball squad is scheduled to play the Highlanders in Clark at the same time.

Johnson's boys' tennis team is scheduled to host GL on May 13, which is a 4 p.m. start.

Soccer tryouts set for next month

CWS Premier - CJ Stars 14-and-under girls open soccer tryouts are scheduled for May 18 and 20 from 6-8 p.m. at Echo Lake Park Soccer Field on Route 22 East in Mountainside.

The coach is Keith Hertell and youngsters must have date of births from 8-1-90 to 7-31-91.

The team is currently at top of Flight 1 in Mid-NJ. It will move to JAGS or MAPS in the fall.

Any questions should be directed to team manager Gina Clark at 908-654-9695.

ALJ boys' lacrosse nets another triumph

Crusaders defeat Fair Lawn

The Johnson High School boys' lacrosse team split two games last week to see its record move to 2-2.

The Crusaders improved to 2-1 on April 7 after posting a convincing 8-2 win over Bergen County rival Fair Lawn in Clark.

Bryan Klimchak netted three goals and assisted on another for the Crusaders, who jumped out to a 5-1 lead in the first half.

Johnson was then edged by visiting Morristown-Bear 6-5 on Saturday.

The Morris County opponent scored late in the third quarter to take a 6-3 lead. Johnson netted two more goals, but just came up short of another victory.

Johnson opened its season on April 3 with a setback at Bergen County opponent Ramapo by a 10-7 score.

However, the Crusaders bounced back on April 5 with a 12-1 triumph over host St. Joseph's of Metuchen.

Johnson was paced in the win against St. Joe's by Klimchak, a senior attackman, who netted five goals and added one assist. Sophomore attackman Kevin Swierc scored two goals and two assists, while senior attackman Nick Manginelli netted a pair.

"Most of our seniors played as sophomores, so I expect them to pave the way," Johnson head coach Anthony Calandra said. "We have experience, size and great athletic ability."

Last year, Johnson posted an 11-6 mark and was led by since-graduated Ray Megill, who now plays at the University of Maryland.

Football clinic in May has college coaches

PSU's Paterno among them

The 2004 LaBarca/Rotella Memorial Football Clinic on May 17 at Mayfair Farms in West Orange, sponsored by the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame, will feature Penn State head coach Joe Paterno.

Wisconsin head coach Barry Alvarez, another longtime supporter of New Jersey high school football, will join coach Paterno.

Louisville head coach Bob Petrino joins the staff, along with Greg Croshaw, head coach of junior college powerhouse Dixie State of Utah.

Rutgers head coach Greg Schiano will also participate in the clinic, which begins with registration at 3:30 p.m.

To be honored at the awards dinner of the clinic starting at 6:30 will be Retino Humanitarian Award winner Fran Ganter, longtime Penn State recruiter and coach. The Community Service Award honoree is William Campbell of Bayonne, while Honorary Coaches Awards will be given to John Bauer Sr., posthumously, of Randolph High School, Jerry Tardive of Dover and Ed Caporale of Mahwah. A Special Coaches Award will be given to Alan ChooChoo Fields of Newark East Side.

This year's Lloyd Glick Award will be presented to Brian DeNovellis, Kurt Siegelin and George Falkowski for their outstanding coverage of high school football with their Channel 12 show, Friday Night Football.

More information about the event may be obtained by calling Walkkill Valley athletic director Ron Anello at this number: 973-827-4100, ext. 234.

Clark basketball team has successful debut

The Clark Lady Crusaders' 6th grade traveling basketball team completed a successful inaugural season.

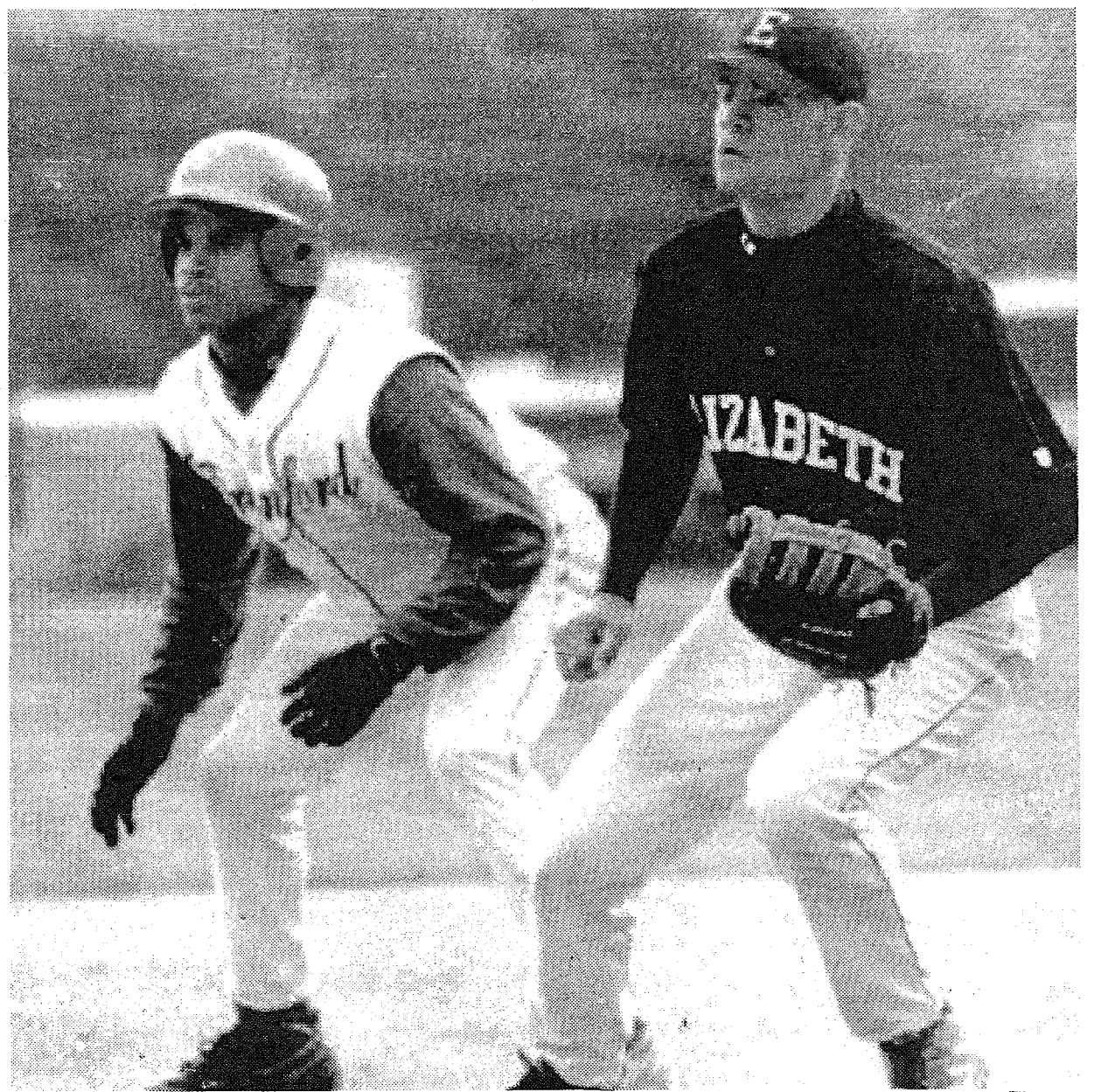
Under the leadership of head coach Glenn Lewis and assistant Matt Casey, the girls' took first place in the Union County League and were second in the Garden State League.

They also placed first in the St. Francis Cabrini Tournament in Piscataway. The tourney consisted of as many as 44 teams.

Cranford and Johnson schedules are still needed

Cranford and Johnson high school spring sports schedules are still needed. Schedules should be faxed to JR Parachini at this number: 973-763-2557.

Schedules should include all varsity sports for the present spring season. Names of varsity coaches would also help a great deal.



The Cranford High School baseball team, sparked by the play of Jamar Ingram at left, won its third straight game Monday, downing Linden 11-1 at home to improve to 3-2.

Cranford baseball team bests Linden for third straight victory

The Cranford High School baseball team has returned to its winning ways after an 0-2 start.

The Cougars downed Linden 11-1 Monday at home to improve to 3-2, winning their third straight game.

Cranford defeated Linden 7-4 in last year's Union County Tournament championship game at Linden's Memorial Field. It was the Cougars' fourth UCT title in the past five years.

Cranford senior righthander Bryan Giannecchini, who will play football at Rhode Island, improved his record to 2-1 after tossing a four-hitter. He struck out six and walked two.

Giannecchini helped his own cause with an RBI-single and a two-run double in three at-bats.

Junior standout Jamar Ingram singled twice, drove in a run, stole a base and scored once for the Cougars.

Cranford opened its season on April 5 with an 8-2 setback to visiting Westfield. Sophomore Greg Van Horn singled three times in the contest.

The Cougars then dropped a 5-3 decision at Bayonne the next day. Jason Occi had an RBI-single in the second inning, while Ingram added a solo shot in the third.

Cranford won its first game of the season last Thursday when it bested non-conference rival Sayreville 5-3 on the road. The Cougars then topped non-conference foe J.P. Stevens of Edison 6-5 last Saturday.

In the above two victories, Occi remained hot at the plate as he went 5-for-8 with three runs and three RBI.

Cranford softball approach is taking 1 game at a time

Cougars impressive at Linden Invitational

By Jeff Wolfrum
 Staff Writer

LINDEN - Taking one game at a time.

That's the approach the Cranford High School softball team is taking this season.

By the results so far, that approach has worked well. Cranford's record stood at 3-1 as of Monday's scheduled game at Linden.

The Cougars were very impressive last Saturday afternoon as they squeezed out a pair of victories in the Linden Invitational in Linden.

In the first game against Nutley, Cranford came back from a 4-0 deficit to win 5-4. Freshman Lisa Levonas sparked the offense with three RBI.

In the nightcap against Montclair, Levonas went 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI in the Cougars' 2-1 triumph.

"I have a fresh new squad this year," Cranford head coach Terry Biunno said. "They're a great bunch to coach."

Last season, Biunno guided her team to a 21-4 record and the final of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 playoffs.

In the title game played at Whippany Park, the fourth-seeded Cougars dropped a 3-2 decision to second-seeded Jefferson.

"We're hoping to have a successful season this year," Biunno said. "We're just going to take it one game at a time."

Cranford opened its season on April 5 with a 7-0 victory at Westfield. Freshman lefthander Elena Morge tossed a two-hitter, striking out seven and walking five. She was also 3-for-5 with two RBI.

Levonas chipped in with two singles and two RBI.

Two days later, the Cougars suffered their first loss of

the year when they were shut out by non-conference foe Edison 4-0 in Cranford. Morge had a fine outing, limiting Edison to six hits, while striking out five and walking five.

Morge takes over the pitching reins from the since-graduated Christine Pemoulie, an All-County and All-Group 3 performer who helped guide the Cougars to their first Union County Tournament championship in 2002 and back to the final last season.

"Elena has come in this season and done a fine job," Biunno said. "She's consistent around the plate."

Cranford, which shared the Watchung Conference-National Division crown with Linden last year, is looking to be right in the thick of it again this season.

In last year's UCT final at Linden's Memorial Field, the second-seeded Cougars lost a heartbreaking 1-0 decision in 11 innings to top-seeded Roselle Park, which won the crown for the first time since 1982.

"It's way too early in the season to concentrate on the UCT," Biunno said. "We want to focus on the here and now."

After starting last season with eight straight victories, Cranford suffered its first loss in a 2-0 setback at Roselle Park.

The Cougars bounced back by trouncing visiting Elizabeth 16-0, but then lost at Linden 3-2 to bring their record to 9-2.

"I'm hopeful that we're going to be very competitive again this season," Biunno said. "I have a good group of players that get along with one another and have fun."

NOTES: Linden began the week at 2-1 after splitting games last Saturday in its own Linden Invitational. The Tigers defeated Montclair 4-3 and then fell to Nutley 7-4.

Cranford improved to 4-1 with its third straight win after handily downing Linden 11-3 Monday in Linden.

Peanut Program for young soccer stars

The Cranford Soccer Club proudly presents its Peanut Program.

The Peanut Program is an introductory soccer program designed for children ages 3-5 who live in Cranford or the surrounding area.

Training services will be provided by Victory Soccer Academy, the same professionals who run Monday night recreation clinics and who will be training kindergartners beginning this season.

This is a six-week program that will begin April 23. It will be held Fridays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Sherman Field in Cranford.

The children will be divided into appropriate age groups and will participate in six 10-minute sessions, rotating to the next station after each session. There will be a water-break at the 30-minute mark.

Rain dates will be added to the end of the session, if needed.

The program includes an Adidas soccer ball and a T-shirt. The fee is \$60. Fun is the key to the program.

Registration information may be obtained by visiting the following website: www.cranfordsoccer.com.

More information may be obtained by calling Jen Mehr, vice president of recreation division, at 908-272-0724.

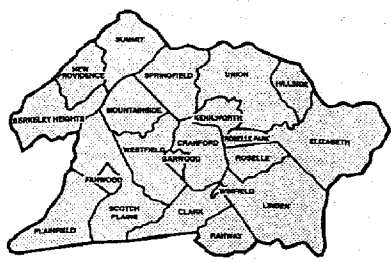
Girls' soccer tryouts to take place at Walnut Avenue Field

CWS United will be holding tryouts for its new premier 15/16-and-under girls' team. Tryouts are scheduled to take place May 5 and 12 at Walnut Avenue Field in Cranford from 5:30 p.m. to 8.

Girls born between Aug. 1, 1988 and July 31, 1999 are

eligible.

The team will be playing in fall 2004 College Showcase tournaments, have a full winter schedule, compete in the 2005 State Cup and participate in other tournaments and league play.



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An honest discussion

The 1,976 households in Union County with incomes of \$500,000 or more are part of the big debate about to start in Trenton. Along with their successful counterparts around the state, these high earners provide 29 percent of all the state income tax revenue collected. Under the so-called millionaires' tax, they would kick in another 2 percent to their tax bite.

After all, if you are not part of the 1 percent in the county to have hit the economic jackpot, it can be pretty convenient to have somebody else make up a shortfall in revenue. By state estimates, it could be \$1.3 billion overall in new money to the treasury.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

Using 2001 tax returns filed with the state treasury as a guide, Union ranks a piddling eighth in terms of high-income earners, while we're sixth in population. You can't fault Democrats for chucking a bit. Among the counties hardest hit by the new tax would be Somerset, Morris, Monmouth and Hunterdon; not voter rich territory for the Democrats.

If the rich move to Florida to avoid the tax as threatened, what the heck. As one Middlesex pol said to me, polling shows the "issue is off the charts."

Jon Shure has been a busy guy talking about taxes. For the past three years, he has been calling for a redistribution of tax responsibility. People are starting to pay attention. The "Fairness Alliance" plan he advocates would raise to \$30,000 the amount a family would make before having to pay any income tax. On the other side, he would start the millionaires' surcharge at \$300,000 for families; there's a need for a "really honest discussion on tax policy." In the cash short world of Trenton, that discussion starts with a proposed tax.

The most recent reports speak about starting the new tax at \$500,000. Approving the hike is being linked to including cost-caps upon school districts who would get a lion's share of the new revenue if it develops. Supposedly, if you knew the money was going for a good thing, there would be less opposition.

Even the soak-the-rich approach has its critics. The common theme is that if they hit the rich today, they can hit you tomorrow. Americans for Tax Reform lays out a litany of the bit-by-bit tax increases New Jerseyans have been zapped with. In 1983, the income tax jumped a full 1 percent and the sales tax went to 6 percent. In 1990, under former Gov. Florio, there was a jump to 7 percent of the income and the sales tax. Taxes have substantially outpaced the cost of living. This doesn't take into account the borrowing spree of former Gov. Whitman.

If you're a smoker, you're a special target. With the new hit in the budget, your tax on smoking has gone up 313 percent in three years. If you are a smoking millionaire, you're the No. 1 target.

Still, the balance is hard to set. In his book, "Perfectly Legal," author David Cay Johnston makes the point that income earners over \$500,000 get off easy while it has become even more burdensome for the middle- and upper-middle class. His analysis includes that at the beginning of the Clinton administration, the rich paid 30 cents on \$1 of income reported. By the time of the Bush tax cuts, it was down to less than 18 cents.

The argument goes that since the rich have done well under Bush, it's no big deal to give a little back to help New Jersey. The hidden argument is the rich can always find a way to beat the tax.

Assembly Speaker Albio Sires was quoted, "A millionaires' tax buys time to look at meaningful reform and prepare for a constitutional convention." That could turn out to be the most expensive time purchase of all.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

Fees to rise again

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

As the weather warms up, the county's three public golf courses will be in full swing.

Green fees again will be increased this year.

County residents who purchased a golf card will pay an additional \$2 per round of golf on weekdays and weekends, which brings the new totals up to \$22 and \$24, respectively. Fees for senior citizens who live within the county will stay the same at \$14 on weekdays and \$22 on weekends.

Non-county residents will now pay \$44 on weekdays and \$48 on weekends; an increase of \$4. Fees for non-county seniors will stay the same at \$28 during weekdays and \$44 on weekends.

The increase in golf fees will help fund the county's new Kids Recreation Trust Fund initiative. Fifty percent of the money generated from the golf fee increase will go toward the initiative, which will help fund recreational opportunities for low-income children. Other funding sources for the trust fund will be provided by the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund as well as corporate sponsorship, officials said. County officials canceled a press conference on Tuesday where they were scheduled to introduce the kids trust fund initiative.

Officials did not have figures available Tuesday as to how much the initiative will cost.

"We believe that the fees that have been established are very fair, very competitive with other counties," Director of Parks and Recreation Charles Sigmund said.

Green fees have almost doubled at the county's three public golf courses over the last five years.

In February 2001, freeholders approved a \$2 increase in green fees. This came less than a year after the freeholders approved a \$2 increase in

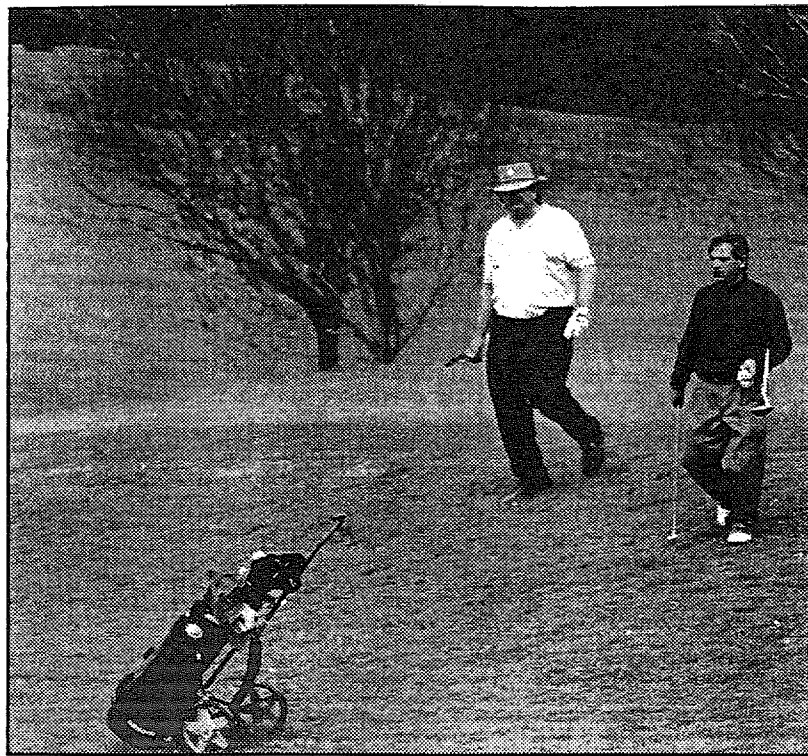


Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Golfers skirt raindrops during a round at Galloping Hill golf course in Kenilworth. The county plans again to raise park fees this year, including green fees that will help pay for a Kids Recreation Trust Fund.

green fees in May 2000. In 1999, county residents were paying \$14 to play a round of golf on the weekend and \$12 on weekdays.

"We think that we offer a tremendous value for the fee that we're charging," said Sigmund.

At their regular meeting April 8, freeholders introduced an ordinance to raise the fees for Union County park facilities in 2004. The ordinance will be up for final adoption on April 22, when there will be an opportunity for public comment.

Over the past five years, the county has spent over \$5 million to improve its three, 18-hole public golf courses: Galloping Hill Golf Course in Union/Kenilworth, Oak Ridge Golf Club in Clark, and Ash Brook Golf Course in Scotch Plains. The scope of the improvements has included the rebuilding of every green on Ash Brook and the installation of irrigation systems in each of the golf courses.

Marko Nogueira, a Union resident, said the irrigation systems have improved the county's golf courses dramatically.

"The course plays faster and it's

not as swampy," he said.

Improvements to Ash Brook's fairway bunkers have also been completed this year. Sigmund said the 18 holes of fairway bunkers makes the Ash Brook course more difficult to play. The fairways add to the slope of the golf course. Each course is rated and the higher the rating, the more difficult the course is to play.

"The tee areas are terrific. They used to be terrible," said Bob Baker, a Kenilworth resident who plays at all three of the county's public courses. "The layouts are better. The greens are better."

Sigmund said Ash Brook's course plays the longest but Galloping Hill, due its up and down terrain, can be "as difficult or frustrating to some."

"The improvements have been outstanding to this course," said Alan Schimkowitz, a Cranford resident who plays at the Galloping Hill Golf Course weekly. "It's the maintenance that needs a better follow-up. I think the actual work was done very well."

Schimkowitz pointed out that at a private golf course, patrons can im-

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Contributor gets arts center contract

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

A regular contributor to county Democrats was awarded a contract to oversee construction related to renovating the Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

Although plans and a cost to purchase the arts center have not yet been determined, freeholders last week approved a \$312,000 contract with Lawrenceville-based Joseph Jingoli & Sons Inc. to provide construction management services related to the arts center.

The firm will assist the county in negotiations for the design and construction of the arts center and then ultimately oversee the construction of the facility.

"The improvements are forthcoming and we've hired a construction manager to start with negotiations and to put everything in place," Union County Manager George Devanney said.

The money for the contract will come out of the Open Space Trust Fund. Devanney said the county has not decided whether it will use money from the Open Space Trust Fund or capital dollars to fund the arts center renovations.

"It could be either at this point or a combination of," he said.

Devanney said the county is contemplating several options regarding the arts center.

"We can purchase it. We can lease it. We could make a donation for the improvements," he said. "There's a number of options that we were presented with. The improvements will fall upon the county to fund."

A decision on which option to pursue should be made within 30 days.

Joseph Jingoli, the owner of Joseph Jingoli & Sons Inc., has been a regular contributor — almost \$40,000 — to the Union County Democratic Committee over the past few years. All nine members of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders are Democrats.

In 2003, he contributed \$12,500.

Michael Jingoli, also associated with Joseph Jingoli & Sons Inc., contributed an additional \$7,500 that year. In 2002, Joseph Jingoli contributed \$5,000, which was what he and Michael Jingoli combined to contribute in 2001. In 2000, Joseph Jingoli contributed \$2,000. Both Jingoli's contributed a combined total of \$7,000 in 1999.

Over the years, members of the Jingoli family have contributed regularly to both Democrats and Republicans at the state level, including state Sens. Raymond Lesniak, D-Union, and Thomas Kean Jr., R-Union.

The firm also has done much of the work on the multimillion-dollar renovations to the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth.

"They're the type of vendor that can oversee the project," Freeholder Daniel Sullivan, chairman of the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Committee, said. "They've done work for us before in terms of architectural management and that sort of thing. They know the things we're looking for in order to do the refurbishing of the arts center. They have that type of background."

Sullivan said the contract with Jingoli has nothing to do with his frequent contributions to the Democratic Party.

"We get a recommendation from the administration," he said.

Voters approved the trust fund in 2000 establishing a tax of \$0.15 per \$100 of assessed value, for 20 years, dedicated to open space, recreation and historic preservation purposes. The fund generates more than \$6 million annually.

Clark Environmental Commission Chairman Bill Fidurski said the county is continually trying to push the recreational aspect of the open space trust fund.

"A lot of the people who supported the open space trust fund had hoped to use it as a means of keeping down additional developments in the county," he said. "The county has shown a

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Twelve file to run for four freeholder seats

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Eight Democrats have filed to run for freeholder, meaning June's Democratic primary will determine the party's ticket which will also include the county-wide posts of sheriff and surrogate. The filing deadline to run in the June primary was Monday afternoon. A total of 16 candidates, both Republican and Democrat, filed for either freeholder, sheriff or surrogate.

Freeholder Daniel Sullivan of Elizabeth, as well as two first-time candidates — Adrian Mapp of Plainfield and B.J. Kowalski of Cranford — were picked by Democrats to run on the party's freeholder ticket. Freeholders Lewis Mingo of Plainfield and Mary Ruotolo of Westfield, both Democrats, will not seek re-election.

However, Democratic candidates from Elizabeth will challenge for the party line in the June 8 primary.

George O'Grady, who has run for freeholder in the past; Edmund Proctor, who ran for Assembly last year and Congress two years ago; and first-time candidate Wanda Santana, were nominated by Elizabeth Councilman Robert Jaspán as challengers in the primary.

"To establish a line in the primary election, you need freeholder candidates," said Jaspán.

Normally, only three freeholder seats are up for election each year. However, this year a fourth candidate will seek the remaining one year of state Sen. Nicholas Scutari's unexpired term. Last month, John Wohrlab, a Hillside resident, replaced Scutari on the freeholder board. Scutari stepped down from the board on March 1.

In June's primary, Wohrlab will be challenged by Elizabeth resident Stanley Moskal.

"There's a lot of dissatisfaction with the people throughout the county in regards to the way the freeholders are representing people," said Jaspán, explaining that one of the biggest issues is taxes. Jaspán is challenging incumbent J. Christian Bollwage for mayor of Elizabeth and is running a full slate of council candidates, in addition to freeholder candidates.

Republican candidates for freeholder are Joseph Renna of Cranford, Frank Arena of Westfield, Patricia Quattrocchi of Garwood and Bruce Paterson of Garwood. Paterson will face Wohrlab for the remaining year of Scutari's unexpired term during the Nov. 2 General Election.

Last year, Renna was an Independent candidate for freeholder. Paterson unsuccessfully ran for the Garwood Board of Education in 2000, while Quattrocchi served on the Garwood council in 2000. Arena will be seeking elected office for the first time.

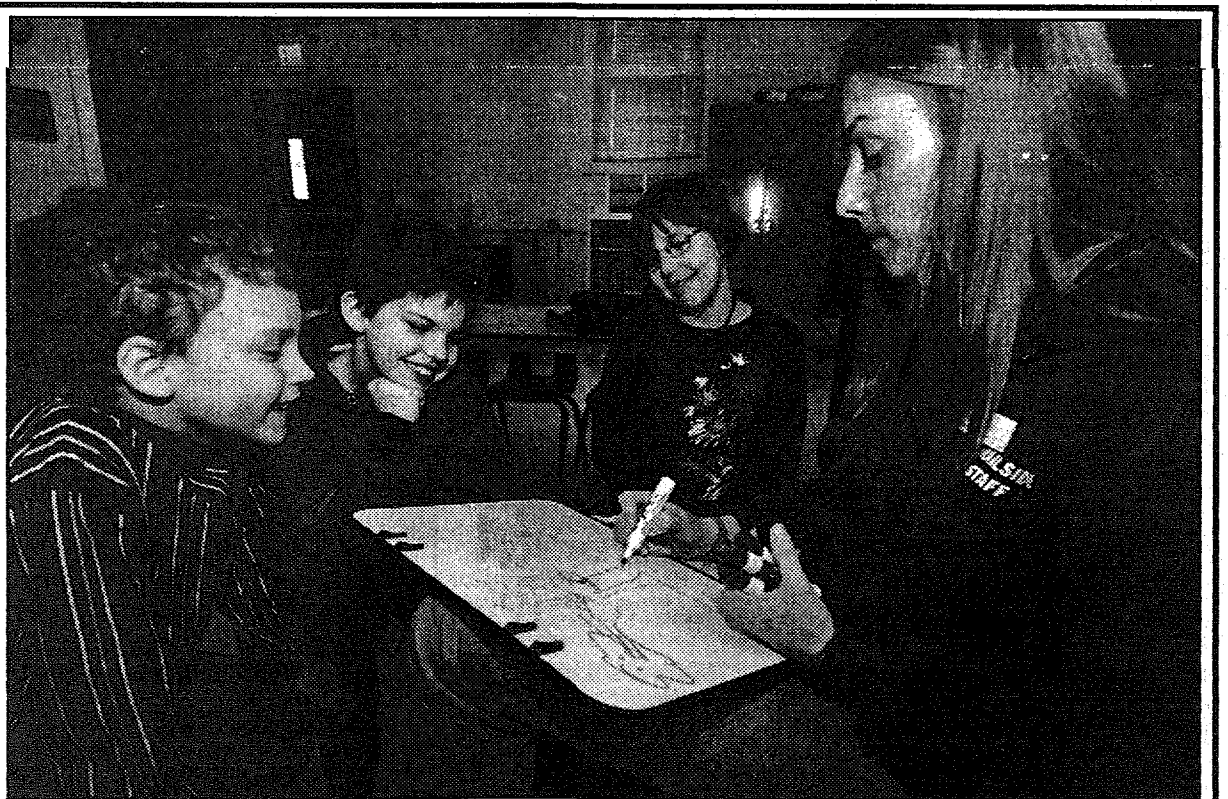
In addition to the four seats up for election on the freeholder board this year, voters will decide who fills the county surrogate and sheriff posts.

Additional Democrats did not file to challenge the incumbents in June's primary.

"I feel that the sheriff is doing a great job. I'm very friendly with the sheriff. He's been there and I've worked with him over the years. We just felt that we did not want to run a candidate against Ralph Froehlich," said Jaspán, explaining that he felt the same way about the surrogate.

Republicans have two candidates who will try to acquire both seats.

Mike Panagos of Westfield will run for surrogate and Peter Lijoi of Summit will run for sheriff. An attorney with a private practice in Westfield, Panagos served as a councilman in Westfield from 1986 to 1995. He also served as first deputy county attorney when Republicans had control of the freeholder board in the early 1990s. Lijoi is a commissioner on the Union County Board of Taxation.



Photos By Joseph A. Sorrentino



FUN WITH NATURE
— Mountainside youngsters, above, from left, Jesse, 6, Jeremy, 9, and Becky Klein, 11, learn about nature during a recent workshop at Trailside Nature and Science Center. Jeremy, 9, and Becky Klein, 11, learn about the food pyramid by removing a can from the bottom.

Golf fees to increase

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diately contact the manager who can fix any problems. However, he said, there's no direct link to the county to get things fixed on the county golf courses.

"There's no one to bring it to the attention of management to get something done," he said.

A relatively new feature at the county's golf courses is the ability to accept credit cards. The practice has been in place since the middle of last year.

To reserve a tee-time at the golf course, Sigmund suggested that residents purchase a season ID card, which allows users to access the parks department's computerized telephone reservation system.

Although the ID card is offered to both county and non-county residents, users who reside within the county are allowed to reserve a tee-time up to one week in advance. Non-county residents are only given that courtesy 48 hours in advance.

Schmickowitz said the only way to get a reservation is to use the computerized telephone system.

"I think it could be better," he said. "Times for weekend dates open up at 9 a.m. and it's barrage of phone calls. You can wait 20 minutes trying to get in only to find out you can't get in."

Baker said there seems to be a problem with the automated reservation system at Oak Ridge.

"You can get in two minutes after 9 a.m. for the following week, but otherwise it's 10:30, 11 o'clock," he said.

"There's some kind of a thing going on over at Oak Ridge. The other two courses you can get in after 9. You can get a reasonable time but Oak Ridge is impossible."

The reservation system telephone number is 908-351-0539.

People interested in purchasing an ID card can enter any of the county's three golf club houses and request one. Typically, the club houses are open between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Fees to purchase a golf card will remain the same at \$35 for a county card, \$30 for a senior citizen card and \$85 for a season card. The season card enables golfers to pay a discounted fee of \$19 on weekdays and \$21 on weekends per golf outing.

Approximately 80 percent of the revenue derived by Union County's Department of Parks and Recreation is generated by the golf courses, more than \$3 million annually.

Revenue from golf are not tallied until the end of the year. Sigmund said compared to last year, this year's revenues might be up a little.

In 2002, Sigmund said the county had a banner year financially for its golf courses. "We played golf through the winter," he said. "The average temperature was probably well into the 40s."

However, Sigmund said last year and this year it has not been as good. "We're hoping for a mild spring," he said. In 2003, golf revenues on the entire East coast were down due to a very wet spring and wet weekends during the summer.

Children's museum fund-raiser Saturday

The Children's Museum of Central New Jersey will sponsor a Wee Run Wild 5K Run, Kids Sprints, and Kids Amusement Fair Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union.

The Wee Run Wild 5K will take place at 8:30 a.m., the Kids Sprints at 10:15 a.m. and kids amusement fair from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

The kids amusement fair is open to all; runners must pre-register. Kid sprints are for children ages 2 to 11.

Entry fees for the 5K run are \$17 by April 12, \$20 after April 12, kids sprints are \$7.

To register, call 732-381-0318 or www.oymp.net.

Proceeds from the event will be used to build the Children's Museum of Central New Jersey.

The Children's Museum of Central New Jersey is a non-profit organization dedicated to establishing a completely interactive, hands-on museum serving the needs and interests of children. Through exhibits and programs, visitors discover the joy of exploration and the power of play in a wholesome, safe and welcoming environment.

Deliberately named, the Children's Museum of Central New Jersey serves as a regional centerpiece, a gathering point for individuals and institutions from all over central New Jersey.

If you would like more information about joining the quest to create a children's museum, contact CMCNJ, PO Box 3073, Westfield, 07090 or cmcnj.org.

Free information session

A free information session on sensitive and powerful new issues within the criminal justice system and how it operates in Union County is set for Tuesday as part of the national commemoration of Crime Victim's Rights Week.

The presentation on "America's Values from Complaint to Parole" is being offered to crime victims and other interested citizens by the Office of Victim/Witness Advocacy of the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

The program, including state-of-the-art presentations on how cases are prosecuted, sentencing, probation and parole, will begin at 11 a.m. at the Andrew K. Ruotolo Justice Center at 32 Rahway Ave. and end with luncheon and time for followup questions.

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"We are proud and pleased to host this exciting sit-down session with experts in the field so that those who have suffered at the hands of criminals get direct answers to their concerns," said Prosecutor Theodore Romankow, who noted that counselors from the unit will also be on hand to speak with participants.

Elaine O'Neal, unit coordinator, said she expects a good turnout including members of victims' groups who are in regular communication with her staff members as well as members of the public.

"We do ask that persons who want to come and join us call to reserve because the seating in our conference room is somewhat limited," said O'Neal, whose unit has participated in candlelight victim vigils, library visitations and programs for families killed in the World Trade Center murders during past Crime Victim's Rights Week programs in April.

Persons should register their names for the session by Friday by calling 908-527-4596. A representative from the state's Violent Crimes Compensation Board will also be part of the program as well as Trial Supervisor Regina Caulfield.

Clerk sees record number of passport applications

The Union County Clerk's Office set record-high numbers for passport applications, business trade-name registrations and County identification cards in March.

The office received 1,901 applications for U.S. passports, 388 applications for County identification cards and 206 trade-name registration applications — increases of 15 percent, 35 percent, and 29 percent, respectively, over last year. The total number of passport applications is the highest monthly total since 2001.

"Following a national trend, Union County residents are traveling abroad more than they have in years," Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi said. "The rise in business trade-name filings is a healthy sign of small-business growth in Union County. Both increases signal an upturn in the county's economy."

The county clerk's main office in Elizabeth is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; the phone number is 908-527-4966. The Westfield annex is open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and

Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; the phone number is 908-654-9859.

Free trees for schools

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has a gift for schools this spring: free flowering trees. While supplies last, each Union County school that desires one will receive a 5- to 6-foot tall Redbud tree. Schools can use this purple flowering tree to beautify their grounds, add shade to their properties, and to celebrate Arbor Day.

Along with the free tree, representatives will receive training in tree care and planting. Using games such as "Tree Jeopardy" and the 4-H Tree Tenders board game, the training sessions will teach where to plant the tree so it is an asset and not a hazard; how to prepare the ground for planting; mulching; watering, and how to protect the tree from vandalism.

The one-day training session is open to students and adults and will be from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at Williams Nursery in Westfield. Fourth- and fifth-grade students will receive training on April 27. Sixth- through eighth-graders will be trained on April 28, and high school students will be trained on April 29. Redbud trees will be distributed after each training session, along with a protective cage for the tree.

See your school principal if you or your child is interested in representing your school at the training session. You may also contact Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Agent and Chairman of the Union County Shade Tree Advisory Board, James Nicnadowicz, at 908-654-9854, or via e-mail, nicnadowicz@aesop.rutgers.edu, for more information.

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13, on an age appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

Tree planting April 24

Area residents, businesses, scout troops, school and community groups are invited to plant native trees, 1 to 2 feet tall, in Lenape Park on April 24. The saplings have been donated by the New Jersey Tree Foundation.

The tree planting will begin at the Broad Street and Springfield Avenue entrance to Lenape Park in Westfield. The event will be held rain or shine from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Participants should dress to get dirty and wet and bring gloves and shovels if they have them. Trash bags, some tools and gloves will be provided. Children, ages 14 and younger, must be accompanied by an adult.

The day of planting trees is sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, the state Department of Environmental Protection, the Americorps Watershed Program, the New Jersey Tree Foundation, the Friends of Lenape Park, and the Watchung Nature Club.

Volunteers should call 908-527-4032 to register.

Mothers & More meets

On Wednesday, the Union County Chapter of Mothers & More will host Dr. Alan Meltzer, a pediatrician at Atlantic Health System, who will answer questions from the group about children's health. The meeting will be Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St., Westfield.

This meeting will also be an opportunity for mothers in the area to find out more about the chapter's activities, which include mom and tot outings, mom's night out, playgroups, book club and more.

The Union County chapter holds meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield YMCA. New members are always welcome.

For more information, call K.C. at 908-789-8626 or Linda at 908-497-0283.

Community blood drives

The Blood Center of New Jersey and the Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor the following blood drives:

- Friday, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union.
- Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 111 South St., New Providence.
- Sunday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, North and Forest avenues, Cranford.
- Tuesday, 6 to 9 p.m., Masonic Atlas Pythagoras Lodge, 1011 Central Ave., Westfield.

Union County Arts Center project moves forward

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lot of interest in preserving low-land areas like marshes and wetlands that are environmentally significant."

According to documents filed with the state's Division of Consumer Affairs, the arts center ran a deficit of \$160,000 in 2002.

"It runs at a deficit which means that Union County residents will be picking up the tab," Summit Councilwoman P. Kelly Hatfield said.

"I don't think the county has any business being involved in entertainment," said Hatfield. "I haven't heard of any mandate from the community to get involved in that area, especially in light of the fact that times are tough. The county budget has increased dramatically over the last three years."

Rahway is in the midst of a \$100 million private redevelopment project in the city's downtown.

"This is an opportunity right now to help Rahway," said Freeholder Lewis Mingo of the possible arts center acquisition.

"This isn't merely just an arts program but an economic development program as well," said Freeholder Vice Chairman Rick Proctor of Rahway.

Union County Arts Center Interim Executive Director Donna Sandorise has said that by the county taking over the center it can pour in money to refurbish the facility, including the addition of air-conditioning, which would allow the arts center to extend its season into the summer months.

"Union County needs an art center," said Mingo. "If we don't find a way to save the art center it will fall on its face."

"The initiative is beneficial to every resident of the County of Union," said Proctor.

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Concert series to feature blues artist

The Coffee With Conscience Concert Series of Westfield will present Blues artist and "underground legend," Caroline Aiken, in concert at First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 E. Broad St., corner of North Avenue, Westfield, on Saturday.

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 Habitat For Humanity.

The Vermont-based singer/songwriter, Rachel Bissex, will open the show.

Aiken has been called the "Earth-mother of the Atlanta acoustic scene" and was recently named the "Best Acoustic Act" by Atlanta Magazine, and pictured with Curtis Mayfield, Gladys Knight, the Indigo Girls, and the Black Crowes.

"You cannot mistake her bluesy and expressive vocal style and her guitar work for anybody else's, it's nothing short of amazing."

Aiken has mastered the art of taking her audience by surprise and leaving them awestruck by her performance.

After 30-plus years of performing and touring globally, she was called an "underground legend," by Santa Cruz's Good Times magazine. She has opened for and played with some of music's greatest talents. Among them are Muddy Waters, Bonnie Raitt, Leo Kottke, Hot Tuna, and Little Feat. Aiken has played at the Georgia Music Hall of Fame with the B-52's and Mother's Finest. She was even presented with her own glass case in the Atlanta Hard Rock Cafe.

Aiken has independently produced five CDs, in which two of the CDs,

"Live Bait" and "Butler Field" were chosen by Performing Songwriter Magazine as top "Do-it-yourself" releases. These two CDs also garnered national, critical acclaim in shows such as Acoustic Cafe and were played on 200-plus radio stations across the country.

With three different workshops, she is busy teaching private and group lessons in performance, songwriting, and guitar playing. Other than that, she's just happy to perform and feel the magic.

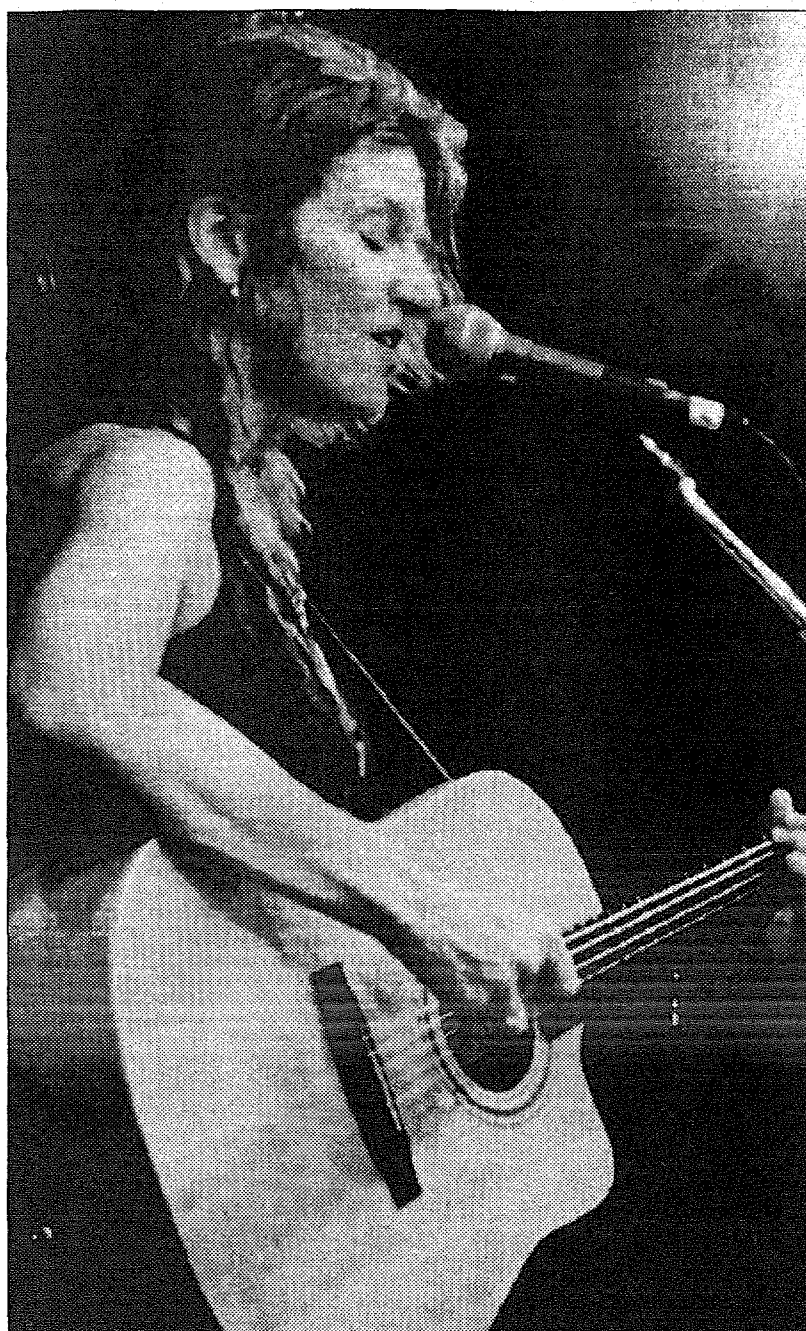
For more information about Aiken, visit www.carolineaiken.com.

The Coffee With Conscience Concert Series of Westfield is a 10-show series running from September through June at First United Methodist Church of Westfield. The concerts are also being recorded for broadcast by Westfield's TV-36. Residents of Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Mountainside can catch each month's concert on Fridays at 10 a.m. and 10 p.m., and on Sundays at 7 p.m.

The Coffee With Conscience Concert Series of Westfield supports the following charities: The Eric Johnson House in Morristown, the Interfaith Council for the Homeless, the Names Project — more commonly known as the AIDS Quilt — Habitat for Humanity and the Community FoodBank of New Jersey. Each concert benefits one of these charities.

The series is made possible in part by a HEART grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and private donations which are encouraged.

For more information about the Coffee With Conscience Concert Series, the upcoming performance, or ways in which to get involved with the



Blues artist Caroline Aiken will appear Saturday in the Coffee With Conscience Concert Series at First United Methodist Church in Westfield.

series, call Ahrré Maros, owner of Ahrré's Coffee Roastery in Westfield at 908-232-8723. You can also go to

the Web site at www.coffeewithconscience.com. Volunteers are always appreciated.

'Other avenues' to open at Guild

On April 25 from 1 to 4 p.m., an opening reception will be held for "Other Avenues" an art exhibit at The Arts Guild of Rahway featuring works by Sarah Davis and Bill Westheimer. The exhibit will run from April 25 to May 21. Admission for the exhibit and reception is free.

"Other Avenues" combines collodion photographs by Bill Westheimer and mixed media art works by Sarah Davis to create an exploration into non-traditional photographic methods.

The mixed media creations of Maplewood artist Sarah Davis combine photographic images, cut or torn paper, text, photo silk screen and an assortment of alternative materials in an edgy format that alludes to the consciousness of the moment, or snippets of reality strung together.

Says Davis, "A mental image of the (finished) work precedes any technical ideas. My inspiration is found in specific qualities of any given object or image... the texture of crumbled buildings, the intrigue of an open window, the creased and damaged feel of an old film reel. The glimpses into life that surround me everywhere I walk. I'm interested in piecing the moments together. They hold my attention so that their qualities can be transferred into my own work. This is how they start becoming something tangible, telling, even voyeuristic. It all takes on the narrative that I envision."

Bill Westheimer of West Orange is a born experimenter whose search has led him to investigation into 3-D Photographs, high contrast image making, solarization and other alternative photo processes. At Union College, Westheimer studied philosophy and art with noted painter and educator Arnold Bitterman. Later Jerry Burchfield introduced him to color photographs and lifochrome printing.

Early in this millennium, he learned the 19th century technique of collodion glass plate photography from leading experts in the field: France Scully and Mark Osterman.

This exhibit is sponsored by Merck & Co., Inc.

This exhibit is also made possible in part by a grant from the NJ State Council on the Arts through a grant administered by the UC Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Gallery hours for this exhibit are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. and Thurs. from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Appointments are also available for schools and large groups.

For more information, call 732-381-7511, e-mail to artsguild1670@earthlink.net, or visit the Web site at www.rahwayartsguild.org.

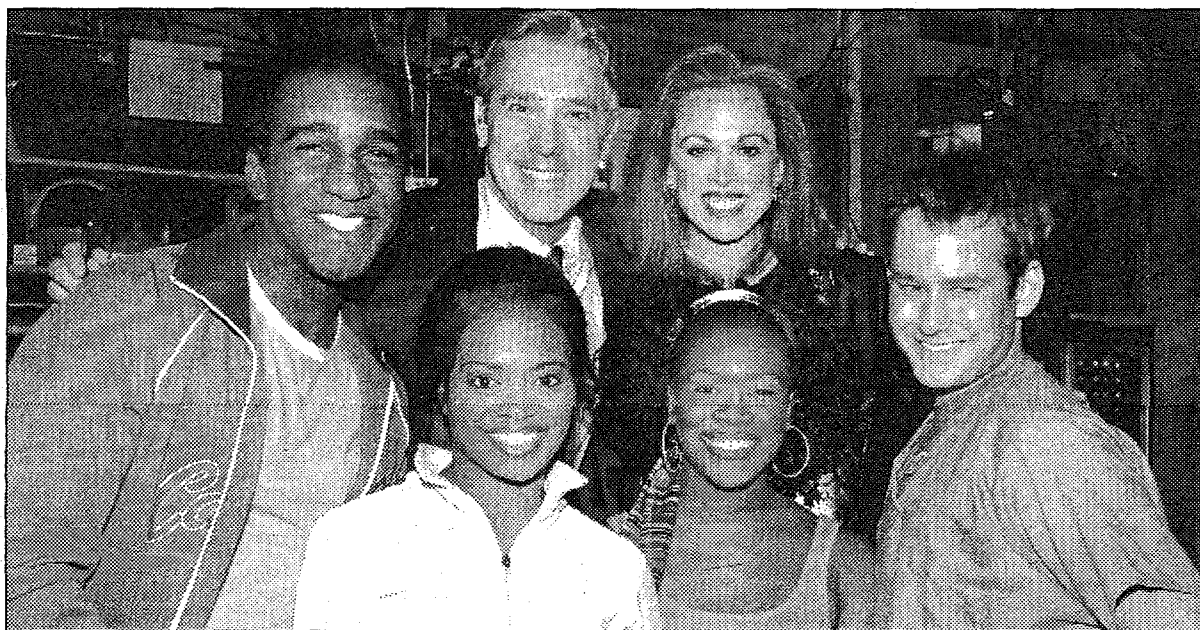
The Arts Guild is located at 1670 Irving St. in downtown Rahway. It is the guild's mission to present high quality arts programs for the central and northern New Jersey areas.

Bill VanSant, Editor

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'Baby's' first picture



The leading actors of 'Baby' stop backstage immediately after receiving an opening-night standing ovation at Paper Mill Playhouse. From left, rear, are Norm Lewis, Michael Rupert and Carolee Carmello; front, LaChanze, Moeisha McGill and Chad Kimball. For information, see the 'Theater' section of the Stepping Out calendar.

Senior 'Reflects' on lifelong love of art

"Reflections," an exhibit of paintings, will be displayed at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library through April 22.

"Reflections" is a summary of the work of artist Judith Stein spanning more than 60 years. Although an art educator for 35 years, Stein consistently concentrated on the development of her personal artistic agenda.

To share her philosophy of the art experience with her students as a process of intellect, passion and technique was constant throughout her career.

Her paintings reflect an ongoing

exploration of a variety of media, techniques, styles, and subjects.

Nearing the age of 80, Stein has finally had time to devote herself more fully to expand her talents as an artist. It has been a special period of freedom and experimentation, she says.

Stein has a bachelor's degree from Kean University and a master's degree from William Patterson College. She has also studied at Columbia University and the Art Students League. She has exhibited widely, including at the Somerset Art Association, Hunterdon Art Center, Robin Hutchins Gallery in

Maplewood, Joy Kreves Gallery in Frenchtown, and Skidmore Art Consultants in Princeton. She was an art educator in Newark, Montclair, Caldwell, and Parsippany.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield.

Hours of the exhibit are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

College presents 'Timeframe'

From Friday through July 15, the exhibition "Timeframe" by artist Kate Dodd, will be on display in The Commons on Union County College's Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave.

Due to extensive renovations being made to the MacKay Library, the next several shows will move from the gallery space to various venues on the Cranford campus.

This "Time Frame" is a multi-part piece specifically designed for the UCC Commons. It will be suspended from the existing spaceframe there. It will be made up of linear elements similar to spaceframe components. These forms appear to extend and flow downward in a cascade that culminates in a flock of synchronized clock mechanisms.

The clock mechanisms themselves will not be noticeable but spaceframe-like hands will draw attention to them as they rotate and align with each other on both the minute and hour. The components cling to each other as they proceed downward, regularly ticking away, despite the illusion of drama that the upper part of the form suggests, and movement is arrested, time continues, and time measures how long the moment is frozen. Thus, part of the installment moves, part of it stays still, the 'event' and the aftermath cohabiting.

Dodd designs site-specific installations and enjoys the chance to work in different geographic regions. She particularly enjoys incorporating her responses into the local landscape, architecture, and cultural. Her current work focuses on the aesthetic and emotional impact of interior and exterior spaces, and the degree to which they comfort, stimulate, or oppress their occupants.

When developing an exhibit for a site, Dodd explains that she approaches it by examining its formal, functional, psychological, and social properties and boundaries, particularly taking note of what is undeveloped or missing in the site and what characterizes it. She wants to establish a stronger sense of place in the site by introducing warmth, intimacy, humor, visual pleasure, and physical comfort, while simultaneously incorporating and exaggerating the pertinent qualities of the site. Her mission is to, "...create a heightened sensory experience for the viewer/occupant while reexamining the institutional and conventional aspects of the built environment."

According to Dodd, the UCC Commons is an area where classes, students, and employees cycle throughout the day with their paths crisscrossing.

In describing this work, she states, "Sitting in the Commons provides a way to pass time, watching the population shift over the course of the day and into the night; the cycle begins again the next day. The architecture, the institutionalized modernist rhythm of exposed utility, with everything neat but visible, is a vast still interior providing anonymity and a place to wait. A clock on the wall, ticking, rotating, in unison with clocks everywhere, but here alone in the huge space of this waiting place... The methodical dance of hours and minutes continuing regularly, no matter what events actually take place, relentless yet reassuring. If there's a physical presence that suggests a frozen moment, via arrested movement, then there's the illusion that time itself can be held onto, stopped until we're ready to move on."

Dodd received her B.F.A. from Pratt Institute in 1983 and her M.F.A. from Columbia University in 1990. She is a resident and teaches in New Jersey. Her background is in environmental design. She has exhibited her artwork nationally in museums, such as the Morris Museum, Morristown, and the Fuller Museum, Boston.

She has also exhibited in galleries and colleges nationwide, such as Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Rutgers University, Eastern Tennessee State University, Mount Ida College, Caldwell College, Raritan Valley Community College, Columbia University, and County College of Morris.

In 2003, she was in two group exhibitions, "Vistas: Interventions in a Mediated Landscape", at Mount Ida College, in Newton, Mass., and "Bristol-Myers Squibb Sculpture Project" at the Bristol-Myers Squibb campus in Hopewell.

In addition, she has received various commissions, grants, and awards throughout the years including the 2002 Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Visual Arts Initiative, 2000-2005 New Jersey State Council on the Arts Arts-in-Education Fellow, and in 1997 Rutgers Center for Innovative Print and Paper.

The exhibit will debut Friday with an opening reception from 7 to 9 p.m. 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.

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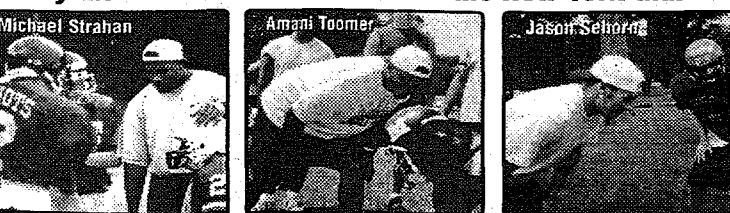
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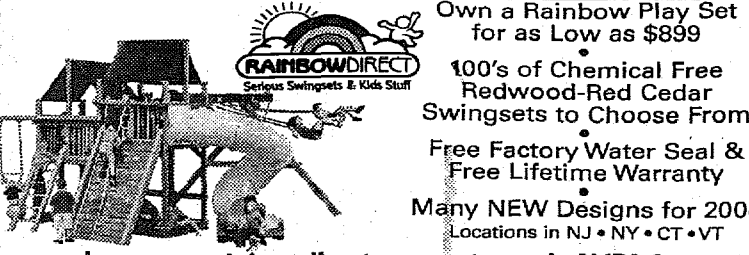
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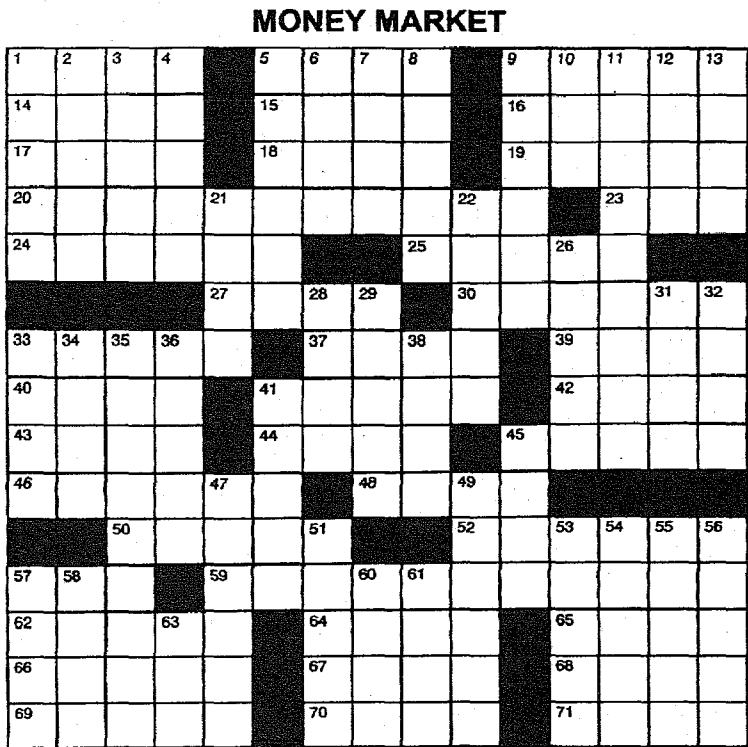
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The following schools will conduct reunions in the coming months:

- Scotch Plains High School Class of 1994, 10-year reunion, May 15.
- Union High School Class of 1979, 25-year reunion, July 24.
- Battin-Jefferson High School, Elizabeth, Class of 1974, 30-year reunion, July 31.
- 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.
- Westfield High School Class of 1974, 30-year reunion, Oct. 23.

- Hillside High School Class of 1954, 50-year reunion, Nov. 20.
- Governor Livingston Regional High School, Berkeley Heights, Class of 1979, 25-year reunion, Nov. 26.
- Union High School Class of 1969, 35-year reunion, Nov. 26.
- Union High School Class of 1994, 10-year reunion, Nov. 26.
- Union High School Class of 1984, 20-year reunion, Nov. 27.
- Westfield High School Class of 1984, 20-year reunion, Nov. 27.
- Scotch Plains High School Class of 1979, 25-year reunion, Dec. 31.
- Westfield High School Class of 1994, 10-year reunion, Dec. 31.
- Scotch Plains High School Class of 1975, 30 year reunion, Dec. 31, 2005.
- Scotch Plains High School Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, Dec. 31, 2005.

- Union High School, Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, Dec. 31, 2005.
- Union High School, Class of 1995, 10-year reunion, Dec. 31, 2005.
- Westfield High School Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, Dec. 31, 2005.

For information on any of the above reunions, write to Reunions Unlimited Inc., P.O. Box 150, Englishtown, 07726; or call 732-617-1000.

- Union High School Class of 1954 will conduct its 50-year reunion June 4-6.

For information, write to Class of '54 Reunion Committee, 250 Globe Ave., Union, 07083.

- Linden High School Class of 1959 will conduct its 45-year reunion June 19 at the Sheraton Woodbridge.

For information, call Jan Murawski at 732-381-1763, Jeannine D'Angelo Chiusano at 718-987-4713, or Alan Bedrick at 908-925-1997.

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EVENT: Rotary Flea Market
PLACE: Jonathan Dayton High School, Mountain Avenue, Springfield
TIME: 10:00am-5:00pm
PRICE: Free admission. Over 130 vendors. Free Blood pressure screening. Free Fire prevention exhibition
ORGANIZATION: Springfield Rotary Club.

OTHER

FRI., SAT., SUN., ONLY
April 23rd to May 2nd, 2004

EVENT: "Home and the Holidays" Spring, Garden & Gift Boutique
PLACE: The Hetfield House Constitution Plaza (off New Providence Road next to Library), Mountainside, NJ
TIME: 10am-6pm
DETAILS: Featuring the "Annual Geranium Sale" to benefit the Historic Preservation Committee for the Hetfield House on Saturday, May 1st, 9am-3pm
ORGANIZATION: Mountainside Historical Restoration Society

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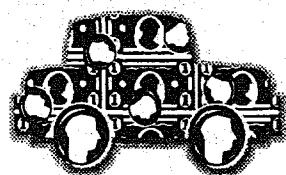
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EVENT: Opening Day Parade for Roselle Park Youth Baseball League
PLACE: Boys and Girls will meet in full uniform at Middle School
TIME: 12:30 P.M.
INFORMATION: T-Ball begins Saturday May 1, 2004. Team pictures will be taken on Saturday May 15, 2004. Please visit our website at www.roselleparkyouthbaseball.com or watch channel 34 for the leagues latest news and information
ORGANIZATION: Roselle Park Youth Baseball League "2004"

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April 19-25

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Discipline is your key word this week. Stick to your budget and refuse to be tempted by sales or rebate offers to spend beyond your means.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your social calendar is filled with a variety of activities. It's OK to make the rounds, but avoid spreading yourself too thin.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Act on an opportunity to join a popular club or group. Seek to compromise with a partner or mate and avoid an unnecessary power play.
CANCER (June 22-July 22): Strive to earn the respect of your friends or associates. Set a positive example for them to follow and instill moral and uplifting values.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Questions arise concerning which direction your job or career should take. Listen to the advice of an elder or mentor and you can't go wrong.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): No one has the right to tell you how or what to think about a philosophical or political platform. Speak up and express your opinions.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Pooling your resources is an excellent way to extend your buying power. Get together with a few close friends and make a lavish investment.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Refuse to let anyone or anything stand in the way or jeopardize a special relationship. Place your trust in your partner and rid yourself of doubt.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Experiment with different ways to organize your life. Use a day planner or write the details of your schedule on a posted calendar.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Enjoy spending quality time with children or younger sibling. Let down your hair and be willing to explore an unusual activity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can get a lot done working around the house this week. Start with a list of your most pressing chores and complete them one by one.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Communication is highlighted. Gather your thoughts and present your creative ideas to a club or group with a dramatic flair.
If your birthday is this week, the emphasis falls on financial issues during the coming year. Pour all your energy into establishing long-term fiscal goals and setting up an investment plan that will take you there. As a special precaution, handle your money with care and spend for quality instead of quantity. Make the most of a highly creative cycle. Follow up on interests in art, music or dance.
Also born this week: Vladimir Ilyich Lenin, John Muir, Jayne Mansfield, Rene Zellweger, and Shirley MacLaine.

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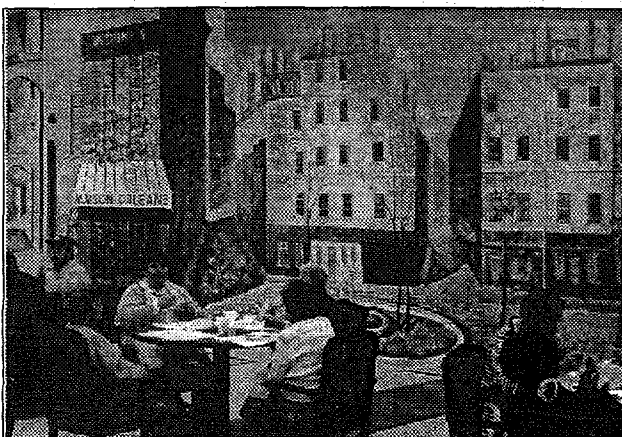
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Widely praised as one of the best film series in the world, Filmmakers Symposium has hosted 951 movie premieres in the past 12 years.

Filmmakers Symposium will take place at two locations: Loews Mountainside on Monday evenings, or at Loews Monmouth Mall on Tuesday evenings.

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," starring Pierce Brosnan and Julianne Moore, directed by Peter Howitt, and "Man on Fire," with Denzel Washington and Christopher Walken, and directed by Tony Scott.

Also confirmed and under consideration are "The Notebook," with Ryan Gosling and Joan Allen, directed by Nick Cassavetes; "The Reckoning," with Paul Bettany and Willem Dafoe, directed by Paul McGuigan; "Sex Is Comedy," with Anne Parrillaud and Gregoire Colin, directed by Catherine Breillat; "Since Otter Left," with Esther Gorintin and Nino Khomassouridze, directed by Julie Betucelli; "Slipping Down Life," with Lili Taylor and Guy Pearce, directed by Toni Kalem; "Spartan," with Val Kilmer, Derek Luke and William H. Macy, directed by David Mamet; "The Story of the Weeping Camel," with Ingen Teme, Botok and Uuganbaatar Ikhhbayar, directed by Luigi Falorni and Byambasuren Davaa; "This So-Called Disaster," with Sean Penn, Nick Nolte and Sam Shepard, directed by Michael Almereyda; "Troy," with Brad Pitt and Peter O'Toole, directed by Wolfgang Petersen; "Wilbur Wants to Kill Himself," with Jamie Sives and Adrian Rawlins, directed by Lone Scherfig; and "Zatoichi," with Beat Takeshi and Tadanobu Asano, directed by Takeshi Kitano.

Oscar-winners and -nominees Danny Aiello, Alan Arkin, James Cromwell, Frank Darabont, Jean-Pierre Jeunet, Richard LaGravenese, John Sayles and Marc Shaiman have joined Suzy Amis, Dylan Baker, Bob Balaban, Jim Breuer, Al Franken, Ethan Hawke, Famke Janssen, Delroy Lindo, Derek Luke, David Morse, Viggo Mortensen, Mary Kay Place, Kevin Smith, Fisher Stevens, David Strathairn, Henry Thomas and Wendy Wasserstein as guest speakers who have come to share their insights with symposium participants.

Director Chuck Rose promises, "The series will always be flexible in order to take advantage of opportunities as they arise. Wonderful surprises and fantastic celebrities can pop up out of nowhere, so I try to keep the schedule as fluid as possible. In the past two years, we premiered 91 movies which later earned a total of 38 Oscar, 44 British Academy, 33 Golden Globe, and 50 Independent Spirit Award nominations."

Bill VanSant, Editor

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New Jersey Theater Alliance now offering discounts

New Jersey Theater Alliance, the consortium of the state's professional theaters, has launched a discount ticketing Web site dedicated solely to New Jersey's performing arts. With the nation's first Web site of its kind, bargain-hunting arts patrons can now go online for an overview of performances across the state and to purchase "hot tickets," deeply discounted tickets for same-day performances.

Hot tickets are available 24 hours in advance of a performance and can only be purchased at www.njArtsTix.org.

Plays, dance performances, symphonies and classical concerts, jazz and pop performances, family events and more will be sold through the site. In addition to the professional theaters, many of the state's presenting organizations and dance companies have joined with NJTA's membership to give customers access to as many types of performing events as possible.

Searching for events in theater, musical theater, dance, classical music, folk/pop/jazz, family events and free events is easy, and customers will have the ability to create their own accounts and receive e-mail alerts on a week-

ly basis. They will also find directions and information about parking and nearby restaurants for each venue.

Once a purchase is made, the customer will receive a confirmation by e-mail. This confirmation can then be printed out and the purchaser can take it to the theater box office to pick up their tickets. A 10-percent service charge will be added to the cost of the discounted ticket to help support the site.

"New Jersey is one of the richest performing arts states in the country, offering world-class theater, dance, music and legendary performers. The launch of njArts Tix.org is a win-win partnership between arts patrons and arts organizations. It provides a one-stop shopping address for discounted tickets and a great vehicle for theaters to attract new audiences while selling any remaining seats on performance days," says Barbara Andrews, director of marketing at Princeton's McCarter Theater. "This is an important new initiative that will help the arts to continue to flourish in our great state."

Thanks to leadership grants from The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and Verizon, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and many other funders, NJTA was able to develop the site which promises to break down economic barriers to the performing arts.

After interviewing several candidates, NJTA hired Plumb Design of New

York City, an award-winning Web design firm, to develop the project.

"NJArtsTix.org is a great example of having technology work for us, instead of vice-versa. Everybody wins with this new service — the patrons, the individual theaters and other presenting organizations, the Theater Alliance, and New Jersey itself as a place to live," said David Grant, executive director of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

The alliance is also offering a \$40 VIP membership that will give customers access to discounted tickets 48 hours in advance of a performance. This service will provide customers with extra time to make plans, and to have first chance at obtaining tickets that may be limited.

Further information about VIP membership can be obtained on the Web site. Customers are encouraged to check in often, as events will change daily.

Customers can log on to www.njArtsTix.org and begin browsing for hot tickets as well as obtaining information about future performances across the Garden State.

Customers can call 973-540-0515 with questions about the Web site, or send inquiries via e-mail to NJTA at info@njtheatrealliance.org.

"We are hoping njArtsTix.org will encourage people to try different performances and theaters they may not have ventured to before," says John McEwen, executive director of the New Jersey Theater Alliance.

Printmaking workshop offered at Arts Guild

A printmaking workshop will be held at The Arts Guild of Rahway, 1690 Irving St., in May. "Cyanotype; Printmaking without a Darkroom" will be May 9 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

H. Lisa Solon will be instructing the May workshop entitled "Cyanotype; Printmaking without a Darkroom".

Cyanotype is an inexpensive introduction to alternative photographic processes. Participants will learn to take an image — a negative, a drawing on acetate or glass, or even the shadows of an object — and create photographic prints of it onto watercolor paper without the use of a traditional darkroom.

The process does not destroy the negative, and can be used to make editions or unique images. In addition to going home with some wonderful prints, everyone will learn to mix their own cyanotype chemistry and how to set up a system to continue this work at home.

Cyanotypes are sometimes called "blue prints" and you will create many blue images, but you will also learn to tone them to other colors.

The "Cyanotype" workshop is \$80 plus an additional \$15 material fee. In addition to the material provided, students will be responsible for a few other items.

To register for these workshops, call The Arts Guild of Rahway at: 732-381-7511 or e-mail to artsguild1670@earthlink.net.

For more information about these and other programs at The Arts Guild, visit the Web site at www.rahwayartsguild.org.

Funding for this program has been made possible in part by a HEART Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Additional funding generously provided by PSE&G.

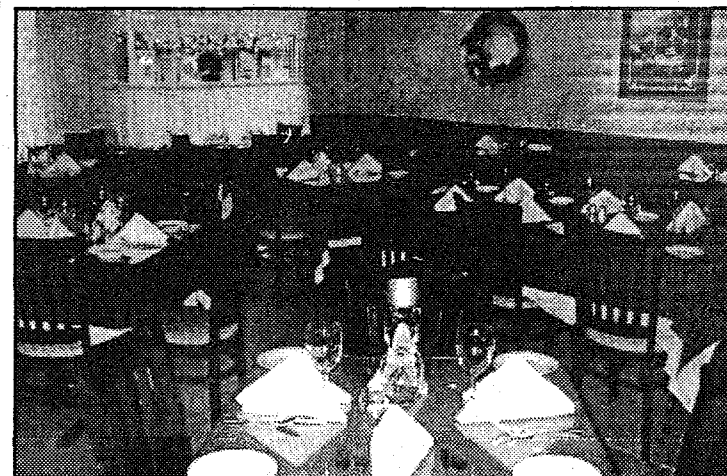
The Arts Guild of Rahway is a non-profit center for the arts at 1670 Irving St. in Downtown Rahway. It is their mission to provide high quality arts programs for the residents of central and northern New Jersey. The nine-month season includes art exhibits, a jazz series, and art classes featuring New Jersey's own talented artists, performers and instructors.

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My dining companion and I brought our own bottle of Luna di Luna Merlot-Cabernet - La Cucina is a "BYO" establishment - and I began with one of the evening's specials: the crabmeat-stuffed mushrooms. The dish was lightly seasoned, allowing the delicately flavored personalities of the two main components to shine through.

Our salad course consisted of the House Salad for myself and the Shrimp and Spinach Salad for my companion, both with the house vinaigrette dressing. While my salad was a delicious combination of greens, my companion's selection boasted four extremely large shrimp, grilled to perfection with a smoky hint to the flavor. Both were not only delicious, but light on the palate and the perfect intro for our main courses.

For this course, my companion selected the Seared Scallops in a tantalizing balsamic reduction, and I opted for the Veal Saltimbocca. The scallops were quite large and deliciously prepared, with the reduction perfectly offsetting the flavor of the seafood. The veal was succulent and was complemented perfectly by the prosciutto, mozzarella cheese and spinach that make this dish what it is.

While we were both comfortably full from the first courses, we couldn't bypass dessert in a restaurant that had already won us over. While my companion sipped a decaf coffee, I savored a delicious cappuccino while we awaited our finales. I was taken to another world by the Bocca Negra, a chocolate cake that gave new meaning to sinful, while my companion relished the Pear Tart with its generous helping of caramel sauce. Mucci presented us with another house special: the Butter Cookie Sampler, made by her mother-in-law. The heavenly cookies went perfectly with our coffees, and would make a perfect "sharable" dessert for a couple too full for individual selections.

As has happened in the past, I've once again stumbled across a restaurant in the course of my job that I'll be returning to in the future. But I'll have to plan well in advance: with the growing popularity of La Cucina, I might be waiting for a table!

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ART SHOWS

TAKE 5: "Text and Textures" will be on exhibit at the Arts Guild of Rahway through Friday.

Gallery hours are Wednesdays to Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m., and Thursday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511, send e-mail to arts-guild1670@earthlink.net, or visit www.RahwayArtsGuild.org.

REFLECTIONS, the works of Judith Stein, will be on exhibit at the Donald B. Palmer Museum at the Springfield Free Public Library through April 22.

Gallery hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 3:30 p.m. The Springfield Free Public Library is located 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call 973-376-4930.

MAINE TO MEXICO, landscape oils by Frank Ferrante, will be on exhibit at Swain Galleries in Plainfield through April 30.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Swain Galleries is located at 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For information, call 908-756-1707.

PORTRAITS IN CLASSIC ROCK, the concert photography of Kevin R. Papa, will be on exhibit through April 30 at the Cranford Public Library.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cranford Public Library is located at 224 Walnut Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-709-7272, send e-mail to library@cranfordnj.org, or visit www.cranfordnj.org.

PRINTMAKERS OF NJCVA — an exhibit of etchings, monoprints, collagraphs, photo transfers and relief prints — will be on exhibit through April 30 at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit.

Gallery hours are Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121 or visit www.njcva.org.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mountainside will exhibit the works of the New Jersey Watercolor Society and oil painter Julio Ortiz throughout the month of April. CHS is located on New Providence Road in Mountainside.

MOVING BY ART, the works of Fran Winer, Joan Goldsmith, and Nancy J. Ori, will be on exhibit at the Women's Resource Center in Summit, 57 New England Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-7253, send e-mail to wrc@verizon.net, or visit the Web site at www.womensource.org.

GRADUATE THESIS EXHIBITION, featuring the works of five of Kean University's fine arts graduates, will be on exhibit through May 7 in the James Howe Gallery in Vaughn-Eames Hall on the Union campus.

Kean University is located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. For information, including gallery hours, call 908-737-4400.

UNVEILING THE IMAGE: "Multicultural Women Artists" will be on exhibit at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through May 26. A Gallery

Stepping Out

Lecture will take place May 2 at 2 p.m. Gallery hours are Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121 or visit www.njcva.org.

IN MEMORIAM, paintings by Claire Simon, will be on exhibit from April 23 through May 27 at the Donald B. Palmer Museum in the Springfield Free Public Library. An Artist's Reception will take place April 24 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Gallery hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 3:30 p.m. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call 973-376-4930.

AUDITIONS

MYSTIC VISION PLAYERS in Linden will conduct auditions for "A Chorus Line" on Wednesday and April 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St., Linden. Auditioners must be 16 years old or older, and be prepared to sing and dance. Show dates are July 23 to 31. For information, call 908-925-9068.

BOOKS

LATIN RECORDING ARTIST JORGE SUAREZ will perform and sign copies his new album, "Soy Libre," April 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

DOROTHY CANTOR will discuss her new book, "Finding Your Voice: A Woman's Guide to Using Self-Talk for Fulfilling Relationships, Work and Life," April 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH will be celebrated with an open mic night April 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

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

EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITERS' CIRCLE, led by Cheryl Racanelli, meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

CLASSICS BOOK CLUB meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

CLOAK AND DAGGER READING GROUP will meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark.

For information, call 732-574-1818.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTERESTS meets the second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

MYSTERY READING GROUP meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION BOOK GROUP, a monthly reading group featuring staff members' favorite books, meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

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

BOOKS WE LIKE, a reading group featuring staff recommendations, will meet the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading Group meets the third Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark to read a Shakespeare play out loud. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

WOMEN'S READING GROUP meets the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

WRITERS WORKSHOP meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

ANGELS & DEMONS discussion group meets Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

KNIT KNACK KNITTING GROUP meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

COMEDY

"AN EVENING WITH JOY BEHAR" will be presented April 24 at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St. in Rahway. Tickets are \$38 to \$54. For information, call 908-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org.

CONCERTS

COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE CONCERT SERIES in Westfield and Springfield will present a series of artists through June at two locations through June.

Saturday: Caroline Aiken, Westfield
May 8: Songwriters in the Round, hosted by Ritt Henn, Springfield

May 15: Sonia/Disappear Fear, with opener Chris Glenn, 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 Mall, Springfield. Tickets are \$12 and include refreshments. For information, call 908-232-8723 or visit the Web site at www.coffeewithconscience.com.

SANCTUARY CONCERTS in Berkeley Heights will present musical acts in the coming weeks.

April 24: Tracy Grammer
May 8: "Festival of Funny Women"
Concerts are presented at Union Village Methodist Church, 1130 Mountain Ave., Berkeley Heights. For information, call 973-376-4946 or visit www.sanctuaryconcerts.org.

NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will appear in concert today at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$21 to \$79.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call NJSO at 800-255-3476 or NJPAC at 888-466-5722, or visit their respective Web sites at www.njsymphony.org or www.njpac.org.

ROCKAPPELLA will appear in concert Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Wilkins Theatre at Kean University. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$15 for senior citizens and Kean alumni, \$12 for students and children. For information, call 908-737-7469.

THE MUTTER-PREVIN-HARRELL TRIO — violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter, pianist Andre Previn, and cellist Lynn Harrell — will appear in concert Friday at 8 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$16 to \$69.

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

SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK will appear in concert Saturday at 8 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$11 to \$49.

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

WESTFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will appear in concert Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway. Tickets are \$25 to \$60, with discounts for students and senior citizens. For information, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org or www.westfieldsymphony.org.

NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will appear in concert April 23 at 8 p.m., April 25 at 3 p.m., and April 27 at 1:30 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$21 to \$79.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call NJSO at 800-255-3476 or NJPAC at 888-466-5722, or visit their respective Web sites at www.njsymphony.org or www.njpac.org.

PAQUITA D'RIVERA will appear in concert with the NJPAC World Festival Orchestra on April 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Victoria Theatre at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$31.

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

CELLIST YO-YO MA will appear in concert with the Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra on April 30 at 8 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$19 to \$81.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call 888-466-

5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

DANCE

TAYLOR 2, the touring branch of the Paul Taylor Dance Company, will appear Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$19 for adults, \$10 for children younger than 14.

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

NEW JERSEY BALLET COMPANY will appear in "Esméralda," based on "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" by Victor Hugo, on April 22 at 7 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$35 to \$45.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call New Jersey Ballet at 973-597-9600 or NJPAC at 888-466-5722, or visit the Web site at www.njpac.org.

SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS will sponsor an evening of international dance April 16 at 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Church of Summit, Waldron and Springfield avenues. Admission is \$2. For information, call 973-467-8278.

DISCUSSION

MILLER-CORY HOUSE MUSEUM in Westfield will present Fran Gold, former editor and publisher of The Jewish Horizon, in a talk on the arrival of Jews in the colonies in 1654 on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. Museum admission is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students; children younger than 6 are admitted free. Miller-Cory House Museum is located at 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield. For information, call 908-232-1776.

JOURNAL WRITING GROUP, led by professional life coach Jami Novak, meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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

FILM

FILMMAKERS SYMPOSIUM will be sponsored Mondays through May 10 at the Loews Mountainside. The second sub-session of the 12-week symposium runs through May 10. Fee is \$131 for six weeks, plus a \$20 registration fee. For information, call 800-531-9416.

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

HOBBIES

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

KIDS

KEAN UNIVERSITY will present the

Cleveland Signstage Theatre in "Matilda" on April 23 at 7 p.m. in Wilkins Theatre, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$11 for senior citizens and Kean alumni, \$9 for students and children. For information, call 908-737-7469.

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

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will sponsor Tales for Tots Preschool Storytime, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m., and the Kids' Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m. For information, call 973-376-8544.

POETRY

POETRY OUT LOUD! will take place at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT takes place the second Sunday of every month at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-241-5758.

SINGLES

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

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

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. Admission is \$7. For information, call 908-688-8816.

THEATER

KEAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT THEATRE SERIES will present "The Canterbury Tales: Chaucer Made" from April 23 to 26 in the University Center Little Theatre, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. Shows are April 23 and 24 at 8 p.m., April 25 at 2 p.m., and April 26 at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for general admission; \$12 for senior citizens and Kean faculty staff and alumni; \$10 for students and children. For information, call 908-737-7469.

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE in Millburn will present the musical "Baby" by Sybille Pearson, David Shire, and Richard Maltby Jr. through May 9. Shows are Wednesdays to Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 7:30 p.m.; matinees are Thursdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. and Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. Ticket are \$30 to \$67.

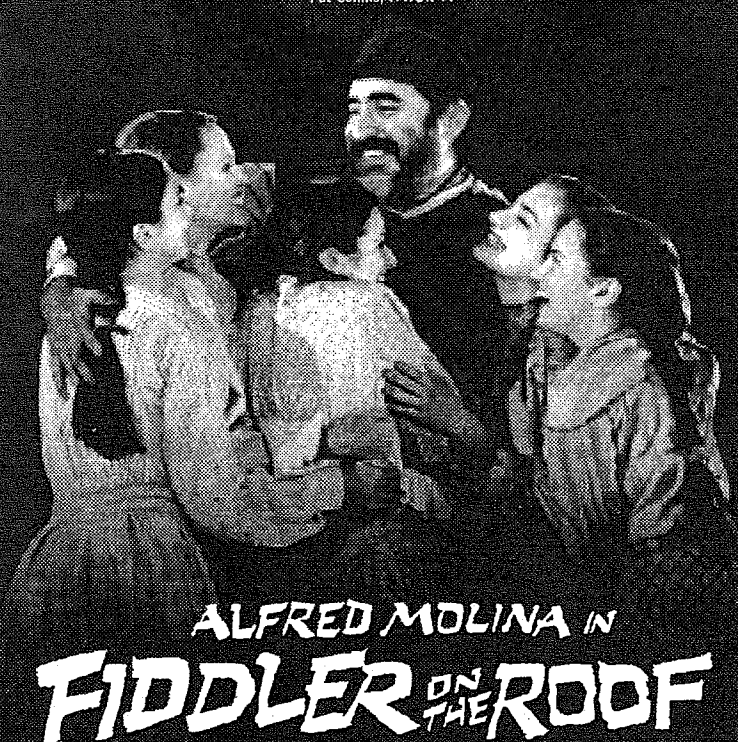
Special performances are the Conversation Series, Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the mezzanine, through April 29; audio-described performances, with sensory seminar 90 minutes prior to curtain, April 29 at 2 p.m., May 1 at 2:30 p.m., and May 2 at 7:30 p.m.; and sign-interpreted performances May 2 at 7:30 p.m. and May 7 at 8 p.m.

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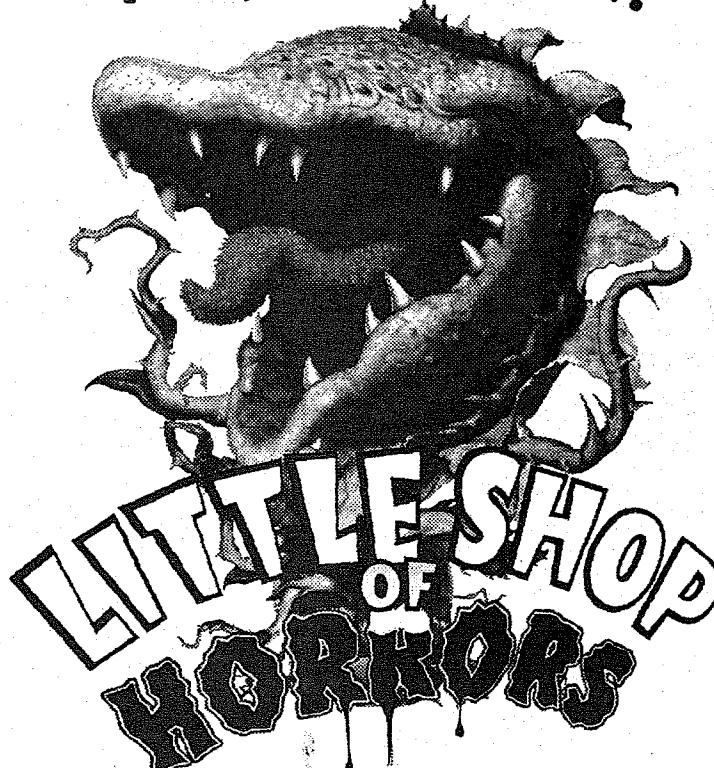
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ART CLIPS

Rockapella to play Kean

The hippest and hottest a cappella group to hit the airwaves, Rockapella, will grace the Wilkins Theatre stage on Friday at 7:30 p.m., Kean University, 1000 Morris Avenue, Union.

This five-man group based in New York City is credited with revolutionizing a cappella music and bringing it into the 21st century as an infectious pop-music form blending soul, rock, R&B and jazz.

Rockapella first gained national attention in the early '90s for their five seasons of work on the award-winning PBS program, "Where in the World is Carmen San Diego?" They created and sang the original music for the show's theme song and elements, as well as provided some witty on-camera comic relief. Since that time, Rockapella has released nine albums, appeared in numerous television shows and commercials and performed to sold-out audiences worldwide.

Tickets are \$20 for the public, \$15 for senior citizens and Kean alumni, and \$12 for students and children.

For further information, to order tickets, or request a brochure, call the Wilkins Theatre box office at 908-737-7469.

MVP's 'Line' to form

Mystic Vision Players of Linden will conduct auditions for the long-running spectacular musical, "A Chorus Line," on Wednesday and April 22 at 7:30 p.m. with callbacks on April 24 at 2 p.m.

Those auditioning should be 16 years of age or older and come prepared with sheet music and to sing 16 bars. Also, be prepared to execute a dance combination that will be taught. Auditions will be at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St., Linden, directly behind Linden City Hall.

For more information or directions, call 908-925-9068. Show dates are July 23 to 31 in the Linden High School auditorium.

"A Chorus Line" is being directed by Jil Leonard.

Scholarships available

Hickory Tree Chorus is once again offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a musically talented young woman interested in pursuing a career in music.

Qualified high school senior girls with good academic records and exceptional talent in vocal music are encouraged to apply. Students should also have applied for acceptance into a music program at a college or university.

Applicants must submit an audio-tape or CD of a short performance demonstrating their particular talent. Accompaniment may be included, as needed. Completed applications and tapes or CDs must be received by April 26.

High school guidance departments in more than 50 communities have information and applications. Applications may also be requested by calling 908-879-2989, sending e-mail to info@hickorytreetchorus.org, or printing them directly from the chorus' Web site at hickorytreetchorus.org.

Rehearsing in New Providence, Hickory Tree is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, an organization of 30,000 women worldwide, dedicated to teaching, singing, and performing a cappella, four-part harmony. The chorus has been awarding annual scholarships for more than 20 years to students from areas in which its members reside.

UCAC lists its lineup

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.

- Saturday, 8 p.m.: Westfield Symphony Orchestra. Tickets \$25 to \$60.
- April 24, 8 p.m.: "An Evening With Joy Behar." Tickets \$54, \$46, \$38.

- May 8, 8 p.m.: Cinco de Mayo weekend celebration with Latin rock band DeSol and special guest, comedian Joey Callahan. All tickets are \$25.

UCC seeks new plays

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

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

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

Chorale presents May 1

The Summit Chorale will present Brahms' Requiem at a Nair's gala farewell concert at 8 p.m. on May 1, at a location to be determined. The chorale will be accompanied by a full symphony orchestra.

Additional information and tickets can be obtained from the Web site at www.summitchorale.org or from 973-762-8486.

Under the leadership of music director and conductor Garyth Nair, Summit Chorale is one of the state's most respected choral organizations, now in its 95th year. It is composed of non-professional singers, chosen by audition.

The chorale maintains a reputation for adventurous programming of lesser-known masterpieces in addition to popular works. It is Chorus in Residence at Drew University.

Theater explores history

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

In preparation for its 75th anniversary season, the Union County Arts Center, formerly the Rahway Theater,

will seek submission of archival material from local residents. Selected material will be on display for the 2003-04 season in the theater's inner lobby starting this fall.

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

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

Filmmakers are sought

The New Jersey Movie Makers' Network is looking for state-based independent producers with shorts or features that they would like to be seen.

Short movies — 20 minutes or less — can be aired on Cablevision's public access show, "Imagine That," produced and hosted by Robin Richie Carpenter.

Carpenter is on the Network's board of directors and would like to show the works of and possibly interview independent producers once a month.

The network would also like to hear from producers with features and shorts longer than 20 minutes. They are preparing to negotiate with a local movie theater that would allow state-based movie makers to take over the theater one day month and screen their productions.

This will be a great opportunity for public viewings and to have the work reviewed by critics.

However, right now the New Jersey Movie Makers' Network has no idea how many people in the state have movies they'd like to show.

Producers should contact the Network by e-mail at njmoviemakers@aol.com or via snail mail at 149 Orange St., Bloomfield, 07003.

Filmmakers should send their name, address, phone, e-mail, company, name, name and length of the project, format and a one-paragraph description.

Everyone who writes will be contacted.

'Maine to Mexico' at Plainfield art gallery

Frank Ferrante will exhibit his "Maine to Mexico" landscape oils through April 30 at Swain Galleries in Plainfield.

Ferrante considers how painting outdoors — "en plein air" — places him as the witness to the orchestration of the elements of "color, mood and atmosphere, of a composition, or painting, from the Richard Wagner grays of a foggy day to the crisp and sunny yellows of a John Philip Sousa march." Such elements are affected by fleeting time and ever-changing light, he affirms.

He relates how "one feels in touch with another level — 'focused' and swept up with the moment at hand. When the creative process calls, the painter accepts the challenge and passes from one place to another. This passing to another place expresses my feeling when capturing the drama of nature with oil paints."

With a B.S. in marketing, Ferrante began his creative career producing educational programs for industry. He also studied fine art design and composition at the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Arts and spent part of his career in advertising.

Always attracted to art, drawing, pastels and oils, he finds pleasure in capturing the three basic painting elements — color, light, and composition — in his year-round, outdoor oil painting sessions in the eastern part of the United States and in Colorado and Mexico. His work has appeared in numerous shows including the Allied Artists of America Juried Show in New York, the New Hope Juried Exposition in Pennsylvania, many New Jersey galleries and shows, and in Colorado Spring, Colo. He is represented in private collections as well.

PUBLIC NOTICE

COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
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The County of Union in conjunction with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) and the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) intends to prequalify prospective consultants for Scoping Services for the rehabilitation or replacement of the:

Gordon Street Bridge over "Out of Service" Conrail.

Federal funds for project scoping will be provided through the NJTPA in partnership with the NJDOT. All pertinent Federal regulations shall apply. The NJTPA and NJDOT as well as the County of Union will be involved in the review and approval of various documents to be submitted by the Consultant.

Consultants are invited to submit a Qualifications Statement for the Scoping Project on the Gordon Street Bridge. Copies of the Scope of Work for this project are available at the office of the County of Union Division of Engineering. The Qualifications Statement shall be no more than three typed, single sided, 8-1/2"x11" sheets in length with 1" margins on all sides. The font used shall be Arial and the size no smaller than 11 point. Anything in excess of this page limitation or deviation from the font size and type specified will not be read or considered. The Qualifications Statement must contain the following information:

1. A statement that your firm is interested in performing the work described in the attached scope.
2. The address of the office in which the work will be performed.
3. The name, title and ASCE grade of the individual who would be assigned to the project and as the project manager.
4. A list of work areas that will be subcontracted out to other firms along with the name of the firms and individuals from those firms that will be involved in the project.
5. A narrative demonstrating your understanding of the project work and detailing your firm's particular ability to perform this work. The narrative should also indicate the experience of your firm and the experience of any subconsultant with the type of work they will perform for this project.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Resumes of key personnel must be attached to the Qualification Statement. Each resume shall be a maximum of two single sided, 8-1/2"x11" sheets in length and should highlight education, professional credentials, and work performance on projects similar to that description in the Request for Qualifications. You must include the resume of the project manager, as well as the resumes of the key technical staff (including key staff of any subconsultants).

Qualifications Statements will be reviewed and evaluated by a Consultant Selection Committee comprised of staff from the County, NJTPA and NJDOT. The Consultant Selection Committee will solicit technical proposals from a short list of consultants based on these evaluations. It is anticipated that approval of a short list for solicitation of technical proposals will occur during the month of May 2004.

Qualifications Statements must be received by the County of Union no later than close of business on April 29, 2004 to be considered for evaluation. SIX copies of the Qualifications Statement should be sent to:

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- April 23 and 24 at 8 p.m.
- April 25 at 2 p.m.
- April 26, at 3:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for the public; \$12 for senior citizens, faculty, staff, and alumni, and \$10 for students and children.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Wilkins Theatre Box Office at 908-737-SHOW(7649).

Bill VanSant, Editor

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Kean administrator continues 'defying gravity' in solo exhibit

"Defying Gravity," a photography exhibit by Scotch Plains resident and Kean University administrator Robert Cole, will be on exhibit at the Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave., Scotch Plains.

The exhibit will mark the debut solo exhibit by Cole, who is also the vice president for University Relations at Kean University and was one of three photographers featured in the November exhibit "Through the Looking Glass: Scenes from New York City" at Kean. That showing was well-received by critics, including Mitchell Seidell of *The Star-Ledger*. "By using several perspectives, Cole communicates the

spirit and structure of the (Sept. 11) memorial to the viewer," he wrote in a Nov. 15 review. Seidell also praised Cole's ability to capture the beauty of the ordinary, saying, "Cole's color work is very detailed-oriented, examining the mundane aspects of everyday life that urban dwellers may take for granted."

For "Defying Gravity," Cole used shots that detail life from coast to coast, including scenes from Los Angeles; Provincetown, Mass.; Colorado; Florida; and New York City.

"Through his photography, Cole takes us on a fascinating journey. He shows us unfamiliar images in a

familiar world," explained Donald Lokuta, a professor of graphic communications at Kean and one of the three lensmen featured in "Through the Looking Glass." "The flow of life is frozen in a single still image, and he makes us look closer. A close-up of a bodega window on the lower east side of Manhattan or the juxtaposition of people in a city environment now becomes very familiar although we have only seen it through the eyes of the artist." Lokuta and Cole also exhibited a series of post-Sept. 11 photographs of the area around Ground Zero, collectively titled "Missing," at Kean in 2002.

The more recent exhibit is part of the Scotch Plains

Public Library's initiative to become a more complete multimedia cultural center, explains Meg Kolaya, the library's director.

"We want to bring the focus of the community here, and this is a real opportunity to spread the wealth to those who might not otherwise have the chance to see art displayed in a gallery."

"Defying Gravity" will run through Wednesday. Library hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

For more information, call the Scotch Plains Public Library at 908-322-5007.

County offers funding for history, arts through grants programs

Do you need funds for a history, arts or humanities project?

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites history organizations, community arts groups, schools, libraries and other nonprofit organizations that wish to present history-related and cultural arts programs to apply for funding through one of Union County's grant programs.

"The purpose of the grant programs is to provide funding opportunities to county history organizations and community arts groups interested in developing and presenting the county's rich history and multicultural assets through public presentations," said Freeholder Deborah Scanlon.

The Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs in the Department of Economic Development administers the county's three grant programs — History, Arts, and the HEART grant programs.

"We are pleased to offer both Special Project and General Operating support

grants," said Freeholder Chester Holmes, liaison to the Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "History organizations, community arts groups and other nonprofits are eligible to apply for funding."

The History Grant Program provides grants to nonprofit history groups, house museums, historic sites, libraries, schools and organizations with collections or programming relating to Union County and local history. The program is made possible by a general operating support grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission, Division of Cultural Affairs, in the Department of State.

The Arts Grant Program awards grants to organizations that demonstrate a high degree of professionalism in sponsoring or producing arts activities and is made possible by the Local Arts Program of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

Both the Arts and History grant programs are available pending restoration of

funds to the state budget. Both programs offer Special Project and General Operating support grants.

In recognition of the importance of culture and the arts to the economy and the quality of life for Union County citizens, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders established the innovative HEART — History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands — Grant Program in 1998. This pioneering grant program provides funding for nonprofit organizations, historians, individual artists and scholars producing or sponsoring projects related to history, the arts and humanities.

To request an application and guidelines for any of the grant programs, or information on other programs and services, write to the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202; call 908-558-2550, Relay users dial 711; or send e-mail to scoen@ucnj.org.

Center for Visual Arts has classes, workshops for young and old

From 3-year-old-aspiring painters to 92-year old accomplished sculptors, New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, 67 Elm St., Summit, has something for everyone.

Founded in 1933 by a dedicated group of local artists, NJCVA increasingly vital community art education programs to encourage the appreciation, enjoyment and practice of art.

Classes are offered in all the major areas of the visual arts and are designed for all ages and degrees of expertise, beginners and professionals alike. The curriculum includes six week semester long courses, as well as one- to three-day workshop intensives. spring semester runs from Monday through May 29, and summer semester runs June 7 through July 17.

NJCVA is constantly working to develop and expand the current program. Two new offerings for spring/summer include "Looking, Learning to Look: A Practical Course for Painters" with instructor Enrique Flores-Galbis and "Digital Media" with Instructor Don Polzo.

"Looking, Learning to Look: A

Practical Course for Painters" is the first lecture-only course created for painters, offered by NJCVA. This slide lecture course has been developed to build the painter's vocabulary, which defines the formal elements of painting and helps explain "how" a painting works.

"Digital Media," another NJCVA first provides the student with an in depth overview of digital imaging through discussion and demonstration of process calibration, image capture, workflow techniques, output techniques, image editing software and archival handling of files and images.

In addition to these new offerings, each semester offers a full array of options for adults, teens, and children to engage in the medium of their choice.

Select adult class offerings this semester include Introduction to Wheel Throwing, Cloisonne Enameling, and Figurative Painting with John Varianno. Teen classes, appropriate for teens 13 and older, with exceptions, feature drawing, Painting and Mixed Media, On the Potter's Wheel (new), Teen Photography and Teen Jewelry. Age-specific children's classes, created specifically to support children's artistic developments, cover a variety of mediums including ceramics, painting, drawing and collage.

No time for a six-week class?

Special workshops are offered during the spring and summer sessions for those who have decided to try a new medium, or would like to develop specific skills in their chosen medium. Offerings include, among others, Batik for Beginners, Plein Air Pastel Workshop, Painterly Photography and a new special workshop entitled Photographing your artwork with Instructor Nancy Ori.

Special one-day workshops for children include, among others, Tropical Birds Watercolor, ages 4 to 5, Stenciled Mosaic Tea Trays, ages 6 to 9, and the Drawing and Painting with Famous Artists and Art Genres Series with Francesca Mucciolo, ages 7 to 11.

No time for a workshop? Set your own schedule.

Open studios are available for NJCVA members and the general public for any artist seeking to work inde-

pendently in a professional environment without an instructor.

Open studios are scheduled throughout the week for Pottery/Sculpture, Jewelry and Photography. Each open studio session is 2½ hours and is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

A discounted ticket book is available to NJCVA Members in the registrar's office.

Kid's Art Camp

NJCVA will be offering four, one week sessions of Kid's Art Camp this summer. Art Camp will be held at the Summit Middle School, 272 Morris Avenue, Summit for five consecutive weeks:

Session 1: July 12-16
Session 2: July 19-23
Session 3: July 26-30
Session 4: Aug. 2-6
Session 5: Aug. 9-13

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, NJCVA's Kids Art Camp provides children with a wonderful opportunity to explore painting, drawing, watercolor, pottery, printmaking and various other media with expert instructors in a fun-filled environment.

Children spend their day outdoors creating art projects in authentic art studios. At the week's end, parents are invited to a special art party to view their children's creations.

For more information and to view a complete class, workshop and open studio schedule, log on to www.njcva.org or call 908-273-9121.

Founded in 1933 by a dedicated group of local artists, NJCVA has evolved into a major regional art center. Located in Summit, New Jersey, NJCVA includes a full-scale studio art school taught by an award-winning faculty, two interior galleries and a sculpture garden.

Programs include Artists with Disabilities, Kaleidoscope docented tours, Outreach Programming, Kid's Art Camp, and teacher symposiums among others. The non-profit New Jersey center for Visual Arts is wheelchair accessible and funded, in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

For general information and directions, call 908-273-9121, or visit the Web site at www.njcva.org.

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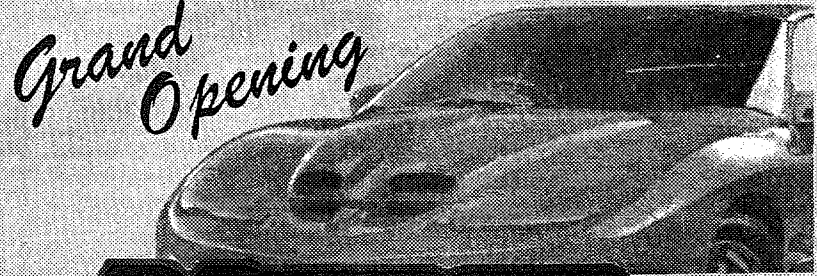


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The Union County College Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education is once again offering the NJ Boating Safety Certification on its Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave.

The course is required for those who are 16 years old and older who wish to operate personal watercraft and for those 13 years or more to operate power boats.

The course will cover boat handling, rules of the road, safety regulations, necessary equipment, and legal responsibilities. Upon successful completion a state approved for issuing for a New Jersey Boating Safety Certificate will be issued. The certification is NASBLA approved.

The certification program has sections running in the spring semester April 27 and May 18.

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

Body Tone classes

Union County College's Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education will be offering classes in Body Tone at the beginner and intermediate levels.

This course is designed to help tone and shape those flabby hips, thighs, and/or stomach with numerous resistance training methods using body weight, manual resistance, and weights. At the same time you will be increasing your body's muscular strength and endurance, improve your posture, and decrease your chance of beginning back problems.

Each section of the course costs \$49.

For more information about this course, call the Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education at 908-709-7600.

Electronics certificate program offered at UCC

If you are interested in becoming an electronics technician, come to Union County College. The Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education offers courses towards an Electronics Technician Certificate Program.

No previous knowledge or experience is necessary to enroll in courses for this certification program. The program will prepare a person for employment as electronics technicians and electronics systems troubleshooters.

"Troubleshooting Digital Systems" covers topics related to digital circuitry commonly used in electronic and electromechanical machines also. Students will gain practical information about logic devices, microprocessors and memory devices. They will also come to understand general operation and typical applications for AC and DC motors, gears, sensors, and related control circuits and will learn to recognize common failures.

The courses for this program begin on Monday and will be at the UCC Bayway Center, 720 Clarkson Ave., Elizabeth, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 10 p.m.

For more information or to register, call the Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education at 908-709-7600.

Financial management

Union County College Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education is offering a group of courses to assist with personal financial management. These courses will help you prepare for a more secure financial future. All four courses will be offered on the College's Scotch Plains campus at 1700 Raritan Road in the Health Related Professions Building. Each course costs \$25.

"Financial Counseling for the

Divorced and Widowed" will be April 27. Students will learn how to adjust their financial affairs after being divorced or widowed. Money attitudes, goal setting, systematic savings, and wise use of credit will be discussed.

"Investment Planning for College and Other Educational Purposes" will be Tuesday. It will discuss the state sponsored 529 college savings plan that enables individuals to save and invest on a tax-favored basis in order to fund future college expenses of a child or beneficiary. 529 Plans, Series EE and I Savings Bonds, educational IRAs, traditional and Roth IRAs, borrowing from 401Ks, UGMA/UTMAs, and mutual funds will be contrasted and compared. Financial aid and how it relates to college savings will also be discussed.

"Basics of Investing in 2004" will be held on May 4. It will focus on mutual funds, annuities, bonds, stocks, treasury bill, indexes, and CDs. There will be a review of the investment pyramid followed by a discussion on asset allocation and diversification. How to choose the right investment based on your needs and risk tolerance will be discussed.

"Building Long-Term Financial Security through Mutual Funds" will be offered on May 18. This course will cover choosing from the more than 7,000 different types of mutual funds and will assist with how to read a prospectus and annual report, how to locate the actual cost of operating the fund, what fees are being charged and the related services, how to judge past performance and how to compare to other funds in that category, different ways to invest, how to read an account statement, and how to find the price share in the newspaper. For more information on these courses, call the Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education at 908-709-7600.

Violence never ceases in 'Passion'

I resisted giving Mel Gibson my business, but with the enormous box office success of "The Passion of the Christ," I succumbed. Here in as straight forward a manner as I can are my reactions.

"The Passion" is the most violent movie I have ever seen. The whipping, beating, cutting, punching, and brutalizing of Jesus, shown up close and graphically, never ceases. It is the very thread and fabric of the movie and overwhelms any spirituality, loving, tenderness, or forgiveness that writer-director Gibson might be trying for.

While the acting, cinema-photography and editing are professional, the obsessive conservative version of the Christ story Mr. Gibson portrays with all that purposeful violence, deadens it.

The Roman soldiers cackle while they continuously beat this Jesus and

On The Arts

By Jon Plaut

Virtually strip him of his skin; the Jewish priests hard-heartedly, and without let up, calculate their strategy to come out on top; the Roman and Jewish governors only wash their hands in the vacillation and cowardliness; the Jewish rabble becomes a blood thirsty mob and bears guilt; while the disciples and fearful women in Jesus' life look on alternately in shock and with beatific adoring love. There are even appearances of the Devil egging everyone on.

Is "The Passion" anti-Semitic? No and yes. While Mr. Gibson may not have set out to scapegoat Jews, the

movie clearly blames the Romans and the Jews, and since the Romans are long gone, we know who that leaves.

Jesus clearly states in the film that the only way to God is through him, which is a teaching explicitly rejected by the Catholic Church, with an ecumenism to which the the religiously conservative Mel Gibson obviously does not adhere.

A few rows behind me sat a woman with her pre-school daughter. I could only hope the little girl fell asleep from boredom. No child or young teen should see this brutalizing film.

Never again will I sympathize with those who criticize "The Sopranos" for its violence, which is not in a league for ugly, consistent brutality with "The Passion."

Jon Plaut is a resident of Summit.

Alliance to present showcase

The New Jersey Theatre Alliance is will sponsor the third annual University Showcase for actors and designers.

Designed to introduce the best and brightest of New Jersey's young actors and designers to the professional theatres across the state, and to afford employment opportunities to young people beginning their artistic careers, the showcase will be a day-long event at Montclair State University on Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"It's critically important that we offer young actors and designers access to employment in the field," John McEwen, executive director of the New Jersey Theatre Alliance, said.

"They can benefit by working alongside seasoned professionals and our theatres will benefit by their fresh approach and enthusiasm."

Graduating actors will have the opportunity to audition for New Jersey's professional theatres during the morning session as they perform monologues for artistic representatives from NJTA member theatres. Students must be recommended by their professors for this highly selective and competitive event. They will gain invaluable experience in the auditioning process and have the opportunity to receive offers of employment.

During the afternoon, scenic, sound, lighting and costume design students will display their portfolios and models to production representatives who will discuss their work with them. The design showcase portion of the day is open to not only graduating seniors, but young designers who may have been working in the field for only a few years. Stage managers are also welcome to participate in the showcase.

Attendance at the designer showcase is free but pre-registration is required. The registration and form and complete information about the showcase can be found at www.njtheatrealliance.org and all registrations must have been received by April 9.

The registration form can also be requested from the NJTA office by calling 973-540-0515, ext. 15, or by e-mailing mroig@theatrealliance.org.

Funding for the New Jersey Theatre Alliance, a not-for-profit organization is provided in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as contributions from foundations, corporations, businesses and individuals. American Airlines is the official airline of the New Jersey Theatre Alliance.

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Kids can fill summer with music at center's workshops

The Suburban Community Music Center in Murray Hill is registering students for its two summer sessions, June 1 to 28 and July 6 to 26.

This summer, a number of new classes will be offered at the music center, particularly those which appeal to students about to start taking instrumental lessons.

The Introduction to the Instruments Workshop, for ages 5 to 7, is for the student who is ready to consider which instrument he or she would most like to study.

The class will be offered on eight consecutive Tuesday afternoons beginning June 1. Through instruments, videos, crafts, games, CDs books, and live performances, students learn to recognize instruments by sight, sound and touch; categorize them by family; construct them; and understand how each makes its sound.

The Suzuki Orientation for Violin and

Cello, for ages 3½ to 6 with parent, offered eight consecutive Tuesday mornings, also beginning in June 1, prepares the child for a private instruction in the violin or cello. Children try out the idea of learning a stringed instrument through the Suzuki method. Parents precede the child in learning basic skills on a full-size instrument in order to become at-home models for the child.

Fiddlin' Fun is for the 4- to 7-year-old child and parent and consists of four weekly private and four weekly group lessons, each 30 minutes long, introducing the violin to the younger child. This year the program will also be offered in a new "flavor" — Fiddlin' Fun for Cello, for ages 5 to 7. These classes are offered in both Summer Sessions.

Guitar for the Young Child is available for children ages 5 to 7. Parents are actively involved in this introduction to the classical

guitar and the short summer programs allows families to sample this approach and see if this instrument is a good "fit" for the child.

Group Voice class will also be offered for children about to enter grades 2 through 5. The program prepares the child in the rudiments of reading music and for singing in a choir, introducing a wide variety of enjoyable repertoire.

Also for the first time, SCMC will offer a Piano Camp for students ages 9 to 13. In one intensive week, June 28 through July 2, with classes meeting daily from 9 a.m. until noon, participants will play in ensembles, learn keyboard improvisation and musicianship, and receive three private lessons with SCMC's distinguished piano faculty.

In addition to these new programs, the Music Center will continue to offer its array of Musikgarten music and movement classes

for children ages 3 months through 6 years, and Music for Children with Special Needs taught by SCMC's certified music therapists.

Private instruction for children and adults in all orchestral instruments, piano, voice will continue throughout the summer months.

Since its founding in 1985, SCMC has emerged as New Jersey's largest independent nonprofit music school. It serves 1,100 people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities, with a commitment to developing people's innate creativity in a supportive and non-competitive environment, through music training and enrichment opportunities. SCMC's outreach programs bring music appreciation classes to senior citizens, music therapy to youngsters with disabilities, and music and movement programs to preschoolers in underprivileged neighborhoods. SCMC is a certified member of the National

Guild of Community Schools of the Arts.

For more information, call the Music Center at 908-790-0700 or visit the Web site at www.scmcmusic.org.

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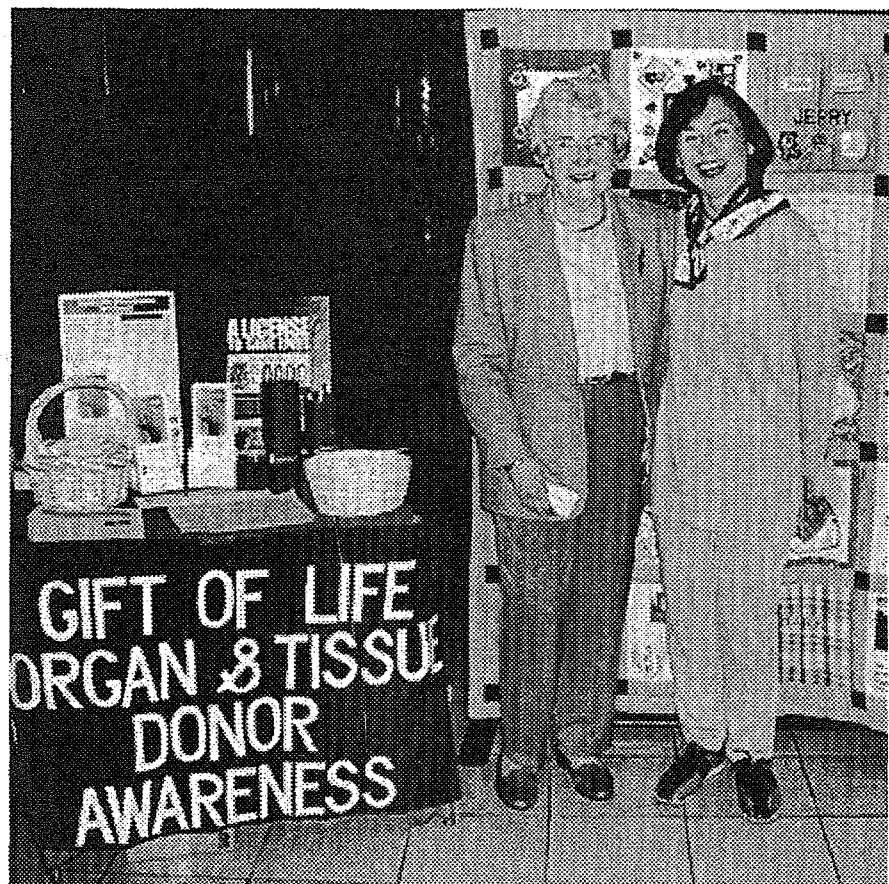
The Sharing Network Gears Up for Donate Life Month 2004

April is **National Donate Life** month and the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network (The Sharing Network) is gearing up for an action-packed month of special event and programs to increase awareness of organ and tissue donation. A **'Hip-Hop 4 Life' college tour** will travel to three New Jersey campuses this month to promote organ and tissue donation and The Sharing Network's second annual **'Bowl for Life'** event will help raise needed funding for awareness education. Also this month, The Sharing Network urges all residents to visit the **Virtual Donor Memorial Garden** web site that was created specifically to honor the selfless donors and donor family members who gave the gift of life.

All New Jerseyans have the power to help save lives

Public awareness initiatives on behalf of organ and tissue donation during Donate Life Month and throughout the year like 'Hip-Hop 4 Life' and 'Bowl for Life' help to save lives in New Jersey and give hope to those who wait for a transplant. The Sharing Network wants the public to know how they can get involved and help in this very important cause. Here are some ways you can help:

- Come and show your support at any or all of the three tour dates in the 'Hip-Hop 4 Life'.
- Join the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Donor Registry. To sign up, call 1-800-SHARE-NJ or visit our web site at www.sharenj.org.
- Discuss your wishes with your family, now, while you can. Nationally, only 50% of families agree to donate their loved ones' organs. Make sure your wishes are known.
- Support public awareness programs, like the 'Donate Life' license plate, available from the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission and make tax time a life-saving time by making a 'Check-off for Life' contribution on the New Jersey personal income tax form.



Winnie O'Connell and Ruth Rosensweig are handing out donor cards in the lobby of Overlook hospital during Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month in April. They are standing in front of a donor quilt. Each square, made by a family member, represents a deceased donor who gave his or her organs so another person might live.

By signing a donor card and telling family members about their wishes, each person is potentially benefiting the lives of up to eighty people through organ and tissue donation. The number of people waiting on donor registries in New Jersey will go down only if the number of potential donors goes up.

The Sharing Network is the non-profit, federally designated, state-certified recovery agency responsible for providing donated organs and tissue for New Jersey residents in need of transplantation, as well as those on waiting lists nationwide. The organization has full, unconditional accreditation by the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations. For further information on organ donation, the organ donor license plate or a copy of a donor registry brochure, call The Sharing Network at 1-800-SHARE-NJ or visit their web site at www.sharenj.org.

The Sharing Network's 'Hip-Hop 4 Life' Campus Tour Dates:

- Wednesday, April 21 from 12 - 2PM at Rutgers University Busch Campus Student Center - 604 Bartholomew Road, Piscataway, NJ.
- Wednesday, April 28 from 12 - 2 PM at Bergen Community College - 400 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ.
- Newark, NJ - date and specific location to be determined. Check website www.sharenj.org for weekly updates.

The Sharing Network's 'Bowl for Life' event

- Sunday, April 25 at 1 PM at the Brunswick Zone/ Carolier Lanes Bowling Alley in North Brunswick.

Virtual Donor Memorial Garden

The Sharing Network's 'Virtual Donor Memorial Garden' online website, which pays tribute to organ and tissue donors. The site was created to honor donors and donor family members in New Jersey who through sorrow and loss were able to give joy and hope for life to someone in need. Their selfless gift is appreciated, loved and honored by each recipient and will never be forgotten. www.njdonorgarden.com

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nation and a SIN against God (1 Cor. 6:9-10;
Rom. 1:26-27). This "perverted" marriage",
man to man and woman to woman, is cor-
rupting the minds and lives of our children
and young people. From the beginning, God
created them "male and female". The natu-
ral and proper sexual relationship is a man
and woman joined together as husband and
wife in marriage (Gen. 1:27-28; Gen. 2:18-
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Maryalice Ryan volunteers for Catherine's Closet, and with assistance from the Burgdorff Westfield office, she coordinated a drop-off point for residents to donate gowns for inner-city girls to dress in style and elegance for their proms. The Burgdorff ERA Westfield office, located at 600 North Ave. West, has already received more than 50 gowns.

"I think it is important to give back to the community that I serve, and as a Realtor, I have the ability to meet so many wonderful clients, who also share in my dedication to helping other residents in this area," said Ryan.

As a realtor, Ryan brings an in-depth knowledge about communities and homes in the Westfield, Mountaintop, Cranford, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Garwood, Springfield and Clark areas. Her understanding of these towns and their cultures allows her to find the right house in the perfect neighborhood for the unique needs of each family. She has first-hand knowledge of issues, plans and trends, and offers numerous local seminars on real-estate topics which are open to the public.

Ryan is also involved locally in the Westfield Architectural Review Board, Westfield Chamber of Commerce, the Stoneleigh Park Association, the Westfield PTSO, the Interfaith Council for the Homeless, and Plainfield Country Club. She is also a New Jersey notary public. Ryan is a member of the National Association of Realtors, New Jersey Association of Realtors, North Central Association of Realtors, Greater Union County Association of Realtors and Garden State Multiple Listing Service.

Ryan holds a bachelor of arts degree from the College of Mount St. Vincent, a master's of business administration from Pace University, and has pursued doctoral studies at Steven's Institute of Technology. Prior to her career in real estate, she spent 26 years in the telecommunications industry in a variety of technical and marketing managerial positions.

Originally from Brooklyn, Ryan has been a resident of Westfield for more than 20 years. She is married with two children.

The Burgdorff ERA Westfield office is a full-service real estate office. To reach Ryan directly, call 908-233-4693, or visit her Web site at www.burgdorff.com/marylalice-ryan. For real estate assistance, or to inquire about a career in real estate, call the Burgdorff ERA Westfield office at 908-233-0065.

Five from Westfield ERA earn silver sales awards

A total of five associates from the

Burgdorff ERA Westfield office have earned the New Jersey Association of Realtors Circle of Excellence Sales Silver Award for production of more than \$7.5 million and 20 units minimum in 2003.

The NJAR Silver Achievement Award recipients are Elizabeth Bataille, Lois Berger, Patricia Connolly, Susan Dinan and Cathy Splinter.

Bataille earned membership to the NJAR Circle of Excellence Sales Silver level in 1997-2002, and to the Bronze level in 1989-1996. Bataille is a current member of the prestigious Burgdorff ERA President's Council. Including only the top 17 sales associates out of Burgdorff's more than 700-member sales force, the Burgdorff ERA President's Council is the company's highest and most distinguished honor. Bataille was a member of Burgdorff ERA's Leaders Circle and President's Elite. She is a top agent in the Westfield office and continues to receive numerous offices sales and listing awards.

An NJAR Distinguished Sales Club member, Berger, a broker associate, began her real-estate career in 1977. Berger has received many awards, including salesperson of the month, top sales agent of the year, membership in Burgdorff ERA's President's Club and Leaders Circle. She also held a seat on Burgdorff ERA's President's Council, the company's highest and most prestigious honor. Berger has also been included in the exclusive "Who's Who in Residential Real Estate in North America." This directory recognizes outstanding realtors throughout the United States and Canada.

A member of the NJAR Distinguished Sales Club, Connolly has been associated with Burgdorff ERA since 1985. Connolly has continually attained the Circle of Excellence status since 1988, achieving Silver Level status in 1992, 1998, 1999, and 2001. Consistently a top producer in the Westfield office, Connolly has been named to the NJAR Distinguished Sales Club, to the Burgdorff ERA Leaders Circle in 2002, and to the Burgdorff ERA President's Elite in 1999 and 2000.

Now in the third decade of her real-estate career, Dinan is a member of the NJAR Distinguished Sales Club, reserved for agents receiving the NJAR Circle of Excellence Sales Award for 10 years or more. A Burgdorff ERA President's Club member, Dinan is a consistent top producer, winning many office sales awards and honors. She has held various positions with the Westfield board and Greater Union County Association of Realtors, and recently attained the designation of historic homes specialist through the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Splinter earned membership to the NJAR Circle of Excellence, Silver level in 2000-2002 and to the Bronze level from 1997-1999. A current member of Burgdorff ERA's Leaders Circle, Splinter has also been a member of the Burgdorff ERA President's Club. Splinter is a relocation specialist and a luxury and historic home specialist. She is dedicated to client satisfaction, and provides every client with sophisticated marketing and technology offerings.

"Elizabeth, Lois, Patricia, Susan and Cathy are exceptional sales associates whose outstanding sales performances and dedicated service are examples to sales professionals throughout the real estate industry,"

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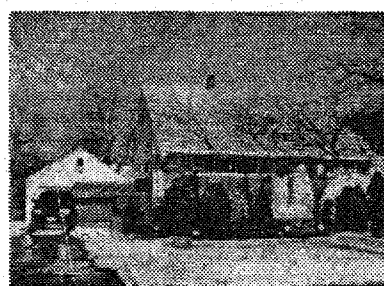
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Weekly Mortgage News

McLean, VA — In Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage (FRM) averaged 5.79 percent, with an average 0.7 point, for the week ending April 8, 2004, up significantly from last week when it averaged 5.52 percent. Last year at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 5.85 percent.

The average for the 15-year FRM this week is 5.12 percent, with an average 0.7 point, up as from last week when it averaged 4.84 percent. A year ago, the 15-year FRM averaged 5.17 percent.

One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 3.65 percent this week, with an average 0.5 point, up from 3.46 percent last week. At this time last year, the one-year ARM averaged 3.80 percent.

(Average commitment rates should be reported along with average fees and points to reflect the total cost of obtaining the mortgage.)

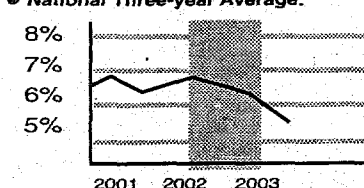
"The bond market reacted to the welcome news last Friday that jobs are finally being created, which is much needed for continued expansion of the economy," said Amy Crews Cutts, Freddie Mac deputy chief economist. "Mortgage rates again followed the bond market, rising significantly from last week to this week, and spurring speculation that the Federal Reserve Board will raise rates sooner rather than later."

"With that said, it should also be noted that long-term rates are not expected to rise precipitously and, in fact, we still expect the 30-year FRM will average below six percent for 2004."

National Averages

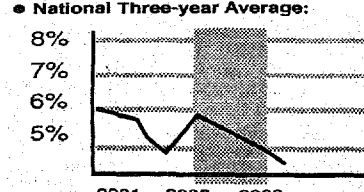
30-year mortgage

- National Average: 5.45%
- National Three-year Average:



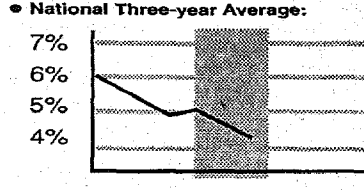
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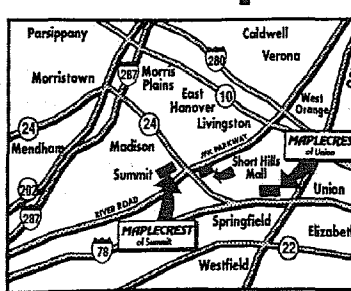
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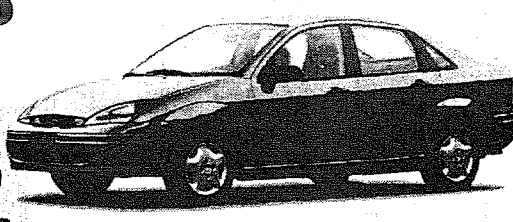
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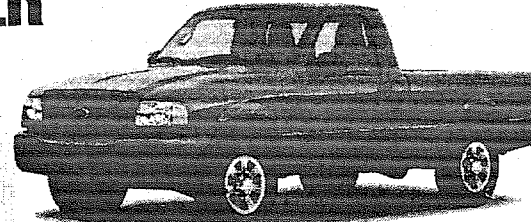
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VIN #46902100, Stk #C2055, 4 DR, V6, auto w/OD, a/c, r/wiper/wash, p/ABS/winds/lks/mirrs, keyless
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VIN#49257223. MSRP \$23,440. Price
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OFF MSRP

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wns/lks/seats/sliding side drs, dual
air, cd. Stk#40822. VIN#4D219583.
MSRP \$29,535. Price Includes \$1000
Factory & \$1000 Truck Fest Cash
Rebates.



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\$7600
OFF MSRP

\$21,915

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NEW 2004 CHEVROLET TAHOE LS 4X4 4 DR

8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/wns/lks, air,
cd, frt & side airbags, trailering pkg.
Stk#40877. VIN#41267241. MSRP
\$41,520. Price Includes \$3000 Factory
& \$1000 Truck Fest Bonus Cash
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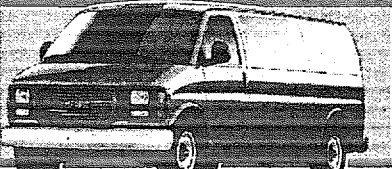
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8 cyl, auto, p/str/bkrs, air, am/fm stereo, 69-359 mi.
Stk#436A. VIN#XE170591.

\$11,515

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2001 CHEVROLET BLAZER 4X4 2 DR



6 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/wns/lks, air, cd, 28-297
mi. Stk#6483. VIN#1K202778.

\$12,715

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BEATER**
2000 CHEVROLET
CAVALIER 4 DR
4 cyl, auto, p/str/bkrs, air, cd,
31,847 mi. Stk#40730A.
VIN#Y7349772.

\$7915



1998 HONDA
CIVIC LX 4 DR
4 cyl, auto, p/str/bkrs/wns, air,
stereo, 48,046 mi. Stk#6432.
VIN#FH60191.

\$8115



2001 SATURN
I200 4 DR
4 cyl, auto, p/str/bkrs, air, cd,
29,811 mi. Stk#40800A.
VIN#T1304094.

\$8615



2001 CHEVROLET
MALIBU 4 DR
6 cyl, auto, p/str/bkrs/wns, air,
cd, security sys, 31,729 mi.
Stk#6472. VIN#1G1E54087.

\$9715



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SPRING**
2000 HONDA
CIVIC EX 2 DR
4 cyl, auto, p/str/bkrs/wns,
air, cass, sunr, 35,805 mi.
Stk#6404. VIN#YF05589.

\$10,715



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GEM**
2001 CHEVROLET
TRACKER LT 4X4 4 DR
6 cyl, auto, p/str/bkrs/wns, air,
cd, security sys, 31,783 mi.
Stk#6451. VIN#1G1B12109.

\$11,915



2001 VOLKSWAGEN
BEETLE GLS 2 DR
4 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/wns, air,
cass/cd changer, leath, security
sys, 10,828 mi. Stk#6035.
VIN#1M437390.

\$13,915



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2001 CHEVY
EXPRESS 12 PASS VAN 4 DR
8 cyl, auto, p/str/bkrs, air, stereo,
35,715 mi. Stk#6343.
VIN#1130287.

\$14,515



2001 CHEVROLET
BLAZER LT 4 DR
6 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/wns/seat,
air, cass/cd, leath, security sys,
32,805 mi. Stk#402. VIN#12106197.

\$17,915



2000 LEXUS
ES300 4 DR
6 cyl, auto, p/str/
ABS/wns/lks/seats, air, cass/cd,
leath, security sys, 35,071 mi.
Stk#658. VIN#J2T11531.

\$19,715



2003 DODGE
DAKOTA S1T QUAD CAB 4X4 4 DR
8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/wns, air,
cd, 33,293 mi. Stk#6461.
VIN#35256399.

\$20,915



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TRAIL**
2002 CHEVROLET
TRAILBLAZER LT 4X4 4 DR
6 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS
/wns/seats, air, cd, 31,463 mi.
Stk#6448. VIN#2112146.

\$22,515



2003 CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO SS 2 DR

6 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/wns/lks/seats, air,
cass/cd, leath, security sys, OnStar. Stk#40509C.
VIN#39250483.

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2001 CHEVROLET
TAHOE LT 4X4 4 DR
8 cyl, auto, p/str/
ABS/wns/lks/seats, air, cass/cd,
leath, 29,767 mi. Stk#6452.
VIN#1R170746.

\$25,915



2002 CHEVROLET
AVALANCHE 4X4 Z71 4 DR
8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/wns/seats,
air, cd, security sys, 32,382 mi.
Stk#6463. VIN#2G554007.

\$26,915



2001 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 4X4 4 DR

8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/wns/lks/seats, air, cass/cd,
33,618 mi. Stk#6454. VIN#1G213308.

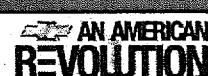
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