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Commissioner rules in favor of school dist

By David Learn
Managing Editor

Clark taxpayers will not have to shell out \$276,000 in sick-day compensation to retired school teachers, under a recent decision by the state commissioner of education.

A group of 25 teachers whom the Clark School District had hired after the dissolution of the Union County Regional School District had argued that they were entitled to financial compensation for the sick time they had accrued but not used as employees of the regional district. Commissioner William L. Librera disagreed.

Although she could not answer for the other teachers involved in the suit, Susan Dougherty — a former teacher at Arthur L.

Johnson High School — said she had no interest in pursuing the matter further.

"We have to get back to them to let them know as a group if we'd like to appeal this," Dougherty said of the group's legal representatives. "I really didn't go into it wholeheartedly. I got on board with the suit."

Dougherty worked in the regional district from 1968 through its dissolution in 1997, and stayed at the high school until two years ago, when she retired with a group of other teachers.

At the heart of the dispute was whether sick pay counted as compensation for work and would be covered by tenure law, as the teachers had contended, or as a contracted item.

It also meant big money. Under the contract they had with the regional district, teachers were reimbursed \$65 a day for unused sick leave, up to 250 days. A teacher retiring under those circumstances would be entitled to a maximum \$16,250.

But in the Clark district, while sick days still roll over from one year to the next — teachers receive 10 sick days a year — teachers are not allowed to have more than 150 unused sick days. They are reimbursed for unused sick days at their retirement only \$25, or a total \$3,750.

Dougherty, a former English teacher who brought 206 days of unused sick leave to the Clark district from the regional district and retired with a total 266, all unused, the differ-

ence would have been \$12,500.

"There were people who retired a few years before us who walked away with a nice financial package," she said. "When it came time for all of us in the suit to retire, there was just such a discrepancy. It seemed so disproportionate, and I think that's the reason so many of us got into the suit."

The teachers initially received a favorable sign on Feb. 2 from Robert J. Giordano, a judge with the Office of Administrative Law. In his 24-page decision, Giordano recommended the teachers receive the full amount of compensation for sick time as payment they would be entitled to under the state's tenure laws.

Librera, however, disagreed with Giordano. In a ruling handed down April 30, Librera

sided with the Clark school district. The decision says that sick leave is not part of a teacher's salary and therefore not subject to tenure protection, like wages are.

Although Librera's decision must surely disappoint the teachers behind the suit, it comes as a relief to school administrators struggling to keep district costs in heel. If Librera had followed Giordano's recommendation, other teachers from the regional district still employed by Clark also would qualify for the sick pay, bringing the total past \$385,000.

"We would still have that liability with them when they retire," said Business Administrator Bill Takacs. "That's why when we were looking at this we said, how can you rule this way? That's crazy."

Board mulls calendar

By David Learn
Managing Editor

The Board of Education will have seven school calendars to choose from when it meets May 25.

The school calendar became a hot issue last month when the board and the general public discovered that heavy snow this winter had stripped spring break from a weeklong affair to merely a long weekend.

The assortment included calendars that start school before Labor Day and calendars that start school after Labor Day. Board members had a choice of ending school in mid-June or at the end of June.

Options, designated by letters of the alphabet from A to G, also included whether to give students and teachers off for certain holidays, or to keep them in school and risk offending a special-interest group like veterans.

Or Italian-Americans. "I'd have the kids go to school on Columbus Day, and then you'd have that third snow day," board member Karen Amalfe suggested, triggering a wave of reactions from the public.

One thing all the calendars had in common was snow days, but even there could be found variety. Five calendars included two snow days; one included only one; and one included three.

"At one of our meetings there was some residual consternation regarding the changes in the calendar, so there are multiple choices," said Superintendent of Schools Paul Ortenzio.

The array of suggestions became dizzying, as board members kept flipping through the proposals and finding merit and detriment in each.

Board members ultimately deferred any decision until members of its policy committee have had a chance to review the menu of items and give a recommendation to the board as a whole.

"Much like any other pop quiz where it's multiple choice and you don't know the correct answer, I pick C," said member Mike Timoni.



ITCHING TO GARDEN? — If so, you're not alone. Business has been brisk at Miele's Garden Center and other Clark nurseries this spring as gardeners new and veteran alike have rushed out to get bright and beautiful plants for their yards. Above, an arrangement of flowers potted in 4½-inch pots — an increasingly popular, if more expensive way to buy flowers these days — cries out for the attention and envy of floraphiles everywhere. At left, the flower of the Orange Symphony rings its color out with a visual melody sure to please.

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Board member alleges threats

By David Learn
Managing Editor

A Board of Education member and the former district treasurer are headed to court over a harassment claim.

The complaint, filed by board Vice President Diane Lanigan against James Restaino, is scheduled to be heard in Rahway municipal court on June 15.

Clark Municipal Judge Antonio Inacio could not be reached for comment about the venue. Complaints filed in Clark normally are heard there unless there is a reason, such as a conflict, that requires they be moved to another municipality.

Restaino, an accountant with offices on Westfield Avenue, had acted as treasurer for the Clark School District for more than 15 years. The board voted on April 27 to replace his firm with that of Leonard Krieger, one of four routine contract appointments made as part of its organizational meeting.

Superintendent of Schools Paul Ortenzio declined to release details of that decision, citing the confidential nature of contract decisions.

Capt. Denis Connell of the Clark Police Department would not release the report filed with the Police Department, but a source familiar

with the complaint said it has its roots in a verbal altercation between Lanigan and Restaino after an earlier school board meeting where the board decided it would not renew its contract with Restaino.

Following that decision, Restaino reportedly called Lanigan at home and made veiled threats of retaliation against her, the source said.

The Board of Education agreed to pay Lanigan's legal fees in the complaint, according to minutes from the board's April 27 meeting, noting that her complaint was "filed as a result of her membership on the Clark Board of Education."

The vote, which occurred after a 22-minute closed-session discussion, was 7-0-2. The entire board voted in favor of the move except for members Jessica Kinsella and Tom Lewis, who abstained.

Restaino did not return calls made to his Westfield Avenue accounting firm on Tuesday, nor was Lanigan inclined to say much about the matter.

"Nothing was said in closed session against him," she said Monday night. "Why I was singled among the other people voted" is a mystery.

Lanigan said there was no prior bad blood between the two of them.

Specter of new building stirs hopes of historian

By David Learn
Managing Editor

The municipal historian is hoping that a landowner's construction project will unearth new pieces of Clark's history.

The Planning Board was expected to hear an application Tuesday night to subdivide the site of the historic Drummond House on Featherbed Lane. The application, if it wins planning approval, would allow owner Dan Chin to build a second house in what is now the side yard of the existing structure, which would not be affected.

It was not known at presstime whether the hearing would continue at the board's next meeting, May 27. That is the normal practice when hearings run longer than a single meeting.

"It depends on what sort of response there is from the neighbors," Planning Board President Mike Kurzawski said late Tuesday afternoon.

The application requires one variance, an exception from the land-use law that governs the site. The property ordinarily would be required to have a minimum 100 feet between the road and a structure. The proposed distance would be only 74 feet.

There has been no indication of when Chin would hope to see a new house built on the property, but the proximity of the site to the 190-year-old Drummond House was enough to draw the attention of Brian Toal, Clark's 4th Ward councilman and municipal historian.

"It's one of Clark's last historical landmarks," Toal said of the Drummond house.

Clark has two sites listed on the national and state historic registries. One is the Dr. William Robinson Plan-

tation House on Madison Hill Road. The second is the Dougherty-Ellenport home on Lake Avenue, where former Mayor Robert Ellenport lives.

The Drummond House, which was built sometime between 1808 and 1810 is one of the other remaining structures that Toal would like to see saved for its historical value to Clark. A second is the former Abraham Clark School on Schindler Road, which recently was sold to the Polish Cultural Foundation.

The Drummond House was the home of John Enders, whose family

was among the original settlers in this area. Records place the Enders' arrival in Central Jersey in the late 18th century, around the time of the American Revolution.

A second home that had belonged to William Enders, John Enders' son and a past mayor of Clark, was demolished in 2000 in a separate development project by Chin.

Toal had been involved in an ultimately unsuccessful bid to have that house moved behind the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, where it would have served as a clubhouse for the girls softball league. It had been built in 1812.

"Four years later, we're back in the same situation," Toal said Monday night.

Although the Drummond House is not likely to be affected by any development in the subdivided lot, Toal considers it likely that when contractors begin digging the foundation they will find valuable relics of Clark's post-Revolutionary history.

"In a home of that age, when you go and dig a hole of that size, God only knows what you're going to find," he said.

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New superintendent sizes up fiscal problems

By David Learn
Managing Editor

Glenn Tillou hasn't even become Clark superintendent of schools yet, but already has only nice things to say about the people he'll be working for.

"I like Clark," Tillou said Monday afternoon. "It's a great district with a great curriculum, wonderful students."

Tillou, who is still Union County superintendent of schools, has been selected to replace Superintendent of Schools Paul Ortenzio when he retires on June 30. He will be paid \$155,000 a year under a contract finalized at 3 p.m. Monday.

That's a sweet deal for Tillou, and not much less than his immediate predecessor earned. Tillou, who could not attend Tuesday night's school board meeting because of a prior commitment, earned \$97,810 a year as county superintendent. Superintendent of Schools Paul Ortenzio, who has led the Clark School District for 19 years, was paid \$159,800 for the 2003-04 school year.

Tillou will have the chance to prove his worth when he comes to the district. He is assuming leadership of a district that this year burned through its budget surplus and was forced to cut spending on repairs and maintenance in order to stave off a shortfall of more than \$400,000 in its budget.

It also is facing the loss of \$2 million in state-ordered payments to Garwood and Mountainside connected with the dissolution of the Union County Regional School District.

"I hope he comes to love it. It's not an easy job; it's an extremely difficult job," Ortenzio said Tues-

day night. "I wish him good luck. He's going to need it."

But if Tillou feels trapped between a financial hammer and anvil, he's not showing it. In a conversation Monday afternoon, he was collected and confident as he discussed the district's financial situation.

"I hope to address those right away," Tillou said of the problems. "Because of the unusual set of circumstances primarily caused by the deregionalization and the resulting lawsuits, those have caused some real fiscal concerns. My background is primarily fiscal."

He remained largely noncommittal on specific initiatives he would undertake until he has had a chance to become more familiar with the nitty-gritty of Clark's budgets.

"It's different when you're actually there, looking at them very closely," he said. "It's a completely different type of activity. This is more of a regulating and overseeing capacity, and that is more of an opportunity to work closely with students and staff."

He also said he has no plans to alter the lineup of the school district's administration, although he did not rule out the possibility.

"I'll have to wait until I get there and see how things work out," he said.

Tillou was offered the position after a lengthy superintendent search that was managed by the New Jersey School Boards Association on behalf of the school board.

The board began conducting interviews for the

superintendent's position in March, about a month before elections brought three new members to the school board.

That arrangement had been discussed shortly after Ortenzio announced his retirement in October, and was outside the board's control because of contract terms — Ortenzio's contract runs through June 30 — but it still raised the ire of at least one of the newcomers.

His voice loudly raised and audible throughout the room, board member Tom Lewis complained that he and fellow neophytes Sheri Sandler and Jessica Kinsella had been brought in at the "11th hour" and given no input into screening the candidates.

"Aside from the fact it's a very good candidate, I do have reservations because I only interviewed one candidate," said Lewis.

Despite complaints of being involved only at the end of the process, new board members were allowed to meet with Tillou themselves, and were given resumes of other applicants for review once they had been elected.

"It's not like we could have waited until we had three new board members and then start the process," said board member Wendy Griffin. "That's the way the calendar falls. That's when the contracts are up."

Tillou holds a bachelor's degree in management from Fairleigh Dickinson University and a master's degree in economics from Seton Hall University. He is working on a doctorate in education administration from Seton Hall University, with an unfinished dissertation on equity in school funding.

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NEWS CLIPS

Two Clark girls helped their dance teammates at Cindy Smith Dance Studios cart away a bevy of awards from the National Dance Showcase Dance Competition in Mays Landing on March 13.

Brenna Westcott of Clark joined her teammates in winning a Platinum Award in the junior division for children 11-12 years old, for their performance of "Mr. Bass Man."

They also received a special judges award for "Fabulous Feet" and were selected to participate in the competition's dance-off.

Cassandra Martin of Clark and her teammates, who participated in the senior division of 13- to 14-year-olds, won a High Gold Award and the second highest overall score for a Small Group in the Senior Division. The girls tap danced to "I'm Only in it for the Honey."

They also received a Gold Award for a jazz performance to "Bye Bye Blackbird."

Skulski Gallery shows photographer's work

The Skulski Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation is showing the photographic works by Claire Warlikowski of Jersey City through Friday.

Warlikowski earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from New Jersey State University. She also received her art education at Torun University Folk Art Institute in Poland, Seton Hall University, Newark School of Fine and Industrial Arts, Art Institute of Philadelphia, Fashion Institute of Technology and Nikon School of Photography.

The Polish Cultural Foundation, a nonprofit organization, is located at 177 Broadway. Skulski gallery is open to the public 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, and from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturdays.

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

Township will serve up summer tennis clinic

The township Recreation Department this May will hold registration for its summer tennis clinic.

Registration will be held 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday through May 20 at the recreation entrance to the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, near the tennis courts.

Clinics will run for three weeks starting July 12. Sessions will run from 9 to 11 a.m. and from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The township will make release additional details about the program on Channel 36. For more information, call Recreation Director Keith Dolan at 732-388-3600.

Emergency response volunteers sought

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.

Applicants must be at least 18 and live in Clark.

Act now to join pool while opportunity lasts

The pool office is open from 1 to 4 p.m. daily to process applications for pool membership.

Membership at the pool costs \$250 for a family, and \$200 for a couple. The couple may be a husband and wife, a parent and a child younger than 14, or a same-sex couple.

The pool office is located in Room 126 of the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 450 Westfield Ave.

For more information, call the Municipal Building at 732-388-3600.

Send information for ALJ reunion

The Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School Class of 1979 will hold its 25th-year reunion Oct. 16 at The Gran Centurions, 440 Madison Hill Road.

Classmates should current contact information to aljclassof1979@comcast.net or call Jean Harrison McAllister at 908-317-0252.

Y-Squares members share dance bug

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

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

Branch pickup offered through September

The Department of Public Works will collect residents' branches 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.

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

Township collects bags of grass

The Department of Public Works will hold regular grass pickup 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, air conditioners, dryers, dishwashers, washing machines, stoves 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 behind the Police Department, 315 Westfield Ave.

Play bingo Saturdays, Tuesdays at foundation

The Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, holds bingo sessions at 11 a.m. Saturdays and 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

For more information, call 732-382-7197.

Noah's Ark pet shelter seeks new volunteers

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

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

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

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

The greatest need at this time is foster homes for cats, dogs, kittens and puppies, as all animals are kept in volunteers' homes until they are adopted.

For more information, call 732-815-1633.

Homebound can get food via Mobile Meals

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

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

Tuesday
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Upcoming May 20

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May 24

• 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.

May 25
• The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive from 3 to 8:30 p.m. at Osceola Presbyterian Church, 1689 Raritan Road, Clark.

Donors must be 17 years of age. There is no upper age limit to donors provided they meet health requirements. Donors should know their Social Security number and bring a signed or picture form of identification.

For more information, call the Red Cross at 908-353-2500.

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

May 26

• 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 27

• The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive at Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, 875 Raritan Road.

Donors must be 17 years of age. There is no upper age limit to donors provided they meet health requirements. Donors should know their Social Security number and bring a signed or picture form of identification.

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June 7

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June 9

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Ongoing

• Bishop Justin J. McCarthy Knights of Columbus Council 5503 offers monthly family dinners. Meals cost \$8 for adults, and \$3.50 for children 4 to 10 years old. Children age 3 and younger are admitted free.

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

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Police: Bicycle reported stolen

A bicycle was reported stolen from a Raritan Road residence at 8:42 a.m. May 10.

No other information was reported. Investors Savings Bank, 56 Westfield Ave., reported receiving bad checks, at 9:45 a.m. May 10.

Police are investigating an unspecified act of criminal mischief to a car parked on Westfield Avenue.

The incident was reported at 4:34 p.m. May 10.

Robert Johnson, 27, of 17 Virginia Terrace, Jersey City, was arrested on an outstanding contempt-of-court warrant at 9:28 p.m. May 3.

POLICE BLOTTER

Johnson also was charged with several unlisted motor-vehicle offenses. He was released after posting \$750 bail.

Jerome Thomas, 34, of 909 Leesville Ave., Rahway, was taken to the Union County Jail after being arrested at 11:47 a.m. May 4.

Thomas, who had been lodged at the Essex County Jail, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for contempt of court.

Someone reported damage to a

fence by Clarkton Drive, at 12:55 p.m. May 4.

Isaac Fant, 26, of 37 Homestead Park, was arrested on a contempt of court warrant at 11:25 a.m. May 5.

Fant, who was picked up at the New Jersey State Police Bloomfield barracks, was taken to Union County Jail.

Somebody stole a light from a motor vehicle parked on Broadway. The theft was reported at 3:42 p.m. May 8.

A business in a Westfield Avenue office building was reported burglarized at 2:22 p.m. May 9.

EVENTS

EMS squad runs trip to Showboat casino

The Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad is sponsoring a bus trip to Showboat casino in Atlantic City on Friday.

The bus will leave the squad house, 875 Raritan Road, at 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$20 with a \$15 cash return at the casino.

To reserve a spot, call Rosemary at 732-388-1556.

Diversity Art Gallery launches new exhibit

Frank Papandrea, gallery director of Diversity Art Gallery, will host an artist reception from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Diversity Art Gallery, 4 Valley Road.

Featured artists will be available for discussion and commentary. In keeping with the gallery's theme of unity within diversity, the exhibit showcases exclusive works from well-known photographic artists Nancy Ori, Owen Kanzler and Marvin Cline.

The exhibit, "Enchanting Vistas in Photography," will open May 23.

Award-winning photographer Nancy Ori of Berkeley Heights will show 26 pieces, some panoramic, as

well as a few black and white photographs.

"Enchanting Vistas in Photography" will be open to the public from 1 to 3 p.m. Sundays throughout the summer, with special tours for individuals, schools and organizations also available by appointment.

Diversity Art Gallery is a nonprofit community outreach program, dedicated to cultivating cultural exchange, creative expression and mutual understanding, through the fine arts.

The Gallery is located in Union County Baptist Church, on the Clark circle off Exit 135 of the Garden State Parkway.

For more information, call 732-574-1479, or visit Web site www.diversityart.com

Memorial Day Parade planned for May 31

Clark will host its annual Memorial Day Parade at 9 a.m. May 31, followed by the traditional Memorial Day services in front of Arthur L. Johnson High School on Westfield Avenue.

The line of march will begin on Westfield Avenue near the American Legion Post and proceed to the high

school. Parking will be limited. Those attending can park at the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building and in the back section of the high school parking lot.

There will be a variety of units in the parade including: Mayor Sal Bonaccorso and the Township Council, American Legion Clark Post 328 and Veteran Foreign Wars Post 7363 of Clark, Vietnam Veterans Honor Guard, the Clark and Union County Police departments, and other emergency services vehicles, adult and youth organizations and sporting groups, floats, the Golden Knights Drum & Bugle Corps and more.

Others organizations interested in participating in the parade should call 732-388-3600 as soon as possible.

Spears choreographer to teach at Clark studio

Dance students can learn to hip-hop from a pro this July at the Center for Dance Education, 75 Bartell Place.

Darrin Dewitt Henson, who acts as a choreographer for musicians like Briny Spears, N'Sync and Christina Aguilera, will teach a hip hop class at the center July 15 and 29. This class is a workshop for children 10 and older.

Arbor Day



Students at Valley Road School stand by a tree planted in honor of Arbor Day. The school's environmental committee has planted more than 400 bulbs donated by the Mailorder Gardening Association through its Kids Growing with Dutch Bulbs grant. The tree was donated by the Union County Freeholders Arbor Day tree program. Pictured with the Red Bud tree are Matthew Dunn, Jake Kalinowski, David Berry, Brendan Mulvihill, Aubrey Rieder, Jamie Cheeka, Patricia Bailey, Jessica Kalinowski, Marc Crisafi, Samantha Risko and Christopher O'Connell.

SENIOR NEWS

Education continues at Brewer center

Instructor Phyllis McGarry will provide line dancing lessons in the Brewer gym from 10 a.m. to noon Monday and May 24; and June 7, 14, 21, 28.

Instructor Anthony Troncone will teach Contemporary American Issues, a Union County College L.I.F.E. class, from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday.

Evelyn Panish will lead exercise sessions in the cafeteria from 9 to 10 a.m. today, Tuesday and May 20, 25, 27; and June 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29.

Health screenings precede insurance talk

The Clark Senior monthly meeting will be held at 1 p.m. May 20 in the cafeteria of the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave.

Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. Other meetings

will be held May 20 and June 17.

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

AARP chapter seeks potential members

Clark AARP Chapter 3733 will meet at 1 p.m. Friday, at the Charles H. Brewer Senior Center. The social hour with refreshments will begin at noon. Guest speaker will be James La Corte from the Union County Surrogate's Office.

Joe and Jean Olterzewski are requesting lap robes, books, puzzles and toiletries for the veterans.

The following trips have been scheduled:

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

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

• Oct. 11 — Octoberfest at the Brownstone, \$58.

• Nov. 3 — Pocmont Luncheon Theatre, "Broadway Revue" \$61.

• Dec. 7 — Three Little Bakers "2004 Christmas" \$72. Cape Cod, MA June 14-18 \$369 Double, Triple, Quad occupancy; \$453 Single occupancy.

For more information on trips contact Ann Miskovich, AARP trip coordinator at 732-388-4033.

Ongoing projects include knitting lap robes and shrugs, collection of pennies for expenses; magazines, jigsaw puzzles, etc. for the Veteran Hospital; VNA Layette items for needy infants and collection of small gifts for bingo prizes at the Runnels Hospital.

The chapter invites area residents with membership in the National AARP to join the local group and enjoy the social gatherings, trips and volunteer programs and to keep abreast of matters of interest to retirees and those anticipating retirement.

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

Girl Scouts honor troop leaders

Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council Clark/Winfield Community on April 29 recognized their Girl Scout volunteers with a leader appreciation night at Arthur L. Johnson High School on Westfield Avenue.

This community of Girl Scouting has 140 adult volunteers, with 120 active Girl Scout leaders, in addition to the 500 Girl Scouts of all ages.

The date was chosen to include the celebrations of Girl Scout Leader's Day on April 22 and Mother's Day on May 9.

The evening began with a candle lighting ceremony and the rededication of the Girl Scout Promise and Law by community manager Martha Kamichoff.

Mark Muscatello, a musician and sergeant with the Union County Sheriff's Office, entertained the group with selections from Bruce Springsteen, Jimmy Buffett, Eric Clapton and the Beatles.

Toward the end of the evening, he sang a song he wrote about the victims of 9/11. He plays this song at the Memorial Day ceremony in Clark every year.

Two Girl Scout leaders received



Martha Kamichoff, Clark/Winfield community manager, stands with outstanding volunteer award recipients Barbara Nanstiel and Julie Villanova.

the Outstanding Volunteer Awards, Julie Villanova and Barbara Nanstiel, for leadership, community service and living by the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Fran Parisi presented Martha Kamichoff with flowers and the grateful thanks of the community for everything she has done for Girl Scouting.

In addition, there was a brief poetry reading and refreshments were provided while the girls in Troop 966 presented the volun-

teers with handmade tokens of appreciation.

During the 2003-2004 school year, the Clark/Winfield Girl Scout community was one of the top performers for the annual Rock 500 membership initiative.

The township on March 15 recognized the Girl Scouts of Clark/Winfield with a resolution for the Girl Scouts and their troop leaders for their dedication and work in the community.

OBITUARIES

Samuel Montefusco

Samuel Montefusco, 95, of Clark died May 7 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Newark, Mr. Montefusco lived in Irvington before moving to Clark in 1978.

He owned Monte Barber Shop, Irvington, for many years before retiring in 1965.

Mr. Montefusco then worked for Hair Tree Barber Shop, Roselle Park, for 25 years.

Surviving are a son, Pat; a brother,

Alfonse; a sister, Molly Zirpolo; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Samuel Gillman

Samuel Gillman of Clark, owner of a realty company in Clark and Springfield, died May 2 in the Genesis Elder-Care Center, Westfield.

Born in Russia, Mr. Gillman lived in Newark and Hillside before moving to Clark 30 years ago.

He owned Alsam Realty in Clark and Springfield.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley; a son, Joel, and a daughter, Wendy Slep-pin.

Magda Ferbej

Magda Ferbej, 82, of Clark died May 2 in the Clark Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center.

Born in the Ukraine, Mrs. Ferbej came to the United States in 1958 and lived in Irvington before recently moving to Clark.

Surviving is a brother, Nicholas Drociuk.

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OBITUARIES

Charles F. Burns

Charles F. Burns, 90, of Cranford died April 29 in the Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center, Edison.
Born in Newark, Mr. Burns lived in Cranford for the last 43 years.
He worked for A&P Tea Co. for many years and retired 25 years ago.
Mr. Burns was a member of the Old Guard of Westfield and the Tuesday Senior Citizens Club of Cranford.
He was a former member of the Ad Board and an usher at Cranford United Methodist Church.
Surviving is his wife, Edna M.

Elizabeth Magerkurth

Elizabeth Hellenbrecht Magerkurth, 96, of Cranford died May 2 in the Ashbrook Nursing Home, Scotch Plains.
Born in Jersey City, Mrs. Hellenbrecht lived in Cranford and Toms River for 28 years before moving back to Cranford in 1996.
She was a supervisor with City Service Oil Co., Woodbridge, for 15 years and retired in 1969.
Mrs. Magerkurth was a member of the Holly Twig Society, the Holiday City Volunteer First Aid Squad and the Holiday City Variety Association, all of Holiday City at Berkeley.
She was a founding member of The Sunny Acres Civic Association of Cranford.
Mrs. Magerkurth was a member of the Rosary Altar Society at St.

Michael's Church, Cranford; St. John's Church, Linden, and St. Maximilian's Church, Toms River.
She also was a choir member at St. Maximilian's.
Surviving are two sons, Robert and Arthur Hellenbrecht; a stepson, William Magerkurth; a brother, George Hilbert; a sister, Charlotte Pickens; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mary A. Kiley

Mary A. Kiley, 78, of Cranford died May 4 at home.
Born in Bayonne, Mrs. Kiley moved to Cranford 40 years ago.
She was a member of the Rosary Society at St. Michael's Church, the Singing Group Rosaries and the Village Improvement Association, all of Cranford.
Surviving are her husband of 55 years, Robert; a daughter, Susan Sullivan; two sons, Richard and Michael; a brother, Thomas G. Moran, and three grandchildren.

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He worked for A&P for many years at various locations before retiring 25 years ago.
Mr. Burns was a member of the Old Guard of Westfield and the Tues-

day Senior Citizens Club of Cranford.
He was a former member of the ad board and an usher at Cranford United Methodist Church.
Surviving is his wife, Edna M.

Helen A. Byrnes

Helen A. Byrnes, 88, of Cranford died May 6 at home.
Born in Newark, Mrs. Byrnes moved to Cranford in 1951.
Surviving are two daughters, Dorothy Preston and Susan; a son, Dennis; a brother, Peter Krupa; two sisters, Adele McKeon and Teresa Dudzinski; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Frank Gatto

Frank Gatto, 93, of Cranford died May 4 in Union Hospital.
Born in Tunisia, Mr. Gatto lived in Irvington before moving to Cranford in 1970.
He owned and operated Frank's Barber Shop in Clark for many years before retiring in 1974. Surviving are three sons, Albert, Frank and Alan, and five grandchildren.

Churches, social clubs encouraged to send news

This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities, particularly those of interest to the larger community.
Releases should be typed, double-spaced, and include a phone number where a representative may be reached uring the day.
Send information to: Managing Editor David Learn, P. O. Box 3109, Union, 07083. For more information call 908-686-7700, ext. 321 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Albert Goldberg

Albert Goldberg, 83, of Springfield, formerly of Cranford, died May 8 at home.
Born in Newark, Mr. Goldberg lived in Cranford before moving to Springfield 20 years ago.
He was vice president of sales for Sterling Supply Co., Philadelphia, where he worked for 30 years and retired in 1996.
Earlier, Mr. Goldberg and his late brothers, owned and operated Westminster Cleaners in Linden for 10 years.
He was an Army veteran of World War II and served in the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater with the 899th Signal Co.
Mr. Goldberg was past vice president of Temple Beth El, Cranford.
Surviving are his wife, Sylvia; a daughter, Debbie Stern; a son, Andrew, and also a grandchild.

Robert Segear

Robert Segear, 70, of Toms River, formerly of Cranford, died May 6 at

Deborah Heart and Lung Center, Browns Mills.
Born in Newark, Mr. Segear was a longtime resident of Cranford.
He worked for 27 years for the Hyatt Roller Bearing Co., Clark.
Mr. Segear then worked for many years as head custodian for the Cranford Board of Education and retired in 1998. After his retirement, he worked for Seaside Park as a maintenance worker.
Mr. Segear was a long time mem-

ber of First Presbyterian Church in Cranford, where he served as a deacon, an elder and a Sunday school teacher.
After his retirement, he became a member of The Toms River Presbyterian Church, where he served as an usher. Surviving are his wife, Mary; a daughter, Nancy Carbone; two sons, Robert M., a Cranford police officer; and Thomas A.; a sister, Margaret Lewis; a brother, Dennis, and seven grandchildren.

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SENIOR NEWS

Healthy Bones class fights osteoporosis

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department and the Union County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and Community Access is developing a new Healthy Bones class to be held from 9 to 10 a.m. Fridays at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.
Healthy Bones is an exercise program designed to prevent and slow the development of osteoporosis and osteoporosis-related disability. The program is comprised of balance and strength training exercises using progressive ankle and hand weights. It is specifically tailored for older adults.
Call the Recreation Department at 908-709-7283 for more information.
Class size is limited.

AARP Chapter 4269

Cranford AARP Chapter 4269 will visit Showboat casino in Atlantic City on May 26, leaving from the Centennial Avenue pool parking lot at 8:45 am. 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.

The chapter will take a two-day trip Oct. 3 to Mohegan Sun and Foxwood Casinos in Connecticut is planned, stay overnight at Mohegan Sun and next day visit Foxwood. Cost is \$189 per person, with double occupancy, also visit the atomic submarine "Nautilus" and museum.
For more information, call Mike Doncrank at 908-486-6679.

Friday club

The Cranford Seniors Friday Club meets at the Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., at 1 p.m. Fridays.
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May 7 — Business Meeting/Social
May 14 — Social/Bingo, health maintenance
May 21 — Social/Bingo
May 28 — Social/Bingo
May birthdays are Joan Reilly, May 5; Sharon Silverstein, May 9; Clara Ksirowski, May 19.
Welcome to our new member, Clara Kairowski.
The following events have been planned:
The following trips are planned:
May 26 — Polka Fest — Mount

Haven Country Resort, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Breakfast buffet, activities and shopping, polkas, mazerkas, live Polish entertainment with a Polish buffet dinner. Open bar. Cost: \$53.
June 9 — Atlantic City bus trip. Cost is \$17, with a noon departure from Centennial Avenue Pool Complex. Other trips are scheduled for July 14.
June 15 — Longwood Gardens, Kennet Square, Pa. Festival of Fountains. Trip runs from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., with dining in the Terrace Restaurant, which is handicapped accessible. Cost is \$53.
July 19-23 — Cape Cod, Mass., trip. Five days and four nights. Cost is \$395/double, including four breakfasts and four dinners. Visit Martha's Vineyard, Chatham, Provincetown, Hyannis, JFK museum, and much more. Sign up now for this year's price on the next year's trip.
Oct. 25-27 — Foxwood and Mohegan Casinos. Three days and two nights. Cost is \$170 each for double occupancy of two-night accommodations, two continental breakfasts, two casino meal credits, guided tour of Mystic, New London.
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EDITORIALS

Keep perspective

From the reaction of a few Board of Education members last Thursday, you would have thought the community had been done a tremendous injustice in being told that Glenn Tillou, the Union County superintendent of schools, has been selected as the man to replace Paul Ortenzio when he retires as Clark's superintendent this June.

That's just plain nonsense. The superintendent search, which came to a formal conclusion on Tuesday night, is one of the most important developments in the Clark School District in the past 19 years, surpassed only by the push to dissolve the Union County Regional School District in 1997. Tillou, when he assumes the superintendent's mantle on July 1, will become the district's first person to do so since 1985, when Ortenzio was hired.

While the school board obviously has a legal obligation to maintain the privacy surrounding contract negotiations and the personnel search, a public that is better informed is simply better. It can participate in informed dialogue with its elected representatives on important issues, putting forward ideas or suggestions that might not have occurred to school board members, and it also can signal to the board members individually and collectively that their actions have the support of the public.

The reaction to *The Eagle's* news report on Tillou's impending appointment varied among individual board members. Board President James Rooney in particular took the news report in stride, and joked as he said, "I guess this won't be a surprise anymore," even as he declined to provide anything more than a tacit confirmation that Tillou was the chosen candidate. A few others, however, were a little put off to see the news reported.

There are two principal reasons for this sort of outcry. The first is disappointment that the board's moment in the sun has been pre-empted and the chance to announce Tillou's appointment has been taken from it. That sort of disappointment is fairly routine for everyone, particularly public officials in a free society, and it's best gotten over immediately.

The bigger sting, though, is that the board members have not been as tight-lipped about the superintendent appointment as they said they would be, and now the entire community knows it. Rumors of Tillou's impending appointment have been circulating for weeks on Internet discussion boards, at board meetings and around the dinner table. It is hardly reasonable to be upset that personnel decisions make it into newsprint when board members have been as loose-lipped as that all along.

As to whether it is appropriate for newspapers to print information before public officials want it to be released, we're embarrassed for Clark that such a question even gets asked. The public has a right to know who is being considered for the superintendency, and as a newspaper, we have an obligation to report that news as it becomes available — even if it becomes available through a reliable source who chooses to remain anonymous.

We're going to continue to meet our responsibility to the community, just as we expect board members to meet theirs.

Firearm safety

Got a gun in your house? If you do, we urge you to take advantage of the free firearm safety kits the Union County Sheriff's Department is distributing through a partnership with Project ChildSafe.

The kits the sheriff's office is distributing contain a safety curriculum and a cable-style gun lock that fits most types of handguns, rifles and shotguns. Firearm locks are no substitute for firearm safety, which is why the kit also includes a curriculum on gun safety, including directions on how to handle firearms properly, how to store them safely, and the factors homeowners must consider if they choose to rely on a firearm instead of a dog or burglar alarm for home safety.

By partnering with Project ChildSafe, the Sheriff's Department is participating in a national effort to promote firearms safety education to all gun owners. Developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, Project ChildSafe has distributed 11 million of these kits nationwide in just the past eight months. The program is funded by a U.S. Department of Justice grant, with additional money from the firearms industry.

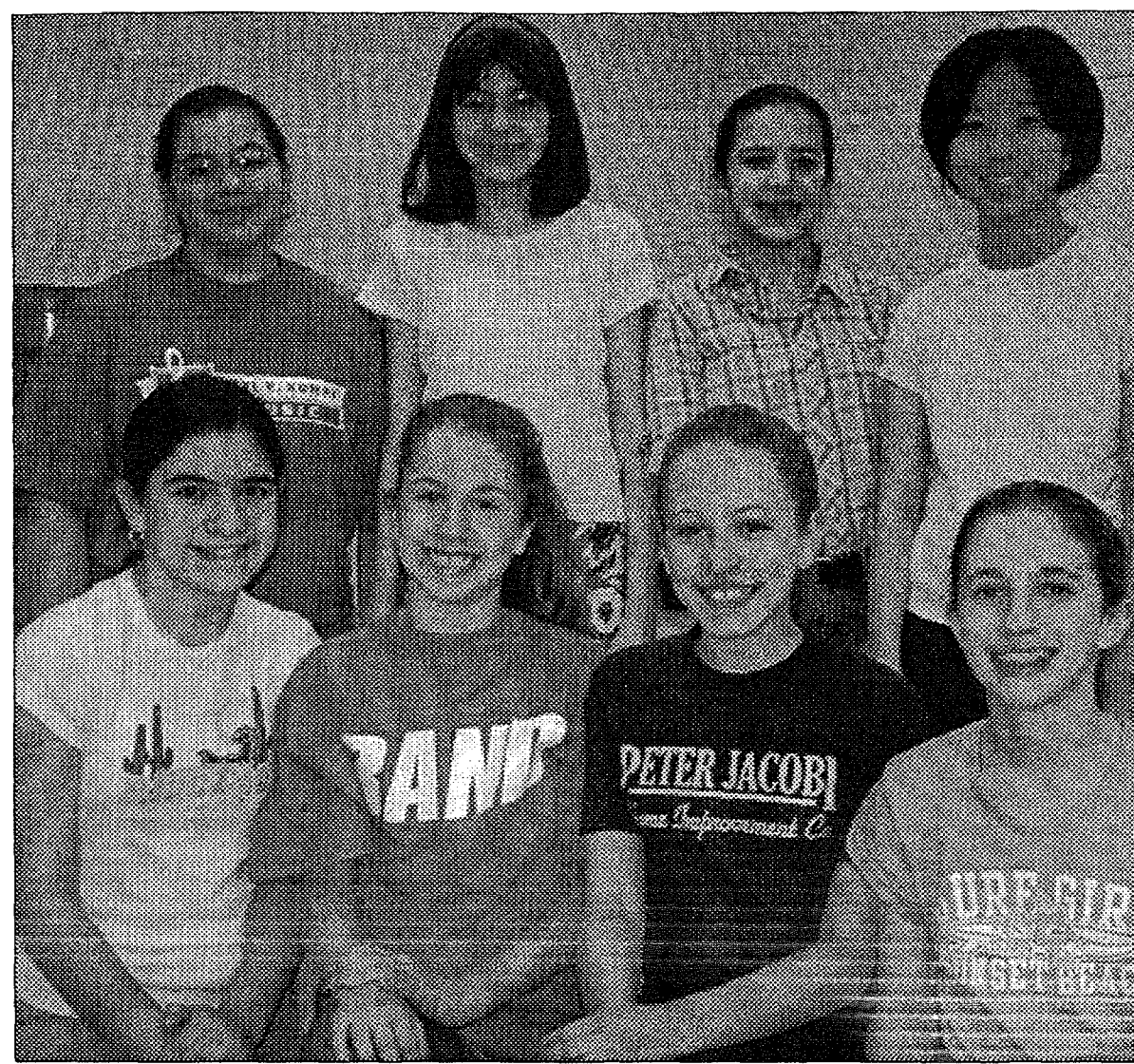
Despite the bad rap they have been given because of horrors such as the string of school shootings in the latter half of the 1990s, firearms have a legitimate place in American culture. Hunters use them to get food, police use them in the course of law enforcement, and gun enthusiasts use them for sporting purposes at target ranges and shooting galleries. Still others, despite the very real risks associated with such a decision, keep firearms in their home to defend against intruders.

Those are all legitimate reasons to own a gun, and all are protected by the Second Amendment. But with any gun ownership comes the responsibility of making sure that it is used correctly and does not fall into the wrong hands. Merely locking a gun or concealing it somewhere always leaves the possibility that a child will find it, pick it up and use it, too often with tragic results. No parent should take the risk of bringing that pain to themselves and their family.

If you must keep a firearm in your house, get a safety kit today.

"Suing a writer seems to cross a principle that I respect and cherish more than even my own reputation: the freedom to speak and print... yes, even to speak lies and print them."

— Arthur Miller
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CHANGING OF THE GUARD — A new slate of officers took the helm of the Carl H. Kumpf Middle School Builders Club. The group is holding a clothing drive for Iraqi children through May 25. The home-room that brings in the most number of clothing articles will be awarded a pizza party or an ice cream party given by the adult counterpart of the organization, the Clark Kiwanis Club. Shown are Michelle Coyle, co-secretary; Colleen Treacy, co-vice president, and co-presidents Brynne Falkowski and Phyllis Lee; and, in front, Megan Brottelle, co-treasurer; Kim Mogenssen, co-treasurer; Isabelle Filicciello, co-secretary; Lisa Hagen, co-vice president.

Religion and politics have gone full circle since JFK

The Problem Solver

By Robert B. Lapidus

Forty years or so ago, a Navy combat veteran, then a U.S. senator from Massachusetts with the initials JFK was running for the presidency. To achieve that goal, he had to convince the electorate that being a good Catholic would not prevent him from being a good president.

Today, a Navy combat veteran, now a U.S. senator from Massachusetts, with the initials JFK is running for the presidency. To achieve that goal, he has to persuade voters that being a good president will not prevent him from being a good Catholic.

As the world turns. That first JFK, of course, had it much easier. He did not have to deal with such issues as abortion, same-sex

marriage or school vouchers. All he had to do was convince the populace that he would keep us out of the war and not open a hot line to the Vatican.

Today's JFK has to persuade voters that he will get us out of a war that we are already in and that he will not stray too far from his Catholic roots.

Like most Americans, we had

assumed that the question of religion in matters of high public office had been settled back in 1964. If that didn't do it, then the election of 2000 should have resolved it once and for all. In 2000, a Jewish candidate, Joe Lieberman, was nominated for vice president. Which means that he might be president one day.

Most analysts agree that religion, or religious bias, was not a significant factor in the 2000 election. It was so little a presence, in fact, that Sen. Lieberman was encouraged to try a run for the presidency this year.

It might be noted in passing that back in 2000 there was speculation about Colin Powell being nominated for the presidency. And talk about

Hillary Clinton making a run for the White House has been out there all along.

In the meantime, JFK-2 has been having some religious troubles. Not from non-Catholics, but from his co-religionists. Some of whom, it appears, believe that it is not enough to be a "good" Catholic, but that you have to be a "very good" Catholic.

So it seems we may have a situation where it is possible for a Jew, a Black or a woman to be elected president. But maybe not a Catholic.

Only in America.

Robert B. Lapidus is a resident of Clark and a frequent contributor to this newspaper.

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Point of View

By Jill Curran and Laura Caliguire

The Advocates for a Better Clark was founded in March 2002. The grass roots group came together hoping to convey to all our citizens the importance of passing our school budget and preserving the quality of education that our children have become accustomed to and deserve.

For the past three years, the group has done just that. However, the group has grown tremendously.

The founding members of the ABC Clark were Natalie Belverio, Laura Caliguire, Jill Curran, Fred Hagen and Barbara White. Our meetings consisted of 10 to 15 concerned citizens and usually the same faces. After just three short years, our meetings have grown to 35 to 40 people on occasion and lots of new faces.

Clark's past history with passing budgets was poor. Prior to 2002, only three budgets passed over a 10-year period. Defeated budgets have cost our district approximately \$2.5 million in programs cuts and loss of state aid. Unfortunately, we are paying the cost now.

But over the past three years we have definitely set a new precedent for education. With the continued support of our community and working together with the Board of Education, hopefully we will be able to build our schools to the level they were and then some.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who have been around from the beginning and all the new people. We should all be very proud of our most recent accomplishment of passing our school budget for our children by more than a 2-1 margin. Clark was the only town in Union County to pass their budget by such a large margin.

This is truly something for us to be proud. It is a huge victory for the town of Clark and would not have been possible without the help of everyone in the community.

The ABC would like to extend our

sincere appreciation and gratitude to many people who worked hard behind the scenes. Without your assistance, this victory would not be possible.

Because we are a grass roots group, we do not have any funding and, therefore, we rely solely on donations from the community. We would like to thank Lori Eipel, owner of Added Attractions, who donated our blue and white ribbons, "Support the Budget" pins and balloons. All these visuals help remind people to vote.

We are very grateful to the Duman-skys from Print Mark, who printed 2,000 copies of our flyers that were distributed throughout town and also served as visuals to hang in your windows. These flyers helped to educate the community on what our school budget consisted of and why their support was so important.

We would like to thank Board of Education member Mike Timoni and the New Jersey Education Association for donating their offices and phones for our Phon-a-thon on April 18.

All four school PTA boards worked together with the ABC to sponsor a Candidates Forum by arranging for the moderator from the League of Women Voters and providing refreshments. The forum provided the public with the opportunity to meet the five candidates running for the Board of Education and make an educated vote on April 20.

On Election Day, John Caliguire and Dean Russo rode up and down every street with a loudspeaker reminding everyone to vote. They

were truly "Clark Idols" that day and did serve as a reminder to many people.

The ABC would like to give a big thanks to Superintendent of Schools Paul Ortenzio, Assistant Superintendent Susan Mikza, Schools Business Administrator Bill Takacs, Director of Curriculum Doug Felter, Arthur L. Johnson Principal Bob Taylor, and the entire Board of Education for spending countless hours with us, answering questions, supplying data and for cooperating with our efforts.

We would also like to thank panel members Takacs, Felter, Mikza and board members Diane Lanigan, and Jim Rooney, who dedicated an additional evening to offer the public an opportunity to ask questions regarding the budget.

We would also like to give a huge thank you to all the people who stood outside each voting poll on Election Day asking the voters to support the budget. In addition to parents, we were joined by many teachers, some of whom do not even reside in Clark.

The ABC took on another task this year, totally isolated from the budget and the schools. On Jan. 19 there was an explosion in town that left a family without their home, husband and father.

The ABC reached out to our community to assist this family during such a difficult time. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of the

community. In just two short months, we were able raise more than \$45,000 in monetary donations, clothes, footwear, hand-crafted blankets, numerous gift certificates, and catered food donations.

We are proud to be a part of such a warm, caring, and giving community. Thank you very much for your generosity.

The ABC plans to continue to keep the public informed of all the successes in our four schools as a result of passing our school budgets and making education and our children a priority. Excellent school systems can only increase the value of our town and our property.

On May 11, our district will enter a new era with the appointment of a new superintendent of schools. In addition, we have elected three new Board of Education members.

We look forward to working together with the Board of Education and the new superintendent to assist in any way possible to make our schools the best they can be.

We strongly encourage all residents to participate in the ABC's efforts, support our Board of Education, come to meetings and become educated and informed about our school system.

For more information about the ABC, contact Laura Caliguire at 732-827-0584 or Jill Curran at 732-574-3278.

Our policy on letters and columns

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Geese, cute? Nah, we're just enabling them

I was driving down a major avenue in my town the other day when I had to slam on the brakes to avoid running over a couple of Canada geese. There were four geese and they were walking across the street like an avian version of The Beatles' "Abbey Road" cover.

My first reaction as I watched them waddle slowly past my car was to reflect on how cute they looked holding up traffic, oblivious to the world around them. I could see the lady in the car behind me — she was grinning from ear to ear. And the man who had stopped on the other side of the road was also smiling, making eye contact with me to let me know that we were witnessing something special.

I grinned right back at him, equally captivated by this whimsical moment and then an instant later the pilot light must have reignited in my head because it suddenly occurred to me that Canada geese fly.

Here were four mature, able-bodied geese in the prime of life, and when faced with a 2,000-pound automobile bearing down on them at 35 mph, their God-given natural survival instincts trigger this reaction: Continue to walk slowly into the path of the speeding vehicle.

Nature's majestic beauty at the crossroads of industrialized society went right out the window. These geese were enjoying a laugh on us and

Now What?

By John Hartnett

I felt like a chump sitting there in my car while they took their own sweet time crossing the street.

I gave the horn a brief blast to see if that would remind them about their special gift of flight. No reaction except from one goose who actually flicked his wing under his chin at me as if I were a cop issuing a parking ticket and he was a foreign diplomat with immunity.

As the last member of the Brahmin goose class finally made its way to the other side of the road, I hit the gas and headed home, unable to shake the notion that the modified behavior of these recalcitrant geese was directly related to what they had learned from us suburbanites.

Let's take a look at how this change in instinctual bird behavior must occur. We begin in Canada, but not in the part where they speak French because I'm already over my head trying to pretend I know anything about science.

A flock of Canada geese are living in the wild. Baby geese follow the parents everywhere. (Refer to "Make Way for Ducklings" pages 1-8 for a

more detailed understanding.) One morning a Canada wolf enters the area in search of lunch. The geese elders responsible for security begin to honk.

The parent geese react quickly to the announcement of imminent danger by concealing the goslings that can't fly. Those mature geese who've decided to delay children for a bit to enjoy the company of their mates simply flap their wings and sail into the sky, free and clear of any dangers outside the rare possibility of being sucked into the engines of a 747. There it is. Natural survival instincts the way God intended.

One day an internal alarm clock goes off in the brains of every goose in Canada. It's time to migrate south for the winter. After stopping by the post office to have their mail forwarded, they take to the skies in the form of a giant letter V, which, contrary to what the advertising people would love for you to believe, is not an endorsement for Virgin Atlantic Airways.

Some of the geese land in New Jersey. I'll let you draw your own conclusions there. These are wild geese mind you and one morning, a lady is walking her Malamute (a dog that resembles a Canada wolf) through the park. The geese in charge of security honk, the Malamute charges forward and the entire flock takes to the air.

But one goose happens to notice

that the Malamute's charge was short-lived, as the poor thing is now lying on the ground gasping for air at the end of a leather leash.

Whether it's mental telepathy, genetic recoding or newsletters, somehow this goose tells the other geese that a wolf on a leash is a wolf that can be ignored.

No predators, no need to fly any farther. And then the two-legged creatures begin to show up on a regular basis and feed the geese. Do you know how this is interpreted?

"The two-legged creatures think we're gods," one goose declares.

A skeptical goose says, "You're out of your mind, they don't think we're gods."

"I'm telling you they do," the goose reiterates.

"Prove it, wise guy," says the skeptical goose.

"Watch this," says the goose with the God complex and he strolls across the avenue to the tune of screeching brakes and gentle sighs...

We're nothing but a bunch of goose enablers. It's a good thing all the dinosaurs are dead. We'd probably be down by the tar pits right now feeding them geese.

John Hartnett is a resident of Cranford. He can be reached at johnhartnett@earlybirdpublishing.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Let Iraq deal with its own problems

To the Editor:

Another 11 American soldiers were reported killed in Iraq last weekend. It brought the total of slain men and women there to more than 150 just since April. In all, almost 800 men and women have died fighting in Iraq.

I say enough is enough. It's sad to see our brave men and women die in any circumstances. But in Iraq, for what? Their deaths came not in defense of our country, but in an attack which should have never taken place, thanks to President Bush. More importantly now, why are our men and women still there?

In more than a year since President Bush ordered the attack on Iraq, we've found no weapons of mass destruction. We've found no evidence of a plot to attack the United States. But, be that as it may, the country is destroyed, its original military gone and Saddam Hussein is in our capture. So I ask again, why are we still there, allowing our military to be targets of insurgents and victims of suicide bombers?

Get our men and women out now while we still can. Bring them home safe and allow the country of Iraq to deal with its own problems.

Bob Milici
Roselle Park

HEALTH

Have a free blood test at ShopRite for May

In honor of "May is Heart Month", the Clark Health Department and Complete Care of Scotch Plains will offer free glucose, blood pressure and quick cholesterol screenings from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Clark ShopRite, 76 Central Ave.

A two-hour fast is required for the glucose sugar screening. For more information call Nancy Raymond, health officer, at 732-388-3600.

Springtime is here; watch out for rabies

Clark is indigenous to many types of wildlife due to its natural waterways, deciduous woodlands and suburban geographic boundaries.

Types of wildlife include raccoons, opossums, skunks, groundhogs, moles, squirrels and rabbits. Clark also supports a large rodent population.

Rabies is a viral disease which is transmitted through saliva.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, the following action was adopted at the Public Meeting of the Clark Board of Adjustment, held on March 22, 2004, Call # 8-04: The application of John S. Bowen and Victoria Bowen was granted for variances from the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 34, Section 8.3(b) (lot coverage) and Section 8.3(c-1) (front yard setback) for the property located at 173 Orchard Terrace, Clark, New Jersey 07066.

The file papers for the above decision are available at the Clark Township Building Department, Clark Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, for public review during 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FINK ROSNER ERSHOW LEVENBERG
Stanley Fink
Attorneys for Applicant

U73715 CCE May 13, 2004 (\$9.38)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clark Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Meeting on May 24, 2004 at 8:00 P.M. at the Municipal Court Room, 315 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, at which time the following application will be heard: CAL #15-04: Application of Frank T. Battistella for the purpose of constructing an addition to make a 1 car garage into a 2 car garage at the premises located at 126 Briar Heath Lane, Clark NJ, in Lot: 14; Block: 13, in a R-150 District. Violation of Chapter 34, Section 8.3, Sub-Section C3 & C(b).

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

Frank T. Battistella
Applicant

U73720 CCE May 13, 2004 (\$9.38)

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 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. Monday and May 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 at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday and May 25.

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

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.

Municipal Building alternate drop-off site

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.

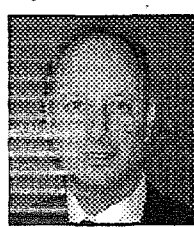
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UCT Baseball

The final four consists of the team that is dominating the tournament right now and three squads that haven't won it in a while.

Second-seeded Cranford, seeking a fifth title in the past six years and a second straight, will take on 11th-seeded Roselle Catholic in Saturday's first semifinal at Rahway's Veterans Field. First pitch is noon.

RC won its only tourney way back in 1971. The Lions are sparked by sophomore righthander Nick Nolan.

Fourth-seeded Scotch Plains, which last won the UCT in 1976, will face ninth-seeded New Providence in the second game at 3 p.m.

New Providence last won the UCT in 1981 and was in the 1999 final.

Cranford, which is receiving excellent pitching from senior righty Bryan Giannecchini, bested New Providence 6-5 in the 1999 final to capture its first championship. The Cougars reached the final in 1998, falling to Summit. That was the first time Cranford was in the final since 1978.

Union became the ninth straight top seed to fail to win the UCT, falling to New Providence in the quarters. Union had a streak of eight straight appearances in the semis snapped.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Wednesday, April 28
Union Catholic 16, Roselle 2
Roselle Park 10, Hillside 0
Dayton 12, Rahway 5
Plainfield 9, St. Mary's 5
Thursday, April 29
Brearley 11, Oratory Prep 1

FIRST ROUND

Saturday, May 1
New Providence 7, Summit 3
Union 5, Brearley 2
Union Catholic 8, Linden 6
Scotch Plains 13, Roselle Park 1

Westfield 11, Plainfield 8
Cranford 10, Dayton 0
Johnson 11, Gov. Livingston 1
Roselle Catholic 5, Elizabeth 1

QUARTERFINALS

Saturday, May 8
Scotch Plains 3, Union Catholic 2
New Providence 2, Union 0

Roselle Catholic 8, Westfield 6
Cranford 6, Johnson 0

SEMIFINALS

Saturday, May 15
at Rahway's Veterans Field
11-RC vs. 2-Cranford, noon
9-NP vs. 4-Scotch Plains, 3 p.m.

FINAL

Saturday, May 22
Linden's Memorial Field, 2 p.m.

UCT Softball

Two teams seeded lower than the top eight - Brearley and Linden - managed to reach the quarterfinals.

Four games are scheduled at the higher seeded fields, all with 10 a.m. first pitch starts.

On the top side of the bracket we have ninth-seeded Linden at top-seeded Roselle Park and fifth-seeded Union Catholic at fourth-seeded Governor Livingston.

Roselle Park blanked Linden 9-0 in last year's semifinals at Linden's Memorial Field. Riccitelli, a senior, began the week with 1,006 strikeouts.

On the bottom side of the bracket we have 10th-seeded Brearley at second-seeded Cranford and sixth-seeded Westfield at third-seeded Union.

Brearley began the week at 11-2, with its first loss after a 4-0 start coming at Cranford 6-5 back on April 23.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Wednesday, April 28
Roselle Catholic 13, Roselle 0
Saturday, May 1
Dayton 6, Plainfield 3
Thursday, May 6
Rahway 11, Oak Knoll 0

FIRST ROUND

Saturday, May 8
Gov. Liv. 9, Elizabeth 0
U. Cath. 2, New Prov. 1 (8 inn.)
Linden 8, Johnson 4
Roselle Park 7, R. Catholic 0

Westfield 10, Mother Seton 0
Union 5, Rahway 0
Brearley 5, Scotch Plains 1
Cranford 3, Dayton 1

QUARTERFINALS

Saturday, May 15 at 10 a.m.
5-Union Catholic at 4-GL
9-Linden at 1-Roselle Park

6-Westfield at 3-Union
10-Brearley at 2-Cranford

SEMIFINALS

May 21 at 6 and 8 p.m.
at Linden's Memorial Field

FINAL

May 22 at 8 p.m.
at Linden's Memorial Field

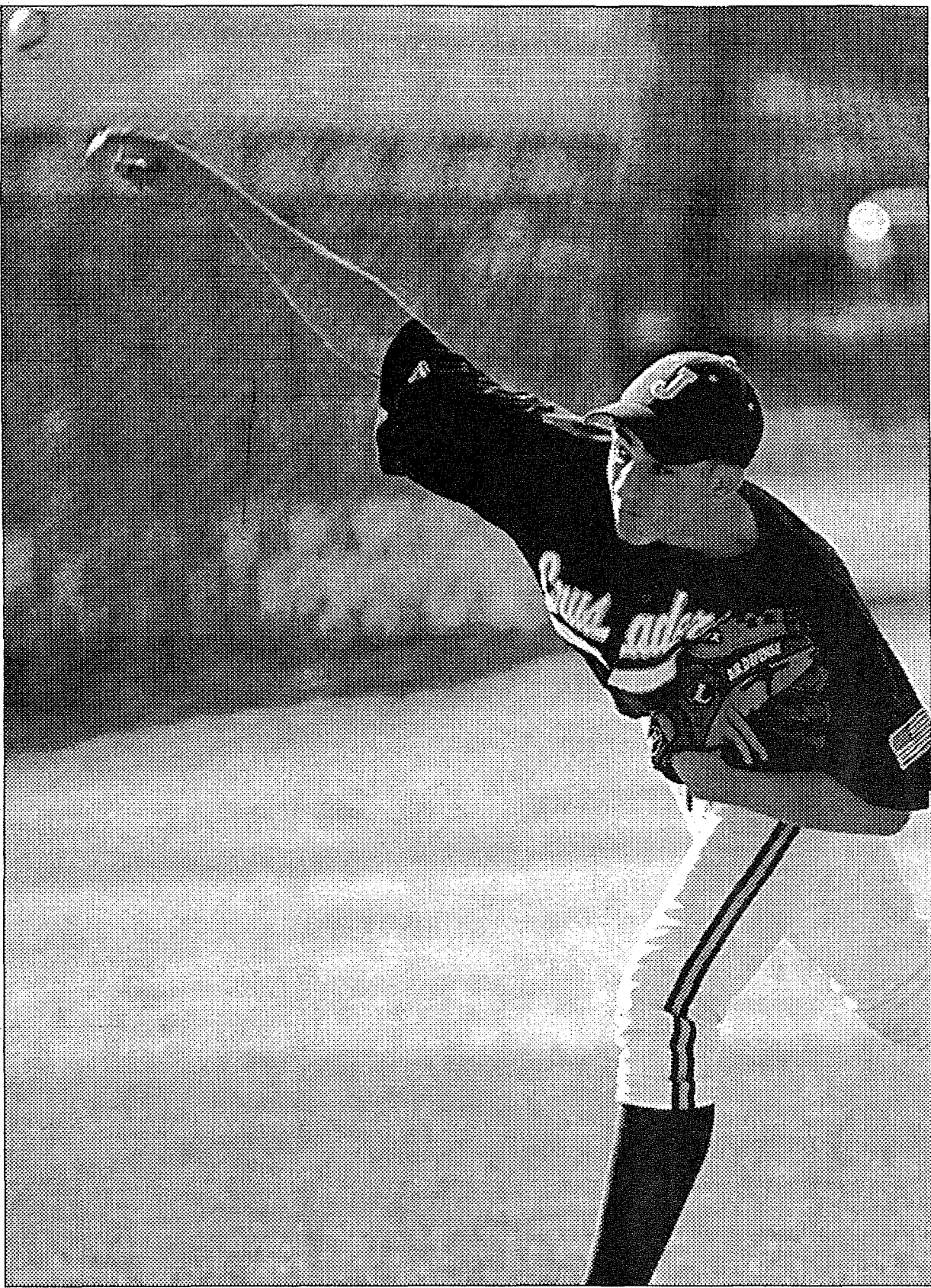


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The Johnson High School baseball team, sparked by the play of pitcher Joe Abruzzo, will attempt to end its 2004 campaign on a winning note. The Crusaders sported a 5-9 mark as of Tuesday and were eliminated from the UCT by Cranford 6-0 last Saturday in Cranford. Johnson is scheduled to play at Union today at 4 p.m. and host Franklin Monday at 4. The Crusaders are then scheduled to play at New Providence Wednesday at 4 before coming back home to face Union Catholic Thursday at 4.

Johnson baseball team ran into a tough pitcher Crusaders seeking to finish season strong

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

CRANFORD - Pitching has been the biggest difference for the Johnson High School baseball team when facing its opponents this season.

So, it wasn't a surprise that a fine pitching performance done them in last Saturday afternoon in the quarterfinals of the Union County Tournament at Orange Avenue School.

Behind the strong pitching of senior righthander Bryan Giannecchini, second-seeded Cranford came away with a 6-0 victory over the 10th-seeded Crusaders.

Giannecchini, who's headed to Rhode Island in the fall to play football, yielded only three hits, while striking out four and walking none en route to a complete game victory. He improved to 5-2.

Cranford, which improved to 15-4 after a 4-0 home win over Union Monday, is scheduled to face 11th-seeded Roselle Catholic in Saturday's noon semifinal game at Rahway's Veterans Field.

The 3 p.m. semifinal pits ninth-seeded New Providence vs. fourth-seeded Scotch Plains.

Cranford is seeking to reach the UCT final for the second consecutive year and for the sixth time in the past seven tournaments.

"Giannecchini was the difference in the game," Johnson head coach Frank Malta said. "He put us behind a little bit."

As of Tuesday's scheduled game at North Plainfield, Johnson's record stood at 5-9.

The Crusaders dropped a hard-fought 7-6 decision to visiting Metuchen on Monday.

"We brought up a lot of sophomores due to a few injuries suffered by our seniors," Malta said. "They're finally starting to get more comfortable and getting more opportunities."

Johnson had a great opportunity to plate a few runs in the top of the first inning against Giannecchini, but came away empty.

Opposing pitcher Andrew Murin opened the game with a single up the middle before advancing to second as Dave Deredita reached on an error.

However, after Murin moved to third on a flyout, he was

stranded there as Giannecchini recorded consecutive strikeouts to end the threat.

"We had an opportunity and didn't capitalize on it," Malta said. "That gave them a little confidence and from there they played small ball to push their runs across."

That's exactly what the Cougars did in the bottom of the second inning as they scored the game's first two runs.

Brian Ciencin opened the inning with a double down the left field line before advancing to third on a single to right by Giannecchini.

However, Murin then recorded a strikeout before inducing a popout. But, just when it looked like the junior southpaw would escape untouched, Ryan Duffy blooped a single to center to bring in both runners.

Murin yielded 10 hits, while striking out three and walking two.

"Andrew pitched well and gave us an opportunity out there," Malta said. "However, the pitching of Giannecchini was the difference because he did a great job."

Cranford added to its lead in the bottom of the third as Greg Van Horn singled in Jamar Ingram to make it a 3-0 game.

Meanwhile, Giannecchini settled into a groove, retiring 16 of the next 18 batters he faced.

"He got 0-1 and 0-2 counts on our hitters right away," Malta said. "He threw strikes and that put a lot of pressure on us."

Cranford plated its final runs in the bottom of the fourth.

With one out, designated hitter Brian Woglom singled to left and stole second. He then advanced to third to put runners at the corners after Duffy reached on an infield single.

However, after Ingram walked to load the bases, Murin picked off Duffy at second for the second out.

But once more, the Cougars came up with timely hits as Jason Occi punched an RBI-single to left before Chris Drechsel followed with a two-run single to center.

Despite a leadoff double down the left field line by Joe Rigano to start the top of the third inning, Giannecchini retired the next three to leave the runner stranded.

"We hit some balls very hard, but they turned into long outs," Malta said. "Giannecchini was the difference."

Clark Soccer Club tryouts begin May 21

The Clark Soccer Club will be holding tryouts for traveling teams for the 2004-2005 season.

Tryouts will be held, rain or shine, at Bartell Park, which is located off Westfield Avenue in Clark at the end of Bartell Place.

Attendance at the appropriate tryout is mandatory. More information may be obtained by calling Liesel Krehan at 732-382-3238.

Tryouts for the different divisions are as follows:

May 21

Under 8: birth dates 8-1-96 to 7-31-95, 6 p.m. registration, 6:30 tryouts.

Under 9 boys: birth dates 9-1-95 to 7-31-96, 6 p.m. registration, 6:30 tryouts.

Under 10 girls: birth dates 8-1-94 to 7-31-96, 7 p.m. registration, 7:30 tryouts.

Under 10 boys: birth dates 9-1-94 to 7-31-95, 7 p.m. registration, 7:30 tryouts.

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Under 11 boys: birth dates 8-1-93 to 7-31-94, 6 p.m. registration, 6:30 tryouts.

Under 14 boys: birth dates 8-1-90 to 7-31-91, 6 p.m. registration, 6:30 tryouts.

Under 12 girls: birth dates 8-1-92 to 7-31-94, 7 p.m. registration, 7:30 tryouts.

Under 12 boys: birth dates 8-1-92 to 7-31-93, 7 p.m. registration, 7:30 tryouts.

ALJ track squads continue to excel Washington wins long jump

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

Johnson High School track and field athletes continue to excel.

The Crusaders turned in a number of outstanding performances in last week's Mountain Valley Conference meet at Ridge in Basking Ridge.

Ridge hosted the event for the 22nd straight season and for the last time because it will be moving to the Skyland Conference next season.

Governor Livingston won the boys' side with 97.5 points. Johnson tied Technology for 10th with 15.

Ridge won the girls' side easily with 102 points. Johnson finished 11th with 11 points.

Johnson had one winner on the boys' side in Mark Washington. He defending his long jump title with a personal-best mark of 21-6 to win the event for a second consecutive season.

Other boys' results include: Oliver Haney was eighth in the shot put with a throw of 41-9.5. Ray Dobrowski had a personal-best throw of 39-2 and Joe Dudas a personal-best throw of 37-0.

In the discus, Haney placed eighth at 100-8, Dobrowski had a throw of 97-6 and Anthony DelConte had a personal-best toss of 77-0.

Washington was also fourth in the javelin at 159-3 and Dobrowski placed sixth at 150-4. Vin Reis was good for a 104-5 throw.

Tim Felice ran the 800 in 2:07 to break Johnson's sophomore record in the event.

Girls' results include: Jessica Moreira placing fourth in the shot put with a throw of 32-4.5. Stephanie Teixeira was eighth at 29-11 and Lynne Kovolisky ninth at 29-10.

Kovolisky was also sixth in the discus at 90-7, while teammate Jody tropeano had a throw of 63-0.

Emily Heeran had a personal-best throw of 86-10 in the javelin for fourth place. Teixeira had a throw of 70-4 and Kovolisky a throw of 61-5.

Old records were broken and new ones were set by Johnson squads at the MVC Relays held April 27 at Ridge in Basking Ridge.

The boys' 1,600-meter team of Tim Felice, Mike Hernandez, Drew Seaver and Jon Winkle clocked in with a time of 20:25.5 to shatter the old school record of 20:36.0 set in 1987.

Hernandez and Felice were also part of the boys' distance medley team that included Steve Mirando and Matt Butterly that broke the old record of 11:40.0 set in 1987, with a time of 11:35.5.

Haney, a freshman, followed that up by breaking two school records in the Union County Relay field events held four days later at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield.

Haney broke the freshman record in the boys' shot put with a 42-10.75. The old mark was set by Todd Burger in 1985, who went on to play football at Penn State and later with the Chicago Bears.

Haney then threw a distance of 107-10 in the discus to beat the mark set in 1983.

In the javelin, the boys' team won the event with a score of 445-1 behind the efforts of Washington, Dobrowski and Reis.

Washington threw a true bomb of 172-3, while Dobrowski heaved a mark of 158-1 and Reis a 114-9.

Haney, Washington and Dobrowski were part of the boys' discus team that captured fifth place. Along with Haney's 107-10, Washington posted a 123-1 and Dobrowski a 96-4.

Dobrowski heaved a 38-9.75, to go along with Haney's 42-10.75, and Joe Dudas's 36-0.25 in the boys' shot put.

In the event in the MVC, the trio took a seventh-place finish with an overall mark of 114-0.75.

Haney threw a 41-2, while Dobrowski heaved a 37-0.50 and Dudas a 35-10.25.

The trio of Washington (117-0), Haney (96-2) and Dobrowski (95-6) took third overall in the discus with a total of 308-8.

Johnson took another third place as Washington, Dobrowski and Albert Del Conte teamed to post a 385-9 in the javelin.

Washington threw a 148-9, while Dobrowski heaved a 147-4 and Del Conte a 89-8.

The girls' throwers did even better at the event as they accounted for 20 overall points.

The Crusaders took second in the shot put with an overall score of 91-8. Jess Moreira posted a 32-1, followed by Lynne Kovolisky's 30-3 and Stephanie Teixeira's 29-4.

Johnson also captured second place in the javelin with a tally of 228-4. Emily Heeren threw a 79-5, while Kovolisky aired a 74-7 and Teixeira a 73-10.

Kovolisky heaved a 93-11, Teixeira a 64-7 and Jody Tropeano an 80-11 to total a 239-5 for fourth place overall in the discus.

The trio registered a total of 219-7 in the event in the UC Relays as Tropeano hit 63-8, Teixeira a 65-8 and Kovolisky a 90-3.

In the shot put, Johnson took fifth place as Teixeira heaved a 29-4.50, Kovolisky a 29-6.50 and Moreira a 30-9.50.

In the javelin, the girls' just missed out on sixth place (224-5) as they recorded a mark of 220-6 for seventh place.

Heeren threw a 78-0, while Teixeira posted a 73-10 and Kovolisky a 68-8.

NOTES: The Union County meet is Saturday at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield and the East Coast Relays Monday in Morristown.

The sectionals are May 21-22, the groups 28-29 and the Meet of Champions is scheduled for June 2.

Johnson golfer Yesinko advances to TOC event

Local golfers David Chung of Governor Livingston, Dan Yesinko of Johnson and Barry Partelow of Brearley excelled at Monday's state sectional play.

Chung, last year's runner-up at the Tournament of Champions, chipped to within two feet and made a par four on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff to best Kittatinny's Peter Chang for the North Jersey, Sections 1 and 2, Group 2 individual championship held at the Rockleigh Golf Course. Chung, a sophomore, shot a 39-39-78 to get to the playoff.

Yesinko shot a 38-38-76 to place tied for fifth in Central-South Jersey, Group 2 play at Centerton Golf Course in Elmer.

Partelow was fourth with a 39-39-78 in Central-South Jersey, Group 1 competition at the Quail Brook Golf Course in Somerset.

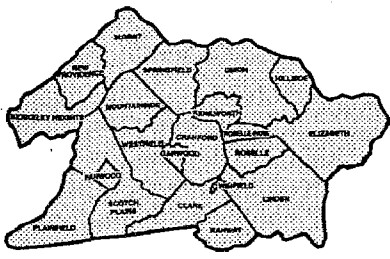
Seven of the 12 region tournaments were played throughout the state Monday, while the Central-South Jersey, Group 4 region was to be contested Tuesday. The four parochial region tournaments were to be played yesterday. The top two teams and low five individuals plus ties in each region advance to this Monday's T of C, which will take place at the Rumson Country Club. Each team brought five players to the region with the low four scores counting.

Circle Liquors leads softball league

Circle Liquors began the week in first place in the Clark Men's Softball League. They were the only undefeated team remaining at 5-0.

Here's a look at the standings as of Sunday:

Clark Circle Liquors (5-0)
Doral Financial (4-1)
Cranford Sunoco (4-1)
Premier Quality Electric (3-2)
Georges Catch 27 (3-2)
Sutton Trucking (3-3)
Galluzzo Brothers Carting (2-3)
Lanas (2-4)
Wrays Diggers (2-4)
Cuts Fitness (1-3)
Breeze Eastern (0-6)



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First Friday devotion

The contrast was remarkable. St. Michael's Church in Cranford held the First Friday Devotion Mass last week.

Deacon Dan Wilverding conducted the midday service where parents of local soldiers in the Middle East prayed. At the same time, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld was feeling pressure over abuses of prisoners and those willing to serve him up as the scapegoat.

George and Lois Enneser of Cranford attended the mass. We prayed for their son Brian who is stationed in Iraq. I don't tease these friends much anymore about their Republican politics. Their son is fighting in a strange land.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

The anguish in a mother's eyes is probably the same as it's been for centuries. But these are my friends. The toughness of this soldier, and his parents, isn't open to question. For a lot of the rest of us, I have my doubts.

Down the road, the owner of a restaurant had bad news. There may be a connection. The price he pays for beef has jumped 25 percent in a month. Over the past year the price of butter has jumped a stunning 94 percent.

The hard reality of not being able to sustain guns and butter is about to hit home.

The commodities traders in Chicago are busy lately.

Field corn costs which feeds our future steaks and chicken meat is off the charts as is milk prices. So is the cost of soybeans, the basic element of cattle feed.

New menus with higher costs are coming. So too are rises in two of my basic food elements, pizza and ice cream.

It turns out that the concern over mad cow disease cut off 60,000 cows a year from Canada. There is indeed a price for caution.

Our love of Suburbans and Hummers are part of the reason for the rise in the price of oil.

Our 5 percent of the planet's total population consumes 45 percent of the world's gasoline supply.

At the same time, our environmental lobby precludes any new refineries from being constructed.

The past week has brought forth reports of an upswing in the economy. Economist James Galbraith wrote last weekend "Wars upset the trade balance."

Our trade deficit is already staggering. Under warfare conditions it will get worse. By going into Iraq with few allies, we've assumed the entire cost."

Of course the economic news is paltry compared to pain and cost of human suffering.

Virtually all of the parents of these brave kids don't talk about pulling out.

They pray for their kids, but they want to see this war through to a successful completion.

The question is whether the home front is paying attention to understand that the war we watch on television is about more than prisoner's abuse and the current cost of oil.

If we are willing to make the decisions to end using gas guzzlers, stop the borrowing on the future, straighten out the balance of trade and above all understand that health and environmental rules come at an economic cost, we will be fine.

If not, I guess we will just have to keep relying on and praying for kids like Brian Enneser.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

Stage set for improvements

First phase for arts center to cost \$6M

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

The installation of central air conditioning, the expansion of the stage and construction of a new load area, among other things will cost \$6 million as a part of the first phase of renovations at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

The cost of Phase I was derived from a feasibility study conducted by NBBJ, a New York City-based architectural and planning firm. The Phase I portion of the report listed immediate improvements that must be made to ensure that the theater can remain viable as a performing arts entity.

Union County Manager George Devanney said the county is only concerned with Phase I right now.

"There are potential future phases but that's not something we're even discussing at the moment. That's more long term," he said.

The county will purchase the Union County Arts Center, though a cost and timeframe have not been determined yet.

Devanney said a final determination has not been made as to how the county will fund Phase I.

The county has plans to use capital bonds to pay for the \$6 million in improvements and then decide, on a year-to-year basis, whether it will use money from the Open Space, Historic and Recreation Trust Fund.

The trust fund was approved by voters in 2000. It is funded by instituting a tax of \$0.15 per \$100 of assessed property value.

Other Phase I improvements include the upgrading of plumbing, electrical and fire protection equipment; the modernization of the dressing room areas, the expansion of the lobby, the creation of an organ lift and the relocation of administrative offices.

Devanney did not have a break down on the cost for each specific recommendation.

"It's just a total cost right now," he said.

The county anticipates construction on Phase I to begin in the fall.

"We still have to negotiate a contract with the architect, who then has to do final plans before we can go out to bid," said Devanney.

Some Republican question the motives behind the 9-0 Democratic freeholder board's plan to acquire the 75-year-old facility.

"I think the arts is just as important as science," said Joseph Renna, a Republican candidate for freeholder. "Whatever government can do to encourage it, I'm for. But to be blunt, I think this is a political move."

Renna alleges that the proposed renovations and purchase of the arts center is a political ploy by Democrats to garner votes from the 4,000 patrons who attend performances at the Union County Arts Center.

"Those 4,000 patrons now become 4,000 voters in the eyes of the freeholders," he said.

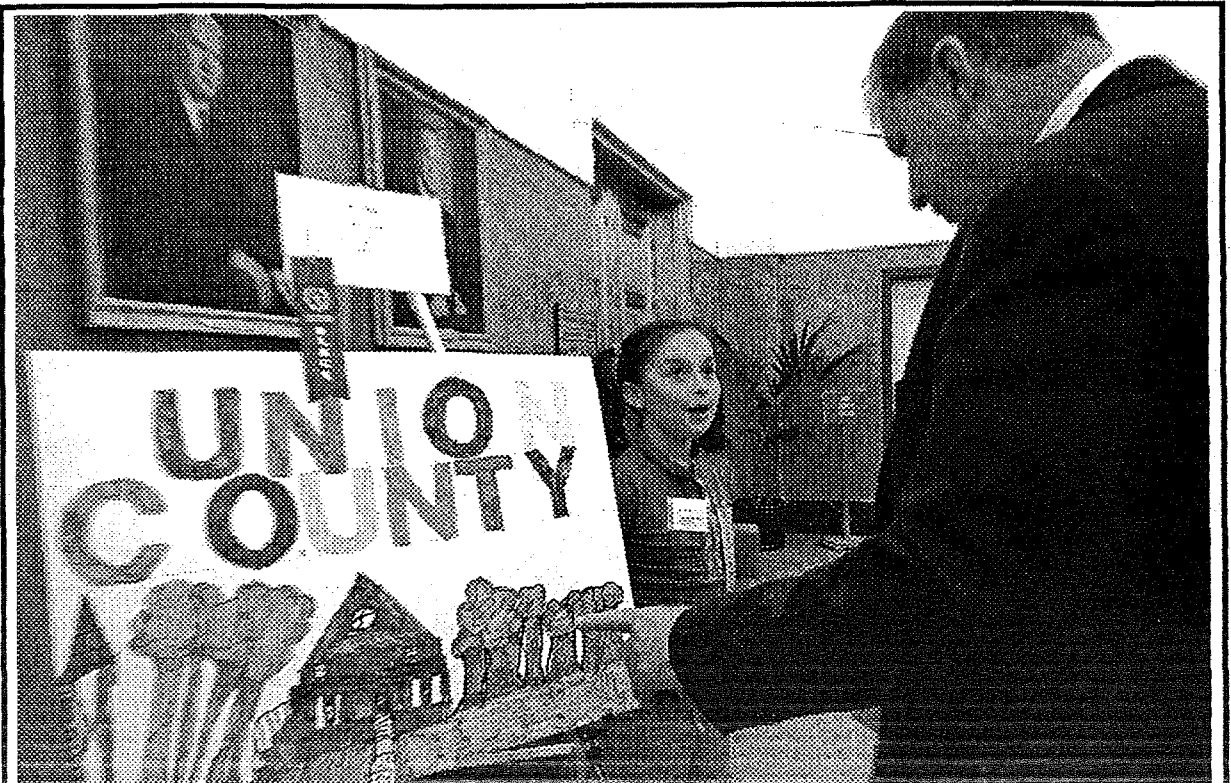
Renna pointed to a pamphlet the county sent to arts center patrons earlier this year.

The mailing asked residents to fill out a form with their name and address, as well as mark off a corresponding box relaying how they felt about the county's not yet proposed plan to acquire the arts center. The two choices were:

() YES! I enthusiastically support the plan to revitalize the Union County Arts Center as a premier performance arts destination!

() I would also like some more information.

The county produced 8,000 copies of the pamphlet. The cost to produce the literature was included in the \$75,000 the county set aside in this year's budget for the purpose of printing and publications. Postage for the pamphlets was approximately \$2,300, which came from the county's general operating funds.



Photos By Reena Rose Sibayan

MY COUNTY — Above, Gina Cittadino, a fourth-grader at Harding Elementary School in Kenilworth, describes her poster — which features the historic Nitschke House from her hometown — to Assemblyman Joseph Cryan, D-Union. Below, Dana Sestito of St. John the Apostle School in Clark stands with her first-place winning poster. For the full list of winners in the annual My County poster contest, see Page B2.

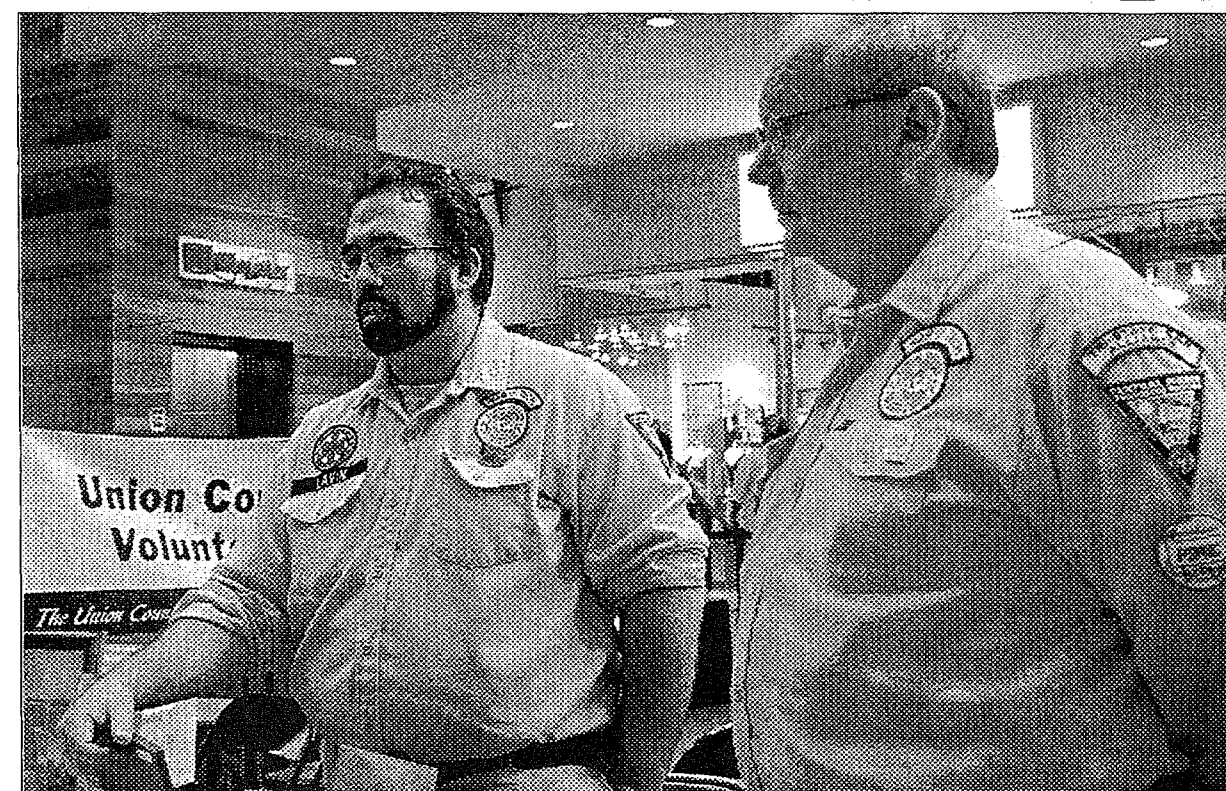
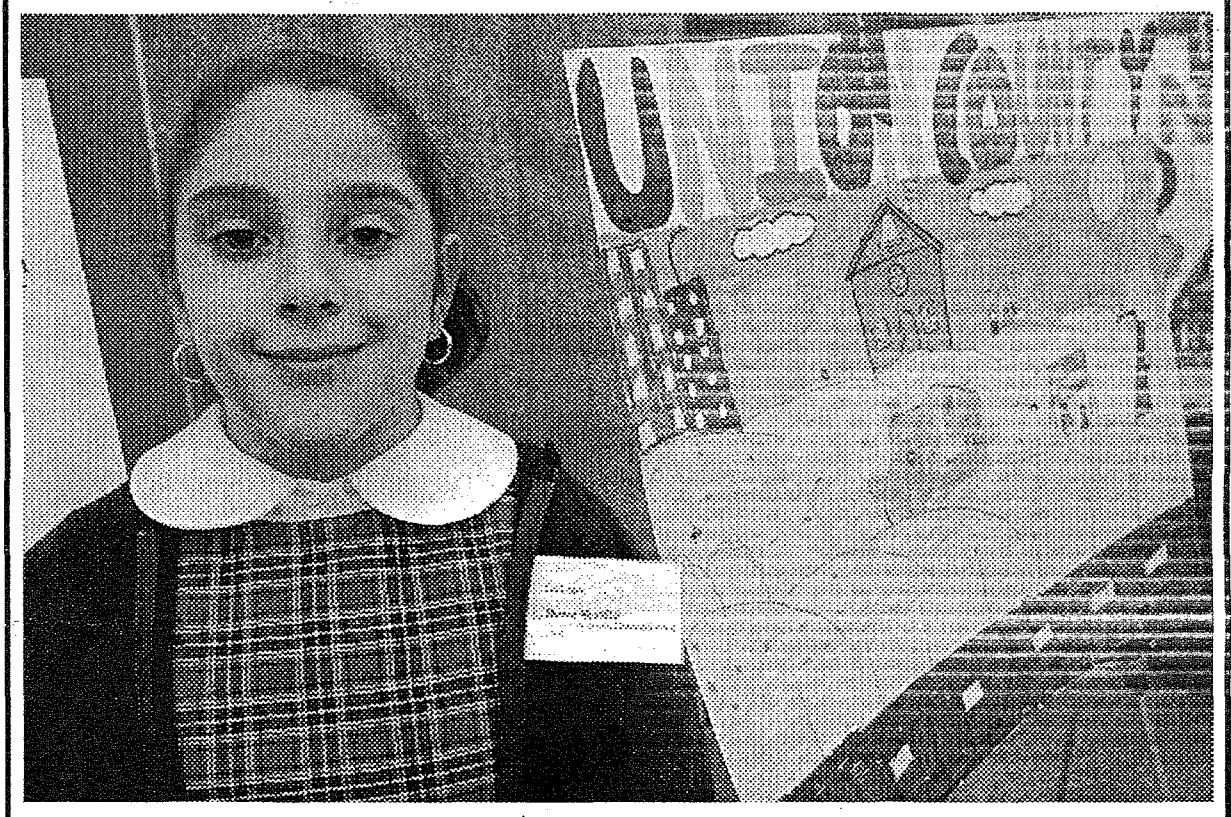


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Bud Lavin and David Schempp of Central Jersey Technical Rescue Team Inc. answer questions at the Union County Volunteer Fair on Friday.

Fair brings two sides together

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Not many people know about Central Jersey Technical Rescue Team Inc.

The Fanwood-based volunteer organization conducts search-and-rescue missions, looking for missing people.

"We're the second largest group of volunteers in the state that are specifically trained for search and rescue," said Bud Lavin, assistant chief.

The Central Jersey Technical Rescue Team attended the Union County volunteer fair at Jersey Gardens Mall in Elizabeth Friday. The group was one of 30 organizations that had a booth at the fair, hoping to recruit volunteers.

"We would love to recruit more volunteers but we also want to make the citizens of the county aware of all the wonderful organizations that do terrific things," said coordinator of the Union County Office of Volunteer Services Susan Pepper.

Representatives from Elizabeth-based New Jersey Youth Corps attended the fair to look for additional volunteer opportunities.

"We do a lot of community service," said Erica Robinson, a New Jersey Youth Corps member and Elizabeth resident.

Robinson said some of the groups that were in attendance were looking for volunteers to work with kids.

More than 30 volunteer agencies had erected counters at the fair, including Americorps at Union County College,

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital of Rahway, the Cranford First Aid Squad, the Union County Office of Volunteer Services, the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network and the YMCA of Central New Jersey.

"I'm just wandering around, not looking for anything in particular," said James Stephens, a Newark resident who was picking up information from Newborns in Need, a Plainfield-based organization that makes and donates essential baby items.

Pepper said the fair has been helpful from a networking point of view, as different volunteer agencies may need each other. "Within this network of volunteer organizations we answered some needs," she said.

The county had conducted a similar fair in December but a snowstorm limited the number of participants. Last year's fair came on the heels of the county releasing an updated, second edition of the County of Union Volunteer Directory which is available from the county's Office of Volunteer Services.

The first volunteer directory was released in April 2003. Created with the United Way of Greater Union County, the directory was used as a resource to connect those in need with those who can help.

The updated directory doubled the size of the initial publication, with a list of more than 100 nonprofit organizations and agencies and hundreds of volunteer opportunities. It includes an alphabetical list of groups, followed with a list of volunteer interests referenced by category.

Gang membership has its warning signs

By Brian Pedersen
Staff Writer

A second-grade boy describes how he wants to cut a fellow student's face for wearing certain colors to school. A 17-year-old teen becomes a "dead man walking." Girls as young as age 12 experience a series of violent initiations.

These are just some of the examples of what happens to youths when they join gangs, a growing presence in all parts of New Jersey, including Union County.

Lt. Edwin Torres of the state Department of Corrections revealed some of the warning signs, identifiers and statistics of gangs in "Gang Attraction Among Our Youth," a presentation offered during the 10th annual "Standing Together Against Hate Forum" at First United Methodist Church in Westfield on April 29.

Torres described some of the warning signs that youths often exhibit when they join a gang, including changes in behavior, a drop in grades, unexplained physical injuries, obsessions with wearing certain colors, flashing signs and slang terms and displaying graffiti on books and walls.

He cautioned that not all of these activities are signs that a teen has joined a gang, just that these are warnings parents should look out for. To see gang evidence, he said parents need to look at the totality of the signs.

Torres then identified some of the reasons youths joined gangs. Some of them join because of low self-esteem, others because of peer pressure, and some because of TV, music videos or video games, he said.

"In some cases, gangs are generational," said Torres. "In some cases, our gangs go back to the 1940s."

Being a member of a gang increases one's chances of being a target of violence from rival gang members. Torres said once youths join gangs, it's very difficult for them to leave, but it can be done.

"Gang members decide to leave every day," said Torres. "You don't have to die to leave."

Gangs fight for territory as well as

flags and beads, said Torres, adding that items of clothing and certain colors become so important that gang members are willing to die for them.

Torres said the Bloods are the largest gang in the state. Their signifiers are the colors red and black, and brown and pink, in addition to wearing beads, bandannas and a "three dots" dog paw marking that's burned into a member's skin.

The second largest group is the Crips, whose colors and signifiers include blue and grey, purple, and British Knights sneakers.

The Latin Kings are an older group whose colors are gold and black. Their symbols include a lion and a five-pointed crown. Torres added that anyone can join a gang, regardless of race.

NETA — Never Ever Tolerate Abuse — is a gang composed of primarily Puerto Ricans. Their colors include red and black, and red, white and blue. Torres said gangs can glorify any color, symbol or sports team to signify a specific identity.

Torres also described the proliferation of hate groups as a form of gangs and a growing trend of young girls who are joining gangs.

He stressed that parents should be more vigilant in knowing what their children read and watch, adding that working with teachers, schools and police can enable parents to be good role models.

"Our kids watch what we do every day and we fail them if we don't live right," said Torres.

Glenn Tillou, Union County's superintendent of schools, said media are part of the problem since they portrays gangs as an urban issue and not a suburban one that affects local schools and communities. Tillou said Union County schools have staff members who are trained to recognize gang signs and programs have been created to identify gang issues.

"We are drawing attention to the problem rather than hiding its existence," said Tillou. "The events of Columbine made us realize we had some real work to do with our

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COUNTY NEWS

Mothers & More meet

On Wednesday, the Union County Chapter of Mothers & More will host a special evening welcoming its newest members at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St., Westfield. There will be great food and door prizes.

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

Mothers & More is a non-profit organization that cares for the caregiver. It provides opportunities for mothers to connect with one another in ways that assist them in developing their unique identities as women and help them move more confidently through the transitions that affect their family, work and life.

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

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

Blood drives scheduled

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

- Today, 2 to 7:30 p.m., American Red Cross chapter house, 203 W. Jersey St., Elizabeth.

- May 21, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union.

- May 22, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Deutscher Club, Featherbed Lane, Clark; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Masonic Lafayette Lodge, 1550 Irving St., Rahway.

- May 23, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Our Lady of Fatima, 403 Spring St., Elizabeth; 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Rahway YMCA, 1564 Irving St., Rahway.

- May 25, 3 to 8:30 p.m., Osceola Presbyterian Church, 1689 Raritan Road, Clark.

- May 27, Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, 875 Raritan Road, Clark.

- May 30, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., St. Michael's Church, 40 Alden St., Cranford.

Donors must be 17 years of age. There is no upper age limit to donors provided they meet health requirements. Donors should know their

Social Security number and bring a signed or picture form of identification.

For more information, call the Blood Center at 1-800-652-5663, ext. 140, or the Red Cross at 908-353-2500.

Community relations program Monday

Anyone who is interested in helping people get along better and in solving problem between people is invited to attend a special interactive presentation, "Adventures in Community Relations," on Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 100 High St., Cranford.

The "Trading Places" role play segment of the commission's Police and Teens Together program will also be showcased.

The "Adventures in Community Relations" program is being presented by the Union County Human Relations Commission, and is co-sponsored by the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Commissioner Karen Positan at 908-889-9028.

Women business owners networking

New Jersey Women Business Owners Association Union County chapter will host a joint dinner and networking meeting with participating Chapters Essex, Morris, Passaic and Somerset on Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. at L'Affaire, 1099 Route 22 East, Mountainside.

The subject will be, "How to Establish Rapport with Others More Effectively," with guest speaker Corby O'Connor.

Visit the Web site, www.njawbo.org/union/events.html for directions.

The cost including dinner is \$35 for members with advance reservations and \$40 for nonmembers with advance reservations. Walk-ins will cost \$45.

For more information, call Doreen Iossa at 908-527-1166 or e-mail diossa@ucedc.com.

Relay for Life events

The American Cancer Society invites individuals from Union County to honor cancer survivors and caregivers or pay tribute to those who have

lost their battles with cancer to join a Relay For Life in your community.

Relay For Life is an overnight community celebration where individuals and teams camp out, barbecue, and walk or run around a local track "relay" style to fight cancer. Funds raised support cancer research, education, advocacy and patient services in the community.

All cancer survivors are invited to celebrate their triumph over cancer by participating in an inspirational "Survivors' Lap" to open the Relay For Life.

Relay For Life will take place in the following communities in Union County:

- Relay For Life of Scotch Plains, Scotch Plains High School, Scotch Plains, Friday and Saturday.

- Relay For Life of Kean University, Kean University, Union, June 4-5.

- Relay For Life of New Providence, New Providence High School, New Providence, June 5-6.

For more information about Relay For Life in your community or to become involved with an event in Union County, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

For information about cancer, call toll-free anytime 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the American Cancer Society web site at www.cancer.org.

WPC meet & greet

The Union County Women's Political Caucus will host a meet and greet cocktail reception honoring Union County women candidates on June 3 from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, contact Union County Women's Political Caucus President Brenda King at bking@patmedia.net. RSVP by May 19 to Lorie J. Williams, 1266 Woodside Road, Scotch Plains, 07076. Suggested donation is \$25 per person; Friends of WPC, \$50 per person.

The Union County Women's Political Caucus is a multi-partisan organization committed to the election and appointment of women to every level of government.

Additional information on the Union County Women's Political Caucus may be obtained by contacting King at bking@patmedia.net.

Nature Trailride today

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation announce that Watchung Stables and

Trailside Nature and Science Center are joining together to offer the county's first "Nature Trailride" tonight from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Participants, ages 9 and older, are invited to explore the Watchung Reservation in a new and exciting way — on horseback. A park naturalist from Trailside will point out the sights and sounds of local wildlife and highlight interesting plants and wildflowers along the way.

The group will visit Lake Surprise to search for local waterfowl, and meander through the woods and fields to discover animals that are active at dusk. Listen for a chorus of spring peeper frogs; learn to identify poison ivy, and other flora and fauna along the trail.

No horseback riding experience is necessary; the ride will take place at a walking pace only. After the ride, light refreshments will be provided by members of the Watchung Stables Auxiliary Club.

Pre-registration is required due to space limitations. The fee for the Nature Trailride is \$30 per person for Union County residents and \$40 per person for non-county residents. Registration is in person only at Watchung Stables, 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside.

For more information, call the Watchung Stables at 908-789-3665 or the Trailside Nature and Science Center at 908-789-3670.

Vendor sale at hospital

The Volunteer Guild of Rumlens Specialized Hospital of Union County will hold an active wear vendor sale May 27 featuring shorts, tank tops and T-shirts as well as men's golf shirts and women's fashion tops and scrubs.

The sale will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the facility, 40 Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights.

A percentage of each purchase made at these sales is given to the Volunteer Guild to obtain items for the residents and patients that may include televisions, VCRs and prizes for their bingo games.

The efforts of the Guild, which make vendor sales possible, also sponsor a holiday party/gift distribution and a summer picnic, in cooperation with the Berkeley Heights Lions Club.

The Volunteer Guild and the Office of Volunteer Services of Rumlens Specialized Hospital are always interested in recruiting volunteers.

Forum battles hate

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schools," he said, referring to the 1999 school shootings at the Littleton, Colo., high school. He said there is a direct link between acts of bullying and violence in schools, adding that targets of bullies may often join gangs for protection, support and revenge.

More forums are needed, he said, so that people in the community can reach out and help schools and law enforcement officials work together on gang-related issues.

Albert Cernadas Jr., first assistant prosecutor with the Union County Prosecutor's Office, said there are 434 verified gang members in Union County, representing people who either live in or have been arrested in Union County.

"There have been gang members who have come through Westfield and have probably committed crimes in Westfield," said Cernadas, adding that gang activity in Union County could include everything from graffiti to

armed robberies on the Route 22 corridor and murder.

"On the bright side, we are fortunate that we don't have problems that other counties have," said Cernadas. "We remain vigilant on law enforcement. We can't have the mindset, 'Hey, I don't see it in my town.'"

Sandra Chambers, a juvenile detective with the Westfield Police Department, said two programs have been started that have brought children from various towns together as a way to possibly prevent gang activity. One program is a youth academy for children ages 12 to 18 where they learn about the Police Department. The second activity is a county-wide basketball program with children from various towns interacting with youths from Westfield.

"I just think it's important that kids in Westfield and Plainfield come together," said Chambers. "It's our responsibility as police officers to bring these kids together."

Poster winners named

Twelve Union County fourth-graders won the annual "My County" poster contest sponsored by the county's three elected constitutional officers. The students were honored for their artistic contributions at a ceremony at the Union County Courthouse as part of County Government Week.

The students' artwork will be made into a 2004-05 wall calendar that will be made available at schools, libraries and government buildings throughout Union County. The theme of this year's contest was "What Makes Union County Unique?"

The top winners were: first place, Dana Sestito, St. John the Apostle Elementary School, Clark; second place, Gina Cittadino, Harding School, Kenilworth; third place, Alldina Nikovic, Robert Gordon School, Roselle Park, and fourth place, Vincent Gurle, Lincoln-Hubbard School, Summit.

Eight other students received honorable mentions, and will also have their work appear on the calendar: Maggie Evans, Lincoln-Hubbard School, Summit; Billy Stevens and Anthony Gonzalez, Allen W. Roberts School, New Providence; Kendrick Abraham, St. Joseph the Carpenter Elementary School, Roselle; Richard Perez, Robert Gordon School, Roselle Park; Isabelle Haller, Salt Brook School, New Providence, and Shannon Alexander and Sara Coelho, St. John the Apostle Elementary School, Clark.

The three top winners received U.S. Savings Bonds, while the others received small cash awards.

Some 331 students submitted contest entries, which were judged by Angeli to David, a teacher of watercolor at the New Jersey Center for the Visual Arts in Summit.

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As starlet Lois, Karen Zilg enjoys the attentions of two suitors in 'Kiss Me, Kate' at Cranford Dramatic Club. The Cole Porter musical, which also stars Roger Hayden, left, as Fred and Jeffrey Fiorello as Bill, runs through May 22.

CDC meets challenges of 'Kate'

One of the nicest ways to spend a beautiful Mother's Day afternoon is by attending an ambitious, joyful, Cole Porter musical production of "Kiss Me, Kate" at the Cranford Dramatic Club.

And it is additionally thrilling to get goose bumps listening to and perhaps singing along with its opening number, "Another Op'nin', Another Show."

An enormous cast of actors, singers and dancers pranced about the slightly confining CDC stage Sunday afternoon to entertain the large, appreciative audience in a play that is difficult to stage. And it seemed that the audience was thoroughly entertained throughout the three hours, loved the resounding music and lyrics by Porter, the book by Sam and Bella Spewack, the sweet voices of the singers, and the energetic feet of the dancers.

The memorable music certainly hit a soft spot somewhere, and it truly was wonderful to be able to hear, once again, such tunes as "So in Love," "Wunderbar" and "Always True to You, Darling, in My Fashion."

The theme is cleverly interspersed by a current theater group at the Ford Theater in Baltimore, putting on a Shakespearean play, "The Taming of the Shrew," and a complementing Shakespearean background. Both seem to have the same characters, the same problems and the same love-hate relationships.

In the midst of the rehearsals

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By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

before the opening of the Bard's play, one of the actors, Bill Calhoun, who plays Lucentio in "The Shrew," has lost his money gambling with the mob and has signed an IOU with another name, that of the director and star of the play, Fred Graham, who plays Petrucchio. When the two gangsters, comically played by Doug McLaughlin and Bobby Selig, come to the wrong person to collect the money, they are thrown into the melee and soon find themselves performing Shakespeare — and liking it.

Graham is having other problems, too. It seems the star of his play, Lilli Vanessi, who plays Kate, is his former wife, and she is displeased with his choice of a girlfriend, another actress, Lois Lane, who plays Bianca. So, the conflict becomes more and more serious, backstage and onstage, and more and more funny, and before long, one is confused and bewildered about where reality begins and Shakespeare ends.

Roger Hayden, extremely attractive both as Fred Graham and Petrucchio, has a commanding stage presence and a marvelous voice, particularly when he sings "Wunderbar" with

the beautifully voiced Jean McCauley. As Lilli and Kate, McCauley is certainly a fiery match for Fred and his counterpart, Petrucchio.

It's a real pleasure to hear such songs as "Why Can't You Behave?," sung by Karen Zilg, who plays Lois Lane, and Jeffrey Fiorello, who plays Calhoun, the trouble maker.

Drude Sparre Roessler, who directed this enormous production, and Alyson D. Penoulie, who served as choreographer, deserve a great deal of credit in controlling the energies of the actors and braving the complicated numbers derived from this production. Also credit must be given to Marc Chandler, set designer, and Mark Reilly, lighting designer.

Musical director Jonathan Flowers did a dedicated job of trying to keep his musicians from drowning out some of the voices — and not often succeeding. Still, watching the honest efforts of more than two dozen performers put together so lengthy, so difficult and so musically wonderful a show such as "Kiss Me, Kate," one must give the Cranford Dramatic Club a pat on the back. It seems as if the club had taken on more than its share, and it came through with flying colors.

"Kiss Me, Kate" runs through May 22 at Cranford Dramatic Club. For information, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B8.

Halperin Trio gets jazzy at Guild

Ted Brown joins trio for gig

On Friday at 8 p.m., the Arts Guild of Rahway will present the Jimmy Halperin Trio with Don Messina and Bill Chatten.

Ted Brown, a veteran of the jazz circuit, will be joining the trio as a special guest artist.

Jimmy Halperin is an internationally known jazz saxophonist from New York. He has appeared all around the globe on radio, television, film, and numerous record labels. When not touring, he works as associate faculty member of several New York Music Conservatories and has a private teaching practice.

Bass player Don Messina and drummer Bill Chatten have been playing together since 1973. Some of their recordings as co-leaders of the Bluth/Messina/Chatten Trio — with pianist Larry Bluth — have been awarded four stars by Chris Albertson in Stereo Review, and selected as "one

of the best jazz CDs of 1999."

The instrumentation for this trio is unique: groups without piano or guitar are few. By not using a chord instrument, these musicians feel they can explore a more harmonic and rhythmic freedom in their improvised lines no matter how challenging the composition.

Their improvisations are of classic American songs and of compositions by Charlie Parker, Lennie Tristano, Sal Mosca, and Warne Marsh, plus many original lines. They enjoy creating "beatful music that swings."

This program has been made possible in part by funding from Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery.

Tickets for this event are available at the Arts Guild of Rahway. Advance-sale ticket price is \$12 per ticket; at the door, admission is \$14.

Call 732-381-7511 for information and tickets or visit the Web site at www.RahwayArtsGuild.org. Special rates are available for groups.

Insight is a key ingredient in play

Providing a revealing glimpse into the stark realities of married life, "Dinner With Friends" — now showing at the Summit Playhouse — does a good job of focusing its attention not only on what couples say to one another, but on what is left unsaid.

This perhaps is its greatest strength as director Kate Schlesinger uses silence to effectively convey conflict. It shows us that no matter how strong and stable a marriage appears on the outside, the specter of instability is always lurking nearby, ready to show itself.

This can be seen most effectively in the cautious silence of Gabe, played by John Correll, husband of the controlling, yet endearing Karen, played by Sharon Garry. In fact, this sense of marriage as a brittle, fragile union underlies the seemingly warm and loving scenes between Gabe and Karen, in a much more subtle way than with the hostile moments of explosive bickering and sexual desperation between Beth and Tom, played by Joni Fritz and Jeff Maschi.

The play opens with Karen and Gabe finishing off their dinner with Beth as their guest. Wine and dessert flow freely as the real reason for Tom's absence is noted in a tearful display by an anguished Beth.

The scene is effective as it focuses viewers' attention on the right part of the stage where it's easy to be drawn into the well-to-do world of Gabe and Karen's stunning Connecticut kitchen, with the dominant colors of blue and white casting a modern, high class sheen over the conversation.

With her crisp, "in control" demeanor, it's easy to like appearance-conscious Karen, a food writer like her husband, who always knows the right meal to cook and the best ingredient to include in it. Even as Beth describes the turmoil of discovering that Tom is having an affair with a stewardess/travel agent, Karen can't help commenting on the ingredients of her lemon-almond polenta cake and worrying whether they are "just right."

For the first scene, before the lights darken, Gabe's eyes gaze out to space

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By Brian Pedersen
Staff Writer

and its clear that hidden secrets abound between him and his wife. That silence goes a long way toward exposing the cracks in a seemingly stable union. It's these scenes that carry real emotional weight.

The play is divided up into several scenes that are broken up with location changes, an effective yet jarring approach to telling the story. The overall effect works in terms of providing insightful character development and believable settings but it takes a little time to catch up to the plot as the play moves from past to present through various scene changes.

That royal blue couch in the left corner of the stage transforms into Beth's bed as the lights come up again to show the interior of Tom and Beth's bedroom, later that night.

In an idyllic scene that opens Act II, the audience is transported back to a more innocent time when Gabe and Karen are still newlyweds and Beth and Tom are newly introduced to each other.

The kitchen's cold, somewhat sterile winter scene from Act I is transformed into a warm, sunny kitchen inside a vacation house on Martha's Vineyard. The scene practically bursts with youthful life and vigor as Gabe and Karen dance and sing in a moment of pure bliss, Beth comes prancing in as a flighty beach artist describing the awesome sunset and Tom sits on the floor in the corner, nursing a beer, trying to tenderly approach his future wife.

Later scenes showcase the aftermath of divorce and what it does to both couples and friends. A black table and bar stools and dim, violet lighting set the stage for an afternoon of uneasy male bonding as Gabe and Tom reflect on their new lives. While marriage makes one feel trapped, the

other finds breaking away from it to be freeing, enlightening.

All is not what it seems, as Tom plays more than the part of the man in the midst of a mid-life crisis.

As Tom says in a previous scene about the emotionally unavailable Beth, "I don't want to go through life hoping I'm going to get lucky with my wife."

Similarly, in a lunch meeting with Karen, Beth describes her fondness for her new lover, showing both a growing happiness and a developing sense of stability in her personality, as a result of leaving Tom.

Beth speaks about the mystery of her relationship with Tom, despite the fact that they were married for many years.

"So much of my marriage to Tom was a dark, little tango," said Beth. "I spent my marriage alone."

Friendships between the two sets of couples start to fray as the divorce marks a permanent change in one relationship while turning the spotlight on Karen and Gabe's own marriage.

The results of "Dinner With Friends" speak volumes about the fascinating complexities of marriage, with enjoyable, solid performances from each of the actors.

While many insights can be found, the play lacks a sense of revelation, a sense of a large discovery, with several incidents that are unexplained. No easy answers are given, just the fact that marriage remains an unstable relationship, full of mystery, wonder and heartbreak. Even though the outcome ultimately may be unsatisfying, it gives the play a sense of stark realism, as real life rarely gives concrete answers and easily digestible explanations.

As Karen eloquently says about marriage in one scene, "You think you're safe on solid ground, and then the Earth caves in."

"Dinner With Friends" runs through May 22 at the Summit Playhouse. For information, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B8.

SONiA will headline at Coffee

The Coffee With Conscience Concert Series of Westfield will present feisty folk-rockers, SONiA, in concert Saturday.

SONiA will perform at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 E. Broad St., on the corner of North Avenue, in Westfield. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$12. All net proceeds from this evening's concert will be donated to the Eric Johnson House of Morristown.

NYC-based singer/songwriter Preacher Boy will open the show.

SONiA is one half of the acclaimed rock band, disappear fear. SONiA and her sister, Cindy, formed disappear fear in their hometown of Baltimore, Md., back in the mid '80s. The energy and passion in their live performances was undeniable and they quickly mushroomed up as a widely popular college and folk act, touring relentlessly across the U.S. In a few short years they were signed to a record deal with Philo/Rounder Records and were enjoying impressive radio airplay and performances in larger venues.

As the momentum for disappear fear was building, Cindy needed to take a few years off to master her own creations: two children. SONiA continued to tour solo, appearing on selected dates of the Lilith Tour alongside Sarah MacLaughlin, Jewel and longtime fans, the Indigo Girls.

SONiA feels strongly inspired by Phil Ochs, Stevie Wonder, Charlie Chaplin and Vincent Van Gogh. She is rising to become a truly versatile — folk/rock/blues/country

— singer-songwriter. Her voice is raspy yet pure and her songs are eminent and unforgettable.

She has won numerous awards including the GLAMA for Best Female Artist of the Year and the GLAAD award for Best Album — won the previous year by Elton John. Santa Cruz Guitar Company has just named a guitar after her and rightfully so it is called the SONiA model.

SONiA performs at festivals and folk clubs, for Human Rights Rallies, at universities and rock venues in the USA, Australia, Canada, and also Israel, The Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, Great Britain, New Zealand, Finland and Texas.

Whether performing as a solo acoustic artist or as a duo with her sister, CINDY, as disappear fear, SONiA has become one of the most important troubadours of our time. For information, visit www.SONiAdf.com.

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 Food Bank of New Jersey. Each concert benefits one of these charities.

For more information about the Coffee With Conscience Concert Series, the upcoming performance, or ways in which to get involved with the series, call Ahrré Maros, owner of Ahrré's Coffee Roastery in Westfield at 908-232-8723, or visit www.coffeewithconscience.com.

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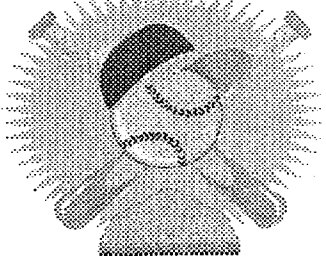
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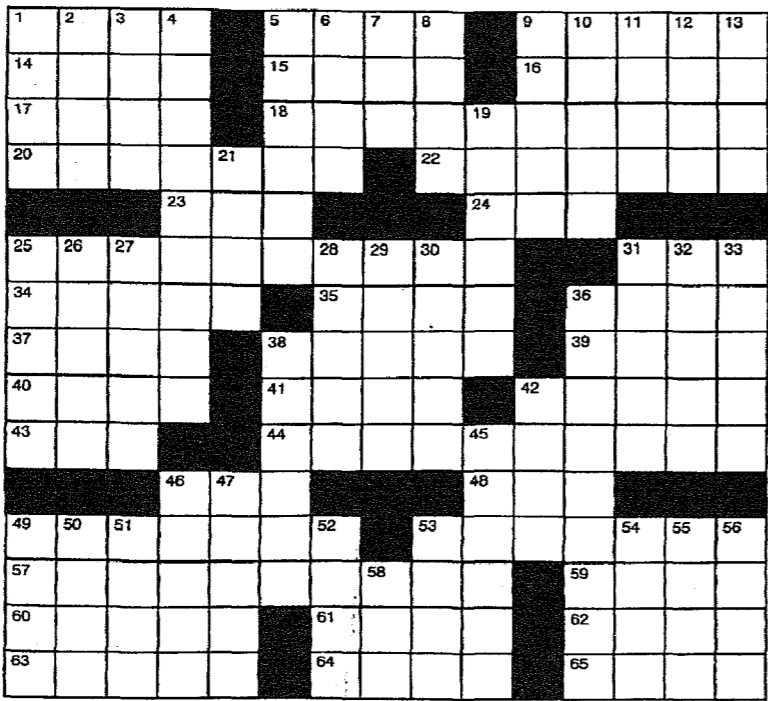
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WCP puts its 'Best' foot forward

It takes a highly talented, knowledgeable playwright such as Gore Vidal to vitalize a political dilemma and turn it into a tightwire suspense drama.

And it takes an equally talented cast to bring it all to fruition.

That is what is happening in Westfield as the members of the Westfield Community Players give their best to "The Best Man," and cause the audience to hold its breath from beginning to end.

Last Saturday, on opening night, Vidal's powerful drama unfolded with such intensity that the nail-biting public made futile attempts to unravel the mystery of just who is the best man to become president of the United States — and probably failed.

Even before the play opened Saturday night, some of the women volunteers paraded in the lobby wearing straw hats and singing bits and pieces of political songs. It was amusing and effectively introduced the mood of a presidential convention in Philadelphia in 1960.

There really is only one scene, which becomes, interchangeably, the hotel suites at the Sheraton of the two candidates. It is an election year, when the president, in this case Arthur Hockstader, is a dying man and is forced to consider one of two men to

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By Bea Smith
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be chosen for the nomination of president. Now, which of two completely different personalities is the best man for the job — as his successor?

First of all, there is a handsome man of high morals, Secretary William Russell, who, at first, appears to be the best man for the job. But he seems too perfect. There is trouble in his marriage, and the audience later discovers that he also is a womanizer. And Michael Kerns, who resembles a physically larger version of Paul Newman, sensitively portrays a character that endears himself to everyone — the ex-President, the public, the press and even his frustrated, estranged, rather pathetic wife, Alice, played by Linda Correll, who gives such a convincing performance she has the audience eating out of her hand. They are both appealingly fine actors and constantly complement each other onstage.

Russell's opponent, Sen. Joseph Cantwell, is an ambitious, conniving personality, who will do everything in his power to win the candidacy — and that can mean digging deep down into

his opponent's life to discover a weakness that he can turn into a weapon. Cantwell is forcefully played by Paul Salvatoriello. His frightening personality, with an underlying violence, has a way of shaking up an audience. However, he, too, has a question mark in his background, and the problem now becomes the honest Russell's problem. Will he, or will he not use this damning information against Cantwell?

The large cast in "The Best Man" is the cream of the crop in the world of community theater, as each performer does his or her best to create the mood of a political upheaval. As the ex-President, Chuck Azen is excellent. His performance as a dying man is so realistic that this reviewer felt a need to reach out and help him.

The splendid cast also includes Hope Weinstein as Mabel Cantwell, Sen. Cantwell's devious wife, who will stop at nothing to become First Lady.

Ken Webb directed "The Best Man" with a powerful sensitivity and persuasion. If a theatergoer has never seen this magnificent play before, and tries to guess who the best man turns out to be.

"The Best Man" runs through May 22 at Westfield Community Players. For information, see the Stepping Out calendar on Page B8.

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SATURDAY
May 15th, 2004

EVENT: Flea Market and Collectible Show
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EVENT: Black Maria Film & Video Festival
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TIME: 7:30pm
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EVENT: Open Supervision for Clinicians and Teachers presented by Maurice Lovell, Ph.D., NCPsychA
PLACE: ACAP, 769 Northfield Avenue, Suite LL2, West Orange
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May 23rd, 2004

EVENT: GOSPEL CELEBRATION
PLACE: Morrow Memorial UMC, 600 Ridgewood Road, Maplewood
TIME: 4PM
PRICE: Free Public Concert featuring Gospel Mass and Selected Gospel Anthems. Call for information 973-763-7676
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GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Respect the personal boundaries of others and they will do the same for you. Remain calm and avoid mishandling an emotional situation.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Give yourself leeway when making an important decision. If you are in a bind and can't make up your mind, relax and take your time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may unjustly harbor doubts or suspicions about certain friends or associates. Listen to their stories and allow them a chance to clear the air.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Approach a boss or superior with questions about your current position or duties. Follow instructions and make sure you are on the right track.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Review travel plans to guard against a scheduling conflict or possible mistake. You don't want to show up at the right gate on the wrong date.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Avoid the temptation of spending beyond your means and going into debt. Once you are in the credit pit, it can be very difficult to climb out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): After a recent misunderstanding with a partner or mate, it's time to smooth things over. Show your maturity and make the first move.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A hurried or forced action at work could spell disaster. Take time to approach your work with a sense of calm and purpose.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Romance is in the air and blowing in your direction. Open the windows of

your heart and let love and light shine into your life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Identify and acknowledge a family conflict or crisis before it gets out of hand. The remedy or resolution begins with forgiveness.

If your birthday is this week, strike out on your own during the coming year to promote an independent or pioneering project. You would be wise to seek something unique or unusual and excel while marching to your own drumbeat. Take advantage of an opportunity to expand through communication. Changes are likely as a result of a major move. Let go of the past and do your best to live in the moment.

Also born this week: Dennis Hopper, Reggie Jackson, Malcolm X, Cher, Fats Waller, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and Jewel.

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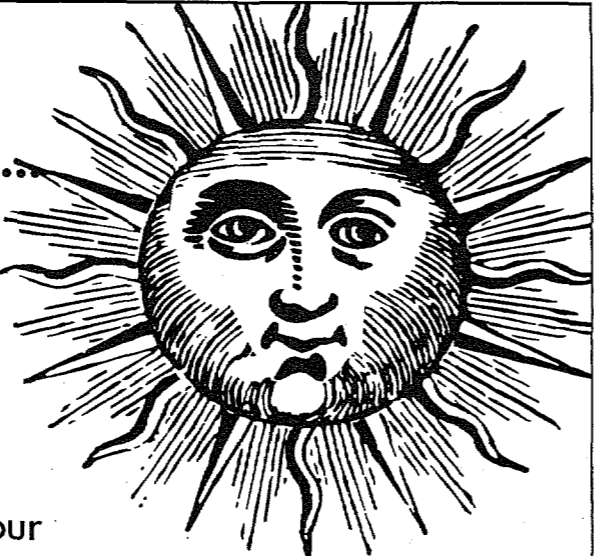
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Teens Arts readers will appear in Rahway

Readings are set for next Tuesday

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will sponsor the 10th annual Teen Arts Literary Arts Reading at the Rahway Public Library, located at 2 City Hall Plaza, on Tuesday 7 p.m.

The event will feature poetry and short stories written and presented by Union County students. Participants are from the Union County Teen Arts Festival, coordinated by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. This year's Teen Arts Festival was held in March at Union County College in Cranford.

"We are pleased to celebrate the imaginative spirit and talent demonstrated by Union County students," said Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo, liaison to the Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "The Literary Arts Reading gives young writers the opportunity to share their creativity with many residents of our county. Through participation in events like Teen Arts, students gain valuable skills that enable them to contribute to their communities."

These students were selected to read their work on May 18. Page 2

Berkeley Heights

- Columbia Middle School
- Laurie Delatour, Merideth Damiano, Mike Coppola, Megan Lam.
- Governor Livingston High School
- Deborah Hong, Alexander Denby, Maggie Edinger, Ryan Finley.

Clark

- Arthur L. Johnson High School
- Sarah Elichko, Erin Tate, Kelsey Quinn, Karen Larsen.
- Mother Seton Regional High School
- Taleia Darden, Kimberly Moldenhauer, Claire Reilly.

Cranford

- Hillside Avenue School
- Noah Anderson, Michele Ellenbacher, Marissa Torres.
- Orange Avenue School
- Cathleen Martin, Annie Zourzoukis, Robert Carter, Laura Lieberman.
- St. Michael's School
- Sean Perrotta.

Elizabeth

- Westminster Academy
- Tashiona Green, Monica Salerno.
- Winfield Elementary
- Thomas Byrne, Mary Simms.

Hillside

- Hillside High School
- Nathalia Jimenez.

Kenilworth

- David Brearley High School
- Ryan Pace.

Mountainside

- Deerfield School

Paige Geiger, Courtney Bento, Trevor Hain, Joshua 'Hu.

New Providence

- New Providence High School
- Catherine Falzone, Jash Bansal, Michelle Colandrea, Amy Byrne.
- New Providence Middle School
- Constantine Stoumbos, Saumya Vaishampayan, Kit Dorman, Samantha Scharz.

Plainfield

- Hubbard Middle School
- Dyniece Thomas, Nia Baskerville, Whitney Graham, Shanelle Chapman.

Scotch Plains

- Hillcrest Academy
- Kevia Giles, Malka Beas.

Roselle

- Abraham Clark High School
 - Steven Londono, Diamond Tiller, Akira Ali, Jessica Perez.
- For more information contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07022; or call 908-558-2550, Relay service users should call 711.

"The 2004 Union County Teen Arts Program is a wonderful example of public and private partnerships in the Arts," said Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada.

The Teen Arts Festival is coordinated by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and hosted by Union County College. Sponsors and supporting agencies of the 2004 Teen Arts Program are the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders; Union County Department of Parks and Recreation; Union County Prosecutor's Office; New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State; Elizabeth, Cranford, and Union boards of education; the Paper Mill Playhouse; Kenilworth VFW; and participating schools.

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DINER

★★★★By Anne Santos

Diners have been in existence for over 100 years. Throughout their history diners have been neighborhood restaurants which attract a varied sector of America from factory workers to high society. The motto has always been to provide a good, inexpensive homestyle meal in a comfortable atmosphere.

Sunrise Diner is a role model living up to that principle. This diner has a very comfortable dining room - large teal booths, cream colored Tiffanys with iridescent glass panels, ceiling fans and the tables in the rear of the dining area nicely spaced to allow some privacy while eating. The menu is vast. We started with appetizers. We chose Buffalo Wings, Mozzarella Sticks and Portabella Mushrooms. The wings were terrific with just the right amount of bite and the blue cheese dressing complimented it nicely. The mozzarella sticks were cooked to perfection and the marinara was bursting with flavor - a great dipping sauce. The mushrooms were beyond anything I have ever experienced. Portabellas stuffed with crabmeat, seasoned with fresh basil in a buerre blanc sauce. This appetizer is a meal in itself. Next we enjoyed the salad bar which offered the traditional but with just about any topping one could imagine.

For the main course I chose the Teriyaki Beef and my companion chose the Chicken Murphy. Bother were exceptional. The beef was plentiful accompanied by broccoli on a bed of yellow rice. The Chicken Murphy was filled with chicken, mushrooms, red peppers, bermuda onions, sautéed potatoes in a light, tasty brown sauce.

Throughout this whole dining experience the service was exceptional. Pablo our server couldn't have been more accommodating. Before ordering dessert we spoke with Dimitrios complementing his food. Mr. Dimitrios Haronitis, chef & part owner of Sunrise thinks a diner should be a neighborhood gathering place where there is something for everyone at any time of the day or night. Their is something special about a diner from nostalgic tabletops to comfortable booths to the friendly people. Here we serve classic diner dinners, homemade meat loaf, fresh turkey with mashed potatoes, soups, sandwiches, burgers, blue plate specials and so much more. We offer contemporary selections such as blackened prime rib, Cajun chicken, pastas, low-cal, seafood and stir fry. All our portion's are generous and reasonably priced.

For dessert we had the carrot cake and cheesecake, both were delicious. The cheesecake was absolutely superb. Sugar free cheesecake is also available. Sunrise is the only diner in New Jersey which serves it.

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Healthy Living



Cynthia Cavallaro

Cavallaro earns new certification

Cynthia Cavallaro of Bloomfield, a graduate of the Academy of Massage Therapy in Englewood, has recently completed a course of study and received a Certificate in Massage and Bodywork for Cancer, HIV, Hepatitis and other life-altering diseases.

Cavallaro completed comprehensive training in this specialized modality of massage therapy by studying under Cheryl Chapman, who is a registered nurse, a certified holistic nurse practitioner, a nationally certified massage therapist, and a National Certification Board-approved continuing education provider and instructor for cancer massage.

For the person and families living with a life-altering disease such as cancer, HIV, etc., a gentle touch can provide quality of life and relief from pain and stress. Massage can give a boost to the immune system and relieve tension in tight muscles. A massage is just as beneficial for a caregiver and loved one, as a gentle touch can provide that much needed relaxation.

Besides her certification in Life Altering Disease Massage, Cavallaro utilizes Swedish, Therapeutic Touch, Hot/Cold Stone Therapy, and the Raindrop Technique, which is the use of certain essential oils. Cavallaro also received Certification of Completion of Hospice Volunteer Training through Care Alternatives in Cranford. She is also an active member of the American Massage Therapy Association.

Cynthia Cavallaro is available to speak free of charge for an organization or group interested in Massage for Cancer, Breast Health With Massage, and Massage for HIV. Those interested can call her at 973-748-4485. She maintains a private practice at 525 Irvington Ave., behind Seton Hall University in Ivy Hill, and also does house calls and in-hospital calls.

Five Star plans ribbon-cutting for this Sunday afternoon

Five Star Adult Medical Day Care, located at 1201 Deerfield Terrace in Linden, will sponsor its official grand opening ceremonies on Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony, led by Linden Mayor John Gregorio and other city officials, will take place at noon.

Throughout the day, the entire Five Star facility will be transformed into an entertainment center and social space, with a party atmosphere prevailing. The facility's stage will host a variety of ongoing entertainment, featuring local and international vocalists, a pianist, violinists, radio personalities, and dancers. Strolling entertainment in various locations of the facility will augment the stage performances.

A buffet-style continental breakfast will be served, and lunch

will consist of a sumptuous international gourmet-cuisine buffet. All refreshments will be served in the Cafe 5 Star, the facility's dining room.

Exciting door prizes will be given out for the duration of the grand opening event, including a total of six eight-day/seven-night island vacations, which will be offered every hour on the hour beginning at 12:00 noon.

Five Star Adult Medical Day Care has recently been renovated to include all-new recreation areas; a cozy and comfortable lobby; an indoor Garden Room, and the Cafe 5 Star, the dining facility that features a 3-D mural measuring 80 by 15 feet, depicting the world-famous Bourbon Street in New Orleans, a themed environment which gives diners the sense that they are enjoying their

meals in an outdoor cafe setting.

The grand opening celebration is open to all senior citizens, developmentally disabled, community leaders, church leaders, and directors of social services at senior or developmentally disabled housing facilities. Five Star will provide free transportation via buses to any senior citizen or developmentally disabled person who wishes to attend. Call 908-486-5750 to reserve a spot.

Five Star Adult Medical Day Care is New Jersey's most unique and comprehensive adult day care for those needing assistance with their daily lives. The center provides a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment with a full range of medical, nutritional, therapeutic and social services for clients of all ages ranges, cultures and levels of functioning.

HEALTH

Program focuses on obesity in society

Each year in the United States, more than \$33 billion is spent on weight-loss products and services.

Despite this huge amount of money, overweight and obese adults have been rising at an epidemic rate during the past 20 years.

To address the obesity issue, Dr. Karen Ensle, department head of Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County, has developed a program called "Supersize America: Beating the Obesity Epidemic."

The program will help people understand why portion sizes, food choices, and fitness activities are important on a daily basis. Food comparison quizzes with exercise examples will help the learner to understand the reality of our everyday choices.

"This program will give residents of Union County the knowledge they need to change their eating habits and work toward improving their overall health," said Union County Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan. "Better eating and proper exercise will help reverse the disturbing trend of overweight and obesity in our society."

Here are some of the risks facing overweight and obese adults:

- More than 300,000 deaths per year may be attributed to the obesity epidemic
- People who are overweight have a higher incidence of high blood pressure
- People who are overweight have increased "bad cholesterol" and reduced "good cholesterol" which increases the risk of heart attack and stroke
- People who are 11 to 18 pounds overweight are at risk of developing Type II Diabetes

For more information on offering this program for a "Lunch & Learn" group or for a community group in Union County, call Ensle at 908-654-9854.

Exercise program set for stroke patients

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced the

availability of an exercise program for people who have had strokes and those who have other physical limitations.

The exercise classes address general fitness needs and they are instructed by a recreational activities therapist and a recreational activities aide.

"This non-stressful exercise program focuses on balance, posture, overall health and exercises that can be performed in the participants' homes," said Freeholder Mary Ruotolo, liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. "Come and get a workout while having fun and making new friends."

Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 1 p.m., from through Nov. 19. The program is held at Runnells Specialized Hospital, 40

Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights. There is a one-time enrollment fee of \$20 per person.

Pre-registration and a doctor's release are required. This activity is accessible to those in wheelchairs and contains activities that can be adapted to everyone. For further information, contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4096.

Diabetes support

A free support group for diabetics, friends and family is offered by the Diabetes Management Center at Trinitas Hospital on the first Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m.

Sessions are conducted by registered nurses and certified diabetes educators, and cover such topics as

diet, latest treatments, self monitoring, and more. The group meets in the Diabetes Management Center, located in suite 202 of the Trinitas Hospital Medical Office Building, 240 Williamson St., Elizabeth. Support group members may park for free in the campus parking garage.

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Paper Mill expands its class offerings for the upcoming season

The Theater School at Paper Mill has expanded its course offerings for the 2004-05 season and now features classes in two convenient locations: Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, and the Community Congregational Church in Short Hills less than five minutes from the theater.

Classes are scheduled to begin Sept. 13. All dates are subject to change. The 16-week sessions run for eight weeks in the fall and eight weeks in January/February. Tuition covers both semesters. The 24-week classes have an extended spring schedule.

All Theater School classes taught by professional theater artists and small class size guarantees individual attention for each student.

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Adults: Breakfast at Paper Mill, Voice Over, The Musical Theater Audition, Life Stories, special workshops for senior citizens, and much more.

The deadline to return the registration form is May 28 at 6 p.m. All registration forms must be received by that time to be entered into the lottery for class openings. No exceptions will be permitted. Registration forms can be obtained

by calling the Paper Mill Education Department at 973-379-3636, ext. 2338. Each registration form must be accompanied by a \$50 non-refundable deposit per student, per class. Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and check made payable to Paper Mill Playhouse are accepted.

Theater School at Paper Mill uses a lottery system for some classes, such as Creative Drama, to accommodate the many people who apply. Applicants not chosen for placement will be held on a waiting list and notified if spots become available. For information, call Theater School Director Mickey McNany Damian at 973-379-3636, ext. 2626, send faxes to 973-467-3778, or send e-mail to theatreschool@papermill.org.

Healthy Living

Aide training offered

The Union County Home Care Consortium, along with the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, has announced the next training dates for home health aides who provide in-home services to senior citizens.

The classes will be held beginning April 20 and they will run through May 21. Classes will meet Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Plainfield campus of Union County College.

"Certified home health aides are the backbone of the home care services," said Union County Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada. "They provide the services needed to allow people to live independently."

The Union County Home Care Consortium was established in 1986 to attract, train and retain home health aides. The consortium comprises non-profit and public agencies that are committed to providing home health services to Union County residents who are elderly and/or disabled.

"With the training provided through these courses, we are able to address the ever-increasing need for home health aides," added Estrada.

There is a \$75 registration fee that includes the cost of the textbook and workbook. There also will be an application fee between \$60 and \$70 payable to the N.J. State Board of Nursing. A \$10 parking fee will also be charged for the use of the Union County College lot.

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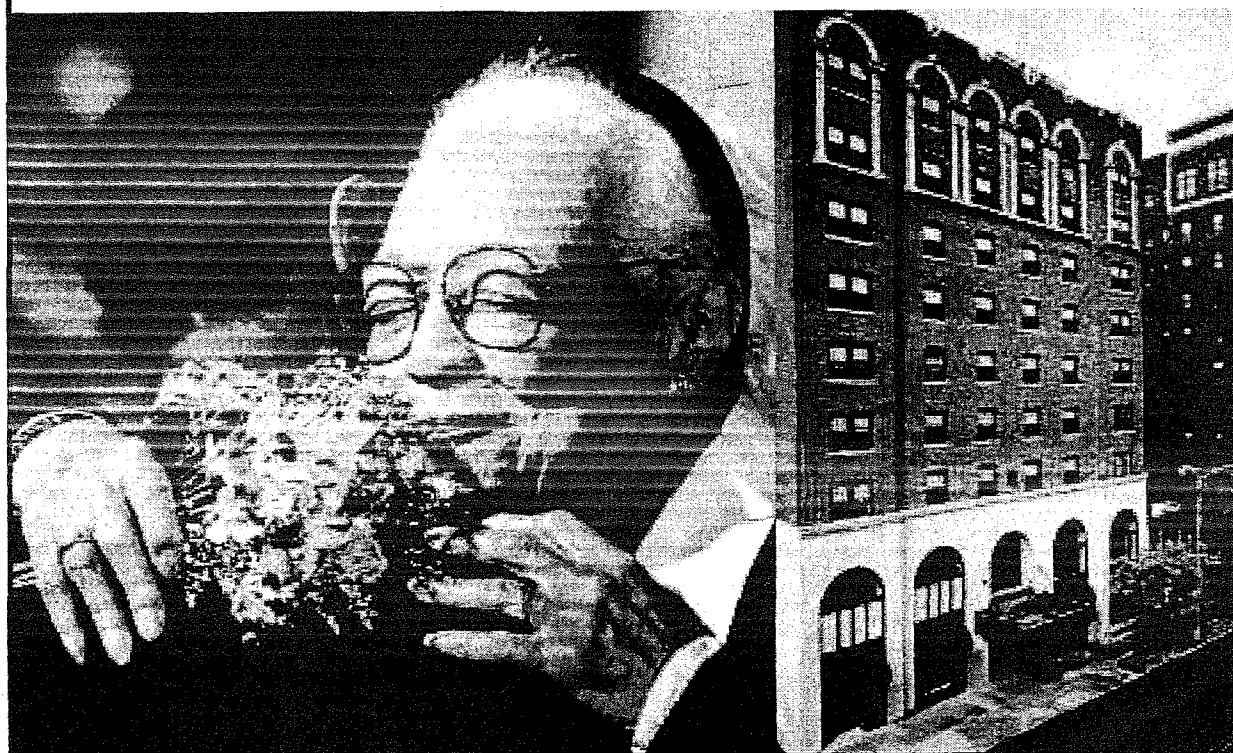
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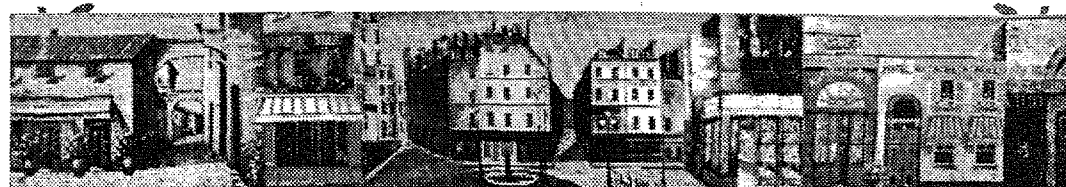
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ART SHOWS

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.

OTHER AVENUES, works by Sarah Davis and Bill Westheimer, will be on exhibit at the Arts Guild of Rahway through May 21.

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

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

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 through May 27 at the Donald B. Palmer Museum in the Springfield Free Public Library.

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.

FIGURATIVE BRONZE SCULPTURES by Charles Hahn will be on exhibit through May 29 at Swain Galleries in Plainfield.

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

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mountainside will exhibit the works of Lisa Brown, Paula Kolojeski, and Dario Scholli throughout the month of May. CHS is located on New Providence Road in Mountainside.

PAINTER LYDIA R. WATSON will have her works on exhibit at the Pearl Street Gallery in Elizabeth through June 14.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Pearl Street Gallery is located in the offices of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth. For information, call 908-558-2550, Relay users dial 711; or, send inquiries via e-mail to culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

THE LITERATURE OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION will be on exhibit through July 16 at the Westfield Memorial Library. A lecture on the topic will take place June 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union.

Westfield Memorial Library is located at 550 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, including hours, call the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 908-558-2550.

REEVES-REED ARBORETUM in Summit will exhibit the paintings of Suzanne Casterlin in the Wisner House from Tuesday through July 27. A reception will take place June 13 from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

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

BOOKS

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR MARCIE ABOFF will appear Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Town Book Store of Westfield to sign copies of her new book, "The Giant Jellybean Jar." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535 or visit the Web site at www.TownBookStore.com.

AUTHOR FRANCINE HUFF will appear Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Town Book Store of Westfield to sign copies of her new book, "The 25-Day Financial Makeover: A Practical Guide for Women." The Town Book Store is

located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535 or visit the Web site at www.TownBookStore.com.

AUTHOR MARCIE ABOFF will appear May 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Town Book Store of Westfield to sign copies of her new book, "Footprints in the Sand: A Disabled Woman's Inspiring Journey to Happiness." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535 or visit www.TownBookStore.com.

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 of Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

CONCERTS

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

Saturday: Sonia/Disappear Fear, with opener Preacher Boy, Westfield
June 12: Songwriters in the Round, hosted by Jessica Owen, Springfield
June 19: Zoë Lewis, Westfield
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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.

May 22: The Sons of the Never Wrong, \$12
June 12: Melanie, \$25

Concerts are presented at Union Village Methodist Church, 1130 Mountain Ave., Berkeley Heights. For information, call 973-376-4946 or visit www.sanctuaryconcerts.org.

THE NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will appear in concert with singers from New York City Opera on Friday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jer-

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

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.

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COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE CONCERT SERIES will present singer-songwriter SONIA this Saturday in Westfield. For information, see the 'Concerts' listing on this page.

sey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$17 to \$69.

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.

THE CONCORD SINGERS will appear in concert Sunday at 4 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church, DeForest and Woodland avenues in Summit. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$6 for students and senior citizens. For information, call 908-771-0978.

THE SCHWABISCHER SANGERS will appear in concert Sunday at 4 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church on Morris Avenue in Union. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door; children younger than 18 are admitted free. For information, call 908-687-2322, 732-382-4900 or 732-388-8889, or send inquiries via e-mail to billwild40@hotmail.com.

MICHAEL FEINSTEIN will appear in concert with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra on May 20 at 7:30 p.m. and May 22 at 8 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$15 to \$64.

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.

PIANIST ANDRE WATTS will appear in concert with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra May 23 at 3 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.

DANCE

Y-SQUARES, a local square dance club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Frank K. Hehnly School, Raritan Road, Clark. Fee for each lesson is \$4. For information, call 908-298-1851, 732-381-2535 or 908-241-9492.

DISCUSSION

JOURNAL WRITING GROUP, led by professional life coach Jami Novak, meets the fourth Thursday of each

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.

JAZZ

THE JIMMY HALPERIN TRIO will appear in concert Friday at 8 p.m. at the Arts Guild of Rahway, 1670 Irving St., Rahway. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. For information, call 732-381-7511, send e-mail to artsguild1670@earthlink.net, or visit www.RahwayArtsGuild.org.

"JAZZ FOR TEENS" IN CONCERT will be presented by the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and WBGO Jazz 88.3 FM on Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Victoria Theater at NJPAC in Newark. Tickets are \$13 for adults, \$8 for children younger than 14.

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

PIANIST MICHAEL LEDONNE will appear in concert with guest Ron Carter on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$23, \$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.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER: "A Charlie Parker Tribute" will be presented May 21 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.

KIDS

"VERY ERIC CARLE" will be presented by the Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia on May 22 and 23 at 2 p.m. in the Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$19, \$10 for children younger than 14.

A Parent-Child Workshop is available in conjunction with the May 22. Tickets are \$11 for adults, \$6 for children.

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5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

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

THE ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE will present the world premiere of "Grave Concerns" by playwright-in-residence Karon Sue Semones through Sunday. Shows are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$6 for students and senior citizens. The Elizabeth Playhouse is located at 1100 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. For information, call 908-355-0077 or visit the Web site at www.ElizabethPlayhouse.com.

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will present Cole Porter's "Kiss Me, Kate" through May 22. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$18. The CDC theater is located at 76 Winans Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-276-7611.

THE SUMMIT PLAYHOUSE ASSOCIATION will present "Dinner With Friends" by Donald Margulies through May 22. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m., and May 20 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for students. The Summit Playhouse is located at 10 New England Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-2192 or visit www.SummitPlayhouse.org.

WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS will present "The Best Man" by Gore Vidal through May 22. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12. The WCP theater is located at 1000 North Ave. West, Westfield. For information, call 908-232-1221.

VARIETY

REEVES-REED ARBORETUM in will sponsor a Plant Auction on Friday at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$75, and proceeds will benefit the arboretum. Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-8787 or visit www.Reeves-ReedArboretum.org.

SAVOR THE FLAVOR: "Enjoy the International Cuisine of Union County" will take place Monday from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at The Westwood, North Avenue in Garwood. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door; proceeds will

benefit Prevention Links. For information, call 732-381-4100.

ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIR will be sponsored by Our Lady of Peace Church, 99 South St., New Providence, on May 20 from 6 to 10 p.m., May 21 from 6 to 11 p.m., and May 22 from noon to 11 p.m. For information, call 908-464-7600.

ANDREA MARCOVICCI will appear in the Cabaret at the Chase series on May 23 at 5:30 and 8 p.m. in the Chase Room at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$46. NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mic Night every Thursday night, a disc jockey every Friday night, and solo artists and bands on Saturdays. Happy Hour is 4 to 7 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, with \$1 drafts and \$3 Long Island iced teas. Mondays are Mexican Mondays with \$2 shot specials, \$2 Coronas, \$2 margaritas and \$1 tacos. Wednesdays are Ladies Nights and karaoke.

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

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May 29: Enzo and the Bakers, Liberty Band

For information, call 908-232-5666 or visit www.xroads.com.

MOLLY MAGUIRE'S IRISH PUB in Clark will present entertainment in the coming weeks. Thursdays are Ladies Nights, and Sundays feature NFL games and \$2 drafts.

Molly Maguire's is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call 732-388-6511.

SECOND SATURDAYS COFFEEHOUSE will take place the second Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Summit Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. Featured will be an "open mic" forum of music, poetry, comedy and performance art. Refreshments are served. Admission is \$4. Talent is sought for future dates.

For information, call 908-928-0127 or send e-mail to info@secondsatursdays.org.

VAN GOGH'S EAR, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesdays are "Acoustic Tuesday," some of which feature open mic from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by a featured folk performer. Open mic participants sign up at 7:30 p.m., and get 10 minutes at the microphone. Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 for all Sunday concerts, unless otherwise noted.

Sunday: The Son Lewis Band

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May 23: Liquefied

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June 1: Matt Koziol

June 6: John Playaz

June 8: Kevin Brooks, 8 to 9 p.m.; Nathan Caswell, 9 to 10 p.m.

June 13: Sunny Jain Collective

June 15: Chris Kasper

June 20: Fa-Fusion

June 22: Matt Meade & Friends, 8 to 9 p.m.

June 27: The Steve Minzer Trio

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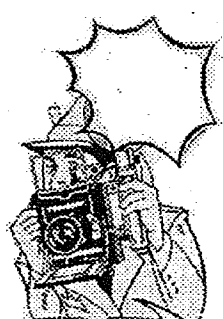
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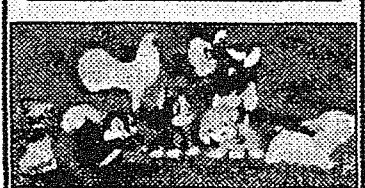
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This is a good time to brush up on your homeowner-contractor skills. What does a homeowner need to know?

There are three fundamental rules of contracting for home improvements that will help take the mystery and guesswork out of hiring a contractor.

• Do your homework. That means not only knowing where to look for prospective contractors.

• Create a strong contract. It's not safe to assume your contractor's standard agreement will protect your interests, as a homeowner.

• Know how to compare bids. One of the easiest-to-learn but least-exercised skills is that of asking multiple companies to submit bids, then selecting the most appropriate company for your needs.

Let's Ask Jill

by Jill Guzman

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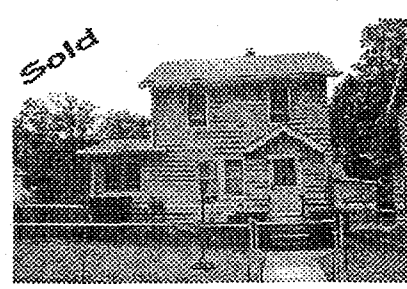
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Weekly Mortgage News

McLean, VA - In Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage (FRM) averaged 6.12 percent, with an average 0.7 point, for the week ending May 6, 2004, up from last week when it averaged 6.01 percent. Last year at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 5.62 percent.

The average for the 15-year FRM this week is 5.47 percent, with an average 0.7 point, up from last week when it averaged 5.35 percent. A year ago, the 15-year FRM averaged 4.97 percent.

One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 3.76 percent this week, with an average 0.7 point, up from last week when it averaged 3.75 percent. At this time last year, the one-year ARM averaged 3.66 percent.

(Average commitment rates should be reported along with average fees and points to reflect the total cost of obtaining the mortgage.)

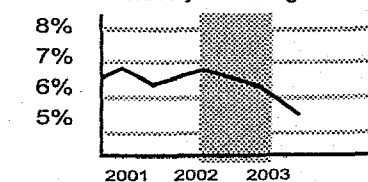
"A steady drip of good economic news coupled with the Federal Reserve's change of language in their statement this week reinforced market expectations that the Fed may raise rates sooner than expected," said Amy Crews Cutts, Freddie Mac deputy chief economist. "That expectation carried over into the housing sector causing a rise in mortgage rates for the seventh week in a row."

"In the meantime, employment numbers that will be released tomorrow will either confirm that last month's figures can be sustained, or it will show that the market got ahead of itself. Either way, there is too much volatility at the moment to say precisely where rates will be even as early as next week."

National Averages

30-year mortgage

- National Average: 6.04%
- National Three-year Average:



15-year mortgage

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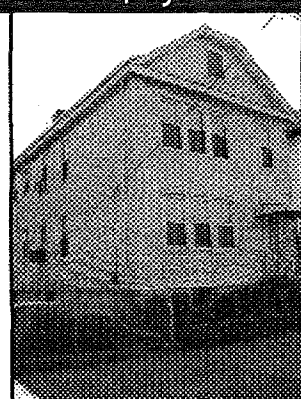
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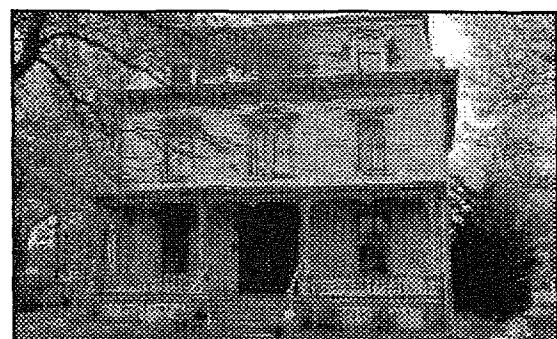
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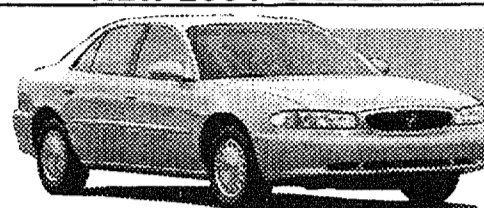
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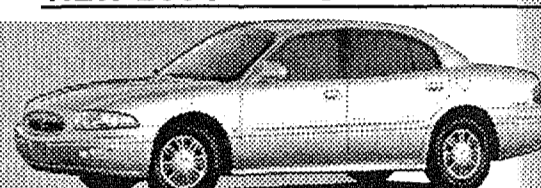
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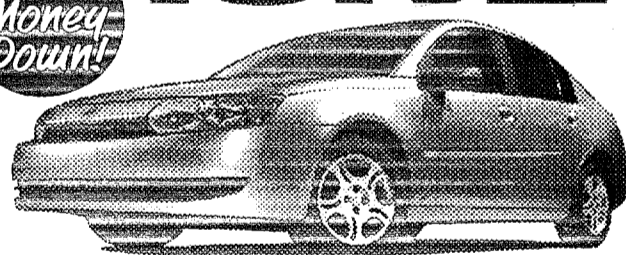
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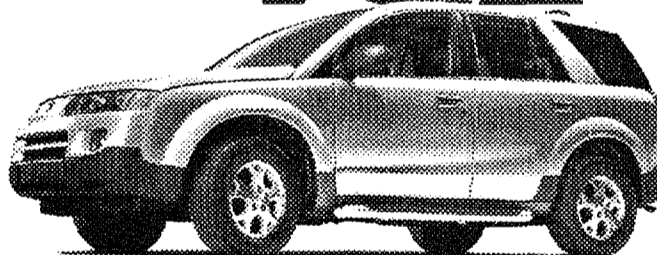
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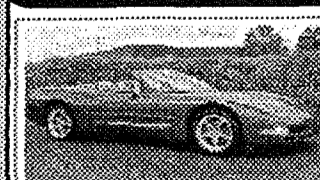
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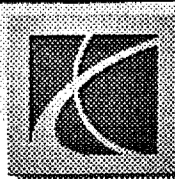
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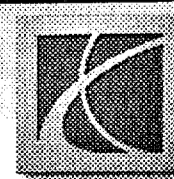


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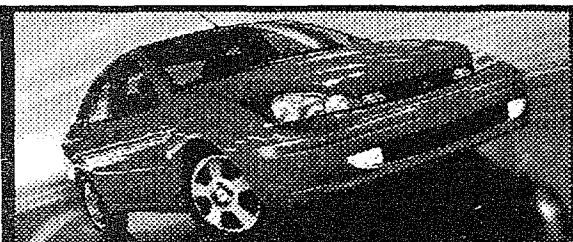
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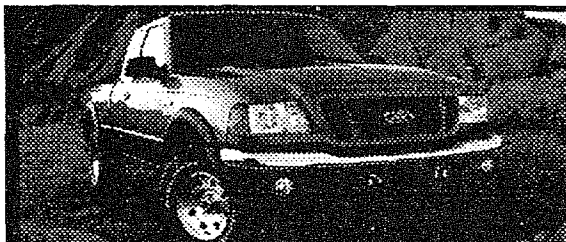
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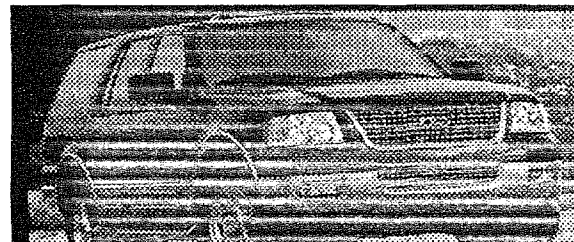
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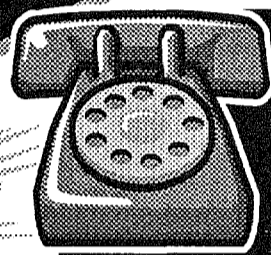
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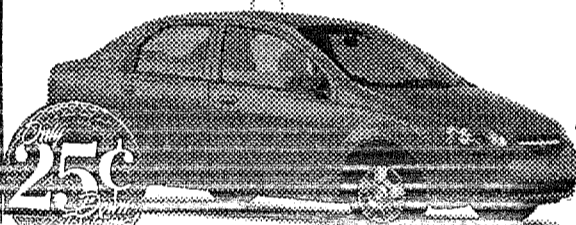
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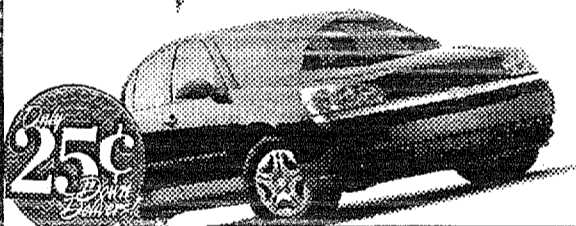
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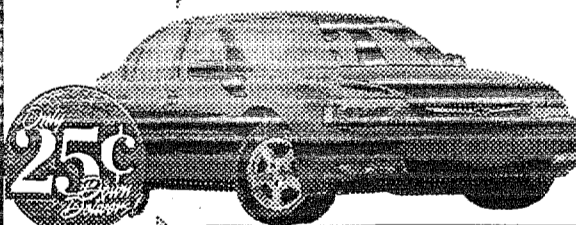
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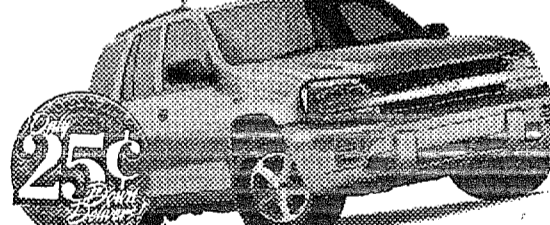
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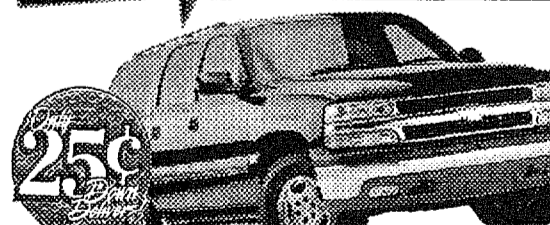
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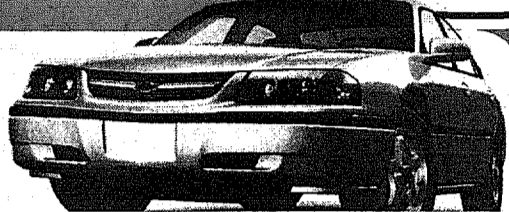
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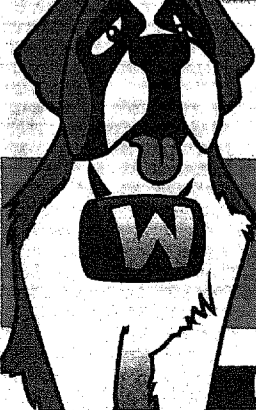
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