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Showing school spirit



Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

Albina Kacoeva of Clark cheers on her fellow graduates during the commencement exercises Tuesday at Union County Vocational Technical School in Scotch Plains. Arthur L. Johnson High School will have its own graduation ceremony tonight.

Scholarship fund named for founder

By David Learn
Managing Editor

A scholarship founded by Beverly Ellenport now bears her name.

Ellenport, the founder of the Clark Benefit Fund and its attendant scholarship, died April 12 after a brief illness. The Clark Benefit Fund executive committee announced it had renamed its scholarship the Beverly Ellenport Scholarship Fund at a reception held June 1.

"She loved education," said Donna Roglieri, president of the fund's executive committee. "She was such an educator, and she loved learning."

Ellenport and a group of other professional women organized the annual winter benefit ball in 1994 to raise money for youth sports organizations such as Clark Little League, Pop Warner football, girls softball, Clark soccer, Babe Ruth baseball, roller blade league and the Arthur L. Johnson High School ice hockey programs.

The fund raises money for service, nonprofit and sports activities for township youth. To date the organization has raised more than \$143,000, with almost \$20,000 of it being raised this year.

The scholarship, is awarded annually to two Clark or Garwood students graduating from Arthur L. Johnson High School and continuing their education at an accredited two- or four-year college or university.

Students submit their scholarship applications through the high school guidance office, and members of the executive committee review the applications for sterling examples of community spirit and volunteerism.

"It's basically like any other scholarship on a small scale," said Kim

Carnovale, secretary of the executive committee.

Ellenport's widower, former Mayor Robert Ellenport, has pledged he will provide matching funds for the scholarship for the next three years.

"The family of course is very appreciative," Robert Ellenport said late Tuesday afternoon. "We think it's a significant honor in Beverly's memory and one that she obviously would feel very closely related to and proud to be associated with, especially as it deals with helping the further education of students."

Education was a lifelong passion for Ellenport, who had two master's degrees in education-related areas and who had worked as a reading specialist at the Mountainside School District for 15 years at the time of her death.

It was 12 years ago that Ellenport and a group of other professional women began what would yield her most public impact on the community in the Clark Benefit Fund.

The fund every winter holds a gala ball fund-raiser, and uses the money from that ball to provide items on the wish lists of school, nonprofit and athletic organizations in Clark and Garwood.

It is because of that commitment to the community and to the youth of Clark and Garwood that the Clark Benefit Fund executive committee decided to dedicate its scholarship to Ellenport's memory.

"After the passing of Beverly, we thought it would be a tribute to the woman who founded the organization," said Carnovale, who knew Ellenport for about 26 years. "If it wasn't for her, there would be no Clark Benefit Fund."

Question of where to get funding dogs athletic teams around area

By Donna Kardos
Correspondent

Last year when a group of students and their parents wanted to save the gymnastics program, they did it through the Herculean task of raising close to \$10,000 during the summer.

In a tight budget year, the gymnastics program lost its funding from the Board of Education, and students and their parents had to come through with an alternate source of funding.

In neighboring Cranford, a group of high school boys are spending their summer raising \$21,000 to play lacrosse interscholastically with other schools.

How do you run a sports program when there's no money in the school district budget for it? Increasingly school boards and parents groups are deciding the answer lies in fund-raising, and athletes are turning their efforts to winning the chance to compete.

The boys followed the pattern the girls lacrosse team had set, having to show sufficient interest in the sport for two years as a

club before existence of an interscholastic team could become eligible for approval.

"It's quite common for booster clubs and fund-raisers to support school sports programs," said Mike Yaple of the New Jersey School Board Association.

Clark's Board of Education is also supportive of running teams through outside funding. Although it cut funding for Arthur L. Johnson High School's gymnastics program for the 2003-04 school year, the board agreed that the program could run if it received outside funding, with all events and practices occurring off district premises.

"The equipment was tying up our gymnasium for three months or so," Board President Jim Rooney said, "and it wasn't profitable."

Rooney said allowing the team to run through outside funding was the only way the team could function, due to the board's financial situation.

The program is awaiting reapproval for next year.

Former board member Joseph Papetti disapproves of the gymnastics team's existence

through outside funding, though.

"I always felt that if the school district was going to support these teams, the Board of Education should pay for them," said Papetti. "The Board of Education has to make a decision that this is a program we're running or it's not."

Outside funding, Yaple said, is most often used to run new or nontraditional sports programs. The fencing program in the Somerset Hills school district, for example, is run this way.

Papetti, however, is afraid that a slippery-slope trend could occur in which school districts continuously add programs with outside funding, causing more people to be hired and the number of programs run through the school district getting out of hand.

According to Lawrence Feinsod, superintendent of schools in Cranford, "the concept of nonfunded sports is borne from the fact that resources are very tight."

Academic programs, Feinsod said, receive the first priority when funding is decided. Athletics come after that.

"At the end of the day, some of the newer sports don't have money," he said.

"If we had the ability to fund every sport, we'd fund them," Feinsod said.

But the money simply isn't there.

"State funding is never enough, and taxpayers are certainly paying a great deal of money to support our school system," said Feinsod.

Economic problems can exist for athletes as well, though. Because so much money must be raised for sports programs to exist, parents and students often end up contributing what could not be raised.

Last year, for example, each member of the girls lacrosse team had to contribute \$300.

Molloy said it also must be kept in mind that the money that must be raised does not include the hundreds of dollars that padding and equipment for lacrosse can amount to, as well.

As a result, those students who are less economically well-off cannot receive the benefit of being able to participate in nonfunded sports.

Last fall, the girls lacrosse team experienced the effects of this very problem.

"The cost discouraged a number of kids, which I find disheartening," Julie Fitzgerald, a mother of a member of the girls lacrosse team, said. The program of 50 to 60 girls deteriorated to 14.

Jim Loper, associate director of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Sports Association, said teams that lack school funding — such as lacrosse in Cranford or gymnastics in Clark — eventually stop when the outside revenue dries up.

"The 'pay-to-play' concept is something that's a stop-gap," said Loper.

Fitzgerald said the way around this is for the members to become so involved in fund-raising that no money needs to be contributed.

In the future, it is possible that the teams eventually could receive some school funding.

This is unlikely in Clark, though, where Athletic Director Carl Peterson said team supporters know that they will annually have to gain approval from the Board of Education for the program to run through outside funding.

No more 'Christmas' in school break

By Donna Kardos
Correspondent

Starting this December, Clark students no longer will have off for Christmas vacation.

Under a decision made recently by the Board of Education, the break in the school calendar that comes at the end of December will be called winter break. The actual school calendar will remain unaffected.

"I just think we should take the religious term out of it," said Board of Education member Sheri Sandler, who proposed the change.

Board President Jim Rooney said he does not think anyone will have a problem with the proposal, as most people want to move toward political correctness.

"It seems like we're trying to get the religious portions out of the holidays," he said, "because everything

has to be politically correct these days."

Rooney does not foresee any implications for other break names being changed.

Spring break has been the term for the break that Clark students and faculty members take in spring for as long as Rooney can remember.

The terminological change from Christmas break to winter break seems to be common, Rooney said, around the country.

"Everyone's trying to get away from religion, although this country was built upon religion," he said. "But I guess it's a different generation now than my generation."

Frank Belluscio, a spokesman for the New Jersey School Board Association, said the way school districts term winter break is going to vary according to each community.

In general, though, Belluscio said it is becoming more common for schools to refer to spring or winter break by season rather than by religious holidays.

"As we do become a more diverse population, there is an effort not to exclude different religious groups and favor some over others," he said.

Clark Board of Education attorney Michael Gross said while it probably is more appropriate for Clark to refer to the break as winter break because of the separation of church and state, referring to it as Christmas break does not violate any laws.

"It's no different than referring to Yom Kippur or Rosh Hashana for the breaks the students have on those days," he said.

The term change is "more of a political correctness issue as opposed to a legal issue," said Gross.

Going up

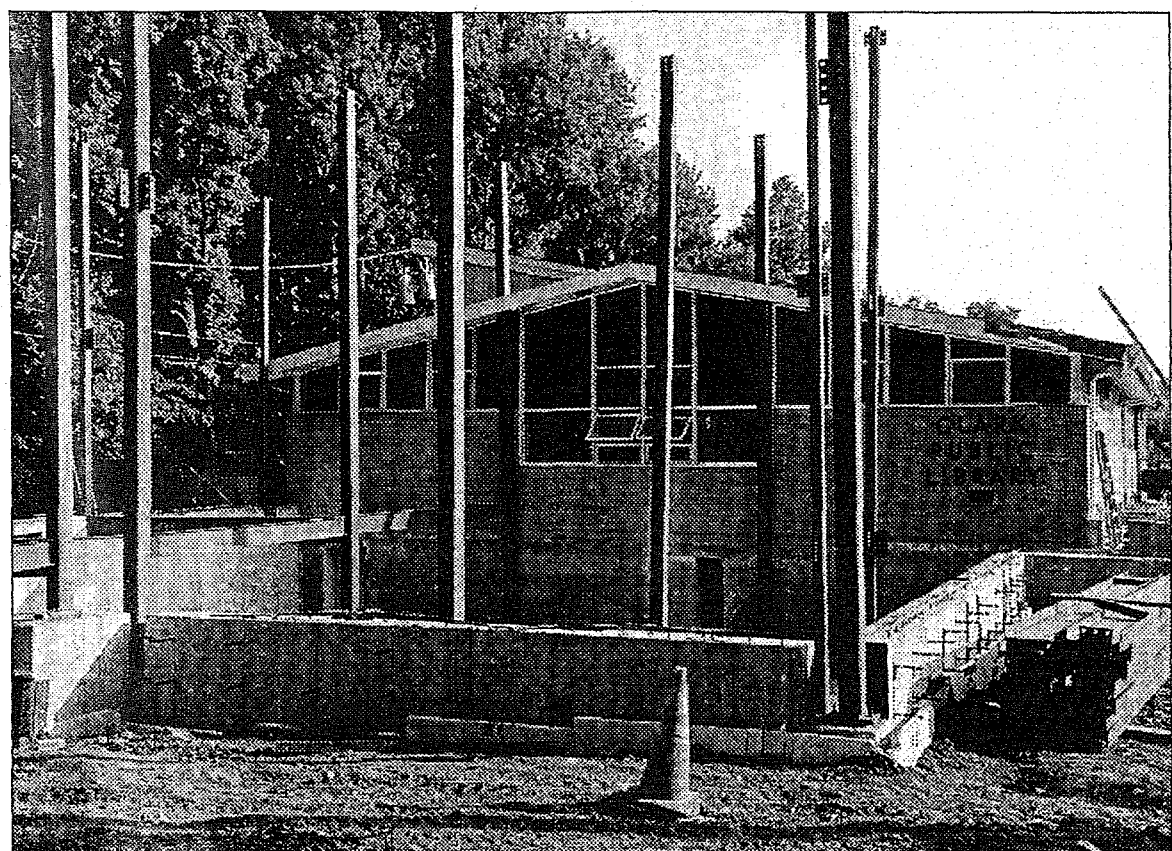


Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

With the foundation all dug out, the steel supports for an expanded Clark Public Library went into place Tuesday. The library is expected to open in November with greatly expanded facilities.

Laundry owner on mend after wreck

By David Learn
Managing Editor

A Westfield Avenue businesswoman is on her way to recovery after a van crashed through the wall of the laundry where she and her son were working.

Seung Park, 50, of Old Bridge

reportedly was released from University Hospital in Newark sometime Tuesday and taken to an unspecified rehabilitation center.

Seung Park and her son, Do Park, 21, also of Old Bridge, were working at the laundry when a 1989 Chevrolet van came crashing through the wall

after sideswiping another vehicle on the road outside.

The accident unfolded as a 1986 Pontiac driven by Catherine Paskovich, 84, of Cornell Drive, was sitting on Westfield Avenue, waiting to make a left turn onto Kathryn Street.

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Woman in rehab after accident

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As Paskovich and her two passengers sat, a van driven by Jack Weber, 78, of 1077 Richard Blvd., Rahway, sideswiped the Pontiac.

There is no reason to believe that Weber was speeding, said police detective Dave Satkowski.

"I think it was just the momentum of the side sweep that set him off in that direction," Satkowski said. "Before you know it, you're on the way and there you go."

Paskovich and her passengers were unhurt in the accident, which left Weber with only minor injuries.

The Parks were not as fortunate. Do Park was treated at University Hospital for minor injuries and released, but Seung Park suffered serious head injuries, Satkowski said.

"She and her son were working in the building," he said. "When the van crashed into the building, the van, debris and furniture crashed into her and her son."

The business had to be closed temporarily as gas and electric service to the building were shut off, but it since has reopened.

Weber was charged with careless driving in connection with the accident. Satkowski said the intersection itself does not appear to be dangerous.

"We don't have many accidents there," he said. "The turns that these people were making were legitimate turns. It was just one of those unfortunate things that happens."

AT THE LIBRARY

Summer reading club registration to begin

Signup will begin at 9 a.m. June 28 for the Summer Reading Club at Rahway Free Public Library.

Rahway and Clark residents must register in person in the Children's Department of the Rahway library.

Summer Reading Club programs will begin on July 6 and will end on Aug. 4. There is no preregistration for these programs. Ticket distribution will begin 30 minutes before each program and will continue until the program is filled.

This summer's programs will be held in the Children's Department Program Room and are as follows:

- Time for Twos and Threes, for children 2 and 3 years old. A parent or caregiver must attend this approximately 30-minute program with their child. Time for Twos and Threes will be held on July 12, 19, 26, and Aug. 2. Select either the 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Monday morning session.
- A Big Kids Craft will be held for children 9 to 12 years old at 2 p.m. Monday. The workshop will meet on

July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2.

- Time for Fours and Fives is for children 4 and 5 years old. A parent or caregiver must attend this approximately 30-minute program with their child. Time for Fours and Fives will be held on July 6, 13, 20, 27, and Aug. 3. Select either the 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Tuesday session.

- Trail Bingo will be held on July 6, 13, 20, 27, and Aug. 3. While both sessions are open to children 2 to 12 years old, a child who is less than 8 years old must attend the bingo game with a parent or caregiver. Select either 2:30 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

- A Junior Craft class will be held for children 6 to 8 years old on at 10 a.m. Wednesdays. The workshop will meet July 7, 14, 21, and 28.

- Book Buddies, which meets at 11 a.m. Wednesdays, is a popular program carried over from past years. "Big Buddies" are students in sixth to ninth grade who enjoy reading to and coloring with their "Little Buddies" between 2 and 6 years old. Book Buddies will be held July 7, 14, 21, 28, and Aug. 4.

- A Readers' Theater program is

scheduled for from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays. In Readers' Theater, students who can read will act out prepared scripts. Readers' Theater days are July 4, 14, 21, and 28.

For more information about these programs, call 732-340-1551, ext. 222.

Return library materials to Municipal Building

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

The drop box will be emptied several times a day.

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

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

EDUCATION

School names Slagle student of the month

The Arthur L. Johnson High School student of the month for June is senior Kristin Slagle. Ranked fourth in her class, she is a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society.

Slagle has been named a Bloustein Scholar and is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. Slagle was honored as a distinguished student in the field Academics for Foreign Language and received the AP Spanish 5 Award. She is the recipient of the Coca-Cola Scholarship for foreign language and was a Homecoming Queen nominee.

In addition to her academic achievements, Slagle is vice president of the Student Prevention Education League.

A member of SPEL for the past three years, she earned their distinguished service award, as well as a New Jersey State Legislative Commendation, by participating in Cross Age Teaching and distributing MADD ribbons.

She was selected to attend the Teen Institute of the Garden State (as a youth advisory counselor. While at the high school Slagle has also been active in the Reaching Everyone By Exposing Lies group, Spanish Club and Science League.

Outside school, Slagle is a volunteer aide at St. John's Church and enjoys fencing and creative writing.

After graduation, she will attend Drew University, where she plans to major in neuroscience and psychology.

She is the daughter of Kathleen and Everett Slagle.



Slagle

To Hogaboom, teaching was a childhood dream

Anita Hogaboom was born in Mt. Vernon, N.Y., and grew up in Jersey City. She lived for six years in Keyser, W. Va., and graduated from Moorefield High School in Moorefield, W. Va.

Hogaboom always knew she wanted to be a teacher, as she played "teacher" as a child. She attended Potomac State College, a division of West Virginia University; and then transferred to the main campus in Morgantown.

She received a bachelor's degree in education with a major in English and a minor in history. Hogaboom went on to earn a master's degree in humanities from Drew University and her sixth-year level taking courses at Drew, Kean and Rutgers universities.

Hogaboom began her teaching career at Governor Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights in 1968.

There she taught English and coached the Forensic League, served as a freshman class adviser and proctored Saturday School.

In 1992, Hogaboom came to Arthur L. Johnson High School to teach English. While at ALJ, she has served as a sophomore, junior and senior class adviser and coached the Academic Challenge Team.

Selected by the freshmen as Teacher of the Month, Hogaboom teaches freshmen English classes.

Hogaboom and her husband, Peter, have been married for 18 years. They are the parents of Joseph, James and Thomas. In her free time, Hogaboom enjoys reading mysteries, cooking and shopping.

She also has a passion for rescuing



Hogaboom

animals in need. Hogaboom is an oblate of St. Benedict.

Marketing students honored at program

Two marketing students from Arthur L. Johnson High School recently were honored at Berkeley College's 39th Annual Business Education Awards Program at the Pines Manor in Edison.

Megan Crafa won the Outstanding Achievement award for the marketing student with the highest grade-point average.

Robert Kielbus won the perseverance award for his outstanding effort both in his marketing class and on his co-op training station at the A & P in Clark. Students from around the state were honored at this program.

Mother Seton team hits national forensics level

Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark brought a team of four students to the national playoffs in forensics in Boston during the Memorial Day weekend, involving hundreds of schools nationwide. To qualify, students had to place among the top six presenters for the year within the Newark Catholic Forensic League competitions.

The league enrolls more than 25 schools. The Mother Seton team, which placed fourth in the league for the year overall, is composed of 15 members and has been in existence only two years. Coach Marylou Motto credits Mother Seton's ongoing support of the team and an enthusiastic and talented group of young women for the team's success.

"We were thrilled to have four students qualify," Motto said. "I'm especially pleased that each one works in a different event." Motto was effusive in her praise of the team. "All the young women on the team are self-confident and wonderfully supportive of one another."

HEALTH

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 of a rabid animal introduced by a scratch.

All warm-blooded animals can be infected by the rabies virus.

Since wildlife does not always appear sick or exhibit the symptoms of rabies, it is advisable to avoid contact with wildlife.

Some animals such as skunks and raccoons, which are primarily nocturnal, may be seen during the daytime. This does not mean that they are rabid.

Their homes may have been disturbed, it may be breeding season, or they may be foraging for food for their young.

West Nile surveillance

The Clark Health Department has resumed its annual West Nile virus surveillance.

Only crows in good condition will be submitted for testing. No other birds will be tested. These birds can be discarded with regular trash.

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Tuesday

- The Clark Senior monthly meeting will be at 1 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Senior Center, 430 Westfield Ave. Guest speaker will be author Feather Schwartz Foster of Scotch Plains. Her new book, "Ladies: A Conjecture of Personalities," is about first ladies of presidents between Martha Washington and Mamie Eisenhower. The modern first ladies, from Kennedy to Clinton, participate in commentary.

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

Sunday

- Father's Day.
- The Deutscher Club of Clark Inc. 787 Featherbed Lane, will hold its annual original Waldfest picnic Oktoberfest at noon, rain or shine. Music will be provided by the Philadelphia Brass Band.

A Miss Deutscher Club will be selected. Family and friends are invited to the picnic grounds and festhalls for music, German and American food and beverages. Admission costs \$5, and admission is free for children under 12.

Monday

- First day of summer.
- 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 Township Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the municipal courtroom, 315 Westfield Ave.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- 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.

Upcoming

June 24

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

June 25

- The Starlite Choral will present its summer concert "Up, Up and Away" at 8 p.m. at Osceola Presbyterian Church, 1689 Raritan Road. The musical program will feature a mix of popular songs from the 1950s and 1960s, as well as favorite swing and jazz standards.

Cost is \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors. Children will be admitted free. For ticket information and/or directions to the show, call 973-667-9575.

- Skulski Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, will open an exhibit and sale of paintings by renowned Polish painter and illustrator Alojzy Balcerzak from 8 to 10:30 p.m. The exhibit, which will close July 16, will feature Polish countryside scenes.

An added attraction to the opening program will be poetry reading by author Tadeusz Chabrowski. The public is welcome, admission is free and refreshments will be served.

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

June 27

- The Starlite Choral will present its summer concert "Up, Up and Away" at 4:30 p.m. at Osceola Presbyterian Church, 1689 Raritan Road. The musical program will feature a mix of popular songs from the 1950s and 1960s, as well as favorite swing and jazz standards.

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June 28

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

OBITUARIES

William Brozick

William D Brozick, 65, of Clark, formerly of Linden, a retired Clark police officer, died June 7 at home.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Brozick lived in Linden before moving to Clark in 1964.

He was a police officer in Clark for 25 years and retired in 1992.

Mr. Brozick served in the Army during the Vietnam War and was a member of the American Legion Post 328 in Clark and the Police Benevolent Association Local 125.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Joan A.; a son, Thomas, and two grandchildren.

Anna Korytko

Anna Korytko, 92., of Clark, formerly of Elizabeth, died June 7 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Watervliet, N.Y., Mrs. Korytko lived in Elizabeth before moving to Clark 46 years ago.

She owned Korytko Bakery on Second Street in Elizabeth for 15 years before retiring many years ago.

Mrs. Korytko was active at St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church, Elizabeth.

She was a member of the Senior Sodality, the Apostleship of Prayer,

the Ukrainian Social Guild and the Daughters of the Ukraine.

Mrs. Korytko also was a member of the Wednesday Senior Citizens Club of Clark.

Surviving are a daughter, Maryann Komas; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Genevieve Stadnik

Genevieve K. Stadnik, 92, of Roselle, formerly of Clark, died June 8 in the Delaire Nursing Home, Linden.

Born in Wyandotte, Mich., Mrs. Stadnik lived in Clark before moving to Roselle six years ago.

Gloria Herbst

Gloria N. Herbst, 76, of Clark died June 8 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Rahway.

Born in Kearny, Mrs. Herbst lived in Harrison before moving to Clark 57 years ago.

She was a manager in the typing department of Boyle-Midway Co., Cranford, for 20 years before retiring many years ago.

Surviving are her husband of 57 years, William, and a brother, Edwin Nelson.

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Eighth-graders say au revoir to St. John's

St. John the Apostle School, Clark, held its eighth-grade graduation June 4. Sister Donna Marie O'Brien awarded the diplomas to 52 graduates and Monsignor Richard McGuinness presented the diplomas to the graduates.

The following students received diplomas:

Michelle Christine Armonda, Andreanna Yvonne Bally, Nicholas Banasiak, Samantha Jean Barry, Nicole Danielle Bethavas, Andrew Anthony Cruz Beraquit, Michael John Buczynski, Kevin Patrick Carolan, Arielle Rose Cassidy, Joseph A. Ciccone Jr.,

Christopher DeCampos, Aaron Charles Doherty, Keith Anotho Espoito, Alyssa Lynn Faethe, Steven John Fette, Shantel N. Fletcher, Samantha Marie Gombas, Kristina Marie Gray, William James Hannam Jr., Samantha Christine Haydu, Amanda Rose Karp, Ryan Thomas Kilkenny, Nicholas John Kowalski,

Robert John Lenahan III, Megan Rose Loneker, David Phillip Lore, Maria Ann Mega, Gabriela Lameiras Moura, Nicole Cristina Munkel, Reginald Akil Myers, Alexander Michael Niziolek, Catheline Noda,

Aissa Oliva, Sarah Lang Palenik, Alicia Josephine Palmieri, Hoze Benedique Pascua, Michael Paul Pirozzoli, Shannon Theresa Roach, Ryan Joseph Ruppel,

Alexa Christine Salcito, Anthony Joseph Sestito, Nicole Marie Siano,

Elissa Jade Smart, Sean Patrick Smith, Melanie Solorzano, James David Thornton, Jimmy Ray Timmons III, Nicholas Paul Vislocky,

Daniel C. Ward, Kelley Sheehan Williams, Taylor Ariel Wilson, and Kaitlyn Marie Zofcin.

Special awards were presented to the following students:

A bronze medal was awarded to Alexander Michael Niziolek for the third-highest average in the Class of 2004. A silver medal was awarded to Kevin Patrick Carolan, for the second highest average in the Class of 2004, and a gold medal was presented to Alexa Christine Salcito for the highest average in the Class of 2004.

Gold medals for excellence were presented to Ryan Thomas Kilkenny for religion, Kevin Patrick Carolan for language arts, Alexa Christine Salcito for mathematics, Kaitlyn Marie Zofcin for reading, Alexander Michael Niziolek for science, Amanda Rose Karp for social studies, Melanie Solorzano for Spanish, and Keith Sheehan Williams for the most artistic ability, for showing the most enthusiasm and participation in the music program to Sarah Lang Palenik, and for physical education to Aaron Charles Doherty.

For the most school spirit in the Class of 2004, a gold medal was awarded to Shannon Theresa Roach.

Monetary gifts were presented to Ryan Thomas Kilkenny and Nicole Cristina Munkel from the Rosary

Society for the most improved in reading.

In memory of Sister Jane Frances, a \$100 bond was presented to Nicole Marie Siano, for the most improved math student.

The Jack Etlinger \$500 Scholarship was awarded to Michelle Christine Armonda in his memory.

In memory of Violet E. Kennedy, a \$500 scholarship was awarded to Kristina Marie Gray for service to her church and school.

The President's Award for Academic Excellence was presented to Kevin Patrick Carolan, Alyssa Lynn Faethe, Kristina Marie Gray, Amanda Rose Karp, Ryan Thomas Kilkenny, Maria Ann Mega, Alexander Michael Niziolek, Alicia Josephine Palmieri, Alexa Christine Salcito, Nicole Marie Siano, Melanie Solorzano, Nicholas Paul Vislocky and Kaitlyn Marie Zofcin.

The Presidential Award for Educational Improvement was presented to Nicole Danielle Bethavas, Gabriela Lameiras Moura and Shannon Theresa Roach.

Perfect attendance certificates and pins were awarded to Andrew Anthony Cruz Beraquit, Kristina Marie Gray, Samantha Christine Haydu, Gabriela Lameiras Moura, Hoze Benedique Pascua, Nicole Marie Siano, Elissa Jade Smart and Sean Patrick Smith.

The Class of 2004 received \$57,000 in scholarships.

EVENTS

Celebrate Waldfest at Featherbed La. club

The Deutscher Club of Clark Inc. 787 Featherbed Lane, will hold its annual original Waldfest picnic Oktoberfest at noon Sunday, rain or shine. Music will be provided by the Philadelphia Brass Band.

A Miss Deutscher Club will be selected. Family and friends are invited to the picnic grounds and festhalls for music, German and American food and beverages.

Admission costs \$5, and admission is free for children under 12.

Fly up, up and away with Starlite Chorale

The Starlite Chorale will present its summer concert "Up, Up and Away" at 8 p.m. June 25 and at 4:30 p.m. June 27 at Osceola Presbyterian Church, 1689 Raritan Road.

Cost is \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors. Children will be admitted free.

The musical program will feature a mix of popular songs from the 1950s and 1960s, as well as favorite swing and jazz standards. The ensemble group, comprised of professional-level vocalists, has performed throughout the state, including First Night New Year's Eve celebrations and community fundraisers.

The Starlite Chorale has been entertaining audiences since 1995. Each show incorporates a visual presentation to accompany the music.

The Starlite Chorale is under the musical direction of Tony Godlefski, a graduate of Westminster Choir College in Princeton, and of Drew University.

Godlefski studied under renowned musician Fred Waring, and the choral composers and conductors Robert Shaw and Alice Parker.

He has conducted show choirs, church choirs, and community musical theater productions in New Jersey and New York City since 1970. Dr. Godlefski also has many original compositions and arrangements to his credit.

For ticket information and/or directions to the show, please call 973-667-9575.

Balcerzak landscapes come to Skulski Gallery

Skulski Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation will present an exhibit and sale of paintings by renowned Polish painter and illustrator Alojzy Balcerzak from June 25 through July 16. The exhibit will feature Polish countryside scenes.

The opening reception is scheduled for 8 to 10:30 p.m. June 25. An added attraction to the opening program will be poetry reading by author Tadeusz Chabrowski.

The public is welcome, admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Alojzy Balcerzak studied painting at the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw, Poland in the studio of Stanislaw Czajkowski and Kazimierz Tomorowicz.

He graduated from the academy's graphic department under Jan Marcin Szancer in 1957.

Balcerzak started with graphic art. His award-winning postal stamps can be found worldwide. He designed more than 180 stamps for the Polish Post and also for Ecuador, Fujira and Oman.

The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway. Skulski Art Gallery is open to the public 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

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

Editorial deadlines

The deadlines for church, club and social events is noon Friday, sports news noon Monday, letters to the editor 9 a.m. Monday.

For more information, call 908-686-7700.

Back from the city



Fourth-graders from St. John the Apostle School recently visited Philadelphia on a class trip, where they enjoyed Franklin Court, the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, The Constitution Center and "Riding the Ducks" through the streets of Philadelphia and into the Delaware River.

BUSINESS REVIEW

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Are you in charge of the arrangements for your daughter's wedding reception or your high school class reunion? Is it up to you to arrange your professional organizations seminar or your industry's trade show? For these purposes and more, you can confidently rely on the newly renovated facilities and staff of The Gran Centurions, located in Clark at 440 Madison Hill Road, phone (732) 382-1664.

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EDUCATION

Venditti named recipient of Rutgers scholarship

Christopher Venditti has been selected as this year's recipient of the Rutgers Club of Cranford Scholarship. He is the 55th graduate of Cranford High School to receive the award, which began in 1956.

Scholarships also were renewed for Benjamin Brown, Rema Shehady and Matthew Laveglia, now attending Rutgers.



Venditti

While at Cranford High School, Venditti participated in football, wrestling and track and field. He was a member of the National Honor Society, German Club, Math League, Math Honor Society and served as a math tutor.

The Rutgers Club of Cranford is the oldest and most successful alumni scholarship program at Rutgers University and is totally dependent on contributions from alumni who live or work in Cranford.

Hillside Ave. pupils mull govt. and environment

Students in Catherine Dudley's social studies classes at Hillside Avenue School recently examined issues that can affect governmental decisions about the environment.

After studying some environmental problems, especially in Third World countries like Haiti, students discovered that difficult choices must often be made.

The program, *Decisions/Decisions* by Tom Snyder Productions, was purchased for the class with a grant given by the Hillside PTA.

While having fun, the students learn critical thinking decision making and working co-operatively in this computer simulation.

Schering-Plough gives aid to CHS seniors

Sarah A. Calder and Jill M. Humphries, both Cranford High School seniors, were among 10 children of Schering-Plough employees recently named winners of company-sponsored scholarships administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corp.

The winners were honored at the 38th Annual Schering-Plough Foundation Scholarship Awards ceremony, held recently at the company's worldwide headquarters in Kenilworth. The students will receive educational grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500 per year for four years. Recipients may use the awards at any accredited U.S. college or university.

The scholarship program dates to 1955. Corporate sponsors may designate awards for children of their employees. Schering-Plough, one of about 300 participating companies, foundations, and other business organizations, has provided more than 300 four-year scholarship awards during the past 38 years.

Still time to enroll child in Kiddie Kapers activity

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department has a few openings in its fall Kiddie Kapers program for preschoolers 4 and 5 years old. Children must be 4 by June 1 to participate.

Class meets at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Avenue, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from Sept.

20 to Dec. 1. Cost is \$195 for the session. In addition to arts and crafts, music, story-time and gym, there is emphasis on the development of motor skills, pre-writing and pre-reading activities.

Social development and general classroom behavior also figure into the program. This preschool program will prepare children for kindergarten.

The program is available to Cranford residents only. Proof of residency and a birth certificate to verify the child's age are required at the time of registration.

Call the Recreation Department at 908-709-7283 for further information.

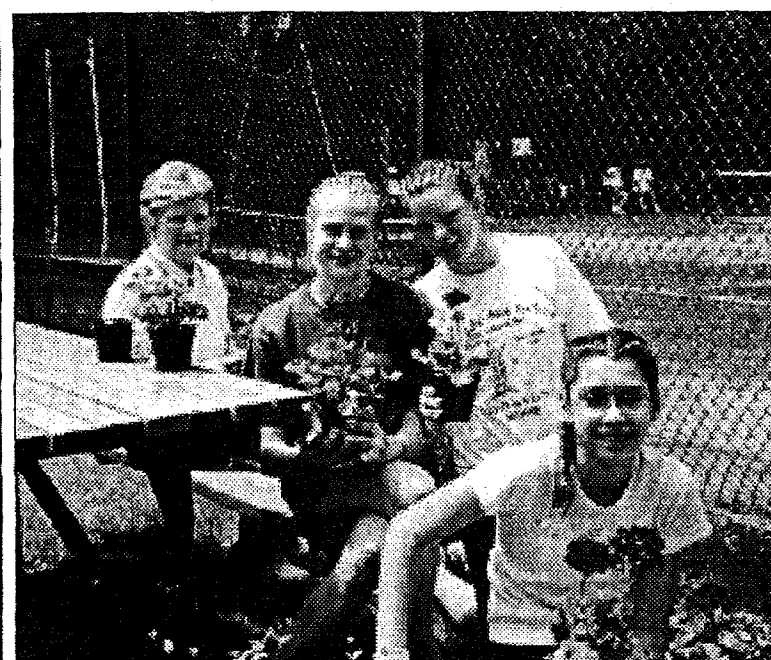
40th year of HAS ends with carnival

Hillside Avenue School closed out a year of celebrating its 40th anniversary on May 29 with a miniature carnival.

The carnival was complete with a deejay, a dunk tank, a rock climbing wall, and moonwalk among many other activities.

Hillside Avenue and Orange Avenue schools both opened in the 1963-1964 school year.

Service in the flowers



Cranford High School students Helen van Gelder, Natalie Laucius, Kim Ulaiky and Amanda Margarielo show some of the geraniums they recently planted at Girl Scout Park. The three students, under the guidance of Jackey Ellis, civic chairwoman of the Floraphile Garden Club, planted geraniums alongside the fence at Cranford Clay Courts.

OBITUARIES

Bernard Godzinski

Bernard S. Godzinski, 67, of Short Hills, formerly of Cranford, died June 6 at home.

Born in Reading, Pa., Mr. Godzinski lived in Cranford before moving to Short Hills in 1972.

He was the controller of Killam Associates, Millburn, for 10 years before retiring several years ago.

Mr. Godzinski received a bachelor's degree from West Virginia Tech and a master's degree in finance from Seton Hall University, South Orange.

Mr. Godzinski served in the Army during peacetime.

Surviving are daughter, Diane Benjamin; a son, Michael, and his mother, Ann Godzinski.

Donald Curry

Donald A. Curry, 68, of Cranford, a police captain, died June 9 in the Center for Hope Hospice at Father Hudson House, Elizabeth.

Born in Perth Amboy, Mr. Curry lived in Woodbridge before moving to Cranford 42 years ago.

He was a retired police captain in Cranford. Mr. Curry spent 26 years on the force and also served as a detective sergeant and lieutenant before retiring in 1990.

He was the founder of the Cranford Juvenile Bureau and helped to introduce the Scared Straight Program in Union County, in which youth made visits to prisons.

Mr. Curry also was a real estate agent at the Kiamie Agency in Cranford from 1988 through 1998.

He received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from William Paterson College, Wayne, in 1974.

Mr. Curry served in the Navy during peacetime.

He was a former president of the Union County Juvenile Officers Association.

Mr. Curry was a life member of the Cranford Police Benevolent Association and a member of the Azure Masada Masonic Lodge 22, Cranford.

He was an usher at Trinity Episcopal Church, Cranford, and a volunteer counselor for the American Cancer Society for many years.

Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Marlene; two daughters, Christie Rothenberg and Betsy Duffy; a sister, Melissa Clayton, and four grandchildren.

Anne Keenan

Anne Bernadette Keenan, 52, of Cranford died June 4 in Community Medical Center, Toms River.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Keenan lived in Scotch Plains and other New Jersey locations before moving to Cranford 10 years ago.

She was a senior vice president for Betholon-Rowland Corp., New York City, where she worked for the past 15 years.

Mrs. Keenan was a communicant of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Cranford, a member of the auction committee at Raphael's Life House, Elizabeth, and a founding member of Cranford's Best Book Club.

Surviving are her husband, Bill P.; a daughter, Katharine Anne; a son, Christopher Thomas; her parents, Alfred B. and Emma Jane McGarry; a sister, Jeanne Breckenridge, and eight brothers, Alfred, John, Thomas, Michael, Paul, Francis, James and Joseph.

Frank Andrioli

Frank A. Andrioli, 65, of Long Valley, formerly of Cranford, died June 10 in Hackettstown Community Hospital.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Andrioli lived in Cranford before moving to Long Valley more than 20 years ago.

He was a network engineer for the UBS Paine-Webber, Weehawken, for many years.

Surviving are his wife, Maryann; four daughters, Lisa Ann Moyer, Natalie Kurzeja, Tonia and Holly; three sisters, Anna, Josephine and Angela, and a grandchild.

RECREATION

Billiards program lets families get on the ball

Looking for something fun to do with the family this summer? The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department is holding billiards classes for parents and children 8 and older.

Classes will be held in the air-conditioned game room at the Cranford Community Center from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursdays from June 24 to July 29. This class is for beginners as well as those who have knowledge of the game.

All players can learn some tips and tricks from an experienced pool instructor. Learn the proper method of holding the cue stick and making the stroke; the variety of games; explanation of game rules and scoring; good sportsmanship; playing the game with complete concentration with no outside disturbances and more.

Cost is \$15 per person. Program is for Cranford residents only. Registration form, payment and proof of residency are required prior to the class.

Call the Recreation and Parks Department for more information, at 908-709-7283.

Jaycees seek entrants for Fourth of July race

The Cranford Jaycees will hold its 25th Annual Firecracker 4 Miler Road Race and Family Fun Run at Nemehegan Park on July 4.

Applications are being accepted for the race, expected to be a USA Track and Field certified course. Applications are available at Crisanti Shoes, at Cranford Bike Shop and at Perrotti's Quality Meats. Applications are available online at www.cranfordjaycees.com. Online registration is available at www.active.com.

Pre-registration costs \$15 for the 4 Miler and \$7 for the 1-mile Fun Run, and ends June 30. Registration the day of the race costs \$20 and \$10, respectively.

For more race information, contact Vitas Roman, race director at 908-

709-8012. For race sponsorship information, contact Casey Burd at 908-272-4315.

Sponsored by Commerce Bank, the Cranford Jaycees Firecracker 4 Miler is the region's premiere July 4 road race. The race and the one mile family fun run draws thousands of participants and spectators. The race serves as the Cranford Jaycee's principal fund raising event to benefit the Jaycee Scholarship fund.

It provides annual awards to qualified high school seniors residing in the Township of Cranford who have demonstrated scholastic achievement and community service involvement.

Preserve family photos with course on albums

In just four simple steps learn how to protect and preserve your family photos and family history in albums that will be cherished for generations to come.

A beginners album-making class will be offered at the Cranford Community Center Thursday evenings.

The class is for Cranford residents 12 and older, individually or as a family. Classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays beginning June 24 and ending July 15. The fee for the class will be \$50.

Participants must register for the class by completing a registration form, showing proof of residency and providing payment in the form of cash or check.

Knights of Columbus festival features world music

Six different kinds of bands playing world music will be served up during the second Annual Cranford Knights of Columbus Rhythm N' Roots festival from 1 to 8 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot of the Garwood Knights of Columbus, South Avenue, Garwood. Admission costs \$25 per person, with children younger than 12 admitted free. Folk music, Celtic, rockabilly, jug band, bluegrass, alternative and reggae styles will be on display.

Scheduled to perform include folk singer Kelly Gallagher, Celtic band The Mossy Pools, the alternative sounds of Chooch the Mighty Train, the rockabilly beat of The Hammers, the jug band bounce of The Booglerizers, Bluegrass from Greg Garing Band and reggae-rock from The Troublemakers.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the event. For more information, call 908-276-5529.

For more information call the Recreation and Parks Department at 908-709-7283.

Cranford West begins taking reservations

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department will reopen Cranford West for the July 4 weekend.

Cranford West is a rustic style camp in Hope. Cranford residents have the opportunity to unwind after a long week to enjoy fishing, boating, hiking, picnicking and the local scenery and attractions the area has to offer.

The Recreation Department will begin taking reservations at 9 a.m. Friday, for the July 4 weekend.

The July 4 and Labor Day weekends each require a two-night minimum stay.

Reservations will continue for other weekends in July and August two weeks prior to the weekend requested.

The Community Center is open to take reservations 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursdays.

Cabin and tent sites cost \$15 per night. Residents must be 21 or older and must show proof of residency to make a reservation.

The Recreation Department also is seeking camp directors. Directors must be Cranford residents.

For more information on the camp or becoming a camp director, call 908-709-7283.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

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Public information

Turn to Page Seven of this newspaper, and you will see the salary information of every employee of the Clark School District. Teachers, secretaries, administrators, maintenance workers and other employees are all listed. The information comes courtesy of the school district itself, which provided it in compliance with the state Open Public Records Act.

We print this information, not to stir the proverbial pot, but to inform. The Board of Education is in the process of contract negotiations with the teachers' union. After reviewing the tables on Page Seven, decide for yourself whether you think the teachers are being paid too much, not enough or the right amount, and then let your representatives on the school board know your feelings.

There's been a groundswell of interest in this issue since board member Tom Lewis first proposed last month that the board include it in a meeting agenda for the school board. We felt at the time and still do feel that the board agenda is an inappropriate medium to disseminate this information. Although the district should release salary information upon request, it is at best a serious blow to the employee-employer relationship for the board actively to distribute information as personal in nature as people's salaries.

Note that we said it is inappropriate for the school board to put this information out for public display. It is something altogether different when a private resident or a publication chooses to do this.

There are many laudable reasons for doing this. A resident, believing the school district funnels an inordinate amount of tax money into personnel and not enough into resources for students, can use the information to advocate for contracts that he considers more reasonable. Others may use the information with the opposite intent — to encourage greater support for teachers and administrators, and to see that they receive more money for the amount of work that they do.

Our motivation for printing the information here is quite simple: to inform. At the moment, the Board of Education is involved in contract negotiations with the Clark teachers union. Both sides of the negotiation have been tight-lipped about what is being discussed, as they should be, given the nature of what they are discussing.

Silence about what is being discussed should not equate to ignorance about the foundation on which the discussions are taking place. The money that administrators, principals and teachers take home every month is money that Clark taxpayers earned and have given to the school district in trust that the community's children will be given a thorough and efficient education. That trust can only be bolstered through an honest accounting of how that money is used.

In the days and weeks since Lewis first proposed printing the information in the school board agenda, there has been a steadily increasing amount of fear regarding how members of the public could misuse that information, particularly if it were disseminated through the newspaper. That's a fear that is stoked by humanity's propensity to imagine worst-case scenarios as the only likely outcome. If the law holds no terror for those who do what is right, it's safe to say that there is nothing for the school district's leaders and advocates to fear if district salaries are as reasonable and fair as regularly has been proclaimed at the end of every contract negotiation cycle.

Do your duty

Serious talk in Clark's two major political parties about finding a candidate to run for the 2nd Ward seat on the Township Council is not likely to begin for a while yet. There are months before the parties need to get all their ducks in a row for the Nov. 2 election, and neither party is likely to make it a top priority for the next few weeks.

Still, this is an opportunity for residents of Clark's 2nd Ward, regardless of their political hue, to start thinking about whether it's time to give something back to their community and run for the seat in November. The position will be filled in the meantime by a candidate appointed by the municipal Republican Party. If you're interested and capable of doing a good job, express your interest to the appropriate party, and let them know you'd like to pitch in.

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— J. Russell Wiggins
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LITTLE LOST LAMBS

Preschool children at Osceola Presbyterian Church present the Parable of the Lost Sheep to the congregation during a recent service. Alice Dietze, director of Christian education, engaged all ages from preschool to teenagers in taking part in the service, which concentrated on the parables of Jesus.

Sometimes public information can be too public

I believe in open records, and I believe in putting public information in the hands of the public.

I also believe it's possible to have too much of a good thing. That's what's happening now with the Clark School District salaries, which the school board is printing next week in its agenda, and which *The Clark Eagle* has printed in the pages of the newspaper you're now holding.

The push to publish these salaries began last month, when school board newcomer Tom Lewis first requested it. In the two months since he joined the board, Lewis has been fairly aggressive about taking the board in the direction he wants it to go, and he's voiced a lot of rhetoric about making Clark into a "blue ribbon" school district and having "open communication" with the public, without ever really saying what he means by that.

Last month, Lewis took the rhetoric a step further and, in the name of openness, pushed for a vote to publish the salaries of every school district employee in the board's June business meeting agenda.

Legally, the board has the right to do it, and so does anybody else who wants to, including the newspaper. Unlike with a corporation such as Merck and Co., the salaries of district employees are a matter of public record. Essentially anyone can walk in off the street and ask for this information, and the school district has to provide it "as soon as possible," according to Alexander McGimpsey, an

Speaking for Myself

By David Learn



attorney for the New Jersey Press Association.

That right is guaranteed by Executive Order 11, issued by former Gov. Brendan Byrne, and it extends to the names, titles and positions of school employees, copies of their contracts, their salaries and how much money they actually get paid.

It extends beyond the schools too. According to the state sunshine law, you can get the same information about the municipal employees who pick up your garbage every week, and even about the nice young police officer who gave you a ticket when you were rushing to your daughter's dance recital.

So the information is public, and the school board is within its rights to put the salary information in the agenda, and the paper to publish it, but for the life of me, I can't figure out why in God's name they would want to do it.

The information is public — but that doesn't mean the school board needs to rent airtime on a radio station to advertise it, and it certainly doesn't mean the newspaper has an obligation to print it.

There's useful data to glean from

the salary information — median salaries, how the district compares to neighboring districts and statewide — but printing everything? How does publishing the names, positions and salaries of more than 200 people meet a newspaper's goal of advancing the public good?

I liken this to the genie in "Arabian Nights" — it's much easier to let the confounded thing out of the bottle than it is to get it back in. In the meantime while it's loose, it's impossible to contain.

And this genie is going to cause a lot of problems now that it's loose, not the least of which will be resentment.

Teachers and other school employees, even though they acknowledge that their salaries are public information, are going to resent having the information being made so public. Longtime district employees are going to resent discovering that they make less than colleagues who have been with the district a shorter time. And everyone's going to resent the board for starting the whole thing.

Then there will be the comparisons. Parents and their children will compare the salaries of teachers they don't like to the salaries of teachers they do. Other taxpayers are going to compare what they earn to what the district pays its employees. You can bet your boots there's going to be some anger about unpopular educators who make more than the person doing the checking.

What's worse is the timing. Even though Lewis has said time and again

that this isn't about teacher salaries, the district is in the middle of negotiations with the union. I know how I'd take it if I were a negotiator working for the union.

I'm mystified by the perceived need for the salaries to be published in the first place. If this really is about openness, it's an unnecessary move, because the district's track record has been above reproach in my experience.

I've worked in this business for eight years, and I've never encountered a school district administration more open with the public than this one. When I asked Superintendent of Schools Paul Ortenzio for a copy of the salary list, I had a copy before I left the room. Other times I've called him on the phone with a half-hour's worth of questions about a board policy or action, and he's always been patient and forthcoming with an answer to whatever I've asked him. The same is true for other members of the administration I've dealt with. In terms of openness, there isn't much room for improvement.

Ironically, since the whole issue came up last month, a host of people, including Lewis, have called me and begged me not to print the salary information in the newspaper.

It's not my decision, but to be honest, I'm not sure where they're coming from. If you start kicking stones down the mountainside, you shouldn't be surprised when it starts an avalanche.

And an avalanche is coming. It doesn't take a genius to see that.

Take time to catch up with your plants and flowers

The first flush of spring bloom arrives when the late crocuses, daffodils and early to mid-season tulips burst forth. The second makes its entrance with the iris, peonies and roses.

Now the second act is winding down and the frantic growth has slowed just a bit. Nature allows us a brief intermission before the onslaught of the daylilies and the other summer flowers. It is one of the times during the growing season when it pays to stop, reassess and tackle those chores that you neglected during the first frantic six weeks of gardening.

First, take pity on your houseplants. If you have any left languishing indoors, find a place for them outside. They will thank you in the fall. Make a bold statement by combining two or three plants with similar water and light needs in one large and showy pot. Arrange the pots of houseplants on a porch or a deck or somewhere else that needs sprucing up.

If you are like me, you are seduced at least once a year by seed catalogs, and you end up ordering way too many seeds. Find a way to plant those seeds now, either directly in the beds or in pots. At summer's end, your garden will be full and you won't have to worry whether the seeds will still be viable next spring. You can also sow biennials like Canterbury bells and foxglove now for bloom next year.

The Gardener's Apprentice

By Elisabeth Ginsburg

To be quite frank, my beds are a mess, and I know I'm not alone. This year's rainy season was not as bad as the one last spring, but it was still quite wet. There are broadleaf plantains in my lawn that are as big as my head, and all of their weedy partners in crime are equally huge.

Naked dame's rocket stems stand in silent reproach because I haven't cut them back. The remains of once-magnificent peonies hang from the stalks unclipped. Even when it's a mess the garden gives me great pleasure, and I suppose that I could just gaze at this year's wonderful crop of yellow four o'clocks and ignore the chaos. But messes only get worse. It's time to get out the clippers and get down to business.

Even the tidiest gardens probably cry out for similar treatment.

Think of the pansies that looked so stunning in March. They are tired and leggy now, and need a good shearing. Peonies should be cut back so that the plants stay fresh and lush.

If you did the horticulturally sensi-

ble thing and let your tulip and daffodil foliage remain until it began drying out, now is the time to cut it back. Clip off dead rose heads while you're at it, and cut back the canes to encourage new growth.

If you raise any kind of mint, you know that it requires no encouragement at all to grow completely out of bounds. This is certainly true in my front borders, where I have a stand of lemon balm that needs some rather draconian trimming and thinning before it engulfs its neighbors. If you have spearmint or peppermint or even basil, harvest and dry leaves for next winter, and shear the plants back. Younger leaves taste better anyway.

If you have any idea of growing tomatoes, buy the young plants immediately. Get them into the ground or in large pots, appropriately supported

with cages or stakes. You probably won't have anything but green infant tomatoes in July, but August will bring you an enviable harvest.

Don't forget to weed and mulch as you go along. You never know when the spring monsoon will turn into an interminable dry spell. I guarantee that you won't want to catch up on your mulching when the temperature is more than 90 degrees.

In the midst of all this hard work, stop for a few minutes and pick a bouquet or two. Put them in prominent places and admire them. The time will be well spent because there is absolutely nothing better for your soul than looking at beautiful flowers that you grew yourself.

Elisabeth Ginsburg is a frequent contributor to this newspaper.

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Murin, Edward	AV-4	45,500
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Checoski Jr., Joseph M.	MAI-8	54,600
Giampino, Wayne	MAI-8	54,600
Liguori, Vincent	MAI-8	54,600
Manzella, Giuseppe	MAI-8	54,600
Manzella, Michael	MAI-8	54,600
O'Malley, Michael	MAI-8	54,600
Quinn, Joseph	MAI-8	54,600
Rollet, Edward	MAI-8	54,600
Administrators	Title	Salary (2004-05)
Ortenzio, Paul	superintendent	172,500 (2003-04)
Tillou, Glen	superintendent	155,000
Miksza, Susan	asst. super	139,600
Takacs, William	bus. admin.	88,373
Felter, Douglas	director	120,600
Palozzola, Paul J.	director	103,300
Beltranda, Joseph	principal	106,915
Bergin, Shirley J.	principal	103,415
Carovillano, James	principal	114,115
Taylor, Robert	principal	115,115
Qualshie, Patricia	vice principal	101,300
Jakubik, Joanne M.	guidance sup.	104,800
Peterson, Carl	athletic super.	104,300
Griffin, Damian	maint. foreman	65,365
Tamburino, Maria	exec. sec.	54,080
Larson, Roger	accountant	67,708
Statton, Dr. Ronald	network admin.	78,832

2004-05 salaries not negotiated for Tamburino and Larson.

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Source: Clark Board of Education

SENIOR NEWS

First ladies the topic of guest speaker

The Clark senior monthly meeting will be at 1 p.m. today in the cafeteria of the Senior Center, 430 Westfield Ave.

Guest speaker will be author Feather Schwartz Foster of Scotch Plains. Her new book, "Ladies: A Conjecture of Personalities," is about first ladies of presidents between Martha Washington and Mamie Eisenhower. The modern first ladies, from Kennedy to Clinton, participate in commentary.

The stories in these biographies of first ladies are based on the facts of their lives, the lives of their husbands, and the times they lived in.

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

AARP seeks members

Clark AARP Chapter 3733 will meet at 1 p.m. July 9 at the Brewer Senior Center, 400 Westfield Ave.

The following trips have been scheduled:

- 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, Mass., 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.

For more information, call Ann Miskovich 732-388-4033.

Health screenings precede insurance talk

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

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

Education continues at Brewer center

Instructor Phyllis McGarry will pro-

vide line dancing lessons in the Brewer gym from 10 a.m. to noon Monday and June 28.

Evelyn Panish will lead exercise sessions in the cafeteria from 9 to 10 a.m. today, Tuesday and June 24 and 29.

Senior bus service

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

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

- Mondays: morning, ShopRite; afternoon, Clark shops, library, Municipal Building.

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

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

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

- Fridays: morning, A&P, KMart and Wal-Mart; afternoon, Aviation Plaza, Linden; last Friday.

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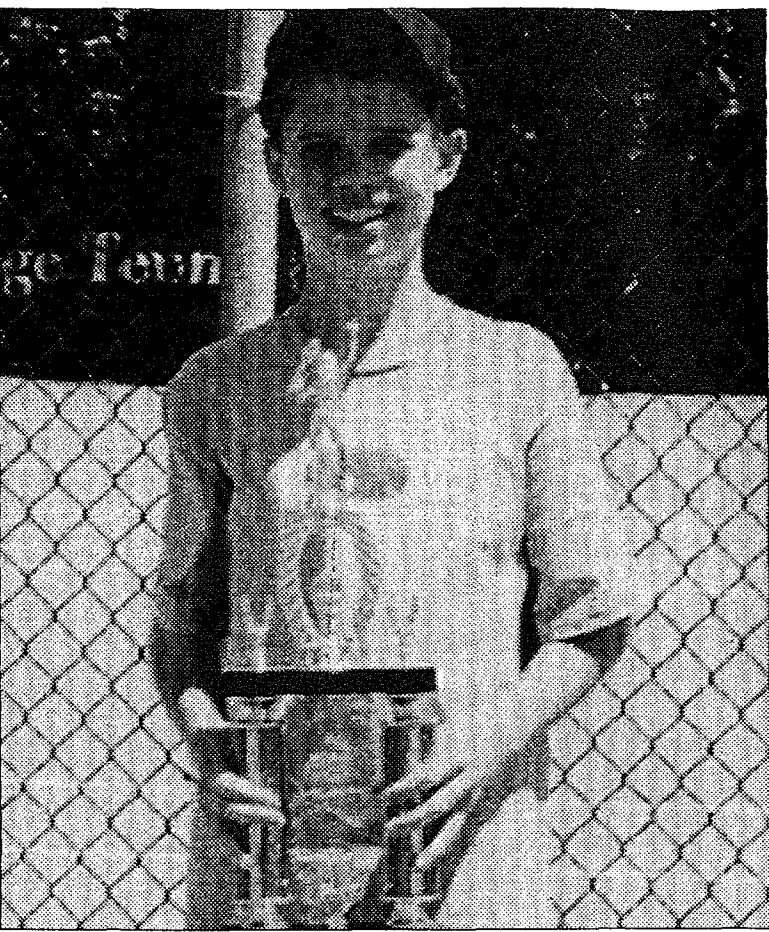
Union County
Senior Legion
baseball continues

Union County Senior American Legion baseball is now in full swing.

The following is the remainder of the regular-season schedule, beginning with today's games:

June 17
Clark at Rahway, 5:45 p.m.
Summit at Watchung Hills, 5:45
Roselle at Denville, 6 p.m.
June 18
Berkeley Heights at Kenilworth, 5:45
Watchung Hills at Springfield, 5:45
Union at Scotch Plains, 5:45
Westfield at Linden, 8 p.m.
June 19
Oratory at Cranford, 10:30 a.m.
Kenilworth at Westfield, 10:30
Scotch Plains at Clark, 10:30
June 20
Rahway at Oratory Prep, 10:30
Scotch Plains at Summit, 10:30
Westfield at Springfield, 10:30
Cranford at Kenilworth (DH), 10:30
Hightstown at Roselle, 3 p.m.
June 21
Linden at Springfield, 5:45
Roselle at Berkeley Heights, 5:45
Rahway at Watchung Hills, 5:45
June 22
Roselle at Cranford, 5:45
Oratory at Watchung Hills, 5:45
Union at Linden, 8 p.m.
June 23
Springfield at Cranford, 5:45
Berkeley H. at Watchung Hills, 5:45
Summit at Scotch Plains, 5:45
Kenilworth at Union, 8 p.m.
June 24
Roselle at Scotch Plains, 5:45
Oratory at Westfield, 5:45
Linden at Clark, 5:45
June 25
Springfield at Clark, 5:45
Union at Oratory, 5:45
Watchung Hills at Roselle, 5:45
Scotch Plains at Berkeley H., 5:45
June 26
Rahway at Kenilworth, 10:30
June 27
Rahway at Summit, 10:30
Westfield at Cranford, 10:30
Watchung Hills at Union, 10:30
South Bruns. at Roselle (DH), 1 p.m.
June 28
Union at Cranford, 5:45
Clark at Watchung Hills, 5:45
Berkeley H. at Scotch Plains, 5:45
June 29
Linden at Summit, 5:45
Springfield at Scotch Plains, 5:45
Roselle at Westfield, 5:45
June 30
Scotch Plains at Westfield, 5:45
Springfield at Watchung Hills, 5:45
Summit at Cranford, 5:45
Union at Berkeley Heights, 5:45
July 1
Linden at Cranford, 5:45
Westfield at Oratory Prep, 5:45
Roselle at Union, 8 p.m.
July 2
Scotch Plains at Oratory Prep, 5:45
Kenilworth at Watchung Hills, 5:45
Summit at Union, 8 p.m.
Roselle at Linden, 8 p.m.
July 3
S. Plains at Springfield, 10:30
Cranford at Oratory, 10:30
Summit at Berkeley Heights, 10:30
Westfield at Kenilworth, 10:30
July 4
Roselle at Flemington, 1 p.m.
July 5
Clark at Scotch Plains, 5:45
Kenilworth at Roselle, 5:45
Rahway at Springfield, 5:45
Oratory at Linden, 8 p.m.
July 6
Kenilworth at Summit, 5:45
Watchung Hills at Rahway, 5:45
Cranford at Union, 8 p.m.
July 7
Cranford at Roselle, 5:45
Berkeley H. at Oratory Prep, 5:45
July 8
Cranford at Berkeley Heights, 5:45
Rahway at Scotch Plains, 5:45
Summit at Clark, 5:45
July 9
All-Star Game
July 10
Clark at Cranford, 10:30
Oratory at Kenilworth, 10:30
Scotch Plains at Rahway, 10:30
Denville at Roselle, 2 p.m.
Watchung Hills at Linden, 8 p.m.
July 11
Berkeley Heights at Summit, 10:30
July 12
Berkeley Heights at Springfield, 5:45
Scotch Plains at Kenilworth, 5:45
Westfield at Roselle, 5:45
July 13
Rahway at Westfield, 5:45
Roselle at Oratory, 5:45
Kenilworth at Linden, 8 p.m.
July 14
Oratory at Springfield, 5:45
Summit at Roselle, 5:45
Watchung Hills at Cranford, 5:45
Berkeley Heights at Westfield, 5:45
July 15
Linden at Westfield, 5:45
Watchung Hills at Summit, 5:45
Rahway at Clark, 5:45
Oratory Prep at Union, 8 p.m.
July 16
Union at Roselle, 5:45
Cranford at Rahway, 5:45

Tennis standout



Chris Tylutki, a 7th grade student at Kumpf Middle School in Clark, finished first at last month's Wardlaw-Hartridge Tennis Tournament in North Edison.

Drew Masonry
nets 2 more wins
Excels in Clark Soccer C. play

The following are Clark Soccer Club results and standings of games played as of last Friday:

DIVISION 2

Drew Masonry 6, Bonaccorso Landscaping 1: Justin Luis scored four goals and Danielle Vaccaro and Gabriella one for DM, which also received excellent play from goalkeepers Mark Roesch and Jimmy Douglas. The two net-minders made several outstanding saves in a game played in a heavy rain. Also contributing on offense for DM were Cristina Decristofaro, Domenico Petracca, Michelle Primamore and Nick Trani.

Drew Masonry 5, Bonaccorso Landscaping 1: Justin Luis did well to score four goals again, while Cristina Decristofaro also found the net again. Jimmy Douglas played well in goal again, in the rain. Steven Areizaga, Decristofaro, Daniel Mileto, Domenico Petracca and Michelle Primamore were solid as well.

Other scores included Arena Sports beating Printmark by 1-0 and 2-1 counts.
Standings: Drew Masonry (7-0-0, 14 points), Bonaccorso Landscaping (3-3-1, 7), Arena Sports (2-5-0, 4), Printmark (1-5-1, 3). DM had 28 goals and three against, BL 10 and 18 against, AS five and 15 against and Printmaker three and 10 against.

DIVISION 3

Cromwell Management 5, Body Work by Fischer 0: Michael Quesada and Emily Lasinski scored in the first half to give CM a 2-0 lead. Brendan Currie then dribbled through the tough BWF defense to net CM's third goal. Lasinski scored again before halftime to make it 4-0. Jason Brougham netted his first goal of the season in the second half. Bryant Silva excelled in goal in the second half for CM.

Cromwell Management 7, Jersey One Insurance 2: Jordan Cutro, Joseph Arancio, Brendan Currie and Steven Weisensee scored for CM before JOI netted two goals to close to within 4-2 at halftime. Arancio, Weisensee and Cutro scored in the second half, while Michael Pieros and Michael Quesada played well on defense.

Clark P.B.A. 1, Dairy Queen 0: Vincent Pace broke through the Dairy Queen defense to net the only goal of the match. Nick Lechitsky and Oksana Zavitsky did well to combine for the shutout in goal. Also playing well were Matthew Robinson, Christian Barbosa, Sara Anderson, Gabriella Hurtado, Aaron Henry and Nick Rockstroh. Serving as game captains were Rockstroh and Anderson.

Clark P.B.A. 4, Emerald Sprinkler 2: Vincent Pace netted a hat-trick, with Sara Anderson assisting on the first of the three goals he scored. Aaron Henry also scored, while Matthew Robinson had four shots on goal. Nick Rockstroh played well on offense and defense, while Gabriella Hurtado exhibited good ball movement in the midfield to maintain offensive pressure. Excelling in goal were Robinson, Rockstroh and Anderson. Serving as game captains were Pace and Anderson.

Other scores included Dairy Queen over Body Work by Fischer 3-2 and Jersey One Insurance over Emerald Sprinkler 1-0.

Standings: Cromwell Management (7-0-0, 14), Clark P.B.A. (4-1-0, 8), Dairy Queen (4-2-0, 8), Jersey One Insurance (3-4-0, 6), Body Work by Fischer (0-5-1, 1).

DIVISION 4

The UPS Store vs. Rems Optical: Michael Rojek scored five of his team's six goals to spark UPS. Also playing well were Haleigh Rojek, who scored in the second half, Kaitlyn Acosta and Caitlin O'Connell.

The UPS Store vs. AM Jewelers: Tanner Westcott played well on both sides of the ball as he was able to use his speed to be in two places at once for most of the game. Ryan Lugo played solid in goal and yielded just one goal. Jarrett Simms played excellent defense as the UPS Store coasted to victory on a cloudy and wet Sunday afternoon. Christopher O'Connell played it "safe" while going to the net in hopes of his first scoring chance of the year. Alex Trani, Kaitlin Bruno and Jennifer Casalino were fast at bringing the ball down field to allow William Horner and Brian Wells to take a few shots on goal.

What happened next? Horner scored!
It was reported that it took a good five minutes for the team and parents to calm down.

Roman Chiarello, Zachary Chieco and Louis Sofianakos fought hard on defense to keep the ball away from their goal. Kevin Curry, in the first half, and Ryan Kowalenko, in the second, were fast on their feet as goalies, snatching up a few that got through the defense.

Doral Financial, Cranford Sunoco are
both 9-2 in Clark Men's Softball League

Doral Financial and Cranford Sunoco are both 9-2 in Clark Men's Softball League competition.

The following are Clark Men's Softball League standings as of Sunday:

1. Doral Financial (9-2)
2. Cranford Sunoco (9-2)
3. Sutton Trucking (8-4)
4. Clark Circle Liquors (7-4)
5. Georges Catch 27 (7-4)
6. Premier Quality Electric (7-4)
7. Lanax (4-6)
8. Galluzzo Brothers Carting (3-6)
9. Wrays Diggers (2-8)
10. Cuts Fitness (2-9)
11. Breeze Eastern (1-9)

Alumni Hockey Game is
a wonderful event for all
Former ALJ players compete for a good cause

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

WEST ORANGE - A wonderful ending to a special evening.

That was the scenario for the Dayton High School Alumni Hockey game last Friday night as 2003 Dayton graduate Mike Rodrigues sent everyone home happy when he scored a power play goal with two seconds remaining to end the contest between the Bulldogs and former players from Brearley and Johnson high schools tied at 5-5.

"It didn't really go in, but everyone raised their hands and it counted because it was a charity game," Rodrigues said. "The shot on net was missed and it just came to me. I then tried to push it in."

The event at South Mountain Arena was made possible to help benefit The Healing Heart Foundation and the Jordan Lee Fish Foundation, two charitable organizations that raise money for scholarships and assist pediatric cancer patients and their families.

The foundations were formed in memory of David Nehmer, 12, and Jordan Fish, 14, of Springfield, who lost their battles with leukemia.

The Healing Heart Foundation has raised thousands of dollars to provide research to minimize the suffering of the patients and to enhance the quality of life for the terminally ill. The David Center at the Hackensack University Medical Center has led the fight to generate research data in hospitals throughout the country to ensure that pain management will become standard practice.

The Jordan Lee Fish Foundation has provided scholarships and grants to send pediatric cancer patients to summer camp and to provide for participation in dramatic arts and sports programs.

"Brett Berger told me about the event and he was able to get a lot of alumni here to come out and have a good time," Rodrigues said. "With so many people here, we had to raise a ton of money. Each player paid \$25 to participate and we had 30 players, so that's pretty good money right there."

In addition to the raffle for prizes, bake sales and other activities, photos and autographs taken with former New Jersey Devils players were available. All proceeds went to the two foundations.

Rodrigues, who helped lead Dayton to the 2003 Kelly Cup championship, started in goal and then played left wing.

"This was the first time I played goalie since that championship season," Rodrigues said. "However, I forgot my pants, so I had to go all the way home to get them and get back for the third period."

How fortunate for the Bulldogs as guest referee Bruce Driver, a member of the Devils' 1995 Stanley Cup championship team, called a penalty with six seconds remaining in the game.

On the ensuing faceoff, the puck was shot wide, but the rebound came right in front of Rodrigues, who was standing on the doorstep in front of opposing goaltender Anthony Chango, the current goaltending coach of Dayton.

The Bulldogs didn't waste any time getting the crowd of over 300 on its feet as Jared Cohen scored an unassisted goal just 49 seconds into the contest.

"It was just a one-timer," Cohen said. "Their goalie was screened and I just put it into the corner. I play with Chango, so I know his weakness."

However, the Brearley-Johnson team bounced back to score a pair of goals within a two-minute span to grab a lead of 2-1 with 7:23 remaining in the first period.

‘Drive, Chip and Putt’ event
gives kids chance to excel

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

KENILWORTH - The next Tiger Woods or Annika Sorenstam?

One never knows, considering the fine performances of the youngsters that competed in the Golf Channel's sixth annual "Drive, Chip and Putt Junior Challenge" last Thursday afternoon at Galloping Hill Golf Course.

The event, which was limited to the first 175 boys and girls ages 7 through 14, was co-sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

"The main point of the event is to promote the game," Stephen Horne, event manager and employee of the Golf Channel, said. "We wouldn't be able to do this without the wonderful sponsors that include the Mutual of Omaha and Nike Golf. They provide us with the free things that make this a free event."

In addition to promoting sportsmanship and giving youngsters an opportunity to compete, it also gives children a chance to come out and say that they had a great time.

"We want kids to learn a lot about the game and what it's all about," Horne said. "It's not all about the competition." Galloping Hill has been used as a site for the event in the past, having hosted it two years ago.

"The people here are great to work with and the course has a state park atmosphere to it," Horne said. "It's also a great location because it's near New York City."

One youngster that participated in the event two years ago, as well as this year, was 10-year-old David Wasserman of Springfield.

"I'm in a league at Galloping Hill and they sponsored this event two years ago," David's mother, Jackie Wasserman, said. "We were here then and it was a wonderful event for the kids."

Wasserman found out about this year's event when she went out to the course to start in her league.

"They had a brochure to sign up for the event at the course," Jackie Wasserman said. "It's a great opportunity for kids David's age playing the sport. It gives them a chance to decide if they want to play later on as an adult."

One similarity about Thursday's event and the one held two years ago was the weather. There was a fine mist and a slight wind.

"It also rained two years ago, but I enjoyed myself and had great fun," David Wasserman said. "I liked the driving part of the event."

Driving was the first station that the youngest boys and girls started at.

Groups were broken up in four sections, with 7-8 year olds starting at the driving range, 9-10 year olds at the photo station, 11-12 year olds at the putting station and 13-

The second goal came of a nice backhand as Johnson's Michael Sikoriak took a cross-ice pass from teammate Blaze Horling and flicked a shot into the lower left corner.

Dayton knotted the contest at 2-2 with 48 clicks left in the period, though, as Jeff Schultz connected on the power play off a pass from Jonathan Kovacs.

With 6:30 left in the second period, the Brearley-Johnson team took a 3-2 lead as Dan Brede scored an unassisted goal.

However, just 12 seconds later, Cohen notched his second goal of the game as he took a pass from Rodrigues and fired a 10-footer into the top right corner to tie it at 3-3.

"I just caught him (Chango) sleeping," Cohen said. "He was in his net, but I hit the same corner on him. I told him before the game that I was going to beat him for a couple of goals and I accomplished that."

With 4:20 left in the period, the Brearley-Johnson team had an excellent opportunity to break the deadlock when it had a two-on-one breakaway, but Bryan Eberenz's shot from just inside the crease was stopped by Chango.

The Brearley-Johnson team wouldn't be denied, though, as it scored with 1:35 remaining in the period to take a 4-3 advantage.

During the intermission that followed, participants attempted shots from center ice to win prizes, while off the ice, fans had the opportunity to have their picture taken with Driver or his former Devils defensive partners Ken Daneyko or Tommy Albtein.

Dayton, again, knotted the score early in the third period as Brian Berger tallied off a pass from brother Brett to make it 4-4 with 10:25 left in the contest.

The Brearley-Johnson squad tried to answer the score two minutes later when Jason Hassler broke free on a breakaway, but was stopped in front by Dayton netminder Brian Hollander.

With 4:14 remaining, Horling had a breakaway opportunity, but fell down in front of Hollander. Hassler gained control of the loose puck in front, but shot wide left on the open net.

The Brearley-Johnson squad wouldn't be denied though, as Eberenz banged in a shot from the point off a cross-ice pass from Josh Goldfarb with 1:53 left to make it 5-4.

The Brearley-Johnson team held on to that lead for the next 1:51 before Rodrigues ended it in a tie.

"I'm good friends with the members of both foundations," Cohen said. "It was really nice to be able to play in this event and be able to help out. It couldn't have ended any better."

However, it did, as members of both families greeted the players and everyone involved after the game and gave their thanks.

For their participation in the event, players were rewarded with a certificate.

Participants for the Dayton team included Brett Berger, Brian Berger, Jared Cohen, Eric Decter, Brian Hollander, Jeremy Kovacs, Jonathan Kovacs, Ross Kravetz, Pete Meiler, Andrzej Moczyslawski, Jared Preston, Mike Rodrigues, Matt Schachtel, Jeff Schultz, Josh Wolkoff and Brian Young.

The Brearley alumni consisted of Clay Boeninghaus, Dan Brede, Anthony Chango, Tim Kaulfers, Joe Penn and Craig Radizon.

Johnson alumni included Bryan Eberenz, Josh Goldfarb, Jason Hassler, Blaze Horling, Mike Nudo, Mike Robel and Michael Sikoriak.

14 year olds at the chipping station.

After completing a station, each group would then change and go onto another area until every station was completed.

The driving competition gave a participant two swings, with the best drive counting in the results.

"You get two drives and the best shot of the two is counted," Horne said.

The photo station was where participants had their picture taken and put in a frame, thus to remember the event.

Participants in the putting competition had to make a five-foot putt first, followed by a 15-footer.

"We count how many shots it takes on the two holes," Horne said. "The 15-foot putt is measured to cut down ties."

One such youngster that enjoyed pitch and putt was seven-year old Elizabeth resident Anthony Colletti Jr.

"My son enjoys golf, even though he doesn't get a chance to play a whole lot," Anthony Colletti Sr. said.

The elder Colletti, who is also the head boys' basketball coach at St. Mary's of Elizabeth, found out about the event when he and his son came here to play pitch and putt.

The last station was chipping, where participants had three shots to accumulate points based on a scoring grid.

A chip shot that goes into the hole was worth 10 points, while a shot knocked inside the first quadrant netted five points. The farther from the hole the smaller the point total as points ranged from four to one.

At the conclusion of the competition, a raffle for prizes was drawn for youngsters and their parents. Kids received DVDs of Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom, while parents won umbrellas. The grand prize was a DVD player. Horne then called up the overall winners of the competition.

The top five in each age group for each event were honored with a medal, while the top three participants overall received a plaque. Those top three participants will now partake in a region competition in Catskill, N.Y.

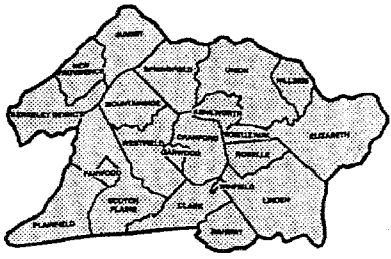
If a participant finishes as the the top scorer there, he or she will then be able to compete in the National Championships in Orlando, Fla.

"I golf here at Galloping Hill and wanted to get my sons a little more interested in the sport," Don Scorese, a Cranford resident, said. "They got their first set of clubs and started taking lessons this year."

Nicholas Scorese, 7, participated in the event, while his five-year old brother was too young to compete, but was on hand to watch.

"I'm hoping this event will spark their interest in golf," Scorese said.

"They already know the big names like Tiger Woods, so I feel like this is a sport on the rise for youngsters."



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Up the mountain

The contrast is eye opening and depressing. The state grapples with cuts in federal subsidies for housing assistance that will eliminate aid for 7,500 families under Department of Housing and Urban Development funding.

Walter McNeil, the ex-freeholder and current executive director of the Plainfield Housing Authority, puts the waiting list for housing at 650 in his city. He estimates the federal budget cuts over the past three years has cost his authority \$500,000.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

The old rule of thumb of a third of your income going for housing is out the door. Experts say the number can be as high as 49 percent.

Humphrey Bogart said in Casablanca "we all have our problems, I hope yours work out." It applies to the county's housing crunch.

The first-time home buyers feel the pinch. Even changing is the traditional posture of moving up to larger housing.

A gander at the housing market in Mountainside, famous for the lowest taxes in Union County, shows the hefty numbers caused by the unsatisfied demand and the low interest rates.

Last week you could have gotten a "steal" on Summit Lane in the borough for a mere \$569,000. If you wanted to go "up the mountain" as one observer put it, for \$669,000, a house on Ravens Wood Drive would be yours.

For those who depend on subsidized housing, the problem is more acute. The state wrestles with the need for \$40 million to make up the shortfall in federal cuts.

The state voucher program, which would be modeled after the federal program, would provide monthly rental subsidies of up to \$700 to the needy.

The County of Union has tried to fill a portion of the void. The county Down Payment Assistance Program provides a \$15,000 grant for eligible residents toward down payment and closing costs.

The Multi-Jurisdictional Housing program provides funds for the structural repairs and replacement of substandard heating and electrical system.

Arnold Cohen is policy coordinator for the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey. He estimates the problem will continue to worsen in our state where housing prices continue to outpace the cost of living.

Most experts believe the continued rise in interest rates will cool the buying demand. Even new development faces the competition of the "active adult" boom.

The one-bedroom home for those age 55 and older has the added advantage of the warm acceptance of officials who see no need for new schools and little demand on police and other services.

The state Department of Community Affairs estimates the number of age-restricted communities have doubled since 1998.

Housing is so central to our lifestyles. On Sunday at 1:30 p.m. the line was six deep in aisle 11 at the Home Depot on Route 1 in Linden. Those with their castle continue to sink big bucks into improvements.

The rise in the local property tax and shortage of low and moderate housing opportunities continue.

It makes you wonder how minorities, young families and those believing in the American Dream are ever going to claw their way up the economic mountain.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

Hard work pays off

Cadets graduate Police Academy

By Anna Kreyman
Staff Writer

Where does a 10-mile run, an obstacle course, a shooting range, court room instruction and driving a car with flashing lights happen all in a day's work? The John H. Stamler Police Academy.

Union County cadets endured the academy's curriculum for 20 weeks, saying "yes sir, yes sir," but their pain and suffering took them a long way — all the way to becoming full blown officers at a graduation ceremony at the Union County Arts Center on June 9.

That evening the only newly formed police officer speaking was president of the class, Robert R. Jones.

"Today, we begin a new journey as members of the free world — law enforcement officers, a group that truly represents the town and state," he said.

"We became part of a tradition, which is no simple task. We have a unique and special relationship with the citizens of this country and that was shown during 9-11. An event that not only took away lives but also took away a feeling of security. Few can understand the task we undertake as we put on that uniform. We are about to play a crucial role in protecting New Jersey — let's be safe out there!"

Many of the graduates not only suffered but also excelled the academy's curriculum.

President of the Union County Police Chiefs Association, Warren Wielgus of Roselle Park, presented

Robert Ellis with the Academic Achievement Award. Ellis scored top in his class with a 97.3 class average.

Detective Lt. Frank Brunelle pointed out that this year's class had the highest average score in 30 years for firearms.

Chief Anthony Parenti presented cadet Charles Kling of the Clifton Police Department with the best shooter award and Jones with most improved shooter.

Parenti indicated that Police Officer Anthony Lordi Award is an honor in the memory of an officer fallen by his own revolver during a robbery. He presented Ellis with that award.

"You can improve your minds but don't let your bodies go," Edward Hanewald of the Union County sheriff's Office said. "You know where to find me at 5 a.m."

The recruit that was great at all of the exercises was James Kompany of

the Roselle Park Police Department, said Hanewald.

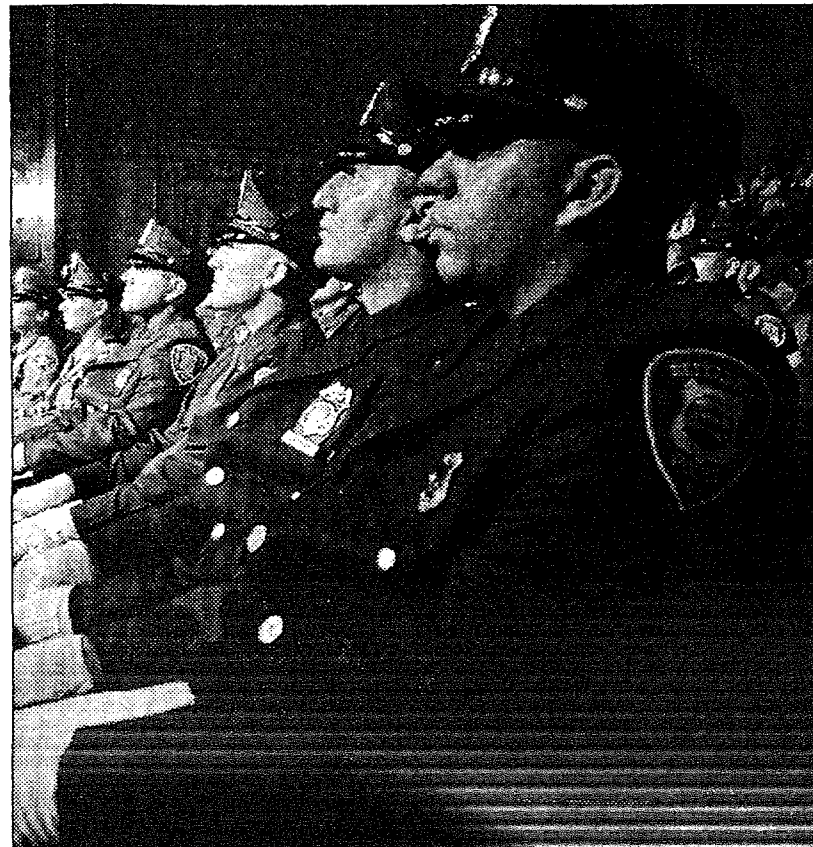
"It's an honor to win anything," James Kompany said. "It was a long, hard road. The award is the icing on the cake. I am happy to be working for Roselle Park. The academy was an experience and it took time to get into the protocol."

Kompany added that becoming an officer was "always in the back of my mind because my dad is an officer."

"I worked in corporate for a while," he said. "Finally, I just took a step forward to law enforcement because it is where my heart is. I wanted it for a long time and the award is

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— James Kompany



Photos By Joseph A. Sorrentino
New Elizabeth police officer Alexander Branco listens to the speakers during the police academy's graduation ceremony last week.

something I take a lot of pride in. It is a great honor and I am glad that the instructor saw me in that light. I have a lot to learn on the 'street experience.' I want to progress and make a difference."

The most dedicated award went to Charles Miller of the Old Bridge Police Department.

President of the 200 Club John J. Dugan Jr. presented the 200 Club Award and said that the club was born in 1968 and it houses groups that honor police officers and firefighters for their work.

"This group is always there for any officer at any time and any place," he added.

Ellis received this award for attaining the highest score in final written exam.

Parenti presented David Hancock

of the Prosecutor's Office with the service award.

"After 30 years of service, I have shared my knowledge of law with the Prosecutor's Office to help them make difficult decisions in stressful times," Hancock said.

Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow administered the oath and congratulated the graduates.

"You are the only thing that stands between me, the public and the bad guys," he said.

Union County Lt. Robert A. Jones expressed great pride and happiness for his son, Robert R. Jones.

"I was especially proud that he did so well and was voted president," he said. "Having been in this business for 30 years and seeing your son graduate, it is an honor. All the grads are nice kids and they will be great cops. I know my son will accept the responsibility but I worry about him even though I know he will be great."

Robert R. Jones will be working for the New York New Jersey Waterfront Commission.

"I oversee crimes that happen on the waterfront," he said. "Stuff like narcotics and terrorism. It was created in 1968 to combat organized crime."

He is very happy, proud and relieved to have accomplished the 20-week course in the academy.

"The academy was great; a lot of us will miss it but nothing was given on a silver platter," he said. "I pushed myself to become the best recruit and now I am pushing myself to be the best police officer. I hope to accomplish and move up in the ranks."

Robert R. Jones said that after high school he joined the Coast Guard during Desert Storm.

"I am a person who likes to do for others," he said. "That's why I am so excited to serve as police officer. The academy was tough but the instructors were fair and we reached a point of physical fitness that we never thought possible. The instructors really have the curriculum down to a science."

PBA settles new deal

By Anna Kreyman
Staff Writer

Corrections officers will no longer receive extra dollars for holidays as part of a new settlement between Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 199A and Union County.

For many years, corrections officers have been receiving time-and-a-half pay for being on duty during holidays but as of last month, this is no longer the case.

"It works out for both sides," Director of Labor Management Relations Joseph Salemmme said. "It helps their pension because it gets higher for every holiday worked."

As part of this agreement, a captain's salary is increased 3.5 percent on the condition that the captain is on an annual, 24-hour-per-day, on-call assignment. If the on-call duty is eliminated, the salary will be reduced by 3.5 percent.

A captain's yearly salary with the increase is now \$102,500, Salemmme said.

He added that correction officers starting their service with the county will be entitled to a \$1,365 stipend added to their base salary per year. Also, lieutenants serving as shift commanders will receive \$15 per shift stipend.

According to county officials, this year's contract involves an increase of \$25 for uniforms as part of the first three year's of the agreement. An officer promoted to lieutenant will receive a one-time, additional \$200 to purchase new shirts.

Any employee not participating in the health benefit program will receive an extra \$2,500 to their base salary in 26 installments over the next year. This option will cease if the county becomes self-insured.

The terms of the new three-year agreement are effective until Dec. 31.

"This contract is pretty cut and dry with only a few changes to the previous one," Salemmme said. "We believe that this is a fair contract for both sides."

PBA Local 199, which represents rank-and-file corrections officers, negotiated to include an extra level of health insurance contributions for employees earning less than \$65,000. Such employees will pay \$10 per month toward their health benefit plan. Local 199A, representing 35 superior officers, continues to have \$25 per month for employees earning less than \$75,000 and \$40 for those earning more.

"We chose to accept the package that the county offered because we were in a bad position to bargain," PBA 199A President Jim Ranoldo said.

"Once the majority accepts to pay co-payments it is hard to oppose. We are looking forward to negotiating the next contract but hopefully not waiting another four years like we just did."



The newest graduates of the John H. Stamler Police Academy file out of the Union County Arts Center after graduation ceremonies last week.

Crisis center marks 20th anniversary

By Anna Kreyman
Staff Writer

This month marks 20 years that "we are celebrating the lives of the people in this center," Union County's Rape Crisis Administrator Jennifer Pruden said.

The Rape Crisis Center was born in 1984 to help sexual assault victims combat their pain and suffering. The center's program is connected to the Division of Planning in the Union County Department of Human Services.

This is a comprehensive rape center offering services such as individual and group counseling; crisis intervention; a 24-hour hotline and emergency response; advocacy and accompaniment at hospitals; training for volunteers; community education programs and much more.

"It is so exciting how various groups are working with us," Pruden said. "We are trying to educate and help people as well as the county, deal with this issue."

Pruden added that over the last 20 years the center has assisted about

3,600 survivors and their families.

"Through public education we have reached over 20,000 kids and people in the community for over 20 years," she said. "About 300 rape survivors wanted us to be present during all of the medical procedures."

The state requires rape victims to be investigated by law enforcement, a sexual assault nurse and a rape crisis advocate.

"A sexual response team is necessary because a rape survivor goes through a great deal of emotional trauma," Pruden said.

Pruden added that through the efforts of Team Assistant Prosecutor John Esmerado, "Everyone came to the table."

"Some years ago, there were many problems with rape investigations because the process took too long," Esmerado said. "We looked for a more collaborative team approach to rape investigation."

The collaborative approach is called Sexual Assault Rescue Team.

"SART reduces the number of times that a victim needs to tell the



At a dinner marking the 20th anniversary of the Union County Rape Crisis Center are, from left, Director of Human Services Frank Guzzo, state Attorney General Peter Harvey, Administrator Jennifer Pruden, Union County Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada and Union County Chief of Police Daniel Vaniska.

account," Esmerado said. "This system started in Minnesota and now it is national."

He indicated that nationally only 1

percent of rape victims are reported.

"It is important for a society to show rape victims that they need to be strong and come forward," Esmerado

said. "Rape victims need to know that this resource exists and that it provides a confidential environment. There is

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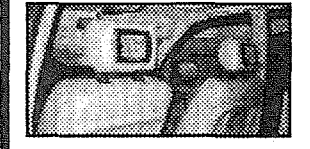
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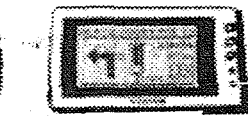
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Author combines profession, passion

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Michael J. Yesenko of Union, a teacher by profession and an historian by heart, has recently written and published his third book, "Washington's Campaign of 1778."

Yesenko, who came by the other day to discuss the book, admitted that he didn't mind the "years and years of research that went into this" and his other two books. He loves traveling to places to obtain his information, and he actually feels a special kinship with George Washington.

"I've been doing over 20 years of research, reading documents, going over Washington's letters to generals, political leaders," Yesenko said. "That's what makes him so interesting. His letters were particularly moving, especially those to his brother during the Battle of Monmouth."

Originally, the three books, "Brigadier General William Maxwell and the New Jersey Brigade During the American Revolutionary War," which was published in 1996; "General George Washington's Campaigns of 1775, 1776 and 1777," which was published in 1999; and his current "Washington's Campaign of 1778," were to be one book.

"I thought I'd write one book 10 years ago when I retired," Yesenko said. "However, I was so overwhelmed with material, so interesting and so fantastic, it was all too voluminous to experience. So, I cut it down to three smaller books."

He explained that "I am working on 1779 and 1780, and 1780 will be the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Connecticut Farms in Union next year. I want to have it ready for 2005. It will also be a story of what the people in the town of Union feel about the American Revolutionary War."

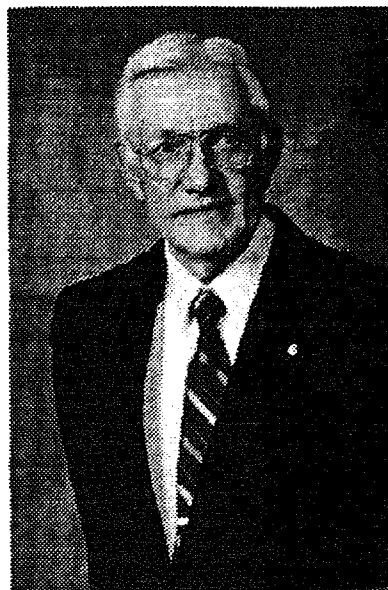
"This present book took me two years to write, and you can find it in the libraries of Kean University, Seton Hall University and Rutgers

University in New Brunswick, in the Alexander Library. The graphics in the book are well over 25 years old," he said. "Some were printed in 1947. The one of William Livingston was done by Carl Prince. He did a booklet for the New Jersey Historical Commission of William Livingston, the first governor of New Jersey."

Yesenko reminded, "You know, on Monday, June 7, Unionites celebrated Hannah Caldwell Day. Fifty students from the Livingston Elementary School in Union visited the Caldwell Parsonage. In front of the house at 909 Caldwell Ave., which is now a historical site, is a state monument built in 1905. It is about four feet tall and two and a half feet wide. The children visiting the parsonage learned the history of James and Hannah Caldwell. She was shot and killed by the British soldiers; her husband, too, was shot. Their home was plundered and burned to the ground on June 7, 1780. And," he said excitedly, "it all happened here. Caldwell was a local person who fought for independence. He was an assistant commissioner in the Continental Army."

Yesenko served in the United States Army of Occupation in Japan from 1946 to 1948. He graduated from Rutgers University's Newark College of Arts and Sciences, where he received a bachelor's degree in social sciences in 1952, Seton Hall University's School of Education, where he received a master's degree in secondary education in 1954, and Yesenko received certification for supervising instruction. He was a social studies teacher, department chairman and supervisor of social studies for grades 6 through 12 at Union High School from 1953 to 1993. Yesenko also has served as president of the Union Township and Union County historical societies.

"My market for this and the other books is basically the national historical parks. And the one in Morristown is selling my books. I sent my book to



Michael Yesenko

Valley Forge in Pennsylvania. After reading the book, they called me and asked me 'What else do you have?' 'I have a book on General Maxwell that's about Valley Forge.' Now, they're selling my books and Brandywine Battle Field, also a national park, is now selling my books." Yesenko smiled. "They recognize the importance of these books. Everything is documented. I have direct quotes from the generals. These are truly historical books."

Yesenko admitted he just loves history. "I'd been teaching history at Union High School for many years. My students studied and learned all about local history. They certainly knew about the history of the Continental Army."

Yesenko plans to complete his series with his next book. "I will finish with 1783 when Washington resigned his commission. Then," he said, "after that, I'm not sure. Union Township was founded in 1808. In 2008, we're going to celebrate the incorporation of the township of Union. We had some great families here. The Potter family, the Crane family, the Lum family, the Livingston and Kean families, and so forth."

"I will have written about five books. At least, that what I hope to do. I also enjoy traveling and playing golf and fishing. They are all fascinating hobbies."

Book makes 'history come alive'

On the Shelf

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

There is much more than the historical aspect of Michael R. Yesenko's latest book, "Washington's Campaign of 1778."

Thanks to his intricate research and intense interest in George Washington, the man, himself, Yesenko has actually brought Washington to life by publishing the personal and professional letters, even secret documents that Washington wrote during the American Revolution in the struggle to free America and gain independence from Great Britain.

Yesenko, a retired social studies teacher at Union High School and former president of the Union Township and Union County historical societies, has written three books on the American Revolution and published them all himself through his company, M R Y Publishing. They are "Brigadier General William Maxwell and the New Jersey Brigade During the American Revolutionary War," published in 1996; "General Washington's Campaigns of 1775, 1776 and 1777," published in 1999; and the current "Washington's Campaign of 1778," produced this year.

Yesenko has a way of making history come alive. The reading is easy to absorb, and one finds a personal and intimate interest, particularly when reading Washington's personal letters. This book is a treasure to historians and non-historians alike.

It begins on Jan. 4, 1778, with the major events of the general's campaign and ends Dec. 27, when Washington and the Continental Army at Valley Forge, Pa., following the British and Hessian troops from Pennsylvania through New Jersey, ending in the Battle of Monmouth Court House. Actually, it was during

the Battle of Monmouth that William Hayes' wife, Molly Hayes, carried water to the troops in the heat of the summer, and the men named her "Molly Pitcher." When her husband was killed while manning a cannon, she took his place in the war.

The fact that not many Americans, whether or not they are historically minded, know of the many challenges that Washington and his staff and armies faced during the year 1778. Yesenko, in intrinsic detail, offers a day by day diary-type report on his struggle, when he appealed to the Continental Congress for men, material and money to retain a Continental Army of 10,000 to 18,000 men.

Reading this book can be a thrilling experience, because a reader can also learn what George Washington was all about through his own words and thoughts and dreams. One feels very nearly a part of his trials and tribulations, in Valley Forge, when his armies clashed with the British in New Jersey, the arrival and assistance of the French fleet, the defensive measures and his headquarters in Middle Brook.

One of his most significant accomplishments was his proposal of 80 battalions of 40,320 men, each battalion containing 576 soldiers, a brigadier general who would command four regiments called a brigade. He said that 20 brigadier generals

were needed and the monthly pay for a colonel commandant would be \$75 a month and for a private, \$6.67 a month. Yesenko highlights the foreign policies of 1778, enlisting the services of Baron Friedrich von Steuben, formerly of the German Army, to train the troops. He also signed an agreement with the French fleet and soldiers to fight with the Continentals. The book is especially important to historians and students because 1778 was a critical time in America. A new Continental Army had been established at Valley Forge. Von Steuben's military instructions were excellent. Also urgent for success was Sir Henry Clinton replacing Sir William Howe as commander in chief of British and Hessian forces in North America. When Clinton ordered the British Army to leave Philadelphia and march across New Jersey to Sandy Hook, Washington planned to attack his army at Monmouth Court House, and as a result, according to Washington's letter to his brother, John Augustine, the British lost 2,000 men. Washington had made his headquarters at the Wallace House in Middle Brook, now Somerville, for the winter.

The book also contains 30 rare illustrations including maps.

After reading this book — which, incidentally, is in libraries and book stores, and can be purchased by contacting Yesenko in Union — if a person is not already a historian, one can easily become one. And one can truly show gratitude to the author for so much important and intelligent information on the general, who became the first president of the United States. It's a book that this reviewer would be proud to add to and have on the shelf of her numerous books.

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

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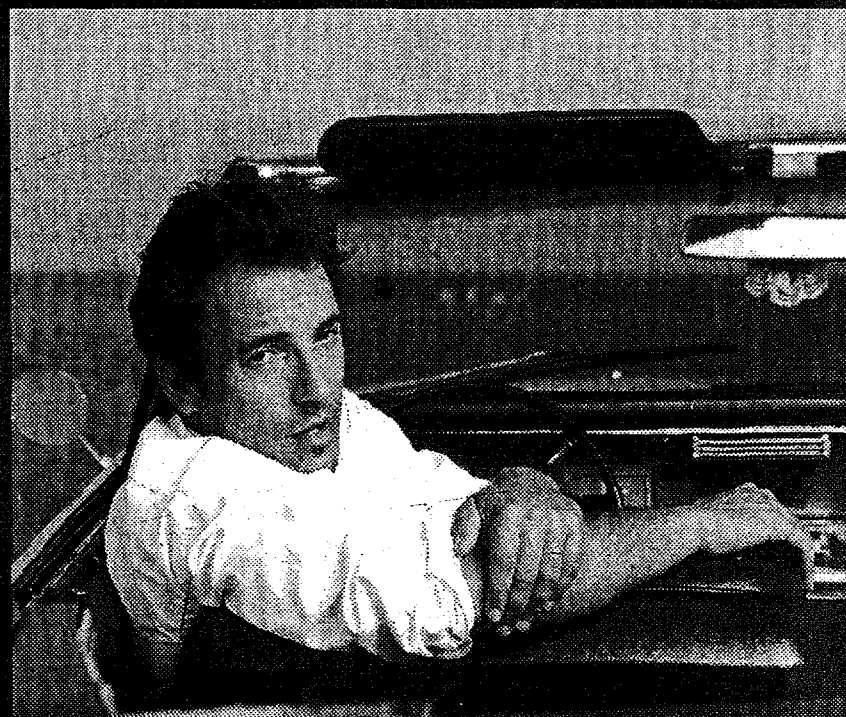
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What's Going On?

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SUNDAY
JUNE 20th, 2004
EVENT: Outdoor Flea Market
PLACE: Frank Vincent Marina, Kearny, New Jersey (Grassy Side)
TIME: 9am-5pm
DETAILS: New merchandise, crafts, collectibles and a garage/tag sale section!
ORGANIZATION: Sponsor by Kearny Recreation
CONTACT: For Information Call: 201-997-9535.

OTHER
SATURDAY
JUNE 19th, 2004
Next dates: 7/24;8/28;9/18;10/23;11/27
EVENT: "Everything" Monthly Collectible Show
PLACE: Elks Lodge, 200 Rte 17 North, Paramus, NJ behind Sports World, just past JR Cigars
TIME: 10AM-4PM
DETAILS: Featuring old dolls and toys, Life Magazines, movie memorabilia, old train accessories, slot machines, antique video games, records, sports collectibles, Star Wars and Star Trek figurines, Barbie's, books, Disney, Lenox and Lladro collectibles, coins, trucks, Hallmark Collectibles, vintage glass and pottery, antiques and more! For info 973-995-9535
ORGANIZATION: Sponsor by: Nicole Fund

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HOROSCOPES

June 21-27

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The emphasis is on home and family this week. Set the stage for a creative adventure that allows you to spend quality time with your loved ones.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your thoughts are unique and exciting and should be shared with a variety of friends and associates. Present a unique idea with confidence and flair.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Be careful to avoid letting money be your master. Draw the line and make a decision about what you are willing to do in order to get paid.
CANCER (June 22-July 22): There may be moments when you will feel like striking out to conquer the world. Put your fears and doubts aside and go for it.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Avoid impulsive or erratic behavior that could damage an important relationship. Let patience and understanding be your guides.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stop and realize you are not alone when facing a gnawing dilemma. Call on your colleagues or friends to help you get through it.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Focus your attention on career matters this week. Gather all your energy and make an all-out attempt to attain a very challenging professional goal.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Studying different philosophies or religions will reveal a lot of interesting information. Discuss your findings or questions with a teacher or minister.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Deal with your own power or control issues and learn to trust the people on your team. Honest communication is the key to group success.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Lively and informative conversations with a partner or mate bring you closer together in mind and spirit. Pay attention and connect in the moment.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): When duty calls, do not hesitate to roll up

your sleeves and dive in. Be willing to handle the most intricate and important details personally.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): It takes time to come to terms with a social or romantic dilemma. Be gentle with yourself as you strive for clarity and understanding.

If your birthday is this week, be on the lookout during the coming year for disruptive or sudden changes in your personal plans. Up to this point you have worked so hard to build something substantial it would be a shame to see it unexpectedly go up in smoke. Stay the course and expect a substantial amount of support and success. Do not overlook an opportunity to expand your mental boundaries.

Also born this week: Abner Doubleday, George Orwell, Ambrose Bierce, Alfred Kinsey, Meryl Streep, and Prince William of England.

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COUNTY NEWS

Pools open this month

Union County's two public swimming pools will soon open for the summer.

The Walter E. Ulrich Pool in Rahway River Park, off St. Georges Avenue in Rahway, will be open from Saturday through Labor Day, Sept. 6.

The John Russell Wheeler Pool in Wheeler Park, at Stiles Street and Routes 1&9 South in Linden, will be open from June 26 through Aug. 27.

Group swimming lessons for all ages, including adults, are available at Ulrich Pool. The first session will begin on June 28; the second session will begin July 19. Each lesson meets for 30 minutes, Monday through Thursday for 3 weeks.

The cost is \$60 per session. Pre-registration is required, and applications can be obtained at either pool office.

Special open swimming sessions for senior citizens and for people with disabilities are also held, free of charge, at Ulrich Pool, on Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m. and at Wheeler Pool on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Pool hours for public swimming sessions are as follows:

Walter E. Ulrich Pool: Monday and Wednesday, 1 to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 1 to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

John Russell Wheeler Pool: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Daily admission fees for Union County residents are \$3 for youths age 17 and younger; \$4 for adults ages 18 and older. Non-Union County resident admission fees are \$6 for youths and \$8 for adults. Proof of residency is required at the time of admission.

Senior outreach service

The Union County Division on Aging in the Department of Human Services will bring its outreach services program for senior citizens to two locations in Elizabeth during June. The outreach services program offers senior citizens information and help with applications for a variety of important government assistance programs.

The Union County freeholders encourages elderly, isolated individuals from throughout the county who meet eligibility requirements to apply for vital services through the outreach program. These services can supplement the basic needs of the isolated elderly and sustain or improve their lives.

Bilingual staff members will be available to assist the senior citizens at all locations.

The outreach services program will visit the following location:

• Elizabeth, Friday, 1 to 3 p.m., the Twin City Supermarket, 1016 Sherman Ave., 908-558-1166.

Union County representatives will be available to help residents complete the necessary applications for a number of programs, including gas and electric support, pharmaceutical assistance, and home energy assistance. There will also be screening for Supplemental Security Income eligibility, and information about the Senior Health Insurance Program.

For more information on the outreach services program and other programs offered by the Union County Division on Aging, call the division's toll-free number: 1-888-280-8226.

Volunteers sought

Make a difference in your community by donating your time for important work. The courts are actively recruiting volunteers for various programs involving juvenile offenders, children and families in crisis, and courthouse operations. Opportunities are available countywide.

Comprehensive training provided. Bilingual applicants are especially encouraged to apply.

For more information, contact Eric Chait, volunteer coordinator, Office of the Court Administrator, 2 Broad St., 15th Floor, Elizabeth, 07207; call 908-965-2688 or e-mail to eric.chait@judiciary.state.nj.us.

Annual White Sale

Whether you went to the store for the annual White Sale or a bedding promotion, The Volunteer Guild of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County will be the place to be on June 24 in the multi-purpose room of the facility, 40 Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The vendor, H.A.S. Sheet Sales, will feature better quality pillowcases and percale sheets with thread counts of 180, 200, 250, 300 and 400.

H.A.S. carries a full line of pillow cases, sheets, pillows, mattress pads and pillow covers. Selections include designer, flannel, eyelet lace and juvenile patterns.

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 Runnells Specialized Hospital are always interested in recruiting volunteers.

Flexible hours and a variety of opportunities exist with resident contact as well as performing other tasks. Anyone who would like more information should call the Office of Volunteer Services at 908-771-5847.

YWCA seeks volunteers

The YWCA of Eastern Union County, 1131 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth, is seeking volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, call Lynn at 908-355-1500, ext. 18.

Rader elected president

Andrew Rader of Randolph has been elected president of the Union County Chapter of the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants for a one-year term beginning June 1.

Rader, a partner at Summit CPA Group LLC in Summit, joined the NJSCPA in 1983. In the Union County chapter, he has served as vice president, treasurer, secretary and director. Rader also served on the NJSCPA Cooperation with IRS, Scholarship

Awards, Cooperation with Bankers and State Taxation committees. Rader was a 1975 recipient of an NJSCPA Scholarship Award.

He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Rader earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Boston University and a master's in taxation from Seton Hall University. He and his wife, Sharon, have two children.

The New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants represents more than 14,000 CPAs in business, industry, public practice, government and education. Through vision, value and leadership, CPAs help organizations prosper and contribute to the economic well being of New Jersey and its citizens.

Watershed program

Sixth-grade school teachers and local community groups are encouraged by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders to register for a free, 45-minute, in-house science presentation that relates watershed and environmental concepts in a fun and meaningful way.

"A watershed is a specific land area that drains into a river system or other body of water," Freeholder Daniel Sullivan said. "Since 1999, these interactive watershed presentations have been receiving positive reviews from students and teachers alike. The students love participating in a whole period of interesting hands-on material that includes the use of a three-dimensional land use model."

Teachers, students and community members will discover how human behavior can impact the land and

water around them. Most importantly, the program offers easy, practical solutions that everyone can implement to reduce non-point source pollution and improve water quality.

The average person can help by eliminating or minimizing the use of pesticides on lawns, picking up pet waste, and not feeding geese.

The watershed presentations are offered by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders in conjunction with the state Department of Environmental Protection and the AmeriCorps Watershed Program.

To schedule a presentation of a school or meeting or for more information about your watershed, call 908-527-4032 and ask for the "Watershed Presentation."

Election dates brochure

A pamphlet outlining all of the important 2004 election dates, candidate petition filing deadlines, absentee ballot deadlines, and campaign-finance report deadlines is now available at public libraries, the Union County Clerk's offices in Elizabeth and Westfield, and municipal clerk offices throughout the county. The pamphlet also includes a detachable absentee ballot application.

This pamphlet lists the key election dates and other information essential for voters and prospective candidates for elective office. With the absentee ballot application, registered voters who are unable to make it to the polls on any Election Day can apply to receive absentee election ballots at their homes.

The County Clerk's office can be reached at 908-527-4360.

Center celebrates 20th anniversary

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no way to explore the wealth of feelings without confidentiality."

The center's services are obtained via state grants, the Division on Women, Office of Victim Advocacy and groups that donate money like little leagues, churches, etc.

"We also have a very dedicated group of volunteers who work with survivors," Pruden said. "The volunteers do a lot of things that we are too busy to do."

Volunteers are given two months of training before they are allowed to work.

Pruden indicated that training consists of preparation for speaking with rape victims and their families.

"The training is geared to preparing volunteers to speak with survivors in issues like incest, drug-facilitated rape, domestic violence and post traumatic stress," she added. "Our center offers support to victims and a volunteer needs to recognize in which stage

the victim is in. It does not mean that the incident happened now it could have been re-triggered by something. Basically, we want our volunteers to be aware of feelings that people experience."

Pruden added that the volunteers go through an intensive training and then intensive work.

The center has expanded to offer crisis intervention, counseling and consultation to professionals and education to the public as well as a curriculum targeting high school students on acquaintance rape.

"No group can do all of this alone," Pruden said. "We are thankful to many for the help. It is challenging and I have seen the center grow from the beginning. We owe all of our accomplishments to the staff and the volunteers who are the cream of the crop."

For information on the first phase of volunteer training, visit www.njcasa.org or call Pruden at 908-233-7273.

Public hearing on state plan Monday at Kean

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will host a public meeting with the New Jersey State Planning Commission at Kean University on Monday at 7 p.m. The meeting will focus on "Cross-Acceptance," the public process for updating the State Development and Redevelopment Plan, generally known as the State Plan.

"This meeting will provide residents; state, local, and county officials, and all other interested parties an opportunity to comment on and discuss changes to the State Plan," said Freeholder Lewis Mingo Jr., chairman of the Union County Economic Development Committee.

"Through this public process, Union County ensures that residents and officials from each of our 21 municipalities can have input into the creation of an updated State Plan that makes sense for all of New Jersey."

The public meeting on Monday will be held in Kean Hall, at the west end of the Kean University campus, 1000 Morris Ave., Union.

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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.

RIVERSCAPE: "A Mosaic of Motion and Change," featuring the works of visually impaired artists through VSA Arts of New Jersey, will be on exhibit in the James Howe Gallery at Kean University in Union through today.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays, 4 to 7 p.m. Kean University is located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call 973-745-3885, or 732-745-3913 for TTY users; send e-mail to info@vsanj.org, or visit the Web site at www.vsanj.org.

FORMS & INCIDENTS OF NATURE, multi-media works by Marjorie McConnell, will be on exhibit at the Les Malamut Art Gallery in Union Public Library through Tuesday.

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

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS, #2, the works of Frank Zuccarelli, will be on exhibit at Swain Galleries in Plainfield through June 30.

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.

MEMBERS' SHOW AND SALE will be presented at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through July 11.

NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, including gallery hours, call 908-273-9121 or visit www.njcva.org.

THE LITERATURE OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION will be on exhibit through July 16 at the Westfield Memorial Library.

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 through July 27.

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.

RACHEL FAILLACE: SUB.URBAN will be on exhibit at the Pearl Street Gallery through July 30.

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, NJ Relay users dial 711, or send inquiries via e-mail to culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mountainside will exhibit the works of Virginia Cranwell, Svetlana Aniskina, and Elissa Merkl throughout the months of June and July. CHS is

located on New Providence Road in Mountainside.

EAST AND WEST, photographs and paintings by Laurie Sansone, will be on exhibit at the Les Malamut Art Gallery in the Union Public Library from June 24 to Sept. 8. An opening reception will take place June 24 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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

AUDITIONS

MYSTIC VISION PLAYERS of Linden is seeking a tenor who moves well: play the part of Al in "A Chorus Line." Auditions are by appointment. Show dates are July 24 to 31. For information, call director Jill Leonard at 201-337-6513 or send inquiries via e-mail to jil2001@optonline.net.

BOOKS

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR MARY ANN HOBERMAN will appear today at 11 a.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

AUTHOR CHRIS STYLER will appear Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark to sign copies of his new book, "Mom's Secret Recipe File," a collection of recipes from the mothers of famous chefs. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

AUTHOR JOHN J. CONNOLLY M.D. will appear Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield to sign copies of his new books, "Top Doctors: New York Metro Area," "America's Cosmetic Doctors and Dentists," and "America's Top Doctors." Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN BOOK GROUP will meet at Barnes and Noble of Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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.

Saturday: Zoë Lewis, Westfield
Westfield concerts are presented at the First United Methodist Church, 1 E. Broad St., Westfield; Springfield concerts are presented at Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, Springfield. Tickets are \$12 and include refreshments. For information, call 908-232-8723 or visit the Web site at www.coffeewithconscience.com.

"MUSIC OF MIDTOWN" CONCERT SERIES will be sponsored by the Elizabeth Development Company through Sept. 2.

Today: Hip-hop and rap with Same-sun Louis and C Blast Entertainment, Da Coolman, and Phoenix; with DJ Fauzi Raouf

June 24: World music with the Vince Ector Trio and Grupo Yuri; with DJ Mike

July 1: Latin, Salsa and Merengue with David Cedeno and His Orchestra; with DJ Rob of Colorblind Productions

July 8: Blues and classic soul with Michael Hill and His Blues Ensemble, and the E City Band; with DJ Mike

July 15: Rock with the Magic Hat Rock Band; with DJ Fauzi Raouf

July 22: Soul with Nick Rolfe and Slick City Band; with DJ Fauzi Raouf

July 29: Caribbean/Island music with C Blast Entertainment, and Verdict

Aug. 5: Music from the '50s and '60s with the Willie Lynch Irish-American Show Band; with DJ Win Ballou

Aug. 12: Plena, Salsa, Merengue and more with Trio Crystal and La Creacion; with DJ Rob of Colorblind Productions

Aug. 19: Jazz with TK Blue and Bradford Hayes; with DJ Mike

Aug. 26: Latin jazz and the music of Santana with Yarden's Ensemble and Nerd's Evil Ways Band; with DJ Rob of Colorblind Productions

Sept. 2: Back-to-school with Salsa and more with Bonanno; with DJ Rob of Colorblind Productions

Concerts are Thursdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Midtown Train Station, West Grand Street, Elizabeth.

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

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 STARLITE CHORALE will appear in concert June 25 at 8 p.m. and June 27 at 4:30 p.m. at Osceola Presbyterian Church, 1689 Raritan Road, Clark. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens, and free for children. For information, call 973-667-9575.

DANCE

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

DISCUSSION

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

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

FILM

FAMILY FLIX will be sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders from July 6 to Aug. 17 at various parks in the county.

July 6: "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial," Warinanco Park

July 20: "Stuart Little," Warinanco Park

Aug. 3: "Casablanca," Echo Lake Park

Aug. 17: "The Wizard of Oz," Echo Lake Park

Films begin at 9 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Warinanco Park is located on St. Georges Avenue in Elizabeth; Echo Lake Park is located in

Mountainside between Mountain and Springfield avenues. For information, call 908-352-8410.

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

HOBBIES

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

SINGLES

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

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

SOCIAL SINGLES DANCING, for 45-year-olds and older, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Yankee Buffet Grand Ballroom, 2660 Morris Ave., Union. Admission is \$7. For information, call 908-688-8816.

THEATER

KEAN UNIVERSITY in Union will present "Corpus Christi" by Terrence McNally through Saturday in the Murphy-Dunn Theater in the Vaughan-Eames Building on the Union campus. Shows are 8 p.m. on Friday, 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$7 for students and senior citizens. Kean University is located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call 908-737-4420.

THE SHAKESPEARE THEATRE OF NEW JERSEY will present "Love's Labour's Lost" through June 27 at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre on the campus of Drew University in Madison.

Shows are Tuesdays to Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 7 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinees Saturdays and Sundays.

For information, call 973-408-5600 or visit www.ShakespeareNJ.org.

THE THEATER PROJECT at Union County College in Cranford will present "Top Girls" by Caryl Churchill from today through July 3 in the Roy Smith Theater. Shows are Thursdays to Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$18 Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, \$10 on Thursdays; students pay \$10 at all performances, and senior citizens pay \$10 on "Senior Sunday," June 20. UCC is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-659-5189.

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE in Millburn will present "Guys & Dolls" by Frank Loesser through July 18.

WORRALL NEWSPAPERS

Evening shows are Wednesdays to Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 7:30 p.m.; matinees are Thursdays and Sundays at 2 p.m., Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 to \$67.

Special performances are the Conversation Series, Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the mezzanine, through July 1; audio-described performances, with a sensory seminar 90 minutes prior to curtain, July 1 at 2 p.m., July 3 at 2:30 p.m., and July 11 at 7:30 p.m.; and sign-interpreted/open-caption performances July 9 at 8 p.m. and July 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Paper Mill Playhouse is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information, call 973-376-4343, or visit www.PaperMill.org. For group rates, call 973-379-3636, ext. 2438.

VARIETY

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.

CROSSROADS, 78 North Ave., Garwood, presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts, as well as football-themed nights.

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

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

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: Fa-Fusion
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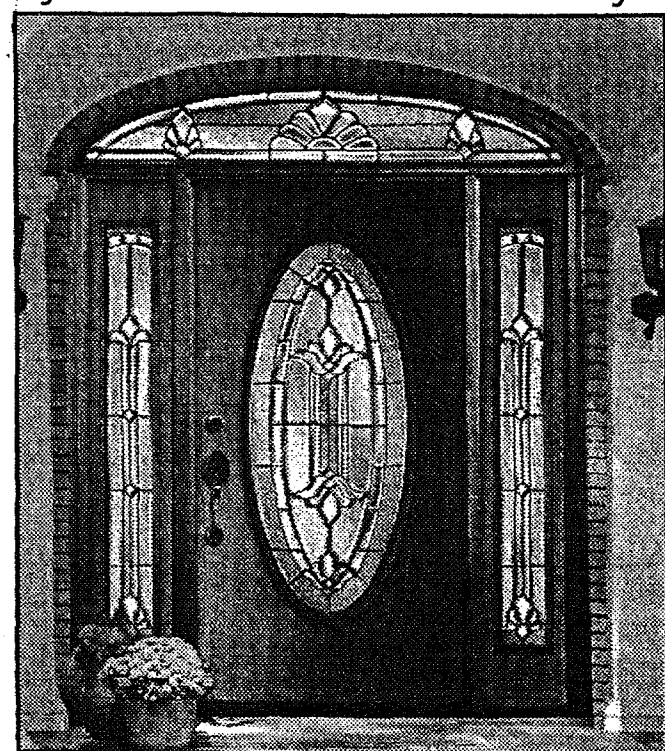
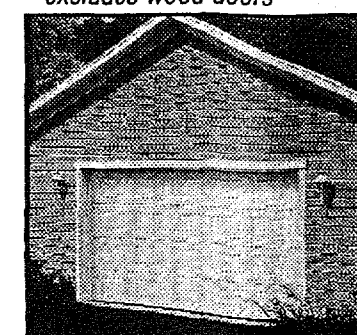
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Shakespeare Theatre takes new Marquez translation 'Outdoors'

From Tuesday through July 11 at its Outdoor Stage in Morris Township, the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey presents its first production of a work of Latin-American origin: the East Coast premiere of "A Very Old Man With Enormous Wings," adapted by Pulitzer Prize-winner Nilo Cruz from the short story by Nobel Prize Laureate Gabriel García Márquez.

Artistic director Bonnie J. Monte directs the production, which features Emilio Delgado, who for 25 years has played the beloved "Luis" on "Sesame Street;" Sandra Santiago, who recently appeared on Broadway opposite Antonio Banderas in "Nine;" and veteran Broadway dancer Gregory Mitchell, whose credits include "Man of La Mancha" and "Chronicle of a Death Foretold."

General admission tickets are \$28 for adults and teens, \$15 for children age 12 and younger, with discounts available for groups of 10 or more. Admission is free at the door for kids age 5 and younger. General admission tickets for adults and teens are \$40 on opening night, June 26. For tickets, call 973-408-5600 or visit the Web site at www.ShakespeareNJ.org.

One night, in a little town close to the Caribbean Sea, the moon leaves the sky to ride her blue bicycle through the village streets. Her magnetism draws gypsies and hurricanes, clouds of miracles, and a very old man with enormous wings — a mysterious creature who falls from the sky. He can neither speak nor remember his own name, and his feathers are falling out. No one seems to know what to do with him, or for him, except for two young children, Fefé and Momó, who are certain that he is a wounded angel and decide to teach him how to fly.

This beautiful myth engages the imagination and delights the senses with its archetypal imagery, wondrous phenomena and festive music, including original compositions by Tony Award-nominated composer Nicholas Kit-sopolous. An extraordinary theatrical experience, the play will be performed under the summer sky at a glorious grass-and-stone amphitheater that's nestled into a hillside on the College of St. Elizabeth campus. Audience members are encouraged to bring a picnic for a memorable family outing, "date night" or get-together with friends. Snacks and soft drinks will be available for purchase at each performance, and stadium seat cushions may be rented for a nominal price. As a free gift to audience members, complimentary hand-held fans will be provided courtesy of Air Group Heating and Air Conditioning Co. while supplies last.

"A Very Old Man With Enormous Wings" is supported by the Blanche and Irving Laurie Foundation. Additional funding is provided by Fleet and Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation. Marketing support is provided by media partner 93.1 Amor, WPAT FM Radio.

Pay-What-You-Wish Night

June 22 is Pay-What-You-Wish Night. Visit the Outdoor Stage box office at or after 7:45 p.m. on that date and name your own price for tickets to that evening's 8:15 p.m. performance. Seating is subject to availability.

Related education programs

On June 24, the Shakespeare Theatre presents a new program called "Know the Show." From 7 to 7:30 p.m., director Bonnie J. Monte will present an insightful pre-performance talk, which will provide fascinating information and an expert's perspective on "A Very Old Man With Enormous Wings" and the Shakespeare Theatre's production of it. General admission is \$5 for the general public, \$4 for subscribers. Tickets to the 8:15 p.m. performance may be purchased separately.

Symposium Series performances include the additional treat of a post-play discussion with the cast and artistic staff, following the 8:15 p.m. performances on June 29 and July 3. Regular ticket prices apply.

Opening night at the Outdoor Stage

On June 26 at 8:15 p.m., experience the excitement of the opening night performance of "A Very Old Man With Enormous Wings," followed by a festive reception at the Madison Hotel and Rod's Steak and Seafood Grill. Opening night tickets are \$40 for adults and teens, \$15 for children ages 6 to 12.

About the authors

Nilo Cruz is a young Cuban-American playwright whose work has been produced widely around the United States. He won the Pulitzer Prize for his celebrated play "Anna in the Tropics," and has been the recipient of numerous other awards and fellowships, including two NEA/TCG National Theatre Artist Residency grants, a Rockefeller Foundation grant, San Francisco's W. Alton Jones Award, and a Kennedy Center Fund for New American Plays Award. Among his many plays are "Night Train to Bolina," "Dancing on Her Knees," "A Park in Our House," "Two Sisters and a Piano," "A Bicycle Country," "Hortensia and the Museum of Dreams," "Lorca in a Green Dress" and "Beauty of the Father."

Internationally renowned Gabriel García Márquez (b. Columbia, 1928), considered by many to be one of the world's greatest writers, won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1982. A literary pioneer and brilliant storyteller whose oeuvre includes short stories and epic novels as well as nonfiction, he is the author of "One Hundred Years of Solitude" and "Love in the Time of Cholera," among many other major works.

The cast

The tale's narrator, The Man With the Panama Hat, is played by Emilio Delgado. A seasoned theater, television and film actor, he has been honored repeatedly by the National Academy of Arts and Sciences for his performance on "Sesame Street," the role for which he is best

known and which has earned the distinction of being the longest-running part for a Chicano actor in a continuing television series. His recent New York theater credits include "The San Diego Padres," "Boxing 2000," "Betrayal," and the award-winning "Dismiss All the Poets."

In the title role of A Very Old Man With Enormous Wings is veteran Broadway dancer Gregory Mitchell, a Montclair resident, whose credits on the Great White Way include the musicals "Man of La Mancha," "Steel Pier," "Chicago," "Chronicle of a Death Foretold," "Kiss of the Spider Woman," "Victor/Victoria," and many others. Mitchell trained with José Limón, and performed with Eliot Feld Ballet for almost a decade.

Sandra Santiago appears as Elisenda, mother of the two children who discover the mysterious creature. Santiago just finished a 10-month run on Broadway in the Tony Award-winning revival of "Nine." Also among her stage credits are Arthur Miller's "A View From the Bridge" and the musical adaptation of Gabriel García Márquez's "Chronicle of a Death Foretold," both on Broadway; numerous regional and off-Broadway appearances; and the title role of the national tour of "Evita." On television, she plays the recurring roles of Jean Cusamano and twin sister Joan on "The Sopranos," and won an ALMA Award for Outstanding Actress in a Daytime Drama for her characterization of crime family matriarch Carmen Santos on "Guiding Light." She's also known for her five-year stint as Detective Gina Calabrese on "Miami Vice."

As the father, Pelayo, is Mark Elliot Wilson, who returns for his eighth season with the company. Since 1991, he has appeared in 11 Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey productions including, most recently "Othello" and "A Midwinter Night's Dream." His New York credits include "Salome" with Al Pacino, "Rebecca," "Unidentified Human Remains," and "Ghosts."

Fefé is played by Danielle Larracuent, who appeared on Broadway for nearly a year as Little Nala in "The Lion King." Appearing as her brother, Momó, is Robin De Jesús, who played the lead in the independent film "Camp."

The cast also includes Yolande Bavan, Michael Earle, Mary Floyd, Selenis Leyva, Alfredo Narciso, Jessica Pimentel, Magaly Roig, and Jaime Tirelli.

About the director

Bonnie J. Monte marks her 14th season as artistic director of the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey in 2004. "A Very Old Man With Enormous Wings" marks her Outdoor

Stage directorial debut. Since 1990, she has directed 29 productions for the company, including last season's "Pygmalion" and acclaimed stagings of Pirandello's "Enrico IV," Chekhov's "Three Sisters" and "The Seagull," Arthur Miller's "The Crucible," Shakespeare's "Antony and Cleopatra," "Twelfth Night" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Ostrovsky's "The Forest" and "Diary of a Scoundrel," Tennessee Williams's "Camino Real" and "Sweet Bird of Youth," Harold Pinter's "The Homecoming," and Kenneth Cavender's adaptation of "Electra" by Sophocles. Monte also directed an abridged production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which during the fall of 2003 and spring of 2004 was performed throughout the tri-state area by Shakespeare LIVE!, the theater's educational touring company.

The artistic staff

Creating the magical world of "A Very Old Man With Enormous Wings" is set designer Carrie Mossman, costume designer Regina García, lighting designer Steven Rosen, sound designer Steven L. Beckel, musical director Kris Kukel, and dramaturg and language consultant Kerri Allen.

Tickets and general information

Performances of "A Very Old Man With Enormous Wings" are Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8:15 p.m., and Sundays at 6 p.m.

Groups of 10 to 15 save 10 percent off the regular ticket price. A discount of 20 percent is offered to groups of 16 or more. Advance reservations are required. For group information and reservations, call 973-408-3563.

A variety of ticket packages are available, offering substantial discounts of 15 to 20 percent as well as subscribers-only benefits including ticket exchange privileges, preferred seating and more.

The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's Outdoor Stage is located at 2 Convent Road in Morris Township off Route 124, on the campus of the College of St. Elizabeth.

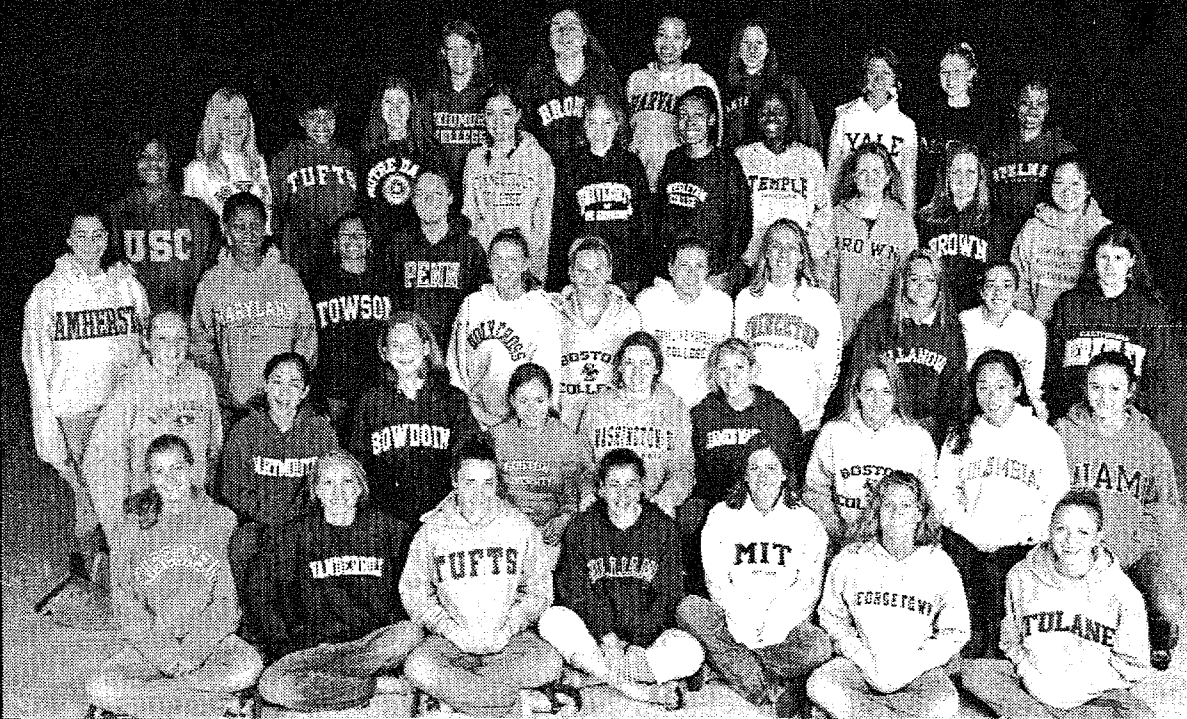
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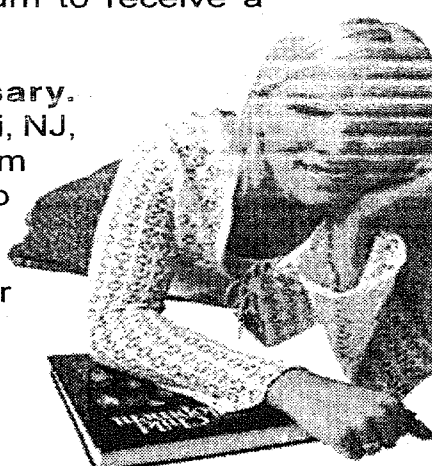


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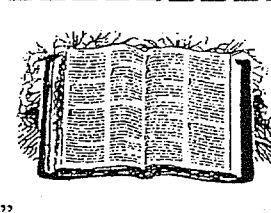
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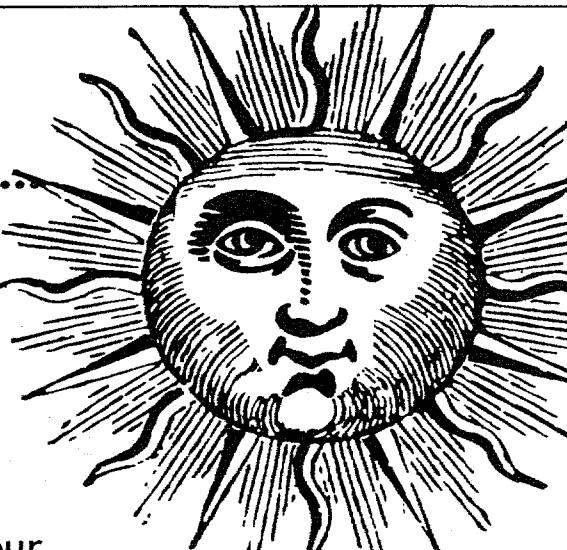
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This location in Essex County is easily accessed from the Garden State Parkway and Route 78. The festivities continue every Saturday and Sunday until June 27, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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"The Saga of the Holy Gail" continues this year as the Knights of Camelot seek a cure for their wounded king. Witness their valiant efforts as they struggle against the powerful Master of the Deep.

This season also continues a new series of shows featuring the exploits of "The Knights of the Round Table."

Local families will enjoy the various shows performed throughout the day. Fairy tales and puppet shows will delight children of all ages. The Living Chess Tournament is sure to thrill young and old, and the final epic war between good and evil will allow all to cheer for their favorite knight of Camelot. Tours of the

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Most of the entertainment of the Kingdom is available for one price: \$14 for adults, \$9 for senior citizens, \$7 for children younger than 12, and free for toddlers younger than 3 years old. There is so much to see that visitors may want to consider attending more than one day by purchasing a two-day or season pass. A two-day pass is \$22 while a season pass is \$60.

For more information, inquiries about group discounts and/or directions, call 732-271-1119 or visit the Web site at www.NJKingdom.com.

Craft store will show its patriotic colors

In preparation for the most important Independence Day celebration since the birth of the nation, Crafty Kitchen/Ben Franklin Crafts in Garwood is decked in red, white and blue craft supplies and ready to share the patriotic spirit that keeps the country strong.

On June 26 from 1 to 4:30 p.m., Crafty Kitchen will Celebrate America With Crafts by offering families in neighboring towns a free afternoon full of fun for themselves

and their children. The shop has six crafts for children to make, plus face painting.

"We are proud to be Americans and happy to offer you and your children a nice way to celebrate our independence," store owners Alice and Rich Lefebvre said. "We want to make sure that families in the Garwood area are ready to show and share their patriotism on the Fourth of July. Our goal is to help cover the town in red, white and blue."

"It has been so much fun in the past," they continued, "so please come and join us for the afternoon."

Families who are new to crafting are encouraged to ask any of the Crafty Kitchen staff for assistance in project and supply selection. Be sure to pick up a calendar for Kids Kamp this summer.

For information about "Celebrate America With Crafts," call Crafty Kitchen at 908-789-0217 or visit the store at 477 North Ave. in Garwood.

Borough 'takes stock' in sports camp

Blue Chips Sports Camp, on the Web at www.bluechipssports.com, and the borough of Roselle Recreation Department have announced that T-ball and baseball are back in Roselle.

The season will end June 19 with parent participation, awards and a cookout for the players. The events will be held at Grace Wilday School field. Blue Chips Sports Camp founders Mike Fullman, Vincent Munn, Guy Packwood and Chris Satterfield, along with many special guests and coaches, are involved in revitalizing the sports activities for youth in Roselle.

Blue Chips Sports Camps offered a variety of programs last summer including football, baseball, basket-

ball, soccer, track, and cheerleading. In the fall, they offered a mentoring/tutoring program that included basketball. The founders' philosophy is simple: "Basics and Beyond," which describes the levels of training campers will receive. Beginners will learn the correct way to execute the basic fundamentals. The intermediate to advanced camper will be given instructions on how to polish their skills, so that they may excel on any level.

For information, contact the camp by phone at 888-702-2583 or via e-mail at info@bluechipssports.com, visit www.bluechipssports.com, or call Roselle Borough Hall at 908-259-3029.

Shakespeare Theatre goes to camp with its summer programs

The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey is currently accepting applications for its Junior and Senior Corps, a summer theater program designed for students ages 11 through 17.

Now in its 12th year, the program enables young people to experience, first-hand, the excitement of the professional theater world while gaining valuable performance skills. During each intensive two- or three-week training session, students take classes, rehearse scenes, create an original short theater production, and participate in behind-the-scenes activities at the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey.

The Junior Corps

Do you have a youngster who is a natural performer? Is your child creative and full of exciting ideas but could use some help in developing self-expression skills? The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's Junior Corps might be just the opportunity to liberate and bolster those abilities and talents. The Junior Corps, for ages 11 through 14, offers two sessions during the summer: July 12 to 24 and July 26 to Aug. 7.

Each two-week Junior Corps session, which runs Monday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m., includes classes in voice and speech for the stage, movement for the actor, Shakespeare's verse, improvisation, and scene study. Students can participate in one or more sessions during the summer, subject to availability. The session culminates in a short, original production, adapted from a piece of literature for young people, which is performed before an audience of family members, the community and members of the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's summer company.

While developing the basic skills of a theater artist, Junior Corps members also learn valuable lessons in self-esteem, ensemble work and collaboration, creative thinking, and problem solving.

No audition is required for admission into the Junior Corps, but space is

limited, so students are encouraged to register early.

The Senior Corps

The Senior Corps is designed for older students, ages 15 through 17, who have shown an aptitude for performance or a strong interest in classic theater. Admission is by audition only. This select program runs from June 21 to July 10 and Aug. 9 to 28. The Senior Corps meets Monday through Friday, from 1 to 6 p.m. and builds upon the foundation of the Junior Corps curriculum, focusing on the rehearsal process and performance.

During the first week of this rigorous program, students take classes in voice and speech, movement for the actor, improvisation, Shakespearean verse, and classical scene study. The remaining two weeks are spent studying and rehearsing a short perform-

ance piece, which will be performed for family, friends and Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey company members.

The Junior Corps and Senior Corps Experience

Special seminars provide all members of the Junior Corps and the Senior Corps with the unique opportunity to work with the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's professional company of artists. In past years, age-appropriate seminars have included Stage Combat, Behind-the-Scenes: A Tour of the Theater and Technical Shops, Physical Comedy, Clowning, Audition Techniques, The Cold Reading, Marketing, Theater Administration, and Artists and Performers, which features discussions with professional actors. In addition, a seminar on Choosing an Undergraduate The-

ater Program provides Senior Corps members with helpful information about selecting a college, conservatory or training program that best suits their individual theatrical talents and interests.

Members of the Junior Corps and Senior Corps also have the rare opportunity to observe Main Stage rehearsals, participate in discussions with the other members of the summer company and assist in the technical and administrative departments. All members are required to serve as ushers during Main Stage performances, providing an opportunity for them to learn basic theater etiquette and to see shows for free.

Directing the program this season is Jake Berger, the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's associate director of education. Berger has directed

Gogol's "Marriage" and Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" for the Shakespeare Theatre's Next Stage Ensemble touring company, as well as Molière's "The Would-Be Gentleman" at County College of Morris and Act II of "The Compleat Wrks of Wilm Shkspr (Abridged)" for First Night Morris. He received his bachelor of science degree from Emerson College and his master of fine arts degree in theater education from Virginia Commonwealth University. He has taught at the San Diego Junior Theatre, Stagewest, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Webster Conservatory.

Berger will be assisted by Mary Floyd, who is in her first season with the Shakespeare Theatre. As an actor, Floyd has performed with Theatre South Carolina, Burning Coal Theatre, Raleigh Ensemble Players, and

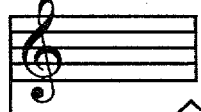
William Jones Productions. Additionally, she has taught voice, acting and movement at the Summer Drama Conservatory at the University of South Carolina at Columbia. She holds a B.F.A. in acting and directing from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Registration information

The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, located at 36 Madison Ave. at Lancaster Road, on the campus of Drew University in Madison, is easy to reach by car or train. Tuition for the Junior Corps is \$450 per session, \$425 for returning students or children of subscribers to the theater's 2004 season. Tuition for the Senior Corps is \$525, or \$500 for returning students or children of 2004 Season subscribers. To register, or for more information, call Berger at 973-408-3806.

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Workshop will address women's financial matters

Stewart A. Ritter, senior vice president of investments for Wachovia Securities in Westfield, has announced he will host his widely acclaimed investment seminar titled "The Biggest Mistakes Women Investors Make and How to Avoid Them" at 7 p.m. on June 29 at The Westwood in Garwood.

This will be Ritter's last presentation of his seminar until autumn. The seminar is geared toward the specific investment concerns women share, and shows how women can take greater control of their individual finances.

"Women have traditionally been neglected when it comes to financial education," Ritter said. "Women investors face several unique concerns when investing, and should therefore consider taking a unique approach to financial planning. One of the most important tools for any investor is knowledge, and that is why I am providing this free educational seminar for women."

Ritter has a 22-year history in the financial services industry. He is committed to educating the public about important financial issues, and he achieves this goal through seminars, workshops, and written articles.

Groups from women's clubs and organizations, as well as individual investors, are encouraged to attend the seminar. Tickets are free, but space is limited. For more information and to request a complimentary ticket, call Ritter's senior marketing coordinator, Rosie DeSimone, at 908-789-7827.

Camp plans theatrical training for tomorrow's stars

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lege, Mason Gross at Rutgers University, Montclair State University, Wagner College, Rider University, the College of New Jersey, Brigham Young University, Syracuse University, Kean University, Monmouth University, and New York University.

The camp is currently accepting registrations for the summer of 2004, however some of the programs are nearing capacity. Visit the Web site at www.StarsOfTomorrow.com for additional information about the programs, prices, camp photos, policies, and staff and counselor bios. Residents with questions can contact the camp via e-mail at StarsOfTomorrow@aol.com or by calling 908-276-5053.

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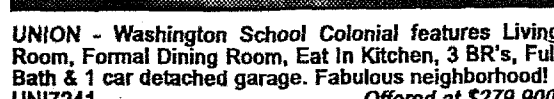
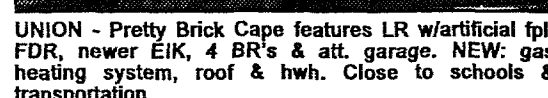
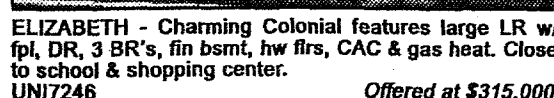
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Kraus is named to President's Circle

George Kraus, vice president and branch manager of the Burgdorff ERA's Westfield office, earned membership to the 2004 President's Council of its parent company, NRT Inc. NRT, the nation's largest residential real estate brokerage company, recently made this announcement at the International Business Conference held in Las Vegas. This is the highest honor bestowed upon NRT's top branch office managers, who help motivate sales associates and ensure that the level of service delivered is exemplary.

"I am extremely proud of George for his team's accomplishments in achieving an exemplary sales record and delivering truly remarkable service," stated Pat Hoferkamp, president and chief operating officer of Burgdorff ERA. "He has demonstrated the integrity, professionalism, and commitment to excellence that are the hallmark of both Burgdorff ERA and NRT."

The reward that President's Council members prize most is an invitation to the President's Council Retreat. The event will take place at the Enchantment Resort in Sedona, Ariz. on Aug. 2 to 4. This exclusive escape to a luxurious destination resort offers each member opportunities to interact with NRT's top management and participate in business programs designed to help these top achievers stay in peak form.

The schedule provides participants with a forum for discussion and interaction on an important topic or concern. It also offers a way for the company to stay in close touch with those managing operations in the field.

"It is an honor and privilege to be recognized by NRT, especially in this capacity," remarked Kraus. "I look forward to sharing ideas with other managers across the county to further strengthen our dedication and assistance to our employees, sales associates, peers and customers."

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Tedesco-Kloud keeps Summer ERA growing

"Breaking All Records" declares a sign in the front window of Burgdorff ERA's Summit office at 401 Springfield Ave. The sign hangs in the office of its vice president and manager, Joanne Tedesco-Kloud, a Realtor for more than 25 years. She is responsible for spearheading a team of sales associates who have performed record-breaking feats, both within the company and in the local sales and unit production.

"A pivotal factor in our office's success is that we provides premier service to every customer. We offer an intimate, full-line boutique service that has become synonymous with our name," said Tedesco-Kloud. "Not only do our associates cater to the local Summit area, they also assist customers in Essex, Morris, and Union counties, which has created a great impact in our market area."

Tedesco-Kloud added, "Another advantage Burgdorff ERA has is that we receive corporate support, which allows our sales associates to take advantage of state-of-the-art technological tools and systems to ease the homeownership process for our clients."

Burgdorff ERA and Tedesco-Kloud both have a history and longstanding high reputation in the Summit community. For more than 45 years, Burgdorff has been a leading real estate company in northern and central New Jersey. Meanwhile, for 15 years prior to joining Burgdorff ERA, Tedesco-Kloud was the owner and manager of Tedesco Realtors in Springfield.

In 1998, Burgdorff ERA acquired Tedesco-Kloud's company, where she became a manager of the Clifton office, then the Basking Ridge-Bernardsville office, and soon after, the Summit office. Since Tedesco-Kloud assumed the managerial position in Summit, the office has made its mark as one of the leading real estate companies in the area.

Recently, Tedesco-Kloud became a trustee for the North Central Jersey Association of Realtors. In this position, she, and 17 other appointed trustees, oversee the operation of the largest association of Realtors in New Jersey, which boasts approximately 6,200 members. The trustees ensure

that the organization's bylaws are followed, and plan and implement educational programs, committees and services for its members. Tedesco-Kloud played an integral role as one of the founders of the association, where she helped to merge the Oranges and Maplewood board of realtors with the Morris County board of realtors to form the NCJAR. Prior to the merger, she had served on the Oranges and Maplewood board of realtors in many capacities, including terms as board president.

"It is a wonderful opportunity to work with a group of people dedicated to assisting one another for the betterment of the local real estate industry," stated Tedesco-Kloud.

As for the prospects for the 2004 housing industry, Tedesco-Kloud is very optimistic, noting, "The Summit market will continue to thrive because it is a hot spot for both New York commuters and New Jersey corporate employees. It is a great area to raise families, and the school systems are top-notch."

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Roselle Park RE/MAX is 'closing for kids'

Several sales associates from RE/MAX Action Group Realty in Roselle Park have joined the national RE/MAX Children's Miracle Network Miracle Home Program. Under this program, they will donate a specified amount of money to the Children's Miracle Network per sales transactions. Participating associates include Len Lueddeke, Digna Alfaro, Javier Mata Llana and Elmer Arroyo.

Each associate will display the colorful "Miracle Home" rider on top of his or her RE/MAX yard sign. Both the home seller and buyer can feel good knowing that their transaction will help save the lives of children in and around New Jersey. The Children's Miracle Network proceeds generated by this RE/MAX office will benefit Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

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Sank-Davis named agent of the month

Anne Sank-Davis, Westfield office of Burgdorff ERA Realtor, has been honored with Sales Agent of the Month for February 2004, with six units sold and a dollar volume of more than \$4.5 million.

Sank-Davis has received many distinguished awards and is a member of

the New Jersey Association of Realtors Circle of Excellence Sales Award 2002-03 having earned the bronze level. Sank-Davis was also awarded the Million Dollar Sales Club in 1999-2001. She is also a member of Burgdorff's President's Club 1999-2001, and has received her Seniors Real Estate Specialist designation.

Sank-Davis has been a New Jersey real estate professional for six years and resides in Scotch Plains. You may contact Sank-Davis at her direct line at 908-233-6313 or send her an e-mail at AnneSank-Davis@burgdorff.com

George Kraus, vice president/manager of the Westfield office, stated, "We are extremely proud of the pro-

duction that Anne has achieved, her high energy, great instincts, and market knowledge have put her at the top of the industry."

The Burgdorff ERA branch office is a full-service real estate center located at 600 North Avenue West, Westfield. For real estate assistance, or to inquire about a career in real estate,

call the office at 908-233-0065. You can find the office on the Web at www.burgdorff.com where you can learn more about the Westfield office and the market area it serves, individual Web pages for each sales associate, electronic listings and directions to the Burgdorff ERA office.



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Information is current as of June 14, 2004. For information on specific mortgage programs, call the lender. Rates, points, and programs are subject to change daily and cannot be guaranteed. Points include discount and origination fees. Quotes - rate + discount points/apr (annual percentage rate), calculated as follows: conventional 20% down and \$100,000 mortgage; jumbo 20% down and \$322,700 mortgage; FHA 3%-3% down and \$100,000 mortgage. Most quotes are for 30-day lock-ins, but can vary. Maximum conventional loan amount is \$337,000; jumbo loans are in excess of \$337,000. ARM-adjustable rate mortgage. ARM rates are quoted as follows: rate + discount points APR (type of ARM program is listed in parentheses). LTV-loan to value. MI-mortgage insurance. NA-not available. NQ-rates not quoted. Mortgage rates and programs are updated online daily. To calculate your exact mortgage payments using our electronic payment calculator, and for other extensive mortgage, real estate, consumer financial information—including tips and definitions of terms—please visit our Web site www.CNSfr.com Copyright 2004 Consumer News Systems

Weekly Mortgage News

McLean, VA - In Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage (FRM) averaged 6.30 percent, with an average 0.7 point, for the week ending June 11, 2004, up slightly from last week when it averaged 6.28 percent. Last year at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 5.21 percent.

The average for the 15-year FRM this week is 5.67 percent, with an average 0.7 point, up a little from last week when it averaged 5.63 percent. A year ago, the 15-year FRM averaged 4.60 percent.

One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 4.14 percent this week, with an average 0.7 point, up considerably from last week when it averaged 3.98 percent. At this time last year, the one-year ARM averaged 3.54 percent.

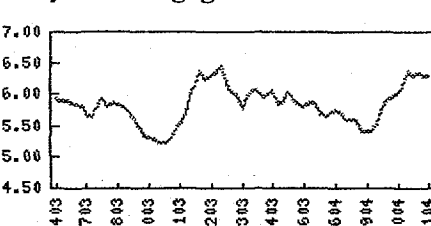
(Average commitment rates should be reported along with average fees and points to reflect the total cost of obtaining the mortgage.)

"The 1-year ARM responds more directly to movements by the Federal Reserve Board (Fed) and market chatter has it that the Fed will not only raise rates at the end of this month, but may do so consecutively throughout the rest of the year," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac vice president and chief economist. "News like that is good news for keeping long-term fixed-rate mortgage rates low since those are more sensitive to inflationary expectations."

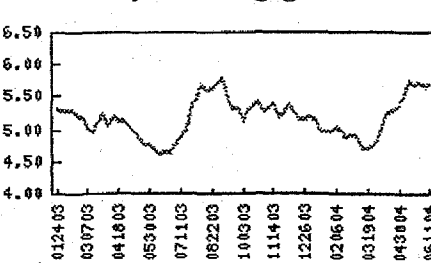
"All eyes will be on the Fed for the next few months at least. How aggressive or how measured the coming rate hikes are will determine the future direction of both short- and long-term mortgage rates."

National Averages

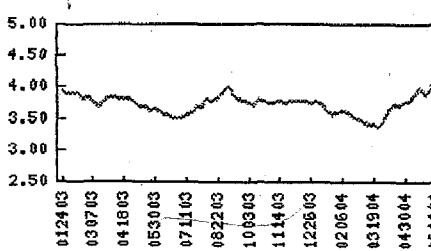
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New vans meeting special needs

Automakers are beginning to come up with ways to keep the nation's disabled or elderly consumers mobile.

General Motors, for example, offers a power-operated Sit-N-Lift seat in its minivans, and Toyota is working with an independent supplier for its Sienna Rampvan.

"More than 50 million Americans have some form of disability, and we think the Sit-N-Lift seat can help a lot of people stay on the move," says Jim Kornas, director of mobility product development.

Sit-N-Lift allows a wide range of people to be out and about and stay as independent as possible, Kornas says.

For caregivers, the power seat is a feature that can help prevent them from getting hurt while assisting or lifting clients into the vehicle.

The Sit-N-Lift power seat is available in the long-wheelbase versions of GM's midsize vans: the Chevrolet Venture, Pontiac Montana and the remaining Oldsmobile Silhouette.

It also can be retrofitted in some 2001 model year and later GM minivans and will be available in next generation of GM crossover sport vans due out in 2005.

The Sit-N-Lift seat is a motorized, rotating lift-and-lower passenger seat.

It's installed at the dealership, and the accessory's \$4,590 price can be factored into the sticker price of the

vehicle. The long-wheelbase Venture has a starting price of \$23,830, including destination.

The seat, covered by the three-year/36,000 mile new-vehicle limited warranty, is installed as the right-hand second-row seat and includes a slide-out footrest.

The power function is operated by a hand-held remote that rotates the power bucket seat, which then extends out of the vehicle and lowers for easier entry/exit. The lift capacity is up to 300 pounds and the seat can lower to about 17 inches from seat bottom to ground. For information, contact gmmobility.com.

We talk to our cars, too

Yahoo! Autos has released the not-surprising results from its latest survey

and found that, yes, people talk to their cars. And not just that, we have names for our cars and trucks.

Many respondents probably wondered "Do swear words count?" But here's what the survey shows:

• Do you talk to your car? Yes, 69 percent; No, 30 percent. Total votes: 1,541.

• Do you have a name for your car? Yes, 51 percent; No, 48 percent. Total votes: 1,259.

• Do you consider your car male or female? Male, 28 percent; Female, 48 percent; Neither, 22 percent. Total votes: 1,714.

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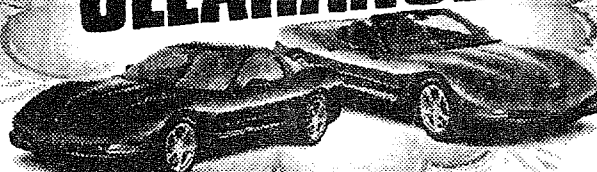
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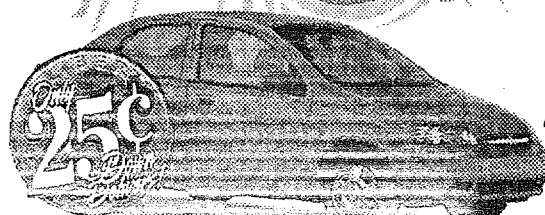
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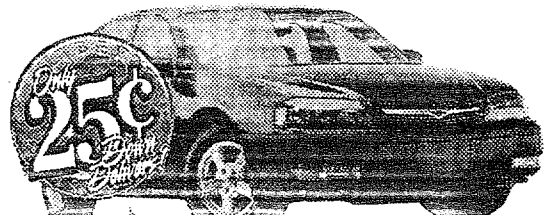
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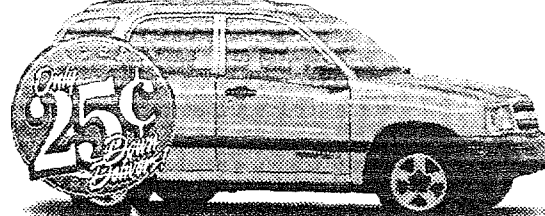
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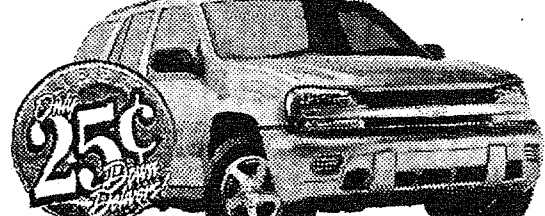
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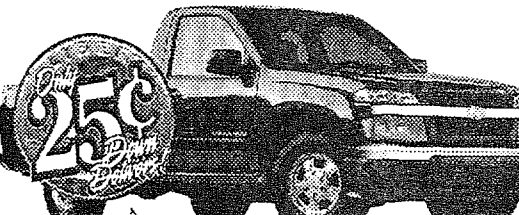
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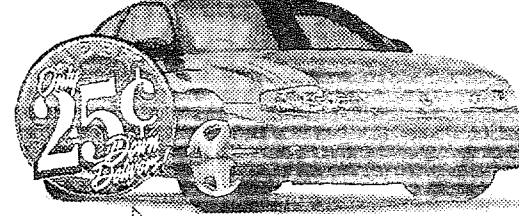
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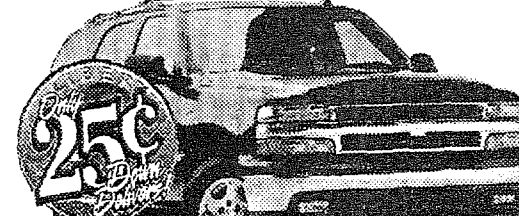
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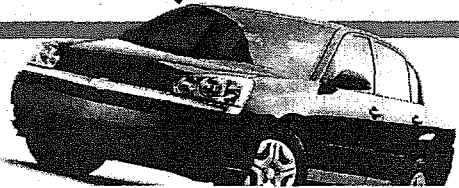
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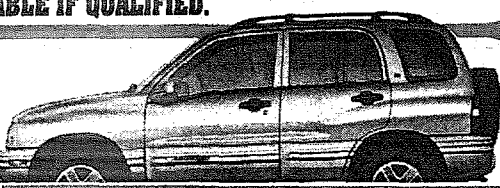
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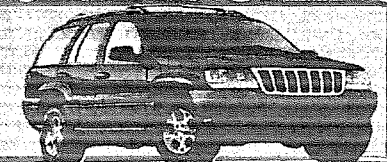
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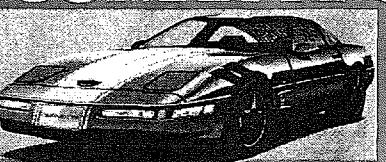
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4 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks, air, cd. Slt#40687. VIN#12432994.

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6 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/winds/lks, air, cd, security sys. 31,729 mi. Slt#6472. VIN#1G154897.

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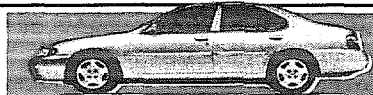
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4 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/winds/lks, air, cd, security sys. 36,210 mi. Slt#6495A. VIN#1L121939.

\$9920



1997 TOYOTA RAV-4 1 4X4 4 DR
4 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/winds/lks, air, cass/cd, changer, moonrft. 68,100 mi. Slt#50030A. VIN#F7065806.

\$10,920



2001 NISSAN ALTIMA SE 4 DR
4 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks, air, cass, sunr, sec sys. 38797 mi. Slt#40871A. VIN#1C103482.

\$12,320



2002 PONTIAC GRAND AM GT 2 DR
6 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/seats, air, cass/cd, sunr, leath, security sys. 23,157 mi. Slt#5005A. VIN#2C8598.

\$14,520



2002 NISSAN XTERRA 4X4 4 DR
6 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks, air, cass/cd, sunr, security sys. 19,145 mi. Slt#6462A. VIN#F2C24546.

\$18,520



2002 JEEP LIBERTY LIMITED 4 DR
6 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/seats, air, cass/cd, leath, security sys. 35,593 mi. Slt#6521. VIN#2W191551.

\$18,620



2003 JEEP WRANGLER SPORT 4X4 2 DR
6 cyl, 5 spd man, p/str/brks/lks, air, am/fm stereo. 13,127 mi. Slt#6497. VIN#2P351065.

\$19,820



2002 DODGE DURANGO SLT PLUS 4X4 4 DR
8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/seats, air, cass/cd, leath, security sys. 35,650 mi. Slt#6520. VIN#2F1C8281.

\$19,920



2001 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY LIMITED 4 DR
6 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/seats, air, cass/cd, leath, security sys. 38,174 mi. Slt#6504. VIN#1R268795.

\$19,720



2000 HONDA ODYSSEY EX 4 DR
6 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/seats, air, cd, security sys. 31,373 mi. Slt#40513A. VIN#1H54017.

\$20,520

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8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/seats, air, cass/cd. 33,616 mi. Slt#6454. VIN#1G213308.

\$27,520



2002 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER LT 4X4 4 DR
6 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/seats, air, cd. 31,403 mi. Slt#6448. VIN#22111246.

\$22,520



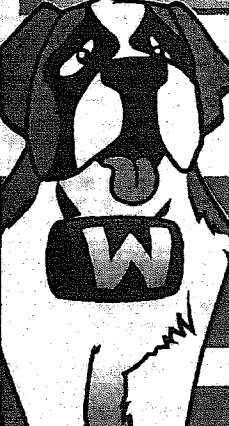
2002 CHEVROLET TAHOE LS 4X4 4 DR
8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/seats, air, cass/cd, security sys. 35,343 mi. Slt#6500. VIN#2J249064.

\$26,520



2004 CADILLAC CTS-V 4 DR
8 cyl, 6 spd man, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/seats, cass/cd, leath, moonrft, OnStar, XM radio, security sys. 4,492 mi. Slt#40539A. VIN#40154160.

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