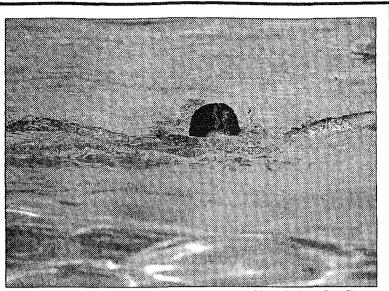
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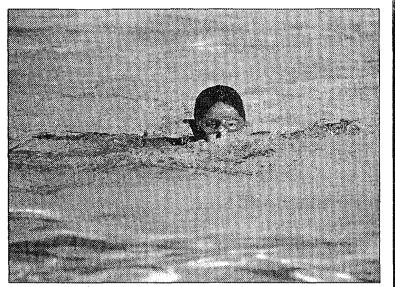
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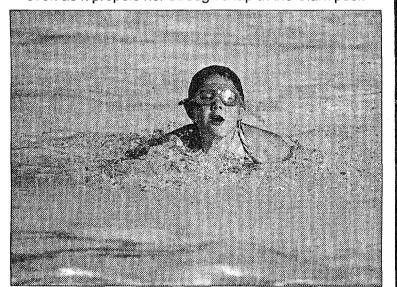
TWO SECTION:



Her face buried in the water, 9-year-old Deanna Elphick of Jamesburg moves her arms back through the water as she practices the butterfly stroke.



The move lifts her head up slightly from the water, even as it propels her through a lap at the Clark pool.



The stroke now complete, Elphick's head bursts from the water and she steals a breath before completing the cycle. Those who enjoy practicing their swim strokes like Elphick can do so late Wednesday, when the pool will remain open until 10 p.m.

Man jailed after car wreck, fig

By David Learn **Managing Editor**

A Monmouth County man is being held on bail after he allegedly crashed into a utility pole on Madison Hill and Raritan roads and attacked the police who had been chasing him.

Alvin Jones, 28, of 61 Springdale Ave., Tinton Falls, was taken to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and then to Union County Jail after the incident early Friday morning, which resulted in three damaged vehicles and two police injuries.

Events began to unfold about 2 a.m. Friday, when a Kathryn Street resident called police to report that his vehicle had been rammed intentionally by a dark-colored sport utility vehicle.

"The Jones vehicle was blocking the street," Capt. Denis Connell said Tuesday. "There were cars on both sides, and he couldn't get through." Jones allegedly rammed into the front of the res-

ident's vehicle when the resident got into his car to back up and let the SUV through.

"This guy Jones purposely rammed this guy two or three times," Connell said. "Anybody who gets purposely rammed at two in the morning, wouldn't you call 9-1-1?"

Patrol Officer Daniel Pitts, who was on Westfield until they had to use pepper spra Avenue when he heard the police dispatcher's report, turned down Kathryn Street, where he narrowly avoided being hit by Jones' SUV, Connell

Other vehicles parked along the street reportedly were not as lucky, and were clipped by the SUV as it drove past.

As the SUV headed down Stanton Street, Pitts made a left turn and took a parallel path through Harrison Street toward Madison Hill Road. From there, the SUV entered Madison Hill Road from Stanton Street, its headlights turned off, and struck the patrol car Pitts was driving. The impact tore the fender from the squad car.

At this point, Sgt. Mike Pollock joined the pursuit and followed the SUV as it sped down Madison Hill Road until Jones allegedly lost control of the vehicle and it crashed into a utility pole at Raritan

"All of the windows in the SUV exploded," said Connell. "There was glass all over the place. This SUV was totaled."

Despite the wreck, Jones allegedly fought officers hand to hand on the ground for several minutes,

"They were literally on the with him," Connell said.

The officers used "minimal fol restraint during the altercation, Connell said.

Even after being handcuffed and placed in the police car, Jones allegedly continued to resist police, kicking the back door of the car so hard that he bent the steel frame of the door so badly that the window no longer closes properly.

"That car is obviously out of service now," Connell said.

Pollock suffered a sprained wrist in the fight, and Patrol Officer Joseph LoPrete, who assisted with the arrest, suffered cuts in his knee from the bits of glass lying around the scene. The two men remained on duty until the end of their shift at 6 a.m., about four

Jones was taken to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway for treatment, and was taken to Union County Jail in lieu of \$47,500 bail. He also was charged with possession of marijuana, two counts of resisting arrest and eluding police. Additional charges are pending for alleged motor vehicle violations.

Brewer to get new look

Contractor to rid building of 'old school' appearance

By Donna Kardos Correspondent

Township officials were expected yesterday to select a contractor to give an overhaul to the exterior of the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building. Officials reviewed contractors' closed bids yes-

No information was available at presstime about which contractor was selected for the work, which will involve other municipally owned buildings as well. By law, the township is required to accept the lowest responsible bid.

Once the contract has been awarded, the contractor will be charged with making improvements to the building's front doors and giving a whole new facade to the front of the building.

"We said since the residents of Clark are putting money into their homes to beautify the town and they are — it's time we did the same thing," said Mayor Sal Bonaccorso.

Bonaccorso said the improvements were initially all his idea.

"I brought it to the Township Council and they concurred," he said.

Repairs are being made to the roof of the Municipal Building as well, which Bonaccorso said are so that the building doesn't look "like a school itself from the Board of Education in March

If it looks like a flat school, that's because it originally was. The Municipal Building originally served taxpayers as Charles H. Brewer Middle School, and has housed the township's administrative offices since 1985 through a lease agreement with the Board of Education.

Last year, the school board and township tration.

administration finally agreed on terms to transfer ownership of the building. "It was given to us in much, much need of repair," Bonaccorso said. "We just want to do the good reputable thing keep it operational and functional and up to a look citizens will be proud of."

In 2002, township officials initiated major repairs to the halls of the building. However, he said the interior of the building is still in need of work, as the carpeting is worn and there is a lot of old paneling.

That work, however, will come after all the external improvements are made, Bonaccorso said. The building originally was built in 1949, as

part of the township's first post-World War II expansion of its school buildings. The only two times it was renovated, before Bonaccorso's recent changes, occurred in 1954

when the back wing was added, and in 1974 when

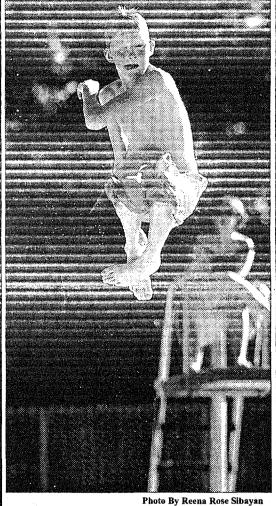
renovations were made to the back of the building and a new gym was installed, Municipal Historian Brian Toal said. Although used for many years as a school building, it has not been used as one since its closing in 1980, when it was closed along with Abra-

ham Clark School, because of an all-time low

enrollment, Toal said. The Abraham Clark School annex was later sold to the Polish Foundation, which bought the

Brewer Middle School, on the other hand, kept its name and stayed in the hands of the Board of Education, but was used mainly for storage purposes until then-Mayor George G. Nucera entered into an agreement with the Board of Education in 1984 to lease the school for the township adminis-

Cowabunga!



Chris Mooney, 13, twists in the area after taking a leap from the diving board at the Clark municipal pool.

New superintendent hopes to bring hands-on approach to job

Tillou aspires to improve communication with community

By Donna Kardos Correspondent

Two weeks into his job as Clark superintendent of schools, Glenn Tillou is excited to get going.

A large part of his excitement for the position surrounds the fact that unlike in his recent role as Union County superintendent — he feels he will be able to see the effects of his efforts more concretely.

"When you're the county superintendent, you're in more of a regulatory role," he said. "I had the opportunity to try to lead and guide the districts.

"But you can't see the fruits of your labor --- you don't get that interaction and ability to see the results," said Tillou.

He said he is therefore excited to be able to interact with his staff and students on a better level as Clark superintendent.

Interaction and communication are very important to Tillou. He plans to draft a plan to expand upon "the limited communication that's here."

Tillou's other plans for the district consist of maintaining the curriculum that he believes "has always been really strong," and using technology to complement that curriculum.

He said, however, that he doesn't want technology to just sit in the classrooms without much educational use, as he feels happens often in schools.

"It needs to be available to use intelligently - not just to have expensive Game Boys sitting around."

Tillou said because the world is technologically moving very quickly, it is important to make sure students are equipped with the necessary skills

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- Superintendent of Schools Glenn Tillou

to use that technology.

He also said that the curriculum on former Superintendent Paul Ortenzio's work with it.

"He's almost a renaissance man,"

Tillou said of his predecessor. "He is one of the few left in education that believes strongly in a general curriculum and the liberal arts program." Most of the renovations that do

need to be made in the district, Tillou said, are to the physical buildings rather than the educational process that occurs inside of them. Tillou became the Clark superin-

tendent on July 1, only the second person to fill the post in the entire time any of the current Clark students have been enrolled. Ortenzio had held the job for 19 years.

"His style is slightly different from mine," Tillou said of Ortenzio. "He just knew everything about the district and the buildings - I'm going to have to learn it."

The summer months, with their more leisurely pace than is found during the school year, are providing Tillou with the opportunity to familiarize himself more with the staff and

the district's day-to-day operations. "He really has a pretty big learning curve," said Mike Timoni, chairman

of the Board of Education building and grounds committee. "He has to get the whole needs little change, due to up to speed with the school's finances and really tune into the way (assistant superintendent) Susan Miksza delivers the curriculum to the kids. They really have to work as allies.'

> A number of financial issues, among other things, greeted Tillou when he came into the job - namely deciding how to handle the large refurbishment project most of the district's schools will be experiencing, and entering the school year with a greatly diminished surplus.

> Tillou attributes the majority of the Clark school district's financial problems to the breakup of the former Union County Regional School District in 1997.

> "The financial difficulties really mean we don't have as much flexibility as we'd like to," he said. "We've had to go to the voters and raise taxes, and so it's really an issue of trying to do the best we can without raising the local property taxes."

> That is his main plan so far in terms of how to improve the district's economic state. The district has little fat within its budget, which makes it difficult to find things to cut, Tillou said.

> Some money will be saved, to control taxes. The windows being



Superintendent of Schools Glenn Tillou hopes some of the district's cost-cutting measures will help it to offset more tax hikes or program cuts in the near future. 'The financial difficulties really mean we don't have as much flexibility as we'd like to,' he said.

replaced in many of the schools, for example, combine functionality and money-saving.

"When we have the new windows in it will substantially reduce money spent on energy costs," he said.

Similarly, other money spent on repairs will therefore help the district save money in the long run. "It's a long-range solution."

Board of Education President Jim Rooney said the reason the district has

been looking forward to Tillou as superintendent is because of the financial skills that he can use to deal with the current situation.

"He's had the opportunity to look at all 21 municipalities in the county," said Rooney, who hopes Tillou can use ideas in Clark from what he's seen work in other school districts.

When it was searching for a new superintendent, the school board was looking for someone with knowledge

on budgets and construction, which Timoni feels Tillou has.

"The vice superintendent already has a good handle on the curriculum," he said. Tillou "also had the opportunity to look over a lot of programs. Hopefully we can incorporate that in Clark as well."

Despite walking into a position requiring him to deal with such problems, Tillou seems happy and eager to get to work, said Timoni.

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Celebrities grace Hyatt Hills Friday

The Hyatt Hills Golf Complex host its inaugural special

The Ultimate Celebrity Demo Day will bring together comedian Rich Vos, boxer Gerry Cooney, hockey star Ken Daneyko, football star Karl Nelson and Hyatt Hills PGA teaching professional Gary Ostrega in a program that will combine education, golf instruction, golf club testing and

The Ultimate Celebrity Demo Day is free and open to

Refreshments will be served, and all the celebrities will be available for autographs. Golf clubs for testing by the celebrities and the general public will be provided by seven club manufacturers, including Nike, Ben Hogan, PING, Titleist, Mizuno, MacGregor and

While summer last year was marked by heavy rains and many overcast days, Robert Hoeffler, chairman of the Hyatt Hills Golf Commission, the bimunicipal agency that oversees operations of the recreational facility, said the golf PGA, or Champions Tour.

course and driving range is now enjoying a very busy season with better weather.

'We appeal to a broad spectrum of the golfing public here at Hyatt Hills," said Hoeffler, "and the advantage we have here is if the golf course is too wet to be open, the driving range, with heated stalls, is always open, as is the miniature golf course."

Hoeffler and others on the seven-member golf commission envisioned a family golf center for the general public and residents of Clark and Cranford.

With a 3,350-yard, nine-hole golf course, fully stocked pro shop, ample practice areas, 42-stall driving range and golf camps for children during summer months, that's exactly what they think they've created.

Hyatt Hills has three resident PGA teaching professionals: Dan Hollis, director of golf and general manager; Bill Castner, the only professional in the New Jersey PGA who is specially certified in teaching golf, and Ostrega, a former PGA Tour player who is now competing on the Senior

STUDENT UPDATE

Edison Rotary names McCarthy senior of year

Lauren McCarthy of Clark has been selected by the Edison Rotary Club as the "Senior of the Year" from The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison.

Earlier in the school year, McCarthy, who attended the Edison independent school for two years, was named the "Senior of the Month" for October. From the



monthly student finalists, she was selected by Rotary to receive their

\$500 award. McCarthy was a Club Interact member and participated in bake sales, candy sales, phone-a-thons and craft booths to raise money for community

An accomplished pianist, she has won Children's Foundation for the Arts Scholarships three succeeding years and attended music camps at Westminster Choir College campus.

She was a part of the school chorus and participated frequently as an accompanist. She volunteered at a son High School.

local church bimonthly and was active

in her church choir and as a pianist. Her school guidance counselor Lisa Lentz wrote of her, "Using her gifts of intellect, talent and interpersonal skills to the fullest extent, Lauren exhibits unparalleled self respect and respect for others."

Gaffney, Senofonte, Winter make dean's list

Clark residents Andrew Gaffney, Victor Senofonte and Christopher Winter all qualified for the spring semester honors list at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham-Madison Campus.

To qualify for the honors list, a student must have a 3.5 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0.

DECA names Klimchak an outstanding student

Arthur L. Johnson High School held its annual employer/employee marketing dinner and awarded Michael Klimchak the outstanding DECA student for 2004.

Klimchak was given an outstanding plaque. A wall plaque with Klimchak's name for the year 2004 will be on the wall of fame at Arthur L. John-

Klimchak won a first-place trophy in a retail merchandising contest area and was a finalist in the state retail merchandising contest.

Klimchak won the most awards in the DECA Club at Arthur L. Johnson High School. He plans to attend The College of New Jersey in September.

Who's Who lists Olas

Michelle Carol Olas of Clark. daughter of Edward and Barbara Olas, is in the 2004 edition of Who's Who Among students in American Universities and Colleges, an annual directory of outstanding students first published in 1934.

This honor is awarded to students who display outstanding achievements, not only in scholarly endeavors but also participate and exercise leadership in extracurricular activities.

During the past 70 years, the Who's Who program has honored and rewarded the individual scholastic excellence of outstanding campus leaders. This prestigious award is one of the greatest honors annually conferred by the American academic community.

Olas joins an elite group of students selected from institutions of higher learning throughout the United States.

OBITUARY

John F. Hennessy

John F. Hennessy, 80, of Clark, died July 9 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Rahway, Mr. Hennessy moved to Clark 22 years ago.

He was a corporate tax consultant with the Vertex Corp. in Berwyn, Pa., before retiring.

Earlier, he was an assistant tax York City and, before that, he was and Canada. employed with Merck & Co, in Rahway.

Mr. Hennessy earned an account-

ing degree from Rutgers University in 1953. A Navy Veteran of World War II, he saw action in the South Pacific as a petty officer first class.

A member of the Tax Executives Institute, New York City chapter, he served as president in 1981-82 and also was selected as a People to People Citizen Ambassador, traveling to five European countries with tax manager for the MAI Corp. in New executives from the United States

Mr. Hennessy was a volunteer tax unteer Program in Rahway for sever-

al years, and a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1146 in Rahway and the American Legion Clark Post 328.

A former assistant Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 100 at St. Mary's Church in Rahway, he received the Bronze Pelican Award.

Mr. Hennessy was also active with the Reunion Committee of the Rahway High School Class of 1941.

Surviving are his wife Jean; a son, John; two daughters, Joanne Staab preparer for Retired Senior and Vol- and Patricia Kasenic; a sister, Virginia Shultz, and 10 grandchildren.

NEWSCLIPS

Clark GOP appoints new slate of officers

The Clark Republican Committee has elected its new slate of officers.

Chairman John DeSimone was reelected to that post. Also elected were Vice Chairwoman Liz Hudak, Secretary Ernie Spies, Treasurer Robert Kobryn and county delegate Salvatore Villani.

The GOP and Democratic municipal parties elect their officers in alternating years.

Golf complex enjoins kids to get into game

The Hyatt Hills Golf Complex has instituted a summer camp for younger golfers wishing to learn or improve their golf game. The camp is co-educational and will accept candidates from 8 to 17 years old. Each camp is limited to 32 students.

Camp will be separated into two

groups according to age and ability: Beginner and intermediate players will be taught basic fundamentals of golf, grip, stance, balance and rhythm, and set-up routine. Emphasis will be placed on full swing, short game, rules, etiquette, and the values of golf.

Advanced players will review the



fundamentals of the swing. Emphasis will be placed on scoring, trouble shots, specialty shots, mental preparation, and on course strategy.

Repeating campers will receive a special curriculum.

Quality golf instruction will be provided by experienced golf instructors with a low 4 to 1 student to instructor ratio. There will be oncourse play with a golf professional.

Five-day camps run from Monday through 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday. Lunch and two snacks are included each day and a shirt, hat and bag tag will be provided.

The all-inclusive cost is \$349 per

student with a half-day camp from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. available for \$209.

Students may enroll for one week or up to eight weeks. Camp will begin July 5 and run through Aug. 27, with the last week beginning Aug. 23.

The Hyatt Hill Golf Complex includes 3,216 yards of scenic beauty and challenging golf for players of all levels; a 40-station driving range and an 18-hole miniature golf course.

For more information, contact Bill Castner at 1300 Raritan Road, or call 732-669-9100.

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

Saturday

· Meet Spot the Dog at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road, at 11 a.m. during storytime.

Monday

 The Department of Public Works will collect newspaper, magazines, junk mail, catalogs, notebooks, office paper, telephone books bundled together in a paper bag or tied with string. Corrugated cardboard must be

Food and beverage containers made of glass, aluminum and steel will be collected, as will plastic pop, water, milk, juice and detergent bottles. All these items can be mixed together in a sturdy metal or plastic reusable container no larger than 32 gallons. Rinse all containers thoroughly.

• There will be a free storytime at 10 a.m. for children younger than 6, at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road.

· Professional organizer and author Jamie Novak will lead the Clutter Club step by step in ways to downsize, organize and reclaim their lives, in a monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 1180

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

Tuesday

• There will be a free storytime at 7 p.m. for children 3 and older, at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road. • The Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the library of Arthur

L. Johnson High School, 365 Westfield Ave. Wednesday

· Clark Public Library will continue its free concert series at 7 p.m. as band Simple Gifts performs international folk music on the lawn of the Arthur L. Johnson High School, 365 Westfield Ave.

The concert will be held inside the school if it rains. For more information, call 732-388-5999, ext. 231.

• Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road, will hold a Safety First program at 7 p.m. with the Fire Department.

Meet a local officer, find out their part in the community, and learn what you can do to stay safe. There will be stories, activities and giveaways.

Upcoming July 22

· Co-authors Jamie Schaefer-Wilson and Jo Anne Germinario will present their book "The Baby Rules: An Insider's Guide to Raising Your Parents," a compilation of tips for perplexed parents, at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road, at 7:30 p.m.

July 24

• The Arthur L. Johnson High School Class of 1978 will sponsor a golf outing at Ash Brook Golf Course, 1210 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains.

The cost is \$75 per person, for golf carts, awards, door prizes and food that will be served at the beginning, the turn, and an Italian-style buffet dinner afterward. Reservations are due by July 21.

For more information, call Norm Marcocci at 215-431-6108, or send an e-mail to ALJClassOf1978@yahoo.com.

July 26 • There will be a free storytime at 10 a.m. for children younger than 6,

at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road.

July 27

• There will be a free storytime at 7 p.m. for children 3 and older, at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road.

• The Planning Board will meet at 8 p.m. in council chambers, behind the Police Department, 315 Westfield Ave. July 28

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of the Arthur L. Johnson High School, 365 Westfield Ave.

'The concert will be held inside the school if it rains. For more information, call 732-388-5999, ext. 231. July 29 • The National Alliance for Autism Research will hold a free lunch

James L. Dean Big Band performs big band and swing music on the lawn

from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at The Crowne Plaza, 36 Valley Road, for those interested in learning about and supporting NAAR. A walk will be held Oct. 17 at Nomahegan Park in Cranford. All walk proceeds will benefit the NAAR. To register, call 888-777-6277, ext. 15.

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• The Township Council will meet at 8 p.m. in Room 16 of the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 450 Westfield Ave.

Aug. 11

• The Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet from 8 to 11 p.m. in Room 16 of the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 450 Westfield Ave. Ongoing

through Oct. 27. Containers should hold no more than 20 gallons and weigh no more than 40 pounds each. Containers must be placed by the curb no later than

• The Department of Public Works will hold regular grass pickup

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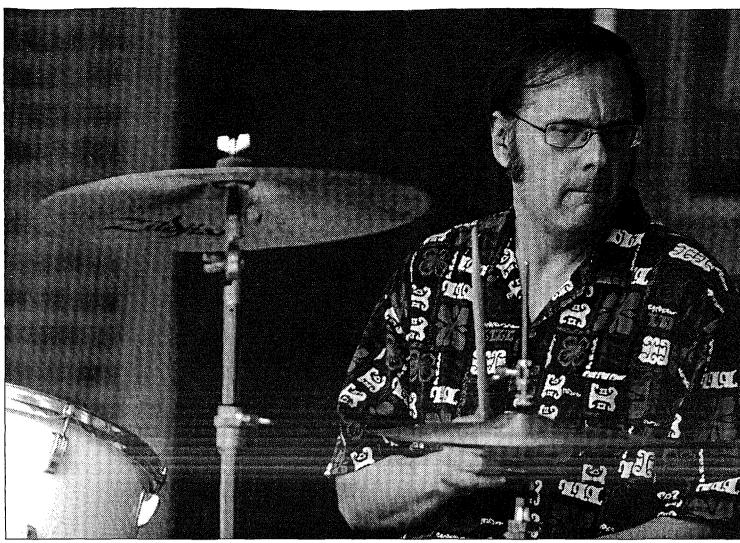
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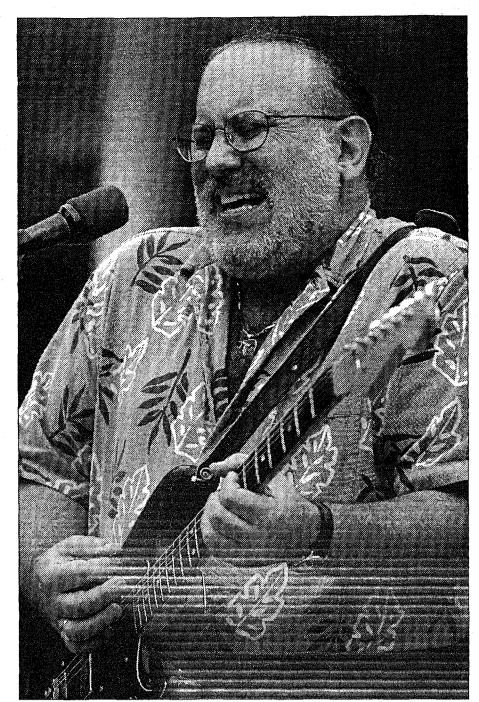
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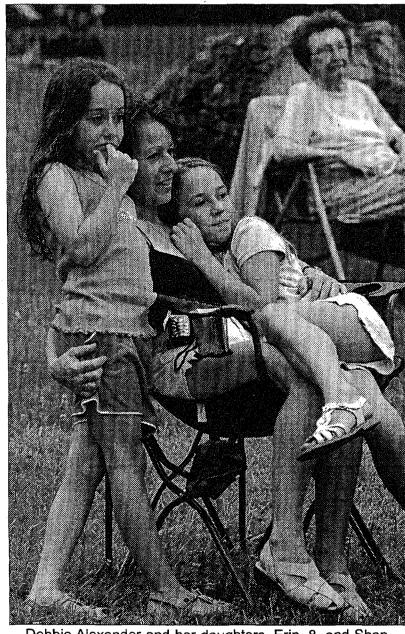
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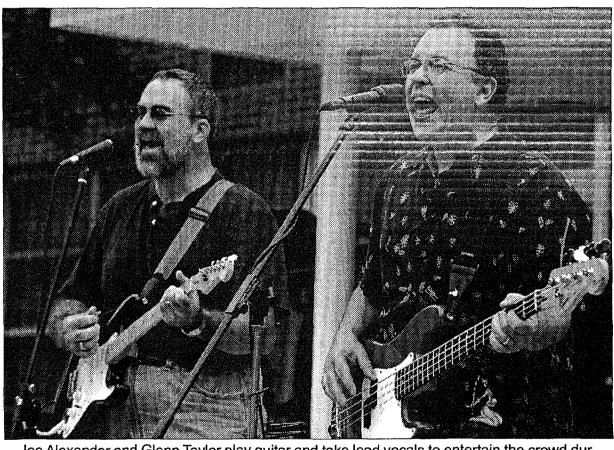
Drummer Dennis Diken keeps time for The Kootz on the drum set, with a well-placed strike to the clashing cymbals. The Kootz, a North Jersey rock band in existence since January 2001, opened Clark Public Library's annual summer concert series on July 7.



Chris Breetveld pours his heart into music as he takes up the vocals during the July 7 concert. The Kootz members describe themselves as having a passion for classic rock, pop, blues and



Debbie Alexander and her daughters, Erin, 8, and Shannon, 10, all of Linden, came to Clark to watch the girls' father, Joe Alexander, play with The Kootz at the start of the summer concert series. Bands play their sets on the lawn in front of Arthur L. Johnson High School.



Joe Alexander and Glenn Taylor play guitar and take lead vocals to entertain the crowd during the performance of The Kootz at the high school. Only two concerts remain: Simple Gifts' performance of international folk music Wednesday, and the James L. Dean Big Band performance of big band and swing music. Concerts are held at the school at 7 p.m., and move inside in the event of rain.

Photos By Reena Rose Sibayan

Summer reading club registration under way at library

Clark residents may continue to register for the Summer old. A parent or caregiver must attend this approximatley Reading Club at Rahway Free Public Library. Programs will run through Aug. 4. There is no preregistration for these programs.

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 Monday, July 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, July 26 and Aug. 2.

• Time for Fours and Fives is for children 4 and 5 years

30-minute program with their child. Time for Fours and Fives will be held on Tuesday, July 27, and Aug. 3. Select either the 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Tuesday session.

• Trail Bingo will be held Tuesday, July 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 Wednesday, July 21, and 28.

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

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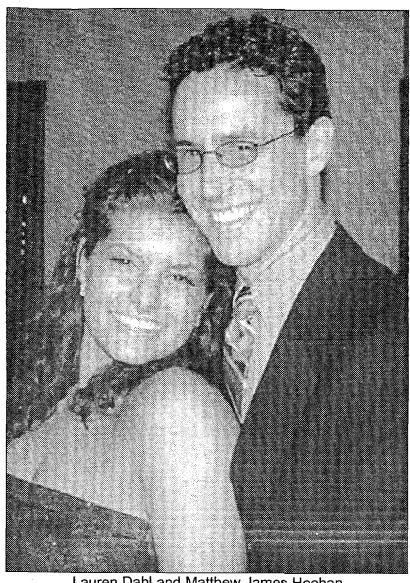
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LIFESTYLE



Lauren Dahl and Matthew James Hooban

Dahl, Hooban to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dahl of Cranford announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren H. Dahl, to Matthew James Hooban, son of Mr. James Hooban of Dublin, Ireland, and Mrs. Theresa Ferguson of Ridgewood.

The bride-to-be is a senior at Douglass College, Rutgers University, in New Brunswick. The groom-to-be is a graduate of Rutgers College, Rutgers University, and is self-employed as a writer working on his first novel. An April 2006 wedding is planned.



Adrian and Julie Gumpert

Kessler, Gumpert marry

Julie Kessler, daughter of Dr. Howard and Janice Kessler of Cranford, was married on the Fourth of July to Adrian Gumpert, son of Julieta Cervantes Gonzalez and Peter Gumpert of Los Angeles.

Rabbi Charles Kroloff officiated over the ceremony at The Liberty House, located inside Liberty State Park in Newport/Jersey City, where a reception fol-

The bride, who graduated cum laude from University of Pennsylvania, is pursuing her masters' degree in moving image archive studies at University of California Los Angeles. She also graduated from Kent Place School in Summit. She is currently the director of the Melnitz Movie Program at UCLA.

The bridegroom, a University of California at Berkeley graduate, recently received his masters' degree from the UCLA Graduate School of Education and is teaching in the Los Angeles School District. The couple met on a trip to Israel 10 years ago. They now live in Los Angeles.

Isabel and Al Lies

Lieses mark 50th anniversary

Isabel and Al Lies of Cranford recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at their summer home in Lavallette.

The former Isabel Walker and Al Lies were married June 19, 1954, in Saint Leo's Church, Irvington. Al Lies retired as senior vice president of Keyes Martin Advertising in

Springfield. He is a U.S. Marine corps veteran of the Korean War, as a staff sergeant com-

bat correspondent and now works as a volunteer with the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. He holds both bachelor and associate's degrees from Seton Hall University. Isabel Lies was a teacher for 31 years with the Rahway Board of Education.

She holds bachelor and master's degrees from Kean University.

The couple have four children, Timothy of Harbin, China; Terry of Hampton; Thomas of Cranford and Heather of Chappaqua, N.Y.; and 11 grandchildren.

STUDENT UPDATE

Honors at FDU

Several Cranford residents were among the students at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham-Madison Campus who qualified for the spring semester dean's and honors list.

Honors list Jessica Novy, Kathryn Obiedzinski

and Philip Oricchio.

Dean's list Christopher D'Ambola and Carolyn Darling.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must have a 3.2 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0; for the honors list, a 3.5 or better.

Grafco scholarship awarded to Flacks

Daniel S. Flacks, Cranford High School Class of 2004, son of Lois and Andy Flacks of Cranford, has been awarded an academic scholarship from Grafco Industries.

Flacks will attend the Pennsylvania College of Technology Williamsport, Pa., beginning in the fall, majoring in plastics and polymer engineering technology. Grafco, which has manufacturing

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Kulisnki finishes at Kean University

Stacy Jean Kulinski of Cranford graduated from Kean University, Union, in May and received a bachelor's degree in early childhood educa-

Dulberg on Syracuse U. dean's list for spring

Jonathan Dulberg was named to the dean's list for the spring 2004 semester at the College of Arts and Sciences at Syracuse University.

Dulberg, a Cranford resident, is a freshman majoring in political sci-

NEWS CLIPS

Dancers take show down to Egg Harbor What do shoulder isolations, pirou-

ettes and step ball change combinations have in common?

For several Cranford girls and their schoolmates at the 2004 Junior Competition Team at Cindy Smith Dance Studio in Kenilworth, those movements have become part of a jazz rou-

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Adjustment (Zoning), Township of Cranford, County of Union, New Jersey will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 9, 2004 at 7:45 p.m. in Room 107 of the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey and to hear the following cases:

Application #Z26-04: Kurt and Lynn

1. Application #Z26-04: Kurt and Lynn Petschow, Applicants, 361 Centennial Avenue, Block 554, Lot 84, Zone B-3 to permit construction of an office addition. No existing building or premises devoted entirely or in a part to a nonconforming use shall be enlarged, extended, reconstructed, substituted or structurally altered except to enlarge or allow a conforming use (136-38.C(1).

2. Application #Z16-04: Charles and Doreen Fowler, Applicants, 19 Roger Avenue, Block 437, Lot 12, R-4 Zone to permit construction of a portico over an existing stair platform with less than the required minimum front yard setback (136-30.6).

3. Application #Z22-04: Kim Rennie, Applicant, 101 High Street, block 483, Lot 15, R-4 Zone to permit construction of a deck with less than the required minimum distance between the principal structure and pool (136-34.B(1)).

4. Application #Z24-04: Bernard Chow, Applicant, 500 Orchard Street, Block 160, Lot 25, R-4 Zone to permit construction of a rear yard addition (sun room) with less than the required minimum rear yard setback (136-30.9).

5. Application #Z25-04: Scott and Erica Moon, Applicants, 631 Lincoln Park East, Block 504, Lot 3, R-2 Zone to permit construction of two porches with less than the required minimum rear yard setback (136-30.6).

All maps and papers relative to said application are on file in the Planning/Zoning Office, Cranford Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey and are available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.

Any interested party or person or persons affected by this application will have an opportunity to present any objections to the proposed development. The Board does, however, have the right to exclude repetitious testimony in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Barbara Ginsberg, Secretary U80289 CCE July 15, 2004 (\$24.75)

LEGAL NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

TAKE NOTICE that on the 28th day of June, 2004, the Zoning Board of Adjust-

tine that has led them to uncharted ter-

Under the guidance of instructor Leanne Hade, 10 fresh-faced, fleetfooted dancers, ranging from 7 to 11 years old, will travel to Egg Harbor Township High School to strut their stuff at the National Dance Showcase

Members include Erica Morreale, Jennifer Helm, and Ashley and Aman-

PUBLIC NOTICE

Township of Cranford, in the Union took the following

1. Application #Z10-04: Granted variances to Tom Caramanica, Applicant, to permit construction of a fence which will exceed the maximum height permitted and location for the side yard on Princeton Road, Block 120, Lot 17 as designated on the Township Tax Map, also known as 44 Princeton Road in the R-3 Zone.

2. Application #Z33-03: Granted variances with conditions to Pedro Cabera-Bonet and Magda Mayol, Applicants, to permit construction of a porch and expansion of an existing garage with less than the minimum required front yard setback; less than the minimum required side yard setback, and less than the minimum required combined side yard setback on Woods Hole Road, Block 162, Lot 8 as designated on the Township Tax Map, also known as 12 Woods Hole Road in the R-1 Zone.

3. Application #Z12-04. Granted a variance to Jeffrey and Mary Sterling, Applicants, to permit construction of an addition with less than the minimum required rear yard setback on Pawnee Road, Block 117, Lot 3 as designated on the Township Tax Map, also known as 225 Pawnee Road in the R-2 Zone.

Barbara Ginsberg Secretary U80266 CCE July 15, 2004 (\$16,50)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the following action was adopted at the Public/Executive Meeting of the Clark Board of Adjustment, heid on: May 24, 2004 Cal.#13-R-04: The application of Brendan Conaty and Anne Conaty was granted permission for the conversion of a garage into living space for the property located at 351 Valley Road Clark, N.J.

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

Anne Const U80316 CCE July 15, 2004 (\$7.13)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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da Schweikardt of Cranford.

The team was invited to the national finals free of charge following its performance at the National Dance Showcase competition in Mays Landing on March 13.

There, the girls were the Overall High Score Winners for the Junior Division (12 and younger), scoring 293 of a possible 300 points.

They also received a judges award for great timing, an honor presented by a special judge of technique and

The group also earned the impact award, given to one dance in the junior division, the junior dance off award and platinum award for their

performance to "Can't Hurry Love." The national finals will include a workshops on July 6 and Dance Off and Awards Ceremony on July 7.

dance competition on July 5, dance

Junior League seeks to add new members

The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield is seeking new members from Cranford and surrounding communities in southern Union County to join its 80-year-old organization.

The junior league is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

For more information, call the league at 908-709-1177.

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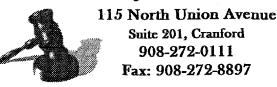
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Robert M. Dollard Robert M. Dollard, 68, of Cranford, died July 4 at home.

Born in Staten Island, Mr. Dollard was a senior property manager with Lucent Technologies in Warren for many years before retiring in 1999.

He previously was a third-level supervisor with AT&T and, before that, he was employed at Western Electric in New York.

He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Mr. Dollard earned a bachelor's degree in math from Wagner College in Staten Island and a master's degree in engineering from Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn.

A member of the board of directors for the Cranford Baseball and Softball League for several years, he was a founder and secretary of the Parkway Invitational Softball League and a coach for the Junior American Legion in Cranford.

Mr. Dollard was also a founder of the Cranford Softball Pitching Clinic. Surviving are his wife, Donna; two sons, Mike and Pete; five daughters, Anne Zucchi, Megan Fajardo, Diana, Mary and Susan; a sister, Dorothy

OBITUARIES Janet Peterson

Janet Peterson, 82, of Cranford, died July 8 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Peterson lived in Roselle Park before moving to Cranford in 1945. Active with First Presbyterian

Church of Cranford, she was involved with their couples club and the library committee. She also was a former

Mrs. Peterson was a member of the Cranford Dramatic Club, the Cranford Historical Society and the Lake Shawnee Club of Lake Shawnee.

Surviving are her husband of more than 60 years, Carl R.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Karin E. and Henry J. Burk, and Joanne P. Ridner; a son, Carl R. Jr.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Virginia Keen

Virginia Keen, 49, of Brick, formerly of Cranford, died July 11 at

She was an account executive with GOD Trucking at Port Newark for many years.

Previously, she had worked at

AGA Insurance Co. in Westfield. She was president of the Band Par-

ents Association in Westfield. Born in Rahway, she lived in Westfield and Cranford before moving to

Brick several years ago. Surviving are daughters, Heather Merlen and Megan; her mother, Mary Rose Romagnano; her father and stepmother, Rudy and Mary Alice Romagnano; a brother, James; a sister Lisa Albert, and her companion, Ter-

Lillian Simpson

rence Gillespie.

Lillian Simpson, 82, of Cranford died July 9 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

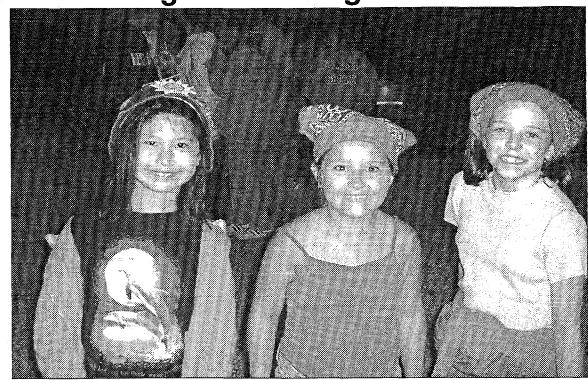
Mrs. Simpson served in the Navy during World War II and attained the rank of yeoman third class.

She was a member of Order of the Eastern Star Atlas Chapter 99 in Westfield and a volunteer at Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Point Pleasant, she lived in Cranford for 40 years.

Surviving are William A. Sr., her husband of 57 years; sons, William A. Jr. and Douglas James; sisters, Agnes Phillips and Margaret Pece, and a grandchild.

An evening of Scouting



Members of Brownie Troop 550, of Hillside Avenue School, enjoy themselves at Camp Hoover. Elizabeth, Katie, and Lucy, pictured here, are getting ready for s'mores and singing around the campfire. The girls' first encampment was a roaring success due to the efforts of Pat Patterson and Senior Girl Scout Troop 541.

SENIOR NEWS

'Secret Window' ends Monday movies cycle

Watson and two grandchildren.

Cranford seniors are invited to beat the summer heat and enjoy a movie in the air-conditioned theater style Audio Visual Room at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

Senior movies will be shown at the Cranford Community Center every other Monday in June and July. No movies will be shown in August.

Movies begin at 11:20 a.m. The movies will be shown on the follow-

• July 26, "Secret Window" (106 minutes) — Based on a Stephen King novella, Johnny Depp stars as a recently divorced author who decides to take some time off at his cottage. Unfortunately, an unbalanced writer tracks him down and causes havoc.

Thursday club

The Cranford Seniors Thursday Club will meet at the Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., at 1 p.m.

· Today - Mary Alice Ryan, "Setting the stage for selling home." • July 22 — Tennis tournament.

• July 29 — Bunco, bring donations for Cranford Family Care. Trips planned:

• July 27 — Atlantic City, Caesar's. For more information, call 908-272-

• Aug. 13 to 26 — Yellowstone National Park, Mt. Rushmore, Grand Tetons. There will be 27 meals. Price is \$1,892 a person; double bed occu-

• Aug. 21 to Sept. 7 — Canadian Rockies, Banff, Glacier National Park, Icefields Parkway. \$2,380 a person. Double bed occupancy. Thirty-four

• Oct. 21 to 26 - Bar Harbor, Maine. Lodge, Bar Harbor Inn, directly on Frenchman Bay. Ten meals; \$727 a person, double occupancy.

Call 908-272-5375 for overnight trips. The public is welcome on all

Healthy Bones class fights osteoperosis

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department and the Union County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and Community Access is developing a new Healthy Bones class to be held from 9 to 10 a.m. Fridays at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut

Healthy Bones is an exercise program designed to prevent and slow the development of osteoporosis and osteoporosis-related disability.

The program is comprised of balance and strength training exercises using progressive ankle and hand weights. It is specifically tailored for older adults.

Call the Recreation Department at 908-709-7283 for more information. Class size is limited.

AARP Chapter 4269

Atlantic City trips on July 28 and Aug. 25 will leave from Lincoln School on Centennial Avenue.

The chapter will take a two-day trip Oct. 3 to Mohegan Sun and Foxwood Casinos in Connecticut is planned, stay overnight at Mohegan Sun and next day visit Foxwood. Cost is \$189 per person, with double occupancy, also visit the atomic submarine "Nau-

tilus" and museum. For more information, call Mike Doncrank at 908-486-6679.

Wednesday club

Cranford Seniors Wednesday Club meets at 1 p.m. Wednesdays at Com-

munity Center 220 Walnut Ave.

Trips to Showboat Casino in Atlantic City, leaving from 40 Meeker Ave. at 11 a.m., are planned for Aug. 16, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8 and Dec. 6. Cost is \$16. The public is welcome.

For more information and reservations, call Arleen at 908-272-5441.

Other upcoming trips include: • Sept. 6 to 10 — Wildwood Crest. Round trip motorcoach transportation, with four nights' deluxe room accommodations at the Regal Plaza. Dinners

will be at area restaurants. Activities include four nights of entertainment including Cape May Performing Arts Center Variety Show; a dinner-comedy show at The Grand Hotel, Cape May; a gala night with prizes, music, and dancing. Rates are \$280 per person for double occupancy; \$350 for single occupancy.

Fill Thursday afternoons with mah-jongg club

Cranford seniors are invited to play mah-jongg from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

The object of mah-jongg is to remove matched pairs of tiles from the board until none are left.

Participants must register prior to the class by filling out a senior registration form.

For more information, call the Recreation and Parks Department at 709-76283.

Friday club

The Cranford Seniors Friday Club meets at the Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., at 1 p.m. Fridays.

• Friday, July 23 and 30 Social/bingo.

Happy birthday to Tom Leahey, July 3; Arthur Sanguiliano, July 8; Helen Popiel, July 17, and Marie Matrangolo, July 30.

The following trips are planned: Aug. 11 — Atlantic City bus trip. Cost is \$17, with a noon departure

from Hillsive Avenue School parking

Oct. 25-27 - Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun casinos. Three days and two nights. Cost is \$170 each for double occupancy of two-night accommodations, two continental breakfasts, two casino meal credits, guided tour of Mystic, New London. Village shop-

For reservations and more information on trips, call Helen at 908-276-

Professional instructor leads dance classes

Cranford seniors 60 and older can participate in a social dance class at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. Wednesdays. A professional dance instructor is available at every class.

Men and women, beginners and experienced dancers are welcome to attend. A partner is not needed to participate.

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

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EDITORIALS

Hits and misses

As summer hits its stride and the long days stretch into long weeks, it's time to take stock of some of the things that have taken place in Clark during the past several weeks. Here follows our take on the good and the bad:

· HIT: On a personal level, it's hard to imagine it getting much better than it has for Danyelle and Robert Vill, who on June 15 found themselves the proud parents of not one, not two but three bouncing baby boys. While we join everyone else in wishing all five of the Vills all the joy they can find in their new situation, we also wish them support with the new financial situation they have entered, and opportunities to snatch lost sleep.

HIT: Even as we says hello to the Vill brothers, we extend our best wishes for the future to Rabbi Shawn Zell, as he prepares to conclude his years of service to Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah in a few short weeks. Zell has been a pillar in the community for 20 years, and surely will be missed by those whom he has served as spiritual leader.

MISS: We're afraid the Board of Education is about to miss a golden opportunity to educate some high school students in the mechanics of government, by settling for delegating to one board member the duty of dealing with a representative of the Arthur L. Johnson High School student council. That's better than nothing, but not by much. The council has asked for a nonvoting seat on the board, and as long as that desire exists, the board ought to encourage it.

MISS: Also needing encouragement are negotiations between the school board and Clark Educators Association. It's customary and expected for negotiations to hit a speed bump or two along the way, and even to enter arbitration when talks reach the "non-negotiables" such as salary and benefits. Patience is needed, as is understanding and a willingness to compromise.

HIT: The news is in that the Dr. William Robinson Plantation House is about to be repaired through an assortment of grants and other funds not coming from local taxpayer dollars. That's good news for the township. As the oldest standing structure in the county, the plantation house is an invaluable treasure for the community.

HIT: It's good to see something finally happening with the front of the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building. As the current administration increasingly has strived to consolidate community-building events such as holiday celebrations at the building, it's important that the image it present of the township leave a stronger impression than the one it currently does. Like the recent paint job given to the Public Works Department and the expansion at the library, this work is long overdue.

Learning curve

There's hope yet that the 2004-05 Board of Education finally may have hit its stride. With Superintendent of Schools Glenn Tillou finally installed, and Schools Business Administrator now also acting as board secretary, the board should be free to focus on its responsibilities and stop the stumbling that has plagued it since the new board members took office this spring.

The rocky start began with the board's first meeting, when the board stumbled over what should have been some fairly routine appointments. Generally regarded as a thinly disguised effort to sever the board's relationship with one of the most well-regarded law firms in the state for school boards, that move failed, but it also set the tone for the last two months as one nonissue after another has been blown out of proportion.

The most recent of these came at a board meeting three weeks ago, when board member Tom Lewis made a push not to add the duties of school board secretary to the other responsibilities of Schools Business Administrator William Takacs. The reasons Lewis gave weren't very clear — just that he felt it better to wait until a later date — and ultimately he proved to be on his own, as the other members of the board rejected his proposal.

Next Tuesday's meeting is fast approaching, hopefully with no major missteps or pointless delays bogging it down. Doubtless there will be a few more in the months ahead the learning curve for any new school board and its freshmen members in particular can be substantial — but we hope that seasoned and experienced voices will get the attention they warrant, and the board as a whole can address the problems that demand its attention without needless distractions.

"Freedom is not to be bought in the bargain basement nor for a lump sum. It must be paid for and argued about by each succeeding generation."

> — Edward R. Murrow Broadcast Journalist

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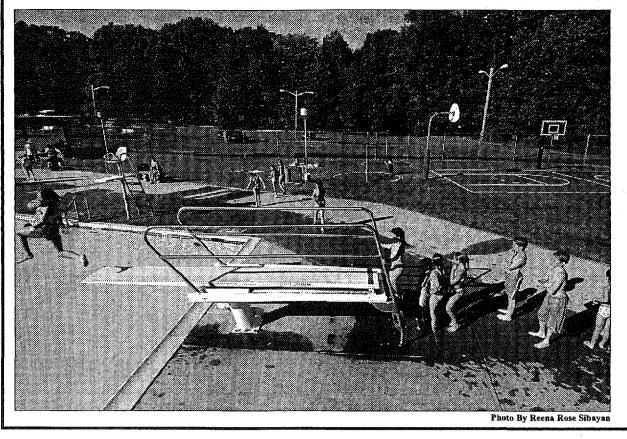
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WAITING IN LINE -A procession of children wait in the queue for the chance to take a leap from the diving board and disappear into the water at the Clark municipal pool, during one of the summer's recent hot days. Ahh, relief.

When did bad news become the only good news?

Did you ever have a friend or a relative that seemed to derive great satisfaction in passing on bad news?

The phone rings. "Hello?" "It's Martha. Didn't you go to high school with a George Tartuffo?"

"George Tartuffo. Tartuffo? Yes, I think I remember the name but I can't picture his face. Why, what about

"He died Sunday. Some sort of freak boating accident. Apparently a Boston Whaler fell on top of him while he was standing underneath it at the boat show in the Javits Center."

"My God. That's horrible."

"Tragic... Thought you'd want to know. Gotta run."

Thought I'd want to know? Why didn't you call me when George won a Buick after hitting a hole in one at Baltusrol? Who wants to hear bad news all the time?

Apparently, if you read the papers or watch the news regularly, the answer is everyone.

I don't know if scientists have determined our psychic capacity for bearing bad news before beginning to suffer its ill effects, but I do know that I'm close to exceeding mine.

Call me a crybaby, but I could use a little good news. Something a little

Now What?

By John Hartnett

life-affirming, a little yin to the yang of murder, deceit, hatred and greed the four horsemen of the fourth estate.

How about a couple of stories that reflect our capacity for kindness, generosity, tolerance, and forgiveness? Surely there are some of those humming along the newswires.

Who knows, maybe more stories involving kindness, generosity, tolerance and forgiveness could dupe us into thinking hope has a shot of unseating apathy and despair. Any tak-

Hello, Hollywood, CNN, The New York Times. Any good news to report? Anything? Dog raises kittens? Community joins forces to rebuild house destroyed by fire? Sorority girls videotaped in Florida during spring break, teaching ESL classes? Any new programs on the horizon

that don't revolve around murdering someone in cold blood, being murdered by someone in cold blood or catching someone who's murdered

someone in cold blood?

Isn't it enough to have countless real-life murders covered in rich. gory detail on the news each day? Are our cravings for violence so great we need to create fictional murders as

Week in and week out, the most consistently top-rated programs are "CSI," "CSI: Miami," "Law and Order" and "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit."

Regarding local news organizations, I don't understand the point of being informed of every murder that occurs within their beat. What benefit does that news serve except to create a climate of fear?

They say most murders are acts of passion committed by people who knew their victims, so the odds of them murdering me are slight to none unless I'm inclined to strike up a pen pal relationship with a convicted killer in prison — and believe me that's not going to happen — I'm having a hard enough time trying to get this column in each week.

Have you noticed how most nightly news shows try to end on an up note after 28 minutes covering news events that generally reflect the actions of people demonstrating the most abhorrent attributes of human nature?

Right before the news team signs off with a little patter and a smile, you'll get a 30-second story about a 9year-old national spelling bee winner who miraculously managed to spell "connoisseur" while her braces were stuck together. Recipe for perfect evening news broadcast: Mix nine parts angst and despair with one part hope and or levity.

When I contemplate the direction the media continues to take with its coverage of the news, my thoughts turn to the words of songwriter Nick

As I walk through This wicked world

Searchin' for light in the darkness of insanity.

I ask myself Is all hope lost?

Is there only pain and hatred, and misery?

And each time I feel like this inside, There's one thing I wanna know: What's so funny 'bout peace love and understanding? Don't ask me...

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Facility presents added bioterror risk

Imagine caravans of infectious medical waste, all moving along accidentprone, New Jersey roadways, including Route 78, the New Jersey Turnpike, Route 1 and 9 and Morris Avenue and local connector roads, all headed for Linden, all waiting for the inevitable accident.

Despite multiple deaths from mail-order anthrax, cases of plague in New York City and ongoing terrorism alerts, Union County freeholders have never rescinded approval to site New Jersey's only commercial infectious waste handling facility in one of the most populated areas of the country.

After lying dormant for five years, plans for the facility are moving forward. Alternatively, the general population could be protected from accidental exposure to drug-resistant tuberculosis, HIV, hepatitis, ebola, anthrax, plague and flesh-eating bacteria. Hospitals and other major generators of infectious waste could effectively and safely destroy all pathogens at source by using steam chambers. Unfortunately, Centers for Disease Control and National Institutes of Health guidelines in this area are not mandatory and are being disregarded in this

If you are upset at the prospect of having 60 tons of infectious waste moving along your roads, each and every day, New Jersey Concern urges you to let Union County Freeholders and your local officials know that you want the regional medical waste treatment facility removed from the Union County Solid Waste Management Plan.

William T. Fidurski

Editor's note: The writer is vice president of New Jersey Concern.

Community remembers McKenna To the Editor:

On July 4, 2003, Jennifer McKenna, a member of ALJ's class of 2004 passed away as a result of cystic fibrosis. Jennifer was a sweet and vibrant young woman who was always equipped with a smile. She was among the brightest, always keeping up with her work despite extended absences. Jennifer's absence was definite and appreciable when on June 17 the graduating class received their diplomas.

With only two short weeks before graduation, I learned that the class would be unable to cut a check for an organization in Jennifer's honor to be presented at the ceremony. In response, I sent a letter out to every parent of a graduating senior, explaining the situation and requesting a donation to what I called the Jen McKenna Project. As the days passed, envelopes were generously filled and dropped off in the donation box. The fund-raiser yielded \$1,018, which was sent to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation on Jennifer's behalf.

I would like to take a moment now that the check has already been mailed to extend a personal thank you to all of those who participated in the fund-raiser. Even with such short notice, numerous families generously sent in checks and cash. Many faculty members compassionately contributed and offered support and encouragement.

I also would like to thank those who work in Johnson's main office for ensuring the contents of the box was locked overnight if contributions were added after daily collections. I would also like to thank the Valley Road School PTA and Valley Road faculty member Paula Spence for giving substantial and gracious donations. Finally, I would like to offer much deserved gratitude to my family for their contributions, support, and major help stuffing envelopes.

I am proud that the Jen McKenna Project was such a success. I am even more proud to have been Jennifer's classmate.

Ashley Rieder Clark

Patriot Act deserves greater scrutiny

On Oct. 26, 2001, President Bush signed the USA Patriot Act into law. Under the Act, government electronic and human surveillance was radically extended and a much lower standard for "probable cause" was permitted, thus placing privacy rights in jeopardy.

Under this act, armed solely with a court order, a law enforcement official

could obtain library and university records to see what an individual is reading or how he or she surfs the Internet. The law also allows law enforcement officials to wire-tap computers, cell phones, regular phones without having to go to court to obtain a search warrant. What is even more disturbing about this law is the fact that library and book-

store employees are forbidden to inform anyone, including the press, that there is a search taking place. Also, under this law, law enforcement officials can listen to conversations taking place between attorneys and clients in prisons.

Many politicians have praised the Patriot Act as an effective tool for combating terrorism. Others, including myself, consider this law an affront to civil liberties.

While Congress will be debating the renewal of the act toward the end of this year, I've been amazed at the efforts of nine New Jersey municipalities in passing resolutions and going on record as opposing this law or at least some provisions of it, municipalities such as Paterson, Princeton, Highland Park, Franklin Township, Montclair and others.

Union County townships have yet to at least have a hearing or a debate on the subject. Townships like Hillside, Union, Elizabeth, Roselle, Roselle Park, Cranford. Westfield, Linden and others have not even made time to question the merits of the Patriot Act. I believe they should and I believe it is in their interests and in the interests of their respected citizens that this should be done. However, being realistic, I doubt it will be.

> Alex Pugliese Kenilworth

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Muslim nations must bring an end to slavery

Slavery has been endemic in Sudan for thousands of years. In a stunning book titled "Escape From Slavery," author Francis Bok, a Christian African from the Dinka tribe, recounts his life as a slave.

He writes that, in 1986, at the tender age of 7, he was sent by his mother to the market to sell eggs and peanuts. What confronted him would change his happy life forever.

He was forcibly kidnapped by people his father called Jur - or Muslim Arabs who inhabit the northern Sudan. These Arabs would periodically swoop down to southern Sudan and with sudden violence kill those who resisted and forcibly kidnapped others of the Dinka tribe and make them their

According to U.S. State Department estimates, in 1992, up to 90,000 animist tribes in southern Sudan frequently were invaded by Arab militias from the north, who killed the men and enslaved the women and children. The Arabs consider it a traditional right to enslave southerners and to own slaves as personal property.

For 10 years, Bok was a slave to an Arab family, "being forced to work for no payment but the garbage from the family's dinner and an occasional beating from a bit cattle whip."

Despite the fact that he never saw his parents again, he remembered his father calling him muycharko, which means "12 men." Of all his children, his father explained, Francis was the child who would never give up. He acknowledges his father in the book's preface when he writes "for my father, who always told me I would do some-

Point

By Eileen Toplansky

thing important in life."

After 10 years of humiliation and degradation, Bok escaped and ultimately fled to America. He met Charles Jacobs, president of the American Anti-Slavery Group.

Jacobs has dedicated his life to bringing attention to the worldwide problem of slavery. In his various writings, Jacobs has recounted how a 10-year-old child was taken in a raid on her village in southern Sudan and branded by her master with a hot iron

As if the institution of slavery were not horror enough, the Arabs demand that their slaves convert to Islam. If the slaves refuse, they are physically mutilated. A 13-year-old Dinka boy was abducted by an Arab nomad and taken to a merchant's house. The frightened boy found several Dinka men hobbling, their Achilles tendons cut because they refused to become Muslims. Threatened with the same

treatment, the boy converted. In a chapter titled "Why?" Bok tries to make sense of why Sudanese people murdered and enslaved other Sudanese people. Centuries of racism and religious arrogance are key ingredients to this horrifying spectacle. Bok writes, "while what the Taliban did may have seemed strange to you black people have been enslaved on (before Sept. 11, 2001) the terror and cruelty of such an extreme form of Islam is as familiar as our homes of wood, mud and straw, which our enemies enjoyed setting aflame, too often with women and children aside."

Francis Bok speaks with authority when he cites the "fanatical Islamist governments" that continue to seek total control.

This "irrational fanaticism" is what has resulted in enslaving little African boys, killing 2 million southern Sudanese and running 4.4 million more out of their homes and villages.

Slavery, recognized and regulated by Islamic law, is an integral part of Muslim societies in the Middle East. Though slavery was a very real event in Europe and America, the horror of this condition was exposed and Western civilization finally abolished it. In essence, actual slavery was ended by the middle of the 19th century.

Sadly, Islamic civilization has not made concerted efforts to abolish this hideous way of life. To this day, the principal places in the world where one can buy a slave for ready case are Muslim countries.

Unfortunately, the Quran regulates the practice of slavery in considerable detail. In endows slavery with divine sanction. While certain kindnesses are to be afforded the slave and a Muslim slave is of a higher order than a free infidel, as if this is an acceptable distinction in the first place, the slave cannot be set free.

Slavery in the Muslim world has been and remains brutally racist in character. Mauritania and Sudanese such a scale that the term black has become synonymous with slave.

Francis Bok writes that "for the Muslims of the area that would become Sudan, the Dinka was only fit to be slaves and, thus, their word for black person and slave became the same: abeed."

According to a recent National Geographic issue, "one million children are forced to work in Egypt's cotton sector because they are the appropriate height to inspect cotton plants."

A child sold into slavery in Benin, Africa, works all day without rest or pay. He cannot go play outside. Any disobedience brings a beating.

It is high time for the Muslim world to initiate a serious movement to end slavery, and not just on paper.

Although in 1962 the Arabian Peninsula officially abolished slavery, there are presently at least a quartermillion slaves in Saudi Arabia. In Pakistan, girls as young as 5 are auctioned off to the highest bidders.

Harems are not a thing of Scherherazade stories - they are still commonplace in the world, where Afghan girls between 5 and 17 sell for \$80 to

While there are those moderate voices in the Muslim world who do decry the evil of slavery, they are not loud enough. Where are the Muslim abolitionists? To speak out is dangerous indeed, for under Islamic law, there is not much room for dissension.

Not to speak out is worse though, for then one has acquiesced in the misery of other human beings, and this is unconscionable.

HEALTH

opossums, skunks, groundhogs,

moles, squirrels and rabbits. Clark

also supports a large rodent popula-

transmitted through saliva of a rabid

animal introduced by a bite or a

scratch. All warm-blooded animals

Since wildlife does not always

Some animals such as skunks and

raccoons, which are primarily noctur-

nal, 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

Some simple precautions that can

be taken to discourage wildlife and

rodent harborage and protect your

Vaccinate your dogs and cats

· Make sure that all garbage, espe-

· Never leave pet food or water

· Cut grass, trim bushes and cut

 Remove den sites such as wood pilings. Keep storage sheds free of

Have chimneys professionally

capped. Screen off decks and porches.

back tree branches frequently to pre-

vent harborage and access to your

cially garbage containing food waste,

is placed in metal or heavy duty plas-

outside of your home. Do not scatter

family and pets include:

tic garbage cans with lids.

bird feed on the ground.

debris and accumulation.

against rabies.

appear sick or exhibit the symptoms of

rabies, it is advisable to avoid contact

with wildlife

young.

can be infected by the rabies virus.

Rabies is a viral disease which is

· Perform a home self-inspection. Summertime is here; Check for broken windows, torn watch out for rabies screens, cracks and holes in building Clark is indigenous to many types of wildlife due to its natural water-

foundations and gaps under doorways. · Drain pool covers of water and ways, deciduous woodlands and subeliminate areas of stagnant and/or urban geographic boundaries. standing water on the property. Types of wildlife include raccoons,

· Educate and supervise children to stay away from wildlife. Think safety

 Never attempt to corner or trap wildlife. Seek professional assistance from a certified wildlife removal company or licensed exterminator.

West Nile surveillance continues in Clark

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.

West Nile virus is transmitted to humans through the bite of mosquitoes, not crows. There is no evidence of person-to-person transmission.

Symptoms of West Nile virus include mild, nonspecific flulike symptoms, high fever, chills, body aches, rapid onset of headache, stiff neck, disorientation, tremors, coma, convulsions and paralysis. The elderly, young and immunocompromised are the most susceptible.

Residents are urged to take the following precautions:

· Insect repellents may be applied to skin or preferably clothing. Residents are urged to read all insect repellent labels and precautionary statements, especially when applying repellents to children.

Residents with questions regarding mosquitoes and spraying, must contact the Union County Bureau of Mosquito Control at 908-654-9835. To report an injured, sick or dead crow, call 732-388-3600, ext. 3045.

Living in the shade is no problem to the right plants

It's time to talk about a subject that some gardeners approach with dread --- shade.

Most of us have garden areas that are bathed in shade or partial shade for some portion of the day. Some of us have completely shaded lots. A few of us seem to harbor existential despair over our shaded situations. Creative gardeners, though, will tell you that shade is full of opportunity.

If you are planning a new garden bed or revamping an old one, it's important to evaluate exactly how much shade you have. A mature white pine tree dominated a large portion of my former back garden. Its shade was so dense that almost nothing grew underneath.

At the other end of the spectrum, I know a gardener who grows an array of interesting plants in the shade of a small birch grove.

When trees, rather than the shadows of buildings, provide the shade it is important to consider several other factors as well. Tree roots extend outward from the tree in all directions in a radius roughly equal to that of the tree's crown.

Many of those roots are relatively shallow, which allows them to rob neighboring smaller plants of water and nutrients. That is why shallowrooted specimens installed under- looks worse in this situation than neath trees tend to do better than deep-rooted varieties.

Deciduous trees — those that lose their leaves every fall - allow a lot of light to penetrate in the spring before they are fully leafed out, large circle around the tree's base, put allowing for a wide variety of plant- a bench under the tree and accented ings. Mature trees, whose branches

Gardener's **Apprentice** By Elisabeth Ginsburg

are relatively high off the ground, often allow more light to penetrate than younger specimens with lower branches. The situation with younger or smaller trees can be manipulated by a careful "limbing up" or removal of low-hanging limbs.

Once you have thought about the quality of the shade surrounding you, you can begin considering how you want your shade garden to look. Just because you have nothing but shade, doesn't mean that you don't crave all the same things as your neighbor who has nothing but sun.

If you have nothing but shade, chances are you have also been told more than once that it is impossible to grow lots of flowers. Challenging the limits of that kind of conventional wisdom can be an intensely satisfying experience.

I like to take on the biggest challenge first - deep shade. Nothing scraggly plants that would be better suited elsewhere.

My old pine tree yielded vast quantities of sweet-smelling pine straw every year. We raked it into a the area with big pots of bright-col-

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ored tuberous begonias that spent eties of astilbe, in colors ranging their formative months in slightly less shaded areas of the garden.

When the begonias came into bloom, we shifted them around to the plot under the pine tree. The blossoms lasted a long time in that environment, and when they faded, we rotated the pots, replacing them with others whose flowers were just coming into bloom.

If you are a fan of spring-blooming bulbs and you have a yard shaded by deciduous trees, then plant as many bulbs as you can. The early spring sunlight will rain down on your sprouting daffodils, crocuses, hyacinths and tulips, giving you oceans of color and lots of flowers for

Overplant them with a shaderesistant ground cover such as lamium or big-root geranium, so that the dying foliage will be hidden later on.

Early spring is also the time for hellebores, which have lovely longlasting flowers. The most popular hellebores on the market are the Royal Heritage strain, which bloom anytime from the end of February on. The flowers are long-stemmed and the colors range from greenish-white to pink to burgundy. Many of the blossoms are prettily spotted as well.

Everyone knows that hosta is the king of the modern shade garden. The vast majority of hostas have forgettable purple flowers, but some, like the friendly giant, Hosta sieboldia Elegans, boast fragrant white flowers that can be cut and arranged.

If you mulch well or have a sprinkler system, try all the different vari- contributor to this newspaper.

from white and peach through a range of pink and rose shades to many hues of purple.

Foxgloves are old cottage garden standbys that flourish in partial shade. They also make good cut flowers, and reseed themselves liberally. The taller varieties can stand at the back of the border along with cimicifuga or bugbane. These plants send up tall, fragrant white flower spikes near summer's end. Some species and cultivars, including Cimicifuga simplex Hillside Black Beauty, also have striking dark stems and foliage.

You can also get your flowers from shade-loving shrubs like hydrangea, rhododendron, kerria and waxbell, with its pendulous yellow blooms. Most hydrangea species, hybrids and cultivars do double duty because the flowers are also amenable to drying for winter arrangements.

The sky's the limit in light shade because most sun-loving plants don't mind slightly diffused light. The flowers may not be as numerous, but they will last longer with less scorching sun. Even roses are not impossible, if you pick varieties such as the oldfashioned Gruss an Aachen, or any of the Alba roses like Madame Hardy or Great Maiden's Blush.

An interesting garden has lots of contrast - exciting and restful, tall and short, formal and informal and especially sunny and shady. If you ignore your shade areas you are only doing half the gardener's job.

Elisabeth Ginsburg is a frequent

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Snapple Bowl is tonight Series tied 5-5

By JR Parachini Sports Editor

There have already been 10 Snapple Bowls.

Hard to believe.

Before that, you had football fans wondering who was better - Union County or Middlesex County?

After the first 10 games, arguments are all even as the series is tied at 5-5. The 11th Snapple Bowl All-Star Football Game, featuring just graduated seniors from Union County vs. Middlesex County, will kick off tonight at 7:30 at East Brunswick High School.

Proceeds from the game benefit the Children's Specialized Hospital of Mountainside and the Lakeview School for Cerebral Palsy in Edison.

For the first time in the series, the game is being played at the same sight in consecutive years.

Union County won last year's game by a 13-0 count to pitch the series' first shutout.

Union County has won three of the past four games contests to even things up.

As a result of the Snapple Bowl, which has received unbelievable support from East Brunswick coach Marcus Borden and year-in and year-out contributions from longtime Roselle Park mentor John Wagner, more and more non-conference games involving Union and Middlesex county schools are taking place.

This upcoming season, for example, we have such non-conference Union vs. Middlesex clashes to look forward to including Bridgewater-Raritan at Union Oct. 29, Roselle Park at Metuchen Sept. 11, Highland Park at Roselle Park Oct. 8, Roselle Park at Middlesex Nov. 5, Hillside at Spotswood Nov. 6, New Brunswick at Roselle Nov. 6, Johnson at Spotswood Sept. 11, New Providence at Highland Park Nov. 6, Plainfield at Bridgewater-Raritan Nov. 5 and Old Bridge at Westfield Sept. 11.

Some of the top players from Union County will seek to give their team the lead in the series for the first time with a win over some of the best players from Middlesex County tonight.

Rosters include 40 players and cheerleaders on both sides.

Union County quarterback Mike Vicci, who led Johnson to the 2002 North 2, Group 2 championship, was last year's MVP.

Vicci handed off to Malcolm Jackson of Elizabeth for the game's first touchdown and tossed an 80-yard touchdown pass to Dane Reves of Plainfield for the game's second and final score.

The road team is 8-2 and each squad has won two straight. Union is going for two straight for a second time.

Other Union County MVPs have included Jamie Allen of Summit. Louis Campbell of Rahway, Billy Gilbert of Elizabeth and Brandon Bracey of Linden.

Here's a look at the scores and MVPs of the first 10 Snapple Bowls: 2003: Union 13, Middlesex 0 MVP: Mike Vicci, Johnson, QB

2002: Middlesex 28, Union 20 MVP: Zack Earvin, South River, RB **2001:** Union 17, Middlesex 16

MVP: Brandon Bracey, Linden, DB **2000:** Union 27, Middlesex 21 MVP: Billy Gilbert, Elizabeth, RB **1999:** Middlesex 28. Union 7

MVP: Jeff LeSeur, Perth Amboy, WR 1998: Middlesex 33, Union 7 MVP: Luke Cianello, Dunellen, QB 1997: Union 28, Middlesex 7

MVP: Louis Campbell, Rahway, QB 1996: Middlesex 21, Union 6 MVP: Kenny Rogers, South Bru., RB 1995: Union 17, Middlesex 15

MVP: Jamie Allen, Summit, WR 1994: Middlesex 35, Union 14

MVP: Khamisi Jackson, Monroe, RB

Series lead: even 5-5 Home team: 2-8 Road team: 8-2 Most points: Middlesex 204 Least points: Union 156 Shutouts: 1-Union County

NOTES: Roselle Park's John Schinestuhl threw Union County's first touchdown pass in the inaugural game 10 years ago at Union's Cooke Memorial Field.

Schinestuhl quarterbacked Roselle Park to back-to-back 11-0 campaigns his junior and senior seasons of 1992 and 1993, leading the Panthers to con-

secutive North 2, Group 1 crowns. Union County's first win in the series came in 1995 by a 17-15 score in the only Snapple Bowl played at Sayreville.

Cranford coach Zsak relishes time he spends with players

By Jeff Wolfrum Staff Writer

To be able to hang on to every moment with his former players.

That's what Cranford High School football defensive coordinator Don Zsak said he was fortunate to do the past two weeks in preparation for today's News Tribune Snapple Bowl XI at East Brunswick at 7:30 p.m.

"It's a joy for me to be around the guys for one more game," Zsak said. "It's a special game and I want to be able to cherish the last time I'll be coaching them."

The outstanding summertime tradition has united Union and Middlesex county All-Star football players, cheerleaders and coaches in an effort to make a difference in the lives of children. After a week of practice, the participants visit the Specialized Hospital in Mountainside and the Lakeview School for Cerebral Palsy in Edison. Proceeds from the event go to the two institutions.

"It's a great experience for me to be here," Zsak said. "I used to coach under (Union County head man) Steve Ciccotelli at Johnson, so it will be nice to be around a lot of guys I know."

Included in that list is Roselle Park head coach John

"This is my third year being involved in the Snapple Bowl," Zsak said. "Head coach (Chris) Hull has joined me the past two years, but couldn't attend this year because he's committed to getting the guys ready in the weight room. Next year, we'll probably switch and he'll be part of the event again."

Last season, Hull and Zsak guided Cranford to an impressive 8-3 record that included reaching the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 semifinals.

After defeating Voorhees 28-21 at Memorial Field in the quarterfinals for their first-ever state playoff victory, the third-seeded Cougars dropped a hard-fought 27-24 decision to second-seeded Rutherford in a classic Friday

night playoff game at Rutherford.

In those games, Cranford was sparked by the play of captains Steve Carbone, Chris Venditti and Michael Porter. That trio consists of the Cougar players who will be participating in tonight's Snapple Bowl. Cranford's other captain, Bryan Giannecchini, played in last Saturday's Governor's Bowl at West Point's Michie Stadium.

Carbone, who will continue his football playing days at The College of New Jersey in Ewing Township, stands at 6-2, 225.

"Steve has been a starter for us for the past three years," Zsak said. "He's been impressing the coaching

staff here with his strength and ability to run.' Slated to play offensive guard on the Union County

team, there is some debate among his college coaches to which side of the ball Carbone will play at that level. "Steve's going to have a very successful college career," Zsak said. "He's physical and has a great work

ethic, so he can play on either side of the ball." Venditti, a 5-11, 245-pounder, will be the starting center for the Union County squad.

"Chris is a fine example of how far the program has grown in the past three years," Zsak said. "He's a hard worker and dedicated to the weight room.'

Venditti is headed to Rutgers University in the fall, but will not play football there, choosing to concentrate more on academics.

"The coaching staff has been impressed by his ability and toughness," Zsak said. "Even though this is his last game, he definitely has the talent to play college foot-

Porter, a 5-11, 170-pound split end, is undecided about a college or if he'll play while attending.

"Michael was a possession-type of receiver for us," Zsak said. "On film, he seemed to be easy to defend, but game in and game out, he always came up with big catches for us.'

good at 2-1. The Panthers scored on three straight singles.

ting the leadoff batter on due to an error, Emmons got tough

tried to not let it affect me," Emmons said. "A pitcher can

only do so much. You can't worry about what your fielders'

are going to do. It did make me feel good that I was able

to get out varsity hitters because I never faced any before."

Clark mounted a threat again in the bottom of the fourth,

Designated hitter Tom Haddad led off the inning with a

However, RP pitcher Roland Bussiere registered a

"We left a lot of runners on base in the beginning of the

Emmons showed he was up to the challenge as well as

With one out, Mike Tumblety singled to left, stole sec-

That's where he would remain, though, as Emmons

Emmons yielding only five hits, while striking out four

"The game was 2-1 for five innings due mainly to the

job done by Emmons," Dugan said. "He hung tough against

mostly varsity players, which was great to see. He has

pitched two great games in a row after coming back from

RP made it 5-1 in the top of the sixth on the strength of

The Panthers then closed out the scoring in the top of the

"I'm happy with the job the kids are doing," Dugan said.

NOTES: The All-Star Game was to be played Tuesday

The county playoffs were to begin last night at the fields

The playoffs are scheduled to continue, if necessary,

Playoff games continue Saturday and Sunday at Linden.

seventh as they plated three more runs off of reliever D.J.

recorded a lineout before getting Garcia swinging to end

game," Dugan said. "Their pitcher (Bussiere) then got

he left a runner stranded at third in the top of the fifth.

walk and advanced to third as Joe Colaterella reached on an

strikeout before being bailed out by his defense as it turned

and retired the next three batters in order.

but was turned away once again.

an inning-ending 4-6-3 double play.

ond and advanced to third on a wild pitch.

and walking three in six innings of work.

a leadoff single, a walk and a pair of errors.

"They're learning."

night at Linden's Memorial Field.

of the higher seeded teams.

stronger as the game went on."

RP looked to add to its lead in the fourth, but after get-

"It was tough at times because of some errors, but I just

Clark Junior Legion squad gaining valuable experience Hanging in there against tough opponents

Staff Writer

CLARK - Trying to get his players ready to play on the

That's the main goal of Clark Post No. 328 Junior American Legion head coach Bill Dugan.

"I want this to be a learning experience," Dugan said. "I probably have one of the youngest junior legion teams in the county. We've faced a lot of varsity teams this season." Such was the case on July 6 as visiting Roselle Park, chock full of varsity players, defeated Clark 8-1.

With the win, Roselle Park improved to 9-6, while Clark dropped to 3-11.

"We've been getting good pitching of late and had won two in a row prior to this game," Dugan said. "This should have been a 2-1 or 3-1 game, but we just didn't make the plays in the sixth and seventh innings."

However, Clark did make a play happen in the bottom of the first inning to take a 1-0 lead.

Michael Reed opened the frame by lifting an excuse-me check swing single to short right field. He then stole second

Ryan Dugan came up next and swung at strike three in the dirt, but reached on a throwing error by the catcher, with Reed advancing to third.

Even though Dugan would be thrown out trying to steal second, Reed eventually scored on a wild pitch.

RP would tie it at 1-1 in the top of the second against Clark starter Kevin Emmons.

Remy Garcia opened the inning by drawing a base on balls. After moving down to second on a passed ball, Garcia advanced to third on a balk.

recorded a strikeout before issuing a walk and stolen base to Richie Benner. The soon-to-be sophomore righthander then allowed an

However, Emmons was able to limit the damage as he

RBI-groundout to Jimmy Sinatra before getting designated hitter Dave Strahan to line out to end the inning. "I was using, basically, just my fastball," Emmons said.

"I did throw some curveballs and a few changeups."

Clark mounted a threat in the bottom half of the inning,

but was turned away thanks to a double play. With one out, Justin Drigon was hit by a pitch. He then reached third base as Jake Parrott blooped a single to short

right field. However, Nick Wilson followed by lining a shot that

was caught by RP second baseman Pete Dercole, who quickly fired to first for the twin killing.

RP added a run in the top of the third to take the lead for

The championship game is Monday at Linden. baseball excels Cranford youth

with rain dates tonight and tomorrow night.

Cranford's 8-year-old tournament baseball team had an unbelievably successful 4th of July weekend, winning the Clark Tournament and extending undefeated records in both the Cranford and Roselle Park tournaments.

Cranford's toughest opponent going into the weekend had been Clark, which had given the Cougars their only two setbacks of the tournament season. Both losses were by one run and amounted to pitching duels with low scoring and many strikeouts.

As the playoffs in Clark wound down, the Cougars needed a win against Clark in a semifinal contest to play them in the final game immediately after. Having lost to Clark twice, winning seemed a daunting task.

In the first game of the day, the score was tied 1-1 going into the bottom of the fourth inning when Clark scored two runs to take the lead. Cranford answered with three runs in the bottom, fueled by an Andrew DeFrancisco triple that careened off the left field foul pole.

Ensuing hits by Sean Feeney, Jake Forestall and Tyler Davis rounded the inning to four runs scored. Cranford then struck out four of the next six to preserve the win.

The Cougars needed one more victory to take the trophy and came out hitting in the first. Feeney, Forestall and Davis again provided the firepower, each singling to give the Cougars a 2-0 lead.

After retiring Clark in order in the top of the second,

Jack McCaffery added a first-pitch homer in the bottom of the second to increase the lead to 3-0. The Cougars scored two more on consistent hitting, once again, by the trio of Feeney, Forestall and Davis. The lead became 7-1 after Bobby Bruns produced a home run blast to right-center in the bottom of the fifth. Cranford gave up two in the top of the sixth to make the final 7-3.

Coach Bob Bruns congratulated his team on never letting the two earlier losses to Clark deter Cranford from pursuing its goal of winning the tournament against the only team it had lost to.

Key defensive plays, along with well-rounded hitting by all the players and strong pitching, kept Cranford in the hunt in every game as the Cougars were eventually victorious. Forestall was awarded the Outstanding Defensive Player of the series for his consistent pitching and field play. Forestall also had a big home run against Clark and Cranford in the Cranford Tournament.

The tournaments Cranford are still in the midst of are Roselle Park, where they are 4-0, and Cranford, the one they are hosting, where it is 5-0. Both tournaments will be decided in the next week, with Cranford in as the top seed for both as the only undefeated team.

As of July 6, Cranford's overall mark was an impressive 15-2. The final two tournaments Cranford will play in will be against Kenilworth and North Edison.

Gator swimmers give it their all

The Cranford Gators traveled to the Hillsborough YMCA July 3 to swim against a very good Hillsborough squad. The Cranford Gators gave it their all, despite falling by the slim margin of 132-129.

"I knew this would be a tough meet for us," Cranford head coach Ashley Klappholz said. "We've never done well against them when we had to swim in Hillsborough. I was just hoping we could be competitive. The swimmers exceeded all my expectations.3

First-place finishes were recorded by Steve Krakowski in the 100 freestyle and 50 backstroke; Sean French in the 200 freestyle and the 200 freestyle relay; Monique Krakowski in the 25 butterfly and the 25 freestyle; Danielle McAuliffe in the 50 butterfly; Vanessa Rosa in the 100 butterfly and the 200 medley relay; Kory Comer in the 25 backstroke; Katie Salvati in the 100 freestyle and 200 medley relay; Jess Patalano in the 100 freestyle and 200 medley relay; Alexa Salcito in the 200 medley relay; Jim Sheerin in the 200 freestyle relay and Michael Plate and Mickey Singh in the 200 freestyle relay and Mickey Singh.

The meet did not start well for Cranford. It wasn't until the fourth race that a Cranford Gator took first place. After the fourth race, the Gators were down by 10 points.

Cranford fought back to tie the score after the sixth race and enjoyed a sevenpoint lead after the seventh, with strong swims by Sean French, Mickey Singh, Patricia Kolesa and Monique Krakowski.

However, Hillsborough then put together some strong swims and after the 14th race regained the lead by 13 points. In the 15th race, Vanessa Rosa and Laurel Klappholz finished first and second to cut the deficit to six points.

Again, Hillsborough put together some strong swims and had a 22-point lead after 21 events. This set the stage for a furious comeback by the Cranford Gators. "It was great the way the older swimmers took over the last part of the meet," said 9-year-old Kevin Kolesa.

Sparked by Connor Harkins, Steve Krakowski, Alexa Salcito, Katie Salvati, Michael Plate, Sean French, Jess Patalano, Vanessa Rosa and Jim Sheerin, the

Gators were down by only three points going into the relay competition. Neither team scored points in the 8-and-under relays. Hillsborough won both the 9-10 and 11-12 relays to take a 17-point lead. Cranford won the 13-14 and

15-18 relay races to complete the scoring. Second-place finishes were recorded by Eric Rosa in the 100 freestyle; Danielle McAuliffe in the 100 individual medley; Jess Patalano in the 200 IM; Patricia Kolesa in the 25 butterfly; Katy Comer in the 50 butterfly; Kevin Kolesa in the 50 breaststroke; Vickey Singh in the 50 breaststroke; Alexa Salcito in the 100 butterfly and 100 freestyle; Michael Plate in the 100 breaststroke; Laurel Klappholz in the 100 butterfly; Mickey Singh in the 100 breaststroke; Meghan Salvati in the 50 freestyle; Sean French in the 100 backstroke; Vanessa Rosa in the 100 freestyle and Jim Sheerin in the 100 backstroke.

Third-place finishes were recorded by Megan Salvati in the 100 IM; Lauren D'Elia in the 200 IM; Mickey Singh in the 200 freestyle; Nicole Caravano in the 100 butterfly; Patricia Kolesa in the 25 freestyle and Eric Rosa in the 50 back-

"Second- and third-place finishes were key today," assistant coach Jim Sheerin said. "They kept us close when Hillsborough was winning all those races and provided a boost at the end of the individual events."

The boys 13-14 and 15-18 freestyle relay teams set Hillsborough YMCA Pool records.

This was the closest the Cranford Gators have come to beating Hillsborough in a couple of years.

Cranford's record moved to 1-1 after the meet.

Cranford splashes Metuchen: Cranford rebounded with a 144-132 win over Metuchen July 7 at the Metuchen Municipal Pool.

The meet was highlighted by first-place finishes from Erin McAuliffe in the 100 freestyle; Kevin Kolesa in the 50 butterfly and 200 medley relay; Danielle McAuliffe in the 50 backstroke; Monique Krakowski in the 25 backstroke, Steve Krakowski in the 50 butterfly, 100 IM and 200 medley relay; Jess Patalano in the 100 breaststroke and 200 freestyle relay; Eric Rosa in the 50 freestyle and 200 medley relay; Katie Salvati in the 100 backstroke and 200 freestyle relay; Sean French in the 100 butterfly, 100 freestyle and 200 medley relay; Eric Walano in the 50 freestyle and 200 medley relay; Joe Cooney in the 200 medley relay, Jim Sheerin in the 200 medley relay, Mickey Singh in the 200 medley relay, Alexa Salcito in the 200 freestyle relay and Vanessa Rosa in the 200 freestyle relay.

"This was a total team victory tonight," said Jim Sheerin. "Every point we earned tonight was needed and nobody gave up."

The meet started well for Cranford. With strong swims by the younger swimmers, the Gators had a nine point lead after three events. Then the bottom fell

The older swimmers did not do as well as the younger ones, with Metuchen taking a four-point lead after the sixth event. Metuchen stretched its lead to 20 points after the 10th event.

"Wow," said Alexa Salcito. "In a matter of minutes, our lead evaporated and we were losing by a ton of points. However, I knew we had the firepower to

catch them at the end." The Gators narrowed the difference over the next couple of events. Strong swims by Steve Krakowski and Sean French sparked the charge.

However, Metuchen increased its lead to 10 points after 13 events and 17 after 17 events. "I knew that we would do well in the relays, but we couldn't afford to give away any more points," said Jess Patalano. "We were running out of individual

events.' With the younger swimmers leading the way again, Cranford began to narrow the lead. "I knew we could do it," said Sam Baker. "It was up to the relays to deter-

mine the winner.' Metuchen won the first two relays to take a two-point lead with four relays remaining. The teams split the next two relays, with Cranford needing to win the

final two for victory. Cranford captured the boys 13-14 and 15-18 200 medley relay events by less

than two seconds and then won the girls 13-14 and 15-18 200 medley relay events by almost four seconds to secure the triumph. Cranford improved to 3-1 last Saturday after posting a dominating 167-98 win against the Cedar Hill Swim Club.

"While it appeared that the last two relay teams won the meet for us, it was everyone who won the meet for us," said Ashley Klappholz.

"We needed to be close at the end of the individual races to have a chance. If the margin was too wide, the relay races would not have mattered. I was proud

Cranford Sunoco remains in first place in Clark Men's Softball League play Cranford Sunoco remains in first place with a 16-3 record in Clark Men's

Softball League competition.

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

1. Cranford Sunoco (16-3)

2. Doral Financial (15-4) 3. Sutton Trucking (13-6)

4. Clark Circle Liquors (12-6)

5. Premier Quality Electric (12-8)

6. George's Catch 27 (11-8) 7. Lanas (10-8)

8. Cuts Fitness (5-13)

9. Galluzzo Brothers Carting (3-14)

10. Wrays Diggers (3-15) 11. Breeze Eastern (2-17)

· Seven teams have clinched a playoff spot. The eighth spot is still up for grabs. Cranford Sunoco needs one more win or a Doral Financial loss to win the regular season. Doral Financial needs the opposite - if they win and Cranford Sunoco loses - to be the regular season champion. Doral has the tiebreaker advantage.

· The playoffs are scheduled to commence Monday. The top eight teams will qualify for the playoffs. The first round will be best two out of three.

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Shared assets

Last April, with little fanfare, railroad wonks met in Trenton to discuss the state of freight service including Union County. The meeting took place before the Surface Transportation Board. The focus was the spaghetti-like arrangement which is the merger between Norfolk Southern, CSX and Conrail.

Not yet interested? Well you should be very interested. These shared railroad assets are responsible for the non-truck movement of a whole lot of goods and services in our county, like the cost we pay at Lord & Taylor for a shirt, or at Pathmark for a box of iced tea.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

It turns out we are getting a raw deal. In supplemental testimony submitted last week, the special counsel for Union County said of the shared assets arrangement, "Against this honky dory picture, numerous parties from northern New Jersey painted a less-thanrosy picture of marketing failures, service problems and broken promises." Attorney John Heffner added "Union County fears that the board may have swallowed applicant's story hook, line and sinker."

Union County Economic Development Director James Daley was also blunt last week, saying that alternatives to truckonly transportation of goods is essential. Daley said the construction by the railroad of "major intermodal facilities in Harrisburg and Allentown" encourages offloading in Pennsylvania, meaning more truck traffic through the major roads of the county.

Daley pointed to foot dragging by the railroad in expanding access to brownfields and Port Authority sites. "Port growth continues to exceed projections, but how much can be attributed to the merger has not been demonstrated."

William Wright, one of the county's leading experts on rail issues, calls it "a bad situation". Wright focused on the lack of steps to market new freight customers and what he termed the "10 to 1 ratio." Wright explained that the ratio of five round-trips by a truck equate to one boxcar.

The irony is that the county wants the STB to maintain oversight for at least two more years. This could be a problem since the trend in Washington is less, not more, oversight.

For county residents, the Surface Transportation Board is becoming a regular part of our activities. It was only a few weeks ago that the agency rejected the appeal of Springfield, Summit, Kenilworth, Roselle and Roselle Park to void the operating agreement which permitted the reactiva-

tion of the Rahway Valley rail line. Up until a few months ago there were probably more people in the county who knew the lineup of the Chicago White Sox than the obscure agency. There are three members all appointed by the president with the advice and consent of the Senate. The two Republicans include the chairman, Roger Weber of Maryland, an attorney with a background from the Department of Transportation, and Douglass Buttrey of Tennessee, with a background in security and biotech affairs. The third member, Democrat Francis Muley of Maryland, is an economist with a background in movement of hazardous materials.

The real bombshell from the county was the proposal to turn over the assets of the railroad conglomerate within the service area to the Port Authority. Think about the coordinating of rail truck and port movement of goods to maximize the security and minimize the costs of virtually everything we buy. We should think of this plan every time we drop a package in a supermarket carriage. It could be seen as the sharing of assets.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

Rizzuto Park ready to roll

By Anna Kreyman Staff Writer

An almost \$2 million construction project on more than 10 acres of land, Phil Rizzuto Park, named after the baseball Hall of Famer, is in the final stage of transformation into a recreational field of greens, featuring a "boundless playground," a first of a kind public playground in the state.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned Wednesday.

The county wanted to name the park after a sports legend, but also a resident of the county and "we were able to find a man that fulfilled both

Phil Rizzuto," Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada said. A five-time All-Star, named the

American League's Most Valuable Player in 1950, Rizzuto, also known to many as the "The Scooter" was a handy shortstop and skilled bunter who compiled a .273 lifetime batting average while playing for the New York Yankees. Today, "The Scooter," retired, resides in Hillside.

The park's playground design makes it "playable" for all children because it includes a "boundless play-

"The swings, slides, seesaw etc. are designed in a subtle way to ensure that a handicapped child could play on it without needing help from an adult,"

Estrada said. "The height on the swings would be longer and the monkey bars would hang lower as well, in addition to ramps installed, where

Estrada added that a "boundless playground," allows a child with a wheelchair, leg brace or walker to utilize at least 70 percent of the playground without leaving their support equipment behind.

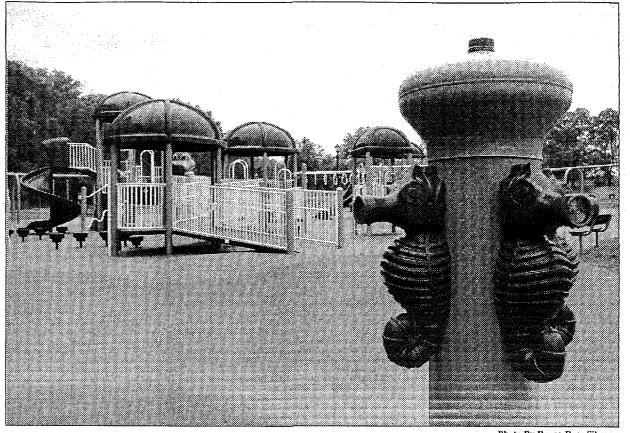
'The importance for such a playground is that all kids are capable of playing in the same areas," he said. "That all kids have the opportunity to play and enjoy themselves, no matter their physical abilities."

Additional features include a new soccer field; para-course fitness stations; a concrete baseball seating area; a stadium-themed gazebo; spray pool; pedestrian bridge, and a granite dedication monument.

"We talked to Rizzuto and told him that the park will have a baseball theme but it is also a soccer regulation field because that is the biggest need, right now," Estrada said. "The demand for soccer is very high but it does not mean that baseball is out."

Estrada added that many kids in the community come to the parks on the weekends and in the afternoons to play in soccer leagues.

"We should be opening the park



Almost 20 months of construction will culminate at Phil Rizzuto Park, adjacent to Kean University near the borders of Union, Hillside and Elizabeth, with next week's ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the new county park, which includes a boundless playground.

next week," Director of Parks and Recreation Charles Sigmund said. "We are in the process of developing a check list" and making sure everything is ready to go. The park is about a year in a half off schedule due to bad weather, he said. Construction began in November 2002.

"Parks are a meeting place that bring people together regardless race, color, or ethnicity," Estrada said.

"Parks provide an avenue for sharing time with others. People plan to spend their time meeting and relaxing in the park because parks are amazing, they are like no other places."

their doors and environment to disad-

The county purchased the land for the park, located at the southeast corner of Morris and North avenues, in

The property, located across the street from the Kean University campus, borders Elizabeth, Hillside and

Another hot summer outside the city

Fresh Air Fund brings kids to suburbs

By Anna Kreyman Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Doreen drove up to New Providence High School, ran out of her car and hugged two children from Brooklyn, whom she has invited to spend two weeks of the summer with her family. Navon and Shaya will be spending their second summer with Doreen, who has missed the two kids as if they were part of her family and hopes to have them over again next

The Fresh Air Fund, a nonprofit program founded 127 years ago, has more than 1.7 million children from ware."

New York City's toughest neighborhoods and continues to do so all over the state, including Union County.

"I don't want to take that much credit because these kids have their own families," Doreen said. "But, I think it exposes them to different things they may not do at home. For example, once a week, I try to have dinner with china and crystalware in order to teach my own kids as well as Navon and Shaya to be comfortable with those kinds of utensils and not be afraid that they will break them. Also, they need to know that everyone has a provided free summer vacations to right to eat with that kind of dinner-

Diane Fay welcomes the child who will be spending two weeks with her this summer as

part of the Fresh Air Fund, a nonprofit organization that provides inner-city children a

Doreen added that this summer her and Essex Counties that want to open kids and Navon and Shaya will attend basketball camp together.

Both Navon and Shaya said they love coming to Union County for the summer because "we have a lot of fun playing and riding bikes." Last year, families in Union and

Essex counties provided a total of 18 children with fun-filled summers in the suburban outdoors.

"This year we had a total of 12 families throughout Essex and Union counties, hosting kids," Susan Falzone, Union County's coordinator for the Fresh Air Fund. "But, only 5 families for Union County alone."

Falzone oversees families in Union

vantaged kids, coming from a lowincome family. "Families wishing to take a child in must go through an application process, interviews and a reference check," she added. "We prefer to accept families with children because we believe that kids need to have other

kids to play with in order to have fun and not be bored." But, families without children will be allowed to host inner-city kids as long as they pass a reference check, interviews and random criminal/driv-

ing background checks.

"The program is not for everyone because kids and hosts could have a bad experience," Falzone said, "But, it is a rare occasion and for the most part many of the host families ask to reinvite the same kids year in and year

Falzone added that one family from Union County has a teenager who has been coming to them for seven years and staying for the whole summer.

"The teen has been working here as a camp counselor," she said.

Children participating in this program for the first time cannot be invited for longer than two weeks but can stay as long as the whole summer, if it is their second or more time.

"There is no age limit for host families except that they must be a minimum of 21 years of age," Salzone said. "As for the kids they must be at least 6 years young and 12 years old, for first-timers."

Anyone staying with the same family for more than one summer can be as old as 18 years of age.

"The families pay for everything," Falzone said. "They volunteer their home and resources."

Falzone added that for some reason, this summer has had the least amount of host families.



Photos By Barbara Kokkalis Doreen greets Shava and Navon, who spent two weeks with her last summer thanks to the Fresh Air Fund.

On the other hand, many families invite kids over on the holidays and weekends because "they enjoy having them so much" but that is not part of the Fresh Air program.

"This program provides a great experience for both the parent and the children because they build relationships that they may not otherwise have," Falzone said.

The only requirement is that a family cannot host to more than two kids, Falzone added.

"New York City in the summer can be a difficult place to be for kids and our program is so rewarding because we give children a break from the urban environment," she said. "We are always looking for more families to host more kids."

Only children from the five boroughs of New York City participate in the program.

Recruiting for families begins in the spring. For information, call 1-

800-367-0003 or go to www.freshairfund.org.

chance to experience summer outside the city.

The County Clerk's records room has routinely suffered water damage but last week a flood forced the room to be

Clerk's records room floods again

By Anna Kreyman Staff Writer

Independence Day marked a loud occasion for Union County, but not just because of fireworks, because of flood works discovered around 4 p.m., Director of Operations and Facilities Richmond Lapolla said.

Lapolla indicated that a 10,000-gallon water tank sits on the ninth floor of the building across the street from the Administration Building, where the county clerk's office is found and when the tank got clogged it overflowed causing all of the floors beneath it to flood and the ceiling to collapse. Due to the malfunction, the records room was closed for clean up and re-opened on July 9 at 11 a.m.

County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi said the records room was closed because of questions of structural safety and it did not reopen until approval was received from engineers.

The records room harbors various documents like titles and mortgages for residents of the county and according to Rajoppi is "mostly used by the public and rarely by employees."

"It was just water damage," Engineer Robert Nacamuli of Nacamuli Associates said. "It was just a matter of time for the fans to fall because they were mounted over 17 years ago and it was done improperly."

Floors eight through three were affected but not damaged, since they are empty but the first floor and the ground floor had various damages.

"About 300 books were damaged as well as carpeting and computers in the records room," Rajoppi said. "The books are not completely ruined but all of my records are microfilmed in case such an event occurs so that we can recreate important county documents."

Two computers will be replaced as well as a printer from the records room. The county is investigating how much the cleaning will cost and if it is covered by insurance.

"I think this thing will cost at least \$5,000 to \$6,000 but not more than \$10,000 for the clean-up and replacement as well as recovery of damaged items in total," she added.

The water damage has been occurring on and off over a period of 20 years and Rajoppi said she will address it.

"I have a plan to drop the ceiling and put air conditioning that will protect the records," she added. "We are going out to bid in September to make the records room environmentally friendly for the records and the people."

Senior Farmers' Market held throughout county

The Union County Division on Aging in the Department of Human Services will run the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program this month. The Senior Farmers' Market makes locally grown fruits and vegetables available to eligible participants age 60 and older.

Eligible seniors may receive vouchers only once during the season, but may use them at any farmers market where the WIC sign is displayed. Vouchers are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Bilingual staff from the Division on Aging will be available to assist seniors in filling out the information for the vouchers.

Vouchers will be distributed and farmers will be available at the following

• Friday, Plainfield Senior Center, 204 Front St., Plainfield. Wellness fair and voucher distribution 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The market will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. · Monday, Union Senior Center, 968 Bonnel Court, Union. Wellness fair and voucher distribution 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The market will be open 1 to 4 p.m. every

· Wednesday, Rahway Senior Center, 1306 Esterbrook Ave., Rahway. Voucher distribution 9 to 11 a.m. The market will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- July 23, First Baptist Church of Elizabeth, 204 Union Ave., Elizabeth. Voucher distribution from 10 a.m. to noon. The market will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Friday.

For those who only want to pick up vouchers you can go to the following

• Tuesday, O'Donnell-Dempsey Center, 622 Salem Ave., Elizabeth, from 9 to 11 a.m.

• July 22, Hillside Senior Center, 265 Hollywood Ave., Hillside, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

• July 27, Farley Towers, 33 Cherry St., Elizabeth, from 9 to 11 a.m.

• July 29, Roselle Community Center, 1268 Shaffer Ave., Roselle, from 10 a.m. to noon.

For more information about the Farmers' Market Program, call the Union County Senior Nutrition Program at 908-527-4877.

Center receives \$5K grant

Occupational Center of Union County thanks to a \$5,100 donation of Net services software from Novell Inc.

Monday through Aug. 30.

"The Novell donation will further enhance the Occupational Center's case management process...my staff will be able to enhance and maintain case records for over 350 individuals with disabilities throughout Union County," Michele Ford, vice president of Rehabilitation and Mental Health Services, said.

The Novell server software donation will allow the center to keep pace with the growing demands for recordkeeping and accountability requirements. It will also allow case managers to have more time for the individuals they serve. Novell's software donations are part of its Community Relations program, which seeks to enable nonprofit organizations to develop and realize their visions through the power of technology. Novell's corporate giving program focuses on the areas of education, critical community needs and cultural development.

Gifts in Kind International, the third-largest charity in the United States, manages Novell's software donation program coordinating distribution of Novell software to charities across the country.

"Novell's generosity sets standing example for the software industry," said Susan Corrigan, president and chief executive officer of Gifts in Kind International. "Novell's products enable charities to take

Productivity is on the rise at the advantage of all the benefits technology has to offer and allows them to do a more effective job of helping those who need it most."

> "Novell takes an active role in the communities and organizations in which our employees live and work," said Hal Thayer, vice president of Corporate Communications." We applaud the Occupational Center of Union County for their dedicated commitment to our community and hope our contribution will facilitate this important work.'

The Occupational Center would also like to thank Gifts In Kind International, www.giftsinkind.org, the world's leading charity in product philanthropy, which serves as the vital link between corporate donors and recipient nonprofits. Its network of 450-plus local Gifts In Kind programs provide nonprofits access to millions of dollars in product and service donations-nearly \$800 million in 2003.

Manufacturers and retailers, including 44 percent of the Fortune 500 companies, rely on Gifts In Kind International's free services to design and manage the donation process.

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social — Friday,

Entertainment — Friday, noon. Sports — Monday, noon. Letter to the Editor - Monday, 9

General - Monday, 5 p.m.

Self-defense the topic at Mothers & More

On Wednesday, the Union County Chapter of Mothers & More will host C. Alan Simms, head master of Karate N Motion of Westfield, who will discuss self-defense for women at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St., Westfield

Simms will talk about how to fend off attackers and how to use ordinary items in self-defense. The meeting is open to all interested mothers in the community.

Mothers & More is a national, nonprofit organization serving mothers who are by choice or circumstance altering their participation in the paid workplace over the course of their active parenting years.

The group isn't just for full-time stay-at-home moms, but champions the value and necessity of all mothers' work to our society, paid and unpaid, within and outside of the home.

The Union County Chapter holds meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St., Westfield.

For more information about becoming a part of Mothers & More. call K.C. Bree at 908-789-8626 or Linda Miklencic at 908-497-0283.

Senior outreach

The Union County Division on Aging in the Department of Human Services will bring its Outreach Services Program for Senior Citizens to Plainfield this week.

The Outreach Services Program offers senior citizens information and help with applications for a variety of important government assistance pro-

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

The Outreach Services Program will visit Plainfield on Friday from noon to 2 p.m. at Supremo Supermarket, Plainfield Plaza, 249 E. Front St.

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 at 1-888-280-8226.

County pools are open

Union County's two public swim-

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ming pools will soon open for the

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The Walter E. Ulrich Pool in Rahway River Park, off St. Georges Avenue in Rahway, will be open 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 through Aug. 27.

Group swimming lessons for all ages, including adults, are available at Ulrich Pool. The first session will begin on Monday: 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. Preregistration is required, and applications can be obtained at either pool

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.

Volunteers wanted for court system

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.

Blood drives scheduled

The Blood Center of New Jersey will sponsor the following blood • Friday, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospi-

tal, 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union. · Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Masonic Lafayette Lodge, 1550 Irving St., Rahway.

• Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Summit Medical Group, 120 Summit Ave., Summit.

• July 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Kenilworth Public Library, 548 Boulevard, Kenilworth.

• July 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., Cranford.

• July 25, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. James Church, 41-45 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Westfield Rescue Squad, 335 Waterson St., Westfield.

• July 28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Union Firehouse, 1 Bond Drive, Union.

Donors must be at least 17 years old. There is no upper age limit for donors. Donors should know their Social Security number and bring a signed or picture form of identifica-

For more information, or to sign up for a blood drive, call 1-800-652-5663, ext. 140.

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.

Trailside summer camp programs

Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, offers summer camp programs that present a unique opportunity for children to learn about nature and the out-of-doors through hands-on experiences. Camp sessions remain open for children entering fifth or sixth grade.

• Backwoods Lore, July 26-30, 1 to 4 p.m., invites children to learn basic outdoor survival skills. Children will work together to create an emergency shelter using branches, leaves and other natural materials found in the Campers will learn to identify and

collect plants that are safe to eat; discover the fundamentals of fire building; and make a campfire of their own.

· Hooray for Herptiles, July 26-30, 9 a.m. to noon, or Aug. 9-13, 1 to 4 p.m., focuses on different reptiles and amphibians that live in the Watchung

Participants will investigate the lifestyles of these fascinating animals; learn proper catch and release techniques of wild snakes, frogs, toads and salamanders; and hike to remote areas of the reservation to collect information on local herptile populations.

· Catch of the Day, Aug. 16-20, 9 a.m. to noon, investigates the history of fishing and different fishing tech-

Campers will learn to identify a variety of New Jersey fish species, play the "Fish I.D." game, and make their own lures. Children will participate in casting activities and try their hand at fishing in Lake Surprise.

The week's activities will culminate with a van trip to the Pequest Hatchery in Oxford to see how trout are raised. Campers will have the opportunity to fish in one of New Jersey's premier trout streams, the Pequest River.

Half-day camps running in the same week may be combined for a full-day camp and will include a onehour supervised lunch and Trailside camp T-shirt.

The fee for each half-day camp is \$112 for Union County residents and \$140 for non-county residents.

For a full-day combination camp, the fee is \$260 for Union County residents and \$325 for non-county residents. An additional fee of \$20 is required for Catch of the Day to cover a van trip to the Peaguest Hatchery.

Camps fill quickly, so call ahead for space availability at 908-789-

Trailside is a facility of the Union County Department of Parks & Recre-

Operation Child Care goes into effect

There's help on the homefront for military personnel returning home for a little R&R.

Child care providers in Union County are participating in Operation Child Care, a national effort to provide donated child care to U.S. National Guard and Reserve service members. The free child care will allow service members home for R&R to take care of personal business, take a spouse to dinner or enjoy other recreational activities.

"Most Guard and Reserve units come from cities and towns across the country and do not live close to a military installation, so they do not receive the same support military personnel receive living on bases," Pat Mennuti, executive director of CCCC,

"This project enables the local community to reach out and lend a hand to service members who are participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom. We hope this project will improve morale and increase community support and respect for Guard and Reserve units."

Individual service members residing in Union County can call CCCC at 1-800-834-1184, ext. 147.

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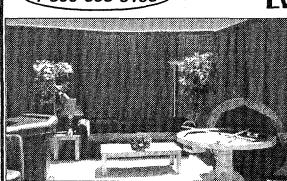
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Hazards of Summe

Summer is a time for fun in the sun even for pets. There are several hazards that one must try

to avoid. Pets that spend time outside, whether roaming or just off leash for a moment (for dogs) are prone to getting hit by a car or poisoned by eating decaying food material, dead animals, rat baits and antifreeze. (A few tablespoons of antifreeze is enough to kill a large dog. It tastes sweet and dogs love to drink it.) The signs of poisoning and trauma to a pet can be so subtle that owners often delay seeking appropriate help until it is too late. Often, these animals will die a few days after returning home it they

High temperatures makes pets prone to heat stroke. Signs of heat stroke include excessive panting, weakness, collapse, vomiting, decrease in awareness and loss of balance. Never leave your pet in a car unattended. Cars and garages can get extremely hot in a short period of time. Provide your pet with water and shade when outside. Do not exercise the pet too much in extreme temperatures. If it is too hot

for you, it is probably too hot for you pet as well.

Water can be a danger to pets. Like people, not all dogs can swim well. Dogs should be supervised while in the water. Bee stings and other insect bites can cause localized and/or anaphylactic (allergic) reaction which could lead to death. Fleas can cause excessive scratching in an allergic dog or cat, leading to discomfort and sometimes skin infections. Since there are many causes for scratching (allergies, skin

infections, combinations of allergies with infections, etc.), you should call your regular veterinarian for a physical examination to determine the appropriate treatment. Other insects can cause serious diseases such as mosquitos transmitting heartworm disease and ticks transmitting Lyme disease, Babesia and other

tickbome illnesses.

Many of these problems can be prevented with a heartworm preventive (Interceptor, Sentinel, ProHeart, Heartgard, etc.) and a flea & tick product (Frontline, Advantix, etc.) or a combination product such as Revolution. These can be purchased through your veterinary office, the manufacurers' provide guarantees if your pet becomes ill with these products if purchased through your veterinary office.

For those of you going on vacation, if you are leaving your pets at a boarding facility, make sure their vaccines are current, especially bordetella (Kennel cough vaccine). If your pet will need vaccines, it is best to vaccinate about 1 week before boarding. Consult the kennel and your veterinarian for specific requirements/recommendations. Treat them for fleas & ticks prior to entering the facility.

Simply by following these helpful hints, you and your pets can have an enjoyable summer. Simply by following these helpful hints, you and your pets can have an enjoyable su





ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'Betty's Summer Vacation' at UCC

Betty's Summer Vacation Aug. 5 to

Draw a line that nobody with taste should cross — then picture playwright Christopher Durang polevaulting over it.

Betty can't figure out why the cozy beach house she is sharing with an off-beat assortment of housemates should come equipped with its own built-in interactive laugh track...a wickedly funny send-up of Lorena Bobbit, O.J., Monica, the Menendez brothers, and the whole media-saturated tabloid-TV culture.

"The funniest new farce in years," raves the New York Post.

"Not only wickedly funny but a trenchant commentary on the state of American culture." — MSNBC

The Theater Project, Union County College's professional theater company, is celebrating its 10th anniversary season of producing new works and contemporary classics.

"Betty's Summer Vacation", by Christopher Durang, will be presented Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays

The Theater Project will present at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m., from Aug. 5 to 22, in the Roy Smith Theater at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford.

Audiences are invited to meet the actors after each performance.

Tickets are \$18 for Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, \$10 for students. Thursday performances are \$10.

Senior Sunday, Aug. 8, offers senior tickets for \$10.

For reservations, call The Theater Project box office at 908-659-5189.

The cast includes Dennis DaPrile, Marc Donovan, Jessie Gill, David Maulbeck, Matt McCarthy, Megan Muckelmann, Ken Schactman, Bev Sheehan and Carol Todd.

The production is directed by Mark Spina, founder and artistic director of The Theater Project.

An award-winning affiliate member of the New Jersey Theater Alliance, The Theater Project is known for its color-blind casting policy and provocative actor's view of theater seating — the audience is onstage with the actors, where the action is.



Overdosing on television are, from left, Dennis DaPrile, Jessie Gill and David Maulbeck in "Betty's Summer Vacation," which will open Aug. 5 at Union County College in Cranford. The Theater Project, UCC's professional theater company, celebrates its 10th anniversary this season.

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra opened Union County's free Summer Arts Festival concert series last month at Echo Lake Park. On Wednesday, the Brass Tacks Big Band Orchestra will perform. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m.

Summer Arts Festival concert series continues at Echo Lake

Union County's free Summer Arts Festival concert series continues on Wednesday with a performance by the Brass Tacks Big Band Orchestra.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites the public to attend this outdoor concert. which is sponsored by Schering-Plough Corp. The music begins at 7:30 p.m. in Echo Lake Park, on the border of Westfield and Mountainside.

The Brass Tacks have been entertaining audiences for more than 10 years, playing a variety of songs ranging from Glenn Miller, Count Basie and Harry James to more contemporary tunes made popular by the likes of Frank Sinatra, Gloria Estefan, Brian Setzer and Bruce Springsteen.

All Summer Arts Festival concerts are Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Avenue end of Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets are encouraged. A refreshment stand will be available at approximately 6:30 p.m.

In case of rain, concerts in the series move to Cranford High School, on West End Place off Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

For up-to-date concert and rain information, call the Department of Parks and Recreation 24-hour hotline at 908-352-8410 after 3 p.m. on the day of the concert.

The free Summer Arts Festival concert series continues, according to the following schedule: · July 28: Verdict, sponsored by Wachovia

· Aug. 4: Sensational Soul Cruisers, sponsored by the Union County Education Association

• Aug. 11: The Ed Palermo Big Band with Rob

· Aug. 18: JoBonanno & the Godsons of Soul, and Captain Hawker & the All Stars

· Aug. 25: The Party Dolls, sponsored by ConocoPhillips-Bayway Refinery

For more information, call the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4900.

'Stuart Little' offered at Family Flix night

The Union County Board of Freeholders announced the first annual "Family Flix" series to be presented during July and August in two county parks.

The movies, all suitable for family viewing, will be shown outdoors. Admission and parking are both free. Bring along a lawn chair or blanket. Movie fans can also pack a picnic basket with snacks. There will be popcorn and beverages available for sale at the screenings.

"This is a great opportunity for families and friends to get together in our fine county parks to enjoy some wonderful entertainment under the stars," said Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada.

"The lineup of outstanding films offers a variety of entertainment for a wide range of interests and tastes."

On Tuesday at Warinanco Park in Roselle, beginning at 9 p.m., the movie version of "Stuart Little" will be featured. This is the story of a mouse that is raised by a human family and learns the true meaning of family, loyalty, and friendship. "Stuart Little" is rated PG

During August, "Family Flix" will move to Echo Lake Park in Mountainside for two more 9 p.m. shows.

On Aug. 3, moviegoers can enjoy one of the most popular, magical films of

all time, "Casablanca." And finally, on Aug. 17, the MGM movie classic, "The Wizard of Oz" com-

pletes the series. "The Wizard of Oz" is rated G.

"Family Flix" will be presented during good weather only. Call 908-352-8410 for updated information on the day of the event.

Faillace shows at Pearl St.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will present an exhibit of artworks by Rachael Faillace of Berkeley Heights in the gallery space at the offices of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth.

"The new exhibit in the Pearl Street Gallery features the creations of award-winning painter and printmaker Rachael Faillace," said Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada.

"Ms. Faillace has been an art instructor in the Berkeley Heights and New Providence recreation departments and we are honored to display her thought-provoking artwork."

Faillace earned her bachelor of fine arts degree in illustration from the Rhode Island School of Design. She is working toward her master of fine arts in visual arts from the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

While pursuing a career as a working artist, Faillace has committed herself to sharing her extensive knowledge and skills as an art instructor, exhibit curator, and reviewer.

Her work has been in many invitational exhibits throughout New Jersey and in New York City. The title of the exhibit is "Rachael Faillace: Suburban," reflecting her observations of changes in the New Jersey landscape.

Faillace's paintings and prints are on display at the Pearl Street Gallery through July 30. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"We are proud to see the work of one of Berkeley Heights' talented artists shown in the beautiful and historic St. John's Parsonage," said Freeholder Mary Ruotolo, liaison to the Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.

"The talent and diversity of all our local artists assures an ongoing variety of interesting exhibits. We thank Ms. Faillace for sharing her beautiful paintings."

Union County artists, whose works can be hung on a wall, interested in exhibiting in the gallery are welcome to apply. For more information about the Pearl Street Gallery, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 633 Pearl St.. Elizabeth, 07202; call 908-558-2550; or send inquiries via e-mail to culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

Music comes to Midtown

This summer, Elizabeth's newly refurbished Pedestrian Plaza at the Historic Midtown train station will come alive with a free concert series celebrating a variety of music.

Latin, jazz, R&B, and gospel music will all be performed as part of the outdoor concert series. The series will culminate in a season-ending celebration during Hispanic Heritage Month.

Performers such as David Cedeno and His Orchestra, La Creacion, Bonnano, the Yardena's Ensemble, and the Nardi's Evil Ways Band will bring Latin music of Santana, and salsa music to Elizabeth. The sounds of jazz, blues and soul music will be performed by Michael Hill, Branford Hayes and Nick Rolfe and the Slick City Band, and TK Blue. Many other musical genres, including gospel, pop, hip-hop, rock, and Caribbean can be experienced free of charge at the summer concert series.

The recently remodeled Pedestrian Plaza and Historic Midtown train station are part of an ongoing redevelopment campaign to beautify the city of Elizabeth by the Elizabeth Develop-

The EDC allocates Urban Enterprise Zone funds to encourage urban developments and improvements in Elizabeth. Through this program the Elizabeth Development Co. was able to create the summer concert series, install a colosseum-style seating area, and bring streetscape beautification to the Pedestrian Plaza.

The "Music of Midtown" summer concert series is held every Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. through September, at the Historic Midtown Train Station's Pedestrian Plaza on West Grand Street. The concerts take place every Thursday through Sept. 2, 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Historic Midtown Train Station located on West Grand Street, Elizabeth.

Schedule of artists

• Today: Rock — The Magic Hat Rock Band from the heart of Philadelphia will bring the vibrant sounds of classic rock to Elizabeth; with DJ Fauzi Raoof of Newark.

· July 22: Soul - Nick Rolfe and Slick City Band, one of the featured performers in 2003, will return for a return engagement; with DJ Fauzi Raoof of Newark.

• July 29: Caribbean/island - C. Blast Entertainment of Elizabeth will present the rhythms of contemporary Haitian Compa, and the Verdict band will perform a mix of Jamaican Island

• Aug. 5: '50s and '60s - The Willie Lynch Irish-American Show Band, and the Reminisce Band will bring back some fun party favorites, and classic hits from the '50s and '60s; with DJ Win Ballou.

· Aug. 12: Plena, Salsa, Merengue and more - Trio Crystal and La Creacion will present the flavorful sounds of mixed salsa Plena music from Puerto Rico; with DJ Rob of Colorblind Productions.

 Aug. 19: Jazz — Afro-Cuban jazz from TK Blue and the sultry sounds of Bradford Hayes will compose the evening; with DJ Mike.

· Aug. 26: Latin jazz and the music of Santana - Yardena's Ensemble from Arts for Kids presents a treat for Latin jazz lovers and the Nardi's Evil Ways Band will pour out the rhythms of Santana; with DJ Rob of Colorblind Productions.

· Sept. 2: Back-to-School with Salsa and more — Bonanno from Linden and a special guest performer will provide Latin sounds to bring in the new school year; with DJ Rob of Colorblind Productions.

Get your arts events in print

All arts and entertainment information for Union and Essex counties should be sent to:

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Stage Presence Inc. offers up 'Bat Boy: The Musical'

Union-based Stage Presence Inc will present the 2001 Off-Broadway musical "Bat Boy: The Musical." Named Best Off-Broadway musical, "Bat Boy" is written by Keythe Farley and Brian Flemming, with words and music by Laurence O'Keefe.

The show will be staged at 8 p.m. today through Saturday at the Burgdorff Cultural Center, 10 Durand Road, Maplewood.

chased by calling Stage Presence Inc. at 908-686-7497.

Praised by The New York Times as a tongue-in-cheek Gothic morality tale, "Bat Boy," is "bent on revealing the bat in all of us and urging us to 'Know your Bat Boy/Love your Bat Boy/Don't deny your beast inside.""

The musical tells the story of the twisted journey of an abandoned boy

Tickets are \$12 and can be pur- discovered by three teenagers in a cave and dragged back to town. Here the misunderstood youngster is taken in by a few caring residents but loathed by the remaining townspeo-

> Accompanied by O'Keefe's eclectic, high-energy score, Farley and Flemming's bizarre storyline takes the audience on an emotional adventure as they follow Bat Boy's exploits, con

flicts, and longing for love.

The cast includes Union residents Sam Ames and Jimmy Petrucelli. Jamie Anderson, Allison Busacca, Christopher J. Guell, Joe Puliafico, Devon Talbott, Lauren Burner, Jesse Principale, Amanda Wormann, and Ivan Rushfield.

The production is sponsored by Union Center National Bank, the Independence Community Foundation,

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July 19-25

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A mistake made this week could be quite unsettling. Do your homework and gather all the facts before taking a cru-

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Financial excess or satisfaction is in the stars for you this week. Practice moderation in spending and make this cycle last a long time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Approach a personal challenge with a positive attitude and it is likely to work out in your favor. Do not hesitate to show off your talents and skills.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Refuse to allow your emotions to dominate your existence. Stay behind the scenes this week and do your best to remain calm and cool.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Celebrate your success without feelings of isola-

tion or loneliness. Share thoughts of health, wealth and prosperity with a few close friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Before making too many sacrifices in career pursuits, make sure that what you are seeking is really what you want. Contemplate your future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Keep an open mind and listen for the truth during a philosophical or political discussion. Once revealed, it is easy for you to accept and understand.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 -Nov. 21): Use special information or insights to help solve a financial dilemma. Carefully review joint accounts and documents to guard against mistakes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Sometimes it is what you do not know about a partner or mate that matters most. Avoid rusning to judgment and stay calm until the facts are in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Establish a balance between you and co-workers to eliminate stress. Stick to the duties or tasks at hand and get a lot

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Dealing well with children takes extra patience and creative ideas or resolutions. Use your imagination to come up with a plan.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Strive to create peace and harmony on the home front. Address an emotional situation affecting a family member with the utmost caution and care.

If your birthday is this week, this should be an overall expansive and positive period in your life. Play your cards right and avoid overspending during the coming year. You will emerge from this cycle with thoughts

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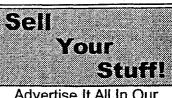
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High School, Berkeley Heights, Class of 1974, 30-year reunion, Aug. 7. Union High School Class of 1974,

30-year reunion, Aug. 28. Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Springfield, Class of 1969,

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reunion Aug. 15. For information, call Frieda

Paetel at 908-686-9323. · Union High School Class of 1949 will conduct its 55-year reunion with a luncheon at the Galloping Hill Inn on Sept. 5, followed on Sept. 6 by a five-day reunion cruise leaving from New York City.

For information, call Bill Shortlidge at 609-409-2590.

Mystic Vision Players gets in 'Line' this month

The Cultural and Heritage Committee of Linden has announced the Mystic Vision Players' 10th anniversary celebration of their classic musical, "A Chorus

The show will be presented in the air-conditioned auditorium at Linden High School, 121 W. St. Georges Ave., Linden.

As one of Broadway's longest-running musicals, the show is directed by Jil Leonard and choreographed by Barbara Greco Brady, with musical direction by John Brzozowski.

The show will run from July 23-31 at 8 p.m., and July 25 at 3 p.m. All tickets are priced at \$15 and can be obtained by calling 908-925-8689.

Liberty Hall celebrates fifth season

Liberty Hall Museum is celebrating its fifth season with many special events. Opened in 2000, the museum preserves the 225-year-old home of the Livingston and Kean families. Tours of the house with professional guides are offered every half hour

from April through December. The home features a large collection of American antiques, textiles, ceramics and paintings. Explore the 23-acre manicured grounds complete with formal garden and picnic facili-

Every Wednesday, an afternoon tea is held on the porch overlooking the garden. This popular event features tea sandwiches, tarts, brownies, and scones with jam and clotted cream. Advance reservations are necessary.

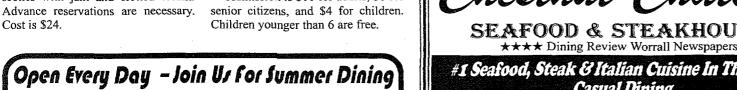
The tea is now available to private groups of as many as 24, and is perfect for Sweet 16 parties, bridal showers, and other special events. Call 908-527-0400 for more information.

In addition, the museum offers facilities for meetings and weddings. Included in the wedding package are tours of Liberty Hall for guests and photo shoots of the bridal party inside the historic mansion.

variety of prices including tea pots, afghans, serving dishes, mugs, books, and children's toys and games. Liberty Hall Museum is open 10

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The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts will be offering

will run for four weeks. Classes will be held at 150-152 East Broad St. in Westfield on Mondays, beginning July 12, and ending Aug. 2.

The first course will be offered from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for adults. The second course will be offered from 1:30 to 3 p.m., for children, ages 7-15.

The third course will be offered from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., for children ages 7-15.

The fourth course will be offered from 7 to 8:30 p.m., for adults. The fifth course will be offered from 8:45 to

10:15 p.m., for adults. Each course will be limited to 12 participants.

The courses will be taught by Stephanie Kalka, a certified teacher of the Alexander Technique.

Kalka is a graduate of the American Center for the Alexander Technique in New York City and she holds a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in music.

Kalka mentioned some of the results she has witnessed as a result of the Alexander Technique.

"Some people have been able to return to their careers after repetitive stress injuries. Others have simply improved

their lives. One person dropped over one hundred pounds and another used the Technique to help him grieve the loss of a spouse. The Alexander Technique can enhance your entire life or just a part of it. I've learned to enjoy the journey instead of just commuting through my existence. The world might be a better place if more people knew about the Alexander Technique.

If you have missed the summer courses, look for more offerings in the fall.

Call or visit the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts for

NJPAC, WYACT find that 'Anything Goes' with annual collaboration

Center's Summer Musical Program will present a Westfield Young Artists Cooperative Theatre production of Cole Porter's quintessential 1930s musical comedy, "Anything Goes."

This singing, tap-dancing production, featuring more than 50 talented young performers, musicians, and theater technicians from throughout New Jersey and New York, will premiere Friday at 7 p.m. in NJPAC's Victoria Theater. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$14 for children younger than 14, and may be purchased by telephone at 888-466-5722 or at the NJPAC box office at 1 Center St. in downtown Newark.

"Anything Goes" will be performed at NJPAC for nine perform-

The New Jersey Performing Arts ances only, running through July 25. This production is made possible in part by the Turrell Fund and the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

Contrasting significantly from last summer's serious musical drama, "West Side Story," for which WYACT was awarded the prestigious "International Award of Excellence" by Music Theatre International, "Anything Goes" is an exuberant, energetic tapdancing romp. This light-hearted tale unfolds on a luxurious cruise ship, packed with lovable characters, slapstick comedy, extravagant tap numbers, and Cole Porter's timeless show tunes, including "Friendship," "I Get a Kick Out of You," "Blow, Gabriel, Blow," "You're the Top," "All Through the Night," "De-Lovely,"

The original "Anything Goes" premiered on Broadway on Nov. 21, 1934, starring the legendary Ethel Merman as the glamorous evangelist, Reno Sweeney. Other characters include the pensive gangster Moonface Martin, the love-struck Billy Crocker, and the debutante Hope Har-

and, of course, "Anything Goes."

This production of "Anything Goes" attempts to recapture the effervescent atmosphere of the cruise ship, the wildly entertaining personalities of the characters, and the experience of 1930s musical theater.

"Anything Goes" features music lyrics by Cole Porter. NJPAC/WYACT is using the 1962 revised version of the script, with a book by Guy Bolton, P.G. Wodehouse, Howard Lindsay, and Russel Crouse. This production features scenic design by J. Wiese, costume design by Debra Reed, lighting and design by Brenda Dolan, and sound design by Mike Sinclair, with musical direction by Ilene Greenbaum, and choreography by Sherry Alban. "Anything Goes" is directed by WYACT's co-founder and

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The principal cast for this production of "Anything Goes" includes Lindsay Rose Sinclair from Westfield as Reno Sweeney, Ariel Frankel from North Brunswick as gangster Moonface Martin, David Murgittroyd from Whippany as Billy Crocker, Tara Haight from West Milford as Hope Harcourt, Jon Christian Hoche from Kenvil as Sir Evelyn Oakley, Christina Vivenzio from Manhattan as Mrs. Harcourt, and Keyon Richardson from Rahway as Elisha J. Whitney.

The rest of the ensemble includes Stephanie Allen, Adam Biner, Brittany Blackwell, Nicole Dolgin, Jacob Esformes, Elaine Gutierrez, Jaclyn Ingoglia, Joey Izzo, Jennifer Kujawski, Jill Kurzner, Travis Love, Christine Marquet, Christina Masklee, Samuel McDonald, Kaya Nakamura, Lauren Palmeria, Jennifer Peddicone, Kyndell Pierce, Brittany Servidio, Meggie Siegrist, Kaitlin Soltys, Esley Tate, Joey Tierno, Edward Tolve, Noel Torress, and Caitling White.

Following its engagement at NJPAC's Victoria Theater from July 16-25, this production of "Anything

Goes" will tour to the historic Algonquin Arts Theatre in Manasquan, performing there from July 30 through Aug. 8.

The NJPAC/WYACT collaboration enables talented youth from New Jersey and beyond to receive the highest quality theater-arts education possible, all at no cost to the participants. These aspiring actors and musicians are provided with the unique opportunity to embrace active roles in a professional theater environment, regardless of their economic background. Performers and technical students from across the region jump at the chance to participate in NJPAC and WYACT's professional-level theatrical productions, which sell out every year to enthusiastic audiences.

Many of the cast members have part in previous taken NJPAC/WYCAT productions. Those actors and musicians speak of their experience with great respect and adoration: Union County resident Kyndell Pierce, a second-time participant, said that "overall, working with NJPAC and WYACT has been such an enlightening experience. I can't wait to do

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'Anything Goes.' I know it will be as good as the other shows!"

"NJPAC and WYACT really prepare us for the professional arena," said Joey Tierno of Middlesex County. "Everyone is here for the same reason, and to be around that same energy is truly inspiring." Those returning from having been in previous productions know NJPAC and WYACT'S summer musicals contribute to their lives, not only as artists, but as professionals who take theater seriously. "The musicals really broaden your horizons and give you great exposure to the theater," said Keyon Richardson, a Union County resident and second-time participant. "NJPAC and WYACT truly opened the doors to acting for me."

Lauren Palmeri of Bergen County said that "NJPAC and WYACT offer a great opportunity to meet new people and make friends." Those working on the musical also gain skills and insight about communication and business. Emma Shankland, assistant stage manager, is grateful to be with "Anything Goes." "My position as assistant stage manager provides for a unique experience," she said. "I

Mystic Vision Players of Linden set auditions for 'After Midnight'

Mystic Vision Players will conduct open auditions for the New Jersey premiere of "After Midnight," late night TV from the other side of the camera, on Aug. 2 and 3 from 7 to 10 p.m. with callbacks on Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. at St. Georges Parish, 417 McCandless St. Linden.

Those auditioning are asked to bring a headshot and resume and be prepared to read a scene from the script. Those auditioning for specialty acts should be prepared to showcase their talent.

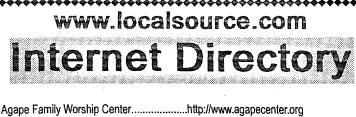
The web site, which is located at http://mywebpages.comcast.net/aftermidnightlive, is available for a synopsis and description of the roles available.

This show is an original comedy with a little music written by Tony Greco and is directed by Jil Leonard.

Show dates are scheduled for Oct. 6, 7, 8, and 9 with two shows scheduled for Oct. 9.

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Flynn's has all eyes smiling

By Bill VanSant **Associate Editor**

The luck o' the Irish is with diners who venture into downtown Rahway and stop at Flynn's Irish Pub on Main Street.

Unlike many "Irish" pubs that hang green curtains and call it done, Flynn's is the real deal, with owner Morris Flynn himself hailing from the Emerald Isle. The menu boasts truly traditional pub fare, with such dishes as bangers and mash, and the ever-popular fish and chips - which, on a prior visit, a friend described as the best she'd had "outside of the U.K."

The decor is as pub-like as the menu, with the dark wood bar being the focal point upon entering. The slate floor, the Irish-themed prints, the traditional music all add to the feeling that one has "crossed the pond" and landed in the heart of Ireland

But the proof is in the pudding - or, in this case, the various choices on the

On a recent visit, my dining companion and I settled ourselves into one of the tables near the bar overlooking Main Street. After perusing the menu which we've done many times before on several visits - we began our meals with the appetizer course. We both selected the garlic shrimp, which boasted half a dozen plump and firm shellfish swimming in a rich but tangy garlicbutter sauce. The shrimp were succulent and quickly vanished, leaving a healthy portion of the sauce to be mopped up with bread.

After our house salads of fresh mixed greens, we moved into our main

I chose one of my favorites on the Flynn's menu: the shepherd's pie. The deliciously seasoned mixture of vegetables and ground meat is topped with a dollop of Champ, a traditional mashed-potato dish. From top to bottom, this meal was both hearty and filling, without weighing me down, and left me comfortably satisfied when I'd finished.

My companion chose the popular Steak Diane, with its rich cream sauce offsetting the tender and lean steak.

Each main course comes with a choice of side dishes.

It being a warm summer night, we bypassed the Belgian profiteroles delectable cream puffs - and chose from the many varieties of ice cream pies for dessert. The wide selection of coffees combined with the frozen treats to make for the perfect ending to our meal.

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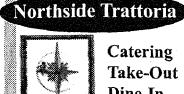


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The Linden Cultural and Heritage Committee will present Mystic Vision Players in the musical, 'A Chorus Line, on July 23 and 24 with a matinee on July 25, as well as performances on July 29, 30 and 31 at 8 p.m. The matinee will be at 3 p.m. Performances are at Linden High School's auditorium, 121 W. St. Georges Ave., Linden. All tickets are priced at \$15 and can be obtained by calling 908-925-8689. 'A Chorus Line,' directed by Jil Leonard, choreographed by Barbara Greco-Brady, and musically directed by John Brzozowski, was one of Broadway's longest running shows depicting the lives of dancers culminating in the sensational finale.

Linden concerts are scheduled

On July 27 at Wilson Park, the Linden Department of Parks and Recreation will present "The Happenings," featuring Bob Miranda.

This show is being sponsored by Pathmark and will begin at 7:15 p.m. Residents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

An alternative site if it should rain will be the Linden High School auditorium, which is air-conditioned.

According to one of the concert promoters, Richard Nader, "The incredible sound of 'The Happenings' is as good today as it was in the 1960s.3

The group exploded onto the national charts in 1966 with their first single release, "See you in September."

This song quickly spiraled up the charts to become an international No. 1 record throughout the entire sum-

Most recently, Entertainment Magazine listed "See You in September" in the top 100 summer songs of all time.

Continuing to be a major force in the music industry, their next smash hit "Go Away Little Girl" and the hugely successful album "Bye, Bye, So Long, Farewell" helped spearhead the group into international stardom with Bob Miranda as the lead singer of The Happenings.

Many great releases followed, such as the classic hits: "I Got Rhythm," "My Mammy" and a virtual treasure chest of hit albums.

The Happenings have shared the stage with such music entertainment giants as The Beach Boys, Roy Orbison, John Denver, The Drifters, The Kingston Trio, Joan Rivers and many

The group has also appeared on "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson." "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour," and "The Merv Griffin Show." Today, The Happenings consist of the three principle members plus Bob Miranda at the helm.

The group is complimented by the outstanding musical and vocal talents of long-standing members Bob Kulik and George Rizzi; while being a powerhouse of nostalgia and contemporary material that truly captures the classic signature sound that has made The Happenings a worldwide favorite for more than 30 years.

Free coffee donated by Starbucks is distributed at each show.

Future shows include:

· Aug. 3 at Wilson Park: "Doo Wop Night" with the Brooklyn Reunion Show. This will feature Classics, Passions, and Mystics.

· Aug. 10 at Wilson Park "Rock & Roll Night at its Best." This will feature Jobonanno And The Godsons of

Two-week program is designed to inspire teaching Shakespeare

From July 25 through Aug. 8, teachers are invited to participate in an exciting, new professional development program created by The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey. Shake-

Summer Shakespeare Institute for Teachers will help educators learn how to use Shakespeare and the study of classic dramatic literature as powerful and effective teaching tools.

Participants in the groundbreaking program will earn more than 60 hours toward the 100 Professional Development hours required by the State of New Jersey.

Tuition is \$800, including all printed materials, workshops, master classes, materials for a final presentation and admission to An Evening With Rafe Esquith and the Hobart Shake-

Enrollment is limited to 20 participants, to ensure individualized attention. For more information or to register, call 973-408-3980 or e-mail ibgrant@ShakespeareNJ.org.

Said Brian B. Crowe, The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's director of education and a key member of the team of artist-educators that developed the program, "ShakeFest is designed to help educators who may feel squeamish about teaching Shakespeare to feel more confident, enthusiastic and effective in their use of Shakespeare in the classroom. As a result, their students will no doubt find themselves surprised at just how much they enjoy and understand Shakespeare, rather than being intimidated by his work."

ShakeFest was launched in 2003, and this year's session represents an expansion of last year's pilot program, which received high marks from participating teachers. Said Barbara Carr, an eighth-grade teacher who was recently honored at Princeton University's commencement ceremonies as one of four outstanding New Jersey teachers, "In nine years of teaching, this was the best professional development program I've ever seen."

Carr, who teaches at Round Valley Middle School in Lebanon, attended last year's program in the hope of finding new ways to get her students interested in reading "Romeo and Juliet." To her delight, the program proved to do just that. Said Carr, "ShakeFest provided numerous easyto-implement strategies and activities that caught my students' interest and drew them into "Romeo and Juliet" immediately. They interacted with the text in such an active and enjoyable manner that, according to them, 'it makes you want to act it out.' Shake-

Fest increased my ability and confidence in using a performance-based approach to the text of 'Romeo and Juliet.' "

She continued, "Everything I did this school year was grounded in what we did last summer during Shake-

ShakeFest Curriculum

The intensive two-week program is designed to give teachers myriad, practical ways in which to free themselves and their students from the traditional confines of the classroom. Shakespeare Theatre education staff members and guest artist-educators will take outmoded, more formal styles of "desk-bound" study and demonstrate how they can be replaced with active, engaging, visual and performance-oriented modes of examination. In essence, training teachers how to approach the work as theatre directors, designers, actors and dramturgs.

Week one of the program alternates roundtable discussions and interactive "on-your-feet" workshops, providing teachers with crucial overviews and information, classroom activities and performance strategies for approaching Shakespeare with their students.

During week two, the focus shifts from theory to application.

Participants work with small groups of students under the guidance of Shakespeare Theatre faculty and guest artists to apply what they learned during week one.

The program culminates in a final presentation on the last day, showcasing the work of each participant.

An Evening With Rafe Esquith and the Hobart Shakespeareans

One of the most remarkable components of this year's ShakeFest will be a presentation by educator Rafe Esquith, followed by an electrifying performance by his students, The Hobart Shakespeareans.

This will be July 31 at 5:30 p.m. at the Morris Museum in Morris Town-

Educators, parents, children and Shakespeare enthusiasts will be delighted and moved by this very special evening, and by the awe-inspiring, true story of a great teacher and the students whose lives have been changed in his classroom.

Based in Los Angeles, Esquith's troupe of young actors - fifth- and sixth-graders for whom English is a second language - have moved audiences to tears and standing ovations in theatres around the world, including the Globe in London and the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles.

A National Medal of Arts winner,

Esquith was the first teacher in history to be so honored by the United States government.

Through his diligence and dedication, his students have continued their education at schools such as Harvard and Yale because of the fantastic education received in their formative years, largely through their exposure to Shakespeare's works.

An Evening with Rafe Esquith and the Hobart Shakespeareans is also open to the general public.

Audience members of all ages are encouraged to attend. General admission tickets are \$25.

For reservations, call 973-408-

The acclaimed Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey is one of the leading Shakespeare theaters in the nation. Serving 100,000 adults and children annually, it is the state's only professional theater company dedicated to Shakespeare's canon and other world classics. Through its distinguished productions and education programs, the company strives to illuminate the universal and lasting relevance of the classics for contemporary audiences.

The 2004 Main Stage season, entitled "Awake and Dream!", opened in Madison with William Shakespeare's "Love's Labour's Lost," from June 8-27, followed by Noël Coward's "Hay Fever" from July 13-Aug. 1, Shakespeare's "Richard II" from Aug. 10-29, John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men," from Sept. 7-Oct. 3, Shakespeare's "Macbeth" from Oct. 19-Nov. 19 and the new musical "Illyria" from Nov. 30-Dec. 26.

This musical was adapted by Peter Mills and Cara Reichel from Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night."

On the Outdoor Stage, located in the Convent Station section of Morristown, the company presented "A Very Old Man With Enormous Wings' from June 22-July 11, adapted by Nilo Cruz from the short story by Gabriel García Márquez.

The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's programs are made possible, in part, by funding from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as funds from the National Endowment for the Arts and contributions from numerous corporations, foundations and individuals.

American Airlines is the official airline of The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, Triumph Brewing Company is The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's official beer provider. Crystal Rock Water is the company's official water provider.

Miniature exhibit runs to Sunday

Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn is hosting its 16th annual International Miniature Art Exhibition — one of the most important exhibits of its kind in the United States — through Sunday.

"This very special exhibition is one of the highlights of the season," said Gallery Director Merrilyn Crane. "We've gathered some of the finest examples of miniature art being created today. The exhibit will feature more than 700 miniatures representing the work of 130 artists from across the country and the world. Paintings will also be available for sale throughout the exhibition."

Miniatures are fine art on a small

The Renee Foosaner Art Gallery at scale, tracing their roots all the way back to the time of the caveman. In the 17th century, British miniature portraits — described as "in little" were cherished, personal keepsakes of loved ones prior to the advent of pho-

> With their trademark characteristic being an extreme attention to detail, today's miniature artists follow the one-sixth rule, which means the subject is depicted at a maximum of onesixth its actual size.

> A true miniature is a painting that holds up well under a magnifying

> The Renee Foosaner Art Gallery at Paper Mill is open one hour before

performances through the intermission and on Fridays from noon to 3 p.m.

Paper Mill performances are Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30 p.m., with matinees on Thursday and Sunday at 2 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

Parking and admission are free for the gallery, and visitors do not need a ticket to a Paper Mill performance to gain entry to the gallery.

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For more information, call 973-379-3636, ext. 2272, or visit Paper Mill on the Web located at www.papermill.org.

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NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT Superior Court of New Jersey Chancery Division Union County

Docket No. F-11090-04 STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Chantel Cribb

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon the Attorneys for Plaintiff, Powers Kirn, LLC, 737 Stokes Road, P.O. Box 1088, Medford, NJ 08055, an Answer to the Complaint (and Amendment to Complaint, if any) filled in a Civil Action in which Beal Bank, SSB is plaintiff and Chantel Cribb, et al., are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, within thirty-five (35) days after July 15, 2004, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, CN 971, 6th Floor, North Wing, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure. A \$135.00 filling fee payable to the Clerk of the Superior Court and a completed Case Information Statement must accompany your answer or motion.

The action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage dated 09/07/2001, made by James Mack to Alliance Funding, a div of Superior Bank, FSB and duly assigned to plaintiff, Beal Bank, SSB, and concerns real estate located at 222 Morris Street, Plainfield, NJ.

YOU, Chantel Cribb are made a defendant because you are a lien holder in the

located at 222 Morris Street, Plainfield, NJ.
YOU, Chantel Cribb are made a defendant because you are a lien holder in the above matter nd so have an interest in the property being foreclosed.

An individual who is unable to obtain an attorney may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling toll free 800-792-8315 (within New Jersey) or 609-394-1101 (from out of state). You may also communicate with a Lawyer Referral Service, or if you cannot afford to pay an attorney you may call the Legal Services Office. The phone numbers for the county in which this action is pending are: Legal Services (908) 354-4340, Lawyer Referral (908) 353-4715.

DONALD F. PHELAN, Clerk of the Superior Court U80284 WCN July 15, 2004 (\$53.25)

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:

LEONARD CUMMINGS, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest;

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER. GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, ESQS. plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountainside. New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint and Amendment To Foreclosure Complaint filed in a civil action, in which EMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION is plaintiff, and LEONARD CUMMINGS, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-11358-04 within thirty-five (35) days after July 15, 2004 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint and Amendment. To Foreclosure Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex-CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, together with your check in the sum of \$135.00 representing the filing fee in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated 08/28/1997 made by Leonard Cummings as mortgage. Corp. recorded on 09/08/1997 in Book 6384 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 0205 which Mortgage was assigned on 12/08/1997 to the plaintiff, EMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION by Assignment Of Mortgage recorded on 01/08/2004 in Book 1328 of Assignments Of Mortgages for Union County, Page 274; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 1334 Martine Avenue Alk/1307-080.

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Referral Service of the County of venue
by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot
afford an attorney, you may communicate
with the Legal Services office of the
County of venue by calling 908-354-4340.
Leonard Cummings, his heirs, devisees,
and personal representatives, and his,
their or any of their successors in right,
title and interest are made party defendants to this foreclosure action because
he executed plaintiff's obligation and
mortgage being foreclosed herein and
may be liable for any deficiency and
because he is the owner of record of the
mortgaged premises being foreclosed
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successors in right, title and interest may
have in, to or against the mortgaged
premises.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

DONALD F. PHELAN, CLERK SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

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U80287 WCN July 15, 2004 (\$66.75)

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FEDERAL INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION

Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations for Various Communities in Union County, New Jersey

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency

ACTION: Proposed rule

SUMMARY:

Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed modified base (1% annual chance) flood elevations shown in the preliminary Flood Insurance Studies and Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the communities listed in the table below. The base flood elevations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that each community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to gualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The period for comment will be ninety (90) days following the second publication of these proposed rules in a newspaper of local circulation.

Lessees and owners of real property in the following communities are encouraged to review the preliminary Flood Insurance Studies and Flood Insurance Rate Maps and to submit comments to the appropriate community representatives as listed below. Proposed base flood elevations along flood sources studied in detail are shown on the flood profiles in the study. The proposed modified base flood elevations are as follows:

Source of Flooding and Location of Referenced	*Elevation in feet (NGVD) #Depth in feet above ground Existing/Modified		Communities Affected
Elevation			
Rahway River:			•
At a point immediately upstream of Lawrence Street	*10	•9	"City of Rahway, Township of Clark, Cranford, Spring- field, Union, ""Winfield, ""Borough of Kenilworth
Approximately 400 feet downstre of Springfield Avenue	*90	*91	
Black Brook: At the confluence with Rahway Riv	rer *74	*75	**Borough of Kenilworth, Township of Union
Approximately 180 feet downstread of Springfield Road	m *74	*75	
College Branch:			
At the confluence with Rahway Riv At a point immediately upstream		*72	Township of Cranford
of Springfield Avenue	*70	*72	
Drainage Ditch: At the confluence with Rahway Riv At the confluence of Branch 10-30	rer *71 -1 *71	•73 •75	**Borough of Kenilworth, Township of Springfield
Gallows Hill Road Branch: At the confluence with Rahway F Approximately 350 feet upstream of Pittsfield Street	ver *69	*71	Township of Cranford
	*70	*71	
Garwood Brook: At the confluence with Rahway R Approximately 250 feet upstream of West Holly Street	***	170	Township of Constant
	er *68 *69	•70 •70	Township of Cranford
Nomahegan Brook:	03	70	
t the confluence with Rahway R pproximately 580 feet downstrea if Springfield Avenue	rer *73 m *73	*74 *74	Townships of Cranford, ar Springfield **Town of Westfield
Robinsons Branch: At the confluence with Rahway Riv At the confluence of Robinsons Br		*14 *50	City of Rahway, **Town of Westfield, Township of Cla
Vauxhall Branch: At the confluence with Rahway Riv At Liberty Avenue	ver *90	*91 *91	Township of Union
Vauxhall Sub Branch: At the confluence with Rahway Bra At Interstate 78	anch *90	•91 •91	Township of Union
Nest Branch: At the confluence with Elizabeth R	iver *43	*42	Township of Union
Approximately 1,400 feet upstream Garden State Parkway entrance ra	of amp None	*60	Township of Office
ightning Brook:			
At the confluence with Elizabeth R Approximately 950 feet downstread	iver *56 m *56	*55	Township of Union
of Union Avenue Elizabeth River:	. 50	*55	
At Trotters Lane Approximately 1,050 feet upstrea of Union Avenue	*27	*18	Township of Union and **Hillside
	*67	*68	75.55
(ings Creek: A point immediately upstream		***	****
of Barnett Street Approximately 1,000 feet upstrean of Lower Road to Rahway	None	*10	**City of Rahway
	None	: 13	
East Branch Rahway River: Approximately 450 feet upstream o the confluence with Rahway River	of *90	*91	Townships of Union and Springfield
Approximately 2,800 feet downstre of Vauxhall Road	am *90	*91	- F 3
Cinas Creek:		#1	City of Lindon
Approximately 715 feet downstread of U.S. Route 9 Just downstream of U.S. Route 9 National Geodetic Vertical Datum	m *14	#1 _#1	City of Linden

ADDRESSES:

Township of Clark
Maps available for inspection at the Clark Township Engineer's Office, Municipal
Building, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey.

#Depth in feet above ground
**These communities are included in separate local newspapers

Send comments to The Honorable Salvatore Bonaccorso, Mayor of the Township of Clark, Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey 07066-1590 Township of Cranford

Maps available for inspection at the Cranford Township Engineer's Office, Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey.

Send comments to The Honorable Barbara A. Bilger, Mayor of the Township of Cranford, Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016-2199.

City of Linden
Maps available for inspection at the Linden City Engineer's Office, Municipal Building, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden, New Jersey. Send comments to The Honorable John T. Gregorio, Mayor of the City of Linden, Municipal Building, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden, New Jersey 07036.

Township of Springfield nownsnip or Springrieid
Maps available for inspection at the Springfield Township Engineer's Office, Municipal
Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey.

Send comments to The Honorable Clara T. Harelik, Mayor of the Township of Spring-field, Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, New Jersey 07081.

Township of Union Maps available for inspection at the Union Township Engineer's Office. Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey. Send comments to The Honorable Anthony Terrezza, Mayor of the Township of Union, Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083-3579.

For further information please contact the Map Assistance Center toll free at:

1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627) U79631 WCN July 8, 15, 2004 (\$492.00)

Summer movies come in all shapes and sizes

Four works of popular culture are the subject of this week's column. To take a leaf from gasoline in this energy-crazed era, I would rate them light, regular, high-test and ultra.

• "The Stepford Wives" is light, or should I say "lite." This most recent popular move by Frank Oz playfully, but entirely too superficially, has fun with a serious subject: the merchandising of our society and quite possibly our souls.

Nicole Kidman and the rest of the cast are periodically enchanting, but struggle mightily to make sense of

The juxtaposition of satire and

On The By Jon Plaut

thoughtfulness is somewhat baffling.

· "The Day After Tomorrow" is regular as a summer movie can be, but it is a novel approach on our annual rite of disaster flics. This exaggerated story of global warming by Roland Emmerich has its roots in the scientific reality that the warming trend over decades may melt the polar ice and affect the gulf stream and its moderating effect on our weather. The time frame of the movie - days - in true Hollywood disaster mode is ridiculous, but the point is made. Interestingly, a Dick Cheney look-alike VP, is the film's villain.

· Edward P. Jones' novel "The Known World" is a fascinating hightest examination of the pre-civil war rural south.

Winner of the 2003 Pulitzer Prize, the work profoundly portrays the lives of black slaves, free men and white slave owners at the time of the Fugitive Slave Act in Virginia. The dramatic interrelationships of the oppressed

and the oppressors take your breath

· Finally there is the ultra movie, "Fahrenheit 9/11." "Ultra" because the Academy Award winning writer-director Michael Moore knows no boundaries or limits in his examination of George W. Bush.

Say the documentary is sometimes too partisan, that does not deny its impact or apparently its popularity. How, if at all, it affects the election remains to be seen.

A resident of Summit, Jon Plaut is a frequent contributor to this

Calendar made available by Theater Alliance

The New Jersey Theatre Alliance, the statewide consortium of professional, not-for-profit theaters, announces publication of the free Spring/Summer 2004 Professional Theatre Season Calendar with descriptions and performance dates of the many productions offered by the state's 20 professional theaters as well as information on the popular Theater Sampler Series, the low-cost theater ticket package only available through the Alliance.

The publication includes information on productions scheduled through December 2004.

An abundance of theater events across the state comprise a variety of plays and musicals theat will satisfy the most discriminating theater-goer. "Guys and Dolls" at Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn features Tony Award-winner Karen Ziemba and Broadway favorite Robert Cuccioli in Damon Runyon's mythical tale of con men, gamblers, missionaries and New York showgirls.

Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersev's season blends the old, the new and the timeless with innovative staging and casting. "Love's Labour's Lost," "A Very Old Man With Enormous Wings," "Hay Fever," "Richard II," "Of Mice and Men," "Macbeth," and "Illyria," the new musical based on Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," will grace the stage of the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre in Madison this

In Princeton, McCarter Theatre Center's new season is filled with premieres as Steven Dietz's fierce, funny and poignant "Last of the Boys" bows on the stage for the first time at the Berlind Theatre. "Polk County," a play with music, makes its New Jersey premiere in Zora Neale Hurston's ode to the lives of bayou people and the musical ties that bind them.

New Jersey's professional theaters have often been the proving ground for playwrights developing new works for the American stage. New Jersey Repertory Company in Long Branch is dedicated solely to bringing new plays to adventurous theatergoers.

Audiences will view the American premiere of "Old Wanted" from Matei Visni, Romania's premier playwright, and the New Jersey premiere of "Whores" from renowned playwright Lee Blessing, during the upcoming season. TheatreFest in Montclair will premiere the winner of the John Golden Regional Playwriting Contest, a prestigious contest that results in a fully staged production for the victorious playwright.

This year's winner is Victor Lodato who penned "Wildlife," the tale of a famous modern artist and his wife who flee from Manhattan in search of peace but are haunted by nosy neighbors, pesky deer and a tragic secret.

A visit to Surflight Theater in Beach Haven has long been a Jersey shore tradition for many vacationers.

This prolific theater will host productions of "Funny Girl," "State Fair" starring John Davidson, "Cats," "Anything Goes," "Bye Bye Birdie," and "Showboat" as pat of its summer season. Farther south in Cape May, the East Lynne Theatre Company brings classic American pieces to life.

"Jealousy," "The Long Road to Victory," and "Anna Christie" are rediscovered gems of American theater that will please Victorian seaside audiences. Cape May Stage in Cape May brings "Park Your Car in Harvard Yard," "Stones in His Pockets," and the New Jersey premiere of "The Drawer Boy" to town during the summer season.

Theatergoers who purchase Theater Samplers can take advantage of a special premium that is currently being offered along with the Theater Sampler Series.

The Theater Sampler is traditionally sold as a package of three plays at three different theaters for \$70.

NJTA is giving a special bonus ticket with the three-play Sampler when one of the three original selections comes from a select group of theaters. This offer will give savvy theater patrons even more value because they can purchase as many as four tickets for only \$70.

Call NJTA at 973-540-0515, ext. 11 for details on this bargain and for a list of participating theaters.

Information about the theater season can also be found at the New Jersey Theatre Alliance Web site, www.njtheatrealliance.org.

A popular feature of the site allows users to search for what's playing by theater, date, county, and accessible performances. Users can also sign up for the weekly theater e-news on the Web site. Sponsored by Verizon, the enews gives an insider's track on special offers and discounts as well as listings of what's playing across the state during the week.

To receive a free schedule of events and for more information on the Theater Sampler Series, call 973-540-0515 or send inquiries via e-mail to info@njtheatrealliance.org.

Visit the New Jersey Theatre Alliance Web site at www.njtheatrealliance.org to find out more.

Shakespeare Theater goes to camp with its 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 cul-

minates in a short, original production, adapted from a piece of literature for bers. 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 performance piece, which will be performed for family, friends and Shakespeare

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The Junior Corps and Senior Corps Experience

Special seminars provide all members of the Junior Corps and the nity to work with the Shakespeare Shops, Physical Comedy, Clowning, Audition Techniques, The Cold Readfessional actors. In addition, a seminar

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.

is Jake Berger, the Shakespeare The-

Senior Corps with the unique opportu-Theatre of New Jersey's professional company of artists. In past years, ageappropriate seminars have included Stage Combat, Behind-the-Scenes: A Tour of the Theater and Technical ing, Marketing, Theater Administration, and Artists and Performers, which features discussions with proon Choosing an Undergraduate Theater 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.

Directing the program this season

atre of New Jersey's associate director of education.

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 and is currently enrolled in the M.F.A. actor training program at the University of South Carolina at Columbia. This summer, she can be seen in the ensemble of "A Very Old Man With Enormous Wings" on The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's

Outdoor Stage. 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 or send email to JBerger@ShakespeareNJ.org.

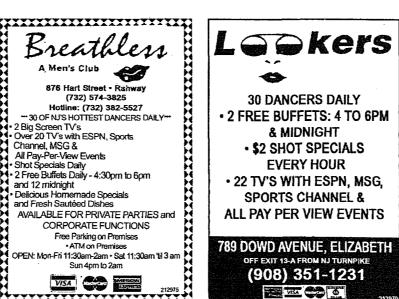
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SOCIAL SINGLES DANCING, for 45-year-

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

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE in Millburn will

present "Guys & Dolls" by Frank Loesser

Evening shows are Wednesdays to Sat-

urdays 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

described performance, with a sensory sem-

inar 90 minutes prior to curtain, Sunday at

7:30 p.m.; and sign-interpreted/open-cap-

tion performances Friday at 8 p.m. and Sun-

Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information,

www.PaperMill.org. For group rates, call

MYSTIC VISION PLAYERS of Linden will

present "A Chorus Line" from July 23 to 31

in Linden High School, 121 W. St. Georges

Ave., Linden. Shows are Fridays and Satur-

days plus July 29 at 8 p.m., July 25 at 3 p.m.

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

Tickets are \$15. For information, call 908-

973-376-4343,

973-379-3636, ext. 2438.

Paper Mill Playhouse is located on

or

Special performances are a audio-

through Sunday.

day at 7:30 p.m.

Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area. The calendar is open to all groups and organizations in the Union County area. To place your free listing, send information to: Worrall Community Newspapers, 463 Valley St., P.O. Box 158, Maplewood, 07040. Faxes may be sent to 973-763-2557.

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, 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.

TEEN ARTS TOURING EXHIBIT, sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, will be on display at CR Bard Inc., 730 Central Ave., New Providence. through July 23. The exhibit consists of 68 pieces of art selected from more than 600 visual art works at the 2004 Union County Teen Arts Festival in March. For information, call the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 908-558-2550.

THE LITERATURE OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION will be on exhibit through Friday at Westfield Memorial Library, 550 E. Broad St. For information, including hours, call the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 908-

REEVES-REED ARBORETUM, 165 Hobart Ave., 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. 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, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 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. For information, call 908-558-2550, NJ Relay users dial 711, or send inquiries via e-mail to culturalinfo@ucni.org.

SWAIN GALLERIES, 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, will exhibit selected works by the winners of the 2004 duCret Juried Fine Art Show through July 31. An opening reception will take place Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call 908-756-

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside, will exhibit the works of Virginia Cranwell, Svetlana Aniskina, and Elissa Merkl throughout July.

EAST AND WEST, photographs and paintings by Laurie Sansone, will be on exhibit at the Les Malamut Art Gallery at Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave., through Sept. 8. Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call 908-851-5450.

WELCOME TO CRANSTOCK, Kevin Papa's photographic tribute to Cranford explores scenes, places, nightlife and faces over the last 25 years will be on display during July at Cranford Public Library, 224 Walnut Ave. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m .to 5 p.m. For more information, call 908-709-7272, e-mail to library@cranford.org, or visit www.cran-

ACRYLICS ON CANVAS, an exhibit of abstract work and flower paintings by

award-winning artist and curator Mary Wickliffe, will be on display through August at the Bouras Galleries, 25 DeForest Ave., Summit. The galleries are open to the public by appointment only by calling Linda Cole at 908-277-6054

AUDITIONS

MYSTIC VISION PLAYERS of Linden will conduct auditions for "After Midnight," an original comedy, Aug. 2 and 3 from 7 to 10 p.m. at St. George's Parish, 417 McCandless St., Linden. Being sought are men and women, 16 and older. Show dates are Oct. 5 to 9. For information, call 908-925-9068 or send e-mail to aftermidnightlive@comcast.net.

BOOKS

A FAREWELL TO LEGS author Jeffrey Cohen will be at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, for a discussion and signing Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Cohen

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is the author of the New Jersey-based Aaron Tucker mystery series. For information, call 973-376-8544.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN BOOK GROUP will meet at Barnes and Noble. 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information,

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 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, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-

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

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

MYSTERY READING GROUP meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 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, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-

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

PAGE TURNERS DISCUSSION GROUP will meet the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. The selection for July is "The Tenth Justice" by Brad Meltzer. In August, the group will discuss "Plum Island", the best-selling book by Nelson DeMille. For information, call 973-376-

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, 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, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, to read a Shakespeare play out loud. 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, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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

KNIT KNACK KNITTING GROUP will meet July 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

CONCERTS

"HOT SUMMER NIGHTS" SUMMER CON-CERT SERIES IN THE PARK will be sponsored in Summit on Tuesdays in July:

Tuesday: The Peter Spink Group, soft July 27: Mack Sullivan and the OK Ram-

blers, country-western The rain date, if needed for any concert,

is Aug. 3. Concerts will be presented on the Village Green on Broad Street, and are free to the public; free parking is available in nearby lots and on the streets. Audience members are asked to bring blankets and/or lawn

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

Today: Rock with the Magic Hat Rock Band; with DJ Fauzi Raoof

July 22: Soul with Nick Rolfe and Slick City Band; with DJ Fauzi Raoof 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 Yardena's Ensemble and Nerdi'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

www.sanctuaryconcerts.org.

THE SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL CON-CERT SERIES, sponsored by the County of Union, will take place in Echo Lake Park to

DISCUSSION

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

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

HILM

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

Tuesday: "Stuart Little," Warinanco Park,

Aug. 3: "Casablanca," Echo Lake Park, Mountainside.

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

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, 11 S. Broad St., will sponsor a series of free film

Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, will offer outdoors, hands-on experiences for third- through sixth-graders. Monday to July 23, 9 a.m. to noon: Junior Naturalist.

Aug. 1-6, 1 to 4 p.m.: What's the Differ-

July 26-30, 9 a.m. to noon: Zootopia. July 26-30, 1 to 4 p.m.: Backwoods Lore. July 26-30, 9 a.m. to noon and Aug. 9-13, 1 to 4 p.m.: Hooray for Herptiles.

Registrants are advised to call ahead for space and availability. For more information. call 908-789-3670. The fee for each weeklong, half-day camp is \$112 for Union County residents and \$140 for out-of-county residents. Additional fees are added to camps that involve a van trip.

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

TALES FOR TOTS PRESCHOOL STORY-TIME will be offered at Barnes and Noble. Route 22 West, Springfield, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m., and the Kids' Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m. For information, call 973-376-8544.

POETRY



DROESCHER'S MILL, as it appeared in October 1977, is among the sites featured in Kevin Papa's photographic tribute to Cranford over the last quarter century. For more information on the exhibit, which will be on display this month at Cranford Public Library. For more information, see the Art Shows listing in the Stepping Out calendar.

Wednesday: Brass Tacks Big Band

Orchestra July 28: Verdict

Aug. 4: Sensational Soul Cruisers Aug. 11: The Ed Palermo Big Band with

Rob Paparozzi Aug. 18: JoBonanno & the Godsons of Soul, and Captain Hawker & the All Stars

Aug. 25: The Party Dolls Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is

free. In the event of rain, the June 30 concert will be cancelled. For information, call 908-527-4900.

THE MASTERWORK CHORUS will perform Verdi's "Requiem" on July 28 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave., Summit. Tickets are \$10 and include score rental and refreshments: students pay \$5. For those wishing to listen and not sing, admission is \$5. For information, call 973-445-7008.

DANCE

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

classics at the Main Branch. All films begin at 10 a.m. For information, call 908-354-

HORRIES

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.tmrci.com.

THE HARVEST QUILTERS OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY will meet the first Monday of each month at Cozy Corner Creations quilt shop, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains.

KIDS

CHILDREN STAGE ADVENTURES will return to the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway, for a a full-day theater workshop, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., from Monday to July 24. Pre-registration is requested. For more information, call the Union County Arts Center at 732-488-0441, ext. 221, or visit www.ucac.org.

SUMMER CAMPS at Trailside Nature and

Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, For information, call 973-376-

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

INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults

POETRY OUT LOUD! will take place at

RADIO

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

SINGLES

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

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

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 margritas and \$1 tacos. Wednesdays are Ladies Nights and The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St. Rahway, For information, call 732-381-

CROSSROADS, 78 North Ave., Garwood,

presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts, as well as football-themed nights. Every Sunday: Live comedy, funk and poetry; "Live at Instant Coffee," 8 p.m.

Every Monday: Open Mic Night, Happy Hour all night Every Tuesday: Jazz Jam; all pints, \$2 Every Wednesday: Karaoke Night; Miller

Lite and MGD, \$2 all night Every Thursday: Fiesta Night; Corona,

Cuervo and margaritas, \$2 all night Today: Groove Therapy with Ground Level, Chris Freisen, and Color & Talea

Friday: Wang Dang, and BB and the Stingers Saturday: Tom Vella, Lucas Richardson,

and Eric Amadeo Sunday: Matarazzo's Sundaze Invitational Jam

July 29: Groove Therapy with Ground Level and more to be announced

July 30: The John Powers Band

visit www.xxroads.com.

July 31: Trash Mavericks For information, call 908-232-5666 or

MOLLY MAGUIRE'S IRISH PUB in Clark will present entertainment in the coming weeks. Thursdays are Ladies Nights, and

Sundays feature NFL games and \$2 drafts. Molly Maguire's is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call 732-

388-6511. SECOND SATURDAYS COFFEEHOUSE will take place the second Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Summit Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. Featured will be an "open mic" forum of music, poetry, comedy and performance art. Refreshments are served. Admission is \$4. Talent is sought for future

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

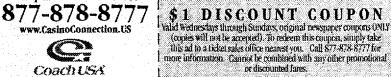
Sunday: X Marks the Spot July 25: Liquified Aug. 1: Roamin' Gabrielles For information, call 908-810-1844.

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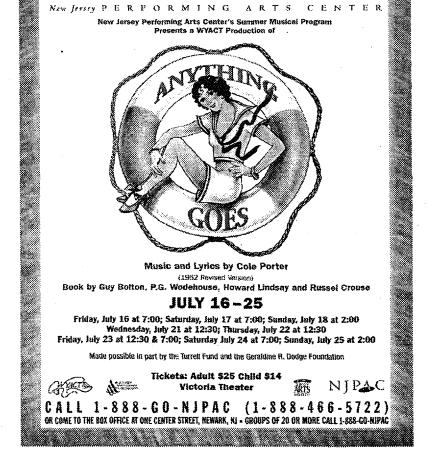
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CLARK PUBLIC FISTHURSDAY, JULY 15, 2004 — PAGE 9

Black Film Festival is currently under way in Trenton and Newark

Celebrating its 30th anniversary season, the Fleet Newark Black Film Festival provides a public forum for hundreds of emerging writers, directors, producers, performers and film buffs who enjoy African-American and African Diaspora cinema.

Free of charge, the Fleet Newark Black Film Festival, administered by the Newark Museum, reflects and celebrates the full impact of the Black experience in America.

The festival opened at the Newark Museum on June 30, with screenings every Wednesday through Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. For the first time in its history, the festival will travel to Trenton where it will have screenings at 7:30 p.m. at the New Jersey State Museum through Aug. 5. Each program will last for approximately two and a half to three hours, including the film screening, followed by a brief question-and-answer session with special guests and commentators.

The 2004 festival is the fourth consecutive year in which Fleet, a Bank of America Corporation Company, is the official sponsor. The Festival is the longest-running black film festival in the United States, building a dedicated following since its founding in 1974. Over the past 29 seasons, the festival has presented 571 films to an audience of more than 120,443 adults and children. The festival attracts audiences from throughout the Newark metropolitan area from New York City to as far south as Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

The films

James Earl Jones will be the special guest of the festival for the Wednesday in Newark and July 22 in Trenton screening of "Cry, the Beloved Country," a powerful and uplifting 1995 film directed by Darrell Roodt, one of South Africa's leading filmmakers.

In "Cry," the lives of two fathers collide in a land torn apart by hatred and injustice — a man of peace, played by Jones, and a man of power and privilege, played by the late Richard Harris, are changed forever by a tragic killing, forming a kind of understanding that could heal a nation.

The award-winning documentary, "A Pillar of Salt, The Angry Woman Syndrome" by Newark native Hafiz Farid, will have a screening July 28 in Newark and July 29 in Trenton.

"A Pillar of Salt" delves deeply into the subject of the anger of women in today's contemporary society, the effects, and what needs to take place for the healing process to begin. Farid won the best documentary directorial debut award at the 2003 New York International Independent Film & Video Festival and will be a guest speaker with Gwendolyn Goldsby Grant, a columnist for Essence maga-

Ticket information

All screenings are free to the public. Seating for all screenings is limited and available on a first-come, firstserved basis. Once the theater is filled to capacity, additional seating will not be provided. Group seating is limited to two groups of 25 for each screen-

To reserve group seating, call 973-596-6550 in Newark or 609-292-6464 in Trenton. Group seating will be held only until 6:45 p.m. in Newark and 7:15 p.m. in Trenton.

For more information on the Newark Black Film Festival or to request a free brochure, call the Newark Museum at 973-596-6550 or the New Jersey State Museum at 609-292-6464, or visit the Web sites at www.NewarkMuseum.org.

www.newjerseystatemuseum.org. Adult cinema film schedule and descriptions

• Today, 7:30 p.m., New Jersey State Museum

Film: "Symbol of the Unconquered" (1920); director, Oscar Micheaux; running time, 84 minutes; U.S.A.; Long Narrative, Silent, black

Guest speaker: Pearl Bowser, author of "Writing Himself Into History: Oscar Micheaux, His Silent Films, and His Audiences."

· Wednesday, 7 p.m., Newark Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad St., Newark • July 22, 7:30 p.m., New Jersey State Museum

Film: "Cry, the Beloved Country" (1995); director, Darrell James Roodt; running time: 106 minutes; South

Africa/U.S.A.; Long Narrative, Drama Guest speakers: James Earl Jones; Clement A. Price in Newark, and the former New York City Mayor David

Dinkins in Trenton.

• July 28, 7 p.m., The Newark Museum

• July 29, 7:30 p.m., New Jersey State Museum

RECENEL

Film: "Pillar of Salt" (2002); director, Hafiz Farid; running time: 72 minutes; U.S.A.; Documentary Guest speakers: Hafiz Farid and Gwendolyn Goldsby-Grant, columnist for Essence magazine.

Youth cinema film schedule and descriptions

• Today, 1 p.m., New Jersey State

Film: "Our Friend Martin," 60

· Monday, 10:30 a.m., Newark Public Library

· July 22, 1 p.m., New Jersey State Museum

Films: "Yo Yes?," 6 minutes; "Big Mama's," 6 minutes; "All the Colors of the Earth," 7 minutes; "Not So Fast Songololo," 14 minutes; "Flossie and The Fox," 14 minutes

· Wednesday, 1 p.m., Newark

Film: "Brother Bear," 85 minutes • July 26, 10:30 a.m., Newark Public Library

• July 28, 1 p.m., The Newark

Summit Music Fest presents Beethoven

The Summit Music Festival, under the direction of of the prestigious Presidential Fellowship in Conducting. Jason C. Tramm, will present Beethoven's Mass in C, the Egmont Overture and the Choral Fantasy at 7 on July 24 in the air-conditioned sanctuary of Central Presbyterian Church in Summit.

The concert will feature a 65-voice auditioned choir, a 30-piece professional orchestra, and soloists. Among the soloists is baritone Kenneth Overton, whose credits include performing in La Boheme on Broadway and a solo recital at Carnegie Hall. Featured on the Choral Fantasy will be Greek-born piano virtuoso, Ioannis Potamousis, who has appeared as soloist with orchestra in Germany, Greece, and the United States.

Tramm is on the conducting faculty of the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University, where he is pursuing his Doctor of Musical Arts degree. He is a recipient

Tramm recently made his European orchestral debut, conducting the first movement of Tchaikovsky's Sixth Symphony with the Bacau Philharmonic Orchestra in Romania. He was one of eight conductors selected to par-

ticipate in the 2004 International Institute for Conductors. This is the Summit Music Festival's third season bringing professional choral/orchestral masterworks to the summit Area Public Foundation, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders through a HEART Grant, as well as generous donations from our patrons. There is a suggested donation of \$10 for this performance.

Look for Tramm's lecture, "Within the Mass," to be held at 7:30 on July 15 at Central Presbyterian Church. For more information on the Summit Music Festival, call 908-918-

RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH

NEW JERSEY STATE PARKS

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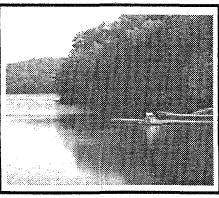
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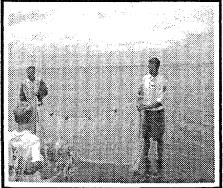
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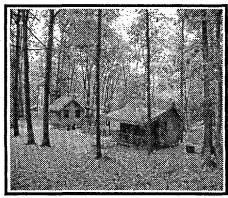
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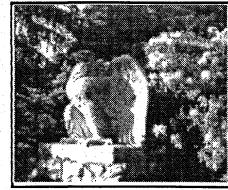
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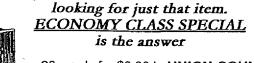
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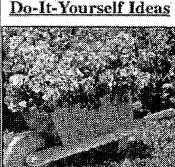
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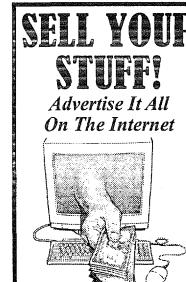
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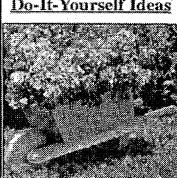
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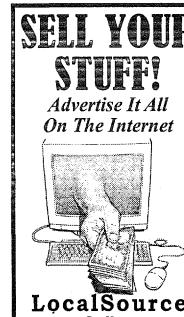
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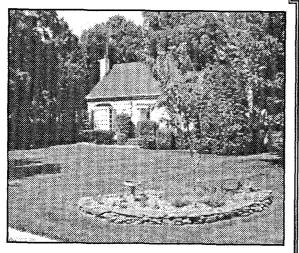
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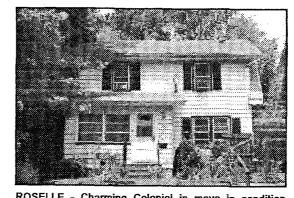
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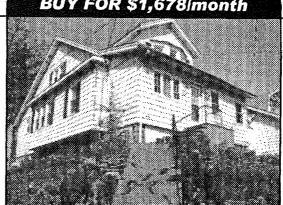
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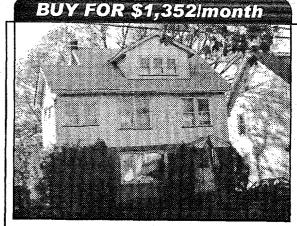
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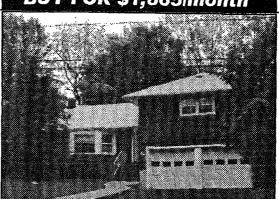
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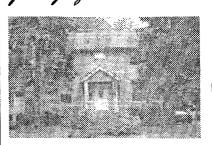
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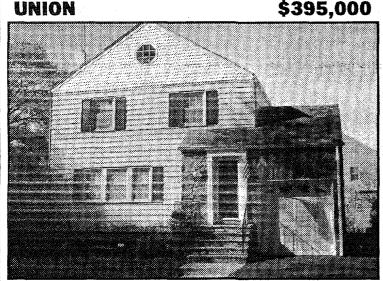
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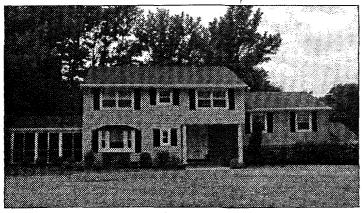
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Weekly Mortgage News

McLean, VA - Freddie Mac (NYSE:FRE) today released the results of its Primary Mortgage Market Survey in which the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage (FRM) averaged 6.01 percent, with an average 0.6 point, for the week end ing July 8, 2004, down from last week when it averaged 6.21 percent. Last

The average for the 15-year FRM this week is 5.42 percent, with an average 0.6 point, also down from last week when it averaged 5.62 percent. A year ago, the 15-year FRM averaged 4.75 percent

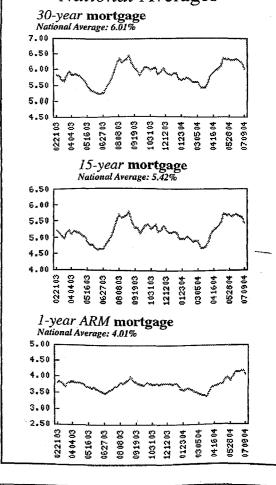
One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 4.05 percent this week, with an average 0.6 point, down from last week when it averaged 4.19 percent. At this time last year, the one-year ARM averaged 3.49 percent

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

"Long-term mortgage rates this week fell to levels equal to those experience in April, reacting in large part to last Friday's news of less than stellar jo in June," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac vice president and chie . "This is good news for those who are still house hunting, as lower

"Meanwhile, home construction remains strong and home sales continue to break records easily. In fact, total home sales should end the year two percen higher than 2003's all time record level.'

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The volume leader for the month was the C-Class model line of sedans, coupes and wagons, which posted an impressive 11.9 percent jump in sales for the month. Sales of the highly acclaimed E-Class model line increased 5.9 percent, to 5,034 units, in May 2004 versus 4,755 in May 2003. The classic SL-Class roadster, celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, demonstrated gains of 6.5 percent for the month.

In addition, for the first five months of the year, the C-Class model line paved the way as volume leader for year-to-date sales, posting 27,382 units. Year-to-date sales increased by 5.3 percent in the E-Class line of sedans and wagons, and jumped 32.3 percent in the SL-Class.

The new 2005 Mercedes-Benz models are beginning to arrive at dealerships nationwide, led by the fuelefficient E320 CDI, the special edition of its M-Class sport utility vehicle and newly redesigned C-Class model line. Over the remainder of the year, the company will introduce the 617horsepower SLR McLaren supercar, a new-generation SLK roadster, the G55 Kompressor sport utility vehicle, and two more high-end AMG models - the SL65 and the CL65. The company expects the new 2005 models will help boost annual sales volume to an all-

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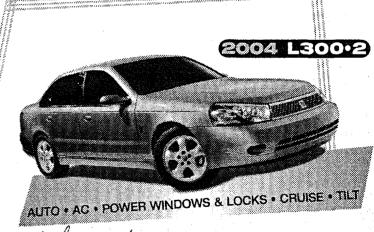
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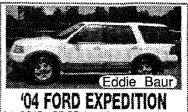
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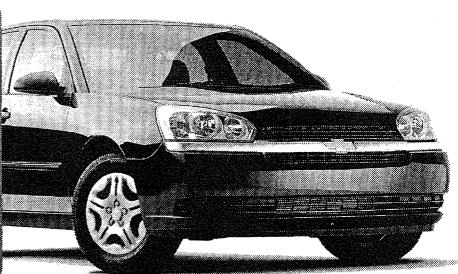
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