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TWO SECTIONS

Bill offers taxpayers \$15 tax relief

By Donna Kardos
Correspondent

Clark taxpayers can expect to pay an average \$15.17 less in school taxes starting next year, under a measure now being considered in the Legislature.

The proposal, which is in bill form in both the Assembly and the state Senate, would extend from five years to 10 the amount of time Clark has to make state-mandated payments to the Garwood and Mountainside school districts.

Commissioner of Education William Librera on Feb. 5 ordered the district to make 10 payments of about \$200,000 to the two districts. Although the Clark district already has planned and budgeted for the five-year repayment schedule, Tillou is hoping the bill passes.

"It would benefit us greatly because that's much more money that we can use for educational uses," he said.

Although the plan will make things easier for the school district, individual taxpayers are not likely to see a substantial difference in their tax bills.

The tax impact of the original plan was a little less than 3 cents per \$100 of assessed value, or about \$30.35 for the owner of the average Clark home, assessed at \$108,000.

Under the proposed revised plan, that tax impact would be halved. No interest will compound on the money due from Librera's judgment.

Originally, Clark was supposed to have made its first payment on April 15, paying \$47,954.26 to the Garwood School District and \$151,855.17 to the Mountainside School District.

However, the order allowed Clark to postpone the first payment until the 2004-05 school year, providing it pay interest. Accordingly, Clark, which was in difficult financial straits in April, elected to wait until August for its first payment.

The payments are mandated due to the voter-supported breakup of the former Union County Regional School District in 1997. Because neither Garwood nor Mountainside received high school buildings when deregionalization occurred, they were to receive the former district's liquid assets.

But because of concerns over the financial impact of the repayment schedule, state Sens. Nicholas Scutari, D-Linden, and Raymond Lesniak, D-Elizabeth, sponsored the bill to extend the repayment schedule. Other districts that would be affected by the bill include Berkeley Heights, Springfield and Kenilworth.

This bill "is an attempt to lessen the blow to the district, without adversely affecting the other districts because they weren't expecting the money in the first place," Scutari said. "It's a fair resolution to all parties."

Scutari, who is vice chairman of the Senate Education Committee, said he hopes the committee will be seeing the bill in the fall and it can be signed as soon as possible after that.

Up, up and away

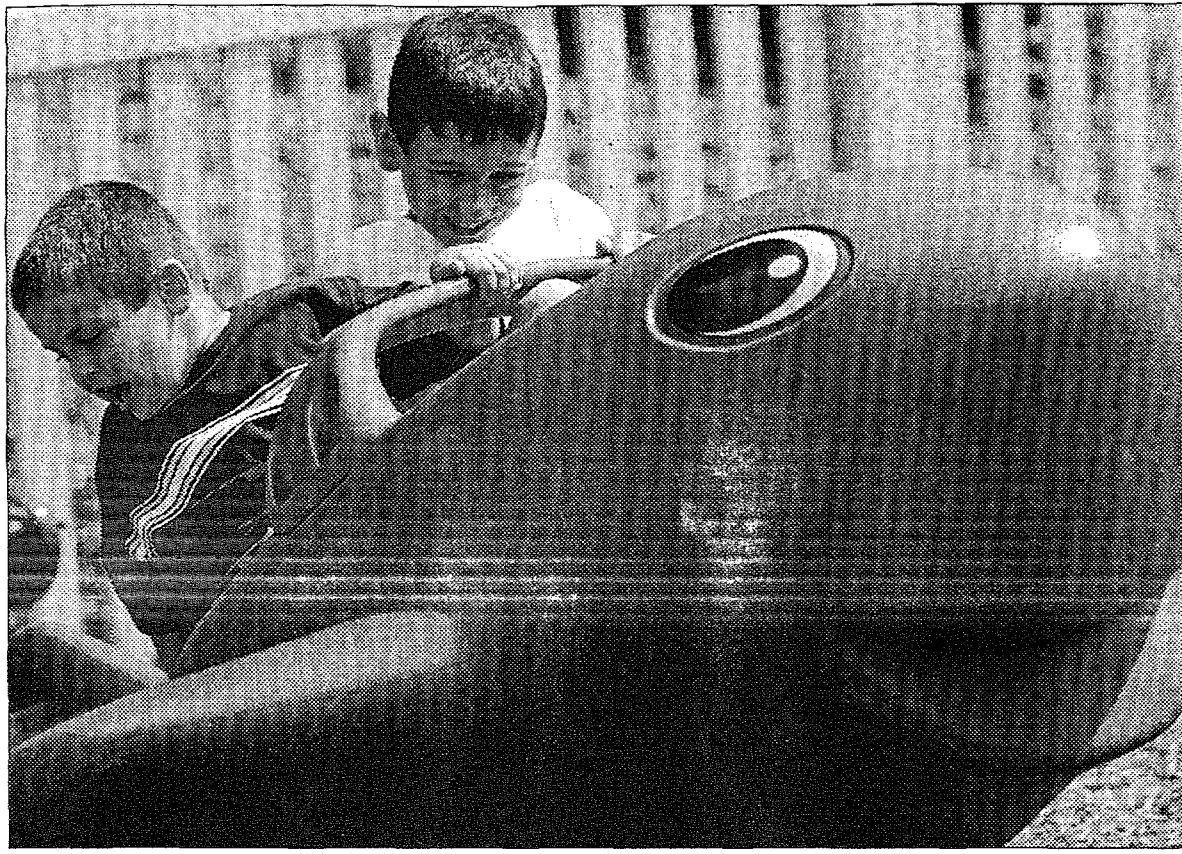


Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

Eric Calvo, 7, and Andrew Kalaigian, 8, take a plane ride at Funtime Junction, with their imaginations providing the fuel, the navigation and all the fun. No word on whether complimentary peanuts were served on the flight.

Budget lim miss targe

By David Learn
Managing Editor

A state law intended to reduce administrative expenses in New Jersey school districts could lead instead to increased class size and other undesired consequences, Superintendent of School Glenn Tillou said.

Tillou, the former county superintendent, came into the Clark post the same day Gov. James McGreevey signed a law reducing the state cap on school budget increases to 2.5 percent, and halving districts' ability to include surplus in their budgets.

The governor, when he signed the law, identified administrative expenses as a justification for the law. The state ranks 39th nationally on spending for classroom instruction and eighth nationally for administrative spending.

"Clark is on the low end of the number of administrators for a district of this size, and our costs are in the middle of the range," Tillou said during an interview in his office Tuesday afternoon. "Part of the costs that we have are things that have happened in the past."

Although administrative costs include obvious items such as salaries for the superintendent, principals and directors, they also include expenses such as legal fees the Board of Education has accrued appealing the defeated referendums of 2000 and 2001, defending itself against a lawsuit brought by retired teachers from the former Union County Regional School District, and appealing the state-ordered payments to Garwood and Mountainside.

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Tillou

Girls' gymnastics wins renewal for 2004-05

By Donna Kardos
Correspondent

Once it has the rest of its funding lined up, the Arthur L. Johnson High School girls' gymnastics team will be back in action for the 2004 season.

The team, which has had to rely entirely upon private funding since 2003, has about \$2,500 left to raise of its \$8,700 budget, said a team parent. The team received approval July 20 from the Board of Education to continue to compete as a school team, provided it gets funding elsewhere.

Once the funding is in place, all that will remain is for the school board to appoint a coach to the team. The board expects to do that in August.

The team will be able to function like any other team at Arthur L. Johnson High School — except that it is not simply handed uniforms and the money to participate interscholastically in meets with other teams. This team has earned it.

As a result, according to junior Marissa Lombardi, the team has become more like a family.

"We're so close," she said. "There's a reason to meet to pull the team together every year."

Annual approval by the Board of Education for running the gymnastics team through outside funding has been necessary ever since it was cut from the district's 2003-04 budget.

Superintendent of Schools Glenn Tillou called this year's approval a continuation of the conditions the team existed under for the 2003 season. Without the school's sanction, the team could not participate in interscholastic events.

"We do have students interested in gymnastics — obviously not like football or more mainstream sports — but that's the sport they want to play so now they have the ability to play," he said.

Jane Pinkham, whose daughter is on the gymnastics team, said the team understands that the school cannot afford the sport.

"It's much more important to fund educational costs," she said. "It's very important to these students, though, to have a gymnastics team too."

For the 2003 season, the team raised \$9,400. Because \$700 of it actually went unused — and is therefore going toward this year's season — and money used for uniforms last year will not be necessary for this year as they can be reused, the team's bud-

get this year was only \$7,500, Pinkham said. The biggest challenge for the team members lies in asking others for contributions without feeling too selfish.

"I have family collecting money for muscular dystrophy and other diseases that are so important," Pinkham said. "Even though this is so important to us, you can understand why people don't want to contribute."

For the most part, though, others have been eager to help the team out where they can.

"They listen to what we have to say," said Pinkham's daughter Brittany, a junior on the team. "They're very nice about it."

Jane Pinkham said all the fund-raising and organizing the team members have been doing has prepared them well for college. She said her other daughter, Courtney, who will attend college in the fall, gained a lot of leadership experience and time management skills as a result of being so committed to the team.

"You're talking about 15 girls writing letters and knocking on doors to ask for money," Jane said. "It's a lot of work for the girls."

At this point, they are just happy to see that it is paying off. "It's exciting because

we're into gymnastics — it's not the cheer-leading squad or the football team — but it's our team and we're glad to have it," Brittany Pinkham said.

"This is a sport for us," she said. "I'm glad we got the team because we enjoy our time on it and learn so much."

Lombardi expressed the same sentiment. "I'm very happy they're giving us a chance to raise the money again," she said. "It gives me a lot of hope. I can't even explain it — just knowing we're going to be here for the 2004 season."

Jane Pinkham said for next year's fund-raising, the team is thinking of more ways than the canning and simple requests for donations that have helped the team exist for the past two years.

"We're thinking of maybe doing a raffle," she said. "Something where people have a chance to get something back for their money. We're trying to think of different ways that people have a chance to get something in return."

The team members are looking forward to the season once the money is in and a coach has been approved.

"Hopefully we can come out strong," Brittany said, "and everybody'll have fun."

Hyatt Hills pro instructor plays in PGA Men's Senior Open

By Donna Kardos
Correspondent

Gary Ostrega acquired his passion for golf by watching his father play the sport to relax in Chicago, where he grew up.

Ostrega, a professional golf teacher at the Hyatt Hills Golf Complex on Raritan Road, now looks forward to spending quality time with his own son, Geoffrey, on the golf course, when the 19-year-old caddies for him at the 25th U.S. Men's Senior Open this week at Bellerive Country Club in St. Louis, Mo.

Ostrega is scheduled to play in Round 1 at Hole 10 today at 1:55 p.m. and in Round 2 at Hole 1 tomorrow at 8:55 a.m.

This is Ostrega's second time playing at the Bellerive course, but his first time there representing Hyatt Hills, the nine-hole course Clark shares with Cranford.

The facility, which also features a driving range and short game practice area, will get nationally televised advertising when Ostrega competes in the championship, fully clothed in Hyatt Hills attire.

Although Ostrega only started teaching at the complex in the early spring he already has acquired a good reputation and large clientele, according to Bob Ellenport, Hyatt Hills commissioner.

"He's an excellent teacher and a great person," Ellenport said. "We are all quite excited and proud of his accomplishments."

Ellenport said there are two elements that good teachers require —

the ability to convey knowledge to somebody else in an individual form, and getting a student relaxed and comfortable enough to listen and learn from the teacher.

"Gary exemplifies both those qualities," Ellenport said.

He said the difference between a professional golfer — like Ostrega — and a social golfer is tremendous.

"You just watch him hit the ball and see he's in a separate class," Ellenport said.

Ostrega dedicates 12 hours a day to teaching his clients at Hyatt Hills, leaving little time for anything else, even to talk about his trip to Missouri.

"Every aspect of Hyatt is perfect for my situation, and I enjoy being available to give lessons all day every day," Ostrega said in an e-mail interview. "The people I work with are great — especially the staff."

The 7,117-yard course at Bellerive is Par 71, and has been called "massive and merciless" by Time magazine. Ostrega played the course during the 1992 PGA championship, which has made him all the more confident.

"No surprises for me," he said.

This is Ostrega's first year of eligibility for the Men's Senior Open, as he just turned 50 last September and all competitors in the championship must be at least 50 years old.

He believes being at the minimum age will work in his favor. "I am a very young 50, in excellent physical condition," he said.

Ostrega qualified for the Senior Open on July 6, when he scored a 69

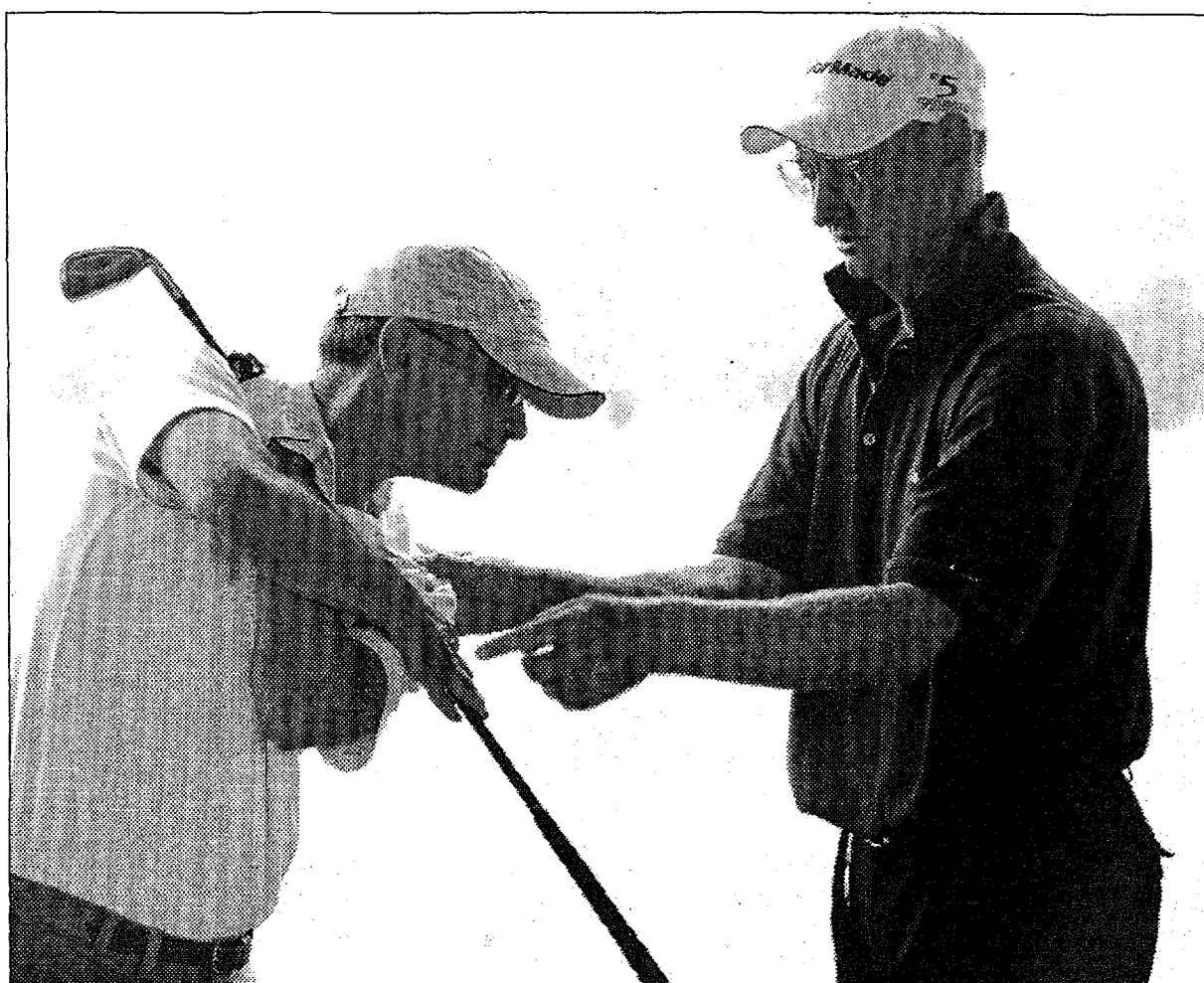


Photo By Joseph Sorrentino

Gary Ostrega, right, a golf instructor at Hyatt Hills Golf Complex, gives some golfing tips Friday to a student at the complex. Ostrega is competing at the 25th U.S. Men's Senior Open this week at Bellerive Country Club in St. Louis, Mo.

at Essex Fells Country Club in Essex Fells.

"I played very consistent golf that day," he said. "I was on a mission — very focused, very good course management. I was the last group to play

so the pressure was on me. But as a veteran player I knew what it would take."

He seems to know what it will take to succeed at the Men's Senior Open as well. "Very aggressive risk-taking"

should do it, he said.

"Try to take advantage of the course."

Ostrega attributes the success he has had throughout his career to these characteristics of his golfing style, and

the knowledge he has gained from his 28 years of professional golf.

"Courses are the same to me," he said. "One shot at a time."

Ellenport said it is probably unique to have a professional golfer from a nine-hole golf course playing at the U.S. Senior Open.

"Number one, there aren't many nine-hole courses around," he said. "Number two, a lot of professionals aren't necessarily teaching professionals, as Gary is."

Ellenport and the rest of the Hyatt Hills staff have hopes that Ostrega's nine-hole experience will be beneficial to him at the senior open, as Todd Hamilton, who recently won the British Open Championship, came from a nine-hole course as well.

Ostrega has set many competitive course records through New Jersey, including a 64 at Spring Lake Golf Club, 66 at Fairmont Country Club, 64 at Forsgate Country Club, 66 at Rossmore Country Club, 65 at Montclair Country Club, and 67 at Hyatt Hills.

During his time at Illinois State University, Ostrega won a number of tournament championships and was a quarterfinalist in the U.S. Amateur tournament in 1974. He was inducted into the university's hall of fame in 1981.

He also led the money winners during the 1977 Florida PGA Winter Tour and placed 175th on the money list for the PGA tour.

Including Ostrega, there are 129 professionals and 26 amateurs competing in the U.S. Men's Open, for a total 156 players.

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Administrative cuts called unlikely

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As those legal battles wind down, the Clark School District's administrative expenses also should decrease.

At the school board's July 20 meeting, when board members discussed the implications the new law has for its ability to plan, board member Sheri Sandler called into question the need to appoint six teachers as teacher leaders for the new school year. The appointments come with stipends of \$5,000 each, for a total \$30,000.

The teacher leader positions should not be considered redundant with the work performed by Doug Felter, the director of curriculum, or with the work performed by Susan Miksza, the assistant superintendent, who also works with curriculum.

"They're making sure that their piece works," Tillou said of the teacher leaders, who will provide mentoring to newer and less experi-

enced staff. "But the director of curriculum has to make sure that all those pieces fit together to make a meaningful mosaic out of them."

Part of that mosaic process involves studying the results of standardized test scores and identifying areas where the curriculum is failing to provide students with an adequate understanding of the material, and then finding ways not only to help those students, but to shore up the curriculum in earlier grades.

"I came in fully understanding that there are some community misperceptions and issues about the administration," said Tillou. "I will attempt to change that perception over the year."

In the meantime, because the tighter regulations on spending increases and on surplus are likely to make the planning process harder, Tillou is waiting to hear back from auditor Richard Barre of Barre and

Co. about areas the board can cut.

The district's biggest expenses each year are salaries and benefits, special education, transportation and energy.

"And you really can't cut most of those," Tillou said. "All of those are really necessary expenses."

The single largest expense is staff salaries and benefits, which alone accounts for about 75 to 80 percent of a school district's operating budget each year. If it becomes necessary to increase class size, Tillou hopes to restrict the impact to the higher grade levels.

"It's certainly not going to happen at the elementary levels," he said. "There we're trying to retain at least reasonable levels."

"This is not a wasteful district by any means. It's a pretty economic district," he said. "We're doing fairly well."

OBITUARIES

Robin Helminski

Robin Helminski, 42, of Clark died July 20 at home.

Born in Passaic, Mrs. Helminski lived in Roselle and Rahway before moving to Clark in 1991.

She was a certified recreation therapy professional with geriatric patients in the Middlesex, Essex and Union county areas from 1993 until 2001.

Mrs. Helminski also served as a state-certified foster mother.

She was a graduate of the Catherine Gibbs Business School in Montclair.

Mrs. Helminski was a volunteer at St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark and with "boarder babies" at Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth.

She also was a volunteer at Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge, and Mount St. Mary's Retirement Home in Watchung.

Mrs. Helminski was a Confraternity of Christian Doctrine teacher at Holy Name Church, East Orange, and St. Agnes Church, Clark.

Surviving are her husband of 20 years, Robert; a daughter, Jennifer; her parents, Nicholas and Ellen Panza, and two sisters, Stephanie Faughnan and Nild Panza.

Elizabeth Moore

Elizabeth I. Moore, 83, of Ocean Gate, formerly of Clark, died July 22 at home.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Moore lived in Clark for 33 years before moving to Ocean Gate.

She was a bookkeeper with Tenco Co., Linden, for 27 years before retiring.

Previously, Mrs. Moore was a supervisor with Oil Equipment Laboratories, Elizabeth.

Surviving are three daughters, Sharon Healy, Colleen Tiedmann and Kathleen Intravartolo; a brother, Elwood King; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Michael Castoro

Michael A. Castoro, 68, of Iselin, a former head football coach in Clark and, died July 22 in the JFK Haven Hospice, Edison.

Born in Esst Orange, Mr. Castoro lived in Clark from 1972 until he moved to Iselin two years ago.

He was general manager of ITEX Corp., Linden, where he worked for 10 years.

Before that, Mr. Castoro was a self-employed general contractor for 30 years.

He served in the Army during peacetime.

Mr. Castoro was a former head football coach for the Pop Warner Football leagues in Clark and Roselle Park.

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Concetta; a son, John; two daughters, Lisa Reagan and Antonette Molson; his mother, Columbia Castoro; a sister, Mary Amabile, and eight grandchildren.

Amelia Goncalves

Amelia Goncalves, 59, of Union, formerly of Clark, died July 13 in Portugal.

Born in Portugal, Mrs. Goncalves also lived in Clark. She was employed by Revlon, Irvington, for several years.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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• The National Alliance for Autism Research will hold a free lunch from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at The Crowne Plaza, 36 Valley Road, for those interested in learning about and supporting NAAR.

The walk will be Oct. 17 at Nomahegan Park in Cranford. All walk proceeds will benefit the NAAR. To register, call 888-777-6277, ext. 15.

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 flattened.

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.

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

Upcoming

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.

Aug. 14

• The Deutscher Club, 787 Featherbed Lane, will celebrate Oktoberfest, starting at noon.

Music will be provided the Evergreens Orchestra. The Ladies Division will run its annual flea market as part of the Sunday festival. There will be traditional German and American foods and drinks.

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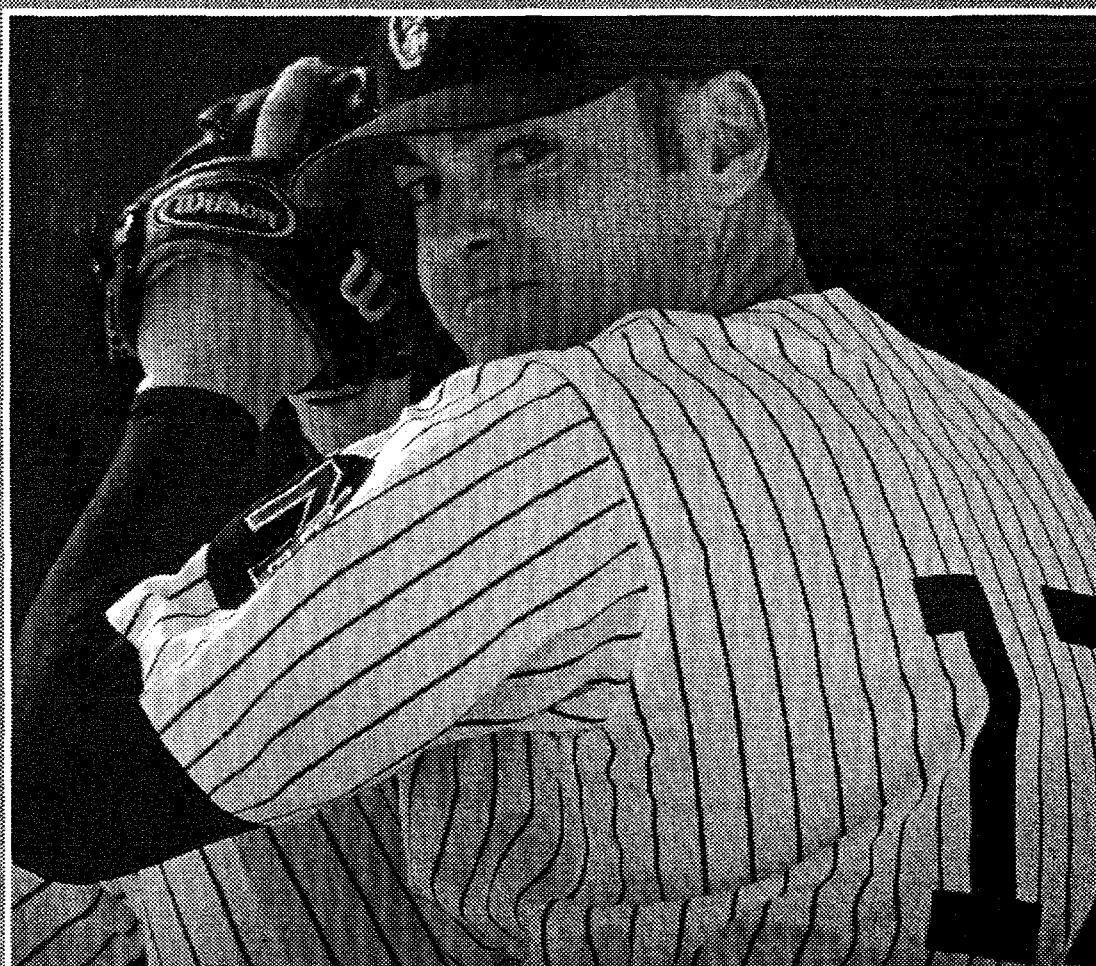
• The Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet from 8 to 11 p.m. in council chamber, behind the Police Department, 315 Westfield Ave.

Aug. 24

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

Aug. 25

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



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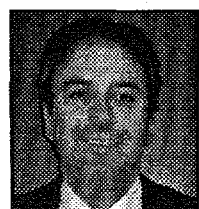
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PSE&G mends fallen electric wire on Terminal Avenue

The Fire Department responded to Terminal Avenue for a fallen electrical wire, at 4:47 p.m. Friday.

Firefighters remained on scene until crews from Public Service Electric and Gas Co. arrived to secure the electrical wire.

The Fire Department responded to a Terminal Avenue manufacturing facility at 7:47 p.m. Saturday for a fire alarm.

The alarm system was malfunctioning.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Raritan Road restaurant at

FIRE BLOTTER

4:50 p.m. Friday for a fire alarm.

The alarm was linked to an electrical power surge in the area.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Maple Street residence at 3:51 a.m. Friday for a 9-1-1 report of an activated carbon monoxide alarm.

An investigation did not detect measurable carbon monoxide levels and Elizabethtown Gas was asked to determine whether repairs were necessary.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Raritan Road doctor's office at 4:31 p.m. July 21 for a 9-1-1 report of something burning in the office.

Water leaking from a fish tank onto an electrical timer had caused the electrical outlet to short-circuit.

The Fire Department responded to a Featherbed Lane school at 6 p.m. July 19 for a fire alarm.

Smoke in the building was coming from a cutting board falling against a pot on the stove.

An occupant of the building

removed the cutting board before the Fire Department arrived. The smoke was ventilated from the building and the fire alarm system was reset.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Lexington Boulevard apartment at 5:56 p.m. July 19 for a smell of gas and something burning.

A small fire on the stove appeared to be coming from the piping in the stove. The gas company responded and secured the gas to the stove.

The Fire Department was dispatched to the Peter J. Esposito Park for a brush fire in the middle of the

field, at 7:12 p.m. July 17.

The fire was extinguished.

The Fire Department was dispatched for a fire alarm at a Cutler Place residence, at 4:39 a.m. July 17. There was no obvious cause for the alarm.

The Fire Department responded to the parking lot of the Hillcrest Village apartments for a gas leak from an automobile, at 9:45 p.m. July 15.

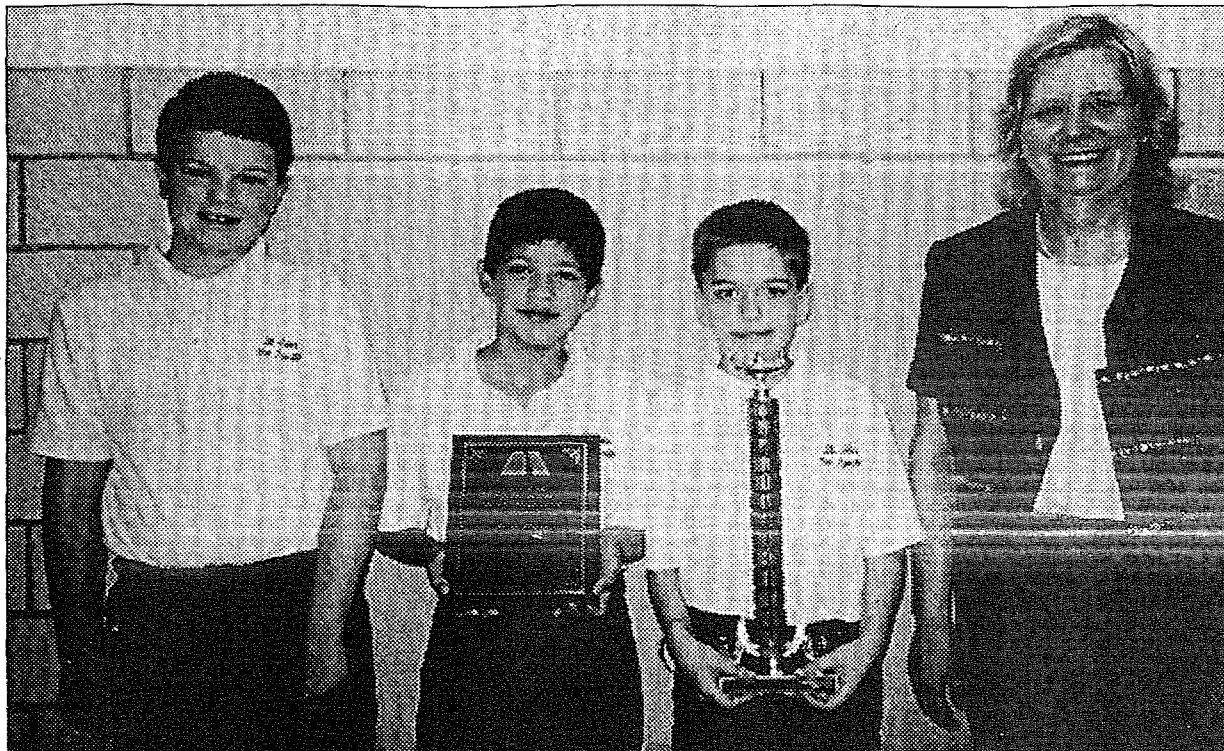
The Fire Department applied absorbent material to contain the gasoline leak. The car was removed for repairs.

The Fire Department responded to a Terminal Avenue business for a fire alarm at 3:08 a.m. July 15.

A water flow detector in the fire sprinkler system had been activated for no obvious reason.

Security personnel were asked to notify the alarm company to make repairs.

The Fire Department was dispatched to Carl H. Kumpf Middle School for a fire alarm at 10:20 p.m. July 13. A smoke detector had been activated for no apparent reason. The smoke detector was replaced.



St. John the Apostle School Mathfax winners are, from left, Brian Hartnett, Aristo Carranza and John Cafiero, with Dorothea Magyar, fifth-grade math teacher.

St. John class aces Mathfax meet

The fifth grade of St. John the Apostle School in Clark participated in the Mathfax competition this year.

Although there are many good, professional math competitions available to schools, Mathfax was created to sharpen the participating students test taking math skills.

A series of four tests were given over the school year. Thousands of students competed all over the country, but only the highest scores were recorded on the Mathfax Web site.

Schools were divided by type and size. Individuals and school awards were given.

The fifth grade of St. John the Apostle School placed first in Catholic School Division 1, and placed second out of 61 Catholic schools nationwide. In addition, John Cafiero placed first in the Catholic School Division.

Out of all schools and thousands of students, John tied for second in the nation. Aristo Carranza placed Third in the Catholic School Division 1, and 10th in the entire Catholic School Division. Brian Hartnett placed third in the school.

In addition to the honored students, many other students achieved high scores which allowed St. John the Apostle to do so well in this competition.

NEWS CLIPS

Web site spotlights Crusaders at college

A new page has been added to a Web site about football at Arthur L. Johnson High School.

The page, called "Crusaders Playing College Football," is about former ALJ football players who now play college football.

Found online at www.geocities.com/ALJFootball/College.htm, the page features Class of 2000 alumnus Brian Kovolsky, an offensive guard at Vanderbilt University.

Football fans can submit new information to the page by sending e-mail to Norm Macocci at ALJFootball@yahoo.com

Include the year the player graduated from ALJ and list any accomplishments for the Crusaders.

Polish University Club swears in new officers

The Polish University Club inducted its new officers for the 2004-05 year during its June 15 meeting at the Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway.

Officers are Wes Warchol, president; Andrew Welenc, first vice president; Audrey J. Lewandowski-Foley, second vice president; Jim Barwick,

treasurer; Maryla Markowska, secretary; and Jeff Pogorzelski, sergeant-at-arms.

Elections were held at the regular monthly meeting in May, which took place at the Polish Consulate in New York City.

The club of New Jersey also presented scholarship awards to 25 recipients for the year 2004-05.

Membership in the club is open to anyone of Polish ethnicity, with a degree from an accredited university.

The group was founded in 1925 by Polish-American college graduates to promote cooperation and goodwill among its members and to propagate American and Polish ideals in order to foster patriotic sentiments.

The organization provides students of Polish ancestry with scholarship opportunities at the college or university of their choice.

To date, more than \$355,000 in scholarship money has been awarded to 3,015 students.

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-edu-

cational 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 on-course 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.

Cub Scouts lauded for landscaping

Child and parent members of the Clark Cub Scout Pack 145 were recognized by the Township Council for their participation in the township's streetscape program.

The pack's participation in the streetscape program provided each of the Scouts an opportunity to engage in one of the important elements required for a Cub Scout to earn the Cub Scout World Conservation Award.

The requirements of the award vary according to the rank of the Cub Scout, however, one common element of the requirements across all ranks is to participate in a den or pack conservation project.

"I am elated to have an opportunity to have the Cub Scouts work on a project that has the very strong support of township residents who readily participated in the project side by side with the Scouts," Cubmaster Scott McCabe said.

In addition, the residents provided an electrical connection for power tools, water to drink on a hot day, and an ice pop treat for each participant at the end of the day.

Residents who live on Miller Avenue committed to watering the plants to ensure the blooming of the annuals throughout the growing season and the health of the trees and shrubs until they become established after several growing seasons. The supplies for the project were donated by Miele's Nursery on Lake Avenue.

Councilmen Al Barr and Brian Toal made the personal commitment to be present for the entire project on a Sunday morning as well as to ensure that Mayor Sal Bonaccorso stopped by to greet the Scouts.

Barr and Toal led the presentation at a recent council meeting where each Cub Scout and parent participants received a certificate of appreciation supported by the entire Township Council.

"I am very thankful for the support of each of the Cub Scouts, leaders and parents who came out and put in a full morning's work on a very hot and humid day," said McCabe. "The support of the community and our Township leaders is essential for a strong, healthy and growing Clark Cub Scout Pack 145."

AT THE LIBRARY

Summer reading club registration ongoing

Signup is ongoing for the Summer Reading Club at Rahway Free Public Library.

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

Summer Reading Club programs will run through Wednesday. There is no preregistration for these programs. Ticket distribution will begin 30 minutes before each program and will continue until the program is filled.

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

- Time for Twos and Threes, for children 2 and 3 years old. A parent or caregiver must attend this approximately 30-minute program with their child. Time for Twos and Threes will be Monday. 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.
- Time for Fours and Fives is for children 4 and 5 years old. A parent or caregiver must attend this approximately 30-minute program with their child. Time for Fours and Fives will be held on Tuesday. Select either the 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Tuesday session.
- Trail Bingo will be Tuesdays. While both sessions are open to chil-

dren 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.

• Book Buddies, which meets at 11 a.m. Wednesdays, is a popular program carried over from past years. "Big Buddies" are students in sixth to ninth grade who enjoy reading to and coloring with their "Little Buddies" between 2 and 6 years old. Book Buddies will be Wednesday.

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

Contact librarians

Even with the Clark facility closed, Clark librarians can be contacted via e-mail about events at the Rahway library during the closing.

Library Director Maureen Baker

Wilkinson can be reached at mbwilkinson@clarklibrary.org.

Return library materials to Municipal Building

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

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

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

For more information, call 732-388-5999.

Gallery shows work of area photographers

Visitors to Diversity Art Gallery on the Clark traffic circle can enjoy the work of three area photographers dealing with a landscape theme.

The art gallery is based in Union County Baptist Church, 4 Valley Road. "Enchanting Vistas in Photography" is open 1 to 3 p.m. Sundays, and features work by Nancy Ori, Owen Kanzler and Marvin Cline.

Special tours are available for individuals, schools and organizations by appointment.

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

For more information, call 732-574-1479, send e-mail to diversityart@aol.com, or visit Web site www.diversityart.com.

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Another stellar season
Junior Legion baseball done

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

Another stellar Union County Junior American Legion baseball season came to a conclusion last week with regular season champion Vikings Baseball of Union Catholic capturing the Union County Tournament final by a score of 6-4 over Roselle at Walsh Field.

The game was said to be played July 20, but instead played on July 21. The Vikings entered state tournament play with an impressive 22-1 mark.

Other Union County teams to qualify for the states, which were scheduled to begin last weekend, were Roselle Post 229, Cranford and Roselle Park.

• **UCT scores from July 14:**
Roselle Park 5, Linden 2
Cranford 8, New Providence 1
Watchung Hills 4, Union 3 (8 inn.)
Scotch Plains 5, B. Heights 2
Roselle 7, Clark 1
Springfield 4, Westfield 3
Elmora over Summit

• **UCT scores from July 17:**
Vikings 9, Roselle Park 3
Cranford 8, Watchung Hills 5
Roselle 8, Scotch Plains 0
Elmora 4, Springfield 3 (8 inn.)

• **UCT semifinals from July 17:**
Vikings 4, Cranford 2
Roselle 7, Elmora 1

• **UCT final on July 20:**
Vikings 6, Roselle 4

• **NOTES:** Dennis Keefe is this year's Hall of Fame inductee, joining Jack Byrnes in 2002 and Rich Bidulph in 2003.

Coach of the Year is Tom Urban of Elmora/Elizabeth.

Rookie of the Year is Victor Torres of Elmora/Elizabeth.

County Tournament MVP went to Andy Koncen of Vikings Baseball.

County Tournament Gold Glove went to Chris Whittemore of Vikings Baseball.

The batting champion, pitching champion and 2004 season MVP will soon be announced.

More information about Union County Junior American Legion baseball may be found by clicking on to: www.unioncountyjuniorlegion.homestead.com.

Basketball tourney to take place Saturday

The Ed Peterson East Coast Classic, featuring many local players, is scheduled to take place Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. at Hoop Heaven in Whippany.

Local players include Matt Laracy of Roseland, Cordell Johnson of Orange, Dwayne and Delvon Arrington of Newark, Venix Nicholas of Maplewood, David Peterson of Maplewood and Chad Sorrell of Union.

The tournament consists of 10 teams, with representation from Richmond, Va., Washington, D.C., Boston, Chicago and the local area.

There are current and former college players, as well as some professional European players who are to participate.

Colleges that will be represented include Seton Hall, St. Joseph's, Florida State, St. Peter's, Rhode Island, San Jose St. and others.

The event is open to the public. More information may be obtained by calling Ed Peterson at 973-819-5720.

Applications ready to referee soccer

So, you want to ref soccer? Applications are now being accepted for candidates wishing to become high school soccer referees in the School and College Officials Association (SCOA) for the 2004 season.

Candidates must be physically fit and a minimum of 18 years of age to referee.

Successful candidates will be eligible to take the NJSIAA exam, which will then qualify them to referee high school varsity soccer matches.

Applications are due by Sept. 13. Interested soccer referee candidates may obtain information by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: David Klein, 37 Bryant Ave., Bloomfield, NJ 07003-5401.

All-Star series lead

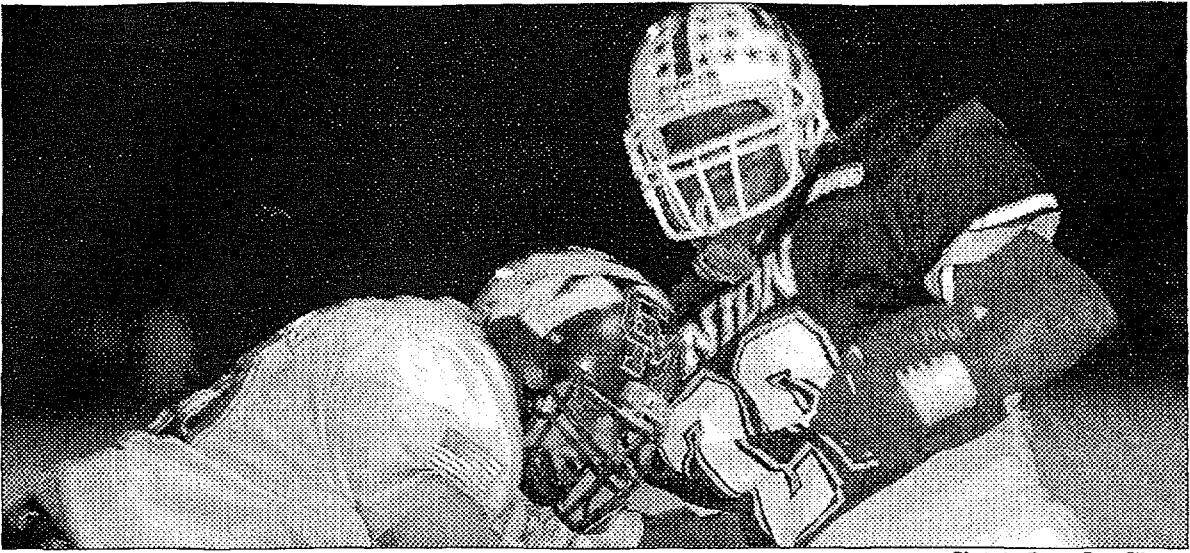


Photo by Reena Rose Sibayan

The Union County All-Stars, with ball at right, defeated Middlesex County 19-7 in the 11th annual Snapple Bowl, played earlier this month at East Brunswick. Union, which has won the last two and four of the last five, leads in the series for the first time with a 6-5 edge.

Cranford Gators turn in many outstanding efforts
Splash way to wins vs. Metuchen, Hillsborough

The Cranford Gators swimming team turned in many outstanding performances in its July 17 meet against the Brookside Swim Club, despite falling by a 142-126 score.

The meet was highlighted by Cranford first-place finishes from Sandra Toczykowski, 200 medley relay; Kathleen French, 200 medley relay; Kevin Kolesa, 50 backstroke and 200 free relay; Eric Rosa, 100 freestyle, 50 breaststroke and 200 freestyle relay; Vicky Singh, 200 freestyle relay; Vanessa Rosa, 100 butterfly, 100 freestyle and 200 medley relay; Megan Schmelling, 100 individual medley and 50 freestyle; Jess Patalano, 200 IM; Emily Aschenbach, 50 butterfly and 200 medley relay; Alexa Salcito, 100 butterfly and 200 medley relay, Jess McCoy, 200 medley relay; Connor Harkins, 200 Free Relay; Sam Baker, 200 Medley Relay and Lauren Chrzanowski, 200 medley relay.

"I knew this would be a tough meet for us," Cranford head coach Ashley Klappholz said. "Brookside's older boys are really good and we needed a lot of points elsewhere to have a chance of winning."

The meet started well for Cranford. The Gators built a 13-point lead after three events.

They were lead by Erin McAuliffe, Sandra Toczykowski, Kevin Kolesa, Eric Rosa, Megan Schmelling and Kathleen French.

Brookside did well in the fourth event, but the Gators countered and were able to take another first, narrowing the deficit to eight points.

Cranford cut it to three behind strong swims by Kathleen Franch, Emily Aschenbach, Vicky Singh and Alexa Salcito after 13 events.

Brookside put together very strong swims to increase its lead.

Zach Love, Kevin Kolesa, Megan Schmelling and Emily Aschenbach narrowed the lead to nine points after 22 events.

Brookside countered with strong swims in the rest of the individual events and lead by 23 points once again. Brookside won the first relay, but Gators captured the next three to close the gap to nine points.

Brookside won the last relay to forge the final score.

Second-place finishes by Cranford were recorded by Sandra Toczykowski, 100 IM; Kathleen French, 100 IM and 50 butterfly; Kevin Kolesa, 100 freestyle; Kory Corner, 25 breaststroke and 25 backstroke; Jessica McCoy, 25 butterfly; Vicky Singh, 50 breaststroke; Katy Corner, 50 freestyle; Zach Love, 50 backstroke; Emily Aschenbach, 50 freestyle; Alexa Salcito, 100 freestyle; Jess Patalano, 100 freestyle; Sean French, 100 backstroke and Jim Sheerin, 100 breaststroke.

Finishing third for Cranford were Erin McAuliffe, 100 IM; Vicky Singh, 100 freestyle; Sam Baker, 200 IM; Patricia Kolesa, 25 butterfly; Zach Love, 50 Breast; Laurel Klappholz, 100 butterfly and Geoff Walano, 100 backstroke.

"I was proud of the way our swimmers fought back a couple of times," assistant coach Jim Sheerin said.

The Gators excelled against the Metuchen Municipal Pool squad last Saturday at the Cranford Pool. In the most exciting meet of the summer season, the Gators won by a 139-125 score.

"We didn't have a lot of swimmers for this meet," Klappholz said. "In order for us to do well, everyone had to have great swims. I wanted to be close going into the relays and hope for the best."

The meet was highlighted by Cranford first-place finishes from Eric Rosa in the 100 freestyle, the 50 breaststroke and the 200 freestyle relay; Steve Krakowski in the 100 freestyle, 50 backstroke and 200 freestyle relay; Jess Patalano in the 200 individual medley and 200 medley relay; Jim Sheerin in the 200 freestyle relay, 100 breaststroke and 200 freestyle relay; Monique Krakowski in the 25 butterfly and 25 freestyle; Emily Aschenbach in the 50 butterfly; Vicky Singh in the 50 breaststroke and 200 freestyle relay; Joe Cooney in the 100 breaststroke; Vanessa Rosa in the 100 butterfly and 200 medley relay; Kevin Kolesa in the 50 backstroke and 200 freestyle relay; Michael Plate in the 100 backstroke and 200 freestyle relay; Geoff Walano in the 100 backstroke; Natalie Laucious in the 200 medley relay; Lauren Chrzanowski in the 200 medley relay; Mickey Singh in the 200 freestyle relay and Sean French in the 200 freestyle relay.

This was a meet where neither team was able to build a commanding lead and each time a team was down by several points, they fought back.

Strong swims by Erin McAuliffe, Jessica McCoy, Kolesa and Eric Rosa, created a six-point lead by the Gators after the first two events.

Cranford had no swimmers for the next two events and fell behind by two points. Metuchen's lead then grew to six points after the seventh event.

Once again, a lack of swimmers in an event cost the Gators the lead and, after the ninth event, Cranford was behind by nine points.

However, the Gators slowly reduced the deficit and, after the 14th event, they had a one-point lead.

"Today's meet was an example of two equal teams

swimming against each other," Sheerin said. "We were evenly matched and the score reflected that."

The Gators swam strong over the next couple of races, led by Vanessa Rosa, Klappholz, Sheerin, Ryan Meier, Monique Krakowski and Brianna Brogan, and built a 14-point lead after the 17th event.

However, Metuchen still didn't give up and regained the lead after the 19th event.

The teams were tied after the 25th event, but the Gators took a seven-point lead into the relay races.

"I was a little surprised that we had the lead after the individual events," Klappholz said.

"We had some events where we had no swimmers and lost valuable points, but everyone swam really well and made up the lost points."

It came down to the relay races to determine the meet's winner.

Metuchen won the first two races to take a seven-point lead, but Cranford won the next relay to tie the score. There were now two relay races left.

Anchored by Patalano, the Gators won the next relay and took a seven-point lead, so the worst they could do was tie.

However, Cranford won the last relay to round out the scoring.

Second-place finishes for the Gators were recorded by McAuliffe in the 100 IM; Kolesa in the 100 freestyle; Chrzanowski in the 100 butterfly; French in the 100 breaststroke; Meier in the 100 backstroke; Zach Love in the 50 backstroke; Aschenbach in the 50 freestyle and Vanessa Rosa in the 100 freestyle.

Third-place finishes for Cranford were posted by McCoy in the 100 IM and 50 butterfly; Vicky Singh in the 100 freestyle; Chrzanowski in the 200 IM; Love in the 50 breaststroke; Plate in the 100 breaststroke; Klappholz in the 100 butterfly; Mickey Singh in the 100 breaststroke; Brogan in the 25 freestyle; Chris Tobin in the 50 backstroke; French in the 100 backstroke; Patalano in the 100 freestyle and Meier in the 100 backstroke.

With the victory, the Gators improved to 5-2.

On July 21 at the Cranford Pool, the Gators avenged an earlier setback to the Hillsborough Y when they won by a score of 163-112.

"This was a big meet for us," Klappholz said. "We lost to Hillsborough Y by three points and we wanted to beat them at our pool."

Hillsborough started the meet with very strong swims and built a 10-point lead after four events.

However, strong swims by David Ford, Cooney, Katie Salvati and Vanessa Rosa in the next two events narrowed the margin to four points.

The teams then traded victories the next couple of events, with the Gators taking first place in events 8-10, thus keeping them trailing by a point.

At this point, Cranford took control of the meet.

The Gators took first place in six of the next seven races and led by 24 points after the 23rd event.

The individual events ended with Cranford leading by 37 points. The meet then ended with the Gators winning four of the six relay races.

First-place finishes for the Gators were recorded by Kolesa in the 100 IM, 50 butterfly and 200 medley relay; Steve Krakowski in the 100 IM, 50 butterfly and 200 medley relay; Ford in the 200 IM and 200 medley relay; Salvati in the 200 freestyle; Monique Krakowski in the 25 breaststroke, 25 backstroke and 100 freestyle relay; Sandra Toczykowski in the 50 breaststroke; French in the 100 butterfly, 100 freestyle and 200 medley relay; Alexa Salcito in 100 breaststroke and 200 freestyle relay; Sheerin in the 100 butterfly, 100 freestyle and 200 medley relay; Patalano in the 100 breaststroke; Walano in the 50 freestyle and 200 medley relay; Danielle McAuliffe in the 50 backstroke; Sam Baker in the 100 backstroke and 200 freestyle relay; Ivanna Gomez in the 100 freestyle relay; Brogan in the 100 freestyle relay; Patricia Kolesa in the 100 freestyle relay; Eric Rosa in the 200 medley relay; Plate in the 200 medley relay and Vanessa Rosa in the 200 freestyle relay.

Second-place finishes for Cranford were recorded by Patricia Kolesa in the 25 breaststroke; Walano in the 50 butterfly; Danielle McAuliffe in the 50 breaststroke; Laucious in the 100 breaststroke; Baker in the 100 breaststroke; Erin McAuliffe in the 50 backstroke; Plate in the 100 freestyle; Salvati in the 100 backstroke; Mickey Singh in the 100 freestyle and Vanessa Rosa in the 100 backstroke.

Third-place finishes for the Gators were registered by McCoy in the 100 freestyle and 50 backstroke; Vicky Singh in the 100 IM and 50 freestyle; Megan Salvati in the 100 freestyle and 50 backstroke; Cooney in the 200 IM; Vanessa Rosa in the 200 freestyle; Gomez in the 25 breaststroke and 25 backstroke; Erin McAuliffe in the 50 breaststroke; Aschenbach in the 50 breaststroke; Chrzanowski in the 100 breaststroke; Mickey Singh in the 100 butterfly; Eric Rosa in the 50 freestyle, Salcito in the 100 backstroke; Ford in the 100 freestyle and Patalano in the 100 backstroke.

"A lot of our swimmers had great times which qualified them for the conference championships," Sheerin said. "We're starting to peak at the right time."

Senior Legion squad is downed
Had solid campaign with 20 wins

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

UNION - Sometimes in baseball, you just have to tip your cap to the opposing team's pitcher.

That's exactly what Roselle Post No. 229 Senior American Legion head coach Dave Kahney did as his squad was blanked 4-0 by River Valley's Nick Vallillo in the New Jersey District 2 Tournament Monday night at Teener Field. "You have to give credit to the opposing pitcher," Kahney said. "He had us off-balance the entire game."

With the setback in the double-elimination tourney, Roselle finished the summer with a 20-4-2 record.

Last Saturday, Roselle opened the tournament with a 3-1 defeat to Pequannock.

"We finished first in the county and had a pretty solid year, but heading into the season I thought we had some pitching depth to get us through the tournament," Kahney said. "However, the bats came up a little silent, so you have to give credit to the other team."

River Valley, which improved its record to 24-9, didn't waste any time scoring all its runs as it crossed four in the bottom of the first.

With one out, Todd Emp doubled to right and scored on an RBI-single by Mike Guadango.

After Ned Bennington followed with a single to left to put runners at the corners, Angelo Ponte lifted a sacrifice fly to right to plate a run.

Jon Elia then delivered the big blow as he blasted a pitch 350 feet over the left-center fence.

"Offensively, they only put up a four spot in the first inning off our pitcher," Kahney said. "I told him (Pete Rivera) afterwards to keep us here at 4-0 and give us a chance to come back. He went out and did a great job and was kind of dominant the rest of the way."

Rivera, a former standout at Union Catholic, was just that in the bottom of the second inning as he retired the side in order, picking up a strikeout in the process.

The righthander, who will attend NJIT in the fall, yielded five hits, while striking out seven and walking one.

Vallillo was even better, limiting Roselle to two hits, while striking out seven and walking three.

The lefthander was especially sharp in the second and third innings as he retired the side in order in both frames.

"He (Vallillo) was very poised on the mound and was able to throw three pitches for strikes," Kahney said. "He had us eating out of his hand the whole night. He kept it out of the strike zone, but close enough to it that we offered up at it."

The Ravens looked to increase their lead in the bottom of the third, but were turned away by Rivera.

After retiring the first two batters in the inning, Rivera was touched up for a single to left by Bennington.

After an error put runners at the corners, Elia walked to load the bases.

However, Rivera managed to bear down and got designated hitter Scott Steinberg looking at a called third strike.

That call seemed to get Roselle fired up as Roselle Catholic standout Nick Nolan opened the top of the fourth with a sharp single to center.

However, after former Cranford graduate Matt Wilson forced Nolan at second on a 1-4 putout, he was erased as Vallillo picked him off.

Even though Mike Garcia followed with a base on balls before advancing to second on a balk, the Springfield resident was left stranded as Rivera was struck out on a 3-2 pitch.

"We don't hit the ball that much, so we rely on stealing some bases," Kahney said. "However, he had a border line balk move that shut us down running wise."

After Rivera retired the side in order in the bottom of the fifth, he was even stronger in the bottom of the sixth as he fanned all three batters he faced in the inning. The last two strikeouts came on called third strikes.

Roselle looked like it was finally going to push a run across in the top of the seventh when Rivera opened the inning with a double to left-center.

However, Vallillo managed to retire the next three batters in order to record the shutout.

"We just couldn't crack through and get that first run to open the gates," Kahney said. "That's due mostly to their pitcher because he showed no emotion and was under control the whole night. He's a young kid that will only be a junior in high school, but he showed the poise of a college pitcher."

SAT dates are set for 2004-2005 academic year

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association just announced the Scholastic Aptitude Test schedule for the 2004-2005 school season.

Test dates for 2004 include Oct. 9, Nov. 6 and Dec. 5 and for 2005 include Jan. 22, March 12, May 7 and June 4.

The above dates may present conflicts for student-athletes.

Students can make arrangements to take these tests on a date not in conflict with their sport.

Girls' tennis singles and doubles competition is, for example, scheduled for Oct. 9.

The football playoff finals are scheduled for Dec. 4.

Possible winter track group meet competition is scheduled for Jan. 22.

Boys' tennis singles and doubles competition and outdoor track state group meets, public and parochial, are scheduled for June 4.

Tournament dates cannot be changed. However, all tournament dates will be finalized in August so that alternate testing dates can be arranged whenever possible.

The following are the registration close dates for the seven test dates that were mentioned above:

Oct. 9: Registration closing date is Sept. 7 for SAT 1 and 2.

Nov. 6: Registration closing date is Oct. 1 for SAT 1 and 2.

Dec. 4: Registration closing date is Oct. 29 for SAT 1 and 2.

Jan. 22: Registration closing date is Dec. 20 for SAT 1 and 2.

March 12: Registration closing date is Feb. 7 for SAT 1 only.

May 7: Registration closing date is March 25 for SAT 1 and 2.

June 4: Registration closing date is April 29 for SAT 1 and 2.

Test classification: SAT 1 is the basic exam and SAT 2 is the achievement test.

Training program for field hockey officials offered next week

The Northeast Chapter II Field Hockey Officials Association, Inc. invites interested individuals to attend a training clinic called the 2004 Umpire Training Clinic, which will be held at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Florham Park/Madison.

Session 2 will be held next week, beginning Monday and running through Aug. 6 from 6-8 p.m. each day.

Registration information about the clinic may be obtained by calling Nora at 201-439-0266.

Training program for volleyball officials offered in August

The Central Jersey Volleyball Officials Association, Inc. invites interested individuals to attend a training clinic.

The clinic is called the 2004 Fall Season Training Clinic, which will be held at East Brunswick High School in East Brunswick.

The clinic will be held Aug. 10, 12, 17, 19, 25 and 26 from 6-9:30 p.m. each day.

Registration information may be obtained by calling Pete Bogdan at this number: 732-776-5899.

CHS alumni are sought for inclusion in directory

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Exchange program seeks host families

Opening ceremonies Aug. 13 will mark the start of the 2004 Summer Olympic Games. Hundreds of athletes from dozens of countries will con-

PAX families provide students with meals, a place to sleep and study and a family environment. Private rooms are not required and all types of families are welcome to apply, including single

4th of July winners named in town races

• 21 years and older: first place, Chas Muckenthaler and Jeff Henoch; second place, Mike Rodgers and Matt Sullivan; third place, Tom Lawler and Chris Koscica.

• 4 and younger: first place, Eilidh Brady; second place, Charlotte Willis; third place, Aidan Kane.

First place, Ryan Brown and Alex McCoy; second place, Dan Kopf and Matt Duescher; third place, Peter and Kevin Strotz.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

Hitting the brakes

Thanks to Gov. James McGreevey and the Legislature, the challenging job of running a public school district has just been made even more difficult, if not impossible. That was the message the board presented last week, when it discussed the impact of a law signed July 1 that implements tighter-than-ever controls on the board's ability to budget surplus.

Perhaps we can forgive those on the board distressed by the new law. Their dismay is not only palpable but understandable. The board has had a difficult time in the past few years making ends meet, and these new restraints — the board is no longer allowed to budget any surplus that administrators will be able to access in a pinch — are only going to make things more difficult.

That surplus, which has now been outlawed, was what got the board through this past year. As utility bills outstripped what had been budgeted, and as special education obligations arose after budget season ended, and as the board failed to designate other areas for cost-cutting measures, the administration was forced in the 2003-04 school year to suspend maintenance projects and to dip into surplus. Just as difficult to work with is the newly lowered cap on budget increases. Salary and benefit expenses alone outstripped the old cap on budget increases.

Politically, the law is a brilliant stroke both for McGreevey and for the Legislature. It shows that they're taking a tough stand on property taxes, without actually having to do anything. State elected officials can cross their arms, sternly wag their fingers and show how they've forced municipal government and school boards to control spending and rein in taxes, and yet still spend thousands of dollars on frivolous expenditures at the state level. And if it makes the job increasingly difficult for education officials at the local level, that's not an immediately pressing problem for McGreevey and the legislators.

Disingenuous as it may be, the law does address a problem: Spending at the local level does get out of hand, and it does need to be kept in line. Local taxes in Clark have swelled in the past five years, faster than the rate of inflation, and certainly faster than most people's salaries have increased. Changing the rules in such a procrustean manner is not the best way to get reform, but in the long run, it should do the job.

With the board unable to raise taxes more than 2½ percent, it's time for everyone to start finding ways to cut expenses. The board will find some savings as the School Construction Corp. begins repairing the aging schools and improving energy efficiency. But it's also time for the board to learn to say no, and to be willing to make unpopular decisions, such as choosing not to get the latest and most interesting technology. It's also time for the Clark Educators Association to accept changes in the benefits its members receive. No employee likes having to contribute to medical and health insurance plans, and no one likes the co-payments that go hand-in-hand with doctor's visits and prescription medication. No one likes them, but they've been the standard in the private sector for years. With the cost of health insurance gone through the roof, teachers and other employees of the school district need to shoulder more of that burden, and reduce the district's insurance costs.

Additionally, if the Legislature is going to diminish the school district's ability to plan ahead, then it's time to start providing decent funding for federal mandates. If the state is going to require that districts provide special education, in order to meet requirements for federal grants and funding, then the state must provide more assistance to districts with special education needs to meet.

Some relief

On a scale of one to 10 for good news, the recent state legislation introduced to stretch Clark's financial obligations to Garwood and Mountainside ranks somewhere between five and six.

State Senators Nicholas Scutari, D-Linden, and Raymond Lesniak, D-Union, are supporting a bill that would give Clark 10 years to pay about \$2 million to its fellow former members of the Union County Regional School District. Under the prevailing order by Commissioner of Education William L. Librera, the district would have only five years. The legislation is matched in the Assembly by a bill with support from Assembly representatives Linda Stender, D-Scotch Plains, and Jerry Green, D-Plainfield.

Given the financial burden any repayment structure would place on the Clark School District and taxpayers, who already have paid plenty for a breakup they never wanted, we still believe the best arrangement would be for the state to assume the district's financial obligation in this matter — particularly now that the state effectively has eliminated surplus from school budgets.

Failing a release from obligation to the debt, a 10-year repayment plan, with the annual tax impact neatly cut in half, probably is the best solution to the difficulty Clark faces with the repayment plan.



Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

PLAYING AROUND — Kathryn Kalaigian, 5, takes a break from playing at Funtime Junction and leans up against one of the park's attractions to catch her breath.

Love is never asking about the frozen bananas

Now What?

By John Hartnett

Saturday night my son opened the freezer door, a frozen banana fell out, smashed him on the toe and then my daughter bumped her head on the freezer door when she stood up quickly after retrieving the banana from the floor.

I submit to you that there is no greater window into the complicated dance that is marriage than reconstructing that small, relatively insignificant event.

In the 12 years and 313 days that I have been married to my wife, she has taken hundreds of overripe bananas and stored them in our freezers with the intention of someday making bread out of them. Sadly that day has never come.

I will admit that I am partly to blame, because when the opportunity to be alone in the kitchen presents itself — I surreptitiously remove the frozen bananas and bury them in the garbage.

For you see, I was raised to believe that neither fruit or for that matter, deceased ball players such as Ted Williams, should be placed in a freezer once they are past their prime.

Conversely, my wife, who came from a very large family, was raised to believe that overripe fruit should be frozen, not wasted. Her mother taught

her to do this, albeit a woman who also stored bananas for decades and never made anything out of them — although legend has it that one was once used as an emergency blackjack during a family function that went awry.

Which one of us is right? Aha! All couples on the dance floor, please.

In the pursuit of marital bliss, one must learn to suppress opinions pertaining to a spouse's adherence to particular practices, beliefs or traditions — no matter how ridiculous you think they may be.

Why? Why shouldn't two people who love and trust each other share their true feelings about such matters? A dumb question, but since I asked it, I'll answer it just this once.

Because for every one silly or irritating habit or idiosyncrasy you can attribute to your spouse — your spouse can come up with two to attribute to you.

It's like the arms race and money spent on defense is money not spent

on books, a habit of mine my wife believes borders on obsession — although of course she's never said it to my face. Still, a man can sense these things... but so what?

That's a whole lot better than actually being confronted with it! I will admit that very early in our marriage, when I was still naive, I poked fun at my wife's rationale for freezing mushy bananas rather than tossing them out. Her ice cold, steely-eyed response? "I don't like to waste food, and I'm going to make banana bread with them." I never mentioned it again.

Since that time, I will state under oath that not once in our 12 years and 313 days together has my wife walked into the kitchen, opened the freezer door and yelled, "What the heck happened to the bananas I had in the freezer? I was going to make bread today!"

Now I can understand that. I've been researching colors to paint our house for six years now and haven't even begun to narrow down the range of possibilities contained within the classification of "off white." It isn't easy — the color of your house tells people a lot about who you are. Right now it's telling them that I'm lazy, but I can live with that.

As we attempted to console our injured children who were howling and hopping about the room in an unintentional homage to the Three Stooges, I have to admit that I was a little perturbed that a frozen banana, of a certain age, (a phrase used to gracefully describe people who are ancient), had been the source of the commotion.

I said to my wife, "What is it with you and this obsession with freezing bananas?" But not out loud, of course.

Instead I said, "We have to find a better spot to store those bananas so they don't fall out like that again." She searched my face for signs of sarcasm and when there were none to be found, she smiled and set about placing the bananas in a Tupperware container.

With calm restored and the pain of injuries subsiding, I announced that I was going to take a drive over to the bookstore and have a look around.

My wife said, "What is it with you and your obsession with buying all these books you never find time to read?"

She said it out loud. Can you believe that?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What about 'nepotism' is hard to get?

To the Editor:

It appears to me that both a former and present councilman do not understand the meaning of the word nepotism or what the editorial of May 27, was actually stating. *The Eagle's* editorial headed "All in the Family?" in my mind, bears no condemnation of job performance or salaries for those positions stated in the article. It does, however, state that "Municipal appointments should go to the candidates most qualified, with no appearance of wrongdoing in the appointment."

With that in mind, I cannot understand Ernie Spies' letter. He is louddest to cry out at something he feels is amiss, yet he does not see how this "All in Family" scenario is wrong. His letter states that John Laezza straightened out a fiscal mess. This is par for the course of a new administration's way of bashing the former one. Isn't that a little old since this administration has been in power over the last three years? However, Mr. Spies must have forgotten he was a part of that former council majority at one point in time, even though he did not complete his term as councilman.

Putting this aside, family ties in any government agency or for that matter corporate business as well, bears the stench of impropriety. It also puts our tax money back into the pockets of the family members who are in power. Is that proper? Mr. Spies argues that putting Joe Bonaccorso in the position of Public Works director makes sense with continuity of leadership. If the shoe was on the other foot, and the Democrats were in power and these types of appointments took place, would Mr. Spies be so inclined to agree? I don't think so. As a matter of fact I would emphatically state the answer as no.

When Carmine Giordano was head of the Public Works Department at that time, the Democrats were severely criticized for the salary he was paid for a part-time position — approximately \$3,000 without benefits. Since that time, this administration turned Mr. Giordano's former position into two separate part-time jobs, at a higher salary and with full-time benefits.

Then a letter was written by Jim Ulrich, also criticizing the editorial. Wow, how could this be? This person, who sits on our governing body, states "that he needs to make sure we employ competent employees that will provide quality service ... and that the salary was incorrect." (Actually it was.)

How Mr. Ulrich missed the full point of the editorial I can't say. He must feel that nepotism is OK, or he just chooses to ignore it. I also question the assumptions made by Mr. Spies and Mr. Ulrich and others in this administration that the only competent employees qualified for a particular position happen to be related to Mayor Sal Bonaccorso.

I think the editorial was right on point. Is change needed? Sure, but when you have apologists stating otherwise, it is quite unlikely that it will happen any time soon.

Marie Soyka
Clark

Raritan Road neighbors need to unite

To the Editor:

I am a homeowner on Raritan Road between Westfield Avenue and the reser-

voir bridge. In 2001 the township created new merge lanes and widened the roadway on the residential side of Raritan Road to accommodate Commerce Bank.

I refer to this as the "Nevargic Merge Lanes" because he was the 2nd Ward councilman. At the time I protested this at a township meeting along with a few residents, our efforts failed.

The Nevargic Merge Lanes curse continues, only now the township has extended the No Parking area and created more improved raceway for the commuters.

What's next? Notice the size of the new bridge. I guess the next phase of the Nevargic curse is the widening of Raritan Road from Westfield Avenue to the Bridge, creating an expanded No Parking zone. Up the speed limit from 40 to 55?

My protest letters to the councilman, mayor and traffic control officer concerning their latest assault on the safety and quality of life conditions for Raritan Road residents have gone unanswered.

The township tax assessor smiles when I seek a reduction in the assessed value of my home. He tells me to file a claim with the county.

I am tired of being a second-class citizen living in a government-created ghetto with no representation. I live in fear, as visitors have to cross Raritan Road to park their car on a side street and receive angry looks from my neighbors. We have to maintain the Union County property and keep it property free of debris and snow. How many times did you have to re-clean the driveway apron after the county snow plow came by?

Our community efforts are not shared by our neighbors who live off Raritan Road, yet a look at their tax bills that are due soon shows they're the same as ours.

We can do something if we act as a Raritan Road Association so please feel free to contact me at 732-381-5029 or johnwhj@comcast.net with your ideas and to make arrangements to meet.

Just a followup from the financial news concerning our friendly Commerce Bank in case you missed it:

July 13: Bank executives enmeshed in a Philadelphia municipal corruption probe.

July 12: Class-action stockholder suit filed by Shatz & Nobel, P.C., claiming massive political contributions to politicians in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

John Hoelzer
Clark

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Lilies add burst of aroma, color to well-lit gardens

For most of the year a big clump of Casablanca lilies languishes in relative obscurity in the southwest corner of my front garden.

Right now, however, they are stars. The long white buds have burst open to reveal huge pale flowers with thick, waxy, slightly recurved petals and a fragrance that you can smell on the other side of the yard.

In fact, you can probably smell them in the neighbor's yard, or even half a block away if the breeze is blowing in the right direction.

The fragrance is sweet and musky, almost overpowering if you are close to the plants. One lily in a mixed bouquet is more than enough to scent a whole room. An entire vase of them would be excessive in any space smaller than a ballroom.

My garden needs a lily infusion. Fortunately there are lots to choose from, with scores of species and thousands of hybrids available. True lilies, which grow from bulbs, are part of the genus *Lilium*. Daylilies, which grow from tubers, are part of a different, but related genus, *Hemerocallis*.

Perhaps the most significant differences between daylilies and true lilies is that individual daylily blossoms last for only one day, normally opening in the morning and closing forever at night. True lilies are often better as cut flowers because they don't have to be replaced the day after you create an arrangement.

My Casablanca in full flower is the Jennifer Lopez of the garden. The white-flowered beauty is an Oriental

The Gardener's Apprentice

By Elisabeth Ginsburg

lily, one of a group of large, showy, relatively tall hybrid plants that are characterized by long green leaves that circle the stems. Star Gazer, with its sultry dark rose and white blooms, is another Oriental that is wildly popular both in gardens and in the cut flower trade. Oriental lilies usually bloom at the end of July and the beginning of August.

The hybrid Asiatic lilies are a bit less showy and fragrant than the Orientals but they bloom earlier. Asiatics come in a wide array of colors from white through the range of yellows, oranges, pinks and reds. There are also bicolor varieties, and many that are sprinkled with distinctive reddish brown freckles. Often sold in mixed-color assortments, the plants come back reliably.

Not all plants that require staking are really worth the trouble, but I go out of my way for the Chinese trumpet lilies. These species and hybrids are tall and leggy, sometimes reaching four to six feet. The blooms are huge, facing outward and slightly down. The best known of these trumpet varieties is the regal lily, *Lilium regale*, discovered in China in the first years of the

20th century by English botanist Ernest Henry Wilson.

The long buds appear to be maroon, but the trumpets open to reveal that the flowers are pristine white inside. In the mid 1950s English garden writer Beverly Nichols wrote of growing masses of regal lilies in his country garden. Each year when the flowers reached their peak he would deliver and distribute a carload of them to fortunate friends in London.

I wish I had enough to give even a few stems to my very closest friends. The thought of their grateful responses inspires me to add regal lilies to my catalog order.

Lily hybridizers are busy souls and a few years ago they crossed Oriental and trumpet lilies to produce the new Orienpet hybrids. These combine the Orientals' lush blooms with the trumpets' tall stature. I especially like *Orania*, which is pale peach shading golden at the center with a rosy blush on the petals' reverse sides.

Some day I will install a clump of gold-banded lily (*Lilium auratum*), a Japanese native that has been an American favorite since its introduction in 1861. Tall, with white petals, *Lilium auratum* has a gold stripe down the middle of each petal and a liberal sprinkling of chocolate-colored freckles.

For some reason when I see these lilies in catalogs it is always at times when it's inconvenient to order them. When I am ready to order them, there is never an appropriate catalog right at hand. But I have faith that there will

be a time in the not-too-distant future when stars, catalogs and credit cards will be aligned, and I will invest in *Lilium auratum*.

Shade gardeners will gnash their teeth when they hear that most true lilies like full sun. My Casablanca faces north, receives light shade for a few hours each day and still produces a riot of flowers.

You can experiment. If the lily you choose finds its environment too shady, it will let you know by sulking and refusing to produce more than a few puny flowers. Then you can do yourself and the lily a favor by moving it to a brighter spot.

Drainage is as important as light. Lilies, like people, do not like wet feet. If your soil is heavy clay, you should lighten it with compost. If your garden has high and low spots, plant the lilies high.

Many catalogs will tell you that lilies pair well with ferns. Of course everyone knows that ferns thrive in shade and revel in having wet feet, so on the surface this makes no sense.

However, if you have a tall unshaded hedge, plant the ferns right at the feet of the shrubs so that they are shaded by the hedge itself. Plant the lilies three or four feet out so they are in the sun. This combination seems to work well in my yard, and the lilies are increasing. Not everything in catalogs is hyperbole, but many of the claims require judicious interpretation.

Elisabeth Ginsburg is a frequent contributor to this newspaper.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Report the news, don't manufacture it To the Editor:

Once again *The Clark Eagle*, all-knowing, saw fit to try to create problems where none exist by slanting an editorial based upon the musing of a cub reporter.

This administration is totally aware of the OPRA regulations and has followed them to a fault since their adoption.

When *The Eagle* insisted on reviewing a draft document, the master plan draft, it was in fact shown to them, but should not have been considered a public record since it was still a work in progress and had not been reviewed, by either the Planning Board or council. Secondly, they were seeking information that is in conflict with the governor's Executive Order 18.

For a member of a media that openly criticizes legislation that might be utilized for "Invasion of Privacy Purposes," it appears that they believe the newspapers only have that right. What is your reason to want to know who has filed as domestic partners? Is that news, or an editor wants to know?

This administration continues to be open in everything it does but it will protect itself and its citizens whom they represent from the creation of news rather than the reporting.

Last week the Democratic chairwoman wanted audit reports and budget documents, and her request was fulfilled in a timely manner.

This is a continuation of *The Clark Eagle* putting its opinion in the newspaper prior to waiting the time period for which that information is required to be given to them on the OPRA even if it were valid.

Since an editorial is only your opinion, accept this letter as my opinion.

Mayor Sal Bonaccorso

Clark

Railroad will not benefit Union County

To the Editor:

Frank Capece's "Shared assets" column on July 15 demonstrates the danger in presuming that railroads exist to help Union County.

Because of the effort necessary to load rail cars, sort cars into trains headed toward the same destination, and break down trains for delivery, rail freight lines generally look toward long-distance hauling to turn a profit. Among port warehouse operators, there is at least one mode of thought that shipping freight by rail for distances under 1,000 miles is just not practical.

For \$2 a year, Union County has given the Morristown & Erie eventual access between Staten Island and long distance rail lines along the Erie-Lackawanna and the Lehigh Valley. With a little help from New Jersey Transit, reopening the Lackawanna Cutoff between Andover and Scranton will open the Erie-Lackawanna to freight yards at Scranton, the garbage dump at Taylor, Pa., and major rail lines at Binghamton, N.Y. The big money would be in becoming a major conduit for marine cargo and garbage from Staten Island.

Shortline railroads will not take trucks off local roads, because the Port Authority is anticipating the quadrupling of containers passing through port facilities from 2.2 million to 8.8 million containers per year. Port Authority projections anticipate that there will be both more trucks on the road and more trains on the tracks.

Mr. Capece's report that the county has made "a proposal to turn over the assets of the railroad conglomerate within the service area to the Port Authority" is frightening. How could the reactivation of Howland Hook Marine Terminal on Staten Island have taken place if the Port Authority had not taken steps to reactivate the Staten Island Railway into New Jersey? Similarly, if the Cross Harbor Freight Tunnel is built between port facilities in Brooklyn and the railroad in Jersey City, marine cargo from Brooklyn will be dumped on New Jersey rail facilities. If the Port Authority is so concerned about traffic impacts from the movement of marine cargo, why is there so much concern about assuring that marine cargo will not be offloaded at Norfolk or Halifax?

Pushing for massive increases in rail freight in New Jersey is equivalent to giving penicillin to someone who is allergic to penicillin.

We are not moving freight trains across vast expanses of the Open West. In New Jersey, freight rail crosses hundreds of roads at grade level. What will happen when trains begin blocking Route 22 or any of dozens of grade crossings in the county? How much productivity will be lost? Fuel wasted? Leisure time lost? Air pollution created? Road-carrying capacity lost? Commuter trains blocked? People killed? How much of the cargo will just pass through New Jersey without any local benefit? To achieve the anticipated quadrupling of port traffic, how many stevedoring jobs will be lost to high-efficiency, automated container handling methods, like those employed at the Port of Rotterdam? Mr. Capece's attribution of Mr. Wright's evaluation of the situation is truly perceptive. We are indeed in "a bad situation."

William T. Fidurski

Clark

HEALTH

Summertime is here; watch out for rabies

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

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

Rabies is a viral disease which is transmitted through saliva of a rabid animal introduced by a bite or a scratch.

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

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

Some animals such as skunks and

raccoons, which are primarily nocturnal, may be seen during the daytime. This does not mean that they are rabid. Their homes may have been disturbed, it may be breeding season, or they may be foraging for food for their young.

Some simple precautions that can be taken to discourage wildlife and rodent harborage and protect your family and pets include:

- Vaccinate your dogs and cats against rabies.
- Make sure that all garbage, especially garbage containing food waste, is placed in metal or heavy duty plastic garbage cans with lids.
- Never leave pet food or water outside of your home. Do not scatter bird feed on the ground.
- Cut grass, trim bushes and cut back tree branches frequently to pre-

vent harborage and access to your home.

- Remove den sites such as wood pilings. Keep storage sheds free of debris and accumulation.
- Have chimneys professionally capped. Screen off decks and porches.
- Perform a home self-inspection. Check for broken windows, torn screens, cracks and holes in building foundations and gaps under doorways.
- Drain pool covers of water and eliminate areas of stagnant and/or standing water on the property.
- Educate and supervise children to stay away from wildlife. Think safety first.
- Never attempt to corner or trap wildlife. Seek professional assistance from a certified wildlife removal company or licensed exterminator.

West Nile surveillance

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

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

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 flu-like symptoms, high fever, chills, body aches, rapid onset of headache, stiff neck, disorientation, tremors, coma, convulsions and paralysis.

Residents are urged to take the following precautions:

- Eliminate all areas of standing and stagnant water such as tires, clogged gutters, open garbage cans, bird bath, wheel barrels, buckets, pool and pool covers. Any homeowner maintaining a pool and/or pool cover with stagnant water will be issued a summons.
- Wear light-colored, long-sleeve shirts and long pants when outdoors.
- 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.

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AARP chapter seeks potential members

Clark AARP Chapter 3733 will meet at 1 p.m. Aug. 13 at the Brewer Senior Center, 400 Westfield Ave.

The following trips have been scheduled:

- Sept. 15 — Madame Tussaud's

Wax Museum's 7 South Street Seaport. Luncheon at area restaurant with checks \$62.

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

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

SENIOR NEWS

Ongoing projects include knitting lap robes and shrugs, collection of pennies for expenses; magazines, jigsaw puzzles, etc. for the Veteran Hospital.

Also needed are VNA Layette items for needy infants and collection of bingo prizes for Runnels Hospital.

Senior bus service

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

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OBITUARIES

Caroline Manning

Caroline Manning, 86, of Manahawkin, formerly of Kenilworth and Cranford, died July 22 in the Manahawkin Convalescent Center, Manahawkin.

Born in West Orange, Mrs. Manning lived in Kenilworth, Laurence Harbor and Cranford before moving to Manahawkin 12 years ago.

Surviving are two sons, Craig and Raymond; a sister, Ann Pringle; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Robert Hock

Robert W. Hock, 78, of Toms River, formerly of Cranford, died July 22 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Hock lived in Irvington, Cranford and Elizabeth before moving to Toms River in 1989.

He was an assistant vice president at Irving Trust Co., New York, where he worked for 40 years before retiring in 1986.

Mr. Hock was a staff sergeant in the Army during World War II and received a Combat Infantry Badge and Bronze Star.

Surviving are his brother, Richard, and a sister, Dorothy Mikus.

Josephine Bergado

Josephine Bergado, 97, of Rahway, formerly of Cranford, died July 24 in the Rahway Geriatric Center, Rahway.

Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Bergado

lived in Cranford for 22 years before moving to Rahway in 1999.

Surviving are her husband, Sotimo; a son, Simo T.; six daughters, Josephine Claudio, Carmelita Matta, Dorothy Wilson, Jean Kelly, Carol Fedoryszyn and Jacqueline Formola; a sister, Theresa Becker; 16 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Mary P. Hill

Mary P. Hill of Cranford died July 18 at home.

Mrs. Hill lived in New York City before moving to Cranford in 1950.

She was a member of the St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society, Cranford.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Ellen Burke; a son, James S. Jr.; two brothers, John and Thomas Phillips; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Dorothy Thome

Dorothy Ann Thome, 75, of Cranford died July 19 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Shenandoah, Pa., Mrs. Thome moved to Cranford about 40 years ago.

She was a registered nurse at the Cranford Hall nursing home in Cranford for 10 years and retired in 1986.

Mrs. Thome graduated in 1986 from the School of Nursing of Ashland State Hospital in Pennsylvania.

Surviving are two sons, Theodore and Peter; five daughters, Sheila Saint, Kathleen Thome-Diorio, Susan Lucas and Constance and Mary Thome; a sister, Regina Gallia, and 12 grandchildren.

June Johnson

June C. Johnson, 58, of East Orange, formerly of Cranford, died July 20 in University Hospital, Newark.

Born in Chester, S.C., Mrs. Johnson lived in Roselle and Cranford before moving to East Orange nine years ago.

She was a cottage training technician at the Woodbridge Developmental Center, Avenel, for many years

before retiring two years ago.

Surviving are three daughters, Nadirah Abdur-Rahim, Princess Jones and Fela Mandela; four sons, Malcolm, Andre Jones, Robert Jones and Stanley Jones; her father, Odell White Sr.; two brothers, Omar White and Joseph Moore; a sister, Diane White; 19 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Obituary policy

Obituary notices must be typed and include a telephone number where writer may be reached 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fax obituary notices to 908-686-6681.

For more information, call 908-686-7700.

SENIOR NEWS

'Secret Window' ends Monday movies cycle

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 July. No movies will be shown in August.

The final movie of the summer will be played at 11:20 a.m. Monday. "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.

AARP Chapter 4269

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

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

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

Thursday club

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

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

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

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

• Oct. 21-26 — 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 trips.

Healthy Bones class fights osteoporosis

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

Healthy Bones is an exercise program designed to prevent and slow the development of osteoporosis and osteoporosis-related disability. The program is comprised of balance and strength training exercises using progressive ankle and hand weights. It is specifically tailored for older adults.

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

Friday club

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

• Friday — Social/bingo.

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

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 shopping.

Dec. 14 — Lily Langtry-Christmas Show, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Show and meal included, for a total \$63 cost.

For reservations and more information on trips, call Helen at 908-276-2849.

Bridge on Thursdays

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department offers Cranford seniors a Bridge Club that meets Thursdays at the Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

The morning session is from 10 a.m. to noon, and the afternoon session is from 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. Beginners and advanced players are welcome.

All games are played in an air-conditioned room.

For more information, call 908-709-7283.

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.

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.

Wednesday club

Cranford Seniors Wednesday Club meets at 1 p.m. Wednesdays at Community 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. 6-10 — Wildwood Crest. Round trip motorcoach transportation, with four nights' deluxe room accommodations at the Regal Plaza. Dinners will be at area restaurants, including \$10 for food at the casino.

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.

A deposit of \$80 per person is required, with final payment by July 15.

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

Billiards class resumes

The Cranford Recreation and Parks

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, AND THE STATUTES OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, NOTICE IS HEREBY SERVED UPON YOU THAT AN APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT (NO. 219-04) TO BE LOCATED IN A R4 ZONE, ON THE PREMISES KNOWN AS 100 ROGER AVENUE BLOCK NO. 437 LOT NO. 12 HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY Charles Fowler of 19 Roger Avenue, Cranford, N.J. THE DEVELOPMENT IS LOCATED WITHIN 200 FEET OF PROPERTY OWNED BY YOU AND INVOLVES construction of a front porch AND REQUIRES THE GRANTING OF RELIEF FROM ZONE REQUIREMENTS THAT REQUIRE A 25 foot setback IN ORDER TO ALLOW A front yard setback of 20 feet.

BULK VARIANCE X
THE Zoning Board WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS MATTER ON Monday, August 9, 2004 AT 8:15 p.m. IN ROOM 107, 8 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY. ANY PERSONS OR PERSONS AFFECTED BY THIS APPLICATION WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT ANY OBJECTIONS YOU MAY HAVE TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT. THE BOARD DOES, HOWEVER, HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE REPETITIOUS TESTIMONY. ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THIS APPLICATION MAY BE INSPECTED BY THE PUBLIC TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 A.M. UNTIL 12:00 P.M. AND 1:00 P.M. UNTIL 4:00 P.M. IN THE ZONING OFFICE, 8 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY. 7-14-04 (APPLICANT) (DATE)
U81675 CCE July 29, 2004 (\$18.38)

REVISED TAX COLLECTION DATES

August 2, 2004 Cancelled
Township of Clark will be open to collect taxes on August 9, 2004 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.
Robert Stanley
Director of Revenue & Finance
U82102 CCE July 29, 2004 (\$3.38)

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

TAKE NOTICE that on the 19th day of July, 2004, the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union took the following actions:

PUBLIC NOTICE

1. Application #219-04: Granted variances with conditions to Mark and Helaine Witzal. Applicants, to permit construction of a fence in a front yard that will exceed the maximum height allowable and be less than the maximum permitted openness on Linden Place, Block 272, Lot 1 as designated on the Township Tax Map, also known as 728 Linden Place in the R-3 Zone.
2. Application #219-04: Continued the hearing on the application of Valley National Bank Applicants, 113-117 South Avenue West, Block 402, Lots 19 & 20, B-3 Zone, to permit construction of a new bank with waiver from driveway design standards (136-23 G.(1); less than the required number of off-street parking spaces (136-23 G.(3)(a); less than the minimum setback for parking areas (136-23 G.(3)(c)(5)); no off-street loading or unloading space provided (136-23 G.(4); to permit a free standing sign in the B-3 zone (136-23 H.(8); to permit drive-in use including banks and financial institutions in the B-2 and B-3 zones (136-35 B.(3)(a) and (b) to a meeting of the Board to be determined.
Barbara Ginsberg
Secretary
U81567 CCE July 29, 2004 (\$15.38)

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
PLANNING BOARD

TAKE NOTICE that on the 21st day of July, 2004, the Planning Board of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union took the following action:

1. Application #P01-04 as amended. Granted final site plan approval for Twin Oaks Realty Development, Applicants, to permit a major subdivision to construct 26 townhouses on Block 533, Lot 6; Block 534, Lots 2, 3, 4, 01, 4.02, 8.02, 11.01, 11.02 & 12; Block 535, Lots 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, 3 & 4, also known as Lincoln Avenue/Meeker Avenue/Hale Street/Heinrich Street in the R-5 & R01-2 Zones.

2. Application #P05-04: Granted subdivision approval to W. Prussak Electric Contractor, Inc., Applicants, to permit a minor subdivision of two conforming lots, on Block 531, Lot 1 as designated on the Township Tax Map, also known as 984 Lincoln Avenue East in a R-5 zoning district.
3. Application #P05-04: Adopted a resolution memorializing the approval of a variance with conditions to David and Amy Robinson, Applicants on Block 312, Lots 3 as designated on the Township Tax Map, also known as 14 Forest Avenue in R-1 zoning district.
Edward M. Schmidt
Board Secretary
U82190 CCE July 29, 2004 (\$14.63)

RELIGION

Calvary worshiping on summer schedule

Calvary Lutheran Church, 108 Eastman St., is offering an informal summer worship service from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. Wednesdays in July. Community members are welcome.

The informal service of Holy Communion with simple music will include Scripture lessons and a meditation, but not a full sermon. It is designed to meet the needs of those whose weekend activities take them away from church on Sunday.

AT THE LIBRARY

Israeli movie depicts settlement love triangle

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library continues sponsoring the Foreign Film Festival with "Time of Favor" on Monday.

Films will be shown at 1:30 and 7 p.m. in the Community Center media room. Admission is free.

"Time of Favor" (Hebrew) is a contemporary thriller. Two friends, members of a military unit from a nearby orthodox yeshiva are in love with the same young woman, the rabbi's daughter. When she chooses one over the other, the rejected suitor plans a murderous act at Jerusalem's Temple Mount that could ignite a full-scale global war.

Aug. 9 — "Take Care of My Cat" (South Korea).

Aug. 16 — "The Lady and the Duke" (France).

Funding for the series has been made possible in part by the New Jersey Council on the Arts, through a

grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Library shows films for Cranford youth

Cranford Public Library will showing Movies for Teens at 2 p.m. Thursdays through Aug. 26.

Teens between 12 and 18 years old are invited. Showings will be in the audiovisual room of the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

Registration is not required. For more information call Fran Housen at 908-709-7272 or e-mail f-housen@cranfordnj.org.

The following movies will be shown:

Today — "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King."

Aug. 5 — "Shrek"

Aug. 12 — "Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon"

Aug. 19 — "School of Rock"

Aug. 26 — "About a Boy"

Worshippers are invited to dress casually and comfortably. The church's sanctuary is air-conditioned.

Calvary's summer schedule also includes weekly worship at 9:30 a.m. Sundays through Labor Day. Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday.

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

Donate new baby items for HIV-positive infants

St. Michael's Parish is holding its annual collection of new gift items for babies with HIV.

New gift items can be brought into the church and placed in the designated area within the church's nave.

All items received will be delivered to St. Clare's Home for Children in Elizabeth. Last year donations overflowed six vans that were used for the delivery.

The parish is looking for donations of small, medium and large disposable diapers; new clothing, including undershirts for children six months and older, stretch suits, sweaters, hats, overalls and polo shirts; name-brand baby food of all types; baby care items such as baby powder, baby shampoo, baby oil and lotions, wash cloths, white soap, brush and comb sets, and

Vaseline; new linens, including crib sheets, towels and blankets; new toys, including music toys, mobiles and other miscellaneous toys appropriate for infants and toddlers; and miscellaneous items such as room monitors, potty seats, bumper pads, baby plates, training cups, diaper bags and bibs.

Due to federal and state safety regulations, St. Michael's no longer can accept baby furniture, cribs, playpens, car seats, swings and similar items.

Walk the Labyrinth and uphold tradition

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

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

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

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

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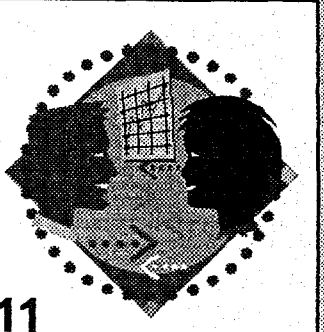
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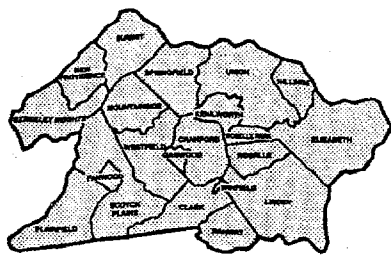
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Energized

Charlotte DiFilippo sat Monday afternoon in the spacious grand room of the Omni Parker Hotel in Boston. As a delegate to the Democratic National Convention, this was one of her first breaks from a surprisingly intense schedule.

The Union County Democratic chairwoman should be accustomed to the pace, since this is her seventh convention. "I see more women than ever before. Everyone is energized and supportive from the delegates to the people in the city to the pretzel vendor."

Left Out

By Frank Capece

When asked about the fact that the New Jersey delegation has a second-tier location on the convention floor behind the more competitive states like Ohio, Washington and Michigan, DiFilippo was not impressed. "Our state is in the anti-Bush column, we understand the need to highlight states which are more competitive."

What isn't competitive is the accommodations of the delegation. While the rooms aren't of the size of the newer hotels, the Omni Parker House is a slice of history in Boston. The staff boasts it is the only hotel where every president of the United States has stayed. It's where candidate for the U.S. Congress John Kennedy announced in 1946. It's also the place where the Boston Cream Pie and Parker House dinner rolls were invented.

June Fischer of Scotch Plains gets to attend the convention as a so-called super delegate. This is her ninth straight convention as a delegate. As a member of the National Democratic Committee, politics is a full-time commitment. Her role gets noticed.

U.S. Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., addressing the breakfast meeting of the New Jersey delegation on Monday quipped, "If I had 10 like June Fischer, I'd be running myself for president."

The institutional history of the delegates, and the commitment to their core beliefs is amazing. Fischer's schedule is a nonstop schedule of political events with a heavy emphasis on women's issues.

Munching on a muffin Monday at 11 a.m., it was her first food of the day. She did confess to using one of her many connections to get tickets for the heated Yankee-Red Sox game on Monday night.

The political celebrity game is still fun at the convention. Ex-governors Brendan Byrne and Jim Florio are stopped often to pose for shots with delegates. Former labor secretary and book hawker Robert Reich did the same on Sunday night in the hotel. I even confess to a little star gazing in chatting with celebrity couple historian Doris Kearns Goodwin and presidential writer Richard Goodwin in Back Bay Boston.

The security at the convention is tight, but the talk about it is intense. From the disconcerting presence of sharpshooters on the top of the State House down the road from the hotel in the fancy Beacon Hill section, to fencing around the Fleet Center to the closing of roads, the police are very serious.

For Plainfield resident Darlene McWilliams, the whole experience is new. As a first-time convention attendee, she has been present at every briefing, and consciously attempts to make a difference. McWilliams even attended a hip-hop event with the goal of registering young minorities and urging them to participate in the electoral process.

McWilliams, the wife of Mayor Albert McWilliams, has also actively participated in the activities honoring Fannie Lou Hamer on Monday night.

Hamer was a leading force at the 1964 Atlantic City Convention fighting the seating of the Mississippi delegation. Hamer is best known for her quip, "I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired." For McWilliams, who grew up in Arkansas, she saw Jim Crow rules

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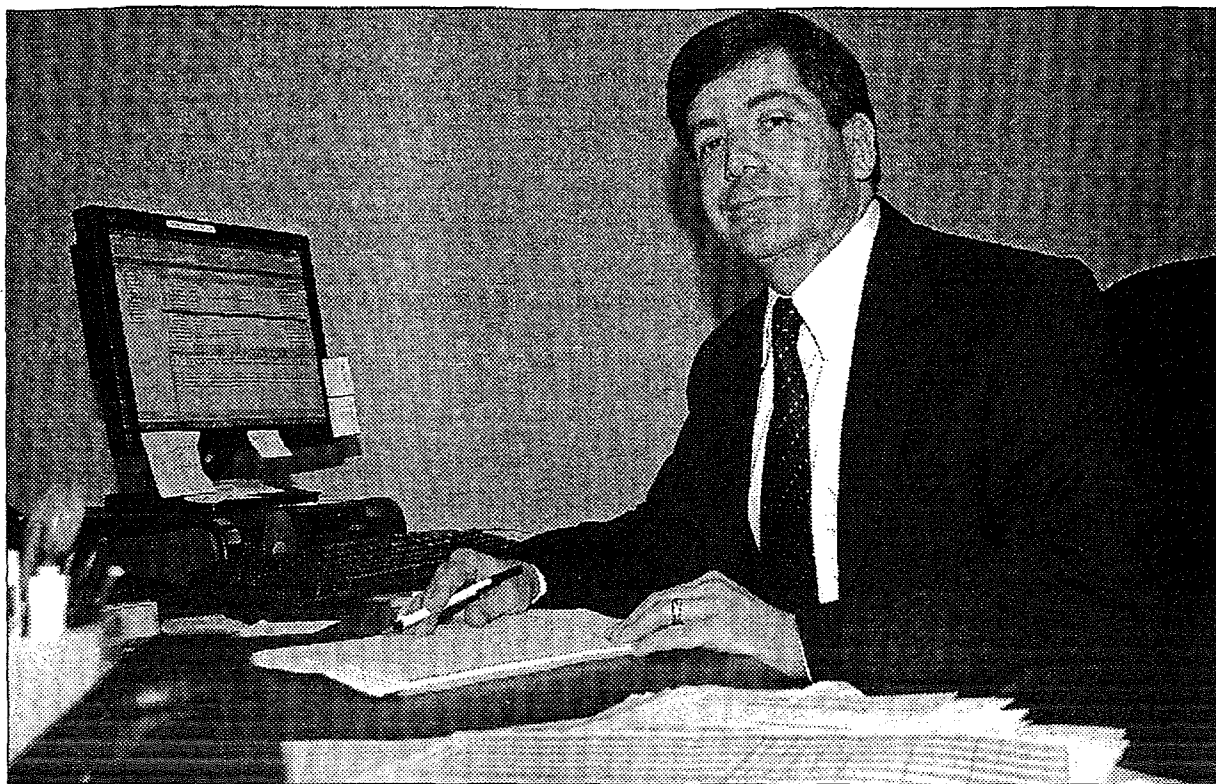


Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Frederic Kessler of Cranford, a partner with the Newark law firm of Tompkins, McGuire & Wachenfeld, will be sworn in tomorrow as the newest judge in state Superior Court of Union County.

Democrat ready to join bench

Cranford resident to be sworn in as judge tomorrow

By Anna Kreyman
Staff Writer

Union County's Superior Court Judges will have an addition on Friday. Frederic S. Kessler will be sworn in as the 24th arbitrator in the county's tribunal during a ceremony in the county courthouse at 4:30 p.m.

Named for a seven-year term, the 50-year-old Cranford resident has been practicing law for 25 years. A Democrat, Kessler has been a partner with Newark law firm of Tompkins, McGuire & Wachenfeld for 10 years.

Since 2000, Kessler has been a mediator for the Union, Hudson and Bergen counties' Superior courts. He is a member of the Cranford Planning Board, counsel for the Union County Democratic Committee and former chairman of the Cranford Democratic Committee.

"I am excited to become a judge in Union County because I am a life-long resident of the county," Kessler said, "so, I feel like I am returning home."

Practicing law in Union County has become a family business for Kessler, who said that his dad was an attorney in Elizabeth for more than 40 years.

"I am very familiar with the courthouse," he said.

Kessler added that he looks forward to making many new memories at the courthouse that he remembers so well.

He is married to Roberta Scheon Kessler and has two children: Matthew, 16, attends Cranford High School and Lisa, 13, attends Orange Avenue School.

Kessler will begin training on Aug. 1, and he said he will be able to sit back, but not relax because court will be in session and he will be the observer — watching and learning.

"Kessler is the type of person that takes emotions out of the issue," George McDonough, a fellow Cranford Democrat, said. "He is very calm, respectful and an objective person."

Although a member of a Cranford synagogue, Kessler lives by the law not the religion, McDonough said.

"He is a very qualified litigator and a pleasant person," Union County Bar Association President James McGlew said. "I have known him for several years through the association and I look forward to working with him."

Kessler's areas of expertise include, but are not limited to, commercial litigation, appellate practice, land use law and insurance regulation.

In 1975, he graduated magna cum laude from Brandeis University and cum laude from Harvard Law School, three years later.

Brandeis, located in Massachusetts, is the youngest private research university, as well as the only nonsectarian Jewish-sponsored college in the country. The school is named after the late Justice Louis Dembitz Brandeis of the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Kessler's, credentials — academically and as a lawyer are unsurpassed," state Sen. Ray Lesniak, D-Union, said. "He has a multitude of reported decisions. Kessler is a hard worker and upholds high standards. He has a marvelous disposition."

Lesniak added that there is no one who doesn't like Kessler — "he gets along with everyone and makes friends easily."

"It is very important to have a judge on the Superior Court of Union County that possesses the qualifications that Kessler does and that is why I look forward to have him sworn in," Lesniak said.

Superior Court judges, appointed by the governor, earn a salary of \$141,000 per year and are appointed to seven-year terms, after which they can be reappointed to tenure, which allows them to serve for another 10 years, or until the mandatory retirement age of 70.

Vo-tech proposes healthcare partnership

Initiative would be similar to magnet school for math, science and tech

By Anna Kreyman
Staff Writer

Union County Vocational-Technical Schools want to bring their students on the road to healthcare and on the way to becoming medical professionals with a proposal to partner with Union County College, Rutgers University and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

Thomas Bistocchi, superintendent of the county's vo-tech schools, said that healthcare is the occupation of the future.

Bistocchi wants to bring those four institutions together and form an educational partnership, helping students to jump from one school to another without losing credit.

According to Union County College spokeswoman Nicole Torella, the college is currently considering the proposal, but, has yet to come up with a decision.

Representatives from Union County College

and the county's vocational school met for the first time Tuesday to discuss the proposal.

"This is a great project," Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada said. "A child can actually graduate from high school having already attained an associate degree from Union County College and go straight to Rutgers."

If approved, it would be the first program that links a county vocational school to other institutions.

"We would be the first in the country with such a partnership," Bistocchi said.

He added that this project is one that "hopefully" will move with speed but that "nothing is concrete, yet."

"We had an initial meeting with representatives from three schools and hope to have a more solidifying meeting in the middle of next month," Bistocchi said. "We want to have the program up and running in September of 2005."

Bistocchi met with the county's Board of Freeholders at the July 22 meeting and presented the idea as well as asked for county funding.

"I have no clue how much this may cost," he added. "We are only in the beginning stages and have not drilled that far yet."

Vocational school representatives will be meeting with freeholders during its Aug. 19 meeting for the board's final decision.

"Right now we are discussing it, but next month we'll have an answer," Estrada said. "I think there is a very good possibility that the board will fund this venture. The feeling overall is definitely positive on this matter."

Estrada added that the Union County Magnet High School for Science and Technology in Scotch Plains has "done wonders for the students" and many more are always interested to enroll.

"This project is similar to the Magnet

Cost of youth jail: \$40 million

By Anna Kreyman
Staff Writer

The total cost of a new juvenile detention center for Union County is expected to be more than \$40 million.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders introduced a \$39-million bond ordinance at its meeting last week to fund the construction of a new juvenile detention center. Final approval, and a public hearing, on the bond will take place at its Aug. 19 meeting.

In March, the county purchased for \$4.3 million four acres of land at 1075 Edwards St., off Routes 1&9 north in Linden, near the Rahway border.

The additional \$39 million will be used for constructing the building and dressing it up, said Freeholder Daniel Sullivan.

The current building on the future juvenile detention site is a two-story, 80,000-square-foot assembly plant. The facility had been used to assemble products including fan motors for air-conditioning systems. The previous owner of the property was Michael M. Cantor.

The county maintained taking numerous tests to ensure that the site is adequate to house a juvenile facility. Ricci Greene Associates, a New York-based company conducted a \$150,000 study, analyzing population trends and projections over a 10-year period for kids incarcerated at juvenile centers.

Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada indicated that the improvement authority has already approved this venture and that the freeholders will do the same during the Aug. 19 meeting.

He added that over the years people have complained about the location of the current facility and that was the reason for the acquisition. An inmate's suicide last year spurred the state's Juvenile Justice Commission to mandate the county to build a new juvenile detention facility and replace the George W. Herlich Juvenile Detention Center in Elizabeth.

County officials do not yet have future plans for the old facility.

"Everyone believes in the 'Not in my backyard concept,'" Estrada said. "Many residents have said that we should make a better location for the jail."

According to both freeholders, the Linden location suits a dual purpose because it exists in a non-residential

area and in close proximity to the courts in Elizabeth.

"The kids have to go before the judge very often — so the facility needs to be nearby," Sullivan said.

"It is an ideal location that will not be perceived negative by residents," Estrada said.

County officials had hoped to break ground on the new jail this year but Estrada said Tuesday that a time frame has yet to be determined.

"We do not know when the shovel will go into the ground," Estrada added. "But, we are heading in the right direction."

Estrada signified the importance of having the improvement authority on this project, stating that they would ensure timeliness, financial control and "having it done right."

He added that the facility would be constructed to Linden Mayor John Gregorio's liking and "not have barbed wire on the building."

"The facility will be nicely designed and fit the needs of everyone," Estrada said. "It will resemble a normal building on the outside, not a jail."

County officials estimated that at least 90 juveniles could be housed in the new facility.

The current juvenile center, on the seventh floor of the parking garage adjacent to the courthouse in Elizabeth, has a capacity of approximately 38.

The facility routinely housed upward of 50 juveniles until last year when the county capped the limit at 38, sending juveniles to other facilities around the state at a cost of more than \$1 million.

County officials have studied building a new facility for more than a decade, under both Democrat- and Republican-controlled freeholder boards.

In the past, two sites — one adjacent to the Goethals Bridge and another where the Prosecutor's Office now stands in Elizabeth — were considered but ultimately dropped.

While Estrada said that the cost of the facility should not go higher than it is now, he also stated that "we can never know the actual costs before we start building."

"It is important that the new facility not only satisfy residents but also help young people to make positive choices and changes in their lives," Estrada said.

Classes for students, senior citizens renewed

By Anna Kreyman
Staff Writer

Since 2002, Union County has been sponsoring a program that enables teenagers from all 19 school districts and senior citizens from all over the county to attend Union County College for free.

Curriculum vary for both age groups and this year's program for teens is only available on the Cranford campus and corresponds with the state's Core Curriculum Content Standards.

Teens can sample a smorgasbord of courses, including science, technology, business, engineering, media and more.

All students participating in the program will have an unlimited opportunity to use computer and science labs, as well as the library.

Union County College spokeswoman Nicole Torella indicated that educational activities include research projects, role-playing, field trips, guest speakers and hands-on work.

Academics are good but pairing them with recreational activities is better and that is why students are given the chance to not just expand their minds, but their bodies as well. Participants can utilize all of the sporting areas like the basketball, soccer and other courts, Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada said.

County officials indicated that the program is limited to 100 teenagers but this year the limit was exceeded by 20 people and all were accepted, Torella said.

Teens wishing to participate are required to submit transcripts and recommendations from teachers to be considered for the program.

"This program is growing very quickly, so we need to put a cap on the number of teens that are allowed to participate," Estrada added. "The senior citizen program does not have a maximum number as of yet."

This year about 120 teens enrolled in classes, upon inception on Monday. Since last year, an estimated 5,500 seniors enrolled but since the start of the program a total of 8,554 have taken classes.

"Seniors are given a direction to do things they may have not had time to do earlier in their lives," Estrada said. "It also helps a senior to build a bridge and make new connections."

People ages 60 and older are exposed to the Internet, Web design, e-mail, art, yoga, country western dancing, photography and more subjects.

"The Senior Scholars Program helps the elderly have something to do while learning and meeting new people at the same

time," Estrada said. "These classes motivate older people to go out and be a part of many activities, which is a very important part of life."

The teen program is only offered in the summer, whereas the 60-and-over classes are available throughout the summer, fall and spring months. Classes for both age groups are given on a Monday through Thursday basis.

One of the teens is starting her third year in the program this summer, Torella said.

The Senior Scholars program costs the county \$84,000 per year and the teen program \$50,000. Both were reauthorized by the Board of Chosen Freeholders last week. The funds are coming from the county capital budget.

"We find that the earliest intervention is critical to expose kids to college," Estrada said. "We hope this will help them to decide to further their education after high school. They get exposed to professors, make friends and learn more all in one. This is a great way to open an avenue for more learning."

Fall courses for seniors will be held at Union County College campuses in Cranford and Scotch Plains as well as the Bayway campus in Elizabeth and Roselle Community School.

For information call 908-709-7600.

COUNTY NEWS

Senior Farmers' Markets

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 at the following sites:

- Monday, Morningstar Court, 701 Cranford Ave., Linden, 9 to 11 a.m.
- Tuesday, Winfield Community Center Buckle Center, 25 Roosevelt Drive, Winfield, 10 a.m. to noon.
- Wednesday, Westfield Community Center, 558 W. Broad St., Westfield, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Aug. 9, Pinewood Hall, 250 W 2nd Ave., Roselle, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Aug. 10, Garwood Seniors Center, Center Street and South Avenue, Garwood, 10 a.m. to noon.
- Aug. 11, Ann Ferguson Towers, 1601 Dill Ave., Linden, 1 to 3 p.m.

Vouchers and a farmer will be available on the following dates:

- Aug. 6, Elizabeth Presbyterian Center, 1st St. and Magnolia Avenue, Elizabeth, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Aug. 24, Elizabeth Avenue Farmers Market at Historic Peterstown, 2nd Avenue between High and Center streets, Elizabeth, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sites with only a farm stand:

- Aug. 13, Ann Ferguson Towers, 1601 Dill Ave., Linden, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Aug. 20, Plainfield Senior Center, 305 E. Front St., Plainfield, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information about the Farmers Market Program, call the Union County Senior Nutrition Program at 908-52-4877.

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

Today, 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.

Libraries all online

Web sites for every library in Union County are now available to all residents with Internet access. The presence of a Web page for each library provides a convenient opportunity to use a wide variety of online databases and resources offered only by the local libraries.

Each library's Web page can be easily accessed from home or work by visiting the Libraries of Union County Consortium's web page, www.lucc-nj.org. After clicking on the membership directory tab, users can choose their local library.

Among the services offered are access to a reference librarian 24 hours a day, seven days a week; current full-text magazine and newspaper articles; numerous encyclopedias; up-to-date data on all of the world's countries; readers' advisory and literary analysis; biographical information and lots more.

Services and resources vary by location and database access may require entry of a library card number. Residents may call their local library for more information.

Planning birthday parties to be discussed

At its Wednesday meeting, the Union County Chapter of Mothers & More will host a round table discussion about planning children's birthday parties. Experienced moms will share tips learned the hard way about theme parties, entertainment, and, of course, cakes.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St., Westfield, and refreshments will be provided. New members are always welcome.

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

Mothers & More is a nonprofit

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

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

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

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.

Hooray for Herptiles, Aug. 9-13, 1 to 4 p.m., focuses on different reptiles and amphibians that live in the Watchung Reservation. 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 techniques. 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 one-hour supervised lunch and Trailside camp T-shirt.

The fee for each half-day camp is \$110 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 Pequest Hatchery.

Camps fill quickly, so call ahead for space availability at 908-789-3670.

Trailside is a facility of the Union County Department of Parks & Recreation.

New phone number for Elizabethtown Gas

Elizabethtown Gas customers whose homes or businesses are in Union or Middlesex counties will now have a new phone number to call for Customer Care issues like billing, meter readings or questions relating to their gas service: 1-800-242-5830.

"In a sense, the number is not truly new, since our customers in five other counties have been calling it for more than 20 years," Elizabethtown Gas President Victor Fortkiewicz said in a prepared statement. "However, we are consolidating the two Customer Care numbers we currently have into one, and eliminating the separate number for Union and Middlesex counties."

Customers who call the old number through the end of June will still be able to get connected. Beginning in July, customers calling the old number will hear a recording telling them to dial the new number. Elizabethtown Gas is communicating the number change to customers through a bill insert, a message on the bill itself and a recording on its Customer Care line reminding customers to dial 1-800-242-5830 the next time they call.

Elizabethtown Gas is not changing its separate toll-free line for reporting gas leaks and other emergencies. That remains 1-800-492-4009.

The Customer Care number is for questions about billing, meter reading and other issues relating to a customer's gas service. The Customer Care line is staffed Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., but much information is available 24 hours a day through "Speak Easy" — the line's voice-activated response system. Elizabethtown Gas is a division of NUI Utilities Inc., and serves more than 260,000 customers in Union, Middlesex, Sussex, Warren, Hunterdon, Morris and Mercer counties.

Golf classic to benefit Arc of Union County

The Arc of Union County Inc. will sponsor the annual Fall Arc Golf Classic 2004 for Sept. 30 at Shackamaxon Golf & Country Club in Scotch Plains. Proceeds will benefit the array of family support programs and services of The Arc of Union County.

Registration begins at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. brunch; followed by 12:30 p.m. modified shotgun start. A cocktail reception is scheduled to begin after play ends at 5:30 p.m., followed by the annual dinner and awards presentation.

Since 1949, The Arc of Union County serves more than 750 individuals and families each year and continues to provide a vast array of programs and services to individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities and their families throughout Union County. This year, The Arc of Union County celebrates 55 years of services and programs in the County of Union.

The Arc of Union County Inc. is a 501(c)(3); non-profit, non-sectarian membership based organization supporting individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities and their families in Union County. The Arc of Union County Inc., which is CARF Accredited, is affiliated with both The Arc of New Jersey and The Arc of the United States.

Several accomplishments of the past year include the increased enrollment and growth of The Arc Bright Beginnings Child Development Center, Cranford, and The Arc Kohler School in Mountainside; national CARF accreditation of the vocational services program; and a significant increase in the Transitional Program, "School to Career" for young adolescents.

This past year, 23 county-wide residential home programs for clients were modernized and upgraded. Throughout Union County, The Arc continues to provide an array of quality family support services, including this summer's camp program in Rahway.

For more information regarding The Arc Golf Classic registration or sponsorship opportunities, call the Office of Resource Development and Community Outreach at 908-754-7422 or 908-754-7826.

If you prefer, e-mail poneill@arcunion.org for this event. Visit their Web site at www.arcunion.org for a calendar of special events and monthly news updates.

New ID requirements in place for voting this year

Thousands of new Union County voters will have to comply with new identification requirements in order to vote in the Nov. 2 General Election, Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi said. Rajoppi is seeking to educate these voters in order to ensure that their votes are counted.

The national and state requirements are mandated by the federal Help Americans Vote Act of 2002. The requirements, which apply to those who registered to vote on or after Jan. 1, 2003, apply only to voters who register for the first time ever or who register in Union County after moving from another county or out of state.

For more information on election services and voting requirements, visit www.ucnj.org/ctyclerk on the Internet or call the County Clerk's Office at 908-527-4966.

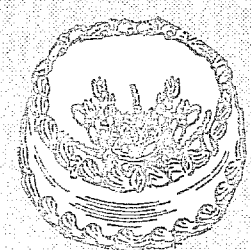
Exchange of ideas at conventions

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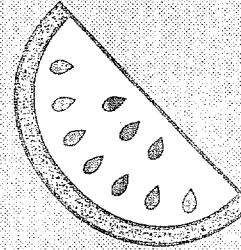
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A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Hay fever is just 'bliss' in this production on Shakespeare stage

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor

A bird caused a mild stir in the audience by flying back and forth during the second act of "Hay Fever" at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theater on Friday, leaving some members of the audience a bit stunned.

The irony is that those members of the audience felt an honest emotion when thinking about the bird. By contrast, the focal point of Noel Coward's play is a wacky family that deals almost exclusively with false emotions.

At the center of the play is the Bliss family, a dysfunctional group of self-absorbed people who inspire anything but bliss from their guests. The members of the Bliss family seem to agree that what they lack in etiquette they more than make up for in pretentiousness.

The real humor of this production stems from the fact that each member of the family has invited someone to spend the night, and they each decide to tell the family at the last second. Since no one wants to un-invite the particular guest they invited, everyone remains on the night's guest list — with every guest slated to sleep in "The Japanese Room."

Veteran British actress Jill Gascoine stars as Judith Bliss, the family matriarch. An actress herself, Bliss proves to be an expert at inflicting guilt for personal benefit. Her daughter, named Sorel and played by Katharine Leonard, whose credits include Broadway experience in "Hairspray" and "Footloose," and television experience in "Buffy The Vampire Slayer," is equally as manipulative, a point that both mother and daughter seem to take pride in. Leonard excellently portrays the demanding adult child who is accustomed to having her way in all matters.

Michael Kary, who performed off-Broadway in "Fame on 42nd Street," plays the role of Simon Bliss, Judith's son and Sorel's brother. Kary manages to hold his own, though most of the night's gags are left to others. Edmond

Genest, who appeared on Broadway in "The Elephant Man" with Billy Crudup, plays the role of David Bliss, husband, father, and novelist. Genest does generate a memorable scene with Cindy Katz, who plays the role of Myra Arondel, a guest for the night. Genest looked aptly flummoxed when a strange turn of events results in both Gascoine's character and Katz's spurning his affections.

Caitlin Miller turns in a commendable performance as Jacki Coryton, a guest who is perpetually confused, though often with good reason. Miller's befuddled look when Kary's character announces that Coryton has accepted his marriage proposal — unbeknownst to her — was priceless.

The most entertaining performance of the night was given by Alison Weller as Clara, the housekeeper, who also happens to serve as the stage dresser for Gascoine's character. As the play begins, Weller seemed wonderfully annoyed as she moved around the set, picking up things left by the family.

Gascoine, Genest, Leonard and Kary succeed not by making their characters endearing to the audience, but by convincing the audience that their characters are downright deplorable. Indeed, the audience wound up sympathizing with the guests, who finally realize that this happens to be one of those occasions when they would prefer not to have attended this particular get-together, an experience that's probably happened to nearly everyone in the world at some time or another. At one point, the audience delighted in seeing the four guests plot how they would depart the party and maintain a sense of diplomacy.

In fact, the one thing that's actually admirable about the various members of the Bliss family is their loyalty to each other, and to their selfish, insecure ways. When their guests make a stealthy departure at the end of the play, nobody in the family can understand why, and they seem legitimately offended by their guests' behavior.

One of the most enjoyable things



Above left, Katharine Leonard as Sorel Bliss and Sean Dougherty as Sandy Tyrell in The Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey's production of 'Hay Fever.' Above right, Edmond Genest as David Bliss and Cindy Katz as Myra Arundel share the stage through Aug. 1.



about "Hay Fever" is its venue. The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey uses the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre on the campus of Drew University in Madison as its home theater, and the Kirby is ideal for this purpose. It's a cozy, intimate theater, giving patrons the sensation that they are part of the

production, regardless of where they are seated.

Anyone who hasn't seen a play at this theater should make a point to visit soon; the Kirby Theatre is certainly one of the jewels of New Jersey theater world.

Bonnie Monte, who has headed the

Shakespeare Theatre since 1990, serves as the play's artistic director, choosing a one-room scene for the play's English country-house setting. Director Gabriel Barre's vision of the self-absorbed Bliss family definitely resonates with today's society, where being self-absorbed is often consid-

ered a virtue.

"Hay Fever" runs through Sunday at the F.M. Kirby Theatre, Drew University, 36 Madison Ave. at Lancaster Road, Madison. Tickets are available by calling the box office at 973-408-5600, or by logging on to shakespearenj.org.

Westfield Symphony Orchestra receives grant to commission Edison project

The Westfield Symphony Orchestra has received a \$20,000 grant from the Geraldine R. Dodge in support of the commissioning and world premiere performance of a new work about the life of inventor Thomas Edison.

The grant provides \$10,000 in outright funds and \$10,000 in the form of a Challenge Grant through which The Dodge Foundation will match dollar-for-dollar additional funds raised for the project up to \$10,000.

Edison Invents is an exciting new composition by New Jersey composer Robert Cohen for baritone soloist and symphony orchestra, uniquely combining theatrical and symphonic elements to dramatize the life of Thomas Edison.

An embodiment of the very best of contemporary American music, it is a highly accessible work that will touch its audiences both by melding the Broadway tradition with the classical genre as well as through a libretto based on the life of an American genius whose work literally changed the world. The world premiere performance will take place April 9, 2005 at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

Edison Invents, inspired by the biography "Edison: Inventing the Century" by New Jersey author and scholar Neil Baldwin, brings together one of New Jersey's critically acclaimed orchestras, a renowned New Jersey composer, and a prolific librettist to celebrate the life of Edison, who lived and worked in New Jersey.

A unique combination of the Broadway one-man show and the orchestral genre, Edison Invents is theatrically sophisticated and musically significant, sat-

isfying both the symphony audience and the Broadway theatergoer. The music is tonal and melodic with an authentically American sound, drawing on a range of media and combining Broadway with symphonic influences to create a unique musical language.

Westfield Symphony Board President Dr. Norman L. Luka thanked The Dodge Foundation for its contribution.

"Edison Invents is a very important artistic and educational project and the centerpiece of the Westfield Symphony's 22nd season. We are very grateful to The Dodge Foundation not only for its significant gift but for the faith in the Westfield Symphony that the Challenge Grant represents," said Luka.

The Westfield Symphony will actively solicit donations from individuals, corporations and foundations as part of the Dodge Foundation/Edison Invents Challenge Campaign.

Donations may be sent to: Westfield Symphony Orchestra, 224 E. Broad Street, Westfield 07090. All donations should be clearly earmarked for the Dodge Foundation/Edison Invents Challenge Campaign. To charge a donation to a credit card or for further information, call the Westfield Symphony at 908-232-9400.

The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation was established in 1974 through the foresight and generosity of Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge. The Foundation's five areas of giving are Arts Education, Morris County Initiatives, Environmental Issues, and the Welfare of Animals. The mission of the Foundation is to support

and encourage educational, cultural, social and environmental values that contribute to making society more humane and the world more livable.

The Westfield Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1983 by a group of Westfield citizens who believed that the expression of history and culture through the performance of symphonic music adds value to the quality of community life. Its mission is to promote the world's legacy of symphonic and operatic music to audiences, involving them in a diversity of professional musical experiences including performance, education and mentoring.

Composer Robert S. Cohen, a resident of Upper Montclair, co-authored the book and composed the score for the musical "Suburb," whose recent production at Off-Broadway's York Theater Company earned nominations for Best Musical from the Outer Critics Circle, the Drama League, and the Lucille Lortel Awards and was the recipient of the 2000 Richard Rodgers Award.

He has served as resident composer for the National Shakespeare Company, the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival, and the Manitoba Theater Center. His musical God in Concert: One Night Only received a workshop at the Second Stage in New York under the direction of Lynn Taylor Corbett (Swing).

Librettist Herschel Garfein wrote the libretto and directed Robert Aldridge's Elmer Gantry for the Boston Lyric Opera. Currently, he is working on the music and libretto for the operatic adaptation of Tom Stoppard's "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead."

He wrote lyrics and music for Mythologies, a dance trilogy for Mark Morris.

Fanny Woods Poetry Awards are set

The Fanwood Cultural Arts Committee announced its second Fanny Wood Poetry Awards.

The contest will be held in conjunction with Fanwood's annual celebration of Fanny Wood Day, which will take place Oct. 3.

According to legend, Fanwood was named for Fanny Wood, a Victorian-era lady who traveled to Fanwood by rail to enjoy the "country" atmosphere. It is said that she composed poetry while visiting Fanwood.

Although none of her works have been found, the legend remains strong.

Poets over the age of 21 are eligible to enter. Submissions must be typed in triplicate on standard 8 1/2" x 11" paper.

The entrant's full name, address,

and telephone number must appear in the upper right corner of only one copy to facilitate anonymous judging. Quality poems of any length and style are welcome. Only unpublished poems will be considered. There is no entry fee, and entrants may submit up to five poems which will not be returned. The hand-in deadline is Sept. 1.

First, second, and third-place awards will be made, and the winners will be invited to participate as featured poets in the Carriage House Poetry Reading Series at the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center in Fanwood. Announcement of winning poets will be made during the Fanny Wood Day festivities.

Poets are invited to send their

entries to: Fanny Wood Poetry Awards, c/o Fanwood Cultural Arts Committee, 75 North Martine Ave., Fanwood 07023.

For additional information, contact the Arts Committee co-directors at 908-889-7223 or 908-889-5298.

**Jeff Cummins,
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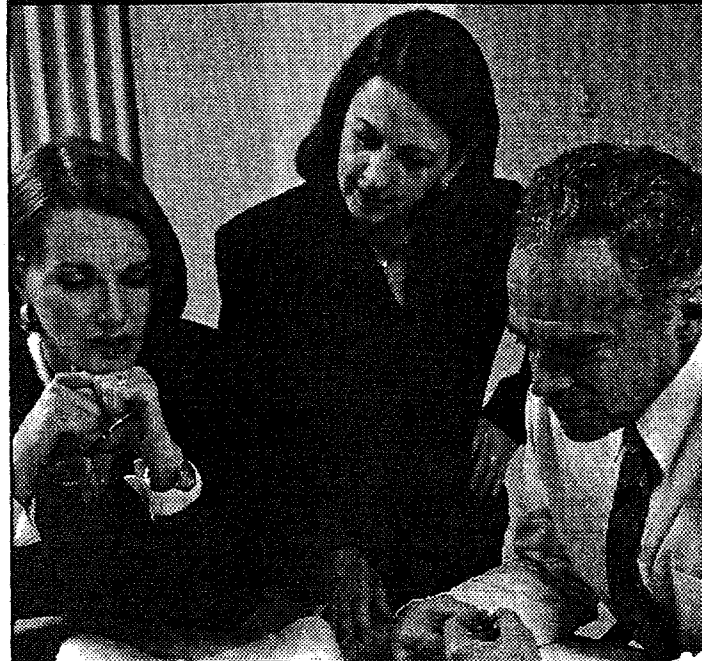
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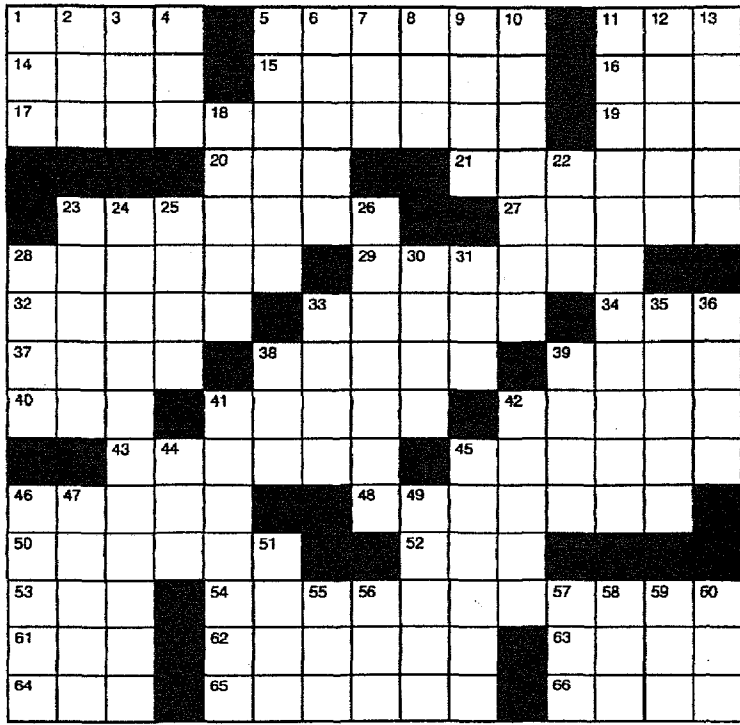
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What's Going On?

FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY

August 1st, 2004

EVENT: FLEA MARKET, CRAFT & COLLECTIBLE SHOW
PLACE: Belleville High School, 100 Passaic Avenue, Belleville, NJ (OFF JORALEMON ST)
TIME: 9AM-5PM Outdoors
DETAILS: New merchandise, collectibles, crafts and a garage/tag sale section! For info 201-997-9535
ORGANIZATION: Sponsor by: BHS Crew

SATURDAY

August 7th, 2004

EVENT: OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET
PLACE: Frank Vincent Marina, Kearny, New Jersey (Grassy Side)
Passaic Ave., & Bergen Ave (by Burger King)
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HOROSCOPES

Aug. 2-Aug. 8

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Participate in the planning of a social event, which will include your friends and associates. There's plenty of grunt work to go around.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may feel like your back is up against the wall in a domestic conflict. Spend time away from the situation in order to gain a better perspective.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Take advantage of a highly creative cycle. Discover ways to stimulate your brain while exchanging and analyzing thoughts and ideas.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Focus on your values and discuss the moral or material codes that are important to you. Set a personal standard for yourself and stick to it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): This would be a great time to stop and re-examine the direction your life is headed. Talk with partners, welcome

their input and make needed changes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Enjoy working without the stress and worry of being the decision maker. Welcome an opportunity to lay low and play a behind-the-scenes role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Come together with others who believe and think like you. Create a powerful energy. As a united group you can expect to move mountains.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Keep it simple and avoid confusion. Stick to tried-and-true methods for completing tasks and assignments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Steer clear of a political, legal or philosophical debate until you are properly prepared. Be aware that there is a degree of deception in the air.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make an honest effort to clear the clutter in your life. Recycle clothes, jewelry or other items that you do not want, use or need.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Strive to earn the trust and cooperation of your peers or partners. Clearly state your expectations and be considerate of their needs.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Creativity is your key word for this forecast period. Pursue interests in art, music, dance or other forms of personal expression.

If your birthday is this week, avoid "pie in the sky" promises or expectations and do your best to keep your life grounded in reality during the coming year. Clarify your expectations and stay away from nebulous situations.

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'Everything old is new again' at musical theater conservatory

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor

Fashion mavens often say that if you hold onto a garment long enough, eventually it will come back into vogue. It's safe to say that the students of the Paper Mill Playhouse's Summer Musical Theatre Conservatory have taken a page from that philosophy with their concert theme, "New Voices 2004: Everything Old is New Again," which will take place Friday night at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday at 3 and 7:30 p.m.

Paper Mill's Summer Conservatory, currently in its ninth year, draws more than 100 young performers between the ages of 10 and 18 from 76 towns across New Jersey to perform the musicals of yesterday and today. These students faced a rigorous competition to be invited to practice their craft in this conservatory; they were selected from more than 500 applicants.

But while each student in the program is determined to hone his or her acting, dancing, and singing skills, not every student takes the same approach to the program. Some are intent on performing on Broadway, or in cinema, while others choose to view acting as a nice hobby, without taking on the substantial pressure that comes with dreams of a career on Broadway.

The perfect example of this contrast is a pair of friends from Summit. One, Vincent Balzano, likes theater, but has no intent of pursuing it as a vocation, while the other, Sean Wilkins, comes from a family with a tradition of involvement with theater.

Wilkins' older sister was involved with the Paper Mill when she was in school, and he took voice lessons from his mother, a professional voice coach.

"I just do this for fun, I don't intend to pursue a career in it at all," said Balzano, who lists the role of Max in "The Sound of Music" among his credits. In addition to the benefit of learning from theater veterans such as Susan Speidel, Paper Mill's director of education, Balzano said he thought the camaraderie among the performers was one of the things he enjoys most.

"The people here, not just the teachers, but the students, they love each other," said Balzano, who will be a junior at Seton Hall Prep. "Even the newer people, it's like, 'Ah, you're new, come here.' They all embrace you."

Balzano admitted that if he ever gets the opportunity to audition for a role in a Broadway production, he'd definitely try it, but he wouldn't worry too much about the outcome.

For his part, Wilkins has performed in projects as varied as Shakespeare shows and "Wishing You Were Here Again," which included musicals from the '50s.

"My first year in this program I was 10, and I just fell in love with it," said Wilkins. "I've been coming back every summer, and it's great because you get training in all of the areas of musical theater that you probably wouldn't get at another place." Wilkins added that he's benefited from specific techniques that are taught at the conservatory, such as interacting with the audience. "You should

always sell yourself to the audience, rather than getting caught up in your moment," said Wilkins, who will enter his sophomore year at Summit High School in the fall. "If you're caught up in the moment, nobody out there sees it."

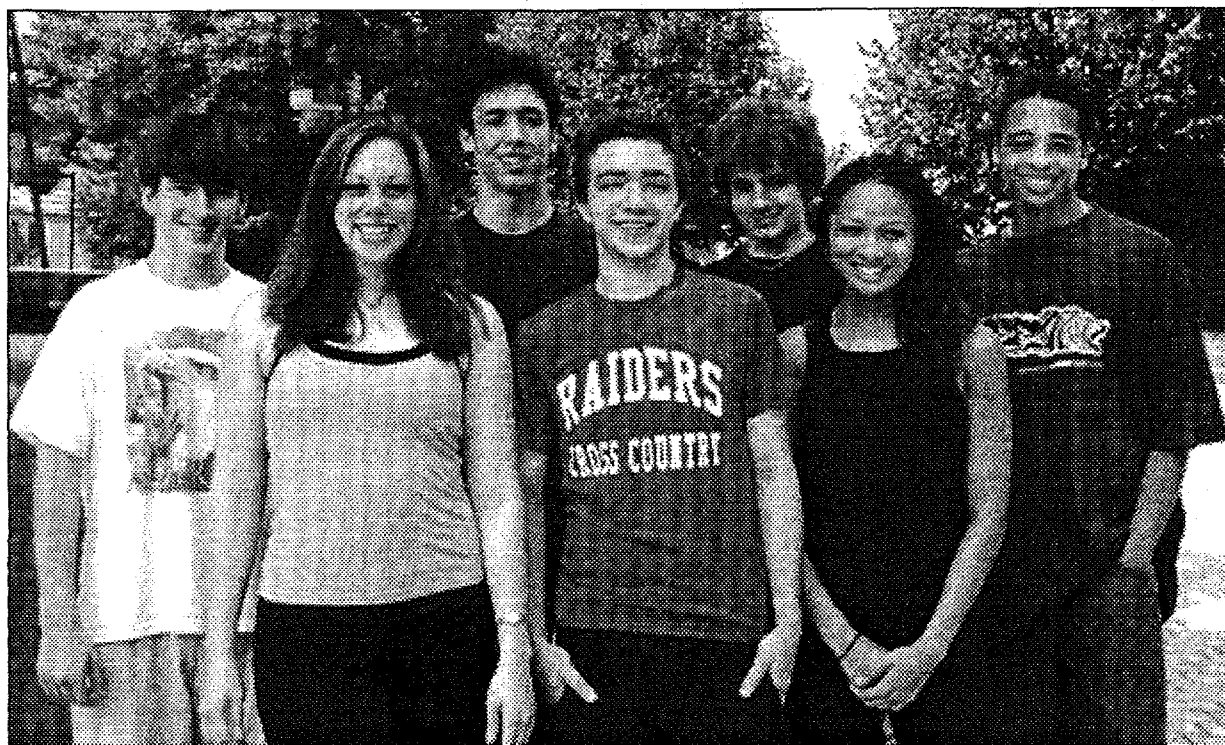
Among the most confident of students was 18-year-old Bryan Plofsky of Livingston, who made it clear that he's bent on performing in a Broadway production.

"Ultimately, I'd love to be on Broadway — in anything. I just want to be on that stage, playing to an audience, just being there," said Plofsky, who will be headed to Ithaca College in New York state in the fall to major in musical theater.

"If I'm not confident, I don't think I would make it. If I have a fallback [position], to me, I'm almost doubting myself. I have to really go for it. I love other things, like comic books, movies, music, all of which fit into the same type of love. But specifically, musical theater, I want to do that. I need to do that."

Melissa Thornton of Newark offered what might have been the clearest reason for an aspiring performer to participate in the Paper Mill Summer Musical Theatre Conservatory.

"They treat you as if it's the real world," said Thornton, who will be a senior at Arts and Sciences High School. "They don't pretend or baby you, they say, 'This is what it is. There are no second chances. You get it the first time, or that's it.'" Thornton added she might come back to the theater group next summer before she heads off to college.



Union County residents in the summer theaterfest program are, front from left, Jillian Prefach of Fanwood, Matthew Capodicas of Scotch Plains and Sarah Marable of Fanwood. Back row, from left, are Sean Wilkins of Summit, Vincent Balzano of Summit, Kelsey Kurz of Roselle Park, Troy Morgan of Scotch Plains. They perform in Paper Mill's Summer Musical Theater Conservatory concert "New Voices 2004: Everything Old is New Again."

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"I'm just trying to get everything possible out of it, the experience of acting, dancing, singing, being prepared, knowing how to prepare for auditions, and to be very diverse and well-rounded in the acting and theatrical field."

Friends Lucia Cuttone and Tamara Smallman might have had a slight advantage in preparing for the Paper Mill Conservatory, simply through familiarity: Both girls live in Short Hills, just a short distance from the Paper Mill.

"I've been doing the Summer Conservatory for eight years," said Cuttone. "My first show at Paper Mill was 'Big River,' when I was 10." Cuttone said she got the theater bug long before that, when she started dancing and singing when she was 5.

Smallman has only been involved with Paper Mill for two years, but she clearly seemed to be a quick study.

"I was in 'Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,' with Deborah Gibson," said Smallman. "We're really lucky because we live in Short Hills, and Paper Mill is right there in Millburn, and it's the state theater of New Jersey, so there are a lot of great programs, and we get to work with a lot of top people like Susie (Speidel), Patrick Parker (artistic associate), and Mark Hoebee (associate director), and they all have professional theater experience."

"New Voices 2004: Everything Old is New Again," will feature songs from "42nd Street," "The Producers," "La Boheme," and "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown," among others. Tickets are priced at \$35, \$27, and \$20, and can be purchased online at www.papermill.org, or by calling 973-376-4343.

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ART SHOWS

AWARD-WINNING ARTIST AND CURATOR Mary Wickliffe of Summit will be exhibiting at the Bouras Galleries, 25 DeForest Ave., Summit. The exhibit of acrylics on canvas will be at Bouras Galleries through August. The galleries are open to the public by appointment only. To make an appointment, call Linda Cole at 908-277-6054. **SUMMIT RESIDENT AGNIESZKA SOLAWA** will hang her reverse paintings on glass in Wisner House at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit Tuesday to Sept. 8. She will meet the public at an artist's reception on Saturday, Aug. 7 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Solawa's paintings use brilliant colors to describe themes occasionally religious, but more often fanciful, including unicorns and women in Renaissance garb. Wisner House at Reeves-Reed Arboretum is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no charge for admission. Wisner House is wheelchair accessible. A portion of the proceeds of the sale of Solawa's paintings will benefit Reeves-Reed Arboretum, a suburban conservancy dedicated to environmental and horticultural education for children and adults, and to the enjoyment of nature through the professional care and preservation of a historic country estate.

RACHEL FAILLACE: SUB.URBAN will be on exhibit at the Pearl Street Gallery, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, through Friday. 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@ucnj.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.

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 908-756-1707.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside, will exhibit the works of Virginia Cranwell, Svetlana Aniskina, and Elissa Merk through 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 908-709-2722, e-mail to library@cranford.org, or visit www.cranford.com.

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.

JMK. JASON-MICHAEL KARPIAK, will present his impressionistic seascapes and florals and abstracted portraiture at an opening reception at the Union Cultural Center, 1027 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, on Aug. 27 from 7 to 10 p.m. Ten percent of the proceeds will go to Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside and 5 percent to the cultural center. For information on being added to the guest list, call 908-686-4822. Invited guests will be expected to RSVP by Aug. 16 and are allowed to bring a maximum of two guests.

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

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

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 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 732-574-1818.

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

Stepping Out

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 973-376-8544.

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 973-376-8544.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL CONCERT SERIES, sponsored by the County of

send inquiries via e-mail to culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

FILM

FAMILY FLIX will be sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside:

Aug. 3: "Casablanca."

Aug. 17: "The Wizard of Oz."

Films begin at 9 p.m. Admission and parking are free. 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 classics at the Main Branch. All films begin at 10 a.m. For information, call 908-354-6060.

HOBBIES



From left, Randall Newsome as Richard Greatham, Jill Gascoine as Judith Bliss, Edmond Genest as David Bliss and Sean Dougherty as Sandy Tyrell in the production of 'Hay Fever,' now playing on the Shakespeare stage.

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 973-376-8544.

BOOKS WE LIKE, a reading group featuring staff recommendations, will meet the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 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 Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

Union, will take place in Echo Lake Park to Aug. 25.

Wednesday: 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. For information, call 908-527-4900.

DANCE

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

DISCUSSION

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

THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS invites local nonprofit organizations, individual artists, and scholars to apply for funding from the 2004 Union County HEART — History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands — Grant program. Recognizing the importance of culture and the arts to the economy and quality of life, the freeholders established the HEART Grants in 1998. This innovative program supports projects related to history, the arts, and humanities, and demonstrates a commitment to the artists and nonprofit organizations of Union County. "The response to the HEART Grant program in past years has been exciting," said Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada. "The recipients are a wonderful mix of creative people — poets and writers, historians, painters, photographers, musicians and dancers — plus arts, history, and other cultural organizations and civic groups." "The services provided by these artists, scholars, and organizations directly benefit the residents of our county," said Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "These cultural assets are a vital part of community life, economic development and cultural tourism in Union County."

To request HEART Grant information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202; call 908-558-2550, Relay users dial 711; or

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 TMRClnc@aol.com or visit the Web site at www.tmrcl.com.

THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC., an activity of the Union County park system, announced the return of its Family Summer Savings Program. Every Saturday through August, all children 12 years of age and younger will be admitted free, when accompanied by an adult. The club is open to the public on Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

"We received positive feedback when we introduced this program last summer," said Club President Ray Russell.

"This year we wanted to start it earlier in the season and expand the program so that all kids under 13 could benefit. With gasoline and other prices rising, this is a great incentive to visit an enjoyable, affordable attraction for the whole family that's close to home."

The Model Railroad Club Inc. was founded in 1949 in the basement of the late Paul Mallory, who was a pioneer in the hobby of model railroading. The club occupies a building on Union County parkland designed, built and maintained entirely by the members, under a unique arrangement with the Union County park system.

The club building is located off Route 22 east, behind The Home Depot in Union. Free parking is available on site and the building is wheelchair-accessible.

For more information, call 908-964-9724 Saturdays from noon until 4 p.m., or 908-964-8808 for a recorded message, or visit the club's Web site at www.tmrcl.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.

INTERNET

THE INTERNET LOUNGE, 256 South Ave., Fanwood, will be hosting an Open Mic Karaoke Night on Sunday at 7 p.m. Join the group for a cup of gourmet coffee and a wide variety of organic foods and participate in an original poetry reading, a stand-up comedy routine or a musical number. There's no cover charge. To ask about a schedule of events, call 908-490-1234 or visit its Web site: www.theinternetlounge.com.

KIDS

SUMMER CAMPS at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, will offer outdoors, hands-on experiences for third-through sixth-graders:

Aug. 1-6, 1 to 4 p.m.: What's the Difference.

To July 30, 9 a.m. to noon: Zootopia.

To July 30, 1 to 4 p.m.: Backwoods Lore.

To July 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 week-long, 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.

KALEIDOSCOPE THEATER FOR KIDS is presenting "How to Eat Like a Child and Other Lessons in Not Being a Grown-up," a guide to the art of being a child, told by children, through Aug. 1. Friday performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday performances are 2 p.m. matinees. All tickets are \$8. Tickets can be purchased by calling 908-273-2192. Performances are at the Summit Playhouse, 10 New England Ave., Summit.

POETRY

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

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

THE FANWOOD CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE announced its second Fanny Wood Poetry Awards.

The contest will be held in conjunction with Fanwood's annual celebration of Fanny Wood Day, which will take place Oct. 3.

According to legend, Fanwood was named for Fanny Wood, a Victorian-era lady who traveled to Fanwood by rail to enjoy the "country" atmosphere. It is said that she composed poetry while visiting Fanwood.

Although none of her works have been found, the legend remains strong.

Poets over the age of 21 are eligible to enter. Submissions must be typed in triplicate on standard 8 1/2" x 11" paper.

The entrant's full name, address, and telephone number must appear in the upper right corner of only one copy to facilitate anonymous judging. Quality poems of any length and style are welcome. Only unpublished poems will be considered. There is no entry fee, and entrants may submit up to five poems which will not be returned. The hand-in deadline is Sept. 1.

First, second, and third-place awards will be made, and the winners will be invited to participate as featured poets in the Carriage House Poetry Reading Series at the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center in Fanwood. Announcement of winning poets will be made during the Fanny Wood Day festivities.

Poets are invited to send their entries to: Fanny Wood Poetry Awards, c/o Fanwood Cultural Arts Committee, 75 North Martine Ave., Fanwood 07023.

For additional information, contact the Arts Committee.

RADIO

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

SINGLES

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

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

Jewish Singles Gathering, men and women aged 60 to 70 are invited to a Jewish singles gathering to meet, greet and make new acquaintances at Cafe Beethoven, 262 Main St. in Chatham on Saturday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Reservations are required because space is limited. Admission is \$15 with your RSVP as soon as possible and includes desserts and beverages. Same day admission will not be allowed. For information, contact 60-70+ at 908-687-0274.

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

THEATER

THE SHAKESPEARE THEATRE OF NEW JERSEY presents Shakefest: Summer Shakespeare Institute for Teachers, through Aug. 8 in Morristown. Shakefest will help educators learn how to use Shakespeare and the study of classic dramatic literature as powerful and effective teaching tools. Participants in the 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 Shakespeareans." Enrollment is limited to 20 participants. For more information, call 973-408-3980 or send an e-mail to jbrant@shakespearenj.org.

THE THEATER PROJECT at Union County College will present Betty's Summer Vacation 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.

RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY THEATER (RECT), has announced its new name, corporate structure, and board members. Now operating under the name of New Jersey Association of Community Theater, or NJ ACT, its board will consist of 9 community theater professionals.

RECT has been in existence since 1997 with its predecessor, ACT, originating in 1994. Previous to ACT, the Avy Association founded by Perry Morgan, reviewed and awarded community theater productions since the late 1970's.

For more information, please contact Amy Levine @ sweettime2@aol.com or Chris Fitzgerald at daytime phone # of (973) 761-6000, evening at (908) 272-1469. Tickets will be \$55.00 with dinner included. To purchase tickets, a check in that amount should be sent to NJ ACT, PO Box 511, Clifton NJ 07012. Included with the check should be the name, address and theater affiliation of the sender.

For more information, contact Chris Fitzgerald @ (908) 272-1469 or Joe Schreck @ (973) 472-9445.

Variety **THE BACK PORCH** in Rahway will present Open Mic Night every Thursday night, a disc jockey every Friday night, and solo artists and bands on Saturdays. Happy Hour is 4 to 7 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, with \$1 drafts and \$3 Long Island iced teas. Mondays are Mexican Mondays with \$2 shot specials, \$2 Coronas, \$2 margaritas and \$1 tacos. Wednesdays are Ladies Nights and karaoke. The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-6544.

CROSSROADS, 78 North Ave., Garwood, presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts, as well as football-themed nights. 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 Tonight: Groove Therapy with Ground Level and more to be announced Friday: The John Powers Band Saturday: Trash Mavericks For information, call 908-232-5666 or visit www.xroads.com.

MOLLY MAGUIRE'S IRISH PUB in Clark will present entertainment in the coming weeks. Thursdays are Ladies Nights, and Sundays feature NFL games and \$2 drafts. Molly Maguire's is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call 732-388-6511.

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

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

Two-week program is designed to inspire teaching Shakespeare

Through Aug. 8, teachers are invited to participate in an exciting, new professional development program created by The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, ShakeFest.

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 Shakespeareans.

Enrollment is limited to 20 participants, to ensure individualized attention. For more information or to register, call 973-408-3980 or e-mail jbrgrant@ShakespeareNJ.org.

Said Brian B. Crowe, director of education for The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey 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 easy-to-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.' ShakeFest 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 ShakeFest."

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 dramaturgs.

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 Saturday at 5:30 p.m. at the Morris Museum in Morris Township.

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 theaters 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 973-408-5600.

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 produc-

tions 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," which ran from June 8 to 27, followed by Noël Coward's "Hay Fever" from July 13 to Aug. 1, Shakespeare's "Richard II" from Aug. 10 to 29, John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men," from Sept. 7 to Oct. 3, Shakespeare's "Macbeth" from Oct. 19 to Nov. 19 and the new musical "Illyria" from Nov. 30 to 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 to 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.

Hear Jersey Voices in one act

The Chatham Community Players will host its 10th annual Jersey Voices One-Act Festival with four performances between July 30 and Aug. 7. This year's production will include six short plays written by New Jersey playwrights — all but one is a world premiere.

Since 1995, Jersey Voices has provided a venue for New Jersey playwrights to showcase their work. This year's selection committee received 90 scripts from more than 30 playwrights across the state.

"We've been at this for 10 years, and every year we're simply blown away by the quality of the scripts we receive and by the talent level of the directors and actors that this festival attracts," said Bob Lukasik, artistic director of Jersey Voices. "It's a testament to both the theater's commitment to excellence and the support of our local community, that so many dedicated artists lend their talents to this festival each year."

While three of this year's plays were penned by playwrights whose works have been featured in Jersey Voices before — including the festival's founder, Cliff Odle — the other three were written by Jersey Voices newcomers, including the festival's

youngest playwright, 19-year-old Chris Handschuch.

Each of the following pieces will be performed each night of the festival:

"Neatsfoot Oil" by Tom Tunnington is a story of about a father, son, baseball and time. Joann Scanlon directs.

"Her Smile" by Frank Briamonte examines reconciliation, conflict, love, pain and time. Maybelle Cowan directs.

"Capsule" by Eric Alter tells the story of two teens from different worlds finding common ground through time. Rose Pancirov directs.

"Out" by Chris Handschuch chronicles a Superhero who comes out of the closet at Thanksgiving Dinner. Tom Drummer directs.

"The Mystery at Niagara" by Gary Shaffer is an old-time radio play, musical and mystery. Carol Cornicelli directs.

"The Delicate Art of Customer Service" by Cliff Odle brings new meaning to the phrase, "It's a dirty job, but someone's got to do it." Mark Phelan directs.

Each year, we are privileged to have the opportunity to bring new stories to life, and with that privilege

comes a great responsibility," added Lukasik. "Once again, we are fortunate to have a wonderfully talented group of directors and actors, who are working to ensure each piece is presented with integrity, passion and honesty."

Performance dates are Friday and Saturday evenings, July 30 and 31, and Aug. 6 and 7. All performances begin at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 and can be ordered by visiting CCP's Web site at www.chathamplayers.org/tickets.htm and clicking on TicketLeap. For more information, call the box office at (973) 635-7363 or go to www.chathamplayers.org/jerseyvoices.htm.

The Chatham Playhouse is home to the Chatham Community Players. CCP has been entertaining residents of Morris County and the surrounding area since 1922. The organization's mission is to produce high-quality theater for a diverse audience, while elevating its standard of excellence and providing a creative outlet with educational opportunities and outreach programs. For more information, including details of CCP's upcoming 2004-2005 season, visit www.chathamplayers.org.

To place a classified ad call 1-800-564-8911 by 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Short works of art are rich in joy

On The Arts

By Jon Plaut

great talent to engage us in this short epic tale.

"Bridge and Tunnel" is an off-Broadway play similarly relying on the talent of one performer, Sarah Jones, who also wrote the play. About immigrants in a poetry talent contest in Queens, N.Y., "Bridge and Tunnel" is alternately funny, angry, said and celebratory of that experience. Like the Lincoln Center Festival production, "Bridge and Tunnel" is 80 minutes long and presented in one act. In both cases, the audience adored them and their leading performers.

Richard Linklater has mounted a conversation between rather beautiful adults seeking out each other in the beautiful city of Paris in his film,

"Before Sunset." Expertly performed by Julie Delpy and Ethan Hawke, this American movie has a definite French core, and like its two predecessors in this column, it lasts but 80 minutes, which are engaging, delightful and insightful.

The last of the short works of art to be described in this column is a virtual masterpiece, F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby." Serialized this summer in the New York Times over seven days — what a great idea — "The Great Gatsby" is surely one of the premier works of fiction of the 20th century, focussing as it does on the rich in an earlier age in a powerful story of love, lust and murder on Long Island. The Times published this fabulously written book in a special large print section each day, which made the reading of it a pure joy and a very fast delight.

Jon Plaut is a resident of Summit.

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It's not just treasure hunters who make their way to Somerville Center Antiques to explore their four buildings full of antiques. The complex is also the destination of choice for movie props stylists, New York City designers, and editors of magazines including Martha Stewart Living. The center has provided a number of props for recent productions at local theaters as well as recent movies including, "Autumn in New York," starring Richard Gere, "Riding in Cars with Boys," starring Drew Barrymore and the critically acclaimed "Far from Heaven," starring Dennis Quaid and Juliette More. The wide variety of unique available at SAC also makes it a popular choice for everyday antiques enthusiasts.

The largest of the center SCA's Uptown store, located at 34 West Main Street in the former Woolworth's building. Uptown has 18,000 feet packed with two floors of high quality antiques. The center offers a wide variety of china, glassware, furniture and art.

Almost directly across from Uptown are the new Deco to Pop and The Kitchen Stop centers, located at 25 W. Main Street. Deco to Pop features fun stuff from the 50's, 60's & 70's with a focus on mid-century furnishings, decorative items and lighting.

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Right around the corner is Vanities located at 9-11 Division Street. The center offers everything for the ladies, including vintage linens and textiles, shabby chic furnishings, ladies boudoir items and vintage clothing. Vanities is a romantic store for great antiques & collectibles.

Next door to Vanities is SCA's original store, Downtown, located at 17 Division Street. Known as the treasure hunt, this center is packed with an electric mix of antiques and collectibles in every price range. You'll never know what treasure you will find!

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Basic Information on Zoonotic Diseases

Zoonotic diseases are diseases passed between animals and human beings. The one most people think of is rabies. Luckily, in the State of NJ, this is not one that we see often.

A common misconception that people often have regarding rabies is that they are going to get it from their pet because he/she scratched them. This is not so. In order for an animal to transmit rabies, the pet had to have been bitten by an infected animal first. This means that an owned pet that is current on its rabies vaccine and is always under the supervision of its owner, is not likely to have rabies. The State of NJ requires the animal that bit a human to be examined by a veterinarian 10 days after the bite. This relates to the timing of the shedding of the rabies virus in relation to the time the pet shows signs of rabies. If the animal does not show signs of rabies within 10 days of the bite, the human could not have contracted rabies. The best way to protect your pets is to keep them current on their vaccines and keep them in. If your pet does get bitten by an unknown animal and the rabies was given over 6 months prior to the bite, a booster is recommended even if the vaccine is not expired.

Roundworms (*Toxocara canis*) causes a condition in children and immunosuppressed adults called visceral larval migrans. Pneumonitis and granulomatous retinitis can occur with some children being misdiagnosed as having ocular cancer and having the eye removed unnecessarily. The microscopic eggs of these worms are shed by an infected dog which contaminates the soil where children play. The children become infected when they accidentally swallow the eggs. The way to prevent infection in humans is to make sure you wash your hands before eating. Most heartworm preventatives contain a dewormer that will take care of the common intestinal worms that pets encounter. Other parasites also transferred to humans by this manner are *Giardia* and *Coccidia* (both of which cause diarrhea in humans and animals) and *Toxoplasma* which can be transmitted to the fetus of pregnant women.

Ringworm is actually not a worm at all; it is a fungus. There are several genera and species commonly called ringworm; the one seen most often is *Microsporum canis*. The typical lesion is a ring-like area of hair loss. Ringworm can look like many other skin disorders (bacterial infection, allergy, etc.). For this reason, it is important not to bathe your pet prior to taking him to the veterinarian since this will change the presumptive diagnosis. Cats are tricky when it comes to this disorder since they can have ringworm and not show any sign of it yet they can transmit to people.

Similarly, asymptomatic cats transmit a bacterium known as *Bartonella (Rochalimae) henselae* which causes Cat Scratch Fever. The disorder causes swelling of lymph nodes in people accompanied with a high fever. People that get this disorder are protected for life after recovery. Cats only shed the organism for 2-3 weeks of their lives so you do not have to get rid of the cat.

Diseases that cannot be transmitted across species include feline leukemia (FELV) and feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV; a.k.a. feline "AIDS"). These viruses were named after the similarity of the disease they cause in cats and cannot be transferred to humans nor other animals.

Note: This is the last article that I will be writing for the summer. If you like the information provided by this series, this is what we offer to our clients at TLC. Stop by with your pet and visit with us. Scheduled appointments are appreciated; walk-ins are seen only as emergencies.

Season calendar made available by New Jersey 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 that will satisfy the most discriminating theatergoer. "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 Jersey'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 season.

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 Loda to 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 part 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.

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Information about the theater season can also be found at the New Jersey Theatre Alliance Web site, www.njtheatrealiance.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 e-news gives an insider's track on special offers and discounts as well as listings of what's playing. To receive a free schedule of events and for more information on the Theater Sampler Series, call 973-540-0515.

Summer music, Verdict, comes to Midtown

Summer music continues at Elizabeth's Pedestrian Plaza at the Historic Midtown train station.

The "Music of Midtown" summer concert series is held every Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. through September, at the Train Station's Pedestrian Plaza on West Grand Street.

Schedule of artists

• Today: Caribbean/Island — C. Blast Entertainment of Elizabeth will present the rhythms of contemporary Haitian Compas, and the Verdict band will perform a mix of Jamaican Island rhythms.

• 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 — Yarden'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.

Sanson is featured at Malamut gallery

Laurie Sansone, the new director of Union Public Library where the Les Malamut Gallery is located, will hold a solo show of photographs and paintings, in the library on 1980 Morris Ave.

The exhibit is a retrospective of work covering the past 20 years, detailing experiences from traveling around the world to living in San Francisco; hence the title, "East and West."

The show will continue to Sept. 8. The public is invited. Sansone has been an artist since she was a child. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in fine arts from Fairleigh Dickinson University, but is mostly self taught.

Her interest in photography began while attending high school in Cape Cod.

It really took off when she started to travel, back-packing through Europe during her junior year in college. She has not stopped traveling since and uses photography and watercolor painting to record her experiences.

After graduating from college, Sansone became a graph-

ic artist and lived a bohemian life for a while in San Francisco and Berlin.

When she returned to New Jersey, she became the staff artist for Englewood Public Library, in charge of publicity, art exhibits and library programs.

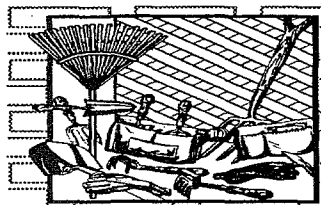
It was there that her career took a different direction and she decided to become a librarian.

She earned a master's degree in library science from Rutgers in 1993, and after much experience in various libraries became the director of the Union Public Library.

Sansone has exhibited at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Englewood Public Library, the Old Church Center in Demarest, Bound Brook Memorial Library, and the Gallery Works in Branchville.

The gallery is open during regular library hours, Mondays to Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Saturdays during the summer.

For more information, call the library at 908-851-5450.



HOME IMPROVEMENT

Makeovers to kitchens and baths may top list of renovations

There are certain things you can always count on this time of year — warmer temperatures outside, birds flying home after a long winter, more daylight and people getting the itch to finally renovate that kitchen or bathroom that's been bothering them for years.

In fact, according to Kitchen & Bath Business magazine, more than \$70 billion will be spent in 2004 to do just that. People spend months, and thousands of dollars, drafting plans, shopping for appliances and fixtures, color matching cabinets or countertops, picking out the oversized corner tub and deciding which type of faucets and accessories will best highlight all of the other decisions they make.

Today, there are thousands of choices in the faucet category. Traditional styles, contemporary styles, and now, there are even "transitional" styles that will look good in either setting.

As a shopper, not only do you get to choose the style, you get to choose the finish. There's chrome, brushed chrome, nickel, brushed nickel, satin nickel, chrome with satin nickel accents, brass, brushed brass, polished brass, and the list goes on.

So why do manufacturers of these faucets offer so many choices in styling and finishes?

"Personalization," said Jeff Pratt, vice president of sales for Danze, a manufacturer of decorative plumbing products including kitchen and bath faucets, bath accessories and showerheads. "Years ago, there seemed to be a few standard finishes and styles in both kitchen and bath faucets. Now consumers expect — and deserve — a

variety of choices so they can bring their lifestyle and individual personality into their home."

According to Pratt, the ability to purchase decorative, beautiful styles and finishes used to be more exclusive to those who could afford to spend a lot of money on their renovation or new construction project. But, with manufacturers like Danze on the scene, high fashion and design are more attainable for the mainstream homeowner.

"Everyone wants a beautiful faucet, bath accessory or showerhead to accent the new environment they're creating, but not everyone can afford to spend thousands of dollars on those components alone," said Pratt. "Danze can offer consumers both a unique style with a gorgeous finish and a great price. We call it affordable luxury."

Luxury has definitely been a hot topic among consumers doing kitchen makeovers in recent years. High-rise kitchen faucets, over-sized pull-down faucets and pot fillers have all seen a spike in sales across the country. Homeowners at varying socio-levels are striving for the high-end, commercial-grade kitchen.

Part of the commercial-grade residential kitchen includes enhancing the functionality of the space, which often means multiple faucets. It's now common to see a primary sink/faucet, a faucet behind the stove and a bar/convenience sink either within the center island or in an alcove space just off the main room.

But luxury isn't limited to the kitchen. Bathroom renovations have seen tremendous growth within recent

years. Whether it's an elegant powder room or an expansive master bedroom suite, bathroom faucets, accessories and shower systems continue to lead the way in accenting a room's personality.

As vessel lavatory sinks soar in popularity, so do their companion faucets. These wall mount faucets provide simplicity and uniqueness that can soon become the focal point of any lavatory vessel sink environment.

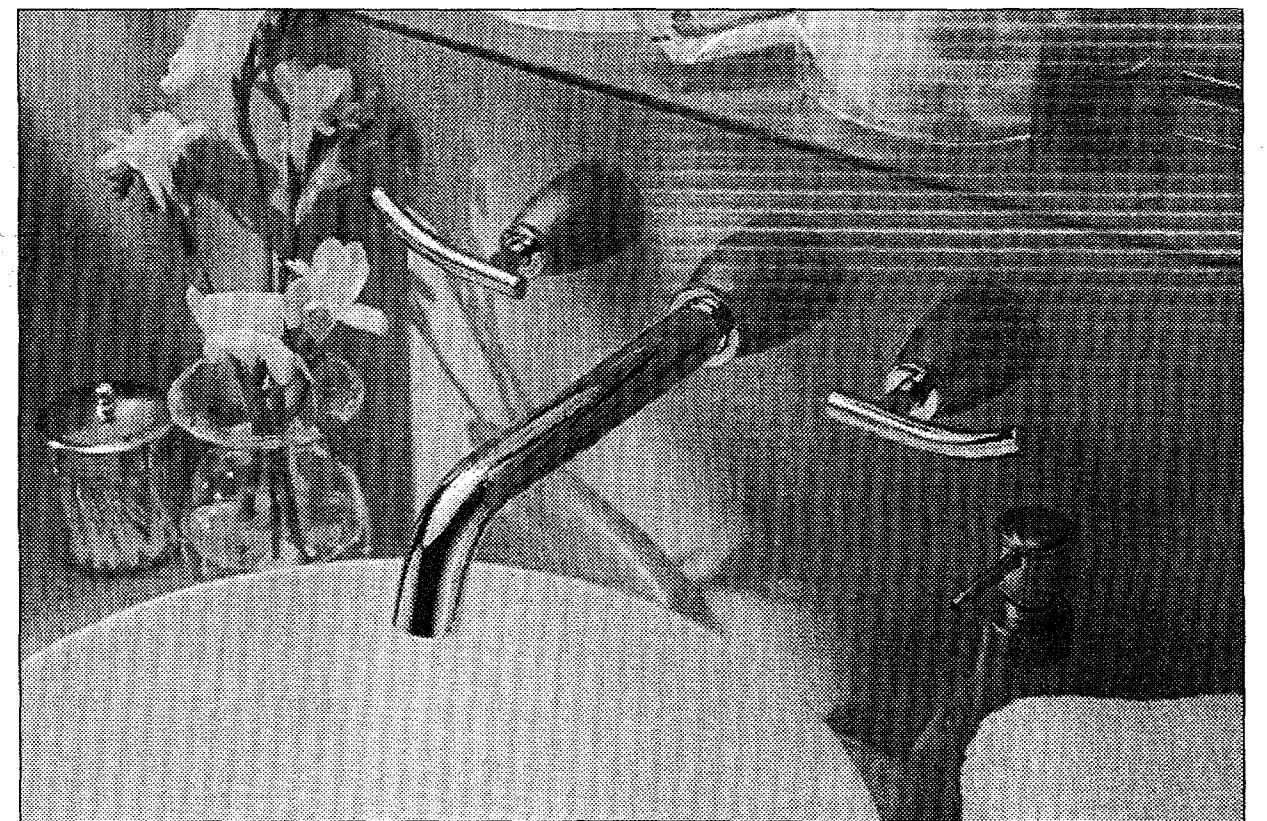
Styling in the bathroom has also evolved in recent years. "Transitional" styling has now complemented the traditional and contemporary style offerings.

"The Danze Bannockburn Collection is the industry's newest introduction in transitional styling," said Pratt. "It uses elements of traditional and contemporary styling, allowing it to be at home in either environment. And, this latest collection showcases a new, beautiful finish called brushed brass."

So what should you keep in mind as you choose from the thousands of decorative products available for your kitchen or bath project? Here are a few helpful hints:

• Select faucets and accessories that are within scale of other elements in the room. If you're putting in an over-sized integrated kitchen sink, be bold with a high-rise pull-down faucet. If a large stovetop is in your plan, install a pot filler on the back wall to make filling pots or large pans easier.

• Carry the styling and finish throughout the entire room. As you choose the faucet for your bathroom project, make sure your bath accessories are available in that same style



There are many kinds of faucets that can become part of a bathroom and kitchen renovation project. Designs range from ordinary to fancy.

and finish. It keeps the personality you brought to the room consistent.

• Don't sell yourself short in the shower. Unique showerheads and shower systems continue to grow in popularity and can also bring a bit of customization to your bathroom. Watch for fun and interesting showerhead styles such as spinning showerheads, ceiling mounts, large 10-inch downpour showerheads and stylish hand-held personal showers. Again, keep the styling and finish compatible with other fixtures in the room when-

ever possible.

• Research a product's quality. A pretty faucet isn't pretty if it leaks or doesn't operate smoothly. Find products that offer solid brass construction, ceramic disc valves and other high-quality components that ensure a long-lasting, reliable product. You don't want to renovate that same room next spring.

• Compare prices. Luxury doesn't have to mean high prices. Shop around for the styling and finish that you prefer and then compare prices with other

brands that offer a similar style.

More manufacturers entering the category means the affordable luxury mentality will bring more value to consumers.

The choices you have available to you for the next home remodeling project are endless. So bring out that personality, extend it into your home and enjoy it.

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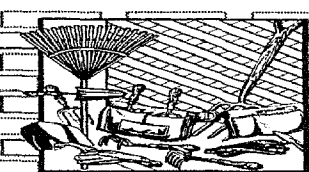
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A deck or patio can turn a ho-hum house into a real hot property on the market

Ask any Realtor what turns a home into a hot property, and a deck or patio is almost always close to the top of the list.

And no wonder.

A deck or patio is a wonderful haven for relaxing far away from all the stresses of modern living. And who can resist the call of the barbecue and festive outdoor entertaining when the weather gets warm.

All in all, having a deck or patio can be one of the most satisfying parts of being a homeowner. Unfortunately, due to uncooperative weather that can be too hot or too wet, that satisfaction isn't always guaranteed — unless you protect your investment with a retractable awning.

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In addition, retractable awnings can help keep indoor temperatures lower as well, helping to reduce costly air-conditioning bills. Less direct sun can help prevent carpets and furniture

from fading.

With all the advantages of a retractable awning, you'd think that everyone would have one. Unfortunately, most people have misconceptions about affordability and ease of operation.

Comfort and Convenience Don't Have to Be Costly

"A quality retractable awning is one of the best investments a homeowner can make for outdoor comfort and value" said Jonathan Hershberg, president of SunSetter Awnings, the largest manufacturer of home awnings in the United States. "Unfortunately, most people believe they can't afford a top-quality awning. This is a shame, because you can get a top-of-the-line, manually-operated retractable awning for just a few hundred dollars, and a motorized awning with push-button convenience for just a little more."

Hershberg said another myth involves horror stories about installation and operation difficulties. "Nothing could be farther from the truth," he said. "In fact, 87 percent of the people who buy our awnings install them themselves on stucco, brick, siding and virtually every other surface in just a few hours using ordinary tools. And operating them can be as easy as turning a crank or pushing a button!"

Awnings are not created equal

• Quality Touches. The best awnings don't automatically cost the

most. Use common sense. If an awning feels flimsy in the showroom, it probably won't stand up to the elements. Look for aircraft-quality aluminum construction and enamel paint finishes, if possible, for lasting value.

• Fabric, Fabric, Fabric! Many fabrics like canvas are not 100 percent waterproof and coatings are important to consider. You should also look for an awning that blocks at least 99 percent of all ultraviolet rays.

• Do Your Homework. Before you

buy, shop around. Home and garden shows are a great place to get lots of information. So is the Internet. Try to evaluate similar options on different models to ensure the best cost comparison.

• Price. If possible, look for factory-direct buying or shipping. This can often translate into savings of up to hundreds of dollars.

• Ease of Installation, Use and Maintenance. Does the awning come with easy installation instructions? Is

there a help line for assistance? How many people and how long does it take to set up and operate? Look for manufacturers who offer testimonials from satisfied customers. Also, once the awning is up, how easy is it to maintain? Ordinary woven cloth awnings are often susceptible to discoloring and mold. Again, quality fabrics are always a prime consideration.

• Electric Motors. Somfy motors are internationally recognized as the best in the industry for electric pow-

ered awnings.

• Warranties and Approvals. When it comes to warranties, bigger is always better. Don't settle for less than five years.

You'll also want to consider the history of the company. How long have they been in business? Are they backed by any well known watchdog organizations? For instance, SunSetter awnings are the only awnings backed by the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval.

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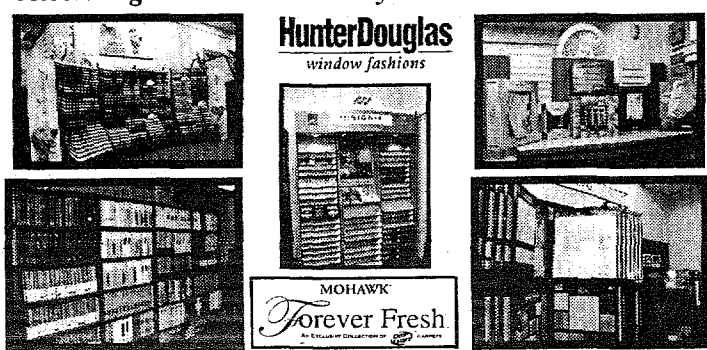


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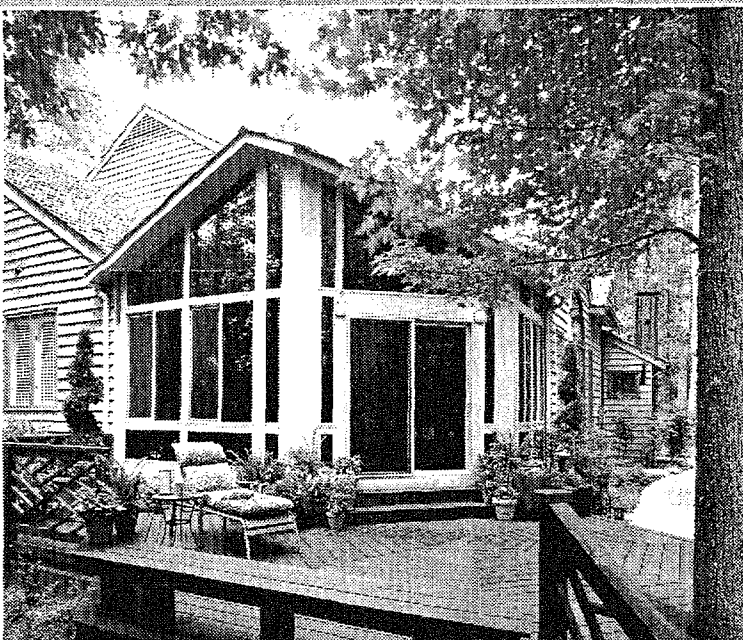
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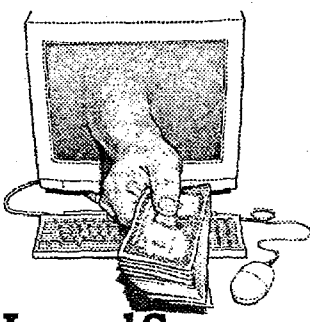
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Docket No. F-11081-04

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:
Keith Mitchell, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon the Attorneys for Plaintiff, Powers Kirn, LLC, 9 East Stow Road, Suite C, Marlton, NJ 08053; P.O. Box 1568, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054, an answer to the Complaint (and Amendment to Complaint, if any) filed in a Civil Action in which Argent Mortgage Company, LLC is plaintiff and Keith Mitchell, et al, are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, within thirty-five (35) days after July 29, 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 filing 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 August 25, 2003, made by Keith Mitchell and Gigi Mitchell, his wife to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, and concerns real estate located at 714 Coolidge Street, Plainfield, NJ.

YOU, Keith Mitchell, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a defendant because you are the maker of the bond/note and mortgage and/or an owner thereof and Plaintiff is unable to determine the whereabouts of the defendant, and therefore, does not know whether he/she is living or dead, and therefore names as defendants Keith Mitchell, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest.

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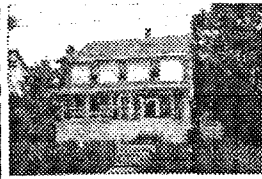
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Weekly Mortgage News

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 5.98 percent, with an average 0.6 point, for the week ending July 22, 2004, down slightly from last week when it averaged 6.00 percent. Last year at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 5.67 percent.

The average for the 15-year FRM this week is 5.39 percent, with an average 0.6 point, down one basis point from last week when it averaged 5.40 percent. A year ago, the 15-year FRM averaged 5.00 percent.

One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 4.12 percent this week, with an average 0.6 point, up from last week when it averaged 4.02 percent. At this time last year, the one-year ARM averaged 3.58 percent.

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

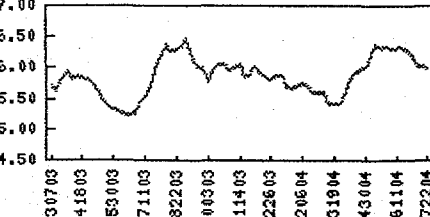
"Although Chairman Greenspan stated in his testimony before Congress recently that the economy may have hit a 'soft patch' in June, his outlook for the second half of the year was more upbeat than expected," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac vice president and chief economist. "Stronger growth in the economy will invariably translate into higher mortgage rates in the future, particularly for ARM products. But this should be offset by job growth and by rising incomes nationwide.

"However, the rise in mortgage rates will be measured, not extreme, and that will help keep the housing industry stable and affordable in the coming months."

National Averages

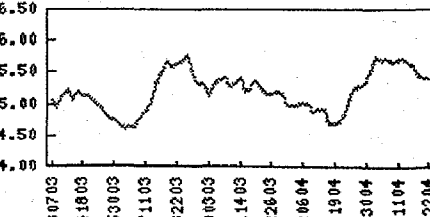
30-year mortgage

National Average: 5.98%



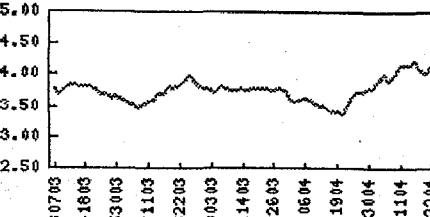
15-year mortgage

National Average: 5.39%



1-year ARM mortgage

National Average: 4.12%



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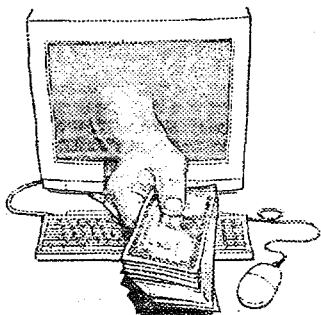
OUT-OF-STATE

ADIRONDACK/TUG HILL land sale. 3 acres-Rivera access -was \$12,900 now \$7,900. 27 acres- Redfield, Salmon River was \$29,900 now \$19,900. 5 acres-Riverfront, wood-was \$29,900 now \$21,900. Highest quality land at discount prices. Year round roads, electric, survey, guaranteed buildable. Terms, Hurry! 800-260-2876. www.mooserverland.com

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Coldwell associates are up, up and away

If you happened to be on a Continental Airlines flight out of Newark Liberty International Airport anytime in May or June, you might have seen some familiar faces during the in-flight video program.

The sales associates with the Union office of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in New Jersey and Rockland County, New York, along with their colleagues in the Coldwell Banker Parsippany and Mountain Lakes offices, were featured in the company's video profile, airing on all Continental flights out of Newark Airport during May and June of this year.

"My sales associates had a great time with this project," said Jim Schoening, Coldwell Banker Union office manager. "We are a team and we take pride in our office, our company and the work we accomplish on behalf of our clients. Our company video gives us the opportunity to detail the strength of our full-service marketing system to more than two million Continental Airlines passengers. We are part of the international Coldwell Banker network and we serve buyers and sellers across the globe. The in-flight program is one of

our latest corporate marketing initiatives and a perfect example of the new directions we take to bring buyers and sellers together."

With more than 50 full-time sales associates, the Coldwell Banker Union office serves both buyers and sellers throughout Union, Essex and Middlesex counties. Just 30 minutes from New York City, 20 minutes from Newark Airport and accessible from many major highways, the office is conveniently located.

For information about buying or selling real estate in the greater Union area, call the Coldwell Banker Union office at 908-688-3000. The office is located at 367 Chestnut St.

You can also view the company's listings on the Internet at www.ColdwellBankerMoves.com. For a no-obligation mortgage pre-approval, call Coldwell Banker Mortgage at 888-367-6918.

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in New Jersey/Rockland County, N.Y., is a member of the Coldwell Banker system, which has more than 3,600 offices and 113,800 sales associates worldwide. Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage is part of the



Sales associates of the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Union were recently featured on a promotional video which aired on Continental airplanes leaving Newark International Airport during the months of May and June.

NRT family of companies, which owns and operates companies in the nation's largest metropolitan markets. NRT Inc., a subsidiary of Candant

Corp., is the nation's largest real estate brokerage company. NRT has more than 950 offices and 55,000 sales associates operating in more than 30

major metropolitan markets.

In 2003, NRT posted a real estate industry record of \$167 billion in closed sales volume.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Regional award given to Gwaldis in Union

Kathleen Gwaldis, a sales associate and top producer in Weichert, Realtors' Union office, received a regional award in honor of her outstanding industry performance in April. Lawrence Mueller, regional vice president, made the announcement.

Gwaldis received regional award recognition for top resale marketed listings. She is a consistent member of Weichert's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs as well as Weichert's President's Club, a prestigious honor that places her in the top 1 percent of the company's 11,000 sales associates. In addition, Gwaldis is a 2003 member of New Jersey Association of Realtors Circle of Excellence at the gold level.

"Kathleen is an experienced sales associate who truly shines in our region," said Mueller. "Her continuous diligence and exceptional service to her customers has led to her extraordinary success."

Licensed for more than 17 years, Gwaldis is a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors, the National Association of Realtors and the Greater Eastern Union County Board of Realtors. She has sold more than a thousand homes.

Gwaldis can be reached for real estate transactions in Weichert's Union office at 909-687-4800. The office is located at 1307 Stuyvesant Ave.

Weichert, based in Morris Plains, has more than 11,000 sales associates in 248 company-owned and franchised sales offices located in Connecticut, New York, New Jersey,

Pennsylvania, Ohio, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Washington, D.C., North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida and Texas. A full-service, family of individually-owned real estate companies, Weichert, Realtors handles both residential and commercial real estate, and through Weichert Financial Services' Gold Services Program, streamlines the delivery of mortgage, home insurance and title insurance. For more information about buying or selling a home through Weichert, Realtors, visit Weichert's Web site on the Internet at www.weichert.com. Each Weichert franchised office is independently owned and operated.

Herring joins Weichert

Robert Spillane, branch manager of Weichert, Realtors' Union office is has announced that Robert Herring has joined the office as a sales associate.

Herring, a licensed real estate agent for 12 years and broker for nine years, previously worked in New York. He is a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors. Herring holds a degree from Kean University in business management.

Herring can be reached for real estate transactions in Weichert's Union office at 908-687-4800. The office is located at 1307 Stuyvesant Ave.

Santos opens RE/MAX in town of Springfield

RE/MAX Your Choice Realtors has recently opened in Springfield.

Located at 234 Mountain Ave., this real estate office services Springfield, Union, Millburn, Kenilworth, Westfield and Cranford.

"I hope to build a reputation on the care, service, and understanding I have provided to my clients during my six years of experience," said Alexandre "Alex" Santos, broker/owner. "The associates of this office look forward to servicing our clients, assisting them in every aspect of real estate."

Santos, who has been affiliated with RE/MAX since 2001, has been a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors Circle of Excellence, bronze level, 2001-03.

"I am confident that Alex and his associates have talents and skills to make RE/MAX Your Choice Realtors a dominant presence in Union County," said Steve Goldberg, regional vice president of RE/MAX of New Jersey Inc.

The members of RE/MAX Your Choice Realtors in Springfield are broker associate Alex Santos, and sales associates Alexandre Meyer, Anna Lisowski and Fabio Santana.

To contact RE/MAX Your Choice Realtors, call 973-544-0900.

With 172 franchise offices and more than 2,600 real estate professionals, RE/MAX of New Jersey continues

to be one of the leading real estate organizations in the state. Since its inception in 1985, RE/MAX of New Jersey has experienced record-breaking growth in both franchise sales and sales associates and has surpassed all previous sales records. This remarkable success can be attributed to the quality agents and service consistently found in all RE/MAX organizations. RE/MAX of New Jersey, based in Moorestown, is a privately owned and operated division of RE/MAX International.

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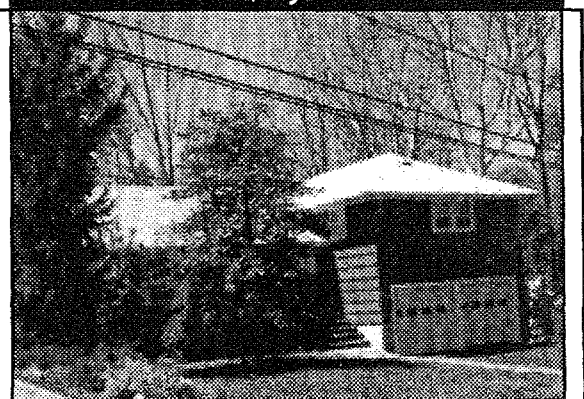
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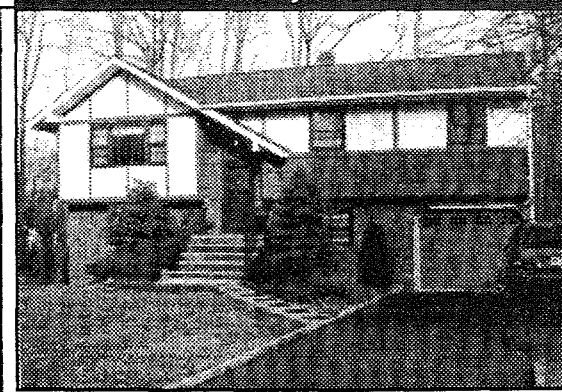
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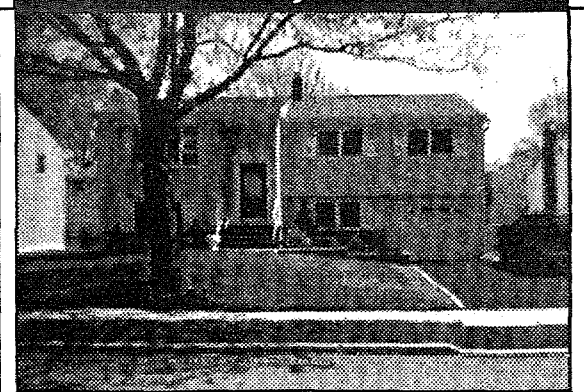
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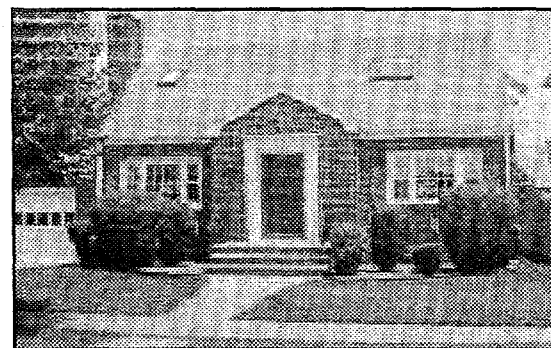
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Our Featured Agent this week is **Arlene Harriet Mirro**. A consistent top producer, Arlene is off to another great year so far with over \$9,000,000 in production for the 1st half of 2004. Arlene is also a member of the NJAR Distinguished Sales Club & Coldwell Banker President's Club. Arlene is an excellent choice to service any of your Real Estate needs. Call Arlene today at 908-688-3000.



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Good gifts for all car enthusiasts

By Mark Maynard
Copley News Service

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The following suggestions are online at www.tirerack.com/accessories. And if none of these ideas revs your motor, gift certificates are available, too.

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

Entertainment — Friday at noon.

Sports news and game results — Monday at noon.

Letter to the Editor — Mon. 9 a.m.

General news and information — Monday 5 p.m.

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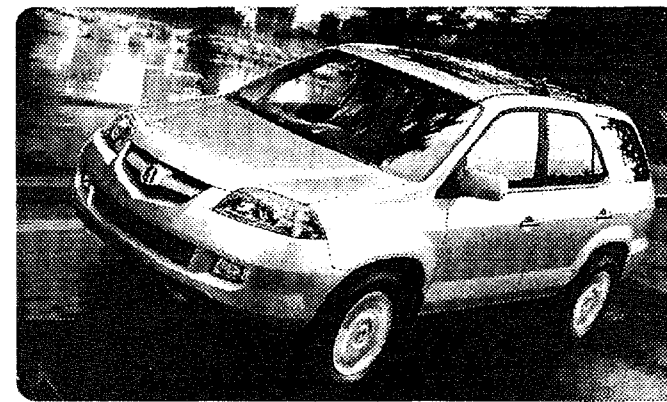
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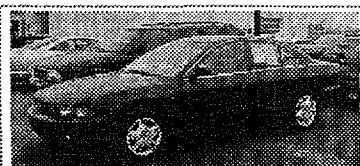
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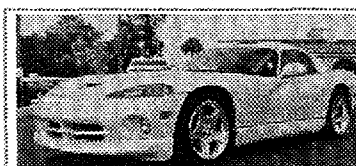
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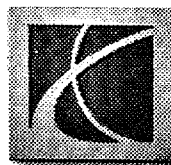
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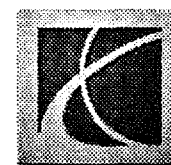


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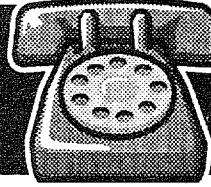
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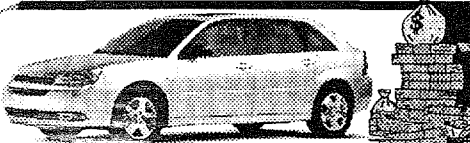
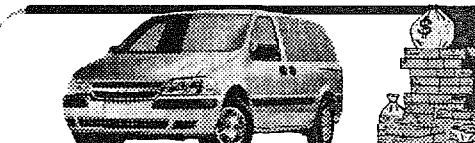
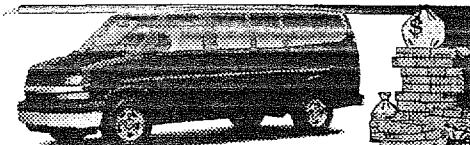
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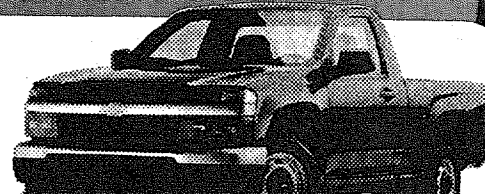
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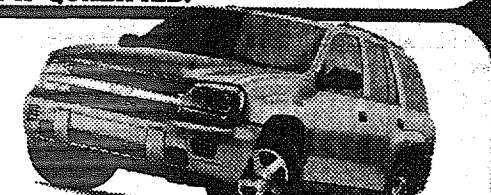
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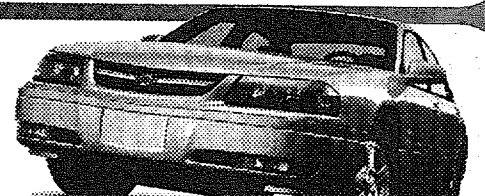
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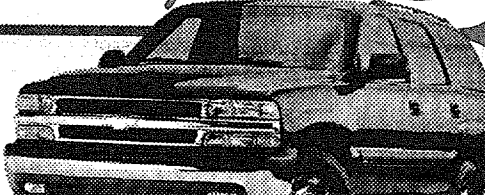
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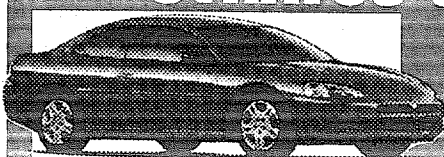
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