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It's all in the cards



Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

Ryan Owens, 7, left, and his brother Joseph, 11, play a friendly game cards at the Clark Municipal Pool.

Invasive beet seen near Clark

Asian longhorns destroy infested trees

By Toniann Antonelli
Staff Writer

Recent warnings predicting an invasion by Asian longhorn beetles may sound like something straight out of a horror movie, but officials in Clark are taking the advice seriously and advising residents to report any sightings.

The Asian longhorn beetle, an invasive insect that can cause massive damage to many species of trees, has been discovered in a small portion of Rahway and in the Avenel section of Woodbridge Township, as well as areas of Carteret, Jeff Beach, a spokesman for the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, said Tuesday.

Officials in Clark say they are aware of the beetle problem and it's potential threat to the area. Kevin Koch, chairman of the Environmental Commission, said that commissioners "haven't discussed it" much.

The commission's former chairman, Bill Fidurski, said that Asian longhorn beetles can be dangerous to older trees.

"It's devastating because you have to take the tree and burn it to make sure all of the beetles are destroyed," Fidurski said. "It's devastating because they affect mature trees, so you might have to get rid of a tree that's been there for 40 or 50 years."

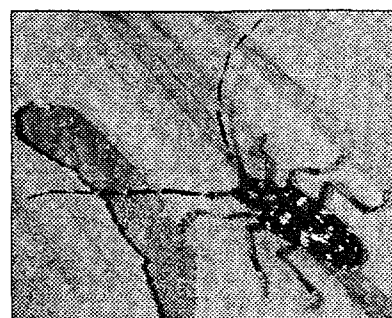
To protect municipalities bordering the affected areas, a quarantine zone has been established.

"As a precautionary measure, the New Jersey Department of Agriculture has instituted a quarantine zone that includes a sizeable portion of the 1st, 4th and 5th wards of Rahway, as well as sections of Woodbridge, Carteret and Linden," said Jeff Jotz, a spokesman for Rahway Mayor James Kennedy.

Beach said Tuesday that surveyors have identified at least 400 trees that are infested by the Asian longhorn beetles.

Tree services in the area have been contacted by the state Department of Agriculture and given guidelines on how to handle wood products from any tree trimmed or cut down within the quarantine zone.

The quarantine zone in Rahway begins at the intersection of East Inman and Leesville Avenues; north-west along East Inman Avenue to New Brunswick Avenue; northeast along New Brunswick Avenue to Main Street; north along Main Street to Elizabeth Avenue; northeast along Elizabeth Avenue to the Rahway-Linden border; south along the Rahway-Linden border to the Rahway River; south along the Woodbridge-Rahway border to Randolph Avenue; west along Ran-



The Asian longhorn beetle has not been spotted in Clark yet — but it has shown up nearby, in Rahway and Avenel.

dolph Avenue following the Rahway-Woodbridge border to East Inman and Leesville avenues.

The beetle, native to China and North Korea, can wreak havoc on hardwood trees such as maples, chestnuts, birches and elms. The female bores into the bark to lay her eggs. Once hatched, the grub-like young burrow deeper into the tree until they reach the woody tissue. The beetles colonize the tree, eventually killing it from the inside out.

Asian longhorn beetles have caused tree losses in New York State and Chicago, but have been found attacking trees only once before in New Jersey.

"In October 2002, an area within 1½ miles of a 9-acre site in Jersey City was quarantined to prevent the spread of the insect. More than 100 infested trees at that site were removed to eliminate the beetle," said Jotz.

The insects pose no immediate danger to people. They also have no known predators in the United States, such as birds or small animals, which makes them harder to eliminate.

Asian longhorn beetles are about 1 to 1½ inches long and have a shiny black exterior with white spots. Their name comes from their long antennae, which are banded black and white. The beetles typically attack one tree, and migrate to others when their populations become too dense.

"This is an invasive pest and it is not welcomed in any community in New Jersey," New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Charles Kuperus said in a prepared statement.

Signs of Asian longhorn beetle infestation include large round holes anywhere on a tree, including branches, trunk and exposed roots; oval or rounded, darkened wounds in the bark; large piles of coarse sawdust around the base of trees or where branches meet the main stem.

For more information, call the state Department of Agriculture at 609-292-5440.

Plea may be in works for dead father case

By David Learn
Managing Editor

Attorneys may be working toward a plea bargain in a case where a local couple has been charged with sending their 13-year-old foster daughter to take care of her grandfather weeks after he died.

Donna and Kenneth Keaveney of Willow Way were indicted Aug. 18 with child abuse and elder neglect in the death of her father, Nicola Lombardi, 82, last year.

The case is awaiting assignment to a trial judge. Prosecutors and defense attorneys regularly discuss plea arrangements during this period, Robert O'Leary of the Union County Prosecutor's Office said.

Authorities contend the Keaveney's had to have known from the stench that Lombardi had died and was badly decomposed before they called police to report his death on Aug. 28, 2003. In the meantime, they continued to send their foster daughter to take him

his meals and made her Lombardi's primary caretaker.

An autopsy performed last August by the Union County medical examiner on Friday found no evidence of foul play in Lombardi's death.

But because of the mental anguish already suffered by the Keaveney's children — including an adopted child and a second foster child — the prosecutor handling the case may be willing to negotiate a plea bargain.

"There's young children who were

not only witnesses but victims, so that's a consideration for the prosecutor's office," he said.

Thomas Plaia, the attorney representing Donna Keaveney, could not be reached for comment.

In the past, he has contended that the Keaveney's were unaware of Lombardi's death and reported it immediately after discovering it.

"Plaia's a pretty reasonable guy, so I'm sure he's hoping to avoid jail for his clients," said O'Leary.

Lawn ornaments go missing around town

By David Learn
Managing Editor

If lawn ornaments are your thing, here's something interesting: A number of them have gone missing in the past week or two.

In a seven-day period beginning Aug. 17 and ending Aug. 23, Clark police reported three separate thefts of lawn items from Clark residents.

None of the three ornaments reported stolen during that week were in any sort of geographical proximity. Each was worth less than \$200, police said.

The first was a decorative sphere

reported stolen from the back yard of 41 Union County Parkway, at 12:45 p.m. Aug. 17.

The other two lawn ornaments stolen were decorative statues, including a concrete lion taken from a post at the end of a driveway, and an ornamental German shepherd.

They were reported stolen from 47 Byron Place, at 8:22 p.m. Sunday; and from 22 Prescott Turn, at 7:30 a.m. Monday.

"That sounds like kids souvenir hunting, that sort of thing," said police Capt. Denis Connell.

Lawn ornaments, which can range

from the truly tacky pink flamingoes to more tasteful displays of wildlife sculpture or political statements, are a popular target of petty mischief.

Garden gnomes in particular have a history of being an attractive target for mischief-makers. In the late 1990s, Paris and other parts of France witnessed a series of gnome abductions orchestrated by a band of practical jokers calling themselves the Garden Gnome Liberation Front.

News stories distributed by British news service Reuters reported the front as stealing 20 garden gnomes from an exhibition outside Paris in

early 2000 and also as orchestrating the mass "suicide" of about a dozen other garden gnomes, which were left hanging from under a bridge.

Whether the vanishing ornaments in Clark are the responsibility of a similarly minded group of pranksters — the Garden Gnome Liberation Front often left calling cards such as demands that garden gnomes be returned to their natural habitat — is anyone's guess, although Connell considers it unlikely.

"I'll probably write that off to kids fooling around, because they're all in different areas," said Connell.

Mother Seton starts year with picnic

New courses take parochial school students through finances, technology

By David Learn
Managing Editor

Incoming freshmen won't get a proper taste of Arthur L. Johnson High School for two more weeks, but their parochial school counterparts are going to get more than a taste, and sooner.

Girls in the freshman class of Mother Seton Regional High School will sink their teeth into ninth grade with a picnic hosted by the sophomore class and under the direction of the freshman class adviser, Maureen Connell. Connell also is director of institutional advancement at Mother Seton.

"Mother Seton Regional High School is flourishing with increased enrollment and continued academic excellence," Assistant Principal Joan Barron said in a news release about the new school year at Mother Seton.

The school, a four-year girls' Catholic regional high school operated by the Archdiocese of Newark, will offer students in 10th through 12th grades a course in personal finances for 2004-05.

The course, designed to help students develop personal financial man-

agement skills, will integrate textbook-based lessons with the Internet as it introduces students to banking, investments and finance.

Students also will be exposed to practical aspects of banking, such as

'Mother Seton Regional High School is flourishing with increased enrollment and continued academic excellence.'

— Joan Barron

how to open and manage a checking account, how to plan a budget, and understanding ATM cash cards and lines of credit.

The course also will cover topics ranging from subjects as immediate as taxes to more remote ones like the stock market as a means of investing for the future.

The science department at Mother Seton is offering a new course called "Integrated Science and Technology."

In this course, instructors will integrate technology into subjects like astronomy, environmental sciences, and earth sciences. The course will include laboratory activities and research projects, with discussion groups to focus on relevant news topics and developments.

The English department is sponsoring a workshop experience to the The Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival, which will be held at Duke Farms in Hillsborough from Sept. 30 to Oct. 3. The festival features live readings, conversations and performances featuring an international selection of poets and other artists, including storytellers and musicians.

The junior class at Mother Seton plans to attend a performance of "Of Mice and Men" at The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey in Madison.

The social studies department also plans to take students on a field trip to the Rankokus Indian Reservation in the Rancocas Valley as part of the curriculum of the "Exploring America's Diversity" class.

Lastly, students enrolled in Mother Seton's U.S. history classes can expect to visit the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia to coincide with their study of the U.S. Constitution.

Are you ready for some football?

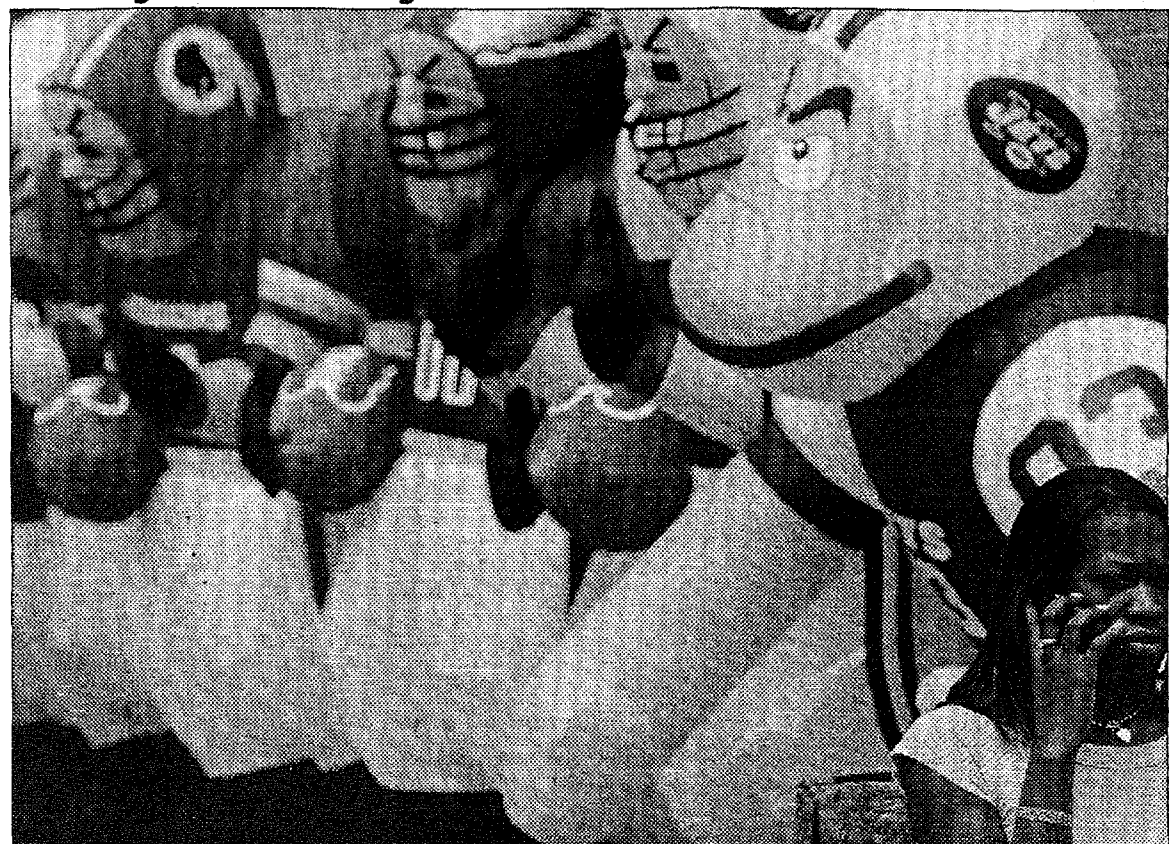


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A pedestrian walks past a frightful starting lineup outside ACE Hardware on Westfield Avenue, without even blinking. It must be the cell phone.

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Maebelle Drive home vandalized

A Maebelle Drive resident reported that someone had damaged a window in the house at 7:16 p.m. Aug. 16.

No other information was available.

• Another motor vehicle was damaged on Tudor Drive, according to a report filed at 1:29 p.m. Sunday.

• Ada Mills, 42, of 966 Ross St.,

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was arrested on Beechwood Avenue at 3:11 p.m. Friday.

Mills, who was wanted on \$1,304 worth of outstanding warrants, was turned over to the Woodbridge Police Department.

• Someone vandalized a motor vehicle parked along Terminal Avenue at 2:06 p.m. Aug. 18.

• Guethsen St. Pierre, 28, of 610 Salem Ave., Elizabeth, was arrested on \$557 worth of outstanding warrants from Clark and Roselle.

St. Pierre was released after posting bail.

OBITUARIES

Michael Falocco Jr.

Michael Falocco Jr., 61, of Dunellen, formerly of Clark, died Aug. 14 in Somerset Medical Center, Somerville.

Born in Westfield, Mr. Falocco lived in Clark for 35 years before moving to Dunellen 12 years ago.

He was an assembly line worker at General Motors Inc., Linden, for 30 years and retired in 2003.

Mr. Falocco served in the Navy during peacetime from 1960 to 1966 as an aviation boatswain's mate.

Surviving are two daughters, Donna Schurmann and Lisa; a brother, Leonard; a sister, Carol Ann Maggs, and four grandchildren.

Clifford Heller

Clifford H. Heller, 79, of Chatham Township, formerly of Union, Clark and Springfield, died Aug. 18 in Mor-

ristown Memorial Hospital.

Born in Newark, Mr. Heller lived in Union, Clark and Springfield before moving to Chatham in 1955.

He was a precision tool and die maker with the family-owned H. Heller Machine and Tool Co., Union, for more than 30 years before retiring. Mr. Heller also was involved in machine sales and design.

He was a World War II Army veteran and served as a sharpshooter in the European theater, for which he received a Purple Heart and a Belgian Legion of Honor Ribbon.

Mr. Heller was a life member and past president of the New Jersey Tool and Association.

He was a member of the Union Rotary Club, the Chatham Jaycees and the Chatham Veterans of Foreign Wars, now part of the Morris Plains Chapter.

Mr. Heller served as a vestryman

at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chatham, for many years.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, May; two sons, Jeffrey Clifford and Mark Ralph, and two grandchildren.

Evelyn Hemhauser

Evelyn Pariza Hemhauser, 86, of Oldsmar, Fla., formerly of Clark, died Aug. 12 in Oldsmar.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Hemhauser lived in Clark for many years before moving to Oldsmar seven years ago.

She was employed with Celanese Corp., New York City, for many years before retiring as an executive secretary.

Surviving are her husband, Louis; two sons, George and Kenneth; two stepsons, Eric and Roger; a stepdaughter, Susan Smith; two sisters, Bobby Allan and Ellen Coslow, and five grandchildren.

NEWS CLIPS

Songwriter's efforts put on audiocassette

Dale Nelson of Post Road has had a song recorded on the cassette album "Color me Country."

Nelson has had another song, titled "Tuesday in September," that also was recorded by HillTop Records on its compact disc, "America."

HillTop Records Inc. is a Los Angeles-based company that makes professional recordings of music created by amateur songwriters. For \$480, Nelson was able to get his song "Tuesday in September" published on the CD. He has been told he will receive royalties on sales of the album as well.

Clark-based foundation offers language courses

The Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, has begun registration for language classes starting Sept. 15.

Classes in beginner's and advanced Polish, and in beginner's English are offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays.

An Advanced English class will meet Wednesday evenings for students learning English as their second language. Classes will meet for 12 weeks. Early registration is suggested.

For more information, call the foundation at 732-382-7197.

Send information for ALJ reunion

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

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

Branch pickup offered through September

The Department of Public Works

will collect residents' branches through September.

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

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

Township conducting regular grass pick-up

The Department of Public Works will have regular grass pickup through Oct. 27.

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

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

Noah's Ark pet shelter seeks new volunteers

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

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

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

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

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

For more information, call 732-815-1633.

Bulky material pickup offered by appointment

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

Appliances that will be collected include refrigerators, cast iron radiators, hot water heaters, air conditioners, dryers, dishwashers, washing machines, stoves and other metal items.

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

Y-Squares members share dance bug

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

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

Take used motor oil to DPW to recycle it

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

The DPW facility will be closed holidays and on Saturdays before Monday holidays.

The DPW is located behind the Police Department, 315 Westfield Ave.

Play bingo Saturdays, Tuesdays at foundation

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

For more information, call 732-382-7197.

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.

Saturday

• The John J. Ruddy Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7363, 6 Broadway, will sponsor a blood drive at 3 p.m. There will be a complimentary cholesterol screening for all blood donors.

All donors must present signed or picture identification and know their Social Security number. Donors should eat a meal before donating blood.

For more information, call The Blood Center of New Jersey, 1-800-NJ-BLOOD, ext. 140.

Monday

• The Department of Public Works will collect newspaper, magazines, junk mail, catalogs, notebooks, office paper and 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.

Upcoming Sept. 6

• Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road, will have a story-time at 10 a.m. for children younger than 6.

Sept. 7

• Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road, will have a story-time at 7 p.m. for children 3 and older.

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

Sept. 8

• The Cloak & Dagger Reading Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road.

Discussion will center on mystery novel "Black Valley," by Jim Brown.

• 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.

Sept. 13

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

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• Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road, will have a story-time at 10 a.m. for children younger than 6.

• The African-American Book Group will meet at 7 p.m. in the cafe of Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road.

Discussion will center on "On the Down Low: A journey into the lives of 'straight' black men who sleep with men," by J.L. King.

• There will be a writer's workshop at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road.

The forum is open to writers of all genres, including poetry. Bring original writing to be discussed and critiqued by published and unpublished writers.

Sept. 14

• Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road, will have a story-time at 7 p.m. for children 3 and older.

• Christopher Guerriero, author of "Maximize your Metabolism" will speak at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road, at 7:30 p.m.

Guerriero will discuss how people can double their metabolism in 30 or fewer days.

Sept. 15

• The Board of Trustees of Clark Public Library will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 16 of the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 450 Westfield Ave.

For more information, contact library Director Maureen Baker Wilkison at 732-340-1551, ext. 221.

Sept. 18

Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road, will have a storytime at 11 a.m., with an appearance by the wild thing from Maurice Sendak's Caldecott Award-winning book, "Where the Wild Things Are."

Sept. 20

• Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road, will have a story-time at 10 a.m. for children younger than 6.

• The Clutter Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road.

Jamie Novak, an author and professional organizer, will lead club members in step-by-step ways to downsize, organize and reclaim their lives.

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

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Wood-staining project catches fire in Clark basement

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Briarheath Lane residence at 1:13 a.m. Aug. 16 for a 9-1-1 report of a house fire.

The residents were alerted by activation of smoke detectors in the residence, evacuated the residence and called 9-1-1.

On Fire Department arrival, a heavy smoke condition was encountered in the basement.

Fire crews found a bag of debris from a wood-staining project burning in the basement, which was promptly extinguished.

Thermal-imaging cameras were used to check the structure for any evidence of extension of the fire. The residence was ventilated of smoke, with very little smoke or heat damage in the basement.

The Fire Department responded to a Raritan Road church at 11:41 a.m. Monday for a report of an activated fire alarm in the building.

Investigation determined there was no apparent cause for the activation and the fire alarm system was reset.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Featherbed Lane social club at 11:16 a.m. Sunday for an automatic fire alarm activation.

Investigation determined that smoke detectors were activated by some burnt dinner rolls. The building was ventilated by opening the win-

FIRE BLOTTER

dows and the fire alarm system was reset.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Central Avenue business at 2:38 p.m. Saturday for an automatic fire alarm activation.

Investigation determined that the alarm system was most likely activated by a power surge during a thunderstorm. The fire alarm system was reset.

The Fire Department was dispatched to Doris Way at 2:30 p.m. Saturday for a report of a downed primary electrical wire.

An engine company stood by until Public Service Electric and Gas Co. could respond to make the necessary repairs.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Madison Hill Road residence at 6:11 p.m. Aug. 19 for an automatic fire alarm activation.

Investigation determined that a smoke detector was activated possibly by water leaking through the ceiling from an air conditioning unit in the attic.

The Fire Department responded to a Yorktown Drive residence at 7:34 a.m. Aug. 19 for a 9-1-1 report of an activated carbon monoxide detector.

Investigation did not identify any carbon monoxide levels in the resi-

dence and Elizabethtown Gas Co. Co. was asked to respond to the scene to determine whether any repairs were necessary.

The Fire Department responded to Parkway Drive and Highland Place at 11:48 p.m. Aug. 18 for a 9-1-1 report of an odor of natural gas in the area.

Investigation determined that there was a slight odor in the area and Elizabethtown Gas Co. Co. was requested to respond to the scene to determine whether any repairs were necessary.

The Fire Department was dispatched to the rear yard of a Thomas Drive residence at 1:13 p.m. Aug. 15 for a 9-1-1 report of a brush fire. On arrival, a small campfire was extinguished.

The Fire Department was dispatched for a 9-1-1 report of electric wires sparking on a Parkway Drive residence, at 11:29 p.m. Aug. 14.

Investigation determined that a residential electric service had severed from the utility pole.

An engine company remained on scene until crews from Public Service Electric and Gas Co. responded to make the necessary repairs.

The Fire Department responded to a Lincoln Boulevard residence at 8:40 p.m. Aug. 13 for a 9-1-1 report of an activated carbon monoxide detector.

Investigation did not identify any carbon monoxide levels in the residence and Elizabethtown Gas Co. was requested to respond to the scene to determine whether any repairs were necessary.

The Fire Department was dispatched to the Westfield Avenue A&P for a 9-1-1 report of smoke coming from a gasoline tanker delivery truck, at 7:48 p.m. Aug. 13.

Investigation determined that the smoke coming from the engine compartment of the cab was caused by a leaky oil line on the tractor.

The driver was arranging for a repair man to respond to the scene.

The Fire Department was dispatched for a 9-1-1 report of electrical transformer on fire on Walnut Avenue, at 8:50 a.m. Aug. 12.

On arrival, no problems were found and Public Service Electric and Gas Co. was requested to determine whether any repairs were necessary.

The Fire Department responded to a Lexington Boulevard residence at 5:10 p.m. Aug. 11 for a 9-1-1 report of an activated carbon monoxide detector.

Investigation did not identify any carbon monoxide levels in the residence and Elizabethtown Gas Co. Co. was requested to respond to the scene to determine whether any repairs were necessary.

The Fire Department was dis-

patched to a Terminal Avenue manufacturing facility at 6:39 a.m. Aug. 11 for an automatic fire alarm activation.

Investigation determined that a water flow detector in the fire sprinkler system was activated by repairs being made to the sprinkler system. The fire alarm system was reset.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Kent Place residence at 4:27 p.m. Aug. 10 for an automatic fire alarm activation.

Investigation determined that there was no apparent cause for the activation and the fire alarm system was reset.

The Fire Department responded to the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 450 Westfield Ave., for an automatic fire alarm activation, at 12:42 p.m. Aug. 10.

Investigation determined that the activation was caused by electricians making repairs to the fire alarm system.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Gibson Boulevard residence at 3:35 p.m. Aug. 8 for a 9-1-1 report of an odor of natural gas.

Investigation determined that the odor was caused by an extinguished stove pilot light.

The apartment was ventilated, the pilot light was re-lighted and Elizabethtown Gas Co. responded to determine whether any repairs were required.

The Fire Department responded to Valley Road School at 1:45 p.m. Aug. 6 for an automatic fire alarm activation.

Investigation determined that smoke detectors were apparently activated by smoke coming from repair activities on the school roof.

The fire alarm system was left in test-mode until the repairs were completed later in the day.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Central Avenue business at 3:27 p.m. Aug. 5 for an automatic fire alarm activation.

Investigation determined that a fire sprinkler system head located near a basement door had been broken off, causing a water flow and activating the water flow detector in the sprinkler system.

The water supply to the system was shut off until repairs could be made to the system and the fire alarm system reset.

The Fire Department responded to a Willow Way residence at 12:24 a.m. Aug. 4 for an automatic fire alarm system activation.

Investigation determined that the fire alarm was activated for no apparent cause.

Attempts to reset the system failed and the homeowner was advised to have the fire alarm system company respond to make the necessary repairs.

EVENTS

End of August sees Hawaiian Night picnic

The Deutscher Club of Clark Inc., 787 Featherbed Lane, will have a Hawaiian Night picnic in its grove starting at 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

Music will be provided by Norbert Ludwig Orchestra. Traditional German and American food and beverages will be available.

Children younger than 12 will be admitted free. Parking also is free. Admission costs \$5.

Meet Rabbi Klayman at temple picnic Sunday

Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah, 111 Valley Road, will throw a picnic for current and prospective members from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The menu will include food and

food for thought, when participants are given the opportunity to meet Rabbi Michael Klayman and his family. Klayman became spiritual leader of the temple Aug. 1.

Klayman grew up in Hillside and recalls Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah from his involvement as a teen in United Synagogue Youth, the Conservative movement's program for teens.

Participation in the program is free to prospective members of the temple. Members pay \$18 per family.

Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah is a Conservative egalitarian synagogue, in which Jewish traditions are practiced in innovative and exciting ways. For more information on the synagogue and on the picnic, call 732-381-8403.

Donate blood at VFW

"Donate Blood — It's About Life"

will be sponsored by the John J. Ruddy Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7363, 6 Broadway, at 3 p.m. Saturday.

There will be a complimentary cholesterol screening for all blood donors.

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For more information, call The Blood Center of New Jersey, 1-800-NJ-BLOOD, ext. 140.

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SENIOR NEWS

AARP chapter seeks potential members

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

The following trips have been scheduled:

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

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

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

• Dec. 7 — Three Little Bakers "2004 Christmas" \$72.

• June 14-18 — Cape Cod, Mass. \$369 Double, Triple, Quad occupancy; \$453 Single occupancy.

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

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

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

Senior bus service

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

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

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

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

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

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

• Fridays: morning, A&P, Kmart and Wal-Mart; afternoon, Aviation Plaza, Linden; last Friday of month: A&P and Route 1 East Brunswick flea market, weather permitting.

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OBITUARIES

Richard Chandler

Richard M. Chandler, 76, of Cranford died on Aug. 12.

Born in Rockland, Maine, Mr. Chandler moved to Cranford in 1966.

He was the vice president of sales and marketing at Moody's Investors Services, New York City, where he worked for more than 30 years before retiring in 1986.

Mr. Chandler received an associate's degree from University of Maine.

He was a colonel in the Marine Corps during peacetime.

Mr. Chandler was a treasurer and past master of Masonic Loyalty Lodge 33 of Union, grand chaplain of the 13th Masonic District, treasurer of High Twelve, member of the Scottish Rite and adviser to the deMolay and a board member of the Masonic Learning Center for dyslexic children in Scotch Plains. He was a member of the Cranford Dramatic Club and a board member of the Swim Pool Advisory Committee. Mr. Chandler also belonged to the Roselle Golf Club and was a past treasurer of the Cranford United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Suzanne; two sons, Marcus and Dana; two daughters, Gayle C. Robinson and Cynthia Jenkins; a sister, Eleanor Hall, and nine grandchildren.

Thomas Maloy

Thomas F. Maloy, 89, of Hackettstown, formerly of Cranford, died Aug. 18 in Hackettstown Community Hospital.

Born in Rensselaer, N.Y., Mr. Maloy lived in Cranford before moving to Hackettstown three years ago. He was a customer representative with E.I. DuPont, New York City, before retiring. Mr. Maloy served in the Navy during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Katherine; three sons, Dennis, Thomas and Brian; a daughter, Catherine Moreno; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth Kirwan

Elizabeth (Betty) A. Kirwan, 77, of Garwood, formerly of Cranford, died Aug. 18 at her daughter's residence in Cranford.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Kirwan lived many years in Cranford before moving to Garwood 11 years ago.

She was a secretary for United County Trust Co., Cranford, for 25 years and retired in 1992.

Mrs. Kirwan was a member and former deacon of The First Presbyterian Church, Cranford.

She was a past president of the Garden Club, a member of the Republican Club of Cranford and was active with the election board.

Surviving are three daughters, Patricia A. Kirwan, Lynne L. Fitzpatrick and Barbara E. Posyton; a sister, Anne Buckley; a brother, Gordon Danieli, and seven grandchildren.

Donald G. French

Donald G. French, 73, of Naples, Fla., formerly of Elizabeth and Cranford, died Aug. 16 in St. Joseph Hospital, Atlanta, Ga.

Born in Elizabeth, he lived there and in Cranford for many years before moving to Naples several years ago.

Mr. French was a veteran of the Korean

Conflict and served in the United States Army.

He worked as a shift supervisor for AT&T in Holmdel for many years and retired several years ago.

Surviving are three sons, Gary, Timothy and Kenneth, and seven grandchildren.

Luis Hoolko

Luis "Sonny" Hoolko, 85, of Cranford died Aug. 15 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Hoolko lived in Cranford for 52 years.

He was a self-employed carpenter and builder in Cranford for many years before retiring in 1984.

Mr. Hoolko served in the Army during World War II as medic with the 44th Infantry division, attaining the rank of staff sergeant. He was a 25-year member and sergeant with the Union Township Auxiliary Police.

Mr. Hoolko also was a member of the Thursday Senior Citizens Club, Cranford.

Surviving are his wife, Madeline; two sons, Robert and Richard; a daughter, Kathleen Schulaka; a brother, Nicholas; two sis-

ters, Ola Downey and Ann Rooman; seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Eva Watenmaker

Eva Watenmaker, 95, of Cranford died Aug. 14 at home.

Born in New Brunswick, Canada, Mrs. Watenmaker lived in Newark for 60 years before moving to Cranford four years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Rima Borden and Diane Ginsberg; two sisters, Bertha Grummer and Hilda Mac Arthur; a brother, Max Kanner; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Marianna Campanella

Marianna Campanella, 86, of Cranford, formerly of Union and Elizabeth, died Aug. 15 in the Atria Assisted Living, Cranford.

Born in Jersey City, Miss Campanella lived in Union and Elizabeth before moving to Cranford a year ago. She was president of S. Campanella and Sons, a flour milling and distribution company, Jersey City, for 40 years and retired 10 years ago.

NEWS CLIPS

Annual cleanup near, register now to join in

The Cranford Clean Communities Committee is inviting volunteers to register by Oct. 8 for the 13th annual Townwide Litter Pickup Day.

The program, funded by a Clean Communities grant from the state Department of Environmental Protection, is designed to encourage volunteer cleanup of public lands and to educate the public about the need to control litter. The event will be from 10 a.m. to noon Oct. 23.

Volunteer groups and interest families will be assigned to various sites around town, such as parks, parking lots and vacant properties, to collect litter and recyclables.

Last year's event netted more than 75 bags and close to a ton of litter, debris and recyclables.

About 175 adults and children participated, including Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops, Cranford Rotary Club, College Women's Club, Floraphile Garden Club, Orange Avenue School Student Council, Sunny Acres Civic and Improvement Association, Cranford River Maintenance Committee and individual families.

The Clean Communities grant has supported other projects relating to litter cleanup, enforcement and education, such as the River Maintenance Committee's river cleanups, the purchase of downtown litter and recy-

cling receptacles, and educational programs in the schools.

For more information or to register, call 908-709-7299.

Conservation center resumes fall schedule

The Cranford Conservation Center on Birchwood Avenue will operate on fall hours Wednesday.

The center will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and from 9:30 a.m. to 3:50 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Nov. 30.

The center will be closed Nov. 25 and 26.

Cranford residents can still purchase their yard waste permits at the center or by mail. Proof of vehicle registration is required. Yard waste permits are required for dropping off branches, grass and yard trimmings.

A permit is not required to drop off newspapers; corrugated cardboard; mixed paper; books; glass bottles; plastic bottles, from type one to three; and aluminum or steel cans.

For more information, call 908-709-7299.

Permits now being sold for annual bulk cleanup

Cranford residents who want to participate in the township's cleanup program for bulky household waste

will be able to preregister and purchase a permit beginning Sept. 7. Blue brochures already have been mailed.

A \$95 permit is required for residents to dispose of up to 750 pounds of bulky waste at the curbside. More than one permit can be purchased.

Permits will be sold only at the Cranford Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Ave., in the Recycling Office, Room 5, lower level, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and two evenings, according to the schedule.

A \$15 late fee will be levied for permits bought after this schedule.

Permits will be available Sept. 7 to 10, Sept. 13 to 17, and from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Sept. 14 and 28.

Residents of District 1 will have their final chance to buy permits from Sept. 27 to 29.

Residents of districts 2 through 4

will be allowed to buy permits from Oct. 4 to Oct. 6.

Residents of districts 3 and 4 will be able to buy permits from Oct. 12 to 13.

Residents of District 4 will be able to buy permits from Oct. 18 to 20.

Cash or checks will be accepted for payment.

Permits will not be sold once a district's cleanup week has begun, and no refunds will be given. All pickups will be made by district according to a schedule beginning Oct. 4.

District 1 is the southeast quadrant of the township. Pickup begins Oct. 4.

District 2 is the southwest quadrant of the township. Pickup begins Oct. 11.

District 3 is the northwest quadrant of the township. Pickup begins Oct. 18.

District 4 is the northeast quadrant

PUBLIC NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

The Board of Adjustment (Zoning), Township of Cranford, County of Union, New Jersey will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, September 20, 2004 at 7:45 p.m. in Room 107 of the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey to hear the following cases:

1. Application #218-04: Jonathan and Carrie Jaffe, Applicants, 35 Tulip Street, Block 162, Lot 54, Zone R-1. To permit construction of an addition with less than the required rear yard setback (136-30.7)
2. Application #221-04: Charles and Claire Lafferty, Applicants, 7 Behnet Place, Block 542, Lot 13 R-4 Zone. To permit construction of a front porch with less than the required minimum front yard setback (136-30.6).
3. Application #227-04: Anthony Buontempo, Applicant, 630 Lincoln Park East, Block 505, Lot 5, R-2 Zone. To permit construction of an in-ground pool with less than the required side and rear yard setbacks (136-34.8(2)).

All maps and papers relative to said application are on file in the Planning/Zoning Office, Cranford Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey and are available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. Any interested party or person or persons affected by this application will have an opportunity to present any objections to the proposed development. The Board does, however, have the right to exclude repetitious testimony in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Barbara Ginsberg
Secretary

U84617 CCE August 26, 2004 (\$19.50)

NOTICE OF DECISION

NOTICE is hereby given that on July 27, 2004, the Clark Township Planning Board granted preliminary and final subdivision plan approval to Hollander Hill Associates, L.L.C. relating to property

commonly known as 637-639 Raritan Road and designated as Block 28 Lots 3 and 4 on the Clark Township Tax Map.

Hollander Hill Associates, L.L.C.
U84434 CCE August 26, 2004 (\$4.88)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO APPROVE PREQUALIFICATION
REGULATIONS**

The Township of Clark intends to seek qualifications from prospective contractors specializing in preservation and restoration construction work for Structural, Electrical and Lighting Improvement Project at the Dr. William Robinson Plantation, 583 Madison Hill Road, Clark, NJ. The Dr. Robinson Plantation dates to the late 1600s and is one of the oldest structures in New Jersey. Accordingly, the property is listed on the New Jersey State and National Registers of Historic Places. The project includes masonry restoration, heavy timber repairs, replacement of wood sills, exterior woodwork repair and painting and installation of new electrical service and lighting. This project has received funding from the New Jersey Historic Trust.

A draft of the proposed Bidders' Prequalification Package (consisting of the Prequalification Regulations and Statement) is available for review at the Township Clerk's Office during regular business hours, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, NJ 07066, Telephone 732-388-3600. Contact: Kathleen Leonard, Municipal Clerk, Room 28).

Therefore, be notified that the Council of the Township of Clark (Union County) will hold a hearing on the 20 day, September, 2004 at 8:00 am at 315 Westfield Avenue, Clark, NJ 07066 regarding these regulations as part of the regular Council meeting. This hearing will be held in advance of the Township Council's consideration of a Resolution to adopt these regulations at this same meeting.

Kathleen Leonard
Township Clerk
U84658 CCE August 26, 2004 (\$17.63)

of the township. Pickup begins Oct. 25.

Items such as appliances, furniture, carpeting, lawnmowers, toys and tools will be collected.

Unwanted books should be bundled or put into brown paper bags and set out at curbside on recycling days.

Clean used clothing, towels and sheets can be recycled at the Fanwood Recycling Center on North Avenue, Fanwood, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Unacceptable materials include, but are not limited to, regular household garbage, contractor generated construction debris, yard waste, chemicals and hazardous waste, medical waste, auto batteries and concrete.

Residents who participate will be required to display a permit placard in their front window and a sticker on the most prominent item at the curb.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board, Township of Cranford, County of Union, New Jersey will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 107 of the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey to hear the following case:

1. Application #P02-04: Louis and Beth Lambe, Applicants, 19 Franklin Avenue, Block 218, Lot 9, Zone R-3. To permit of a two additions with less than the required minimum front yard setback (porch) (136-30.6) and construction within a flood zone without site plan data (136-42.C).

All maps and papers relative to said application are on file in the Planning/Zoning Office, Cranford Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey and are available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. Any interested party or person or persons affected by this application will have an opportunity to present any objections to the proposed development. The Board does, however, have the right to exclude repetitious testimony in accordance with the rules of the Planning Board of Adjustment.

Edward M. Schmidt
Secretary
U84615 CCE August 26, 2004 (\$15.00)

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
PLANNING BOARD**

TAKE NOTICE that on the 18th day of August, 2004, the Planning Board of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union took the following actions:

1. Application #P06SD-04: Adopted resolution memorializing the grant of approval to permit a minor subdivision of two adjoining lots to W. Prussak Electric Contractor, Inc., Applicants on Lincoln Avenue East, Block 531, Lot 1 as designated on the Township Tax Map, also known as 984 Lincoln Avenue East, in the R-5 Zone.
2. Application #P01-04. Adopted a reso-

PUBLIC NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

The Board of Adjustment (Zoning), Township of Cranford, County of Union, New Jersey will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday October 18, 2004 at 7:45 p.m. in Room 107 of the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey and to hear the following case:

1. Application #228-04: A T & T Wireless, Applicants, 11 Commerce Drive, Block 639, Lot 3, Zone RO-1. To permit construction of a telecommunications antennae which will extend more than the maximum allowable above the highest point of the structure (136-333.K(8)(b)(1)).

All maps and papers relative to said application are on file in the Planning/Zoning Office, Cranford Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey and are available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. Any interested party or person or persons affected by this application will have an opportunity to present any objections to the proposed development. The Board does, however, have the right to exclude repetitious testimony in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Barbara Ginsberg
Secretary
U84616 CCE August 26, 2004 (\$15.00)

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A solid foundation

Clark children have received a great new ally in their educational journey with the arrival of the Clark Education Foundation. Organized by a group of Clark parents, the foundation intends to raise money for Clark schools as a supplement to the revenue the Board of Education raises through taxes.

Through an application process, the foundation will consider requests by Clark teachers to provide technology and other programming intended to supplement the academic curriculum. Instead of having to rely on funding from a board of education that is reeling from the impact of deregionalization and from ever-tightening restrictions on spending, teachers will be able to get funding directly from the community and make children's schooling that much more memorable and meaningful.

As the foundation finalizes its bylaws, we'd encourage it also to bestow one grant a year simply to recognize particularly dedicated and gifted teachers. Teachers trusted with broad discretion to spend the money often can do amazing things to improve the academic performance of their students, not through a program or other initiative, but by improving the ambiance of the classroom itself.

Education foundations are an important part of any district, with a growing and proud history. They recognize the importance the community at large has in furthering education and providing the resources to make schools work.

Face the music

The arrest of William Weynberg almost three weeks ago is a reminder to all motorists not to let little things get out of hand.

Police picked up Weynberg, a 22-year-old Toms River resident, on Aug. 8 after discovering he had \$5,355 worth of traffic tickets that he allegedly had never settled. That's a lot of money, and that's a lot of tickets.

No one likes to pay fines, especially as municipalities and the state make them more and more outrageously expensive in a bid to boost revenue without raising taxes, but fines are a fact of life to anyone who breaks the law, and failing to pay the fine is simply compounding the problem. Sooner or later, our sins always find us.

If you have an outstanding traffic or parking ticket, whether in Clark or another municipality, in New Jersey or another state, do yourself a favor and pay it. The alternative is to let it go, and find yourself one day with the added humiliation of being arrested the next time you're pulled to the side of the road.

Harness the momentum

Momentum for creating more statewide elected offices such as lieutenant governor and attorney general has been gaining ever since New Jersey's latest state government scandal. Once the three-ring circus settles, if it ever does, legislators must use this momentum to address the lunacy of having an acting governor. It's just another oddity that makes New Jersey look foolish. Any reasonable person can understand, and see, the potential problems that can arise. It was only several years ago when the state had four governors within the span of a week or so, each giddy about the idea of serving a few days as chief executive.

As it is, New Jersey's governor is among the most powerful in the nation. To allow the state Senate president to also serve as acting governor gives far too much power to one person. Most glaring is the obvious conflict in the head of the legislative branch of state government also leading the executive branch. The importance of separation of powers in government cannot be overstated.

Politics always will breed the vulture mentality and Gov. James McGreevey's resignation has been a glaring example, with politicians stumbling over each other to gain an advantage or more power.

Perhaps what's more frightening is the idea of a political coup of state government. Theoretically, the state Senate could elect a new president at any time. If that should occur, a new Senate president would become the acting governor as well. Richard Codey, the current Senate president who would be acting governor should Gov. James McGreevey resign as scheduled on Nov. 15, already has weathered an attempt to oust him as president. But what's to stop the party bosses who tried before to enlist more support and give it another shot?

The idea of a lieutenant governor, whether he or she runs with the governor or separately, might go a long way to avoiding the issues that have dogged state government the past two weeks.

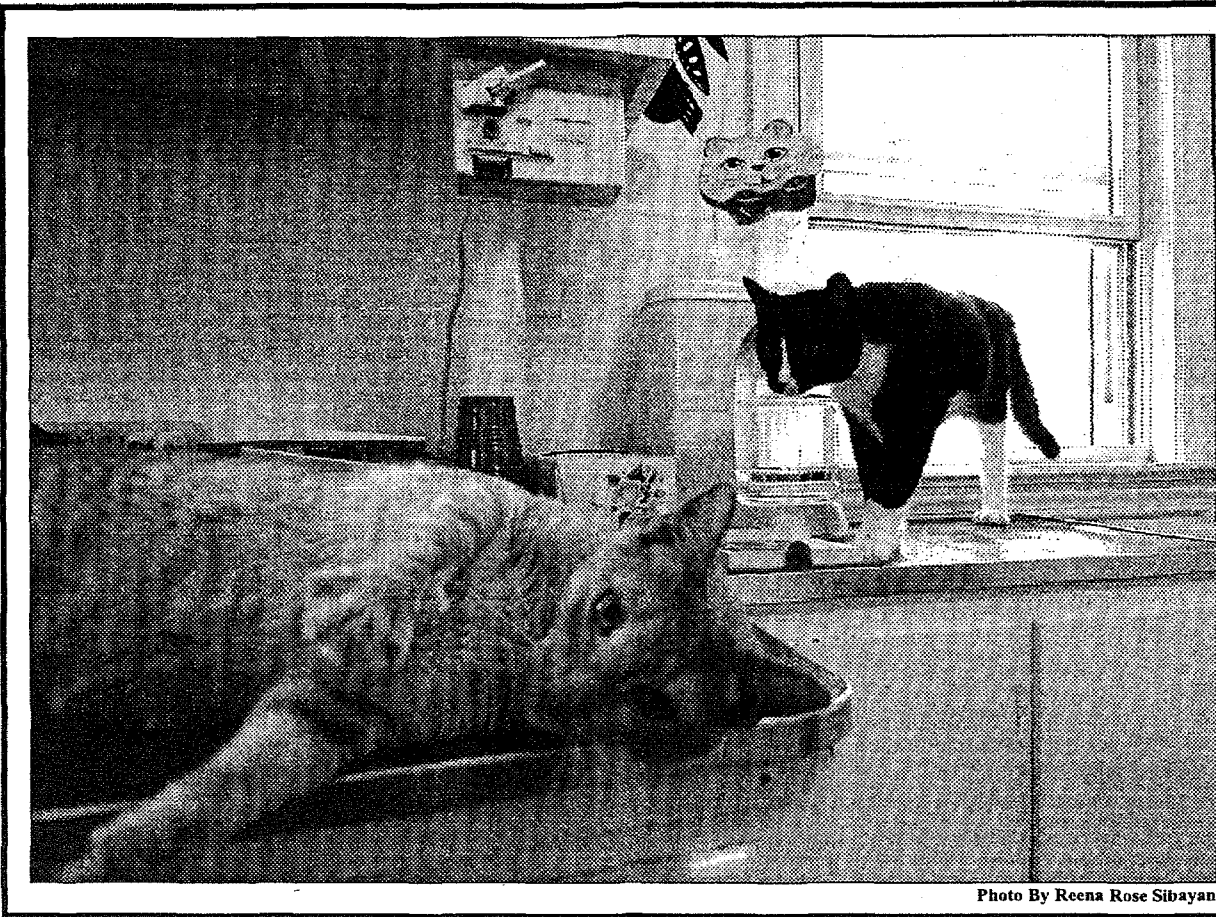


Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

LOOKING FOR LOVE — Cats like these two are waiting for homes to adopt them, as they stay in a "foster home" with Noah's Ark Animal Rescue and Placement. To adopt a cat, or to foster one, contact Noah's Ark at 732-815-1633.

True confessions of an armchair thrill-seeker

I subscribe to "Outside," a magazine that celebrates the lives of those who live life to its fullest: mountain climbers, surfers, explorers, white-water rafters, backpackers, triathletes; people who live for the opportunity to test the limits of their physical and psychological endurance, people who thrive on being dropped into completely foreign environments, people who have come face to face with death and lived to tell the tale.

In other words, people like me.

Forget it; I can't even write that with a straight face. I haven't had an outdoor adventure since the day I took the family to Hershey Park and forgot where I parked the car.

I used to be an outdoors guy, used to love backpacking in the middle of nowhere and then, one day, I literally, completely lost interest while in the middle of a trip.

My brother and I were in California scrambling up the exposed face of some mountain in the Sierras with 40-pound packs strapped to our backs.

It was a typical, exhilarating high-altitude backpacking environment: gale-force winds so strong and relentless you could die and not fall down, a temperature of 26 degrees and an eclectic mix of snow, sleet and freezing rain.

As we sat huddled against a rock to wait out the weather like we'd done a dozen times before, I turned to my brother and shouted to be heard above the sound of my own chattering teeth

Now What?

By John Hartnett

and the howling wind. "I no longer find this enjoyable," I said, although I didn't use those exact words.

And that was it; my brain shut off the chemicals triggering the desire to wear goose-down vests and suspend food between trees to avoid meeting bears and released the ones triggering the desire to subscribe to magazines about people who wear goose-down vests and suspend food between trees to avoid meeting bears.

That day, my brother graciously agreed to hike back down to where it was 75 degrees and sunny and we made camp at a little log cabin-themed motel offering free HBO, which was conveniently located next to a pristine watering hole offering plenty of game, fresh water and a pool table.

Yes, I had come down from the mountain a wiser man. It was there in the smoky haze of Hector's Hideaway that I realized there are character-building challenges associated with any recreational activity and one need not stagger and crawl 12,000 feet up the side of a rock during a blizzard to test one's fortitude. You can do the same thing playing a game of straight pool for money against a mood-swing-

ing 280-pound motorcycle mechanic named Shugs who brings his own cue stick, enjoys showing strangers his wanted posters and makes strangling gestures with his hands while you're lining up a shot.

These days, the occasion to play pool with psychologically fragile fugitives from the law in backwater dives doesn't present itself as often as you'd expect, so I continue to seek out other challenges closer to home.

On weekends, just attempting to get out of bed quietly without waking the children in order to read the paper in peace is a major challenge that offers a great sense of achievement whenever I can make it to the Metro section before being besieged with relentless, repeated requests from my 3-year-old daughter to make her breakfast.

Another challenge is of course the selection of the fastest checkout line in the supermarket, a feat that requires a vast array of skills and experience combining the assessment of shopper behavior — cash vs. check, self bagging vs. the delegation of bagging, possession of a store discount card vs. the often-fictionalized "my spouse has the store discount card" — the knowledge of products — quickly identifying those items most likely to require a price check — the assessment of the mental acuity and physical dexterity of the cashier and the raw physical stamina and speed required to beat

another shopper who covets the same position in line.

I also enjoy the red-light green-light challenge, in which the car in front of you moves so slowly you are tempted to leap out of your car and run past the offending vehicle just so you can shake your fist at the driver.

The challenge comes when the car, moving at a snail's pace, approaches a traffic light. As the light turns amber, the driver suddenly becomes possessed by the spirit of Mario Andretti and soars through the intersection as if shot from a cannon.

It is here, like many of those celebrated in "Outside" magazine, where you have the opportunity to test both your physical and psychological endurance. Physical, by riding the rear bumper of the car in front of you and sailing through the light right behind them as if one long vehicle; psychologically, by letting the source of your frustration go and waiting patiently for the next green light.

Yes, these are the humble challenges in my life now. No more rock climbing, white-water rafting, introducing square dancing to headhunters in New Guinea.

And yet, the hope remains that one day there might be a magazine about guys like me.

They could call it "Inside."

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Wishing my way to the perfect backyard garden

I take great pleasure from my garden, but there are times when I look around me and wish I could make radical changes.

This is partly because the time that I have to spend on my beds and borders never quite equals the time required to keep everything in tip-top shape. It is also because my ideas about gardens continue to evolve.

Over the years, I have bought many plants just because an individual specimen's color or shape or growth habit caught my fancy. This inevitably results in a conundrum when I find that my latest acquisition doesn't fit logically into my planting scheme.

My passion for seat-of-your-pants plant buying eventually may lead to a great plant collection, but not necessarily to a cohesive garden.

If I were wealthy, I would simply have my minions tear the whole thing out and start again. Of course, I would instruct them to save a few things — unusual species and favorite roses — that might be hard to replace. The rest would be gone with the wind.

Then I would start again, design the perfect garden or, actually a series of garden rooms, and get started on a new adventure. Of course, even if my minions worked fast and installed all the new plants right away, I would have to wait a few years until they matured and the new garden came into its glory. I would have to find another outlet for my plant acquisition mania.

And, of course, my ideas about gar-

The Gardener's Apprentice

By Elisabeth Ginsburg

dening would keep evolving, necessitating another total plant purge within a few years.

Thank God I'm not wealthy. Without the money or the manpower to make complete remodeling easy, I am forced to think about how to use less draconian means to make my garden better. This means moving things around, editing my plant collection, admitting that certain specimens will just never work in certain spots and taking an unblinking look at the ugly corners.

I have several ugly corners.

The ugliest is my entire lower back yard, which has never quite worked. During the late spring it is colorful, with tall, bearded iris lining a central walkway that culminates in a brick circle.

Standing at one end of the walkway, the sight line leads beyond the circle to the corner of the property where a stone bench is flanked on either side by young rhododendrons and backed by an array of hosta varieties. The scene would be perfect if only it had a strong vertical accent at the rear.

This past spring, all kinds of other problems became painfully obvious. The iris were overdue for dividing, so the flower extravaganza was somewhat lacking. Several self-sown trees from my neighbor's yard lurked just over the fence, casting murky shadows over the bottom of the garden. The glorious City of York climbing rose in the raised bed by the garage was surrounded by other plants in a configuration that lacked cohesion. An improperly-sited forsythia in front of the raised bed obscured the view and required frequent pruning.

My predecessor was responsible for the forsythia, but I let it flourish, as forsythia are prone to do. To add an extra dimension to this confusing picture, an ornamental wishing well, also installed by one of my predecessors, stood right next to the forsythia.

The neighborhood cats find it useful as a perch, but I am not fond of it. Unfortunately, it is too big for me to dismantle, unless I decide to rent a jackhammer and learn how to use it. Since I am not good with power tools, I have no doubt that this would be dangerous for me and might harm innocent bystanders.

Now I have begun the process of making my lower back yard into something better. The tree surgeons have removed the self-sown specimens in my neighbor's yard, bringing more light to the shady end of the raised bed. I removed the forsythia myself, which required a sharp spade and considerable aerobic exercise.

With the forsythia gone, a whole corner has opened up and so has my imagination.

I will plant the liberated space with shade-tolerant shrubs and perennials. A potted yellow waxbells, Kirengeshoma palmata, will be the first thing in the ground, to be followed by some hosta divisions and eventually a small decorative tree.

The wishing well can't be banished, but it can be changed. If I remove its roof and the uprights that support it, I can convert the stone base into an extra large planter.

I already can imagine it in the summer with an elephant ear, Colocasia, in the center, surrounded by an array of colorful coleus with some green and white Swedish ivy, Plectranthus, spilling over the sides. Once my wishing well is converted, the New York Botanical Garden will have nothing on me when it comes to impressive container planting.

Beginning these changes has energized me about the prospects for my entire garden. My old garden rut was shaped like an unwanted forsythia. Now I have found great freedom in the simple act of removing a plant that doesn't work and substituting a planting scheme that does.

I know a woman who jumpstarted changes in her life by buying a new pair of shoes. I did it by getting out the spade.

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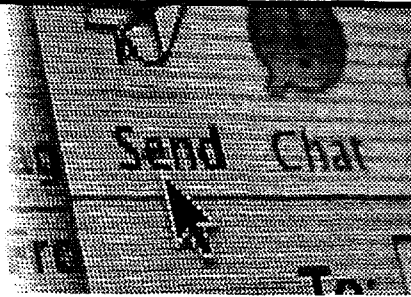
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Oppression of women must be stopped in Mideast

The following words are part of the first commandment of that famous Decalogue more commonly known as the Ten Commandments. They read ... "who has taken you out of the Land of Egypt, out of the House of Bondage."

This part of the first commandment appears more like a statement than an obligation. What exactly is the commandment? Whether you are a believer in a supreme being or an individual who questions this idea is not important — I leave that to your own personal conscience and philosophical bent. But is there a message for everyone in this commandment or not?

The story is that a group of people were lifted from their status as slaves in order to learn how to be responsible and free people. As such, this aspect of the commandment can and does speak to one and all.

The words are meant to liberate people from a temporal god such as a king, a mullah or a dictator and are especially noteworthy in a world where the subjugation of women is unquestionably accepted.

The unremitting degradation of women in most of the Middle East, Africa and Asia is horrifying and galling. Islam plays an unfortunate but huge role in the humiliating treatment of females.

Strict interpretations of Islamic law endorse slavery, demand executions for apostasy and condone the repression of women.

Information is emerging, for instance, that debasement of women plays a critical role among Palestinian women, where little girls live under a death threat — the honor killing.

Point of View

By Eileen F. Toplansky

The male sexual abuse of female children is quite pervasive. It traumatizes and shames women into obedience and renders them incapable of resistance or rebellion. This debasement of women is not merely restricted to the Palestinian community whose lives have been squandered by archterrorist Yassir Arafat.

In Iran, for instance, the Islamic government does not recognize women as fully human. In 1992, more than 100,000 women were arrested in Tehran for "improper veiling" and "moral corruption." Scores of pregnant women were flogged in public on the same charge. Women appearing in public without traditional veiling are sentenced to up to 74 lashes.

This is not a thing of the past. Additional information emerges from the book, titled "Reading Lolita in Tehran," where the author speaks about the endless tales of frustration, humiliation and sorrow of her female college students.

The women endure daily indignities of the militia, who patrol the streets to ensure that women are wearing their veils. The patrols demand that the women students walk in public with men who are either their brothers, husbands or fathers.

Sporting jewelry and/or wearing nail polish are punishable crimes. If a woman uses a bus, the seating is segregated. Female students are penalized for running up the stairs if they are late for a class. The age of marriage has been lowered from 18 years to 9 years of age. Stoning is a punishment for adultery and prostitution.

Women found guilty of any infraction are jailed, flogged, fined and forced to wash toilets. Humiliation of women is a direct result of the fundamentalist power in many of these countries.

Not only confined to Iran, such abuse is common elsewhere as well. In March 2002, a Nigerian woman who had a small baby was convicted of adultery and sentenced to death by stoning. In Pakistan, an average of two women every day die from "honor killings." In the book titled "Princess," by Jean P. Sasson, a father drowned his own daughter because she had met with foreign-born men. In a heart-wrenching passage, the author writes, "I thought of Nadia and imagined her bound in heavy chains, dark hood gathered around her head, hands lifting her from the ground and lowering her into the blue-green waters of her family swimming pool. I closed my eyes and felt her body thrashing, her mouth gasping for air."

This is not an isolated situation. It is emblematic of a world where girls are sold into marriage to men five times their age and brutally murdered for the slightest transgression. In Afghanistan, when the Taliban reigned supreme, music was forbidden and the female voice banned. To walk

in shoes that clicked would elicit the Taliban's wrath. Where does such turpitude, cruelty and vile behavior come from?

Either a strong-willed woman will resist with all her might and possibly die trying. Or those who are broken become physically and mentally impaired shells of a person. And, possibly in a horrifying perversion coupled with the constant brainwashing so common in totalitarian regimes, the women are molded to become partners in their own demise and in the destruction of their own children.

Is this, perhaps, one of the causes of why Palestinian women are pleased to offer up their own children as suicide bombers — have they been so unalterably changed that even the fundamental instinct such as protecting one's young has become brutally extinguished?

Hatred, humiliation, suppression, coercion and discrimination of women make up the fabric of so many societies in the world. The misery and abject conditions of these women are shocking. If Islam becomes more dominated by fundamentalists bent on terror, the world will, indeed, be a bleak place.

Moderate Muslims, like moderate Christians and moderate Jews, need to address this autocratic mind-numbing enslavement of women — only then will the liberating phraseology of the first commandment be enacted and slavery broken down, brick by brick.

Eileen F. Toplansky is a resident of Union County.

AT THE LIBRARY

Library trustees delay, cancel board meetings

The Board of Trustees of Clark Public Library has postponed its August meeting until 7:30 p.m. Sept. 15. The meeting will take place in Room 16 of the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 450 Westfield Ave.

The Sept. 22 board meeting has been cancelled.

For more information contact library Director Maureen Baker Wilkinson at 732-340-1551, ext. 221.

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

Youth Services Librarian Kathy Percoco can be reached at kpercoco@clarklibrary.org

General reference questions can also be sent by e-mail to ref@clarklibrary.org or general information inquiries to info@clarklibrary.org.

Wireless Internet

Rahway Public Library is offering a wireless hot spot.

This hot spot allows computer users to access the World Wide Web with a laptop computer or PDA equipped with a wireless 802.11b or 802.11g network, also known as WiFi or Airport card.

There is no charge for access. The wireless network is firewalled

from the existing library network to maintain security.

Users cannot access e-mail or other online services such as FTP, VPN and telnet, with the wireless network.

Use of a library computer terminal is required to print out Web sites or to access the library's automated card catalogue; these services cannot be conducted over the wireless network.

The library, although it currently maintains limited hours, also has several computers available to the public with Internet access.

Those who wish to use the Internet must show a valid library card.

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.

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

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

County events used to aid campaigns

To the Editor:

I attended a free concert in Echo Lake Park Wednesday night. Running along the top of the stage was a banner which read "Brought to you by the Union County Freeholders. Union County: We're connected to you!"

When I first entered the concert area I noticed a trailer which featured a huge poster-size portrait of the freeholder board. Set up on tables in front of the trailer were countless county brochures.

Before the concert started there were Democratic freeholder candidates handing out campaign literature.

At intermission, the county emcee announced Freeholder John Wohlrab, who happens to be up for re-election this November, "You've got to meet this guy! This guy is handsome! Freeholder John Wohlrab!" Freeholder Wohlrab gave a five-minute speech about what great things the county is doing for me; presumably, he is responsible for them.

Both bands thanked the freeholders repeatedly. I wondered what made them think to do that? After all shouldn't they have been thanking the taxpayers who picked up the tab for this "free" concert?

I left the "free" concert feeling like I had just attended the Union County Democratic Convention. How much did this Democratic convention cost the taxpayers of Union County?

I'm afraid this taxpayer-funded campaigning will get worse. On Aug. 8, the all-Democratic Board of Union County Freeholders voted to adopt a bond ordinance in excess of \$49 million to purchase the Union County Arts Center located in Rahway. With the arts center being owned by the county, the taxpayer-funded Union County Democratic Convention will become a yearlong weekly event.

When citizens are forced to fund political campaigns and propaganda we can no longer assume we live in a democracy. With the purchase of the Arts Center we have officially become the Socialist Republic of Union County.

Kurt Mueller
Cranford

Remember all the atrocities in war

To the Editor:

Fifty-nine years after the Atomic Bomb was dropped on Japan, the New Jersey Hiroshima Day Committee has again invited the victims to visit the United States. They are welcomed into churches and other gathering places where they share and relive their horrendous experiences. No one denies that this happened.

As a World War II veteran, it bothers me that some revisionists do not share all the facts. It is in the history archives that Japan used death and destruction on Pearl Harbor and this triggered World War II. It is also true that the United States used death and destruction by using the atomic bomb to end the horrendous war.

If you change the title of your organization, as I have suggested in the past, to the Pearl Harbor/Hiroshima Committee, I might be more tolerant. Your coordinated group chooses not to recognize that there were both aggressors and defenders in World War II. When your alliance invites Hiroshima victims into our communities, please consider inviting the members of the Purple Heart Organization to give their side of the War. They still suffer as the Hiroshima victims do.

The atomic bomb was not the only thing that was dropped out of the skies. Waves of Japanese airplanes dropped on Pearl Harbor tons of bombs on a peaceful Sunday morning. This despicable act destroyed our Navy, the beautiful surrounding topography and reigned chaos with mammoth casualties and injuries to innocent people.

Hiroshima has built a beautiful dome to remember and pay tribute to the Hiroshima victims. At Pearl Harbor there is a memorial built over the sunken Battleship Arizona and this tribute is the final resting place of many. These two memorials are enough remembrances for an eternity.

I suggest the next time the Hiroshima victims are invited to the U.S. they should be taken to visit our World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. They will see a heartbreaking tribute to our 400,000 service people who lost their lives in that war. The Pacific half of the monument shows all of the battles fought in the Pacific Theater. The monument speaks for itself.

Your Hiroshima Alliance asks us to pray for peace. Let it be known that all of those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces did so for just that reason: peace. When the fighting stopped, also let it be not be forgotten, we the United States taxpayers paid millions of dollars to help rebuild Japan.

Today, we are allies and we need each other in this time of terrorism.

Ethel C. Smith
Springfield

Pending exit points to uncertainties

To the Editor:

On my return from Canada, I was shocked to hear of the resignation of New Jersey Gov. James McGreevey. I had spoken with him a few times and I was very impressed with his governmental knowledge and his political zeal.

However, I was wondering about one aspect of this matter which is the immigration status of Golan Cipel, the alleged boyfriend of McGreevey. I have never seen this explored by the news media. This Israeli citizen has now left the United States to be with his parents in Israel.

As an Israeli citizen, can he ever return to the United States as he has stated he would? He had a work permit and was sponsored by McGreevey's friend, Charles Kushner, who is now out of jail by posting a bail bond of \$5 million. The entry paper work could have been done by using an H1B visa. This type of immigration classification usually requires an advanced college degree with a lot of experience in the person's field. The visa is good for two years, provided that the applicant has a promise of a job and keeps working ... at that job or another qualifying one.

If he should be laid off or quits of his own volition, he must leave the United States immediately. So, the chances for Golan's return seem to be rather slim, especially since there are now stricter immigration regulations as of Sept. 11, 2001.

However, is there still more to this story involving Golan Cipel or is this just the tip of one or more other scandalous icebergs? One would logically assume that McGreevey's abrupt resignation would be followed by an immediate exit from his office and not waiting until Nov. 15. During the past few days, he has stayed in his office and failed to appear at several events at which New Jersey governors are expected to be present. Will he be able to fully perform the governor's duties?

In the best interests of the residents of New Jersey, James McGreevey should leave the governor's office now and allow New Jerseyans to elect a new governor instead of permitting the politically-savvy ascension to the state's top office by New Jersey Senate President Richard Codey. Codey will have to fulfill two important and time-consuming jobs which require tackling a great many urgent and critical issues covering a myriad of pending as well as new legislative and political problems.

Hazel Hardgrove
Springfield

A kind thought for the governor

To the Editor:

Aug. 12 was not a good day. The sky was dark and overcast from two monstrous storms heading our way: Tropical Storm Bonnie and Hurricane Charlie. Because of the expected rain, the annual Perseid meteor shower would probably not be visible that night. ABC News kept interrupting my soap opera with announcements Gov. James McGreevey was going to have a press conference at

4 p.m. It sounded as ominous as the weather reports. Some "personal" problem of the governor's. And the dreaded word "resign" was mentioned.

Well, we all know by now that McGreevey resigned and why.

I never thought much about James McGreevey. I didn't vote for him. I only saw him in person once, last March at the St. Patrick's Day parade here in Union. I stood by Walgreen's and there he was. He just seemed like an ordinary guy.

As governor, I thought he was doing an OK job. He wasn't perfect, but who is? The media said everyone was "shocked" to learn of his homosexuality. I had no idea, and I was as surprised as everybody else.

But on that wild, unsettled day, as we worried about the approach of Bonnie and Charlie, I don't think I've ever admired anyone as much as McGreevey. In life, we fight all kinds of battles, some on bloody faraway fields, others, no less violent, deep inside us. It took a great deal of courage for him to make that announcement. People are painting him as the bad guy here, that he seduced the other guy, who was a "helpless victim" of McGreevey's unwanted homosexual advances. I don't buy that.

What McGreevey did was wrong. He was the governor of New Jersey, a very high-profile position. He should have known that an affair of this sort would be bound to emerge, with embarrassing and politically fatal results. Of course, he had to resign. Our morality demands it. He did something wrong and must be punished. On Aug. 13 — appropriately Friday the 13th — the Republicans, like buzzards converging on a carcass, were demanding McGreevey's immediate departure. The man's personal agony was completely ignored. They stood in the rain in Trenton and condemned the sinner to hell.

How about us? Will we give him understanding or scorn? He screwed up big time. Absolutely no doubt about that. But I wish I had a nickel for every time I did. Don't we all do it at one time or another? If you don't want to pray for Jim McGreevey, how about a kind thought for him. Nobody could use it more right about now. For 20 minutes on Aug. 12, he was the loneliest man in the world.

Richard Lime
Union

Politicians profit from corrupt system

To the Editor:

I want to say I am very sorry for Jim McGreevey's family and for the people who believed in him. However, this sorrow does not extend to him, as the highest official in our state. My perspective about the governor has nothing to do with his "coming out of the closet," although he should have done it prior to running for governor.

I am still recovering from the shock of the series of *Star Ledger* recommendations on the long over due reforms that are required for any semblance of good government here in New Jersey. The *Ledger* is sitting on scores of potential Pulitzer prizes on political corruption in our infamous state — when one discusses government.

We are at present, a totally controlled state by the Democratic Party, and we have incidents of taxation without representation. However Republican control, as was the case in New York's Nassau County for decades, can be equally bad for the citizens they are supposed to represent. The real reason the governor should have resigned has entirely to do with the corruption he was involved in, and/or his close aids participated in, on his "watch."

Real reform will not come from our state officials because the inmates run this asylum and profit from this corrupt system. I agree we need to elect the attorney general, the lieutenant governor, the state auditor and a secretary of state. People, other than the lieutenant governor, that will not owe their position to the governor. I hope you are as offended as I, over the selection process of the new governor, by two-bit politicians and party leaders. You know who these players are that every day turn the operation of government into their own private party.

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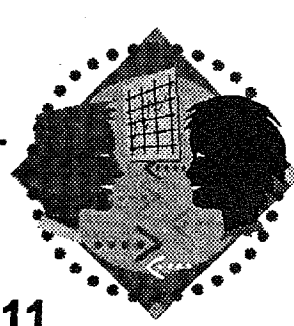


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Scrimmages are here for Cranford, ALJ Today, tomorrow

By JR Parachini
 Sports Editor

Finally, a chance to hit someone on another team.

High school football scrimmages are now here, with Cranford and Johnson set for their first ones.

Cranford, coming off an 8-3 season, is scheduled to scrimmage at Phillipsburg tonight at 7.

Johnson, coming off a 5-5 campaign, is scheduled to host Delaware Valley tomorrow morning at 11.

Here's a look at the scrimmage schedules of several county schools:

CRANFORD

Today: at Phillipsburg, 7 p.m.
 Tuesday: Johnson, 10 a.m.
 Sept. 3: West Orange, 7 p.m.

JOHNSON

Tomorrow: Delaware Valley, 11 a.m.
 Tuesday: at Cranford, 10 a.m.
 Sept. 3: Summit, 4:30 p.m.

UNION

Today: St. Peter's Prep, St. John Vianney, 10 a.m.
 Tuesday: at Ridge, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 3: Sayreville, 7 p.m.

ELIZABETH

Saturday: Sayreville, 10 a.m.
 Thursday: at St. Joseph's, Montvale, 10 a.m.
 Sept. 3: Teaneck, 6 p.m.

SUMMIT

Tomorrow: at North Highlands, 1 p.m.
 Tuesday: at Freehold Boro, 10:30 a.m.
 Sept. 3: at Johnson, 4:30 p.m.

BREARLEY

Saturday: Metuchen, 10 a.m.
 Tuesday: Montclair-Kimberley Academy, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 4: at South River, 11 a.m.

Cranford Football

Sept. 10 Hillside, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 18 at Linden, 1 p.m.
 Sept. 24 Shabazz, 3 p.m.
 Oct. 2 at Scotch Plains, 1
 Oct. 15 Westfield, 7
 Oct. 22 at East Side, 7
 Oct. 29 Plainfield, 7
 Nov. 6 at Irvington, 2 p.m.
 Nov. 25 Kearny, 10:30 a.m.

Johnson Football

Sept. 11 at Spotswood, 1 p.m.
 Sept. 17 at Brearley, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 26 North Plainfield, 1
 Oct. 2 at Roselle, 1
 Oct. 9 DePaul, 1
 Oct. 16 Hillside, 1
 Oct. 23 at Gov. Livingston, 1
 Nov. 6 Pequannock, 1
 Nov. 25 Rahway, 10:30 a.m.

Governor Livingston Football

Sept. 11 Newark Central, 1 p.m.
 Sept. 18 at Caldwell, 1
 Sept. 23 at Delaware Valley, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 2 Hillside, 1
 Oct. 9 at North Plainfield, 2 p.m.
 Oct. 16 at Rahway, 1
 Oct. 23 Johnson, 1
 Oct. 30 Roselle, 1
 Nov. 25 at New Providence, 11 a.m.

Hillside Football

Sept. 10 at Cranford, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 25 Rahway, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 2 at Gov. Livingston, 1
 Oct. 9 Roselle, 2 p.m.
 Oct. 16 at Johnson, 1
 Oct. 22 at Delaware Valley, 7
 Oct. 30 North Plainfield, 1
 Nov. 6 at Spotswood, 2
 Nov. 25 Brearley, 10:30 a.m.

Rahway Football

Sept. 18 at New Providence, 1 p.m.
 Sept. 25 at Hillside, 1
 Oct. 2 Millburn, 1
 Oct. 9 Dwight Englewood, 2:30 p.m.
 Oct. 16 Gov. Livingston, 1
 Oct. 23 Roselle, 1
 Oct. 30 Newark Central, 1
 Nov. 5 at North Plainfield, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 25 at Johnson, 10:30 a.m.

Scotch Plains Football

Sept. 10 at East Side, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 18 at Westfield, 1 p.m.
 Sept. 24 at Irvington, 3 p.m.
 Oct. 2 Cranford, 1
 Oct. 8 at Shabazz, 7
 Oct. 16 Passaic Valley, 2 p.m.
 Oct. 30 Linden, 1
 Nov. 5 at Union, 7
 Nov. 25 Elizabeth, 10:30 a.m.



Cranford Gators swim team coaches Ashley Klappholz and Jim Sheerin, wearing sunglasses, are in the back row holding league and championship trophies the team captured this summer. The swimmers, from left, are Gissela Roberts, Juliet Longo, Cara Costa, Kathleen French, Emily Aschenbach, Danielle McAuliffe, Kayla Piatkowski, Patricia Kolesa, Elyse Petaway, Erin McAuliffe, Monique Krakowski, Brianna Brogan, Eric Rosa, Connor Harkins, Kevin Kolesa, Vanessa Rosa, Zach Love, Chris Tobin and Julianna Harkins.

Coaches Klappholz, Sheerin thrilled with squad's effort

Cranford Gators manage to capture two titles

By Jeff Wolfrum
 Staff Writer

While most teams would be more than satisfied to capture one championship, the Cranford Gators swimming team was able to win two in one season.

They finished first in dual meet competition and went on to win the league championship.

The Gators traveled to the Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club July 30-31 to compete in the "A" League Championships of the New Jersey Swimming and Diving Conference of New Jersey.

The "A" League represents the strongest league within the conference and the Cranford Gators are in the strongest division.

"Assistant coach Jim Sheerin and I were very happy with the outcome," Cranford head coach Ashley Klappholz said. "It was the first time in seven years the Gators have won the 'A' league championship."

The Gators placed first in the 10-team competition. The winning margin was 51 points.

"We finished the regular season at 6-2, so I wasn't sure what to expect going into the competition," Klappholz said. "However, after the second day, I knew we had it because everyone had to catch up to us."

The championships commenced July 30. First to swim were the 13-18 age groups. The meet started well for the Gators, with a first-place finish by Sam Baker in the very first event. Twelve events were held the first night and the Gators were ahead by six points at the end of the evening. Their main competition was from the Brookside Pool.

"It was important for us to score points the first night because I didn't know how our younger swimmers were going to perform in this kind of meet," Klappholz said. "The stakes and intensity levels are much higher. I was happy with our score."

The second day of competition was for the younger swimmers up to the age of 12. After a couple of races, Brookside got within one point of the Gators.

"Brookside was one of the teams that defeated us in the dual meet season that we won," Klappholz said. "The other team that beat us was Hillsborough."

Cranford fought back and regained the lead as a result of many of its swimmers scoring points and swimming "best times." Eventually, Brookside fell further behind and was no longer in competition for first place. The next team to challenge Cranford was Roycefield. Other teams that competed in the championship included Metuchen and Cedar Hill.

"They had a string of events where they collected a lot of points in a hurry," Cranford assistant coach Jim Sheerin said of Roycefield.

However, the Gators withstood the challenge to the title. The final challenge came from East Brunswick. When it mounted a charge, East Brunswick still trailed by some 48 points.

The Gators then began to distance themselves over a series of events to build an 80-point cushion going into the final events of the day, the relay races.

Point totals doubled in the relays and, mathematically, East Brunswick had no chance. They were fielding multiple relay teams for the events, while the Gators only had one relay team per event.

"I felt that the relay teams put us over the top," Klappholz said. "They really gave us a lot of our points."

The team of Megan Schmeling, Katy Comer, Erin McAuliffe and Kathleen French won the race that clinched the title for the Gators.

"We all knew how important this race was for the team and there was no way we were going to let the team down," said French, the anchor swimmer.

From that point on, it didn't matter what the other teams did. The Cranford Gators were going to win the championships.

"This was the first year of coaching for me and Jim," Klappholz said.

"What my biggest challenge was and what I learned the

most was about responsibility and how to raise kids."

Additionally, the final results of the dual season were announced at the end of the championships. The Gators placed first in the dual season meets as well. Accepting the trophy for the championships was Klappholz and accepting the award for the league title was Sheerin.

"Unbelievable," Klappholz said. "To place first in both of these in our first year of coaching is amazing. I don't think this has ever been done before in the proud history of the Cranford Gators! This was the first time in at least seven years that Cranford won the 'A' League championships. I am very happy to be part of this team."

"This victory belongs to all of the Cranford Gators, from our fastest swimmer on down," Sheerin said. "Without the contributions of everyone, we could not have won. It also belongs to the parents who put in a lot of time to make this season a success, especially people like Jackie French, Bob McAuliffe, Heather Walano and Barbara Kolesa."

First-place finishes turned in by Cranford swimmers included Sean French in the 100 backstroke, 100 freestyle and 200 medley relay; Alexa Salcito in the 100 butterfly, Sam Baker in the 200 individual medley; Danielle McAuliffe in the 50 backstroke, 100 IM and 50 butterfly; Eric Walano in the 50 backstroke and 100 IM; Monique Krakowski in the 25 backstroke; Jim Sheerin in the 200 medley relay; Joe Cooney in the 200 medley relay and Michael Plate in the 200 medley relay.

"After Baker won our first event, she really set the tone for the team," Klappholz said. "Sheerin, French, McAuliffe, Walano, Plate, Kevin Kolesa and Vanessa Rosa all had great swims. We relied on them for points all season long."

Seconds were accomplished by Michael Plate in the 100 backstroke; Jess Patalano in the 100 breaststroke and 100 freestyle; Kevin Kolesa in the 50 butterfly, 100 IM and 200 medley relay; Eric Rosa in the 50 backstroke, 100 freestyle and 200 medley relay; Kathleen French in the 50 freestyle; Monique Krakowski in the 25 breaststroke; Katy Comer in the 50 freestyle; Eric Walano in the 50 freestyle and 200 medley relay and Connor Harkins in the 200 medley relay.

Thirds were garnered by Joe Cooney in the 100 breaststroke; Monique Krakowski in the 25 butterfly; Sean French in the 100 butterfly; Jim Sheerin in the 100 breaststroke; Alexa Salcito in the 100 backstroke and 200 medley relay; Katy Comer in the 100 freestyle and 50 backstroke; Vanessa Rosa in the 100 freestyle and 200 medley relay; Kathleen French in the 100 freestyle; Lauren Chrzanowski in the 200 medley relay and Jess Patalano in the 200 medley relay.

"The team starts with the ages 8-9 group and goes all the way up to the 18-year-olds," Klappholz said. "That's why Sheerin is allowed to compete, because he's 18."

Klappholz, 21, started swimming for the Gators at age 7. She is now a member of the women's swimming team at Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pa.

Fourths were turned in by Joe Cooney in the 100 backstroke; Jess Patalano in the 200 freestyle; Michael Plate in the 100 freestyle; Alexa Salcito in the 100 freestyle; Kevin Kolesa in the 50 backstroke; Megan Schmeling in the 50 backstroke; Jim Sheerin in the 100 butterfly; Kayla Piatkowski in the 100 medley relay; Monique Krakowski in the 100 medley relay; Patricia Kolesa in the 100 medley relay and Brianna Brogan in the 100 medley relay.

Finishing fifth for the Gators were Patricia Kolesa in the 25 butterfly; Natalie Laucius in the 100 breaststroke; Sandra Toczykowski in the 50 breaststroke and 200 medley relay; Jessica McCoy in the 200 medley relay; Danielle McAuliffe in the 200 medley relay and Emily Aschenbach in the 200 medley relay.

Finishing sixth were Vanessa Rosa in the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke; Lauren Chrzanowski in the 100 breaststroke; Kathleen French in the 100 breaststroke and Michael Plate in the 100 butterfly.

"We really pulled together as a team this season," Klappholz said.

"Hopefully, we'll go undefeated next year and win the championship again."

ALJ football has anniversary in 2005

50 years to be recognized

A 50th anniversary town-wide celebration is being planned for the Johnson High School football team.

This event will take place sometime in the fall of 2005, honoring 50 years of ALJ football. The exact dates are yet to be determined.

Among the tentative festivities being planned include a parade starting at the corner of Brant and Westfield avenues and marching along Westfield Avenue up to the high school, followed by a tailgate party in the ALJ parking lot being sponsored by Outback Steakhouse.

There will even be a section reserved in the parking lot for all past cheerleaders, color guard, flag squad and twirlers. Prior to the start of the game, the alumni will form a tunnel for the current team to run through.

At halftime, alumni will be introduced by decade, followed by a group picture at the conclusion of the game. Later that evening, at 6 p.m., at a location to be determined, there will be a dinner for all past and present football players, coaches and team members.

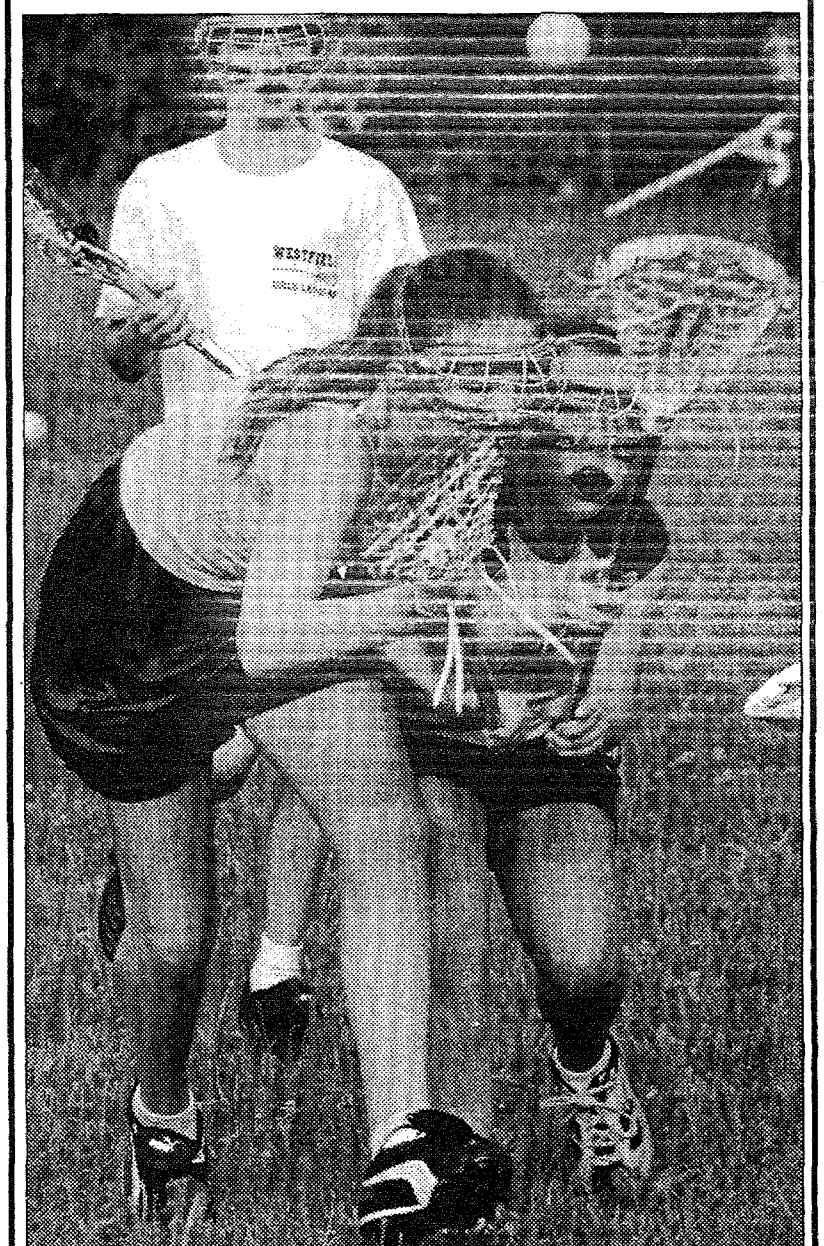
Right now, the anniversary committee is looking to compile a list of the whereabouts of all current and former ALJ football players, coaches, team members and other supporters. Committee member Norm Marocci is also trying to compile a list of the whereabouts of everyone who was a cheerleader, member of the color guard and flag squad and twirlers. Whereabouts of Johnson alumni may be submitted to ALJFootball@yahoo.com.

More information may be obtained by calling Marocci, class of 1978, at 215-788-3504 or by e-mailing him at ALJFootball@yahoo.com. Dennis Carpini, class of 1965, may be reached at 973-539-8748 or e-mailed at dacarpini@yahoo.com.

Johnson wrestling moves back to North 2, Group 2

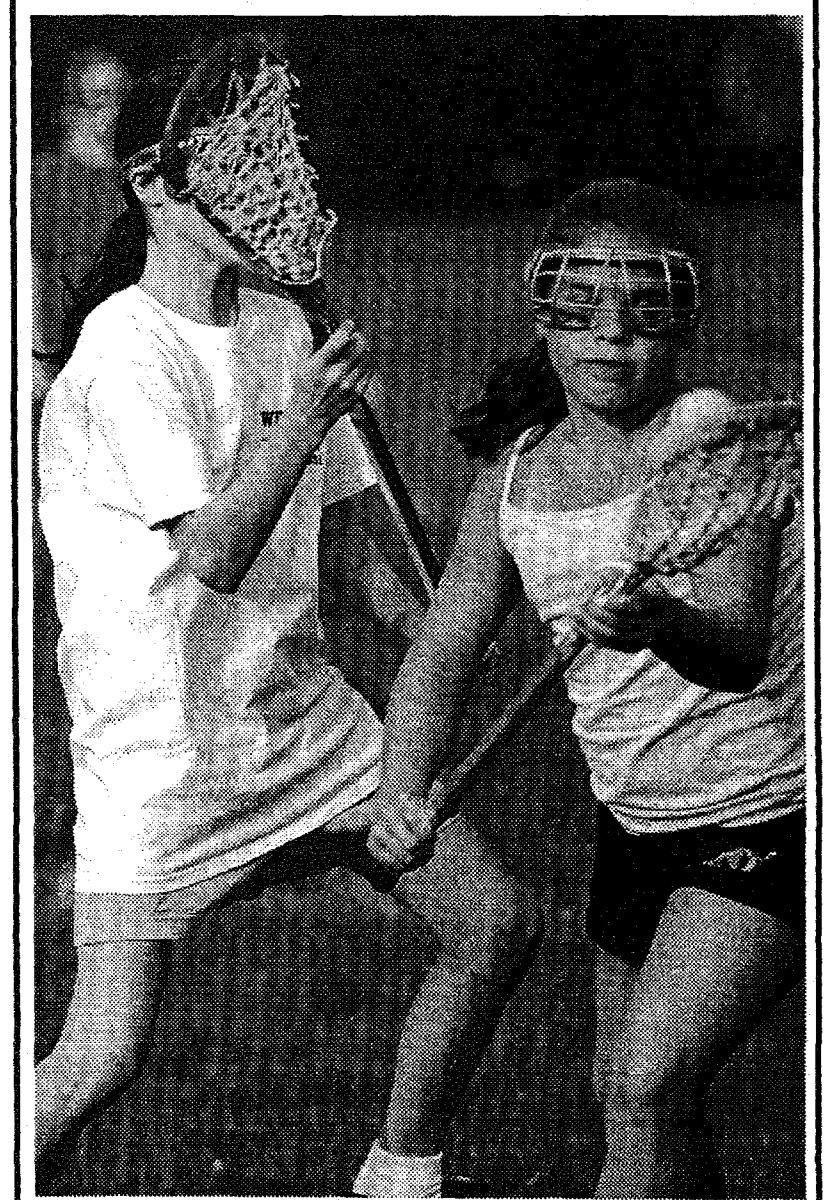
The Johnson High School wrestling team moved back to North 2, Group 2 for the upcoming 2004-2005 school year.

Lacrosse standouts



Photos by Reena Rose Sibayan

Above, Megan Hoerne, left, and Caitlin Storcks, both 11, battle for the ball during an Academy International Girls' Lacrosse Camp held at Sherman Park in Cranford. Below, Crysta Huber, 10, takes the ball from Devin Cash, 11.



Cranford Sports Hall of Fame is seeking nominations for 2005

The Cranford Sports Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations now through Nov. 1 for its fifth induction ceremony slated for Nov. 2005.

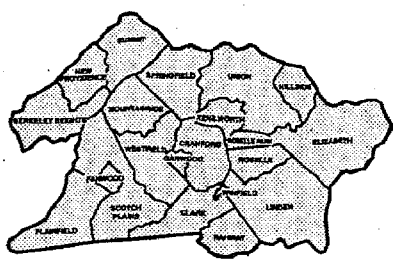
Coaches, friends, fans, teammates and family members can make nominations by obtaining an official application at the following locations: Cranford Police Department, Cranford Library and Cranford High School's main office.

Athletes, coaches, teams, as well as special awards - direct relationship to Cranford sports - are eligible for nomination.

While most nominees are CHS graduates, non-CHS graduates who have demonstrated outstanding contributions to the Cranford sports community are also eligible for consideration.

However, coaches presently coaching in district and athletes who are not yet five years post high school participation are not eligible for nomination.

Completed nomination forms must be postmarked Nov. 1, 2004 and should be sent to either Renee Dorfman at CHS or Chuck Archdeacon, P.O. Box 1538 Cranford, NJ 07016.



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Succession mess

A long time ago, I spent a day with Richard Hughes, by then the former two-time governor and chief justice of the State Supreme Court. I arrived early, tie very tight, ready to brief him for a seminar he was chairing on the need to improve voter participation in the state. Back then ex-governors were respected even after they left office.

Beyond my awe as Hughes and his wonderful wife Betty cooked me scrambled eggs, I watched him later that day articulate our state was very good but could be better. He said that even with the complaints in his administration of the heavy hand of bosses, a good deal got done to improve New Jersey.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

I thought about that perspective the past few weeks. The hue and cry for a special election and the need for a new position of lieutenant governor is getting frantic in the press. *The New York Times* on Sunday ran an editorial entitled, "New Jersey's Succession Mess". At one point our state watchers from West 43rd Street in New York said we face, "a clear threat to the whole idea of checks and balances."

All because Richard Codey, the long-time state senator from West Orange was going to fulfill his constitutional mandate of assuming Office of Governor. I recalled when Donald DiFrancesco became the Senate President-Acting Governor. My taxes were still high in Cranford, the Turnpike still backed up at Exit 9, and the shore stayed wonderful. We all got through fine.

The frenzy has taken two paths. First there is the demand for Gov. James McGreevey's resignation immediately. I mean, can that be wrong? This call to hear the voice of the people is a little shallow. The nominees for a special election both Republicans and Democrats would be selected by the small groups of party state committee people. Don't get me wrong, some of my best friends are members of the state committee. They are hardly a fair sampling of the views of the state party let alone the chunk of Independents. Still, special elections and voice of the people sounds so fair.

The second rung of the frenzy is the immediate need for a lieutenant governor. Assemblyman Bill Baroni, an up and coming Republican from Mercer County, wrote on Sunday "We need to fix our government."

It amazes me that often when the state's press advocate reform they end up enhancing the power of the bosses. Please review campaign finance reform, and party building as past examples.

An elected lieutenant governor would bring ticket balancing to a new art. If the Republicans nominate Douglas Forrester, would he have had to pick someone to balance his Mercer County address. If the Democrats nominate U.S. Senator Jon Corzine or "SPAG" Richard Codey, will they have to look to Burlington or Camden for balance. Now I'm sure every candidate will say his running mate was selected solely for his skills and not his zip code.

Currently the Senate president gets to that post convincing 20 of the remaining 39 to vote for him, even though they undoubtedly feel they are more or at least as deserving. To sit up on the platform you need to have good political skills, leadership and maturity. Not the worst things for an acting governor to possess.

Before we go off on another crusade seeking good government, let's take a few seconds to consider the consequences. Despite the drumbeat of headlines, a good deal has been done to improve the state and more remains to be accomplished. The presence of a lieutenant governor doesn't seem so pressing.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

3 districts still without accords

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Five school districts in Union County are among nearly 200 in the state whose labor agreement expired at the end of the last school year, which ended June 30.

Districts in Clark, Linden and Mountainside still are without a new labor contract. Until a new accord is reached, staff work under the terms of the last contract. While negotiations continue in Linden and Mountainside, an impasse has been declared in Clark.

In both New Providence and Elizabeth, the school board and teachers reached settlement on a one-year agreement that included an average wage increase of 4.25 percent.

The average percentage salary increase statewide this year is approximately 4.68 percent, according to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Of the 196 school districts in New Jersey whose contracts expired in June, 90 have reached an agreement or a tentative settlement while 88 are still negotiating, according to the NJSBA. Eighteen districts have not reported their contract status to the NJSBA.

Frank Belluscio, a spokesman for the New Jersey School Boards Association, said there are three main factors

driving negotiations: controlling the cost of fringe benefits, increased instructional time and the impact of state Senate bill 1701.

While salaries normally are the barometers for teachers' contracts, Belluscio said the fastest-growing aspect of districts' expenses are insurances costs.

"Districts are feeling the squeeze," Belluscio said.

The State Health Benefits Program — which serves the majority of New Jersey's school districts — increased its premiums by almost 23 percent for traditional coverage and 27 percent for its major managed-care option last year. For 2004, the rate increases were 8 percent and 10 percent, respectively.

"Since 1999, almost three-quarters of the state's school districts have negotiated contract provisions to help contain the cost of employee health coverage," Belluscio said. These provisions include incentives to participate in managed care, establishment of tiered benefit structure, such as placing new employees in managed-care programs; higher deductibles; employee contributions to premiums for basic medical or dental plan, and higher prescription co-payments.

New Jersey's Core Curriculum Content Standards, created in 1996, were revised last year and districts

Freeholders approve \$6 million for arts center purchase

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The County of Union will borrow more than \$6 million, to be paid off over the next 15 years, to acquire the Union County Arts Center.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders last week gave final approval to a \$49-million bond ordinance that included \$6.18 million for the "acquisition, renovation and rehabilitation and expansion" of the arts center. The acquisition includes not only the 1,300-seat facility and adjoining property at 1597-1605 Irving St., but also the adjacent property at 1591 Irving St. in downtown Rahway.

The arts center and the land it is situated on has a total assessed value of \$1,021,800, according to the Rahway Tax Assessor's Office. The adjacent property, which currently houses the Rahway Alternative High School, is assessed at \$239,700.

The bond calls for a downpayment of \$309,000 and \$5.8 million in bonds and notes to be authorized.

The remaining \$42 million in the bond ordinance is slated for various improvements throughout the county, including road resurfacing, intersection improvements, purchase of new furnishings and assorted engineering work. A

downpayment of \$1.9 million was appropriated for the entire bond ordinance, and \$7 million of the \$49 million coming from federal and state grants.

Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada said that at this point, the county will pay for the acquisition and renovation of the arts center through its capital budget and not through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

The total bond ordinance brings the county's net debt to \$362,709,345, or approximately 0.83 percent of its equalized property value; the county's debt capacity is 2 percent.

Joseph Bowe, director of the county's Division of the Treasurer, said that if all goes according to plan, the county will go out to bond for items in the ordinance next June. The most recent bond sale, to be closed this week, secured a rate of 2.125 percent, Bowe said, while a bond sale last year yielded an interest rate of about 2.3 to 2.4 percent.

A feasibility study of the arts center, prepared by New York City-based NBBJ, listed some \$16 million in various improvements to the Irving Street facility. County officials, however, maintain that they are committed at this point to phase one of the study, which recommends roughly \$6 million in improvements. Recommendations

District	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	Avg
Berkeley Heights	4.00	3.95	3.95	3.50	3.90	3.90		3.77
Clark*	2.36	3.75	3.75	3.75				3.75
Cranford	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25		4.25
Elizabeth	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	*4.25			3.95
Garwood	3.80	n/a	4.50	4.50	4.50			4.50
Hillside	3.80	3.50	3.75	4.00	4.50			4.08
Kenilworth	3.50	3.50	4.00	4.30	4.40	4.40		4.37
Linden*	3.50	3.50	4.50	4.50				4.17
Mountainside*	3.70	5.00	5.00	5.00				5.00
New Providence	n/a	4.14	4.14	4.25	*4.25			4.18
Plainfield	3.95	3.95	5.00	5.00	4.99			5.00
Rahway	3.90	3.90	4.33	4.25	4.25			4.28
Roselle	3.90	3.90	3.50	4.10	4.10			3.90
Roselle Park	3.90	3.90	3.90	3.50	4.00	4.50		4.00
Scotch Plains-Fanwood	3.64	4.28	4.50	4.50	4.50			4.50
Springfield	3.87	3.95	4.00	4.00	4.30	4.50		4.27
Summit	4.00	3.80	4.97	4.77	4.64			4.79
Union	3.96	3.96	4.25	4.00	4.00			4.08
Union County Vo-Tech	n/a	4.00	4.25	4.35	4.45			4.35
Union County ESC	n/a	n/a	4.00	4.25	4.25			4.17
Westfield	3.80	3.80	3.90	3.90	4.00			3.93
Winfield	3.50	3.50	4.20	4.30	4.40			4.30
Average								4.25

Sources: Local school districts

The column labeled 'Avg' is the average annual percentage salary increase for that district's most recent three-year teachers' contract. Those districts marked with asterisks had contracts expire June 30. New Providence and Elizabeth both reached a settlement on a one-year contract for 2004-05.

continue to find the need for more instructional time, Belluscio said. Many contract settlements include adjustments to the amount of instructional time.

S-1701, which has been opposed by several local school boards as well as the New Jersey School Boards Association, calls for the reduction of surplus in budgets that already

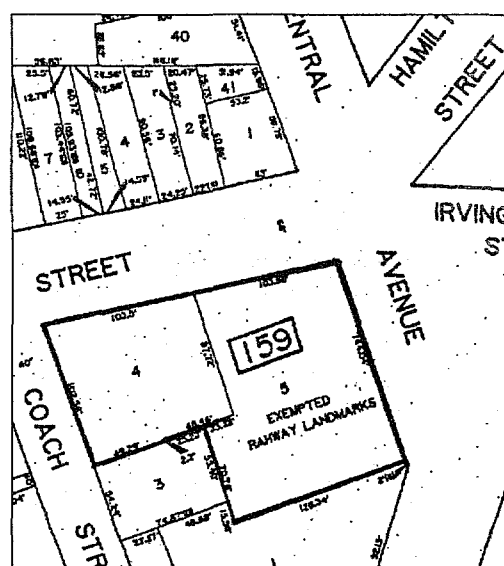
received voter approval in the spring, as well as reducing the state cap on school budget increases to 2.5 percent.

While only four districts had contracts expire this past June, this time next year will be a different story.

The end of the 2004-05 school year will mark the end of contracts for most school districts in Union County, including, Garwood, Hillside, New

Providence, Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle, Scotch Plains-Fanwood, Springfield, Summit, Union, Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, Union County Educational Services Commission, Westfield and Winfield.

Staff writers Dan Burns, David Dankwa, David Jablonski, David Learn and Brian Pedersen contributed to this report.



The two lots outlined in bold will be purchased by Union County as part of the plan to expand the Union County Arts Center.

include expanding the stage to accommodate larger productions and installing air conditioning to allow for a year-round facility. Currently, the

Committee to mark centennial

By Anna Kreyman
Staff Writer

Union County is preserving history with a committee that celebrates the life of the county's courthouse.

The Courthouse Centennial Celebration Committee is made up of Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada, County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, Freeholder Chester Holmes County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich, Chief Warrant Officer Lester Sargent, the U.S. Parks Commission and the New Jersey Bar Association.

The group will meet today in the Administration Building to finalize the plans for the commemoration.

"We want to celebrate the courthouse in 2005 because it will be 100 years since its opening," Estrada said. "I have picked a good bunch of people to help me organize this event."

He added that Rajoppi will lead the committee and Holmes is its liaison.

"I also want to implement a program that will allow school children to visit the courthouse on trips and learn about its history," Estrada said.

He mentioned not wanting taxpayers to fund the committee, instead trying to get the historic fund to mark the occasion.

Froehlich said that he loves the history of the county partly because his family has lived in Elizabeth for more than 100 years.

"Union County has a phenomenal history," he added.

Froehlich described part of the

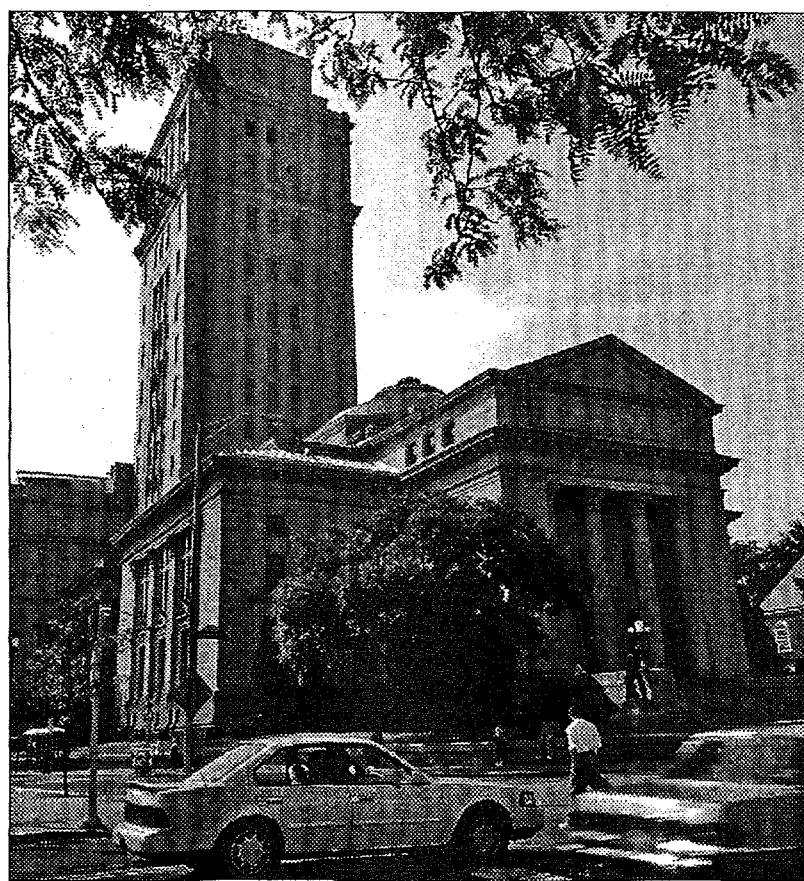


Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

The Courthouse Centennial Celebration Committee will plan to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Union County Courthouse.

county's history and said that it was Hannah Caldwell's murder by British soldiers during the Revolutionary War that was the inspiration for the Union County seal which is replicated on many brass doorknobs in the courthouse.

The sheriff added that Caldwell's ghost is believed to walk the area of the courthouse and an adjacent cemetery on occasion.

"The courthouse, in 1810 was said

at the time to be one of the most modern in the county," Froehlich said.

He added that he would like to hear those same kinds of statements today, when it comes to the courthouse.

"This is the highest building in the county — the courthouse — and we want the committee to give it life for a long, long time," Estrada said.

"It is important that we recognize such an important building in Union County."

GOP chairman: Return Kushner contributions

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Setting a deadline of Sept. 6, the new leader of Union County Republicans is calling on the Union County Democratic Committee to return almost \$200,000 in campaign contributions from Charles Kushner and Ronald Manzo and their companies.

Union County Republican Chairman Philip Morin, in a letter Monday to Union County Democratic Chairwoman Charlotte DeFilippo, said Democrats at all levels, including U.S. Sen. Jon Corzine and the Democratic national and state committees, have returned contributions from Kushner and Union County Democrats should do the same.

DeFilippo was "underwhelmed" by Morin's "sophomoric attempt at a little publicity," adding that she was disappointed that he faxed a letter to the media before calling her.

Similar calls have been made in recent weeks by Republican committees in Sussex and Bergen counties to return contributions from Manzo or RAM.

A spokesman confirmed Tuesday that RAM Insurance Agency has not done business with Union County now or in the past.

Two Democrats, who declined to be identified, each had differing views on the Kushner contributions. One said the party should return the donations while the other said the Union County GOP has benefited from the Republican National Committee getting money from "bad organizations" like the National Rifle Association and

tobacco companies.

Kushner last week pleaded guilty to 18 charges that included tampering with a witness in a federal probe, filing false tax returns for several entities, and violating campaign finance laws. Manzo, the owner of RAM Insurance Agency in Jersey City, pleaded guilty in June to five criminal counts of illegal "insider" trading which earned him more than \$1 million.

Both men, and companies they are associated with, have contributed \$170,650 to the Union County Democratic Committee during the last five years.

DeFilippo said Morin should "put his own house in order before throwing stones," citing a \$2,100 ELEC fine to the Cranford Republican Committee for not filing reports for nearly three years. She also questioned whether the Republican committee will return contributions from companies like Enron and Philip Morris or from former Essex County Executive James Treffinger, who was convicted on corruption charges several years ago.

"Today's scoundrel could've been yesterday's good guy," DeFilippo said.

The Democratic chairwoman said she has never met Kushner while Manzo "has always been a friend to Democrats" and has "always been interested in electing Democrats."

DeFilippo said that as a new county chairman, Morin likely is trying to make himself visible, "but not at the expense of others."

COUNTY NEWS

Special waste collection Saturday at vo-tech

The County of Union will sponsor a recycling event on Saturday so Union County residents can get rid of household special waste and old automobile tires in an environmentally proper manner. The collection will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Union County Vocational-Technical School, 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains.

All residents of Union County are eligible to participate at no cost.

Pre-registration is not required for this special Saturday collection. All that residents need to do is drive to the site with their household special waste and automobile tires. Workers at the site will unload the vehicles.

There is a limit of eight automobile tires — without rims — per household. This is a household recycling event; no businesses.

Household special waste includes oil-based paint and varnish, antifreeze, aerosol cans, pool chemicals, corrosives, pesticides, herbicides, solvents, thinners, fire extinguishers, motor oil and oil filters, gasoline, batteries, thermostats, unbroken fluorescent bulbs and mercury switches.

Only materials in original or

labeled containers will be accepted.

Latex, water-based, paint and empty cans will not be accepted. They should be disposed of in with the regular garbage. Leftover latex paint can be air-dried or, to hasten the drying process, kitty litter and/or newspaper can be added to hasten the drying.

A complete list of the materials that will be accepted on Saturday is available at the Union County Bureau of Environmental Services Web site at www.ucnj.org/oem.

The household special waste collection will be held rain or shine, for Union County residents only and not for businesses. Proof of Union County residency is required.

For more information, call the Bureau of Environmental Services Hotline at 908-654-9889.

Free firearm safety kits are available

The Union County Sheriff's Office will provide free firearm safety kits to county residents through a partnership with Project ChildSafe, a nationwide firearms safety education program.

The safety kits, which include a gunlock, will be available to county residents from Sept. 1 through Nov. 1.

"Just as we alert motorists to drive safely because our children are back in

school, it is also important to remind people about protecting our children from preventable firearm accidents," said Sheriff Ralph Froehlich. "Gun owners must realize how important it is to securely store their firearms in order to prevent a child or any unauthorized person from accessing a gun in their home."

"It is not only their responsibility, it is the law," Froehlich added.

Project ChildSafe, a program developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, will distribute millions of firearm safety kits throughout the country over the next year. The program is funded by a U.S. Department of Justice grant with additional funding provided by the firearms industry.

By partnering with Project ChildSafe, the Union County Sheriff's Office is participating in a growing national effort to promote firearms safety to all gun owners. Project ChildSafe is distributing gunlock safety kits in all 50 states and five U.S. territories.

Safety kits are available on a first-come, first served basis at the Union County Sheriff's Office in Elizabeth between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The gunlocks are designed to fit most handguns, shot-

guns and rifles. A maximum of two gunlocks are available to each individual.

For more information, call Lt. Michael Frank at 908-527-4450 or visit www.projectchildsafe.org.

4-H Clubs accepting membership for the fall

Boys and girls in first grade through high school who like pets, gardening, or scrapbooking should consider joining a 4-H Club this fall.

Club activities depend on what club you join. If you join a pet club you'll learn about proper pet care and make crafts. If you join the horticulture club you'll make corsages or grow flower seedlings. No matter what club you join, the activities are a lot of fun.

Being a member of a 4-H club also helps you to learn how to make decisions, work in a group, and be part of a team. This happens as you work with the other members of your club to plan a community project like a pet show or a club display.

"Joining a 4-H club is just one way to get young people involved in community projects," said Union County Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada. "Boys and girls who sign up for these programs develop life skills while per-

forming hands-on projects, learning responsibility, and setting and achieving goals."

The following 4-H clubs are taking registrations for membership: First Graders Pet Club, Third Graders Pet Club, Fifth Graders Pet Club, Scrapbooking Club for middle school and high school students, and Horticulture Club for middle school and high school students. Most of the clubs meet once a month at the Union County Administrative Services Building at 300 North Ave. East in Westfield.

The Horticulture Club meets on the fourth Tuesday afternoon of every month at the Union County Vocational and Technical School on Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. Clubs are open to all boys and girls who live in Union County. Parents are sometimes asked to volunteer to take turns monitoring craft projects and snack time.

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades one through high school, on an age-appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, gender, or disability.

For the exact day and times that clubs meet, call Jim or Ellen at the 4-

H office at 908-654-9854 or e-mail ediorio@ucnj.org.

Fishing derby for people with disabilities

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Newark Bait and Flycasters Club will sponsor the annual fall fishing derby for people with disabilities on Sept. 11 from 10 a.m. to p.m. in Echo Lake Park, Mountainside.

Clarification

In a story on Page B1 of the Aug. 19 edition, "Former inmate's family files suit," the lawsuit stated that Union County Jail's policy requires all incoming inmates to be evaluated at Runnells Specialized Hospital. Since 1998, Union County has contracted with a private firm to handle inmate healthcare and undergo preliminary exams by jail physicians. Runnells Hospital no longer is involved with inmate healthcare.

It is the policy of this newspaper to correct any significant errors brought to the editor's attention. If you believe such an error has been made, contact Tom Canavan, editor in chief, PO Box 3109, Union, 07083, or call 908-686-7700, ext. 329, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

HEALTHY LIVING

HEALTH

'Made for Me' boutique

Thanks to a grant from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, North Jersey Affiliate, women with breast cancer who live in Union County can receive wigs, breast forms and accessories from the "Made for Me" boutique at Trinitas Hospital.

The program is offered to all women, regardless of ability to pay, and is available at Trinitas on the third Wednesday of each month, starting at 1:30 p.m. Reservations for the boutique can be made by calling 1-908-994-8244.

According to Amparo Aguirre, breast health outreach coordinator at Trinitas Hospital, "When women feel pretty, they feel better. Thanks to the generosity of the Komen Foundation and the 'Just for You' Boutique of East Hanover, women who cannot afford such items as wigs and mastectomy apparel may now find them at Trinitas Hospital."

Program focuses on obesity in society

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

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

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

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

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

- More than 300,000 deaths per year may be attributed to the obesity epidemic

- People who are overweight have a higher incidence of high blood pressure

- People who are overweight have increased "bad cholesterol" and reduced "good cholesterol" which increases the risk of heart attack and stroke

- People who are 11 to 18 pounds overweight are at risk of developing Type II Diabetes

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

Exercise program set for stroke patients

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced the availability of an exercise program for people who have had strokes and those who have other physical limitations.

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

"This non-stressful exercise program focuses on balance, posture, overall health and exercises that can be performed in the participants' homes," said Freeholder Mary Ruotolo, liaison to the Parks and Recreation

Advisory Board. "Come and get a workout while having fun and making new friends."

Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 1 p.m., through Nov. 19, at Runnells Specialized Hospital, 40 Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights. There is a one-time enrollment fee of \$20 per person.

Pre-registration and a doctor's release are required. This activity is accessible to those in wheelchairs and contains activities that can be adapted to everyone.

For more information, call the Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4096.

Confident smiles

Navin Bogg D.D.S., who practices at Gentle Dental of Roselle, wants to share a simple fact: your smile is among your most important physical attributes.

The effect of a sparkling, confident smile on personal, social, and business relationships has been proven to be crucial.

But many of us worry that our smile may be discolored, or feature cracked or uneven teeth. We might be concerned that old, unsightly fillings might be visible if we make a huge, happy grin.

Cosmetic dentistry has made huge strides in the last 20 years and we now have many procedures to help your smile become a confident, dazzling part of your personality.

Tooth whitening is an easy, affordable, and painless way to brighten teeth discolored from food, nicotine stains or root canal treatments, or that have become darkened with age.

Worn down, chipped, cracked or spaced teeth can be corrected with bonding when tooth-colored material can be applied, and it feels good and natural.

Severely stained or chipped or spaced teeth can be corrected by veneers. They are thin sculpted pieces of tooth-colored porcelain that fit over the front of the teeth.

If your teeth have undergone root canals, are misaligned, or weak, then crowns may be the solution. They combine good looks and great strength since they entirely cover the affected tooth.

"We have all the technology that can give you a confident, beautiful smile. We are here to make sure you look and feel your powerful best."

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ference in a child's life by calling KidsPeace New Jersey and opening your heart and your home to a child in need.

There is no better time to step forward. Unfortunately, there are hundreds of children in the area in need of loving, caring families.

"The need for foster parents is at an all-time high," according to Dina Midiri, family resource specialist for KidsPeace New Jersey.


"It is so important that more parents come forward to make a difference in a child's life by providing the loving home environment that so many of our children desperately miss," Midiri said.

In addition to free training, foster parents receive monthly financial assistance for the living and medical expenses of each foster child in their care. Prospective parents can call the KidsPeace New Jersey hot line at 800-837-9102 to find out if they qualify to become foster parents. If qualified, KidsPeace New Jersey will schedule each person for an orientation.







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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Local musician finds the right mix

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor

Maplewood native Jon Regen could have continued to play jazz piano for the rest of his life. But there was something missing.

"After playing straight-ahead jazz for about a decade, I was longing for a format where I could tell my own story," said Regen, who just released a pop album titled, "Almost Home."

"I sort of imagined myself as a career jazz piano player, but I grew up playing in rock bands in junior and senior high school, and really coming from influences of songs, the melody, the words, the kind of format where you don't have a lot of space to say the message that you want to get across," he said. "This wasn't really a calculated attempt to say, 'I want to cross over into pop music.' It was that I had some melodies and some ideas in my head that I wanted to write. I wanted something that reflected my take on things."

So, after writing a few songs, Regen sent some copies of them to friends in the music business to test for a possible foray into the pop arena.

"The response was miraculous," Regen said. "There was more of a buzz than there was to a lot of the instrumental work that I had done for a long time, so I felt that my message, my own story, was resonating with people."

With the acknowledgement that his music had stuck a chord with some people, Regen assembled a band for an album. First, he approached Jonathan Sanborn, with whom he had appeared in a little-known movie with Sarah Michelle Gellar, titled, "Simply Irresistible."

"We were the pretend band in the background," said Regen of their appearance in the 1999 film. "I think about six people saw it."

Regen, who had toured with David Sanborn, said that he frequently told the elder Sanborn, "You know, I'm going to call your son one of these days to play in my band." Sure enough, Sanborn excelled instantly when playing Regen's music, and then Regen tapped Eric Addeo for the drummer's spot, and Regen immediately noticed that Addeo had a tremendous sense for playing parts and time in songs.

And it's not as if Regen dislikes jazz. As a matter of fact, he carved out quite a niche for himself in that genre.

"I was found by Kyle Eastwood's manager at the Blue Note in 1999," said Regen. "She said, 'I'm putting a band together with Kyle, he's got a new record out. The next month I was touring Europe with Kyle, and that

was an amazing experience. Then Jimmy Scott's people heard about me, and I spent three years in Jimmy Scott's band, touring in Europe, Asia and the United States until March of this year when I left to concentrate on this new project because I felt it was time for me to step out."

Regen credits much of the faculty of Columbia High School and the community support of Maplewood for much of his success in music.

"I remember I had a band teacher named Matt Krempasky, and he was a guy who could help put you on your way," said Regen. "He would see the people with potential and not allow you to skate by without practicing your instrument. I think that the faculty has been great, I think it's a very diverse area. There are a lot of very well-known performers who live in Maplewood and the Oranges. There's a proximity to New York, yet people feel that by living here, they don't have to be right in the middle of it all the time."

"As a 16-year-old, I played in a rock band in Summit at a teen club called Second Floor, and there was a real drive by the parents, they would

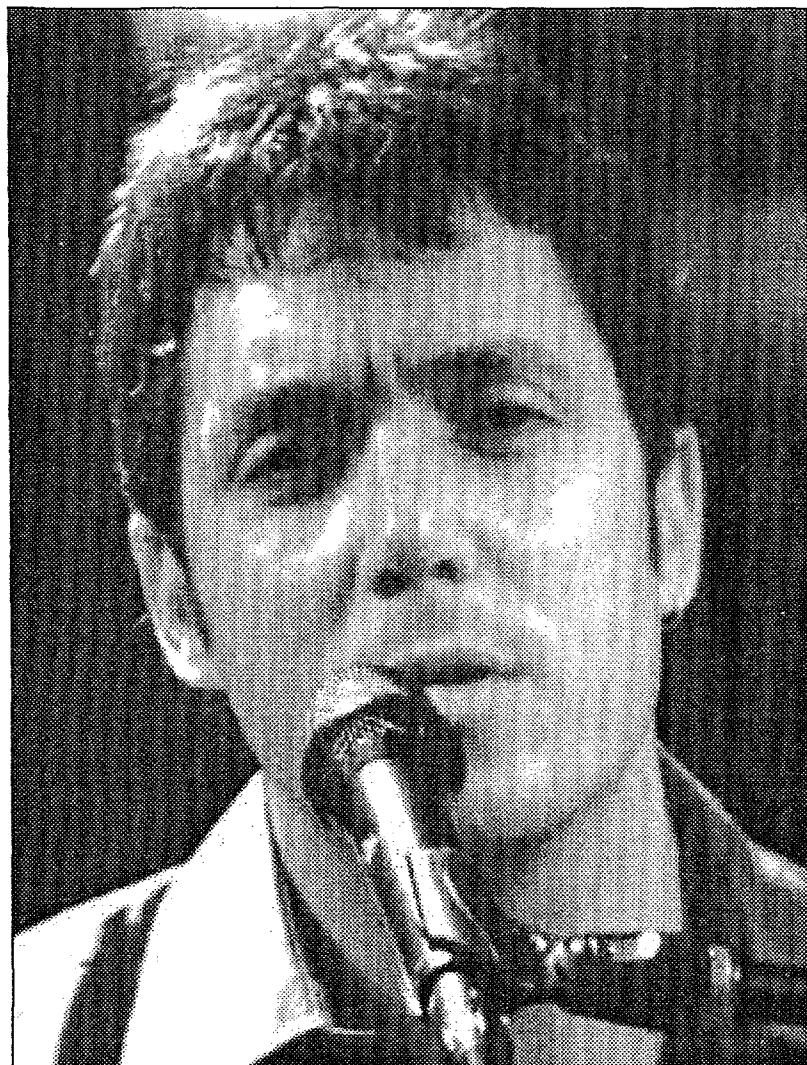
support their kids and come out, and say, 'Hey, you know my kid's doing this show,' I think it was a critical period in my life when I said, 'I just may be able to do this.'"

Regen acknowledged he's had to make sacrifices to keep his music career going.

"Obviously, we all want to be comfortable in our lives," he said. "I have friends who have sprawling estates, and I don't have that. But I had a voice and a story that I wanted to tell, so I solved the problem creatively. I've had maybe 19 different day jobs. I was a waiter, I tested asbestos samples."

"I think it teaches you to appreciate that hour-and-a-half you're on stage every night because you know what it took to get there," Regen said. "The other thing is that you meet a lot of interesting people along the way, people who would be key players in my record career, who I would give my record to, and they'd call me the next day and say, 'This is unbelievable, what are you doing as a maitre d?'"

In the end, Regen said he's grateful to be able to make a living as a musician. "When more people hear about something on a slower basis on a longer period of time, it means that your career may have some legs."



Singer/songwriter Jon Regen of Maplewood will appear tonight at The Dancing Goat in South Orange.

Perhaps a medal for commuting?

The Art of Laughter

By Helen Argers

Watching the Olympics, I began to wonder why there are medals given for wrestling, distance running, diving, even synchronized swimming, while the rest of us can't get a gold medal for our everyday activities? How about a competition for — Check-out Counting? That's right, let's assume there's an announcer giving the play-by-play as two contestants begin loading their purchases onto the check-out counter.

"Welcome ladies and gentlemen to the Olympic Supermarket Finals. At dual check-out counters are the two finalists. On the left side, Mildred Smith from Nutley, and on the right, Steven Bronzer from West Orange. Bronzer is noted for getting an early lead. Smith always scores for her steady pace. And there they go! Smith is loading the counter with her cans, juice bottles, frozen foods and last, produce. Bronzer is dumping everything at once onto the counter. He's finished first. But wait a minute! Two of his grapefruits and a honeydew have rolled off the counter. Bronzer is running after them. Gotcha! The two grapefruits are caught but the honeydew is rolling on. The judges are gonna give him a definite deduction for that. Double deduction now as the honeydew rolls between the feet of the meat department manager. But Bronzer grabs it. Oops! He drops the melon again. It's rolling into Aisle 3. A soccer-attuned child kicks it aside. Bronzer pushes by the kid and pounces on the fruit. He gets it in hand and sprints back to the check-out counter, a costly delay. But Bronzer looks out with his fast-fingered cashier. Her speed is helping him advance. Meanwhile, Smith refuses to be rushed. She's even taking out coupons! That's bound to hold her back. Bronzer shakes off the offer of plastic bags. Instead, he brings out a huge linen bag, sweeping all his purchases into it. That's

never been attempted before. But Bronzer will get points for originality. Back to Smith. She's just tying her last plastic bag and neatly putting it into her cart. Now she presents her credit card while Bronzer leaves the right amount of cash on the counter. He's closing in on the gold. Wait! A setback! His cart hits the counter and the honeydew melon bounces out again. He can't believe it. The melon is on a roll again. That will count against him if he doesn't get it back in the bag. But Bronzer is sprinting after it. Now Smith has signed her credit card slip and turns her cart to the finish line. Yet Bronzer won't give up. He pole vaults over the counter, sweeps up the slippery melon and is dashing toward the finish. The two are neck and neck. Bronzer bumps into Smith's cart and moves ahead to the finish! But no! That bump bounced the restless melon out of his cart again. Yet this time Bronzer was ready for it, scooping it up before it fell. Melon in hand, he turns to make a last dash. But Smith has already walked across the finish line. A surprise finish! Smith wins the gold medal, while Bronzer, squashing that slippery melon to the floor, has to settle for the silver. What a match!

Can't imagine that happening? Why not? Anybody who has to go through the supermarket hurdles will agree it is a contest that deserves a medal — just for endurance.

How about a gas station contest? A test of who can fill up his car's gas tank faster? Or for the lowest price? Then, too, road competitions are always going on. Why can't there be a gold medal for automobile driving, decided by who gets ahead on the road? Or who makes the fastest

turns, always while keeping within the law? Contests, contests, everywhere you look, and we are all champions. Don't we all wrestle annually with filling out our income tax forms? We constantly keep up our competitive edge through marathon voting — for "American Idol," the dress and/or cake of the couple to be married on the "Today" show, and, oh yes, for the president of our country.

Ready for another Olympic event? Kids Running After A Bus. Announcer: "There goes Jimmy Jones. He's a half block from the bus corner and the bus has just stopped. Weighed down with his school books, he's still able to make long looping leaps! But the bus driver is not going to make it easy for him. He's waited till Jimmy is two steps away and now, there, he's gunning the motor! He's closing the door! But Jimmy is a competitor with fast reflexes. He reaches for one of his books and tosses it, scoring a goal right between the rubber-edged closing doors. The doors swing open, enough for Jimmy to make a final leap. He's made it! He's into the bus! Not only has he won the gold but broken the block record for his run!

See what I mean? Every one of our daily activities may seem boring and repetitive till we view them as an Olympic challenge. Beat an egg and envision yourself going for a medal. Or a flat-tire fixer champion. Every act can earn you a laurel wreath. Make your own gold medal out of foiled candy wrappings. For we are all champions in our own way. Isn't it about time we were acknowledged? If not by the Olympics, maybe just by ourselves?

Well, I just did. You are my Olympic, gold-winning champions — every one of you.

Helen Argers is an award-winning playwright and novelist.

Liberty Hall Museum is celebrating its fifth anniversary

Liberty Hall Museum is celebrating its fifth season with many special events. The museum is located at 1003 Morris Ave. in Union.

Opened in 2000, the museum preserves the 225-year-old home of the Livingston and Kean families. Tours of the house with professional guides are offered every half-hour from April through December.

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

facilities.

Every Wednesday, an afternoon tea is held on the porch overlooking the garden. This popular event features tea sandwiches, tarts, brownies, and scones with jam and clotted cream. Advance reservations are necessary. The cost is \$24.

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

In addition, the museum offers

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

The gift shop has many items at a variety of prices including tea pots, afghans, serving dishes, mugs, books, and children's toys and games.

Liberty Hall Museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens, and \$4 for children. Children younger than 6 are free.

Unique play explores national obsession with entertainment

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor

The Theater Project's version of Christopher Durang's play, "Betty's Summer Vacation," recently directed by Mark Spina at Union County College in Cranford, attempted to point out the absurd, media-dominated world that modern society has become. On some levels, it was effective; on others, it went over the top.

Then again, that's the point. The play begins when Betty and her excessively chatty friend, Trudy, arrive at the summer house for which they have rented shares. As the play progresses, they meet their housemates, including Keith, a suspected serial killer; Buck, a macho dimwit played to perfection by Marc Donovan in his first role with the Theater Project; the excessively chatty land-

lord, Mrs. Siezmagraph, who also happens to be Trudy's mother, played by Bev Sheehan; and Mr. Vanislaw, a homeless pervert who was discovered on the beach by Mrs. Siezmagraph, who invited him to stay at the house. Once he was firmly established as a house guest, Mr. Vanislaw raped Trudy, who, we learned, also was raped in her childhood by her father.

In and of themselves, these characters would provide for plenty of laughs and fodder. But the twist that made this play truly bizarre was the presence of voices from nowhere, which seem to be providing a laugh track of television programs, which the characters quickly catch on to. The presence of these voices was made all the more unusual when they appeared as live participants during the play's second act, demanding to

be entertained by the characters, and by the audience itself, which illustrates the essence of the play: that our society demands entertainment from everything, including television, government, colleagues, and, in some cases, even family.

The concept behind "Betty's Summer Vacation" was to find humor in the overwhelming need for people in our society to be entertained. In some cases, it succeeded, while in others, more than anything else, it was merely irritating. The script included its fair share of colorful language, which, for the most part, added to the feel of the play, enhancing the ludicrous basis of the plot.

"We become jaded very quickly," said Spina, speaking of the thirst for entertainment in modern society. "We need more and more shock, more and

more obscenity.

"Durang wrote about dysfunctional families; this play is about a dysfunctional society," said Spina, who acknowledged that when the play was done in New York several years ago, "some people loved it, and some people hated it."

At its core, "Betty's Summer Vacation" speaks to television's dominance of our society.

"TV has taken away from movies, theater, even radio," said Spina, who made no attempt to conceal his contempt for the "small screen." "TV is free and convenient; you don't have to leave your house. It's much less finely made, but it's convenient. Even with radio, a listener still has to use their imagination. That's why we're seeing kids come through schools with less critical thinking

skills, because they spend most of their time watching images. They tend to be much more image-driven than language-driven."

Naturally, Spina championed reading, and theater, which he said required the audience to participate. He even added that "entertainment" doesn't completely capture what many people are after these days.

"It's more about being distracted than being entertained," said Spina. "People go less to a museum to think about one piece. They keep changing the image so quickly that we don't have to think."

Durang's focus on immediate gratification is best captured by the fact that the characters quickly lose their sense of "awe" about the voices, and adapt rather easily to the fact that the "voices" tend to demand a lot of

them — not to mention the fact that the "voices" appear on the stage, and ultimately forge a method of pushing the characters around, seemingly intimidating them. Carol Todd stared as Betty, the protagonist, for whom the play is named. Todd gave a more than credible performance as Betty, the story's protagonist, who is overwhelmed by the cast of strange characters that are part of the story. Megan Muckelman starred as Trudy and Sheehan as Mrs. Siezmagraph, both delivering excellent jobs capturing the hyperactivity of their respective characters. In the role of Mr. Vanislaw, it's virtually impossible to envision any actor capturing the sleaze of that character better than Ken Schachtman, a graduate of the Neighborhood Playhouse of New York.

Polish artist will display paintings in Summit in September

Though she now makes her home in Summit, Agnieszka Solawa was born and raised in Poland to an artist mother and an architect father. "Drawings, sketches and paint were part of my daily life," she recalls.

Her first artistic commission was at the age of 10. She painted five icons for a missionary church in Cracow. The paintings were in oil on glass, in the style of the Polish peasants of Zakopane in the Tatra Mountains.

Solawa will hang her reverse

paintings on glass in Wisner House at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit through Sept. 8.

"In the old days, the interior of smoky peasant huts, without chimneys, was decorated with colorful painting on glass hanging in a row on the wall," she said. "Even in the dim light they looked bright, like a bunch of field flowers, like glossy wings of enormous butterflies. They were believed to protect the home from fire, to be of help in trouble and hard times. The saints por-

trayed in these paintings were the family's patrons," she said about the products of the glassworks in Silesia and Spisz.

Solawa's paintings use colors to describe themes occasionally religious, but more often fanciful, including unicorns and women in Renaissance garb.

"My goal is to introduce to the American artists and public the forgotten and sublime art of reverse painting on glass, an art I was born and lived with through my contacts

with ancient Polish traditions that still lived in the villages and the mountains of my homeland," said Solawa.

"I discovered the forgotten techniques and even reinvented them to fit modern technologies and still preserve the soul of the ancient ones."

Solawa studied fine art at Pretoria University. She received her diploma of fine art and later her bachelor of arts in architecture from the University of Cape Town in

South Africa.

In 1981, she won a scholarship sponsored by the Italian government to study art and Italian language at the University of Urbino in Italy.

In 1989, she moved to the United States and settled in Summit. She has recently exhibited at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey annual art exhibitions, at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, and at the Paper Mill Theater Gallery. Examples of her work may be seen at www.solawa.com.

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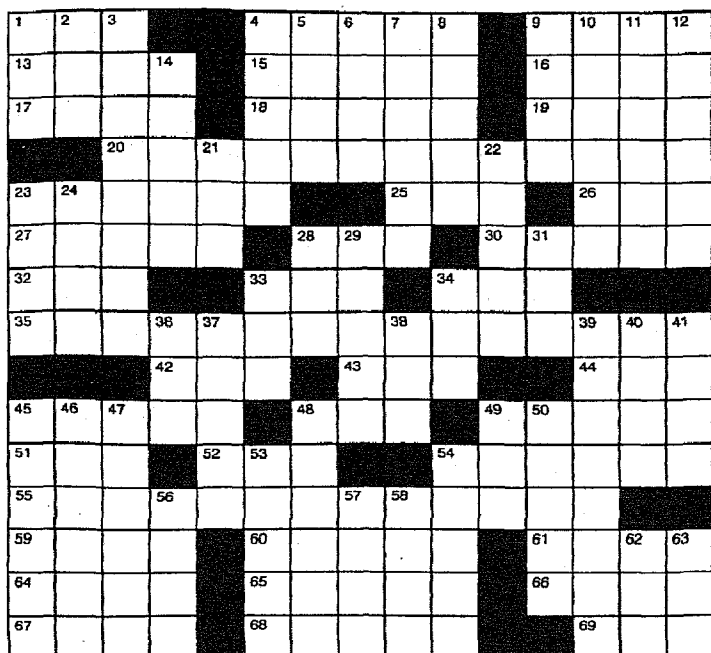
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State orchestra, NJPAC set to co-produce 'Lord of the Rings'

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center announced this week that they will be co-producing two performances of "The Lord of the Rings Symphony" in early December. These multi-media concerts will be the first performances of this symphony in the metropolitan New York area, and will feature the music and storyboard stills from the popular movie trilogy, "The Lord of the Rings," as well as incorporate illustrations from the centenary edition of J.R.R. Tolkien's books.

These visuals will be projected above the orchestra. These concerts

replace the NJSO's December performances of "The Nutcracker" at NJPAC.

Featured in these concerts will be composer Howard Shore's Academy Award-winning scores from the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy in a grand six-movement journey that takes the listener from the tranquility of the Shire, to the horrors of Mordor and explosive Mount Doom.

The score utilizes more than 50 "leitmotifs" — musical ideas connected with specific characters and ideas in the story — from the epic films "The Fellowship of the Ring," "The Two Towers," and "The Return of the

King."

Performances of this epic-tracing score will be presented Dec. 3 and 4 at NJPAC, beginning at 8 p.m. each evening. The event incorporates more than 200 performers, including two choirs that must learn languages invented by Tolkien, as well as a full symphony orchestra and various vocal and instrumental soloists.

Featured in this co-presentation are members of the Montclair State University Chorale and the New Jersey Youth Chorus, all under the direction of John Mauceri.

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Aug. 30 to Sept. 5

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Rise above judging or criticizing others just because their views may be different from yours. Allow everyone to voice their opinions.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Welcome and explore different forms of entertainment. A sudden unexpected attraction or inspiration is a sign that you are headed in the right direction.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): A misunderstanding on the home front can be emotionally upsetting. Do your best to stay centered and rise above all disturbing circumstances.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Investigate a new proposal very carefully. There is more to the situation than meets the eye. Think twice before committing to a complicated project.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Stop complaining about a recent financial decision and do something about it.

There is still time to fix it. Take responsibility and find a solution.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Dress to impress and to express your individuality this week. Friends, peers and associates are in your corner to offer their support.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Dreams, insights or psychic premonitions will guide you through a gnawing dilemma. Tune into your subconscious mind and take notes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Your participation in a group event or project could become quite costly. Keep a close watch on your budget and avoid overspending.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Do not hesitate to take advantage of an amazing opportunity in the professional arena. Step up to the plate and swing with determination.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Be prepared for a mental journey that will take you a long way. Pay attention and expect lots of detours along the

road to discovery.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Avoid flawed or unscrupulous investment ventures that are suggested by a friend or associate. Consider a safe and secure savings plan instead.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): This would be a great time to make adjustments in a close personal relationship. Clarify your goals and intentions and plan for the future.

If your birthday is this week, relationships take on a very serious tone during the coming year. Challenges in togetherness are likely to make you and your loved ones stronger than ever. Keep the avenues of communication open and avoid power plays or manipulation. A wonderful opportunity to blaze new trails is found through an associate or association. Follow your heart and find happiness.

Also born this week: Ted Williams, Maria Montessori, Gloria Estefan, Keanu Reeves, Charlie Sheen, Beyonce Knowles and Jesse James.

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Nadine Jacobson, who landed the role of Young Cosette in the National tour of Les Misérables, and is singing a solo in the production, has studied voice, dance and song interpretation at PTW.

Nadine's mom Laurine states "Nadine rehearsed an hour and a half the night before her audition, privately, with her song interpretation instructor to help her truly get into character for the audition. I believe that Nadine's instruction the night before the audition helped her truly interpret the emotional impact of the song and helped her land the role."

Debbie Seyler, mother of 10-year-old Carly, who performed last December in two different roles in a six-week run of A Christmas Carol at New York City's Madison Square Garden states, "Carly's PTW training helped her get the part. They do a

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Brandon Uranowitz's dad knows the value of training at PTW. Brandon starred in Ragtime when it debuted in Toronto, appeared in A Christmas Carol at the Theatre in Madison Square Garden and starred in Broadway Kids on Broadway. Brandon's dad claims "PTW instilled confidence in Brandon to realize he wanted to take his training to the next level. The audition process would not have happened without PTW. They brought out his talent, smoothed the rough edges, and matured his talent."

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Brandon Uranowitz explains, "All I really wanted to do when I got back from Toronto was come back to PTW. Out of all my friends from New Jersey, I missed my PTW friends most."

Aaliyah Hill, who was in the Broadway stage production of Disney's The Lion King boosts, "I love acting on stage and for TV, and it's totally awesome being with a group of kids who love to perform and learn as much as I do."

Brandon Nero, who stayed up past his normal bedtime to make TV appearances on "Saturday Night

Live," Conan O' Brien, and David Letterman, states, "PTW helps me with any of the challenges that auditions throw me."

PTW graduate Meghann Dreyfuss who made her Broadway debut in Abba's original musical Mama Mia, credits her voice, dance and acting classes with giving her the training needed to land the role. Meghann states, "PTW definitely prepared me for college. It was so exciting to have a bunch of people with the same passion and desire."

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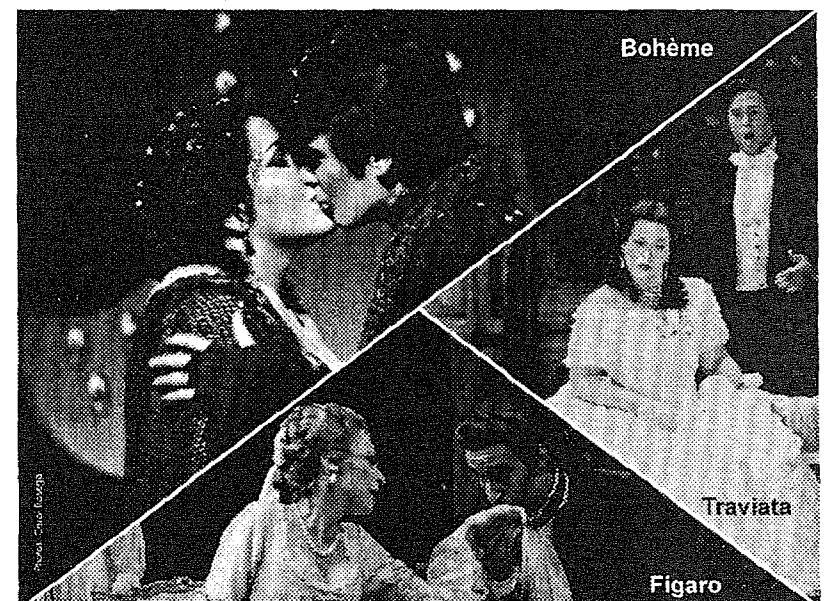
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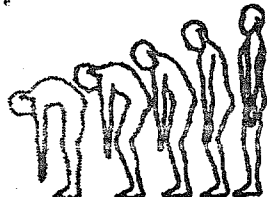
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and academics, it offers courses in American culture, business and professional writing and vocabulary expansion. "Class trips to nearby New York City points of interest — such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the United Nations and the Statue of Liberty — complement classroom

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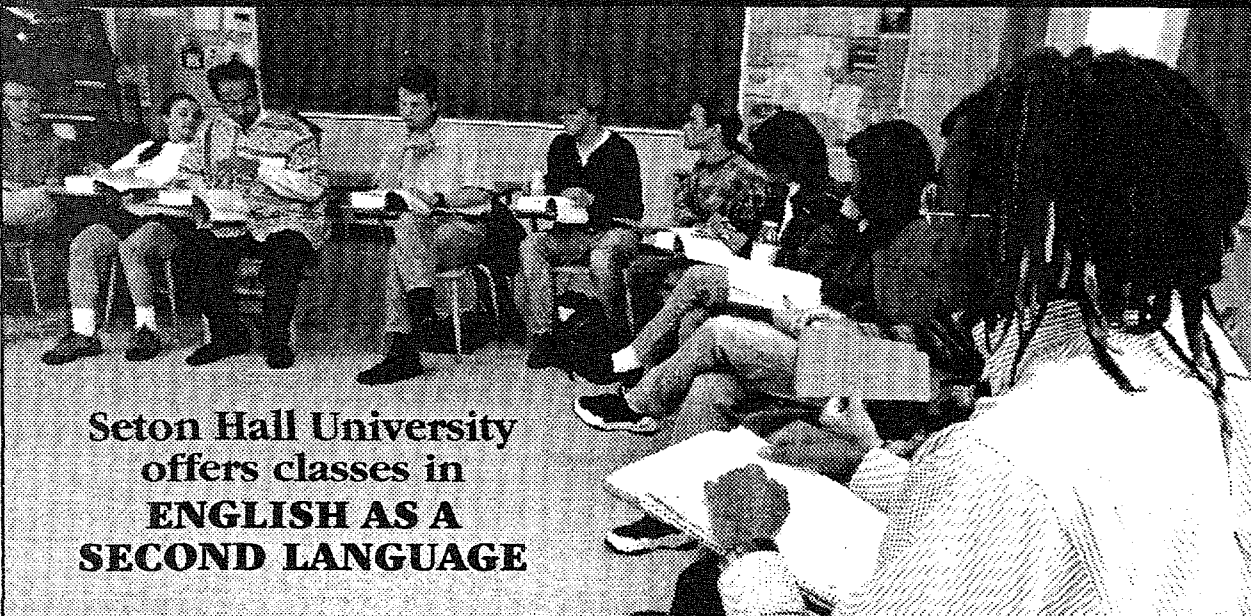


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Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area. The calendar is open to all groups and organizations in the Union County area. To place your free listing, send information to: Worrall Community Newspapers, 463 Valley St., P.O. Box 158, Maplewood, 07040. Faxes may be sent to 973-763-2557.

ART SHOWS

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 through Sept. 8. 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.

SWAIN GALLERIES, 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, 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.

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.

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, from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday. A portion of the proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society and another portion will go to the cultural center. For information on being added to the guest list, call 908-686-4822.

BOOKS

THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN BOOK GROUP meets 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.

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-

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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.

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. 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.

CRAFTS

CRAFTERS ARE SOUGHT for Sept. 25 to reserve a table at the Roselle Ethnic Fair and Festival. The borough's annual, all-day celebration of cultural diversity attracts several thousand guests each year — and this year's

on Center Street in Garwood. For information, call Rich Lefebvre at 908-789-1600.

COMEDY

THE WATCHUNG ARTS CENTER presents Comedy Night on the third Saturday of each month. The Comedy Night series at the Watchung Arts Center has managed to build a following in its suburban location by drawing from a mix of New York City comedy club stand-ups. Each show features new faces and fresh material.

Host Phil Hochman will present master of ceremonies John McMinamen, a headliner and a feature performer. Ticket price includes light refreshments after the show. The show begins at 8 p.m. Sept. 18 and Oct. 16, and tickets are \$15.

The seating at the Watchung Arts Center is in an intimate art gallery, with limited capacity. Reservations may be made by e-mail at www.watchungarts.org or by phone, calling 908-753-0190 and leaving a message if necessary. Tickets will be held at the door.

The Watchung Arts Center is located "on the circle" in Watchung, reached from Route 22 or Interstate 78. There is free parking adjacent to the building or around the corner at Best Lake.

CONCERTS

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

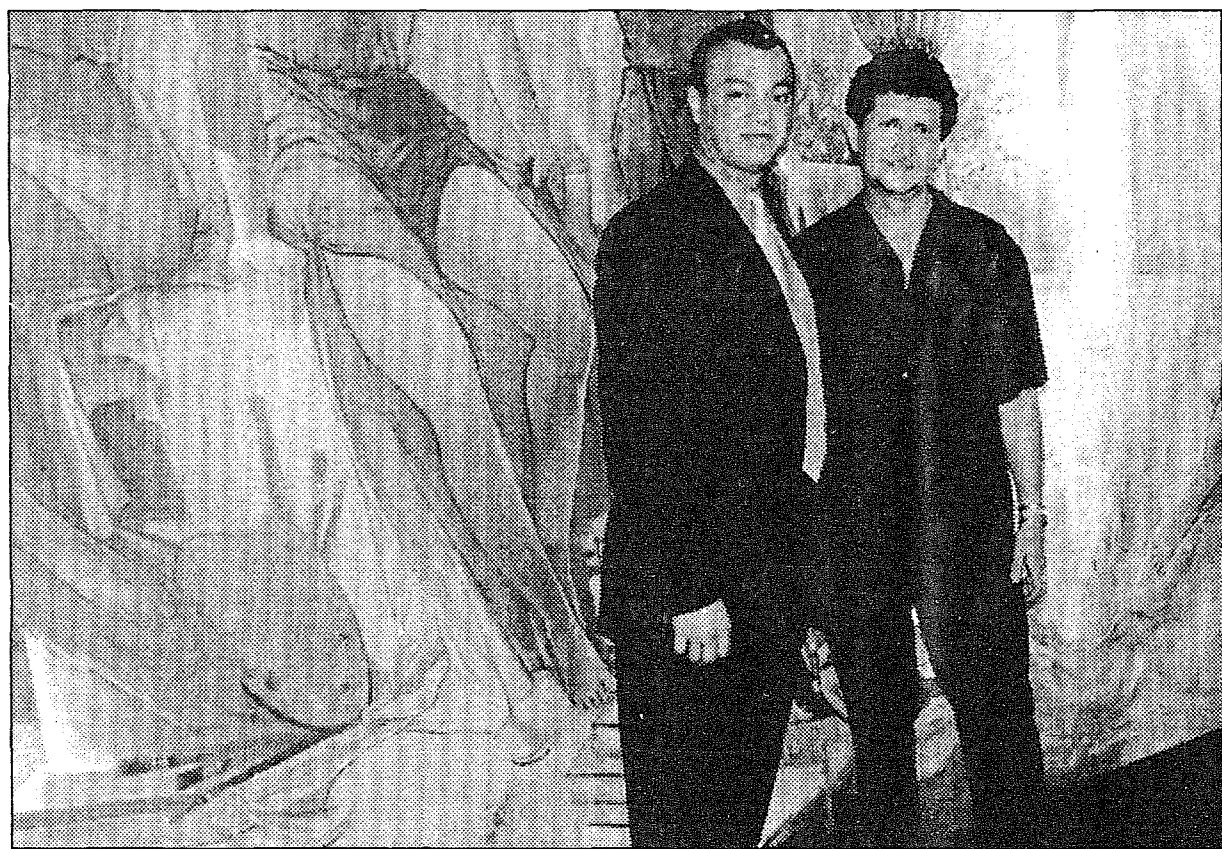
Tonight: Latin jazz and the music of Santana with Yareda's Ensemble and Nerd's Evil Ways Band; with DJ Rob of Colorblind Productions

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.,



From left, theater owner George Castro and artist Jorge Posada unveil 'Art, A Vision of Paradise,' at the newly restored Ritz Theatre in Elizabeth.

event will be its largest to date with more live music, entertainment and food than ever before! Tables for vendors who want to offer new handcrafted merchandise are \$50. Reservations are required by Sept. 18. The fair will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 25 at Chestnut Street between First and Third avenues in downtown Roselle. The rain date is Oct. 2. For more information, call Jo-Ann Drake at Roselle Borough Hall at 908-259-3029.

THE GARWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE seeks crafters and vendors for its eighth annual Family Fair and Car Show, scheduled for Sept. 12., rain date is Sept. 19, from noon to 5 p.m.

Berkeley Heights. For information, call 973-376-4946 or visit www.sanctuaryconcerts.org.

DANCE

Y-SQUARES, a local square dance club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Frank K. Hehny School, Raritan Road, Clark. The 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 pro-

fessional 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 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: Tuesday: "The Wizard of Oz."

open to the public Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call 908-964-9724 or 908-964-8808, send inquiries via e-mail to TMRCInc@aol.com or visit the Web site at www.tmrcl.com.

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, hosts an Open Mic/ Karaoke Night. 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: 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.

POETRY

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

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

RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch

Plains. For information, call 908-241-5758.

SINGLES

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

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

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

THEATER

TRAGEDY INSPIRES "THE GUYS," a play examining the relationships in a firehouse following the 9/11 catastrophe. Production dates are Sept. 10, 11, 12, 24 and 25, and Oct. 1 and 2. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m., except for the 9/11 tribute performance, which begins at 6 p.m. Sunday matinee performances are Sept. 12 and 26, which begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Discounted tickets for students and seniors are \$15. Tickets for all emergency services personnel and their family members are \$10. Tickets for the 9/11 tribute evening, which includes dinner, as well as the performance, are priced at \$45 each. For more information, call the Liberty Theatre at 973-566-0066 or log on to www.alliancerep.org.

RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY THEATER 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 nine 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 1970s.

For more information, contact Amy Levine at sweetalm2@aol.com or Chris Fitzgerald at daytime phone number of 973-761-6000, evening at 908-272-1469.

Tickets will be \$55 with dinner included. To purchase tickets, a check in that amount should be sent to NJ Act, PO Box 511, Clifton, 07012. Included with the check should be the name, address and theater affiliation of the sender. For more information, contact Chris Fitzgerald at 908-272-1469 or Joe Schreck at 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

For information, call 908-232-5666 or visit www.xxroads.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 an e-mail to info@secondsatursdays.org.

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

For information, call 908-810-1844.

University theater group receives donation from arts organization

Kean University's Theater Management and Programming Office has been honored with three performing arts grants totaling \$15,390. The awards will support the university in its mission to become the cultural hub of the area, as it brings internationally acclaimed performers to Wilkins Theatre for the upcoming 2004-05 concert season.

Two grants, one an ArtsCONNECT grant from the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation in the amount of \$6,800,

and the other from the New England Foundation for the Arts' National Dance Project for \$4,250, will fund the university's presentation of Shawn McCone and her Orchestra's "Stand On Your Man" on Oct. 8 at 7:30 pm. Combining contemporary dance, words, music, film and video to create evocative works to enlighten and entertain, the company celebrates country and western music while challenging the way Americans look at relationships and gender expectations. "Picture the wild and wicked West as

an alternative universe where cowgirls with attitude wrasse (sic) some powerful traditions to the ground," wrote Linda Shapiro of St. Paul Pioneer Press.

A second ArtsCONNECT grant totaling \$4,340 will support the Wilkins Theatre performance of the Western Wind's "The Chanukkah Story," featuring Tony Award-nominated actress Tovah Feldshuh, on Dec. 8 at 7:30 pm. The Western Wind is a vocal sextet that has devoted itself to the spe-

cial beauty and variety of a capella music. The company, along with guest narrator Feldshuh, who has performed on Broadway in classics like "Yentl" and won a Drama Desk award for her current role in Golda's Balcony, explores Chanukkah's origins, spiritual significance and the rituals and customs that have evolved to celebrate it. "The Chanukkah Story" is comprised of 25 songs that weave together ancient Ladino songs of the Spanish Jews, Yiddish

melodies of Eastern Europe and modern Israelis and Mexican tunes along with insightful and informed commentary. The piece won *The New York Times* Critics' Choice award for favorite holiday recordings, and the Pittsburgh Press hailed, "This is a rich tapestry of sacred and secular fare, sung with the subtlety and fervor, accompanied by an ensemble of old and new instruments."

Lindsay Gambini, executive director of the Theatre Management and

Programming Office, was the driving force behind planning the 2004-05 season and winning the grants. "I'm very grateful to the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation and the New England Foundation for the Arts for their support of these two programs," she said. "The funding they provide is critical to being able to bring innovative and exciting cultural events to Kean audiences." For more information about Wilkins Theatre at Kean University and upcoming events, call the Box Office at 908-737-7469.

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Since the ESED offers courses in both fields, as well as some that apply

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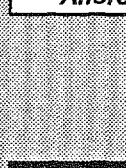
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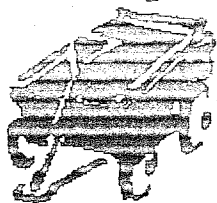
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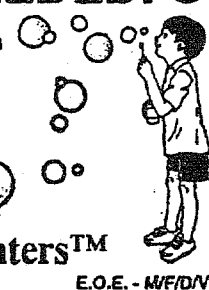
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BURNETT	MARY		310 FITZPATRICK STFLR 1	HILLSIDE
BURNS	JAMES	A	1123 WHEATCREEK	LINDEN
BURNS	PATRICIA	A	904 GROVE ST	ELIZABETH
BURNS	CIA		515 BOND ST	ELIZABETH
BURNIS	CLAUDETTE		515 BOND STREET	ELIZABETH,
BURNIS	CLARENCE		1008 RAYMON TERRACE	RAHWAY
BUTLER	GEN		10 JACKSON DR #346	CRANFORD
BUTLER	KENNETH	W	2222 MORRIS AVE	UNION
BUTZ	ANDREW		36 MOREHOUSE PL	NEW PROVIDENCE
BYRNES	DENISE		568 W 5TH AVE	ROSELLE
CABALERO	YODALIS		28 CANTERBURY DR	SCOTCH PLAINS
CACCAVALE	JOSEPH		106 GLEN SIDE RD	MURRAY HILL
CACUSTE	JACQUE		1401 KEAT PLACE	LINDEN
CALDERON	ROSALBA		51 RAYMOND TER	ELIZABETH
CALVOFINA	LUIS		822 SHERIDAN AVE	ELIZABETH
CALVOFINA	RAMONEL		PO BOX 1435	HILLSIDE
CAMICIA	ALEXANDER		644 S BROAD ST	ELIZABETH
CAMMERMAN	DANIEL	J	515 TRINITY PL APT 3D	WESTFIELD
CAMPBELL	JOYCE		246 EDGAR PL APT 1F	ELIZABETH
CAMPOS	ALBERTO	A	1060 ELIZABETH AVE APT 3L	ELIZABETH
CAMPOS	JOYCE		209 NORTH AVE E	CRANFORD
CANERIS	MINNIE		1590 BAYVIEW AVE	HILLSIDE
CAPORETTI	HELEN		622 BLOOMINGDALE AVE	KENILWORTH
CARDIAC TESTING CENT			29 SOUTH ST	NEW PROVIDENCE
CARDNELL	TIFFANIE	N	123 LIBERTY AVE	JERSEY CITY
CARE			90 BOX 3107	WESTFIELD
CARE & CARE DOERFER			901 HARDING ST	RAHWAY
CARLISLE	ALLEN		1784 BOND STREET	ROSELLE
CARLOS REMOLINA MD			776 E THIRDAVE	UNION
CARO	H		968 UNION TERRACE	NEW PROVIDENCE
CARONE	NICOLA		107 CONNORWELTH AVE	ROSELLE
CAROSI	MICHELLE	M	4 CRAIG PL	CRANFORD
CARR	JOHN	G	250 W 2ND ST	ROSELLE
CARRERAS	EDUARDO		631 WORTH AVENUE	LINDEN
CARTERS USA			2520 RT 22 E #4	SCOTCH PLAINS
CARTER BELL MFG CO			BOX 108 MT DRYANT LK	SPRINGFIELD
CARY	TROY	A	40 LOOKER ST	HILLSIDE
CASALE	DAWN	W	974 POTTER AVENUE	UNION
CASALES	MARIA		252-256 FIRST STREET	HOBOKEN
CASANO	PATRI		177 MORNING GLORY RD	WARREN
CASAS	RICHARD		850 FLORAL AVE	ELIZABETH
CASTIGLIONE	RONALD		1328 CHRYSEN CT	UNION
CASTILLO	JUAN		721 UNION AVENUE	ELIZABETH
CATTILLO	ALICE		63 SEAFORD AVE C	WINFIELD PK
CAZCAN	VILBURN		1201 BOWEN ST	LINDEN
CEBRASI	D		1482 FORCE DRIVE	MOUNTAINSIDE
CEAI	MARK		416 WINTEROP PL	ELIZABETH
CHANGO	WILLIAM		4 COLIN KELLY STREET	CRANFORD
CHAPMAN	DONAL		18 HERCHWOOD DRIVE	BERKELEY HEIGHTS
CHARKO	GREGORY	P	2124 MORRIS AVE	UNION
CHARLEMAGNE	JOSE		118 WEST KING STREET	HILLSIDE
CHARLES	ARTIE		602 LIVINGSTON ST	ELIZABETH
CHARLES	CUNARD		139 DUDLEY	CAMDEN
CHARLES	ELIZABETH		724 ROBERTSON DR	UNION
CHAVARRIA MADRIZ	ELIZCER		1108 MORRIS TPK	SUMMIT
CHAVEZ	MARIA	E	821 JERSEY AVE	ELIZABETH
CHEER VALLEY ENTERPR	ISE INC		PO BOX 1621	PLAINFIELD
CHENG	KEITH		1260 SPRINGFIELD AVE	NEW PROVIDENCE
CHENG	CEI		112 REVERE AVE	UNION
CHIAFFETTA	LOUIS		400 SPRUCE ST	LINDEN
CHINGYUN	KAO	M	MUEHLBERG M.C.	PLAINFIELD
CHINOPR	MAGIE	A	1003 MAGIE AVE	UNION
CHOBEL	ROBERT		4 NOTTINGHAM WAY	WARREN
CHUBB SOHS INC			15 MOUNTAIN VIEW	WARREN
CIASULLO	LORENZA	L	100 FRANCIS COURT	UNION
CIASULLO	LORRAINE		100 FRANCIS COURT	UNION
CITROBELLI	DOMINICK		707 ADAMS AVE	ELIZABETH
CIVANO			1010 A ADAMS AVENUE	ELIZABETH
CITY OF ELIZABETH			50 WINFIELD SCOTT PLA	ELIZABETH
CITZO	JERRY		820 STANTON AVE	ELIZABETH
CLAISNICH	MARY		458 BOND ST	ELIZABETH
CLARK	JILL	A	133 SUMMIT AVENUE	SUMMIT
CLARK	WALTER	H	210 ORCHARD ST	C/O N THOMSON PEEN & ME
CLOSE	JAMES	R	320 UNION AVE	NEW PROVIDENCE
COAKLEY	THEONAS	R	11 WAVERLY PL	CRANFORD
COAN	MICHAEL		519 W HENRY ST	LINDEN
COATES	KELLY		112 SPRING GARDEN ST	CRANFORD
COBO PHOANO	GALE	E	1824 SUMMER	ELIZABETH
COHEN	ELIAS	I	1365 NORTH AVE	ELIZABETH
COHEN	HAROLD		2181 SPRINGFIELD AVE B	VAUXHALL
COHEN	JOSHUA		921 EMERSON AVE	ELIZABETH
COHN	EDITH	S	1373 OUTLAND DRIVE WEST	C/O A WEININGER
COHN	DIANE		1280 N BROAD ST 2L	ELIZABETH
COKE	ANTHONY		196 ELM AVE	RAHWAY
COLALILLO	ANTHONY	V	49 NORTH 23RD ST	KENILWORTH
COLAVITA PASTA & OLI			2537 BRUNSWICK AVE	LINDEN
COLE	DIANE	M	414 E 5TH AVE	ROSELLE NJ
COLEMAN	EMIL		26 E 12TH ST LINDEN NJ	LINDEN
COLMAN	JAMES		340 DOUGLAS RD 22	ROSELLE
COLIN	LISAE		238 JEFFERSON	FANWOOD
COLON	PETER	J	370 CRENSDA CI	RAHWAY
COLONA	JAMES		9 MONMOUTH RD	WESTFIELD

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ALBUQUERQUE	J	69 IRWIN ST
MICHAEL	J	656 CENTRAL AVE
ROBERT	A	PO BOX 1157
GEORGE		100 TRUMBULL STREET
EUGENIA		521 POWER ST
WILLER		1715 ST GEORGE AVE *
HARANAH		2570 LINN AVE
GOKUL		5 BIRCHMONT LANE
INVALID COACH		P O BOX 1712
GEORGE	M	703 PARK ST
TIMOTHY	W	1505 GALLERIE HILL RD
WILLIAM		1700S TERRILL RD
WILLIAM		25 CONSTANTINE PLA APT 15
WILLIAM		141 A FIRST AVE
MICHA	L	1045 S ELMOIRA AVE
DANIE		5 STONE HILL RD APT
HELEN		65 SPRINGFIELD AVE
HELEN	F	20 HELEN ST
HELEN		F 230 N PARKER ST
NANCY		73 PARKER RD
JEFFREY	H	1435 LEXINGTON PL
GEORGEY	R	1288 MAPLE TERR
JOHN	R	1866 CEDER HILL RD
JOHN		655 JACKSON AVE
ANDRE		10 SOUTH ST
ANDRE	M	331 BOND ST APT B
ANDRE		67 WALNUT AVE
ANDRE		766 WESTFIELD AVE
ANDRE		723 NEW POINT ROAD
ANDRE		137 SAYRE ST
ANDRE		345 COOK AVE
ANDRE		233 WASHINGTON AVE
ANDRE		370 WALKER TERR.
ANDRE		144 GOLFING HILL RD
ANDRE		14 NOBIN ROAD
ANDRE		40 MGLIONE MANOR *
ANDRE		28 CONCORD PLACE
ANDRE		147 BULLWOOD AVE
ANDRE	C	230 PARKER ROAD APT4D
ANDRE	E	1360 RARITAN RD
ANDRE	M	2222 MORRIS AVE
ANDRE		62 CONGER WAY
ANDRE	G	650 ST MARKS AVE
ANDRE	B	999 RARITAN RD
ANDRE	B	775 MORRIS AVENUE
ANDRE		14 COMMERCE DRIVE
ANDRE		P O BOX 4064
ANDRE		230 W JERSEY STREET/ELIZABETH
ANDRE	M	P O BOX 2015
ANDRE		10 SALEM PK APT 10
ANDRE		128 N 2 AVE APT 9
ANDRE	M	602 W HARBOR AVE
ANDRE		129 UNION ROAD
ANDRE	M	1300 LINCOLN ST
ANDRE		1070 STONES
ANDRE		820 DIXIE LANE
ANDRE	B	4 COMMERCE DRIVE ACCT#004010
ANDRE		139 LINDEN AVE
ANDRE		125 DOGWOOD DRIVE
ANDRE		70 MORRIS AVE
ANDRE	R	1380 NORTH AVE
ANDRE		30 PRK EDGE
ANDRE	R	383 CENTRAL AVE
ANDRE		1000 ELIZABETH AVE
ANDRE	C	408 GROVE STREET
ANDRE	M	827 VALLEY ST
ANDRE		1441 IRVING STREET SUITE 201
ANDRE		22 SHEROLD RD
ANDRE		1224 GLOVE AVE
ANDRE	G	25 SHERBURN DR
ANDRE		284 CONCORD AVENUE
ANDRE	M	1027 E GRAND ST *
ANDRE		233 CHARLOTTE TERRACE
ANDRE		PO BOX 1575
ANDRE	A	150 JERSEY AVENUE
ANDRE	S	53 59 WESTFIELD AVENUE
ANDRE	E	836 PENNINGTON ST
ANDRE		116 MAKATON DR
ANDRE		60 BOURNHAIM BLVD EXT 201
ANDRE		108 FRANKLIN AVE
ANDRE	J	22 W 19TH STREET
ANDRE	G	571 CENTRAL AVE STE
ANDRE	G	34 WOOD LAND RD
ANDRE		88 BROAD ST
ANDRE	S	10 HILLSIDE AVE
ANDRE		577 WESTFIELD AVE
ANDRE		34 TROTTERS LN
ANDRE		24 BROWN AVE
ANDRE		40 CONGER WAY
ANDRE		50 RIVER BEND RD
ANDRE		2003 HILL TOP ROAD
ANDRE		1047 CROSS AVE
ANDRE		PO BOX 128
ANDRE		752 SPRING ST
ANDRE		232 WESTFIELD AVE
ANDRE		366 MINUTE ARMES RD
ANDRE		414 WEST END AVENUE
ANDRE		P O BOX 117
ANDRE		305 LINCOLN DRIVE
ANDRE		PO BOX 1520
ANDRE		865 STONE ST
ANDRE		PO BOX 747
ANDRE		STEVIE SANDRA CIRCLE
ANDRE		200 W JERSEY AVE C12
ANDRE		1011 E JERSEY ST
ANDRE	M	860 COLONIA ROAD
ANDRE		713 EXUDO STREET
ANDRE		1243 MORRIS AVENUE, STE 3
ANDRE		PO BOX 1844
ANDRE	B	669 DORIAN RD
ANDRE	J	764 JEFFERSON AVE
ANDRE		6 STILES ST
ANDRE	C	1224 BARCLAY AVE
ANDRE		1974 HANCOX AVE
ANDRE		27 PELMOUTER RD
ANDRE	M	2247 PERSHING RD
ANDRE	L	2618 VANDERBILT RD
ANDRE	T	202 FRANKLIN TERR
ANDRE		630 CENTRAL AVE
ANDRE		21 WINDERMERE AVE
ANDRE		1123 CHESTNUT ST
ANDRE		2004 VALLEY AVE
ANDRE	A	1070 MORRIS AVE
ANDRE		178 OAK RIDGE AVE
ANDRE	J	16 RUTGERS ROAD
ANDRE	J	13 ASHWOOD
ANDRE		858 ELIZABETH AVE
ANDRE		734 WEST JERSEY AVE
ANDRE	E	737 HILLSIDE AVE
ANDRE		40 LOCUST GROVE DRIVE
ANDRE		PO BOX 807
ANDRE		203 MURRAY ST
ANDRE	D	TRAVELLER WAY
ANDRE	F	1379 MORRIS AVE
ANDRE	C	1024 SALEM RD
ANDRE	V	405 SHERIDAN AVE
ANDRE		1435 MORRIS AVENUE
ANDRE		402 SPRINGFIELD AVE
ANDRE	W	11 SENECA RD
ANDRE		116 LYONS PLACE
ANDRE		6 ASHWOOD AVE
ANDRE		123 CALVIN ST
ANDRE		709 ADAMS AVE
ANDRE	G	594 ADAMS AVENUE
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SCORPIO CHEMICAL COM		PO BOX 893	
SCOTT		A 596 LEHIGH AVENUE	
SCOTT	J	59 VALLEY RD	OKATIE PRODUCTS INC
ROBERT		1029 CHANDLER AVENUE	
SILVER	S	120 MOUNTAIN AVE	
SIMPLE		905 WESTMISWATER AVE 21	
SERGI		518 STENGER STREET	
SHL CARBON GROUP		PO BOX 1165	
SEAN		4441 WILLOW AVE	
SEAN		1008 WEST CHESTNUT ST	
SEALLCROSS	B	245 SPRING RIDGE DR	UNKNOWN
SEANPINO		1150 ST GEORGE AVE	
SEANPITCH		11 EUGLID AVE # 6c	
SHEET METAL WORKS		106 S AVE	PICNIC COMMITTEE
SHELL		476 TENNEY PL	
SHELMAN		554 BIRCH AVE	
SHERNOUDA		174 SOMMIT AVE	
SHERBARD		1033 MAGNOLIA AVE	
SHEKER		1020 GALLOPING HILL	
SHERMAN		230 E DUDLEY AVE	
SHEIL		968 WAEND AVE	
SBOOP		86 DELMERE AVE	
SICOLI		6 WILPETER WAY W	
SICONOLFI		1579 SPRINGFIELD AVE	
SIDWELL		ALICIA	
SILWENTKOWSKI	B	657 MCKINLEY ST	
SILLOCK	I	310 STENGER ST	
SILVERMAN		2333 MORRIS AVE	
SILVERSHAIN		18 DEERWOOD TRL W	
SIMMONS		552 CLEVELAND AVE	FIRST FLOOR
SIMONS	I	25 INDEPENDENCE BLVD 4	
SINAVAGE		141 UNION AVENUE	
STURK		164 EVANS STR	
SKAFFS PHARMACY INC		1510 MAIN ST	
SKRINICH		531 HANFORD PL	
SLATER		66 DIVISION ST	
SLOANE		532 LIEGLER AVE	
SLOERCHINGER		PO BOX 727	
SMITH		149 HILLCREST AVEN	
SMITH	W	619 S CHESTNUT ST	
SMITH		329 LAFAYETTE PLACE	
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SMITH		220 NORTH 22ND ST	
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SMITH	L	P O BOX 539	
SMITH	T	829 PATTERSON ST	FIDUCIARY TRUST CO NH
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SOCIETY FOR		2000 GALLOPING HILL RD	
SOKOLINA		1700 N UNIVERSITY	
SOLANO		910 GROVE ST	
SOLLIVAN	A	300 W MORRIS AVE	
SOLOMON	E	877 MADISON AV	
SOLOMON	J	94 MOUNE BETHEL RD	
SOLSKY		733 SUMMIT ST	
SOMERS GARA MD		PO BOX 1335	
SPANASSOIS		247 MORRIS AVE	
SPEIDEL		708 DIANNE CT	
SPERANZA		1055 BRIGHTON ST	
SPERO		1019 GRANDVIEW AVE	
SPRINGER	A	234 BRADFORD RD	
SPRINGER		58 WILDER ST	
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SRINIVASA ENT INC		PO BOX 553	
ST BARBARAS AMBULATO		1050 GALLOPING HILL RD	
ST BARBARAS W CA		100 COMMERCE ST	
ST ELIZABETH HOSPITA		225 WILLIAMSON ST	
ST JOHN	J	306 W 15TH ST	
STANARD		610 SALEM AVE	
STANLEY	F	21 COMMERCE RD	
STANTON	E	1054 JAGUES AVE 2ND	
STARK	X	P.O. BOX 515	
STARINAN	E	13 JAMES AVE	
STERLING		2215 FINE TER	
STEIN		36 PROSPECT ST	
STEATNER	G	2222 MORRIS AVE	PO BOX 3137
STRAUS		505 MORRIS AVE	FINANCIAL PROGRAMING
STRAUS		4 STONEY BROOK DR	
STRENGER	M	800 EMBREE CRESCENT	
STURK		PO BOX 202	
SUBBURAM		PO BOX 953	
SUBURBAN MEDICAL		76 TILLOTSON RD	
SUBTOL	GROUP PA	231 NORTH AVE WEST	
SULLIVAN	L	282 SOUTH AVE	
SUMERS		924 N WOOD AVE	
SUMMIT		4 CHILPOU LANE	
SUMMIT BANK		105 WILLIAMSON AVE	
SUMMIT BANK		47 SUMMIT AVENUE	
SUMMIT BREAST CARE L		475 SPRINGFIELD AVEN	
SUMMIT PEDIATRIC	LC	POB 1216	UNKNOWN
SUMMIT RADIOLOGICAL	ASSOC	750 WALNUT AVE	STE 101
SUNBELT ELECTRIC SPLY		47 MAPLE STREET # 406	PO BOX 4
SUNALA		33 OVERLOOK RD	PLAN
SWANSON		DBA WESTFIELD IMAGING	
SWIKART		2432 RT 22	
SWINDLER		25 HENRY ST	
SWINOLE		500 SUMMIT AVE APT 2	
SWINGLE	M	400 BEECHWOOD RD 2ND FL	
SZOSTEK		PO BOX 5346	
SZUMOWSKI	M	130 LEXOX AVE	
SKYBORSKA		1581 GROSSE LN	
TAKANO & FLYNN		1157 FALLS TER	
TALBOT		211 W 11TH ST	
TASNEEM J RASHID MD		67 FLORIDA ST APT 1	STE 108
TAYLOR		371 CENTRAL AVE	
TAYLOR		523 W JEREMY STREET	
TAYLOR		2780 MORRIS AVE STE 2A	
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Any additional names regarding Personal Property can be obtained from the Division's website at:
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Administrator, Unclaimed Property
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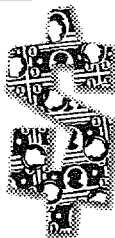
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If yes, please complete 3, 4 and 5. In no, please complete 2a thru 5.					
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2c. Is the person whose name appears in this ad deceased? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
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BABYSITTER FOR 9 year old needed ASAP until September 3rd 12:00pm-6:00pm. Starting September 7th 2:45pm-6:00pm. Pick up from Heshley School. Homework, extra help and play time. Must have car, patients and love dogs. 732-669-0494, Gail or Tom.

BARTENDER TRAINEES wanted! Make up to \$250/shift! Local positions available. No experience necessary. Call 1-800-514-0227 extension 907.

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CHILD CARE Energetic, caring, person to provide live-out care for 1 infant and 1 grade schooler. English speaking, non-smoker, must have own car, full time Monday thru Friday. References 201-259-5702.

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DENTAL RECEPTIONIST, part time, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 5pm-8:30pm. Every other Saturday 9am-2pm. Experience preferred, Maplewood, Please call 1-800-842-4663.

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HELP WANTED

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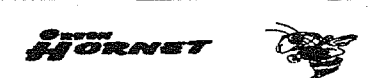
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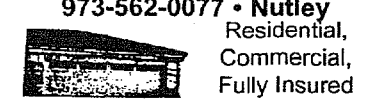
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This example highlights some of the complexity of homeowners insurance. According to the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants, NJSCPA, policies vary widely in the perils covered and premium rates.

Homeowners One policies are the most basic. They cover your home and personal possessions against specific types of damage, including fire and lightning, windstorms and hail, explosions, riots and civil commotion, damage from vehicles, and theft. If a "peril" is not listed, you are not covered. Some states are phasing out this type of policy.

Homeowners Two policies are similar in that they specify the perils covered. With an HO-2 policy, in addition to insuring your home against the same perils in HO-1 policies, you're also covered for damage from falling objects, the weight of ice, snow, or sleet, building collapse, accidental discharge or overflow of water or steam, the explosion of steam or hot water systems, frozen plumbing and artificially generated electricity.

Homeowners Three is the most comprehensive and popular plan because it covers all the risks associated with owning a home except those specifically excluded by the policy.

Be aware that even broad coverage HO-3 policies have a number of important exclusions. Understanding these exclusions can help you to determine what supplemental coverage or endorsements may be needed. For example, coverage against floods or earthquakes has to be purchased under a separate insurance program.

The following perils are examples of those not covered by any of the three standard homeowners policies.

A hurricane floods your home — A standard policy does not cover

damage that results from floods, waves, sewer overflows, or water seeping into your basement. Flood insurance is offered by the federal government under a program called the National Flood Insurance Program. Your lender or your insurer can determine if your home needs flood insurance coverage.

An earthquake damages your prized collection of Italian pottery — Earthquake coverage is sold as additional coverage to the policy. The California Earthquake Authority issues policies for California residents, who buy most of the earthquake insurance in the United States. The authority uses a tiered system, charging higher rates for homes located close to a fault line.

Termites destroy your home's foundation — Homeowners insurance policies do not cover damage caused by termites, mice, rats, or other rodents because the damage occurs over time and isn't the result of a "sudden accidental" event. Other "wear-and-tear" type damage that occurs over time and is not covered includes settling, cracking, or expansion of pavement, walls or foundation.

Your business computer is destroyed by a fire — If you're involved in a homebased business, your policy does not cover damage to your business equipment. It also does not provide liability coverage in the event a client or customer is injured on your property. However, special coverage for your business may be available as an endorsement to your policy.

Your tenant's TV and stereo equipment is stolen — Your policy does not cover you for damages or injuries suffered by tenants who rent any part of your home. Your tenant must have renter's insurance for such coverage.

A nuclear power plant explodes and irradiates your home — Nuclear accidents are a standard exclusion on all homeowners' policies. The same is true of acts of war, if a foreign army invades your home, the damage is not

covered.

The high humidity in your basement has caused mold growth on your carpeting — Damage from mold caused by excessive humidity, leaks, condensation, or flooding is a maintenance issue that is specifically excluded in the standard homeowners' policy. Mold is covered only if it is the

result of a covered peril. For example, the cost of cleaning up mold caused by water from a burst pipe may be covered.

CPAs emphasize that the best way to educate yourself about your homeowners insurance is to read your policy carefully. Determine whether your level of coverage is for the actual cash

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Let's Ask Jill

by Jill Guzman

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In today's real estate world so consumed with computers and technology, we are constantly hearing about different types of brokerages including computer brokers, "discount" brokers, etc., etc., who are trying to convince the public to save one, two, three, or even four thousand dollars on their fees. This article has been written to shed some light on and discuss the importance of the "Real" real estate Professionals to acknowledge those Professionals whose lives have always been and will continue to be truly dedicated to their profession and their clientele.

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Help is available for first-time homebuyers

There's no question about it. Buying a first home is a big financial commitment. In most cases, a home is the largest single purchase an individual or family will make in a lifetime. However, because of the tax advantages afforded to homeowners, buying a home also can be one of the best financial decisions you'll ever make.

Problem is, many would-be homeowners remain renters simply because they mistakenly believe mortgage lenders require that buyers come up with 20 percent of the purchase price as a down payment.

While it's true lenders feel it's less risky to work with buyers who are able to bring a substantial down payment to the table, the standard 20-percent requirement is fast becoming a relic of the past. In recent years, lenders have become more flexible in working with first-time homebuyers by creating a variety of special programs that require only a small down payment. These programs, combined with the most favorable interest rates in two decades, have encouraged growing numbers of renters to consider the tremendous benefits of home ownership.

While the list of programs offered by individual lenders is too extensive to mention in detail, here are some common programs you are likely to come across as you work with your real estate agent to purchase your first home.

FHA mortgages allow home buyers to purchase a home with as little as a 5-percent down payment, and to finance all non-recurring closing costs. The current maximum loan amount in most urban markets is \$151,725. In addition, borrowers are allowed to use up to 41 percent of their gross income toward paying mortgage debt — well above the ratio allowed under most private programs.

Department of Veterans Affairs mortgages allow veteran or active service personnel to purchase a home with no down payment, up to the current maximum price of \$184,000. However, there is no purchase price limitation for buyers able to make a down payment. Like the FHA program, VA borrowers can put up to 41 percent of gross income toward their mortgage debt.

Mortgages funded with mortgage revenue bonds and mortgage credit certificates typically require a minimum of 5 percent down and have interest rates that are 1.5 to 2 percent

age points below conventional 30-year fixed rates. These types of loans, offered by state and local housing agencies, are available only to first-time homebuyers. There generally are income and purchase price caps that vary, depending on where you plan to buy.

Most major lenders offer privately insured mortgages, which generally require a 10-percent down payment, although some lenders offer loans with a 5-percent down payment to buyers with exceptional credit. These loans typically are not limited by maximum loan amount or purchase price limitation.

Through their networks of mortgage lenders, the Federal National Mortgage Association — Fannie Mae — and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation — Freddie Mac — offer community homebuyer program loans. These programs require a 5-percent down payment, 3 percent of which may be a gift. To further help buyers qualify, applicants may use 38 percent of their gross income. Currently, the maximum loan amount available through these programs is \$203,150.

Clearly, there are a lot of options for first-time homebuyers. While lenders will be more than happy to share information about their own programs, you can save yourself a good deal of time by first selecting a professional real estate agent who is experienced in working with first-time buyers in the areas where you plan to buy. An agent who focuses on first-timers buyers will know from experience which lenders in your area offer a low down-payment program that will meet your unique needs.

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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 5.81 percent, with an average 0.7 points, for the week ending August 19, 2004, slipping from last week when it averaged 5.85 percent. Last year at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 6.24 percent.

The average for the 15-year FRM this week is 5.19 percent, with an average 0.6 points, down from last week when it averaged 5.24 percent. A year ago, the 15-year FRM averaged 5.58 percent.

One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 4.01 percent this week, with an average 0.6 point, down from last week when it averaged 4.08 percent. At this time last year, the one-year ARM averaged 3.75 percent.

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

"Mortgage rates eased even further this week in response to a setback in economic growth during June and possibly July," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac vice president and chief economist. "However, we believe the slowdown to be temporary and we expect growth to pick back up in the second half of this year."

"In the meantime, lower rates have spurred further expansion of homeownership, which was confirmed by the new housing construction figures for July. Thanks in great part to the low mortgage rates we have experienced thus far, 2004 will be another banner year for the housing industry."

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Both models use the powerful 4.2-liter V8 engine producing 334 horsepower and 317 foot-pounds of torque. A six-speed Tiptronic automatic transmission and quattro all-wheel drive channel the power to the ground and help enhance the car's sporty dynamics.

Regardless of wheelbase, all A8s come equipped with a variety of standard equipment and the most up-to-date technology. The legendary Audi space frame adds strength and at the same time, reduces weight. An adaptive air suspension allows for changes in ride height and driving dynamics. Drivers can choose from four different suspension settings, ranging from sporty to standard, to best match their driving style and road conditions.

A large number of vehicle functions may be controlled by Audi's multi media interface, an intuitive onboard electronics management system, ranging from radio setting to background lighting. Two separate displays — a retractable 7-inch color screen in the top of the dashboard and a 3-inch driver information display in the instrument cluster — display the operator's choices and other vehicle information.

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Options packages for both the A8 and the A8 L include a cold-weather package with heated front and rear seats, a heated steering wheel and a ski sack, at \$1,100; and a convenience package with advanced key, electric rear sunshade, manual side sunshades, and power trunk open/close, at \$2,000. On A8 L, side sunshades are stan-

dard and rear vanity mirrors are part of the convenience package.

New stand alone options for 2005 include: adaptive cruise control, \$2,100; choice of XM or Sirius satellite radio, \$550 plus installation; and three-spoke multifunction wood steering wheel, \$480. Additional individual options include solar sunroof panel, \$650; front and rear Parktronic, \$700; a choice of 18-inch, five-spoke cast alloy wheels with all-season tires, \$1,150, 18-inch, nine-spoke cast alloy wheels with all season tires, new for 2005 MY, \$1,700, or 19-inch, 12-spoke cast alloy wheels with performance tires, \$1,900; power door close assist, \$450; and front-seat massage and ventilation, \$1,500.

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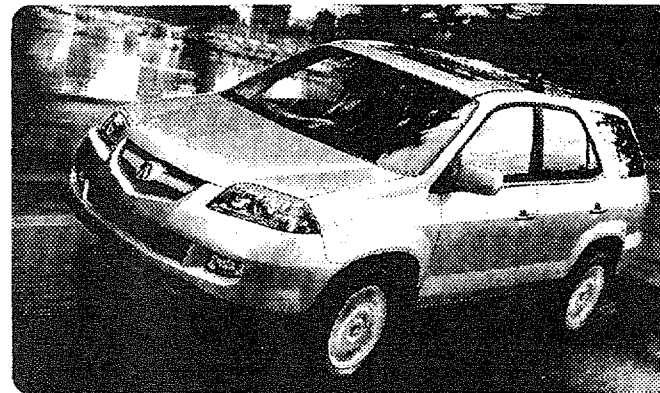


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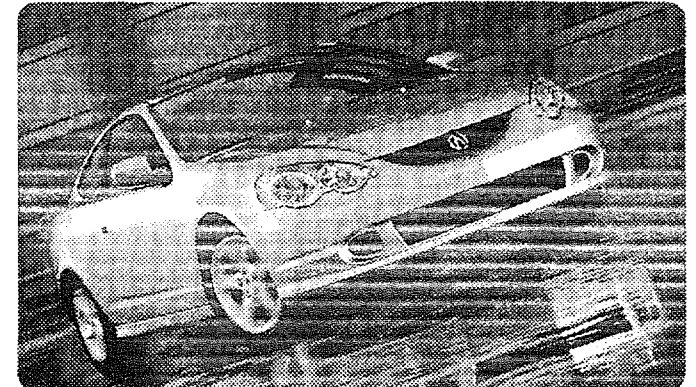
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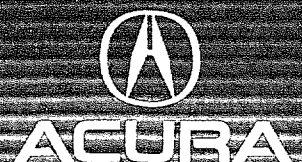
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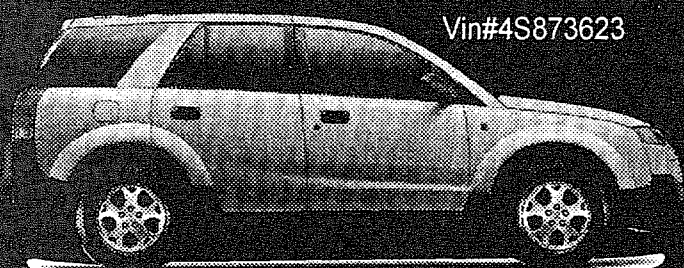
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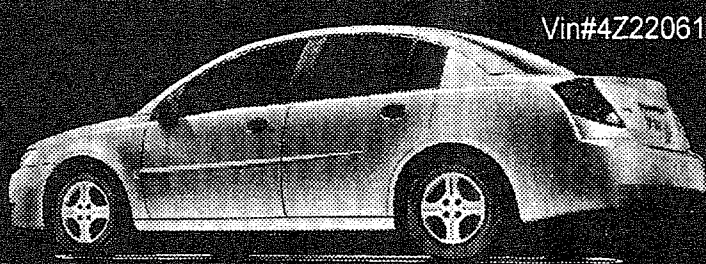
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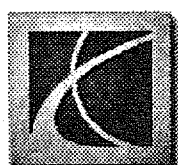
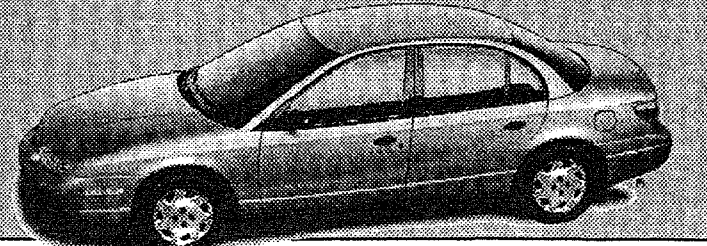
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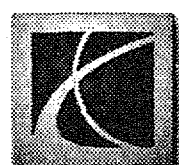


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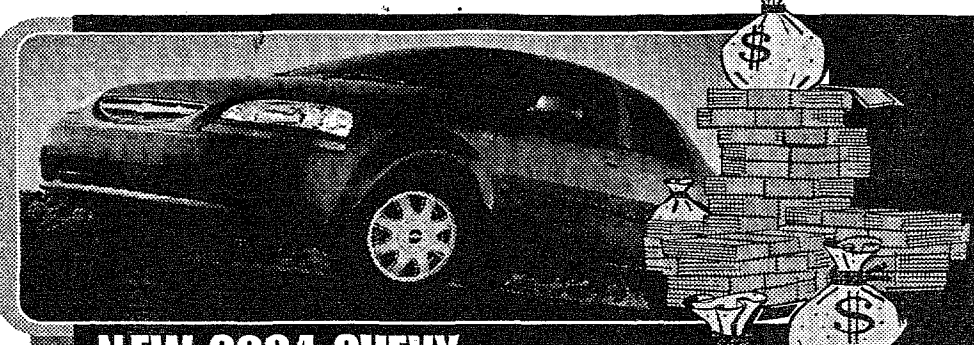
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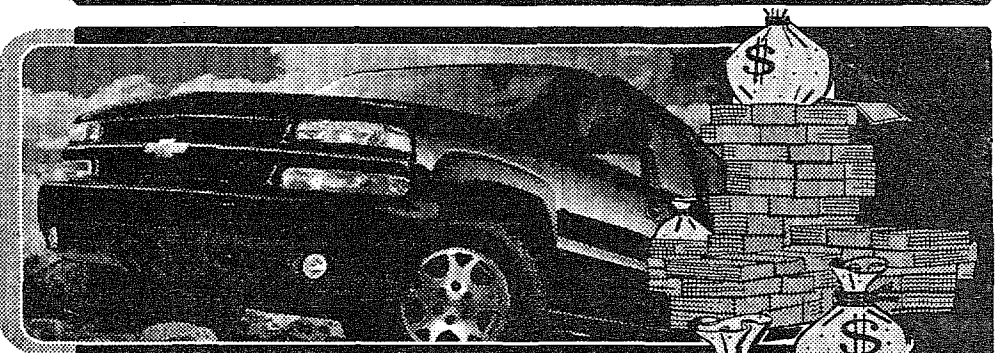
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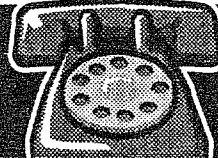


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a/c, p/s/ABS, cass, 18,451 mi.
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VIN #2162210, 2 DR, 8 cyl, 6 spd, a/c, p/s/
ABS, leather, t-tops, 27,878 mi.
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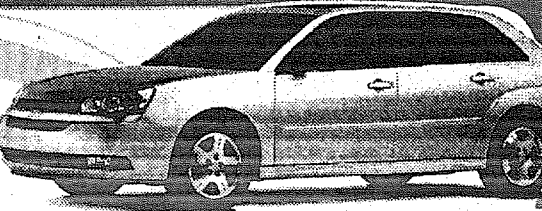


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