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'This is history in the making'

Senior housing development unveiled

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

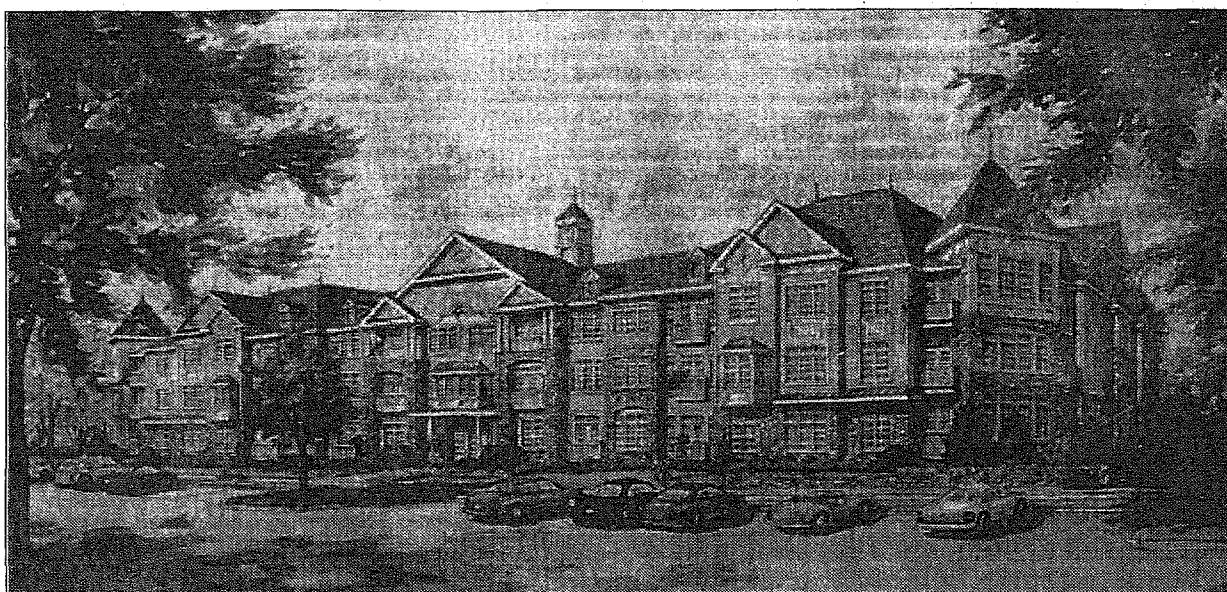
Details of a senior housing complex were revealed to the public for the first time Monday night. Three hundred age-restricted units are planned for an 11-acre property on Terminal Avenue that would take two years to build.

The proposal concludes nearly 18 months of mediation between the township, the Council on Affordable Housing and Clark Senior Housing Inc. It also brings to fruition an idea championed by former Councilman William Caruso for nearly two decades. Five years ago, he said, 150 signs demanding "Senior housing

now" could be seen around the township to "send a message" before the last mayoral election.

There was some debate as to how to create senior housing, Mayor Sal Bonaccorso said, but never a question as to need. In addition to the township not being able to finance such a project, he wanted priority given to Clark residents.

Clark Developers LLC, a subsidiary of Garden Homes, plans to invest more than \$40 million in the project. "If the town spent \$40 million, imagine what it would do to taxes," the mayor said. "And it's not just a bunch of buildings warehousing seniors. It's going to be able to bring



Initial plans call for three buildings on the 11-acre site, each with age-restricted living units, and the entire development surrounded by an earthen berm and mature trees.

tax dollars into town.

"It's going to take care of the seniors in Clark and that's the impetus behind the whole thing," Bonaccorso said.

Caruso said Clark Senior Housing Inc. were able to meet the three requirements that township officials sought: land, funding and preference to Clark residents.

"In a town that's 95 percent developed," he said, "it's a miracle that we were able to get this piece of land."

Caruso expects the number of interested residents to "far exceed" the 300-unit development. Anyone interested in the development can call Caruso at 732-382-5553.

Two of the buildings, one with 100 units and the other with 80, will be restricted for residents age 55 and older. A second occupant would have to be at least 19 years old.

A third building will house 120 units, restricted for residents ages 62 and older. Of the 120 units in the third building, 60 will be offered as low- and moderate-income units, based on COAH's income limits and guidelines.

The average one-bedroom affordable housing unit will be approximately 850 to 900 square feet and monthly rent will run about \$750. Two-bedroom units, with two baths, will be about 1,200 square feet.

Residents of the affordable housing units will be selected through an application/qualification process and all residents will come from a list compiled over the years by Clark Senior Housing Inc.

The complex will boast about 5,000 square feet of meeting and recreation space, said project developer Tony DiGiovanni of Garden

Homes, which purchased the property last year. He said the plans also might include an indoor or outdoor pool, bocce courts, a putting green and a playground for youngsters. He estimated that Clark's senior citizens make up about 30 percent of the total population in town.

The housing development will be constructed away from the property line, DiGiovanni said, with a large earthen berm, about 5 feet high, around the property in addition to mature spruce and pine trees at least 15 feet tall.

"From the start, we're looking to create an atmosphere that's a residential community," DiGiovanni said.

The state Department of Environmental Protection is working with the former occupant, AT&T Submarine manufacturing plant, the company responsible for some radioactive cesium at the site on remediation.

Fred Mumford, a spokesman for the DEP, said AT&T is doing remediation at the site but it will not affect development or create health issues. Additional investigation of groundwater is required along with some soil investigation, he said, but redevelopment of contaminated sites for residential use is possible. "It's common and can be done safely."

TyCom was the last tenant of the property, having vacated almost three years ago. Garden Homes purchased the property about a year ago.

The plan still needs approval from COAH and the Planning Board, but See SENIOR, Page 2

Lon clerk recalled

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Edward R. Padusniak helped guide Clark into what it is today.

Mr. Padusniak, Clark's first full-time township clerk, died Sept. 10 in the Graduate Hospital, Philadelphia. He was 81.

A resident of Clark until he moved to Toms River in 1999, Mr. Padusniak was appointed township clerk on Jan. 1, 1961 and served until November 1986.

During the 1960s, Clark changed its form of government to what it uses today, the Faulkner Act, with a seven-member Township Council and mayor. It was Padusniak who spent many hours studying the new form of government, Township Historian Brian Toal said, describing him as one of the unsung heroes of the township.

"He was a trailblazer," said Toal, who also serves as councilman of the 4th Ward. "He knew the township, the rules and regulations. If you had a problem or a question, you went to him. People like that set forth what we do today."

Following his retirement, Mr. Padusniak was succeeded by Catherine Clancy, who was acting township clerk until 1989, when current Township Clerk Kathleen Leonard was appointed.

Bernie Yarusavage was mayor from 1973 to 1984. He recalled Padusniak as a tireless worker and a "good, loyal employee of the town" who didn't play politics with either political party. "He was a pleasure to have up there."

"He knew his job very well. He was always on the job," Yarusavage said, and never missed a Township Council meeting.

Jean Padusniak, his wife of 55 years, recalled arriving for an event, only to find her husband directing traffic. "He was that kind of person; he just pitched in."

Mrs. Padusniak also noted that her husband was the first Democrat in 30 years to hold the top executive post in Clark. Mr. Padusniak was appointed acting mayor by Republican Mayor Bill Maguire. He was acting mayor several days in 1968 while Maguire was out of state, she said, and ended up having to rent pumps to pump out residents' basements after a very bad storm.

Toal said Padusniak helped shepherd in a new crop of officials following a 1964 funeral home scandal that led to the arrest of several council members. "Through his steadfast leadership as clerk," Toal said, he encouraged people to become involved. "It wasn't an easy time."

Padusniak also played a major role in Union County's 1969 purchase of what is now Oak Ridge Golf Course on Raritan Road had been slated to become an industrial park. With new subdivisions in the 1960s and 1970s, Toal said, the south end of Clark was still very rural.

Mr. Padusniak served in the Army during World War II and received the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 328, Clark, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10825, Toms River and Silver Beach.

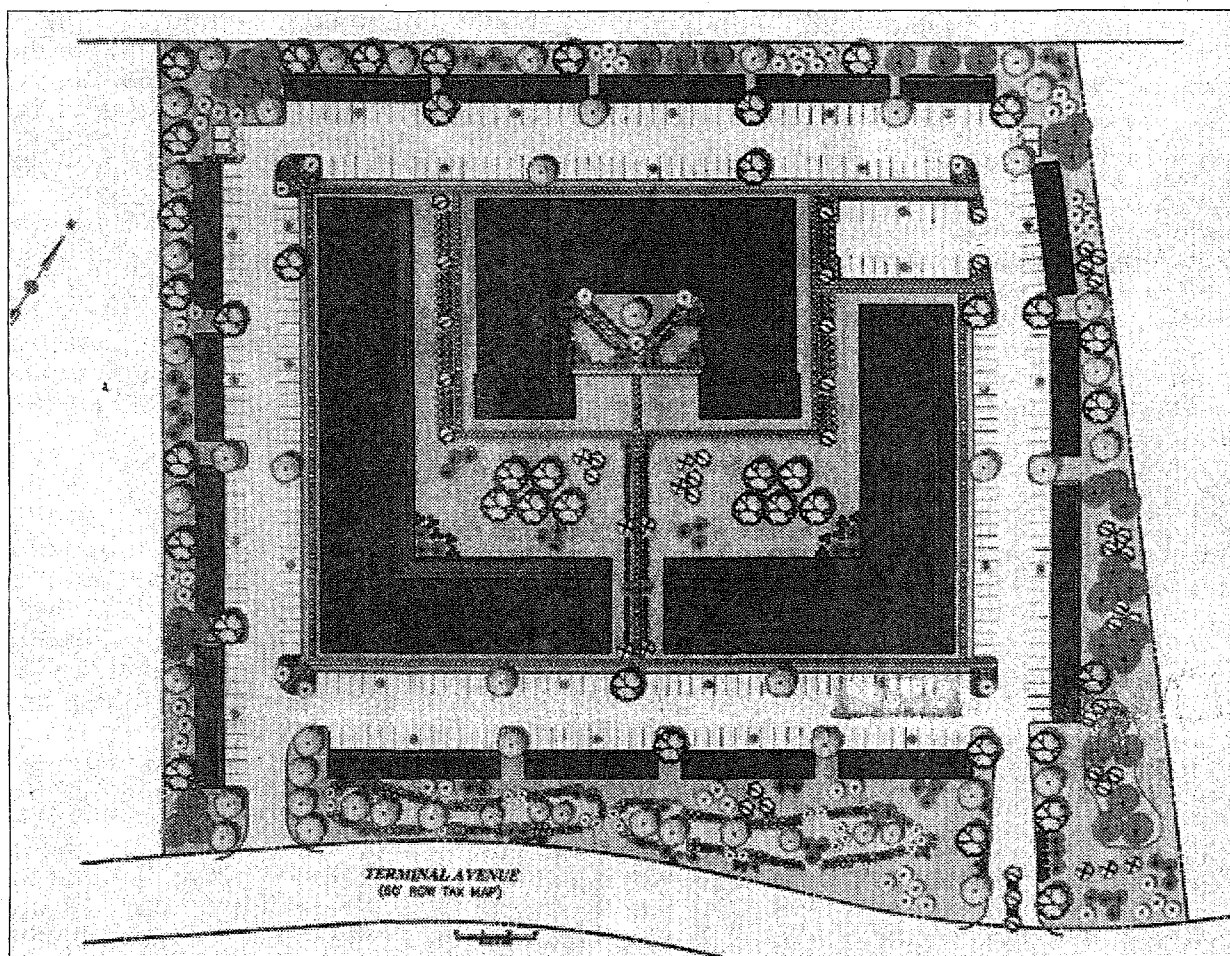
Mr. Padusniak was a member of the Union County Clerks Association, the Municipal Clerks Association of New Jersey, the International Institute of Municipal Clerks Association, the Democratic Club of Clark, the Clark Senior Citizens Association and the Holiday City West Association.

He was an honorary member of Police, Benevolent Association 125, Clark, the Clark Fire Department and the New Jersey State Police Benevolent Association.

Mr. Padusniak was interred at Hollywood Memorial Cemetery in Union. Arrangements were by Krowicki Gorny Funeral Home in Clark.



Padusniak



A 300-unit senior housing development is planned at the site of TyCom on Terminal Avenue. The developer hopes to come before the Planning Board in three months and demolish the building within six months.

Underground tanks rear their ugly head

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Underground storage tanks and repairs to Arthur L. Johnson High School.

What are things that have hounded the Township of Clark for years, Alex?

"If you would've asked me four years ago if I'd be talking about underground storage tanks today, I'd ask if you had a crystal ball or if you were crazy," Mayor Sal Bonaccorso told members of the Township Council during their meeting Monday night.

The Township Council on Monday night approved borrowing another \$250,000 to remove gas tanks used for municipal vehicles behind the Public Safety Building on Westfield Avenue. Bonaccorso said the tanks likely were not installed properly and will need to be removed and in their place, above-ground tanks will be encased in concrete.

With that, the mayor said, he hopes to "finally put to bed this fiscal drain on the community," which he categorized as a "scam."

During the 1990s, the township began the process of removing underground oil tanks in public works and public safety buildings. The project started as a process that was expected to cost \$275,000, the mayor said, but now the total cost is estimated to be almost \$1.8 million.

"It's not political. It was an outright waste of tax dollars; another nightmare from the previous administration," Bonaccorso, a Republican, said, referring to former Democratic Mayor Robert Ellenport.

A monitoring well has continued to show contamination in the soil, Bonaccorso said, adding that preliminary findings indicate the problem is in the piping.

Unless there is something "catastrophic," the mayor said he does not expect to come back to council for more money.

Ted Slack Environmental Services of Union will be handling the tank removal, the mayor said.

Township Engineer Richard O'Connor hopes to have the new tanks in six to eight weeks, with everything back in order within three months, if all goes well.

Councilwoman At-large Angel Albanese asked whether the township has sought to recover any money from the companies responsible for the work. Bonaccorso said he initially thought the township could pursue it through litigation but found out that the company went bankrupt and the principal in the firm went to jail for defrauding the New York state Department of Transportation.

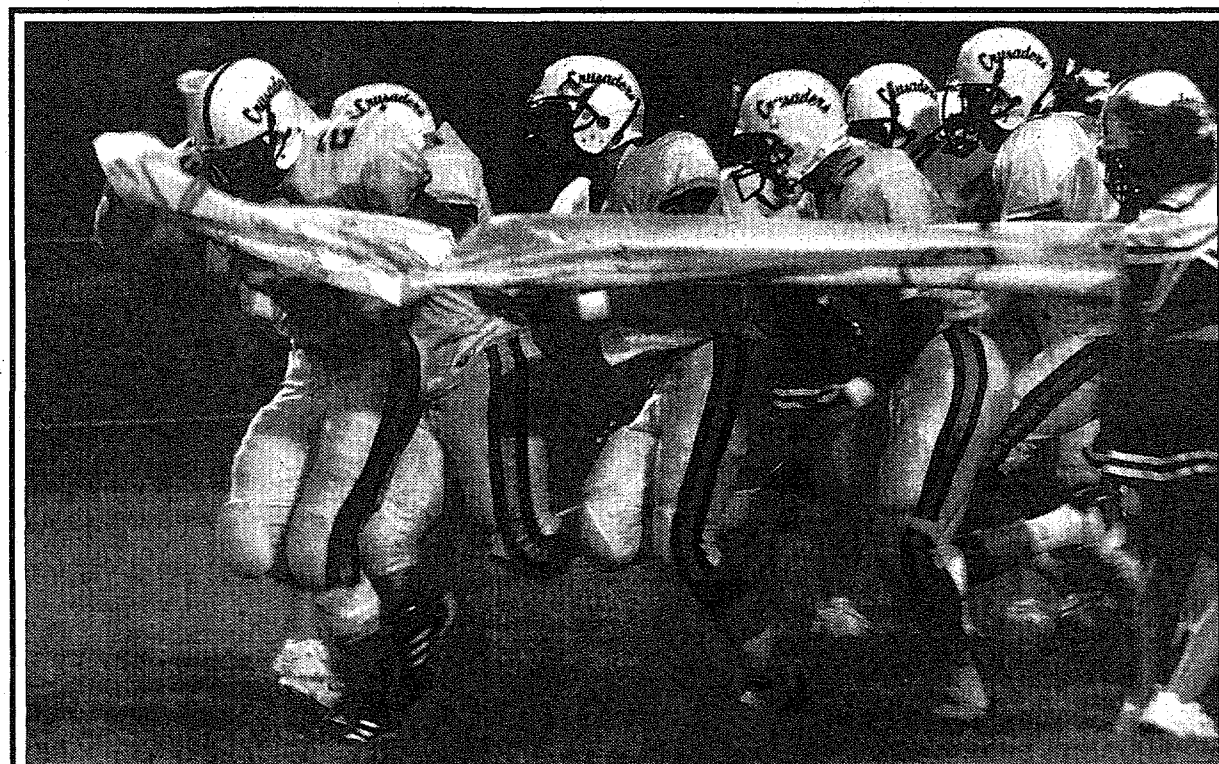
Environmental Control Technologies Inc. of Mahwah, which was paid \$1.3 million to remove six tanks in Clark, was the subject of a federal probe five years ago that resulted in documents subpoenaed from Clark town hall. Whatever happened to that investigation is unclear, but Ellenport said the township was not the subject of the probe.

Ellenport said ECT was the lowest bidder after the township went out to bid twice on the project. When existing tanks were being removed, it was found that they were installed improperly and leaking. The township eventually reached a six-figure settlement with the firm that initially installed the tanks in the early '80s, Lutz.

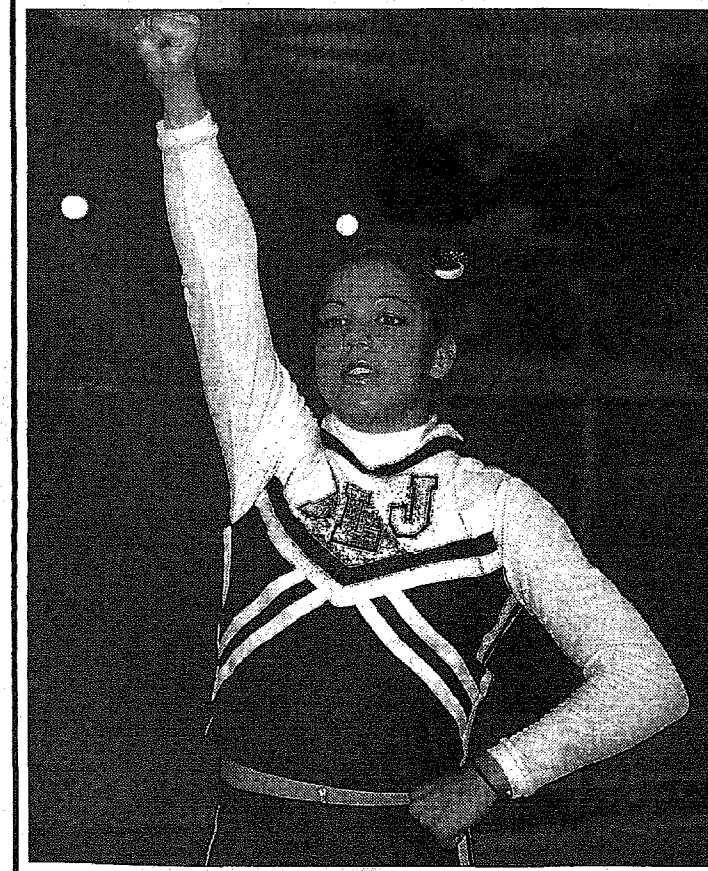
He suggested that the manufacturer might be responsible, not the installer, if the tank is leaking. "It would seem to me if the tank is failing, we have a 30-year warranty."

As for the mayor's categorization that the project was a scam, Ellenport replied: "Talk to any lawyer or engineer involved in environmental cleanup; it often gets costly," Ellenport said.

"New Jersey has very stringent rules."



Photos By Barbara Kokkalis



GRIDIRON GLORY — The Arthur L. Johnson High School Crusaders, above, burst onto the field before Friday's game at David Brearley High School. Cheerleader Kim Wilson, left, gets the team spirit going for the Crusaders. The team's home opener is Sunday at 2 p.m. versus North Plainfield. For more on Friday's game, see Sports on Page 8.

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

Saturday

• Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road, will have a principal storytime at noon with Principal Deborah Brady of Victor Mravlag School 21 in Elizabeth.

Brady will read some of her favorite stories to students, friends, and family. All are welcome.

Principals interested in hosting a storytime at Barnes & Noble in Clark should call 732-574-9227.

Sunday

• The Polish Falcons of America Nest 104 officially will re-emerge at 3 p.m., with the dedication of the Nest 104 Memorial Room at the Polish Cultural Foundation.

For more information about Nest 104, write to Polish Falcons of America Nest 104, Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, 07066.

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.

• Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road, will hold a storytime at 10 a.m. for children younger than 6.

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

Tuesday

• The Clark Recreation Basketball League, open to all boys and girls in grades two through eight who attend public school or live in the township of Clark, will have registration in the Brewer Municipal Building from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, call Matt Casey at 732-388-9020.

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

• Doris and Ken Hall, authors of "Go Out and Live," will speak at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road, at 7:30 p.m.

The book "Go Out and Live" is a true story about the life of Allison Hall, starting with her adoption, and continuing through her adolescence, search for her birth mother, first love, college years, up through her death at 27.

• The Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Arthur L. Johnson High School library.

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

Wednesday

• The annual senior citizens barbecue, for Clark seniors only, will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Deutscher Club, 767 Featherbed Lane. The barbecue is free for Clark senior citizens only.

For more information, call town hall at 732-388-3600.

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Upcoming Sept. 30

• Lifeline Screening LLC will offer vascular screenings for carotid stroke, abdominal aneurysm and peripheral arterial disease in the cafeteria of the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Osteoporosis screenings also will be available.

Screenings, which are not covered under Medicare, are open to all Union County residents. To schedule an

appointment, call 1-800-897-9177.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the list of screenings and procedures being used, contact Clark Health Officer Nancy Raymond, at 732-388-3600, ext. 3045.

Oct. 1

• Cub Scout Pack 30 will sponsor a tricky tray gift auction starting at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of St. John the Apostle Church on Valley Road.

The grand prize is a new computer system. Drawings will begin at 8 p.m. Admission costs \$6. Adults older than 18 will be admitted.

Oct. 2

• Clark American Legion Post 328 will hold its annual West Point football trip.

Admission costs \$60 for adults and \$50 for children younger than 17. Food and beverages will be available all day, with breakfast at 8 a.m.

For more information, call Ed Smela at 732-499-0555.

Oct. 4

• The Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee's third annual golf fund-raiser will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Hyatt Hills Golf Course on Raritan Road. The event will raise funds for St. Patrick's Day Parade expenses. Admission costs \$175 per person; dinner only costs \$75 per person.

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

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

Oct. 5

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

Oct. 7

• The township Department of Public Works will have a free waste pickup in the 4th Ward. Materials should be curbside by 6 a.m.

DPW workers will collect furniture, toys, storm windows, car tires, rugs, storm doors, doors, clothing, windows, wood fences, tree stumps, lawn furniture and carpeting.

For more information, call the DPW at 732-388-5305.

Oct. 11

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Oct. 12

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Oct. 13

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For more information, call the DPW at 732-388-5305.

Oct. 15

• Clark Emergency Squad Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a bus trip to the Showboat casino in Atlantic City, with a bus leaving the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad parking area on Raritan Road at 10 a.m. and returning at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20; you will get \$15 back at the casino.

For reservations, call Rosemary at 732-388-1556.

Senior housing plan unveiled for Clark

(Continued from Page 1)
initial reaction from township officials and residents was positive. About 100 senior citizens in attendance Monday night seemed to be in favor of the proposal, acknowledging their support as they exited Council Chambers.

The council gave its approval to create an age-restricted affordable housing overlay district on the two lots on Terminal Avenue, allowing for residential use.

DiGiovanni expects the project to

come before the Planning Board in three months.

"This is history in the making," 4th Ward Councilman Brian Toal said. "The township's population is changing, the need is there."

Tax revenue from the senior housing complex is expected to be \$600,000, significantly more than the \$150,000 currently generated by the property when it was owned by TyCom.

NEWS CLIPS

Final branch pickup of season next week

The Department of Public Works will hold its final branch collection this month.

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.

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.

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. Hehnlly School on Raritan Road.

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

Clark-based foundation offers language courses

The Polish Cultural Foundation,

177 Broadway, has begun registration for language classes starting Wednesday.

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.

Homebound can get food via Mobile Meals

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

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

Mobile Meals is looking for drivers, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., for routes in Westfield, Clark and Cranford, and packers to work one day per week or one day every other week from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

Volunteer scheduling is very flexible.

For more information, call Jean at 732-233-6146 or contact via e-mail at mobilemeals@westfieldnj.com.

OBITUARIES

Joanne Watson

Joanne Watson, 69, of Winter Park, Fla., formerly of Clark and Rahway, died Aug. 31 in Winter Park.

Born in Swampscott, Mass., Mrs. Watson lived in Clark and Rahway for 27 years before moving to Winter Park six years ago. She was employed by Big Craft, Carteret, for tow years before retiring in 1998.

Earlier, Mrs. Watson had been a secretary for more than 25 years at Zenith Corp., Secaucus.

She was a volunteer at Rahway Hospital for many years.

Surviving are two daughters, Stevenette Kamenas and Nicolette

Fulerton, and three grandchildren.

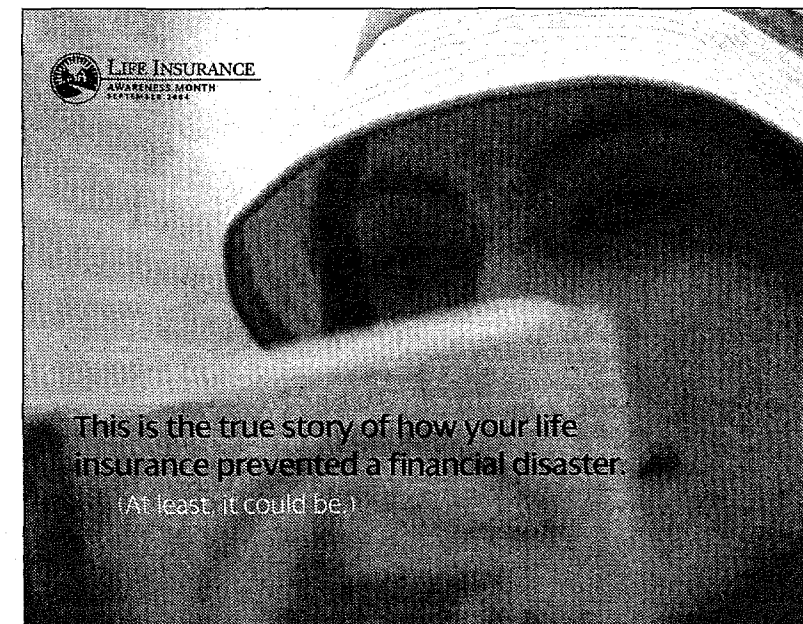
Sadie Levine

Sadie Levine, 86, of Clark died Sept. 19 in the Ashbrook Nursing Home, Scotch Plains.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Levine lived in Irvington before moving to Clark 18 years ago.

She worked at the Newark Post Office for 20 years before retiring. Mrs. Levine was a member of the B'nai B'rith Women's.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Gray and Lois; a brother, Dr. Isaac Grabelsky; four grandchildren an a great-grandchild.


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University Day 2004

Saturday, October 2

Come spend a wonderful Fall day on the campus of Seton Hall University.

Join thousands of students, faculty, alumni and local residents for a day of food, fun and fellowship.

Seton Hall's University Day 2004 promises to be a day of unforgettable memories. There's something for everyone, including:

- ❖ Music, Dancing and Carnival Activities
- ❖ Pumpkin Painting, Scarecrow Making and Temporary Tattoos
- ❖ Student-Produced Children's Theatre: *Wizard of Oz*
- ❖ 20th Annual Farinella 5K Race (9:30 a.m.)
- ❖ University Day BBQ*
- ❖ SHU Night at the Movies featuring *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*



This event is free and open to the public. Carnival Activities begin at 11:30 a.m. *Small Fee for BBQ

Look ma, one hand

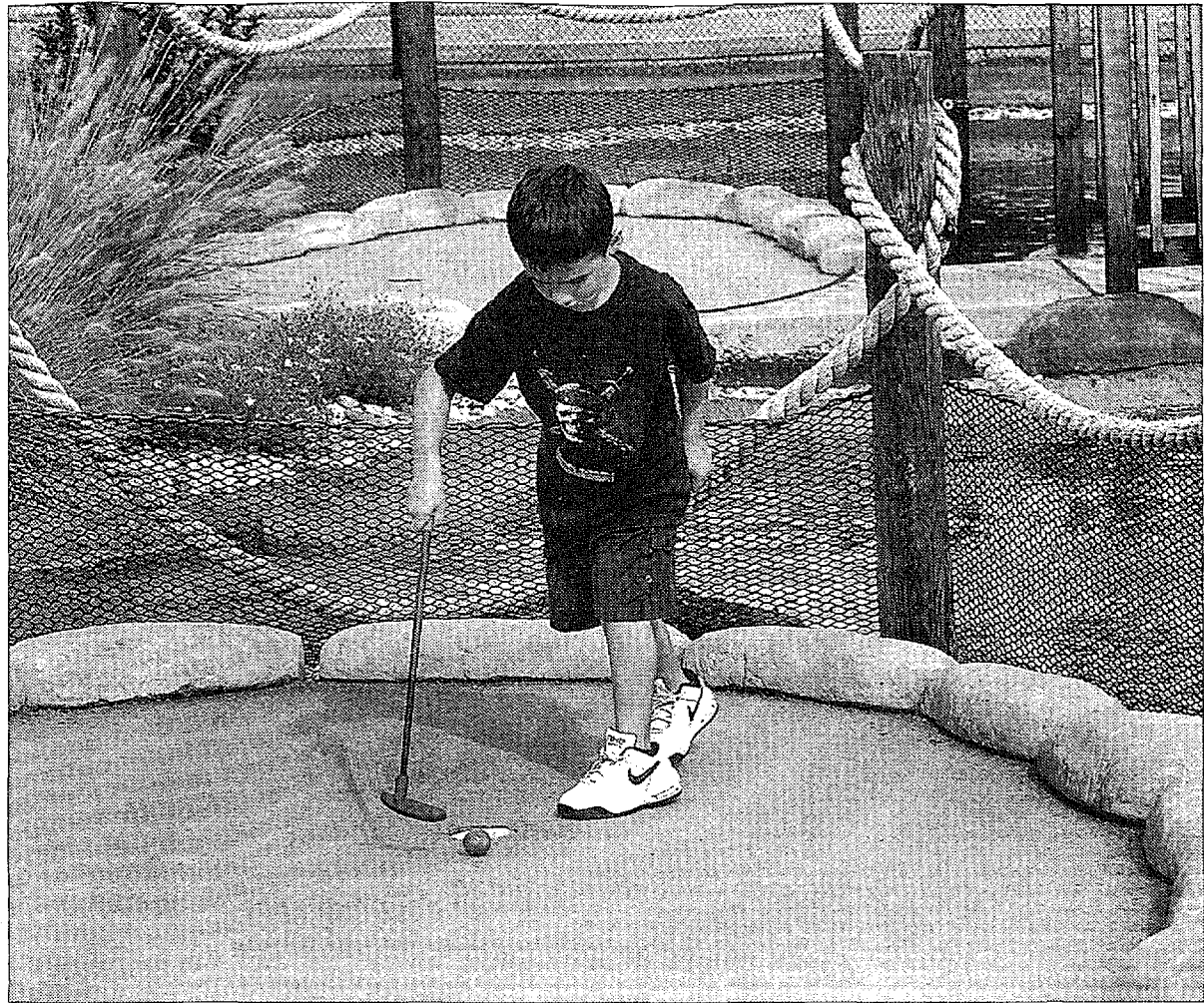


Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Six-year-old Jake Harbachuk demonstrates that it's not too tough sink a short putt during a round of miniature golf at Hyatt Hills Golf Complex. The complex, owned by Cranford and Clark, last month marked its second anniversary.

Lake Ave. closed starting Friday

Lake Avenue from Celler Avenue/Goodman's Crossing to Oak Ridge Road in Clark will be closed on or about Friday. Union County, which is responsible for the project, anticipates that the work will take approximately two days to complete, weather permitting.

The work will consist of road improvements, milling, paving, road striping and street sign replacement. Due to the nature of the work involved, the amount of men and machinery required, full closure of the road will be warranted in the area of work to optimize the safety of the work crew and motoring public alike. The road will be closed from approximately 6 a.m. until 6 p.m.

A clearly marked detour route will be established and maintained by county forces. Emergency vehicles will be

allowed through at all times. Access to residences, including deliveries and other services, will be allowed as much as possible.

Parking will be prohibited on Lake Avenue during the operation of milling and paving.

The county recognizes the inconvenience that any road construction may cause and apologizes for any difficulties encountered. The county will make every effort to have the work completed as soon as possible.

Should you have any traffic inquiries, call the county's Traffic Bureau at 908-789-3353 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For any emergencies that may arise, call the Clark Police Department at 732-388-3430.

Feline available for adoption

Celeste, a friendly 9-month-old kitten, is looking for a loving home. She has been spayed, vaccinated, and tested for FELV and FIV.

Celeste was rescued by Noah's Ark Animal Rescue and Placement in Clark. She was once someone's pet and asked to exit the home she had felt secure with, then had to fend for herself outside.

Celeste is now in foster care with Noah's Ark. She as well as many others in foster through Noah's Ark.

For more information, call 732-815-1633.

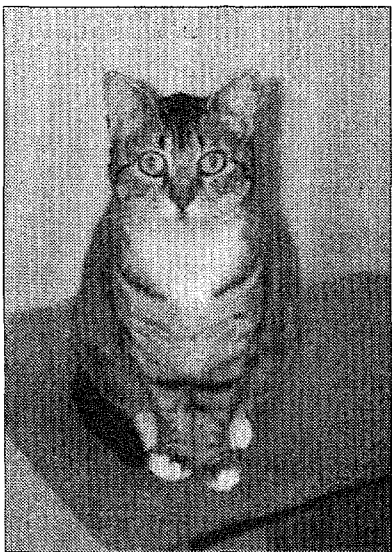
Noah's Ark Animal Rescue and Placement also welcomes volunteers to help with a variety of tasks.

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.



Celeste

Carteret man arrested for threats

A Carteret man was arrested last week for making terroristic threats against a Clark residents.

Carteret police arrested Alan M. Stein, 58, of 1501 Roosevelt Ave., Carteret, for harassment on Sept. 14 at 1:57 p.m. after an investigation by Clark police.

Bail was set at \$7,500. He was subsequently transported to Union County Jail. Police Officer Glenn Griffin was the arresting officer.

- Police took a report Sept. 15 at 12:18 a.m. of criminal mischief to a motor vehicle, which was parked at a residence on Georgia Street.
- The incident is under investigation. Police Officer Pat DelVecchio was the investigating officer.
- Police took a report Sept. 16 at 3:54 p.m. of a burglary to a motor vehicle, which was parked at 160 Terminal Ave.
- The incident is under investigation. Police Officer John Ehling was the investigating officer.
- At the East Orange Police Department, police arrested Gregory Guinyard, 33, of 125 Georgia King Village, Newark, on Sept. 16 at 5 p.m. on an

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outstanding warrant in the amount of \$987 for contempt of court for motor vehicle violations.

He was subsequently transported to Union County Jail. Police Officer Alex Yanes was the arresting officer.

Sept. 18, 2:57 a.m.

- Police took a report Saturday at 2:57 a.m. of criminal mischief to a motor vehicle, which was parked at a residence on Parkway Drive.
- The incident is under investigation. Police Officer Joe Loprete was the investigating officer.
- Police took a report Saturday at 10:46 a.m. of criminal mischief to a motor vehicle, which was parked at a residence on Whittier Road. Two windows on the vehicle were broken.
- The incident is under investigation. Police Officer Bill Buczynski was the investigating officer.
- Police took a report Saturday at 11:16 a.m. of criminal mischief to a motor vehicle, which was parked at a residence along the 300 block of West

Lane. The vehicle sustained a broken windshield.

The incident is under investigation. Police Officer Bill Buczynski was the investigating officer.

- Police took a report Saturday at 11:29 a.m. of criminal mischief to a motor vehicle, which was parked at a residence on Schmidt Lane. The vehicle sustained broken windows.
- The incident is under investigation. Police Officer Bill Buczynski was the investigating officer.
- Following a routine motor vehicle stop in the vicinity of Raritan Road and Central Avenue on Sunday at 12:22 a.m., police arrested Nicolas Torres, 37, of 342 Quaker Church Road, Randolph, for driving while intoxicated.
- He was subsequently released on his own recognizance pending a court date. Police Officer Alex Yanes was the arresting officer.
- Police took a report Monday at 10:30 a.m. of a theft of construction signs from 105 Broadway.
- The incident is under investigation. Police Officer Ken Sarnecki was the investigating officer.

EVENTS

Basketball league registration next week

The Clark Recreation Basketball League is open to all boys and girls in grades two through eight who attend public school or live in the township of Clark.

Registration will be held at the Brewer Municipal Building on Tuesday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

The season starts in November or December and ends in March. Divisions will be based on the number of players that register.

Cost for participants in grades three through eight is \$40 per player. Additional children in the same family is \$20.

Cost for participants in grade two, instructional division, is \$20 per player. Additional children in the same family is \$10.

Late registration is \$50; \$25 for instructional division.

Parent volunteers are needed as coaches and assistant coaches, referees, facility monitors, Web site development.

For more information, call Matt Casey at 732-388-9020.

American Legion plans West Point tailgate party

Clark American Legion Post 328 will hold its annual West Point football trip on Oct. 2.

Admission costs \$60 for adults and \$50 for children younger than 17. Food and beverages will be available all day, with breakfast at 8 a.m.

There will be two tailgate parties.

For more information, call Ed Smela at 732-499-0555.

Craft fair at St. Agnes

St. Agnes Parish fall craft fair will be Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the St. Agnes Parish Church auditorium, 332 Madison Hill Road.

Dealers will set up at 8 a.m. and doors will open to public at 10 a.m.

The cost for indoor space will be \$35 per table for a 12-foot table with two chairs, and \$30 per table for an 8-foot table with one chair.

Space will be noted and reserved upon receipt of check or money order from vendors. Parking is in the rear of the building in the parish parking lot.

Breakdown of tables is to be completed by 4:30 p.m. A table number will be assigned and available at the door on the day of the fair.

For more information, call St. Agnes rectory at 732-388-7852.

Atlantic City bus trip

Clark Emergency Squad Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a bus trip to the Showboat casino in Atlantic City on Oct. 15.

The bus will leave from the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad parking area on Raritan Road at 10 a.m. and returns at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$20; you will get \$15 back at the casino.

For reservations, call Rosemary at 732-388-1556.

Lions host annual Halloween parade

The Clark Lions Club will host the 44th annual Halloween parade Oct. 31.

The assembly point is on Denman Avenue off Westfield Avenue. Children may line up by grades starting at 1 p.m. Children must march in the parade to be judged. Prizes will be awarded.

The parade will begin at 2 p.m. and proceed along Westfield Avenue to the Brewer School Municipal Building. Refreshments will be served after the parade.

Holiday festival Nov. 28

The Advocates for a Better Clark, in conjunction with the ALJ Key Club, the mayor and the Township Council, will sponsor a holiday winter festival and tree/menorah lighting on Nov. 28 at the Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave.

Foundation celebrates life of Polish composer

The Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the birth of Polish conductor and composer Grzegorz Fitelberg, at 3 p.m. Oct. 17 in the Skulski Art Gallery.

Walter Legawiec, violinist-composer, Fitelberg's only student, will perform music by Fitelberg, Mazowsze and early works by Legawiec, accompanied by pianists Carolle Ann Mochernuk and Paul Kueter.

Admission costs \$10.

Polish Falcons Nest set to rise from ashes

The Polish Falcons of America Nest 104 officially will re-emerge at 3 p.m. Sunday, with the dedication of the Nest 104 Memorial Room at the Polish Cultural Foundation.

Nest 104 originally was located in the Ironbound section of Newark. Members are scattered throughout the state. All future meetings and activities will take place at the Polish Cultural Foundation.

For more information about Nest 104, write to Polish Falcons of America Nest 104, Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, 07066.

Cub Scout pack holds 'tricky tray' auction

Cub Scout Pack 30 will sponsor a tricky tray gift auction starting at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 1 in the auditorium of St. John the Apostle Church on Valley Road.

The grand prize is a new computer system. Drawings will begin at 8 p.m. Admission costs \$6.

Refreshments will be available. Proceeds from the event support Scouting activities throughout the year and the public's support is greatly appreciated.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Aklonis appointed to library board of trustees

Lorraine Aklonis, a former school board member, was appointed Monday night to fill a vacancy on the Clark Public Library Board of Trustees.

Aklonis, an administrator in the Rahway School District, served three terms on the Clark Board of Education, from 1993 to 2002.

She will serve through December, what remains of the term of Robert Lapidus, who recently moved out of town.

Manginelli in honors program at Villanova

Clark resident Nicholas Manginelli began his freshman year at Villanova

University after receiving an invitation to join the school's honors program this fall.

Manginelli served as class president, was a top academic student and varsity soccer and lacrosse player at Arthur L. Johnson High School. He graduated this past June.

He was one of three students to give the commencement day address during the high school's graduation ceremony.

During his sophomore year, Manginelli and his family, long-time township residents, enlisted the help of College Partnership, a national college-planning service that offers programs to guide students through the college application process.

Manginelli's father, John, said he worked his way through college as a

first-generation immigrant. So, he understands the importance of higher education, he said.

"College is an investment in yourself, by making that investment you can reap the dividends," John Manginelli said. "Every child can benefit from college planning. We are extremely proud of Nicholas."

Nicholas Manginelli was offered admission to Lafayette College, Boston University, Fordham University, Lehigh, Drew and Stevens University to name a few.

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EDUCATION



LEWIS AND CLARK WITH PAINT — As part of the student council and the environmental club at Brookside Place School, fourth- and fifth-graders recently worked together to paint a map of the United States on the playground.

Graduates of St. Michael School now on their way to high school

The Class of 2004 at St. Michael School in Cranford will be remembered for the outstanding results in their academic endeavors as well as their service to their community. In the area of academics, every eighth-grader was accepted to the school of their choice.

Anthony Giannobile received the Presidents Award, the top scholarship given by St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City and Carolyn Shanahan likewise received a similar high honor from Mount Saint Mary's Academy in Watchung. Frank D'Agostino received scholarship awards for St. Peter's Prep as well as Roselle Catholic.

During the last school year, St. Michael's eighth-grade students finished third in the Roselle Catholic School Olympics, an annual competition among 15 Catholic grammar schools in the Union County area. In that academic competition, which included forensics, current events and art, the St. Michael's students received six individual trophies and scholarships to Roselle Catholic.

The eighth grade Shakespeare troupe — who drew much of their talent from the St. Michael's varsity basketball team — performed at the Union County Teen Arts Festival and won a trip to the state festival for their rendition of Hamlet. They were noted for their exceptional performance of a difficult piece by such a young group.

The class took active part in monthly service projects that are now an integral part of their daily religious curriculum which focuses on community outreach and stewardship. They worked for the Community FoodBank in Hillside, the Archdiocese Emergency Relief Services, Heifer International Hunger Programs and various local service projects in Cranford.

On a global level, the class focused their social awareness on issues affecting the well-being and safety of children. They researched the plight of migrant workers and garment industry practices to uncover areas of concern for young people around the world. This research was then presented to the younger classes at St. Michael's for their edification.

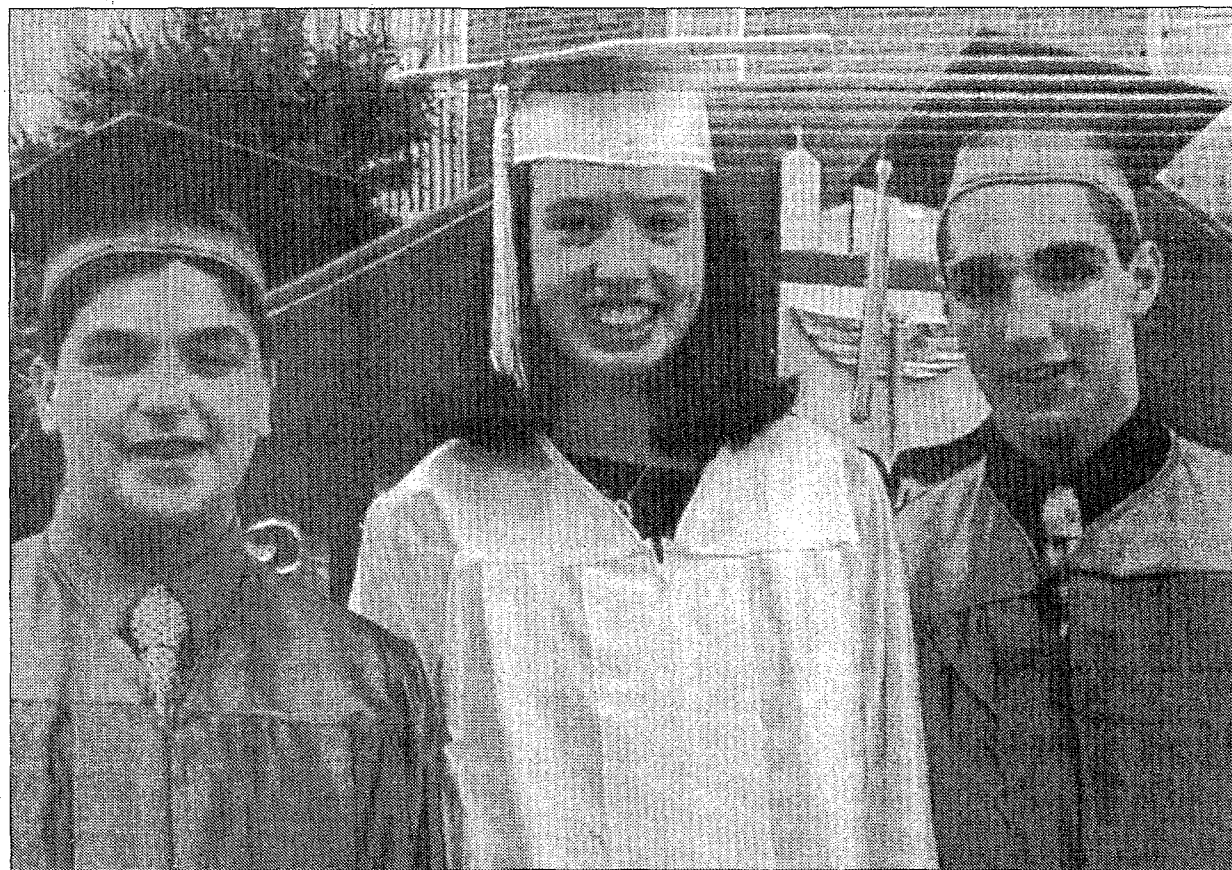
During the course of the year, the class worked in col-

laboration with Father Ed Jocson, the school chaplain, to organize and implement three masses this year: The Catholic Schools Week Mass, the May Crowning Mass, and the Baccalaureate Mass.

Throughout the year, they showed leadership in the contributions they made to the younger grades at St. Michael's. They assisted the younger classes at lunch time and helped the first-graders with their pen pal letters. They accrued valuable individual service hours toward their confirmation goals and they ran monthly bake sales to raise money for their field trips.

On graduation day, all 29 students, from 8A and 8B, celebrated a baccalaureate mass and communion breakfast prior to the gala commencement exercise.

At that ceremony, academic prizes and other awards were distributed. The winners were: Valedictorian — Carolyn Shanahan; Salutatorians — Anthony Giannobile, Frank D'Agostino; Religion Medal — Miles McCann; Algebra Medals — Carolyn Shanahan, Anthony Giannobile; Mathematics Medal — Natalie Jaros; Science Medal — Carolyn Shanahan; Social Studies Medals — Miles McCann, Andrew McGlynn, Elyse Piacentini; Language Arts Recognition — Carolyn Shanahan, Drew Obergfell, Sean Perrotta; Library Medal — Alex Halliburton, Natalie Jaros; Accelerated Reader Recognition — Carolyn Shanahan; Reading Medal — Miles McCann, Carolyn Shanahan; Spanish Medal — Andrew McGlynn; Physical Education Medal — Anthony Giannobile, Jaclyn Borden; Art Medal — Prapti Patel, Matthew Woods, Alex Halliburton, Emilyann Gachko; Computer Medal — Bridgette Fowler, Jaclyn Borden; Principal's Award — Joyce Kechner, Andrew Colucci; Rosary Society Award — Bridgette Fowler; Home School Association Award — Emilyann Gachko, Miles McCann; Music Awards — Philip Duarte, Carolyn Shanahan, Miles McCann; Alter Server Awards — Andrew McGlynn, Miles McCann; Daughters of the American Revolution Award, Cranes Ford — Marissa Ortiz, Prapti Patel; Father Watters Memorial Award — Victor Oliviera; Schering Plough Scholarship — Frank D'Agostino; Spelling Award — Elyse Piacentini, and



St. Michael's School Class of 2004 Valedictorian Carolyn Shanahan is flanked by Co-Salutatorians, Frank D'Agostino and Anthony Giannobile.

Forensics Award — Patrick Lynch.

The students will be attending the following high schools: Natalie Jaros, Arthur L. Johnson High School; Kelscey Boyle, Bishop Ahr High School; Bridgette Fowler, Sean Perrotta and Elyse Piacentini, Cranford High School; Jaclyn Borden, Mother Seton Regional; Joyce Kechner, Marisa Ortiz and Carolyn Shanahan, Mount St. Mary Academy; Matthew Woods, Oratory Prep; Andrew Donet, Emilyann Gachko, Patrick Lynch, Andrew Obergfell, Victor Oliveira and Matthew Rapczak, Roselle Catholic; Timothy Bilavsky, Andrew Colucci, Anthony Giannobile, Miles McCann and Andrew McGlynn, St. Peter's Prep; Frank

D'Agostino, Union County Magnet High School; Phillip Duarte, Alex Halliburton, Robert Jaques, Manuel Lojo, Thomas Noonan and Prapti Patel, Union Catholic.

Fund-raiser features candles

The Hillside Avenue School PTA will hold its fall fund-raiser featuring Yankee Candles and Candle Accessories through Wednesday.

Sale packets, including order forms, are available in the main office at Hillside Avenue School. All order forms/accompanying payments need to be returned by Wednesday.

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EDITORIALS

Keep it civil

Contract negotiations can be painful to watch, as management and union alike demonstrate new levels of immaturity and inability to listen to each other's views, each accusing one another all the while of obduracy. Such disputes are especially difficult to watch when they take place in the public schools, in front of students, whose after-school help and college recommendations usually become casualties in the dispute.

If the Clark Education Association and the Board of Education handle themselves as respectfully during the rest of the contract negotiations as they did during the Sept. 14 demonstration and school board meeting, that anguish is something the community should be able to avoid entirely. The demonstration was quiet, peaceable and orderly, and consisted solely of 150 or more teachers walking back and forth in front of Arthur L. Johnson High School, carrying signs and displaying solidarity with their union T-shirts.

Negotiators at this point are at loggerheads, predictably, on issues connected to pay raises and benefits, which in aggregate amount to about 80 percent of the school district's budget. The union, predictably, wants higher salaries without sacrificing any of its members' benefits. The district, just as predictably, contends that with insurance costs skyrocketing, the union must be willing to make some sacrifices if it wants to see an increase in base salaries.

It's a dispute that's unlikely to be settled easily or quickly, but there's no reason it can't be settled civilly. Doing so will require compromise — the union may find itself having to make concessions on health benefits, while the district may have to consider making cuts to athletic programs such as football in order to remain an attractive employer to quality teachers — but the willingness to compromise is essential to any intelligent negotiation.

As long as disputes between negotiators for the school board and union can be kept civil, everyone will win — particularly students, who will learn from the example set by their elders how to negotiate, how to handle differences, and how to treat people from opposing schools of thought.

In the end, that life lesson may be one of the most important ones the teachers and school board will provide.

The right pocket

Last week, state Sen. Richard Codey, D-Essex, who is in line to become acting governor in less than two months, announced the "Essex County Prosecutorial Unification Pilot Program Act of 2004." The legislation would have the state assume 10 percent of the costs of running four Prosecutor's Offices — Camden, Essex, Hudson and Mercer — every year until they're entirely funded and managed by the state by 2014.

The issue is that counties must fund the Prosecutor's Offices but have virtually no say in how they're run. It's a common complaint from counties.

In theory, it seems like good public policy that Codey's legislation is but one first possible step toward some form of property tax reform or at least relief. Prosecutor's Offices are a state function, with prosecutors being nominated by the state and approved by the state Senate. Yet the budget for the Prosecutor's Office does not come from the state — your income taxes — but instead from the county — your property taxes.

Of course, good public policy and theories are one thing. Funding is another matter altogether. It's not good public policy to borrow \$2 billion to cover the budget, but your state elected officials did anyway. It's a boon for counties because they can say they lowered their budget. But the state likely won't be so accommodating.

Even without considering another multimillion-dollar budget deficit coming next year, most state officials likely would not want to "bail out" urban counties with high crime rates by giving up state funds. A Monmouth County legislator, as well as the Attorney General's office and County Prosecutors' Association, already have come out against the legislation.

Codey suggests the 10-year plan isn't that different from the state's takeover of the welfare and court systems in the 1980s. And it really isn't. Courts and welfare were a state function, paid by the county from property taxes, yet the county had little or no control. Anything that can at last shift that burden should be pursued.

The idea does not cut any costs or budgets; it simply transfers the costs from one of our pockets to another. But the issue is that prosecutor's offices should be coming out of our state pockets rather than our county pockets.

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— John E. Moss
Former U.S. Representative

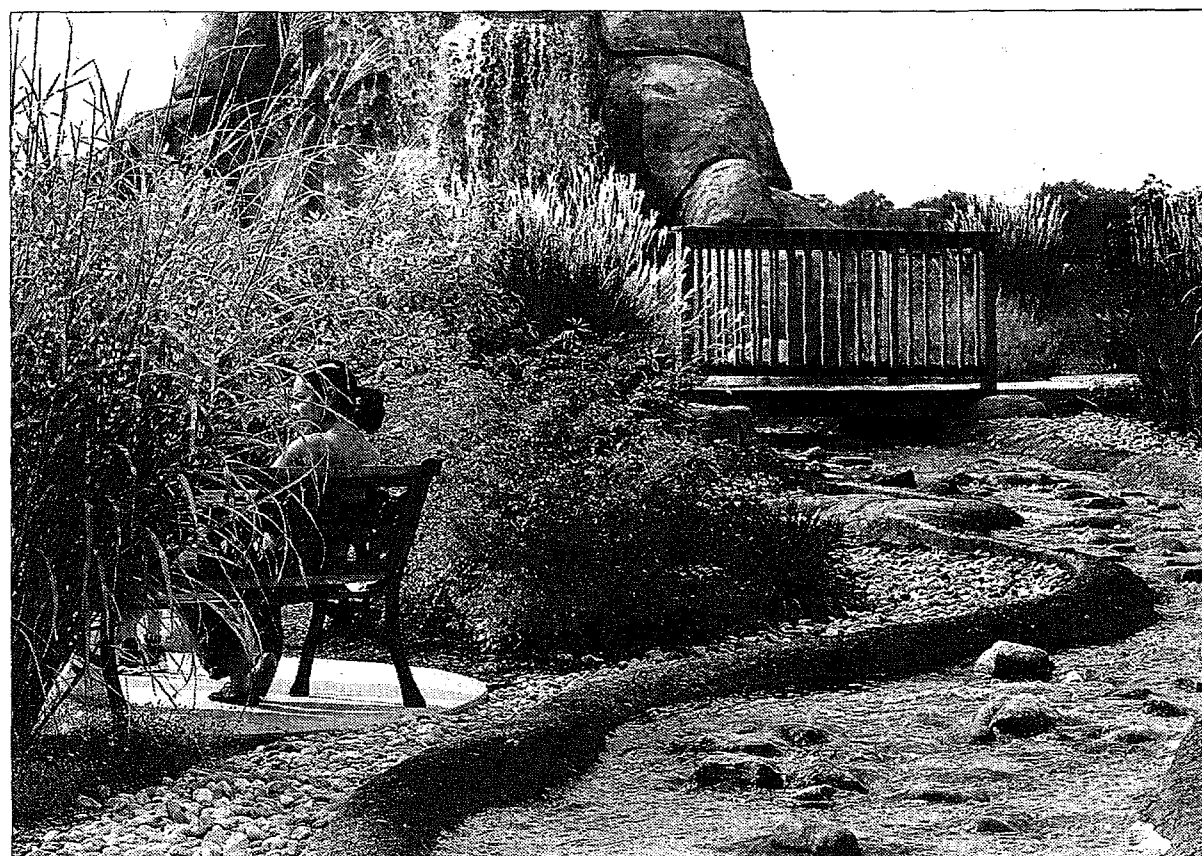


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ZEN AND THE ART OF MINIATURE GOLF — The peacefulness of a miniature golf course on a beautiful day is enjoyed by a woman sitting on a park bench Saturday at Hyatt Hills in Clark.

I'm not ashamed to be religious or a liberal

I have it on good authority that I am going to hell when I die.

Amazingly, this isn't because I watched "The Last Temptation of Christ" back when I was in college. It's not because I drive too slowly in the fast lane, and it's not even because I think a foot-long ponytail looks good on a 34-year-old man.

No, I'm going to hell because I have the audacity to call myself a Christian and a liberal at the same time. I'm a member of the Religious Left.

Despite the seeming oxymoron in a term such as Religious Left, the truth is that religion and liberalism actually have a long, shared history in this country, beginning with abolitionism.

Socially liberal religious groups such as the Society of Friends, commonly known as the Quakers, formed the backbone of the Underground Railroad, risking arrest, fines and harassment by rescuing blacks from slavery in the South and smuggling them north to freedom in Canada.

In the years since, the Religious Left has been at the forefront of issues such as women's suffrage and the Civil Rights movement.

While the establishment has

Speaking for Myself

By David Learn
Managing Editor.



pounded the drums for war, religious liberals have manned humanitarian efforts in the middle of battle zones to make sure that the wounded innocents are cared for.

In Dallas, the Trinity Foundation has challenged churches and synagogues to meet the needs of the homeless head on, by providing them with a place to stay and helping them find jobs. The Trinity Foundation also keeps tabs on hucksters who use religion as a means to make themselves wealthy at the expense of the vulnerable.

In Chicago, the Jesus People, a religious commune on the wrong side of the tracks, has fought to protect the people who depend on low-income housing by fighting efforts to gentrify neighborhoods behind the guise of redevelopment.

And while President Bush four years ago was incredulous when an interviewer asked him about hunger in Texas, former President Carter — like Bush, a professed born-again Christian — is a major figure in Habitat for Humanity, an organization that has made tremendous strides in providing affordable housing to the poor.

Equal rights for women, civil rights for minorities, support of hate-crime legislation, affordable housing, food and clothing for the homeless, civil unions for same-sex couples, education for those in prison, an end to capital punishment — these are all liberal causes, and they're all causes I support as a Christian.

During the last 20-odd years, the Religious Right has been the dominant voice from Christian groups, as it has claimed a monopoly on truth, and its interpretation and application.

Depending on whom you listen to, any deviation from the party line — which increasingly has meant the Republican Party line — is unpardonable.

Contrary to what many on the Right, both religious and not, would have us believe, liberalism isn't a cancer eating away at the core of an oth-

erwise healthy society.

It isn't about undermining traditional family values, about eroding the foundations of our nation, hating America, or giving people a free ride at the expense of the public.

Liberalism is the simple belief that everybody deserves the same basic opportunities and respect as everybody else, regardless of the social, economic, religious or racial position they were born with.

That's it. If it means some people will take advantage of the system, so be it. In the long run, I'd rather be taken advantage of than to throw a family out on the street because they couldn't pay the mortgage in a sour economy. I'd rather have less money in my own pocket than leave employees struggling to get the health care they need. I'd rather face disappointed shareholders than reward years of company loyalty with job outsourcing.

"Whatever you do to the least of these," Jesus says, "you do to me."

I'm religious, and I'm a liberal. Let my heart bleed.

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Heavy rains with a good chance of absurdity

Announcer: NNN's Never Ending News Network continues with its award-winning, trademark pending, never-ending coverage of Hurricane Edna.

Anchorwoman Lindsay Brockport: Welcome back to NNN. Hurricane Edna continues to batter the Florida Keys with 165 mph winds. More than 16 inches of rain has fallen in the past hour and waves have been measured as high as 75 feet.

Thankfully, all islands in the Keys have been evacuated, with the exception of several disaster relief teams who are stationed in specially constructed steel bunkers designed to withstand even the most severe hurricane conditions.

This is truly a storm for the record books and if you were unfortunate enough to still be on one of the Florida Keys, a bunker 35 feet underground is the only place you'd have a chance. Bill Tremaine, from sister station KKW in Miami has more.

Bill Tremaine: Good afternoon, Lindsay. I'm standing just a hundred yards outside of the disaster relief bunker in Key Largo.

A moment ago I was standing five yards outside the disaster relief bunker but as anyone who has seen, read or heard anything about hurricanes knows — this is what happens when you venture out into 165 mph winds — you get tossed around like a beach ball at a Jimmy Buffet concert.

The rain has really started to pick up as have surf conditions and if I can ask my cameraman Tom to zoom out a bit here, you can see that flooding has started to become a factor as the water is now an inch or two above my...waist. (Suddenly desperate, he jams his hand into his pocket and

Now What?

By John Hartnett

retrieves a rectangular object that when turned over releases a 10-second stream of water.) There goes a \$300 Ipod.

Lindsay: Dire conditions indeed, Bill. Was that a car and what appeared to be the roofs of several houses flying overhead?

Bill: Yes it was and to reiterate for those of you who have never seen, read or heard anything about hurricanes, this is typical hurricane behavior.

Torrential rains cause flooding, and gale force winds cause very heavy objects to become briefly airborne until they re-establish themselves in places where they are generally not wanted or (nervously scanning the sky) in some unfortunate situations — not expected.

In fact, Lindsay, experts strongly recommend against being outside in a hurricane. People get hurt in them, say people like Tom and me here.

Lindsay: How have you managed to remain stationary while much heavier objects like trailers and cows soar just inches over your head?

Bill: Sigrid Olsen, my producer, risked her own safety and what is certain to be the irreversible shrinking of her pants suit to lash my legs to this palm tree with a pair of bungee chords. That's Sigrid behind me about to reenter the bunker. (With her back turned, she waves halfheartedly and quickly disappears behind the steel

door.) God bless her.

Lindsay: What can you tell us about the residents of Key Largo?

Bill: Judging by the fact that they're gone, I'd say they possess higher-than-average intelligence. It's unlikely you'd find a reporter in the bunch.

You may have noticed while we were talking that the rain is now starting to come in horizontally which as you know is quite different than vertical rain.

Lindsay: Yes, and for the sake of our viewers who are wondering about the distinction, vertical rain falls upon the region of the skull where hair is most commonly found while horizontal rain falls upon one's face, usually hitting the nose first before landing upon the other areas.

Vertical rain is more dangerous of course, particularly for those who wear glasses to see objects more clearly or for those who are in the habit of eating with their mouths open. Bill, what should people do if exposed to horizontal rain?

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The Eagle reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content, style and matters of libel.

Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vets don't make war — politicians do

To the Editor:

We are fighting the wrong war in the wrong place at the wrong time, i.e., the current war against our veterans. Re-fighting the Vietnam War by our politicians is contemptible. I am a Vietnam-era veteran, having served in the Navy from 1968 to 1971. My first set of orders out of Officers Candidate School were to Vietnam. They were subsequently changed. But I, like so many others, had family and friends that served and too many paid the ultimate price. I am a proud member of the Vietnam Veterans of America. I have helped raise money for them, including New Jersey's magnificent memorial adjacent to the Garden State Arts Center. If you have not been there, do so.

There are two critical issues here. Firstly, the Vietnam veterans and their families have endured far too much for far too long. We are reopening painful old wounds. Stop it now — for their sake. They have made enough sacrifices. Secondly, stop the politicizing of the war in Iraq reminiscent of Vietnam. My father was a D-Day veteran in the war to end all wars. When they came home, a grateful country turned to help. When the Vietnam vets came home, they were ignored in the least and worse yet, often abused.

When the latest, greatest generation returns from Afghanistan and Iraq, they too should be greeted by all for their heroic service to our nation and the world. Period. Our veterans should come home from war to enjoy a well-earned peace, not to engage in new battles. Veterans don't make war — politicians do. And we all have an obligation to make peace.

Michael J. Vernotico
Summit

Bush is the 'Ugly American' president

To the Editor:

Compounding miscalculation upon miscalculation, George W. Bush's "No Nuance" Diplomacy seems incapable of learning from past history. Bush doesn't understand what the British learned during the American Revolution. Or, the French in 1954 Vietnam. Or, what we thought that we learned in Vietnam.

He doesn't understand the diplomatic nuances needed to wage guerilla warfare against a dedicated opposition in a distant country.

Worse yet, Bush has got us into an Iraq War fighting both allies and enemies of Saddam Hussein. Bush's advisors should have known that Saddam Hussein killed the father and uncle of Shi'a cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. Instead of forging a pre-expeditionary alliance with al-Sadr, Bush has his military issuing edicts that they will "hunt him down and destroy him."

Bush's "No Nuance" Diplomacy is not curtailing terrorism. It is planting the seeds for future terrorism. The massive diplomatic blundering of the Bush administration has put us in the middle of a fight against opposing factions, bombing women and children, fomenting permanent hatred against us, and giving global Muslim extremists an excuse to make the United States the primary target of terrorist plots.

Does Bush think that Lederer and Burdick wrote "The Ugly American" solely for literary value?

William T. Fidurski
Clark

SENIOR NEWS

Local AARP chapter plans Christmas party

Clark AARP Chapter 3733 will hold a Christmas party at The Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood, on Dec. 10. Reservations are being accepted at a cost of \$20 for members and guests. Tickets are limited to the first 75 people to sign up.

The following trips have been scheduled:

- Oct. 11 — Octofest 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 shirugs, collection of pennies for expenses; magazines, jigsaw puzzles, etc. for the Veteran Hos-

pital; VNA Layette items for needy infants and collection of small gifts for bingo prizes at the Runnels Hospital.

Seniors meet monthly

The Clark Department of Senior Citizens will hold its monthly general meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Brewer Municipal Building.

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TOWNSHIP OF CLARK
NOTICE OF INTENTION

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AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 34 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGE-RESTRICTED AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVERLAY DISTRICT AT BLOCK 57 LOT 1 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADOPTED HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it does hereby supplement and amend Chapter 34 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Clark as follows:

Section 34-4 is hereby amended to include the following new definitions:

Dwelling, age-restricted shall mean a housing unit that is restricted to occupancy by at least one person that is at least 55 years of age or older.

Senior age-restricted shall mean a housing unit that is restricted to occupancy by Persons that are at least 62 years of age or older.

Age-restricted multi-family residential development shall mean a residential development containing age-restricted and senior age-restricted dwellings, and providing facilities and services specifically designed to meet the needs of older persons consistent with the guidelines and requirements of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Affordable housing units in age-restricted multi-family residential development shall be subject to the same standards and requirements for low and moderate income housing units in accordance with the rules and regulations of the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing (COAH).

Section 34-5.1 is hereby amended to include the following new zoning district:

AHO Age-restricted Affordable Housing Overlay

Section 34-5.2 is hereby amended to include the following new paragraph "f":

f. The Zoning District Map is amended and supplemented to provide that the AHO, Age-Restricted Affordable Housing Overlay District shall apply to Lot 4 in Block 57, which fronts on Old Raritan Road in the Township of Clark. Lot 4 in Block 57 shall also retain its underlying IL Limited Industrial District zoning designation.

Section 4
Chapter 34 of the Revised General Ord-

nances of the Township of Clark is hereby amended to include the following new Section 34-15:

34-15. AGE-RESTRICTED AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVERLAY DISTRICT WITH LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING SETASIDES

34-15.1 Purpose of District
The purpose of the Age-Restricted Affordable Housing Overlay District is to permit construction of an age-restricted multi-family residential development, with a twenty (20) percent affordable housing setaside in accordance with the Township's adopted Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, the requirements of the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) and the terms and conditions of the Township's substantive certification. The development of the age-restricted multi-family residential development shall be an option available to the developer or property owner in addition to that permitted pursuant to the requirements of the underlying zoning district.

34-15.2 Permitted Uses
Age-restricted multi-family residential development containing a twenty (20) percent setaside for low and moderate income households age 62 years and older. The development may be constructed as multi-family dwellings, multiple group dwellings, or garden apartments, townhouses, or townhouse/flat combinations.

34-15.3 Development Standards
(a) Minimum Tract Area. 10.7 acres
(b) Minimum Frontage. A minimum of 250 feet on a paved public street
(c) Density. The maximum density shall be thirty (30) units per acre for multi-family dwellings, multiple group dwellings, or garden apartments, and fifteen (15) units per acre of gross site area for townhouses and townhouse/apartment flat combinations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the total unit count cannot exceed 300 dwellings.

Sixty (60%) percent of the total units approved shall be restricted to occupants 55 years and older in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Forty (40%) percent of the total units approved shall be restricted to occupants 62 years and older in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. These units shall be located in one building with an additional 5000 square feet dedicated to recreation/common space.

(d) Low and Moderate Income Housing Requirements. A minimum of twenty percent of the total age-restricted dwelling units shall be affordable to low and moderate income households (senior age-restricted) ages 62 years of older in accordance with the standards and requirements specified in Section 34-14.4. But excluding paragraphs B3 and B4.

(e) Building Height. Maximum building height shall be 45 feet and 4 stories. The architectural design of the buildings must include the use of design techniques such as hip and cable roof or mansard roof with dormers for the fourth floor to avoid the appearance of a straight block or mid-rinse building.
(f) Setbacks. The following setback standards shall apply:
Buildings:
Front yard: 50 feet or the height of the principal building, which-

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ever is greater
Side Yard: 100 feet
Rear Yard: 100 feet

Accessory Building:
Front Yard: 50 feet
Side Yard: 25 feet
Rear Yard: 25 feet

(h) Building Coverage. Buildings and accessory structures shall cover not more than 30 percent of the lot of parcel area. Accessory structures devoted to parking shall count towards total lot coverage.

(i) Total Lot Coverage. Not more than 70 percent of the lot or parcel area shall be covered by a combination of buildings, accessory structures, parking areas, driveways, and other impervious surfaces.

(j) Minimum Open Space. Not less than 30 percent of the parcel area shall be open space as defined in section 34-4.4.
(k) Parking. Off-street parking shall be provided in accordance with the Residential Site Improvement Standards. But in no event shall the parking ratio for one and two bedroom units be greater than 1.5 spaces per unit. No off-street parking shall be located less than twenty-five (25) feet from any property line. With the exceptions of garages/carpports in townhouses and townhouse flat developments, no parking shall be located under a building. A carport and adjacent driveway space shall be counted as two spaces.

(l) Landscaped areas, buffer areas, and recreation facilities. All areas not occupied by buildings, driveways, walkways, and parking areas shall be suitably landscaped, and be arranged such that appropriate active and passive recreation opportunities will be provided on-site for the residents of the development (e.g. walking paths, benches, gazebos, or ponds or water features); a suitable landscaped buffer strip of at least twenty-five (25) feet in width shall be provided to the property boundaries to form a visual screen.

(m) Parking lot Setback and Landscaping. Parking area shall be attractively landscaped in accordance with the following standards:

(1) Parking lots shall be setback a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from the right-of-way of a public street. The setback area shall be landscaped with shade trees and shrubs adaptable to the location and able to provide low level screening of the view of the parking lot. At least one shade tree for each forty (40) feet of frontage shall be provided.

(2) In addition to landscaping required along public streets, the interior of the parking lot shall be landscaped with at least one (1) tree for every twenty (20) parking spaces, which shall be planted in suitably prepared and protected landscaping islands.
(3) Townhouse and Townhouse/Apartment Combination Building Spacing. The minimum spacing between buildings shall be fifty (50) feet between front/back setback, thirty-five (35) feet front/back to side and twenty-five (25) feet end to end. The minimum setbacks from driveways and parking areas shall be fifteen (15) feet from primary buildings unless a garage is attached.

Kathleen Leonard
U88550 CCE Sept. 23, 2004 (\$9.75)

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TOWNSHIP OF CLARK
NOTICE OF INTENTION

Take notice that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:10A-8 et seq., application has been made to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, Trenton, New Jersey, to receive title papers authorizing the sale for Nissan, 2002, 3N1CB51D82L61439. Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, Special Title Unit, Box 017, Trenton, New Jersey 08666-0017, U87917 CCE Sept. 23, 2004 (\$4.88)

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Section 34-5.2 is hereby amended to

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34-15.2 Permitted Uses
Age-restricted multi-family residential development containing a twenty (20) percent setaside for low and moderate income households. The development may be constructed as multi-family dwellings, multiple group dwellings, or garden apartments, townhouses, or townhouse/flat combinations.

34-15.3 Development Standards
(a) Minimum Tract Area. 1.9 acres
(b) Minimum Frontage. A minimum of 250 feet on a paved public street
(c) Density. The maximum density shall be thirty (30) units per acre for multi-family dwellings, multiple group dwellings, or garden apartments, and fifteen (15) units per acre of gross site area for townhouses and townhouse/apartment flat combinations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the total unit count cannot exceed 300 dwellings.

(d) Low and Moderate Income Housing Requirements. A minimum of twenty percent of the total age-restricted dwelling units shall be affordable to low and moderate income households in accordance with the standards and requirements specified in Section 34-14.4.

(e) Building Height. Maximum building height shall be two and one-half stories and thirty-five feet for townhouse developments, three and one-half stories and forty-five feet for townhouse/apartment flat combinations and all other permitted residential development.
(f) Setbacks. The following setback standards shall apply:
Front yard: 50 feet or the height of the principal building, which ever is greater
Side Yard: 25 feet
Rear Yard: 50 feet

(h) Lot Coverage. Not more than 25 percent of the lot or parcel area shall be covered by buildings and accessory structures.

(i) Total Lot Coverage. Not more than 65 percent of the lot or parcel area shall be covered by a combination of buildings, accessory structures, parking areas, driveways, and other impervious surfaces.
(j) Minimum Open Space. Not less than 35 percent of the parcel area shall be open space as defined in section 34-4.4.
(k) Parking. Off-street parking shall be provided in accordance with the Residential Site Improvement Standards. No off-street parking shall be located less than twenty (20) feet from the front property line and fifteen (15) feet from side and rear property lines. With the exception of garages in townhouse and townhouse flat developments, no parking shall be located under a building.

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Kathleen Leonard
U88569 CCE Sept. 23, 2004 (\$84.75)

REVISED
CLARK PLANNING BOARD
MEETING DATES FOR 2004

September 28, 2004 - Council Chambers, 7:30 pm
October 26, 2004 - Council Chambers, 7:30 pm
November 23, 2004 - Council Chambers, 7:30 pm
December 21, 2004 - Council Chambers, 7:30 pm
U87957 CCE Sept. 23, 2004 (\$4.88)

CORPORATION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the following Ordinance was duly adopted and approved on final reading at a Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council, Township of Clark on September 20, 2004.

ORDINANCE 04-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE 13 FEES FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK

Kathleen Leonard
U88545 CCE Sept. 23, 2004 (\$6.75)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, AND THE STATUTES OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT YOU MAY AN APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT (NO. P08-04) TO BE LOCATED IN A R-4 ZONE ON THE PREMISES KNOWN AS 18 MORE PLUM CROCK RD., LOT 18, LOT NO. 12 HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY ROBERT KEADY OF 8 ROMORE PLACE, CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY. THE DEVELOPMENT IS LOCATED WITHIN 200 FEET OF PROPERTY OWNED BY YOU AND INVOLVES CONSTRUCTION IN A FLOOD ZONE AND REQUIRES A PLANNING BOARD APPROVAL, PER SECTION 136-42.C OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD IN ORDER TO ALLOW AN 11 SQUARE FOOT ADDITION.

PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN
APPROVAL X

THE PLANNING BOARD WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS MATTER ON OCTOBER 6, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M. IN ROOM 107, 8 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY. ANY PERSON OR PERSONS AFFECTED BY THIS APPLICATION WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT ANY OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT. THE BOARD DOES HOWEVER, HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE PERSONS FROM THE HEARING.

ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THIS APPLICATION MAY BE INSPECTED BY THE PUBLIC TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10 A.M. UNTIL 12:00 P.M. AND 1:00 P.M. UNTIL 4:00 P.M. IN THE ZONING OFFICE, 8 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY. ROBERT KEADY, APPLICANT
U87839 CCE Sept. 23, 2004 (\$19.13)

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND
ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on September 20, 2004. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Township Council to be held at its meeting room in the Public Safety Building, 315 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE REMOVAL OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS, INSTALLATION OF ABOVE-GROUND TANKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$250,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.
Purpose(s): Removal of underground storage tanks, installation of above-ground tanks and environmental remediation at the Public Safety Building.
Appropriation: \$250,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$238,000
Grants (if any) Appropriated: 0
Section 20 Costs: \$100,000
Useful Life: 15 years
This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:20-7.

Kathleen Leonard, Township Clerk
Township of Clark, County of Union
State of New Jersey
U88547 CCE Sept. 23, 2004 (\$21.75)

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Because of the Jewish holiday Yom Kippur, we have Union County games spread out over four days this weekend, beginning with tonight's Governor Livingston at Delaware Valley clash at 7.

There are seven games on tap for tomorrow afternoon and evening, one scheduled for Saturday and two set for Sunday afternoon.

While Elizabeth and Scotch Plains are an expected 2-0, perhaps the surprise team so far this year in Union County is Linden at 2-0.

The Tigers had a rough season last year, finishing just 2-8 and winning only one game on the field.

So far so good for Linden as it has managed to play outstanding defense in beating Plainfield 9-3 and Cranford 12-10, both at home, without yielding an offensive TD.

The Tigers now get a week off before another big game at home at Cooper Field. That will be Elizabeth on Oct. 2.

Elizabeth, with home wins over Shabazz 32-7 and Irvington 20-7, will host Plainfield tomorrow night at 7. Plainfield is 1-1 after blanking Newark East Side 41-0 Sunday in its home-opener.

One of the top games in the county this weekend is Brearley at New Providence Sunday at 2 p.m.

This Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division battle of unbeaten teams could go a long way in determining who captures the Valley Division this year.

New Providence won last year, with one of its wins a 20-7 victory at Brearley. The Pioneers then went on to beat the Bears in New Providence 42-20 in the Central Jersey, Group 1 quarterfinals.

Union, which reached the North 2, Group 4 final last year, will look to get in the win column against Newark East Side, a team it annually dominates.

Union faces East Side tomorrow at 3 p.m. in its home-opener. The Farmers have dropped close road games to Irvington 21-18 and to Shabazz 13-7 in triple overtime.

WEEK TWO GAMES

Thursday, Sept. 23 (1)

GL at Delaware Valley, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 24 (7)

Summit at W. Essex, 1:30 p.m.

East Side at Union, 3 p.m.

Shabazz at Cranford, 3

Scotch Plains at Irvington, 3

Plainfield at Elizabeth, 7 p.m.

Roselle at Newark Central, 7

Roselle Park at Manville, 7

Saturday, Sept. 25 (1)

Rahway at Hillside, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 26 (2)

North Plain. at Johnson, 2 p.m.

Brearley at New Providence, 2

Off: Linden, Westfield.

WEEK ONE SCORES

Friday, Sept. 17 (4)

Shabazz 13, Union 7 (3OT)

Brearley 12, Johnson 6

Weequahic 33, Summit 7

R. Park 42, Bound Brook 0

Saturday, Sept. 18 (2)

North Plainfield 37, Roselle 6

New Providence 13, Rahway 0

Sunday, Sept. 19 (5)

Elizabeth 20, Irvington 7

Plainfield 41, East Side 0

Linden 12, Cranford 10

Scotch Plains 27, Westfield 0

Caldwell 10, Gov. Livingston 0

Off: Hillside.

WEEK TWO PICKS (11)

Delaware Valley over GL

West Essex over Summit

Union over East Side

Cranford over Shabazz

Scotch Plains over Irvington

Elizabeth over Plainfield

Newark Central over Roselle

Roselle Park over Manville

Hillside over Rahway

North Plainfield over Johnson

Brearley over New Providence

Last week: 7-4

This year: 12-10 (.545)

UNION COUNTY

1. Elizabeth (2-0)

2. Linden (2-0)

3. Scotch Plains (2-0)

4. Plainfield (1-1)

5. Cranford (1-1)

6. Union (0-2)

7. Brearley (2-0)

8. New Providence (1-0)

9. Gov. Livingston (1-1)

10. Roselle Park (1-1)

Hillside (0-1)

Johnson (0-2)

Summit (0-2)

Westfield (0-2)

Rahway (0-1)

Roselle (0-1)



Photo by Barbara Kokkalis

Johnson senior running back Mark Washington (No. 23) rushed for 104 yards and scored on a 35-yard run against Brearley. The Crusaders face North Plainfield Sunday at 2 p.m. at Nolan Field in Clark in their home-opener.

Johnson performs better in second half against Brearley Crusaders are still seeking their first victory

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

KENILWORTH - At the moment, high school football teams headed in different directions.

Brearley is off to a good start with wins over Group 2 schools Iselin Kennedy and Johnson.

Johnson has dropped two road games by one touchdown each and is now preparing for a 2-0 team for its home-opener.

Brearley and Johnson, in different divisions in the Mountain Valley Conference, met for the first time in five years last Friday night at Ward Field. The pinpoint passing of Vinny Russo to Ryan Hoag proved a bit more dangerous than the running of Mark Washington as the Bears posted a 12-6 victory over the Crusaders.

It was Brearley's first win over Johnson since their last meeting in September of 1999, a 27-26 Bears victory, also at Ward Field.

The series is now 2-2 since 1997.

Touchdown passes from Brearley senior signal-caller Vinny Russo to senior end Ryan Hoag came before and after a 35-yard touchdown run by Johnson senior tailback Mark Washington.

All Russo did was complete 12-of-15 passes for 180 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions. He was a perfect 6-for-6 in the second half.

All Hoag did was catch four balls for 99 yards, two of his receptions resulting in touchdowns.

Washington, held to just 29 yards on eight carries in the first half, finished with a hard-fought 104 on 20 attempts, including a 35-yard touchdown run that tied the game in the third quarter.

"We knew we had to stop Mark (Washington)," said Russo, who also plays safety.

In two games so far, Russo has thrown six touchdown passes. In catching Russo's second one against Johnson for what proved to be the winning points, Hoag unnecessarily dived into the right corner of the end zone to punctuate a 56-yard play.

"I always get caught at the end, like last year against Butler when I got caught at the 2-yard line," Hoag said. "I didn't care. I'm not the speediest receiver and wanted to make sure I got in."

Brearley went 68 yards in four plays to retake the lead after Washington broke a run to the left side of the field and, himself, dove into the left corner of the end zone for his team's only points.

"We knew they would go to him over and over again," said Hoag, who caused Washington to cough up the ball after he gained nine yards on a pass for what would have been a first down late in the fourth quarter. Teammate Nick Mascaro was there to recover the fumble, which was the game's second turnover after Brearley had the first one on its previous series.

"We came up with a win and that's all that matters," said

Russo, who admitted to have gladly gone 0-for-15 if it meant his team winning. "Our offensive line was huge and played great. We came out charged up."

The win was a bit more sweeter for Brearley head coach Scott Miller, since he was previously an assistant coach at Johnson under Bob Taylor. Miller, a former Brearley and University of Pittsburgh standout, coached at Johnson with first-year Crusader head coach Gus Kalikas.

Miller's last year on the Johnson staff was 2001, while Kalikas remained for 2002 before spending last year as an assistant at Rahway.

"Our biggest thing was to get the win," Miller said. "We wanted to get out fast and we accomplished that."

After holding Johnson to a three-and-out following the opening kickoff, Brearley marched 69 yards in 10 plays and took six minutes off the clock before reaching the end zone. Russo completed a five-yard touchdown pass to Hoag, who beat double coverage in the end zone.

Russo completed three of four passes on the drive and gained 13 yards on two carries. Nick Rosales, who had one catch for 21 yards, had an 11-yard run for a first down in the drive.

"We have the ability to throw and run," said Miller, whose team also rushed for 90 yards on 32 carries. "They stacked up the line and we ran a nice play-action."

Miller admitted that limiting Washington was one of the keys for his team's success.

"He broke one run, but our defense played solid," Miller said. "Mark is a top-caliber back."

Miller had high praise for the outstanding defensive performances of players such as Manny Lewis, Damien Goldrick, Kevin Rodriguez, Brian Kizelevich and Eric Schindler.

Johnson, which opened with a 15-14 loss at Spotswood the week before, did a better job of challenging Brearley in the second half.

"Overall, I thought our defense did a great job, led by coach (Michael) Mancino," Kalikas said. "We just haven't been able to make the big play yet."

Plenty of big plays will be needed for Johnson to stay ahead of North Plainfield.

"We came out motivated in the second half," said Kalikas, of a much better Johnson effort against Brearley. "They played a more physical game. Scott Miller does a great job with his kids."

While Washington managed to get the game even for the Crusaders, Kalikas realizes that his team still has a long way to go.

"Mark did a good job, but we need to hold our blocks longer," Kalikas said.

Johnson and Brearley, both scheduled to play Sunday, face unbeaten teams. The Crusaders host a 2-0 North Plainfield squad, while the Bears will play at New Providence, which opened last Saturday with a 13-0 home win over Rahway.

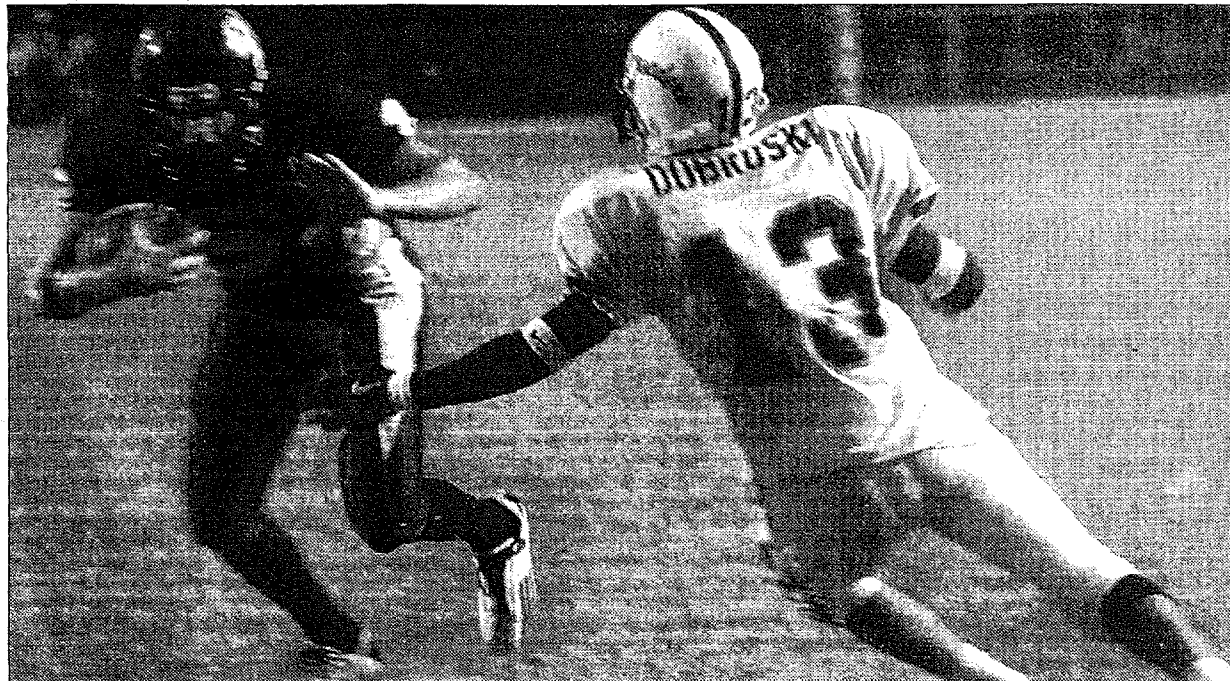


Photo by Barbara Kokkalis

Johnson cornerback Raymond Dobroski (No. 13 at right) attempts to bring down a Brearley ball-carrier during last Friday night's game at Ward Field in Kenilworth.

CRUSADERS FOOTBALL

KENILWORTH - Two road games. Two close losses.

Johnson (0-2) seeks to reach the win column this weekend against undefeated North Plainfield (2-0) in a Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division clash in Clark.

Kickoff Sunday at Nolan Field is set for 2 p.m.

"We're not young, but we're not experienced," first-year head coach Gus Kalikas said moments after his Crusaders were defeated by Brearley 12-6 last Friday night at Ward Field.

"We're still learning to win."

North Plainfield, which qualified in Central Jersey, Group 2 last year, has opened with home wins over Hackettstown and Roselle. The Canucks easily handled the Rams 37-6 last Saturday at Arminio Field in Roselle.

Junior tailback Jerome Washington rushed for 63 yards and a touchdown and returned a kickoff 80 yards for another six points.

"North Plainfield is very good and learned to win last year," Kalikas said. "We're 0-2 down, but not out. Our kids are very resilient."

The score last year at Krausche Field on Route 22 East was 41-14 in favor of the Canucks.

"We need to hold our blocks longer," Kalikas said, in reference to his team's performance against Brearley. "Mark (Washington) did a good job and our kids played hard."

GAME TWO

Brearley 12, Johnson 6

FIRST DOWNS: Johnson 5, Brearley 11

RUSHES-YARDS: Johnson 31-129, Brearley 32-90

PASSES: Johnson 2-3-0, Brearley 12-15-0

PASSING YARDS: Johnson 21, Brearley 180

FUMBLES-LOST: Johnson 3-1, Brearley 3-1

PUNTS-AVG: Johnson 4-30, Brearley 1-25

PENALTIES: Johnson 6-45, Brearley 2-10

Johnson (0-2) 0 0 6 0 - 6

Brearley (2-0) 6 0 6 0 - 12

BREARLEY - Hoag 5 pass from Russo, kick failed (B 6-0)

(First quarter: 10 plays, 69 yards, 4:03 used)

JOHNSON - Washington 35 run, kick failed (6-6)

(Third quarter: 8 plays, 63 yards, 5:00 used)

BREARLEY - Hoag 56 pass from Russo, kick failed (B 12-6)

(Third quarter: 4 plays, 68 yards, 2:49 used)

RUSHING: Johnson - Mark Washington 20-104, one touchdown. Vinny Reis 2-15. Mike Siessel 8-9. Anthony DelConte 1-1. Totals: 31-129, one touchdown. Brearley - Jake Floyd 13-36. Vinny Russo 12-29. Nick Rosales 4-17. Rob Shippey 3-8. Totals: 32-90.

PASSING: Johnson - Mike Siessel 2-3-0, 21 yards. Brearley - Vinny Russo 12-15-0, 180 yards, two touchdowns.

RECEIVING: Johnson - Anthony DelConte 1-12. Totals: 1-12. Brearley - Ryan Hoag 4-99, two touchdowns. Nick Mascaro 4-26. Jake Floyd 2-24. Nick Rosales 1-21. Kevin Rodriguez 1-10. Totals: 12-180, two touchdowns.

INTERCEPTIONS: Johnson - None. Brearley - None.

FUMBLE RECOVERIES: Johnson - James Fischetti on offense, Anthony DelConte on offense, Christopher Costa on defense. Brearley - Nick Mascaro on offense, Anthony Lugara on offense, Mascaro on defense.

SACKS: Johnson - Paul Hull solo for 8-yard loss. Joseph Colatrella solo for 8-yard loss. Brearley - Anthony Green solo for 6-yard loss.

- JR PARACHINI

ALJ rolls to victory

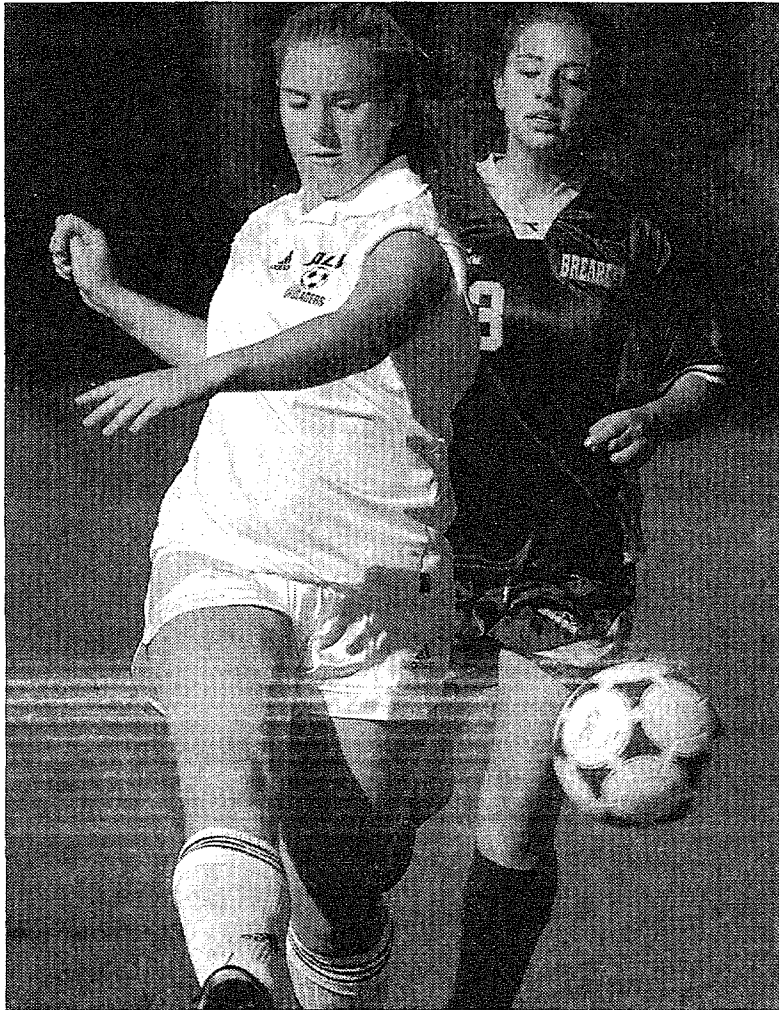


Photo by Reena Rose Sibayan

The Johnson High School girls' soccer team is sparked by the play of Melissa Pastor (No. 19 at left) as she battles Brearley's Kimberly Schielke (No. 33) for possession. Johnson blanked the Bears 6-0 Monday in Clark.

Team wrestling tournament site moved; Sectional finals in baseball, softball will now take place at higher seeds

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association has announced changes in the sites of the team wrestling tournament and where sectional finals will be played in baseball and softball for the this year.

The semifinals and finals of the team wrestling tournament will be moved from Sovereign Bank Arena in Trenton to the Ritacco Center in Toms River.

Those rounds will be conducted on Sunday, Feb. 20, rather than on a Saturday, as those bouts had been in the past.

Beginning this spring, sectional finals in baseball and softball will no longer be played at neutral sites.

The higher-seeded teams will play at home in those games.

Group semifinals will still be played at neutral sites and finals will be played in Toms River.

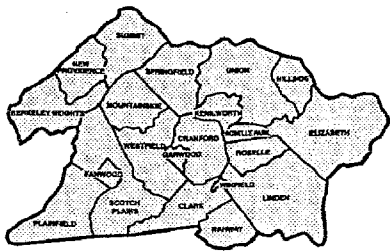
NOTES: Hydration testing for wrestling will begin at eight regional sites beginning on Oct. 31 and continuing Nov. 7 and 14, with Nov. 21 set as a make-up date.

Last year, testing began in December and was conducted at 43 sites.

The final report for last school year saw the total number of disqualifications drop to an all-time low of 458.

That is a 41 percent improvement from 10 years ago, when there were 780 disqualifications.

It's also a six percent improvement from 2002-2003, when there were 486 disqualifications.



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Unsolicited advice

Bill Donnegan, a young lawyer in Elizabeth, and Joe Capasso, deputy police chief in Hillside, have been the beneficiaries of my unsolicited advice.

With a bevy of great young kids between them, they got my lectures about the need to desperately save for the upcoming college tuition shock.

It turns out a national think tank called the Center for Public Policy and Higher Education is giving the same advice. They estimate that in New Jersey an average family must use 34 percent of their income to pay the college bill.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

Another result, equally troubling, is the figure that over the past decade minority enrollment in higher education actually dipped 7 percent.

The study finds that in New Jersey tuition at public four year institutions rose 47 percent in the past 10 years. It concludes the obvious, that the poorer family, the greater the percentage of income needed to pay the bill.

After one of my unsolicited advice sessions, Donnegan curtly asked, "I presume you have a solution to the problem?"

It reminded me of Mark Kriegel and his new 500-page biography on former New York Jets quarterback Joe Namath who wrote when unsolicited people feel the need to tell him about their memories of Super Bowl III, he cuts it short, politely saying "Stop, you are giving me goose bumps."

One guy getting goose bumps last week was Union County Manager George Devaney who was soliciting a whole lot of advice on the subject of the weather.

For the second year in a row, a hurricane from down south was threatening the county's annual Music Fest.

After getting advice from NOAA — the weather service, not the Biblical ship captain — Devaney on Wednesday switched the event from Nomahegan Park in Cranford, where it was planned, to the higher ground of Echo Lake Park, along the border of Mountainside and Westfield.

Despite the major effect of the move, the event still went off without a hitch.

The temptation to give the pearls of wisdom of advice not asked for runs to newspapers as well.

Last week *The Clark Eagle* advised candidates in that town who disrupt their lives, ring doorbells until their feet hurt, and have to ask their neighbors for contributions that the election, "it's not about winning."

Well, as another football type once said, "If winning doesn't matter, why do they keep score?" The editorial wasn't done with giving advice. They added, "Keep the focus of a campaign on what's best for the community, and not on what will lead to victory on Nov. 2, and everybody will win — even the losers."

I'm reminded of Vince Lombardi's quote, "Show me a good loser and I'll show you a loser."

Still following up on the *Eagle's* approach, the newspaper could show some focus of their own by letting candidates run press releases and provide free advertising space for the candidates.

Wouldn't that be a community service?

Maybe that's the biggest problem with unsolicited advice, it's far easier given than taken. As Broadway Joe once said, you can guarantee it.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Demolition of the building at the current site of where the new juvenile detention center is planned will move forward once an adjacent property is purchased from Conrail. Designs for a new facility are expected next year.

Youth jail designs in the works

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Architects are busy designing a new juvenile detention center as the Union County Improvement Authority prepares to acquire the final piece of property necessary for the project.

Jonathan Williams, an attorney for the UCIA, said Friday that the board of commissioners should be prepared at its next meeting, Oct. 6, to acquire land from Conrail that located directly behind the future youth jail site in Linden. The acquisition will allow the authority to move ahead with demolition of the 80,000-square-foot, two-story building currently on site.

Union County purchased the 4-acre property on Edwards Street, off Routes 1&9 near Linden's border with Rahway, in March for \$4.3 million.

New York City-based RicciGreene Associates, the same firm that analyzed the county's current juvenile center, was awarded a \$1.7 million design contract this past spring.

UCIA Executive Director Charlotte DeFilippo said the authority was able to negotiate the architect's contract down from \$2.3 million, adding that the authority received eight or nine proposals.

RicciGreene broke down the service contract into three phases: phase one, architectural and design services, \$1,132,170; phase two, construction and administration

services, \$410,000, and phase three, transition services, \$157,830.

DeFilippo said the firm will present the designs to the authority's board of commissioners, and then the authority will present the plans to the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The design development phase is scheduled to be completed by February, according to the contract. The bidding and award phase is scheduled for next summer, with construction tentatively scheduled to begin in August and finish in November 2006.

Officials have said they will have a better idea of the cost of the facility once designs are completed. The 65,000-square-foot youth jail will have 76 beds. It is estimated to cost about \$200,000 to build a juvenile bed in New Jersey. At 76 beds, that would be more than \$15 million but county officials anticipate the price tag to exceed \$20 million.

The currently juvenile detention center is located on the seventh floor of the courthouse complex parking garage in Elizabeth. Built in 1968, the facility has a capacity of 38. Overcrowding of up to 50 juveniles in recent years drew concern from the state Juvenile Justice Commission, which last year capped the capacity, forcing the county to send juveniles to other facilities in the state.

A May 2003 suicide ignited protests about the conditions at the facility after almost 10 years of studies to find a site for a new center.

Commercial plugs educational programs

By Anna Kreyman
Staff Writer

"Climb aboard Union County's school bus to a lifetime of learning," Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada said while sitting behind the wheel of a yellow bus in a television commercial that aired on Monday for the first time. The advertisement invites residents to learn for free at Union County College.

That same day, students of different ages spoke to the freeholder board, Union County College staff and the county's vocational-technical school faculty about their learning experiences within the program. In response, the freeholder board unveiled the 30-second commercial.

The broadcast outlined the three programs offered at Union County College for residents of the county. The Freeholder Scholars Program is an all-expenses paid scholarship awarded by freeholders to individuals who attain an overall 3.0 grade point average in the course of study for an associate's degree.

The Senior Scholars Program is for individuals at least 60 years old and College for Teens is for 13- to 17-year-olds wishing to spend their summer vacation getting ahead of the learning game. All of these programs are free and are funded by the county, but do not include academic supplies such as books.

"I grew up poor and had to go to

work at 13 years old splitting wood," said scholars program participant Kyle DeGruttola. "I am taking full advantage of my scholarship and will continue to get good grades."

Thomas Bistocchi, superintendent of the Union County Vocational-Technical School said College for Teens is the fastest-growing program.

The vo-tech school has opened a new \$14 million academic building as part of its expansion to a full-time, high school vocational program.

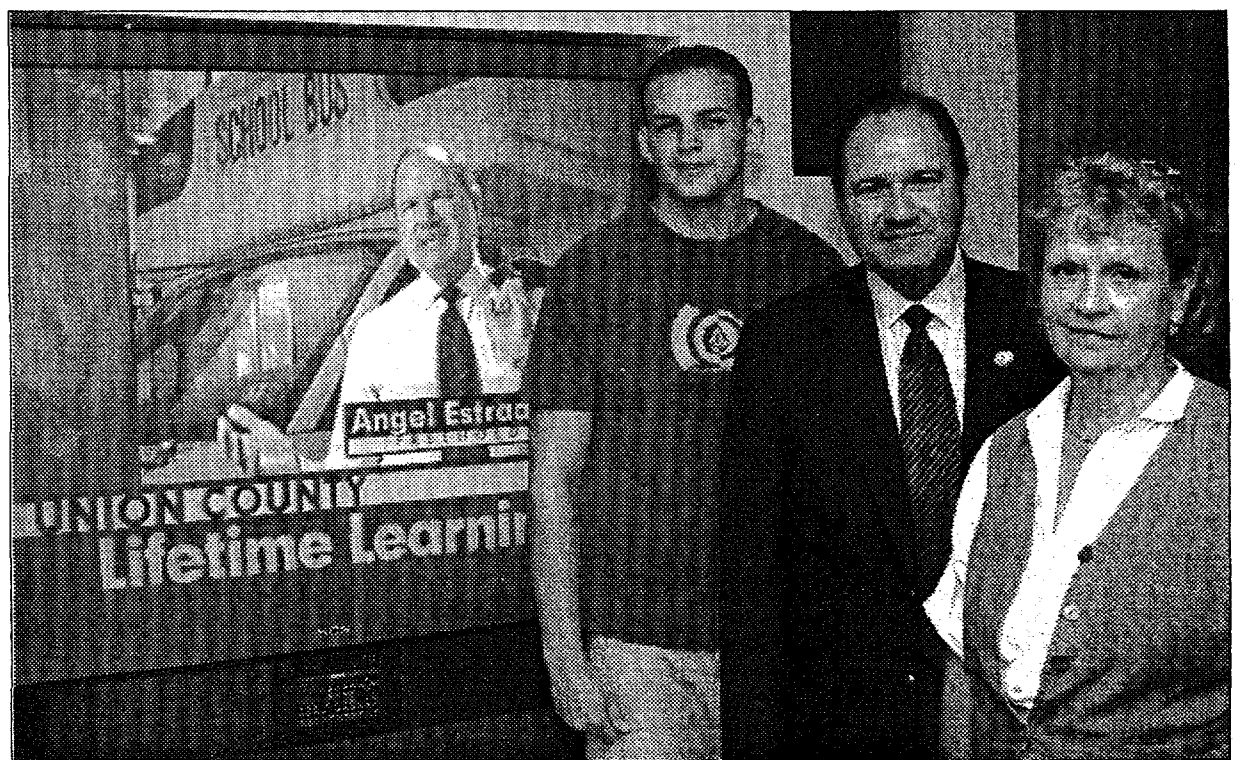
"Currently, 500 high school dropouts are enrolled in these courses and we have the largest trade apprentice program, with 2,500 enrolled since its start," Bistocchi said.

The recently completed academic building totals 70,000 square feet and includes 16 new classrooms, computer and science laboratories, a multipurpose auditorium and an athletic facility. The building can hold 600 full-time students.

Senior citizens like Jenellyn Cooling said the seniors program helped to enrich her life in many ways.

"When I went to college I had to take classes that I could make a living with," she added. "Now, I take art and sculpting and have found an inner talent that I never thought I had. My grandchildren think I am cool and wonderful."

According to Paul Willenbrock, dean of workforce development and



Kyle DeGruttola of Roselle Park, left, and Jenellyn Cooling of Westfield, right, stand with Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada in front of a cable television commercial unveiled Monday that promotes educational programs offered to senior citizens and students.

continuing education at Union County College, more than 8,500 senior students signed up since it began in 2000.

"I took the computer course because I was frustrated with my machine at home," senior citizen Carol Norman said. "Now, I am sending e-mails to friends and family like it's nothing. I also took an art course that was so good it felt like the two-hour class went by in 15 minutes."

Estrada said the senior program was based on the idea that retired

individuals should be able to study and learn about their "inner talents."

"I never had so many calls to extend this program," Estrada said. "We must be doing something right, if all of these young people are being encouraged to learn."

He added that the commercial, which will run on all cable systems, will be used as a tool to attract more students and expand on learning within the county.

The county spent \$23,000 to produce the educational advertisement,

created by Media Squared of New Brunswick, which has done promotional work for RUNNERS Specialized Hospital and the STAR Opportunity Center. The firm also created the county's "We're Connected to You" slogan.

Media Squared is run by the same principals who operate Message & Media, the political consulting firm that handles the Democrats' freeholder campaign.

For more information on the programs, go to www.ucnj.org/ed.

Surrogate faces GOP challenge

By Anna Kreyman
Staff Writer

Republican Mike Panagos is challenging incumbent Democrat James LaCorte for Union County surrogate this fall.

Panagos believes that it is important to have a Republican as the county's surrogate, stating that "Union County is controlled by Democrats, we need a mix of politics for accountability."

Democrats have held all nine seats on the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders since 1998 in addition to the county's three constitutional offices: surrogate, sheriff and clerk. It has been 10 years since any Republicans have won a countywide election.

A practicing attorney in Elizabeth for 25 years, LaCorte indicated that one's financial well-being rests in being aware of and having a last will and testament.

"A surrogate ensures that assets do not get passed along to wrong parties and basically protects assets from unneeded problems," he said.

LaCorte maintains that it is vital to have a continuation of the probate process in order to ensure that "in the case that the courthouse needs to close down we have an alternate site for people to access the funds."

"As surrogate I have been fighting for people's rights and convenience and will continue doing so if I am re-elected," he said.

LaCorte won a special election in 1999, several months after Ann Conti died in office.

Since taking office, LaCorte established evening hours in four municipalities for probate matters.

"Let's face it, most people taking care of estates are elderly," he said. "Usually seniors ask their kids to drive them to take care of probate issues, but kids work. So, I have started night hours in Cranford, Rahway, Union and Summit."

LaCorte added that the evening hours of the probate agency are open from 5:30 p.m. and close only after every individual is helped. The evening hours are available four times a month.



LaCorte

Panagos

"This is an ongoing process and since its inception we have served over 400 people," he said.

LaCorte also authored a report to the governor concerning the effects of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the probate process.

"I feel very strongly that our state should adopt a safeguard system in case of another catastrophic event," he said.

Panagos, a private attorney for 15 years, said he would increase the evening probate hours further by having the office open twice a week after 6 p.m.

"Things need to be more convenient for people seeking help with their estates than they are now," he said. "We should have evening hours at least a couple of times a week if not more."

Panagos added that he wants to make it more worthwhile for people to invest funds.

"I want to make sure that we can maximize investments for our children," he said.

Panagos served as a municipal attorney in the 1980s and as first deputy Union County Counsel from 1994 to 1997. He also was on the Westfield Township Council from 1987 to 1996 and served as deputy mayor in 1995.

Surrogates are elected to five-year terms and earn an annual salary of approximately \$115,000, the same as the county's other constitutional officers, sheriff and clerk.

Democrats appoint candidate to freeholder vacancy

By Anna Kreyman
Staff Writer

Bette Jane Kowalski got head start on this year's field of freeholder candidates.

The Cranford resident was appointed Monday night by the Union County Democratic Committee to the remaining three months of a term on the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. She will be sworn in to her seat during the freeholders' regular meeting Sept. 30.

Mary Ruotolo of Westfield resigned her seat on Sept. 10 because of increased job responsibilities and physical therapy due to a recent injury. She did not seek reelection.

This summer, Ruotolo was named



Kowalski

director of Development for the Garden State Arts Foundation, a not-for-profit part of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority that provides free arts programming to residents of the state.

Kowalski, who lost a bid for a seat on the Cranford Township Committee in 1999, is running on the Democratic ticket for freeholder, along with incumbent Daniel Sullivan and Plainfield City Council President Adrian Mapp. They face Republicans Joseph Renna of Cranford, Patricia Quat-

trochi of Garwood and Frank Arena of Westfield.

Democrats currently hold all nine seats on the county's governing body.

Also on the ballot in November will be a one-year, unexpired term for freeholder to be decided between John Wohlhab of Hillside, who currently holds the seat, and Bruce Paterson of Garwood.

Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich faces a challenge from Republican Peter Lijoi and in the sur-

rogate's race, James LaCorte faces Michael Panagos.

Kowalski, a former editor and writer, is a trustee and treasurer of the Cranford Public Library. She is also the second vice president for the Cranford Democratic Committee, a committeewoman in Cranford and outreach coordinator for the Cranford Democratic Club.

Kowalski holds a master's degree in journalism from and a bachelor's in history and English.

COUNTY NEWS

Women business owners meet monthly

The New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners, Union County chapter will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday at L'Affaire 1099 Route 22 East, Mountainside.

Suzanne Clare, executive director of the Gateway Tourism Council for New Jersey, will speak on "Tourism, What is it, What Does It Mean for a Community, Region or State."

Program also includes a kick-off to the membership drive, installation of the new board by NJAWBO State President Sue Fitzpatrick and a salute to past chapter presidents. A donation check will be presented to the ARC of Union County.

The meeting starts at 6 p.m., with a networking hour beginning at 5 p.m., and is open to the public. Cost is \$35 with advance reservation, \$45 for walk-ins.

For reservations and information, call Karen Schmidt at 732-868-1300, e-mail karen.e.schmidt@aexp.com, or call the chapter hotline at 908-688-0707. For directions, visit www.njawbo.org/union/events.html.

Union Chapter is extending its invitation to all women owned businesses and those interested doing business with such enterprises.

Mothers & More open house Oct. 6

The Union County Chapter of

Mothers & More will host an open house for prospective members Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St., Westfield. All area women are invited without any obligation to join. The event will be held without children and door prizes will be awarded.

The open house will introduce women to the many services of Mothers & More. The Union County Chapter offers two meetings a month with topical discussions and/or guest speakers in addition to moms' nights out, playgroups, a book club, a craft club, skill-building volunteer opportunities and more.

The Union County Chapter of Mothers & More holds meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Westfield YMCA.

For more information about becoming a part of Mothers & More, call K.C. Bree at 908-789-8626 or Kim Grossman at 908-889-2286 or log onto www.mothersandmore.org.

Irish festival Oct. 3 at Union Elks Lodge

The Joseph Nugent Sr. Association of Union County will hold its 18th annual Irish Festival and picnic to benefit a child with a life-threatening illness through the Make-A-Wish Foundation on Oct. 3, rain or shine, at the Elks Lodge, 281 Chestnut St., Five Points Union, from 1 to 6 p.m.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation

raises funds to grant these special children their favorite wish.

Admission is \$20 per person or \$40 per family which includes food, beer, soda, Irish vendors and activities for the children. There will be continuous Irish-American entertainment featuring The Willie Lynch Trio, The Carrie Callahan Band and "DJ" Joe Colletti. There also will be Piper, Irish Ceili dancing and Irish vendors.

For information, call Bob or Linda White at 908-241-7341 or Kevin Dowling at 732-594-1763.

The Nugent Association was founded in 1933 and is the oldest independent Irish-American organization in the state. The Nugent Association is celebrating its 70th anniversary.

Donations may be sent to The Joseph Nugent Sr. Association, 161 Country Club Drive No. 2, Union, 07083.

Golf fund-raiser for St. Patrick's Day parade

The Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee's third annual golf fund-raiser will be Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Hyatt Hills Golf Course on Raritan Road in Clark.

The event will raise funds for St. Patrick's Day Parade expenses.

Admission costs \$175 per person; dinner only costs \$75 per person.

Free workshop

There will be a free workshop for interested parents, substance abuse professionals, juvenile and DARE officers, school personnel, substance abuse counselors, youth service workers, and others interested in learning about caring for yourself while you care for others on Sept. 30.

The conference is coordinated by the Juvenile Justice Task Force and the Parent Task Force, members of the Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse.

Darlene Smith, guest speaker, will present her "Five Key Areas of Growth." Smith has served as the manager of a "Tier II" family shelter, a drug and alcohol counselor on Riker's Island and the unit supervisor in a private correctional organization in the state of New Jersey.

In addition, she has also trained personnel in the fine points of professionalism while presenting seminars on communication skills and "rational

emotive behavioral therapy."

Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. followed by the presentation at 7 p.m. The first 75 people to register will also receive a \$15 ShopRite gift certificate and a parenting book. Funds are provided by the Drug-Free Communities Program Grant.

To register, call Sandee Moroso at 732-381-4100 before Monday.

The Union County Coalition is an autonomous arm of Prevention Links, an agency dedicated to prevention and early intervention for alcoholism, tobacco, drug abuse, and other related problems servicing all of Union County. The agency provides educational programs, speakers, training, videos, and free reference materials related to substance use issues to law enforcement, schools, special population groups, communities/civic organizations, municipal alliances, faith communities, legislators, and the general public.

For more information about the agency, its programs, resource center or for volunteer opportunities, call 732-381-4100 or check out the agency's Web site at www.preventionlinks.org.

Courthouse tours

The Office of the Court Administrator of the Union Vicinage Superior Court of New Jersey announces that it is instating a new courthouse tours program entitled "Taking a Closer Look at the Union Vicinage" this fall.

The courthouse tours program intends to provide all of its attendees with a comprehensive overview and basic understanding of the daily operations within the courthouse. This tour will not only bring light to the courtroom but also to the many behind the scenes procedures that continue to make the courts run.

"Taking a Closer Look at the Union Vicinage" is scheduled to take place every Tuesday and will serve in addition to the "Courthouse Tour" program that is provided by the Union County Prosecutor's Office on Fridays.

For more information about the tours that are available or to schedule a tour, call Jennifer Lescano at 908-282-7607 for the "Taking a Closer Look at the Union Vicinage" tours on Tuesdays when the court is open and Robert O'Leary at 908-527-4505 for the "Courthouse Tour" program on Fridays when the court is open.

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Antique shopping offers the opportunity to spend an afternoon in many ways. The shopper can take a nostalgic journey where childhood memories are stirred; have a history lesson by identifying furniture from different eras; search for the perfect treasure to add to a home, or just get away from it all and relax and browse.

The Summit Antiques Center offers all these opportunities and more. Over fifty dealers display and sell furniture, glass, china, estate jewelry, linens, paintings and prints, all reflecting the dealer's own personal taste as well as an interest in either various periods of history or an area of special interest. All periods of American furnishings are represented from primitive to Victorian to Mission. In addition to American furnishings, the shopper can find everything from French, English and German furniture and wares to early imports from the Far East.

The merchandise at the Summit Antiques Center ranges from the fabulous to the funky with everything from treasures from the 18th Century to memorabilia from the 1950s. This eclectic mix offers the shopper a wonderful haven and there is always something for everyone in the constantly changing inventory.

For a fall spiffing up of your home or to get a jumpstart on holiday shopping, the Summit Antiques Center is the place to go. Located at 511 Morris Ave. in Summit, the building is crowded with antiques and collectibles ranging from high-end to vintage.

Annually the Center holds an outdoor tent sale, where specials and bargains abound. This year the sale will be held on September 25 and 26 and treasure seekers may start buying outside at 9 a.m. The Center itself will open an hour earlier at 10 a.m., both Saturday and Sunday to accommodate early shoppers.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Poignant play explores emotions and heroism behind 9/11 tragedy

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor

Although the tragedy of 9/11 cut across demographic differences, the immediate response to the devastation fell largely on the shoulders of blue-collar workers, construction workers, carpenters, police and firefighters who were able to get into the rubble and dig. However, over time, people of every occupation and station in life had chances to contribute, albeit in differing degrees. "The Guys," performed by Alliance Repertory Theatre at the Liberty Theatre in Bloomfield, is a play that illustrates that point, among others.

The premise of the play is that Nick, a fire captain in the Fire Department of New York, is asked by the spouses of several fallen firefighters to give eulogies at their funerals. Nick quickly realizes he isn't comfortable writing eulogies, or articulating them,

and turns to a professional writer to help him craft the eulogies. With the help of Joan, the writer, Nick develops the confidence not only to eulogize his fallen comrades, but to move on with life.

Originally performed off-Broadway at the Flea Theater with Bill Murray in the role of Nick and Sigourney Weaver as Joan, "The Guys" features Jerry Marino playing the role of Nick in the Alliance Repertory production of the play. Marino, a native of Brooklyn who later moved to Edison, brings an authentic Brooklyn accent to the role, lending an air of authenticity to the part.

"Yeah, Anne Nelson, the writer of the play, said to me that it was great to hear Nick portrayed with the right accent," said Marino. So, if only by virtue of his accent, Marino would seem to be ideal for the role. Still, there's more to it than that; something

that arguably makes Marino a better choice for the part than anyone on Earth.

"I passed the New York firefighters' exam back in the '60s," said Marino, a man whose voice resonates with the tone of a middle-aged New York firefighter, "but I chose not to do it. I would have been about Nick's age."

Yet, ultimately, it's Marino's sheer understanding of the working man and woman that makes him ideal for this role. "I've known a lot of people in the trades," Marino said. "I have a lot of sensitivity to the guys who worked in that trade. I knew a cousin who worked in Tower 2. He'd been there for the first attempt on the Trade Center in '93, and when the first plane hit the first tower, he said, 'I'm getting out of here.'"

Marino's character, Nick, expresses a frustration over his inability to properly eulogize the firefighters,

leading him to Joan the writer/editor, played by Angela Della Ventura, who helps Nick write the eulogies for his friends. If Marino's character expresses the frustration of a New York fire captain, Della Ventura's character articulates the frustration felt by many intellectuals immediately following the tragedy.

"They told everyone who wanted to volunteer, 'Carpenters and plumbers first, intellectuals go to the back of the line,'" said Della Ventura, noting what her character says in the play. "The first people who could help were those who worked physically. Even surgeons felt useless. They were stationed at the triage center established in the Meadowlands, waiting for wounded. But there weren't any injured people, only dead. It wasn't until later that people like the playwright could contribute to the recovery."

Nelson, the playwright, wrote "The Guys," based on her own experiences in the weeks immediately following 9/11. Nelson, a journalist and teacher, wound up writing a play that's basically a dialogue between two people, one, a firefighter frustrated by his inability to find the appropriate words or phrases; and the other, a writer frustrated by her inability to find a way to assist with the recovery. Through their discussions, both experience a sense of liberation from their frustrations.

"The thing they both realize while they're talking is that the men they discuss are just regular guys," said Della Ventura. "They became heroes, but they were really just average guys."

In the end, as we already know, 9/11 was a tragedy that cut across every type of social divide, and each person contributed to the recovery in their own way, even if it was just griev-

ing or offering sympathy for those who suffered losses.

"What we've found is that people respond because we've all experienced loss at one point or another," said Della Ventura. "People who weren't immediately affected responded in ways that reflected their own experiences."

Though it shouldn't be necessary, Marino summed up the most important reason to see this production.

"It pays to have these plays done so there is a collective memory that gets reawakened," he said.

Remaining performances are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and Oct. 1 and 2. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee performance this Sunday. The Liberty Theatre is located at 252 Liberty St., at the corner of Bloomfield Ave. and Liberty St. For more information, call 973-566-0066.



Hannah Breene, a former classmate of Phil Setzer's daughter, for whom the Hannah Breene Foundation is named. The Foundation raises money for cancer research in her memory.

Concert is memorial

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor

There's more than just music to a performance. When Phil Setzer selects the music the Emerson String Quartet plays at a performance, he always tries to select music that's socially significant for the occasion.

"We look for programs of interest, not just musically, but historically," said Setzer, whose quartet performs a tribute to Oskar Schindler tonight at the Oskar Schindler Performing Arts Center in West Orange at 7 p.m. "We were asked if we knew a piece by someone of Jewish heritage to honor Oskar Schindler's work. We have a piece by Felix Mendelssohn, whose music was banned by Hitler. Our last piece is by Dimitri Shostakovich, and it was written in 1944. He used Jewish elements in his music, although he wasn't Jewish."

"Mendelssohn never quoted Jewish music, he just wrote music that sounded Jewish."

Setzer's performance will raise money for two causes. Half the money will go to the OSPAC educational fund, which provides funding for summer dance, theater and music courses. "OSPAC will fund the education of students who can't afford [the

tuition]," said Setzer.

The other half of the money will be donated to the Hannah Breene Foundation. Setzer's daughter was a classmate of Breene, who died last year at age 6, and the foundation funds medical research in her name.

Setzer's group has always been based in New York City, but the quartet is certainly no stranger to New Jersey, having played many concerts at Kean College in the past, most recently in 1997, in addition to touring around the world.

Later this season, the Emerson String Quartet will present a four-concert series in Carnegie Hall's Zankel Hall titled "A Vision of Mendelssohn."

"We're strictly classical," said Setzer, who noted with pride that of the group's 27 years in existence, the same people have played together for the last 25 years.

"We've been involved in a lot of social causes," said Setzer. "I've always felt the best way for us to help a cause is to perform a benefit without taking our fee."

Setzer, a violinist, is joined on violin by Eugene Drucker. Lawrence Dutton plays viola and David Finckel plays the cello.

Author to appear at Westfield book store

On Oct. 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Westfield resident Don Weill will be in The Town Book Store to promote his book, "The Older I Get ... Light Verse from a Senior Perspective." Weill writes about subjects that range from the joys of grandparenthood to the aches and pains of the aging athlete; from retirement to second chances; from the recollection of old romances to the setting of new goals. This delightful book will touch readers of all ages — those who are already seniors and those who aspire to reach that exalted status.

Then, from 2 to 4 p.m., Ann Napolitano will be in the store to sign copies of her new novel, "Within Arms Reach." Follow three

generations of an Irish-American Catholic New Jersey family who are jarred into crisis by an unexpected pregnancy. This novel is told through six different points of view, including those of the unmarried pregnant Gracie, an advice columnist; and her grandmother. Napolitano paints a riveting portrait of a family in crisis, depicting how the ties that bind us so closely to one another are often the ones that cause us the most pain. "Within Arms Reach" is a rich narrative of guilt, love, betrayal, and the ultimate loyalty — that of blood.

If you are unable to attend one of these events, feel free to call and reserve an autographed copy. For any questions, call The Town Book Store at 908-233-3535.

'Of Mice and Men' at Kirby at Drew University

By Ruth Ross
Correspondent

The success of any production of John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" depends, for the most part, on the actor cast in the role of Lennie Small, the strong but "slow" migrant worker at the heart of the story. While the supporting roles are important, it's Lennie's foibles and their attending consequences that create the conflict so necessary for drama and make the audience hold its collective breath, just waiting for the other shoe to drop.

The plot is very straightforward: migrant workers George Milton and Lennie Small travel to the Soledad Ranch to buck barley. Although they have less than \$10 between them, George and Lennie dream of owning their own place where they can work whenever they feel like it, cook their own food, grow whatever they wish and watch it grow from seed to harvest, work with whomever they choose, and permit Lennie to tend a hutch of rabbits. Other than a lack of money, the only obstacle in their way is that Lennie constantly gets them in trouble, so they are fired from their jobs and never really get a chance to save up a nest egg. This time, however, Lennie's actions really spell catastrophe, and George faces a decision that will change their lives forever.

The Shakespeare Theatre of New

Jersey's associate artistic director Joe Discher has hit a home run with Mark Mineart, who not only looks like the gentle, but dangerous, giant, but who convincingly projects the man's confusion through body English and heavy breathing. His portrayal seems to come from the depths of his very being. In fact, when Lennie is taunted by Negro Crooks with the possibility that George has abandoned him, Mineart's eyes communicate the confusion Lennie must have felt. At times, his Lennie is unintentionally funny, but Mineart never goes for the laugh. Indeed, his Lennie is invested with a dignity not often accorded the mentally retarded.

As George, Graham Winton makes palpable the frustration he feels at having to care for — and watch — Lennie. Tightly wound, Winton's George talks fast and loud through these passages, but reveals his compassion for his mentally-challenged companion when he tells "the story" for the hundredth time or reveals his innermost feelings to Slim, the jerkline skinner who heads the team they'll join to buck barley. Our hearts break for him as he does what he has to at the end; the end comes quickly and painlessly for Lennie, but we sense that George will hurt for a long time.

Paul Neibank's Slim conveys the

authority and dignity accorded the character on the ranch, making it easy to understand why George unburies himself to the man so soon after meeting him. Other standouts include Jim Mohr as Candy and Ron Brice as Crooks, handicapped ranch hands anxious to join George and Lennie's dream. Mohr's one-handed swamper is sad and pathetic, especially when he has to get rid of his dog, and Brice's Crooks is appropriately bitter as the Negro excluded from the life of the bunkhouse. His Crooks gets perverse pleasure taunting Lennie with the idea that George has abandoned him, but apologizes profusely when Mineart's heavy breathing and visible fear show he's gone too far.

Marc Aden Gray is excellent as Curley, the villain of the play, who combatively stalks in and out of the bunkhouse looking for his wife. Every time he appears, one knows trouble will follow. Indeed, when George and Lennie say they don't like this place, neither does the audience. As ranch hands Carlson and Whit, Michael Daley and Chris Landis look like they belong on a ranch.

Once again, Victoria Mack turns in a top-notch performance as Curley's wife, a lonely young girl — the only woman on the ranch — who shows up at inopportune moments. Mack communicates the smoldering sexual mag-

netism and trouble-with-a-capital-T atmosphere surrounding the character, making clear just why talking to her could be disastrous. Yet she manages to make the character more than a caricature when she tells Lennie that she "coulda been in pichers" had her mother not intercepted a letter from Hollywood and thrown her into the arms of Curley as a means of escape.

These marvelous actors perform on a terrific set designed by Marion Williams. The clearing even boasts a stream at the rear of the stage! Sound by Steven L. Beckel and lighting by Matthew E. Adelson contribute to the atmosphere of impending doom.

Does "Of Mice and Men" depict the American Dream or the American Nightmare? In his adaptation of the beloved novel, Steinbeck shows us how "the best laid schemes o' mice and men" can go awry and end in disaster. Yet it's the recitation of that dream that keeps George and Lennie going, and at the end, George not only loses Lennie but his whole reason for living. That's a loss from which he'll never recover.

"Of Mice and Men" will be performed Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. For information and tickets, call the box office at 973-408-5200.

Program develops artistic talent and more

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor

Catherine Lazen is one of those rare, courageous people who possess the strength to turn adversity into opportunity. Several years ago, when her unborn child was diagnosed with a rare chromosomal defect, Lazen researched opportunities to volunteer for programs in the arts designed for disabled adults in an attempt to prepare for a difficult reality in an environment of hope and joy.

The opportunities Lazen found left her unsatisfied, so three years ago she dedicated herself to artistic opportunities for the disabled and founded Arts Unbound, the only nonprofit organization in New Jersey whose sole mission is to support artistic achievement among adults living with disabilities.

Miraculously, her daughter — now almost 4, normal, and healthy — is untouched by the defect. Nonetheless, Lazen remains committed to the cause, and the disabled clients of Arts Unbound will make their debut as respected artists and crafts people in Arts Unbound's first

art exhibition and craft sale titled, "Outside In," Oct. 2 and 3, at the Baird Community Center, 5 Mead St. in South Orange from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"The event is timed to serve as a benefit to help AU transition from a small traveling arts program to a large-scale service provider for Essex and Union counties as a dedicated studio, gallery, and retail facility," said Lazen. "AU is partnering with a neighborhood revitalization organization in Orange called HANDS, which transforms dilapidated buildings into attractive businesses and residences. So, Arts Unbound continue to change the lives of disabled adults and expand its community impact to breathe new life into a sagging neighborhood."

Over the past three years, Lazen's clients at Arts Unbound have created, exhibited, and sold artwork in international venues, breaking through substantial boundaries in the process. Lazen pointed out that the event represents critical progress for adults living with disabilities because "they are no longer

limited to being consumers of the arts. Now, adults who languished in isolation and suffered under stigma" have hope.

"We have artisans who are learning vocational skills, who are making sellable handmade products, and who are earning money for the first time in their lives," said Lazen. "Museums such as the American Folk Art Museum in New York City, and the Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore are now paying attention to our artists and are helping to legitimize the creative potential of disabled people everywhere."

Certainly, there are other programs that offer important opportunities for adults with disabilities. Lazen's approach offered something else; the chance for adults with disabilities to create and capitalize on opportunities for themselves.

"For the first time, these adults are earning money and are contributing to and interacting with their community," said Lazen, who acknowledged that she realized "that it was not enough to simply keep a disadvantaged segment of our community happy and occupied

for a few hours a week. Arts Unbound cultivated relationships with galleries, museums, art collectors, and retail establishments with the expectation that our disabled neighbors would also interact with society, transcend stereotypes, and enjoy respect and earning power."

At first glance, Arts Unbound appears to be an arts program for adults with disabilities. However, this was more than that. Arts Unbound brings a sense of empowerment to its clients, the sort of things that builds self-esteem and self-reliance, something that can't be quantified in monetary terms. When people believe in themselves, their expectations of life are substantially altered.

"Arts Unbound is so much more than the services it provides," said Lazen. "Arts Unbound is an investment in untapped human potential and it serves as a model for our community to look at everyone — regardless of socio-economic status, disability, or age, as valuable human beings, capable of contributing, earning money, and making a positive impact on society."

Youth receives funding from foundation

The Westfield Summer Workshop, a division of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, has announced Michael Sherry as the recipient of the Summer Youth Employment grant from the Westfield Foundation.

The foundation seeks to provide a learning experience where a youth can develop specific skills or knowl-

edge while performing a meaningful service needed by the community.

The grant allowed Sherry to get involved in the workshop production of "Guys and Dolls," assisting in stage management, set design and construction, and preparation of the young actors for their performances.

The week of the performances, Sherry was involved before and after

the shows, as well as during all rehearsals.

Sherry is a recent graduate of Westfield High School. He was active in the musical theater program as well as the choir. Next year, he plans to attend the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City, on route to becoming an actor on Broadway.

Sherry appreciates the experience that the workshop has given him. He believes that actors do not normally have technical training, and that the backstage work he has done over the summer is both unique and valuable as he prepares for a career in theater. He is especially grateful to directors Juan and Valerie Pineda for a wonderful experience.



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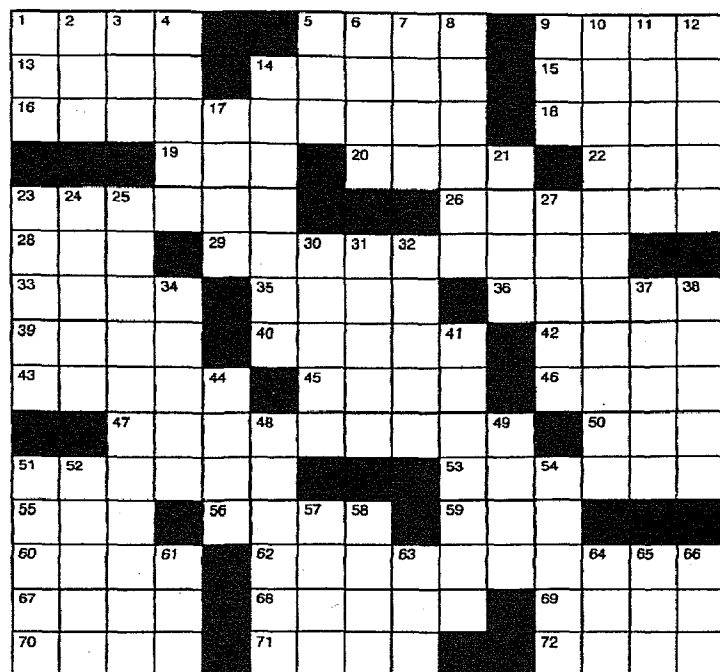
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- Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Springfield, Class of 1969, 35-year reunion, Oct. 8.
- Plainfield High School Class of 1954, 50-year reunion, Oct. 9.
- Westfield High School Class of 1974, 30-year reunion, Oct. 23.
- Union High School, Class of 1964, 30-year reunion, Oct. 30.
- Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, Clark, Class of 1974, 30-year reunion, Nov. 20.
- Hillside High School Class of 1954, 50-year reunion, Nov. 20.
- Roselle Park High School Class of 1983, 1984 and 1985, 20-year reunion, Nov. 20, 7 p.m. to midnight, Galloping Hill Inn, Union.
- Governor Livingston Regional High School, Berkeley Heights, Class of 1979, 25-year reunion, Nov. 26.
- Union High School Class of 1969, 35-year reunion, Nov. 26.
- Union High School Class of 1994, 10-year reunion, Nov. 26.
- Union High School Class of 1984, 20-year reunion, Nov. 27.
- Westfield High School Class of 1994, 10-year reunion, Nov. 27.
- Scotch Plains High School Class of 1979, 25-year reunion, June 11.
- Westfield High School Class of 1994, 10-year reunion, Dec. 31.
- Westfield High School Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, May 21.
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- Scotch Plains High School Class of 1975, 30-year reunion.
- Union High School, Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, 2005.
- Union High School, Class of 1995, 10-year reunion, 2005.
- Union Hill High School, Class of 1975, 30-year reunion, 2005.
- Union High School, Class of 1976, 30-year reunion, 2006.
- Union High School, Class of 1981, 25-year reunion, 2006.
- Union High School, Class of 1986, 20-year reunion, 2006.
- Westfield High School, Class of 1980, 25-year reunion, 2005.

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• Rahway High School, Class of 1939 will conduct its 65-year reunion on Sunday at the Crowne Plaza in Clark from 1 to 5 p.m. The reunion committee needs your help in locating six classmates. Contact Anne Shupper for more information at 732-388-0066.

• Abraham Clark High School in Roselle, Class of 1954, will have its 50th reunion on Oct. 16 to 17 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Clark. To join the festivities, classmates should contact Janice Peterson Freeman at 908-561-8565 or via e-mail at j.freeman1@worldnet.att.net. Or they can contact Marie Mastorakis at 908-272-6243. They can contact her via e-mail at M.Mastorakis@worldnet.att.net.

• Linden High School, Class of 1994, will hold its 10-year reunion on Nov. 26 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Galloping Hill Inn in Union. Addresses of classmates needed. For more information, call New England Reunions at 877-600-56694 or call visit www.newenglandreunions.com.

Using music to enhance learning

Music Together was developed specifically for infants through preschoolers by the Center for Music and Young Children in Princeton. Classes are led by certified instructors with knowledge and experience in early childhood music.

A small group of families sit in a circle on the floor creating an active music-making experience with their children. Each class has ritual features including the "Hello" and "Goodbye" songs, percussion instrument play, free movement dances, and many new

and traditional songs. Families also receive a song book and CD to extend the program beyond the studio.

Music Together has been celebrating childhood music for 16 years, and some families have been with the program for more than a decade.

Siblings can attend class together, and little ones thrive when they interact with children of different ages. Parents with no background in music can relax — enthusiastic participation is more inspirational than getting the notes right. Each child develops at his

or her own level in a noncompetitive, nonperformance environment.

For a weekly class schedule and registration information, call Fiona Murray in the Westfield, Scotch Plains, and Springfield areas at 908-490-1330, and Leslie Lucas in the Summit and West Orange areas at 973-509-9787.

What's Going On?

FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY

October 3rd, 2004
EVENT: Flea Market, CRAFT & COLLECTIBLE SHOW
PLACE: Belleville High School, 100 Passaic Avenue, Belleville, NJ (OFF JORALEMON ST)
TIME: 9AM-5PM, Outdoors (indoors if rain)
DETAILS: New merchandise, crafts, collectibles and a garage/tag sale section! For information call: 201-997-9535
ORGANIZATION: Sponsor by: BHS Home & School

SATURDAY

October 2nd, 2004
EVENT: Flea Market/ Garage Sale
PLACE: Springfield-Hillside Elks, 80 Maple Avenue, Springfield
TIME: 9am-4pm
PRICE: VENDORS WANTED \$12 per 6 Ft. Space. For reservation and information call 973-379-9766
DETAILS: Collectibles, garage tag-sale items, bric-a-brac, crafts
Bake Sale, Refreshments available
ORGANIZATION: Springfield-Hillside Elks.

SUNDAY

October 3rd, 2004
EVENT: Flea Market
PLACE: St. Mary's High School, 237 South Broad Street, Elizabeth
TIME: 8am-3pm
INFORMATION: Over 100 tables of bargains. Limited space. For more information call 908-352-4350
ORGANIZATION: St. Mary's High School.

SATURDAY

October 2nd, 2004
EVENT: Big Indoor Flea Market
PLACE: Roselle Catholic High School, 1 Raritan Road, Roselle
TIME: 9am-4pm
PRICE: Call for information 908-245-2350
ORGANIZATION: Roselle Catholic High School

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RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

October 1st, 2nd, 2004
EVENT: Garage & Rummage Sale
PLACE: Community United Methodist Church, 301 Chestnut Street Roselle Park, NJ
TIME: Friday, 9am - 5pm; Saturday, 9am-2pm
PRICE: Admission Free
INFORMATION: Coffee & Baked Goods Sale All Day Friday. Housewares, Dishes, Glasses & Stenware, Tools, Small Appliances, Furniture, Books, Records, CDs, Toys & Clothing. Thousands of items. For information call 908-245-2237.
ORGANIZATION: Community United Methodist Church.

AUCTION

FRIDAY

October 1st, 2004
EVENT: Tricky Tray Gift Auction
PLACE: Auditorium of St. John the Apostle Church on Valley Road in Clark, near Stiles Street.
TIME: Doors open at 6:30pm and drawings begin at 8:00pm
PRICE: Donation is \$6 and refreshments will be available.
DETAILS: Grand Prize is a new computer system. Ticket info call 732-382-5595. Proceeds from this event support Scouting activities throughout the year and your support is greatly appreciated. Adults over 18 please
ORGANIZATION: Sponsored by Cub Scout Pack #30

THURSDAY

October 7th, 2004
EVENT: Decorate The Town. A Community Auction
PLACE: Maplewood Woman's Club, 60 Woodland Road, Maplewood
TIME: 7pm
PRICE: \$15, includes 50 tickets for Canned Auction, Refreshments, Canned, Silent and Live Auction. 200 prizes donated by local businesses to fund Holiday Decorations and Events. For info call 973-761-4333; 973-762-4556; 973-763-6011
ORGANIZATION: Maplewood Chamber of Commerce, Maplewood Village Alliance, Springfield Avenue Partnership

OTHER

SATURDAY

October 2nd, 2004
EVENT: Harvest Festival
PLACE: United Methodist Church in Orange. Corner of Park Ave & N. Day Street, Orange
TIME: 10am-6pm
PRICE: Free Admission.
Food, candles, books, clothes, etc. VENDORS WELCOME.
Call for information 973-675-6390
ORGANIZATION: United Methodist Church in Orange.

SATURDAY

October 2nd, 2004
EVENT: Art Scene At The Green
PLACE: Essex Green Shopping Center, Prospect Street, West Orange
TIME: 10am-5pm
PRICE: Free Admission.
Outdoor art, craft and musical festival
Call for information 973-324-9100
ORGANIZATION: West Orange Arts Council

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HOROSCOPES

Sept. 27 - Oct. 3

ARIES, March 21 to April 19: A partner or mate has an important announcement or confession to make.

Be sure to pay attention and, no matter what, be extremely supportive.

TAURUS, April 20 to May 20: Clutter breeds confusion and delay.

Take time to get organized and clear the path at home or at work so you can see where you are going.

GEMINI, May 21 to June 21: Avoid losing your temper with children.

Clear communication, eliminates barriers and brings you closer together.

Cancer, June 22 to July 22: Let logic or common sense surrender to emotions or feelings.

Follow your heart when making a decision involving a loved one.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 22: Communication is your key word.

You would be wise to position yourself where you can best receive and distribute the most information.

VIRGO, Aug. 23 to Sept. 22: A moneymaking idea blasts off like a rocket and promises unlimited financial success.

Count your blessings and smile all the way to the bank.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: You will find yourself on center stage with many eyes on you.

Lead by example, do the right thing and earn their admiration.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 21: Take time to recharge your battery this week.

Escape to a favorite, secret, quiet place where you can relax, meditate and get centered.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 22 to Dec. 21: Friends or associates will play an important role in your life.

Steer clear of a heated discussion or conversation that might upset you.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 19: Do your best to avoid bragging or being pompous or conceited.

Bow down and be humble.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 20 to Feb. 18: Your mind is racing with an assortment of brilliant ideas.

Write down your theories and be willing to share them with peers or

allies.
PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20: Money comes and goes very quickly this week.

Make a conscious effort to stay within your credit limits when shopping and to observe your budget.

If your birthday is this week, expect to put a lot of energy into partnerships or relationships during the coming year. Strive to establish a balance between give and take and to keep your emotions on even keel. Avoid argument, speaking out of turn and impulsiveness.

The main thrust of your time should be directed toward creative or mentally stimulating projects.

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- Only area appearance: Garrison Keillor and Orchestra. Sunday at 3 p.m., Prudential Hall. Garrison Keillor, author, storyteller, poet, humorist and Grammy-winning host of public radio's "Prairie Home Companion," comes to NJPAC for the first time. Joined by members of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, he will provide his original, quirky narration to the "William Tell Overture" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and offer his unique Minnesota take on life, lakes and love. Keillor's storytelling alchemy, gentle humor and deadpan delivery have made him a welcome guest in American homes from coast to coast. Tickets are \$61, \$48, \$40, \$24 and \$14.
- "Celebrating the Blues" with Dr. John and His Band, Charlie Musselwhite and Shemekia Copeland. Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m., Prudential Hall. "Celebrating the Blues" brings together three of today's most prominent blues artists in a single evening. Four-time Grammy Award-winner Dr. John, whose real name is Mac Rebennack, stands with Louis Armstrong and Fats Domino as one of New Orleans' all-time distinctive voices, the living embodiment of the Crescent City's rich musical heritage thanks to hits like "Iko Iko," "Such a Night" and the classic "Right Place, Wrong Time." For almost 40 years, the name Musselwhite and the art of the blues harmonica have been synonymous. His 1967 debut album, "Stand Back," helped to put "white blues" on the map. Copeland is not yet 30, but she has conquered the blues community since the 1997 release of her debut album, "Turn Up the Heat." Her powerful voice echoes the foot-stomping urgency of greats like Aretha Franklin, Etta James and Ruth Brown. Tickets: \$50, \$40, \$32, \$20 and \$12.
- "Guess How Much I Love You" and "I Love My Little Storybook," Mermaid Theater Company of Nova Scotia. Oct. 9 and 10, at 2 p.m. Victoria Theater. Ages 3 and up. The Magical Mermaid Theater of Nova Scotia returns, this time with a delightful stage adaptation of the popular children's book from author Sam McBratney and illustrator Anita Jeram. "Guess How Much I Love You?" featuring narration by award-winning actor Beau Bridges, tells the heart-warming tale of Little Nutbrown Hare and Big Nutbrown Hare, a pair whose undying love tries to measure the immeasurable — the love between a parent and a child. "Excellent!" says *The Boston Globe*. "This story transforms two hares into remarkable characters." In "I Love My Little Storybook," an eager little bunny lies on the grass, opens his book, and within moments, the story he's reading comes to life in fascinating detail. Tickets, \$19 and \$10.
- Maurizio Pollini, piano, Oct. 10 at 3 p.m., Prudential Hall. Brendel, Kissin, Barenboim, Perahia, Watts — Italy's Maurizio Pollini is the last of the great piano virtuosos of our time to make his long-awaited NJPAC recital debut. Among today's keyboard artists, there is no one more revered by pianists and audiences alike, and his musical achievements are legendary. "A breathtaking pianist! The most phenomenal precision and acute expressive poise, every note precisely weighted, colored, above all, felt," says Gramophone. Tickets: \$65, \$56, \$48, \$38, \$24 and \$14.
- Saxophone Summit: Branford Marsalis Quartet. Joshua Redman Trio, Oct. 16, at 8 p.m., Prudential Hall. Saxophonist Branford Marsalis is equally at home on the stages of the world's greatest jazz clubs and concert halls. Over the course of 20 years, his 16 albums have earned three Grammys and his playing has reached "a

new level of emotional intensity and instrumental brilliance," *Chicago Tribune*. Joshua Redman has been making waves in the jazz world for almost 15 years, continually winning accolades, awards and polls from every jazz publication extant. *The New York Times* said it best: "There's only a handful of naturally gifted musicians, and Joshua's one of them."

- Gewandhaus Orchestra of Leipzig. Herbert Blomstedt, conductor. Garrick Ohlsson, piano. Oct. 22 at 8 p.m. Prudential Hall. Program: Brahms: Piano Concerto No. 1. Brahms: Symphony No. 2. Tickets: \$71, \$59, \$48, \$40, \$26 and \$17.
- Les Ballets Jazz De Montreal. Oct. 23, at 2 p.m., Victoria Theater. Ages 13 and up. This dynamic Canadian dance company brings a wildly eclectic repertoire that blends ballet, jazz and modern dance technique in works inspired by the spirit of jazz and other contemporary musical genres. Their irresistible stew of choreographic styles will be displayed in a program titled "Zap," a fast-moving, outrageously energetic performance designed to introduce young audiences to the energy and expressiveness of contemporary dance. "Unforgettable!" says Dance Magazine. "Awesome sizzle ... explosive precision and energy!" Tickets, \$19 and \$10.
- "An Evening With Danny Hoch," Oct. 23, at 8 p.m. The Chase Room. Critically acclaimed writer and performer Danny Hoch has long been one of the most prominent artists on the hip hop scene. In his influential solo work, "Jails, Hospitals and Hip Hop," he vividly portrays a variety of characters — and takes an unblinking, often humorous look at urban culture's staggering influence over the whole of modern America. "Hoch is a gifted performer who uses his mastery of rap rhythms to invest his characters with remarkable energy and definition," says *The New York Times*. Tickets: \$20.
- Manny Oauendo and Orchestra Libre. Latin Jazz All-Stars. Oct. 24, at 3 p.m., Victoria Theater. Ages 11 and up. Experience the energy and artistry of world-class Latin jazz with master timbalero and percussionist Manny Orquendo and his Orchestra Libre — while freely incorporating American jazz and Afro-Cuban influences. In association with NJN, Focus, Aspira and la Casa De Don Pedro. Tickets: \$23 and \$10.
- "Sing-Along Wizard of Oz," Oct. 24, at 3 p.m., Prudential Hall. Follow the yellow brick road — like never before! This interactive sensation combines audience participation with the timeless 1939 big-screen classic, digitally restored and remastered. Come dressed as your favorite character, compete for prizes a sing-along to subtitled versions of "Over the Rainbow," "If I Only had a Heart," and the rest of the unforgettable songs we've all grown up with. Transport the entire family to Oz — and to a colorful world of unimaginable fun. Part of the AT&T Premier Artist Series.
- "Tosca," Stanislavsky Opera, Oct. 29, at 8 p.m., Prudential Hall. The Stanislavsky Opera Comp, established in 1918 as the opera studio of the famed Bolshoi Opera. Eighty-strong, they return to NJPAC with their powerful production of Puccini's immortal masterpiece, "Tosca." This moving morality tale of courage, revenge and ultimate tragedy, is fully staged with orchestra. Presented in Italian with English subtitles. Tickets, \$65, \$56, \$48, \$38, \$24 and \$14.
- Grupo Corpo, Oct. 29, and 30, at 7:30 p.m., and Oct. 31, at 2:30 p.m., Victoria Theater. Grupo Corpo, the most successful contemporary dance company in Brazil, presents a vibrant fusion of ballet, jazz, modern dance and popular Afro-Brazilian dance styles, all infused with dazzling technique, lightning fast footwork and sultry sensuality. Its high-energy programs are as rich and multi-faceted as Brazilian culture itself. Tickets, \$38.
- Bale Folclorico Da Bahia, Oct.

30, at 8 p.m., Prudential Hall. Experience the sights, sounds and unique energy of Carnivale with this show-stopping company — the epicenter of traditional Afro-Brazilian rhythm and movement — when they return to Prudential Hall with an all-new program. "With its choreographed carnival and slave dances, in the capoeira, and, above all, in the gaiety of the samba, this exuberant, uniquely Brazilian group should absolutely been seen," says *The New York Times*. Tickets: \$50, \$44, \$36, \$28, \$20 and \$12.

- Vladimir Spivakov with the Moscow Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra, Oct. 31, at 3 p.m., Prudential Hall. Spivakov, one of the most famous violinists and conductors of our time, arrives at NJPAC with his internationally renowned Moscow Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra, an expert ensemble comprised of some of the top-ranking soloists from throughout Russia. Program: Strauss: Sextet for Strings from Capriccio, Op.85; Mozart, Violin Concerto No. 2 in D, K. 211; Bach, Concerto in C for Violin, Oboe and Strings; Shostakovich, "Preludium and Scherzo"; and Shoenberg, "Verk-larte Nacht." Tickets, \$56, \$50, \$42, \$34, \$22 and \$14.
- Michael Flatley's "Lord of the Dance," Nov. 2, at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 3, at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 4, at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m., Nov. 5, at 8 p.m., Nov. 6, at 2 and 8 p.m., and Nov. 7, at 3 p.m., Prudential Hall. The theatrical extravaganza that has helped catapult Irish dancing into the global spotlight returns to NJPAC. A mesmerizing blend of traditional and modern Celtic music and dance. Flatley's "Lord of the Dance" features more than 40 performers and is played out on a grand scale with precision dancing, dramatic music and vibrant costumes. *The New York Post* calls it "fascinating, rewarding and above all, entertaining." "A showpiece extravaganza," says the *Los Angeles Times*. Tickets, \$64, \$52, \$42, \$24 and \$14.
- Black 45's Lyrical Combat. MC battle. Curated and hosted by Black 45. Nov. 11, at 8 p.m., The Chase Room. As part of the Planet Hip Hop Festival, NJPAC hosts this electrifying MC battle. Participants will be chosen from Lyrical Combat's statewide competition, and a limited number of performance slots will be available on a first-come, first-served basis; cash prizes will be awarded to the top three contestants. Tickets: \$17.
- All-State Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Choir Concert. New Jersey Music Educators Association, International Association for Jazz Education, New Jersey Chapter. Mike Tomaro, jazz ensemble conductor; Nancy Stickle, choir conductor. Nov. 12, at 7 p.m., Victoria Theater, ages 8 and up. This special concert brings together some of the best young jazz musicians and vocalists from across the state for a dynamic group performance. The performance will feature jazz classics in the big band style under the musical direction of composer, arranger and musician Mike Tomaro, director of Jazz Studies at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, and vocalist Nancy Stickle, conductor of the Willingboro High School Jazz Choir. A For Kids, By Kids event, featuring young performers. Tickets: \$21 and \$9.
- Sacred Circle Cafe, curated and

hosted by Marjorie Barnes and Jerry Gant. Nov. 12 at 8 p.m., The Chase Room. This evening of cutting-edge artistry welcomes some of the hottest, most innovative artists representing the latest trends in spoken word, poetry, hip hop theater and solo performance. Performers include Ella Turenne, Fauzi Ra Oof, Flo Brown, Jennifer C. Armas, Marcella Goheen, Marubi Selah, Pandora Scooter, Rasheed Adero, Steven Wong and Taalam Acey. Tickets \$17.

- Verse 4 Verse Open Mic, hosted by Ras Baraka and Juba Dowdell, Nov. 12 at 11 p.m., Flava, 24 East Park St., Newark, around the corner from NJPAC. Planet Hip Hop and long-standing poetry forum Verse 4 Verse invite both established and up-and-coming artists to exchange ideas and share their work at this lively open mic event. Come early and sign up as one of the evening's performers, or just sit back and listen to what's sure to be a diverse array of popular as well as undiscovered voices. Tickets: free.
- Poetry Speaks, an original program of Akila Worksongs. Panel discussion/workshop curated and hosted by April Silver, Nov. 13 from noon to 6 p.m., The Chase Room. Silver, founder of the Brooklyn-based Akila Worksongs, will produce a full day of panel discussions, poetry readings and workshops with legendary poets, as well as renowned poets of the hip hop generation. Tickets are free.
- Paper Bag Players, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m., Victoria Theater, ages 3 and up. This acclaimed troupe of performers specializes in subject matter that reflects a child's every day experiences — with a healthy dash of the fantastic thrown in for fun. The Paper Bag Players return to NJPAC with their short plays, rousing songs, free-wheeling dances and audience participation, bringing imaginative new life to family objects. "Unquestionably, the leading United States theater company for kids," says People Magazine. "They exemplify excellence in children's theater," says *The New York Post*. Tickets, \$19 and \$10.
- Beat, Scratch, Tag, Nov. 13 at 8 p.m., Victoria Theater. Beat Box Entertainment and Scratch DJ Academy will come together to present some of the most awesome beatbox and turntable artists in the country, featuring beatbox phenomenon Kenny Muhammad and others. Newark's own Jerry Gant will create a living art piece as the backdrop at this evening's event. Tickets, \$17.
- Peter, Paul and Mary, Nov. 13, at 8 p.m., Prudential Hall. This Grammy Award-winning trio has built a peerless musical legacy thanks to timeless hits like "Blowin' in the Wind," "If I Had A Hammer," "Leaving On A Jet Plane" and "Puff, The Magic Dragon." After four decades of recordings and live performances, Peter, Paul and Mary continue to lend their rich sound and strong social conscience to America's great folk music heritage. Part of the AT&T Premier Artist Series. Tickets, \$56, \$44, \$36, \$24 and \$14.
- "Deliverance." Planet Hip Hop After Party, Nov. 13 at 11 p.m., Masonic Oriental Lodge, 37 Fulton St., downtown Newark, around the corner from NJPAC. NJPAC's Planet Hip Hop invites you to dance, mingle and rock the house at "Deliverance,"

Newark's monthly underground premier dance party. This high-energy celebration will feature music, courtesy of the resident disc jockey for "Deliverance," DJ Aaron and special guest disc jockey, Hard Hittin' Harry, formerly of The Fugees. Tickets: free.

- D/BA ... Doing Business As Usual? Panel discussion, keynote speech, featuring Doug E. Fresh, Nov. 14 at noon to 5 p.m., The Chase Room. This day-long event will feature a panel discussion with noted leaders in the hip hop entrepreneurial community who will share their insights and strategies on hustling and doing business in the world of this vital, ever-expanding art form. Planet Hip Hop concludes with a keynote speech by trend-setting hip hop pioneer Doug E. Fresh. One of rap's first superstars, Fresh is known worldwide as "The Original Human Beatbox" and as the hit-maker behind classic cuts like "The Show," with then partner MC Ricky D., and influential albums, "Play" and "The World's Greatest Entertainer." Tickets \$12.
- All-state Orchestra and Chorus Concert. New Jersey Music Educators Association. William H. Sylvester, orchestra conductor; Anton Armstrong, choir conductor, Nov. 14 at 3 p.m., Prudential Hall, ages 8 and up. This annual musical event puts the spotlight on the state's most outstanding young musicians and vocalists. The concert features a 100-piece orchestra and a 350-voice chorus under the musical direction of a professional orchestra conductor. A For Kids, By Kids event featuring young performers. Tickets: \$21, \$13, \$11 and \$9.
- Solo Jazz Piano: Marian McPartland and Jason Moran, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m., Victoria Theater. Two generations of pianists come together for an evening of the very best in solo jazz piano. Marian McPartland is the "First Lady of Piano Jazz" and the host of Marian McPartland's Piano Jazz series on NPR. For more than 65 years, she has been delighting audiences in clubs and concert halls around the world and has recorded more than 60 albums and CDs. Jason Moran has achieved an incredible feat: unanimous praise among jazz critics. As both pianist and composer, he is rapidly blazing a trail as the most innovative and important new voice in jazz to come along in years. Each artist will play a solo set and then collaborate on two pianos. Tickets: \$42.
- Karen Akers, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m., The Chase Room. One of America's most riveting concert and cabaret stars returns to NJPAC. From Carnegie Hall to Broadway — "Grand Hotel," "Nine" — to the famed Oak Room of New York's Algonquin Hotel, Akers has long delighted critics and audiences alike. "Akers is a great voice," says *The Los Angeles Herald-Examiner*, "an instrument with the power of Streisand's, the dark passion of Piaf's and the lean irony of Dietrich's ..." Tickets: \$47.

- Bobby McFerrin & Savion Glover, Nov. 26 and 27, at 8 p.m., Prudential Hall. This unique evening of song and dance brings together for the first time two of the most formidable talents of our time. McFerrin is a superb vocalist, composer, arranger, conductor and a 10-time Grammy Award-winner. His vocal range and technique are almost superhuman and his solo a cappella concerts have achieved a near legendary status. Newark's own Glover has elevated the art of tap to new creative heights, both through his own shows, Glover's Stop, Slide and Swing: In Performance, and as the Tony Award-winning star of the smash Broadway hit, "Bring in 'Da Noise, Bring in 'Da Funk." In this historic collaboration, each artist will "do his own thing," as well as perform together. It is an event not to be missed. Tickets: \$56, \$44, \$36, \$24, \$14.
- Andre Watts, piano, Nov. 28, at 3 p.m., Prudential Hall. Internationally acclaimed American keyboard virtuoso Watts returns to Prudential Hall, this time with a program that includes works by Chopin, Liszt and others. "You do not criticize (Watts) playing; you rejoice in its existence," says *The Chicago Sun-Times*. Tickets: \$56, \$50, \$42, \$34, \$22, \$14.
- Metro area premiere. Howard Shore's "Lord of the Rings Symphony," with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, John Mauceri, conductor, Sissel, vocalist, Montclair State University Chorale, Heather J. Buchanan, choral conductor, New Jersey Youth Chorus, Patricia Joyce, choral conductor. NJPAC and NJSO join forces to present the exclusive New York Metropolitan area premiere of "The Lord of the Rings Symphony," featuring music from the blockbuster big-screen trilogy.
- This concert will feature composer Howard Shore's monumental Grammy and Academy Award-winning score from all three "Lord of the Rings" films in a six-movement, two-hour musical journey into the realm of Middle Earth — from the tranquility of the Shire to the horrors of Mordor and explosive Mount Doom. To enhance the musical experience, storyboard sketches from the movie trilogy and original illustrations for the centenary edition of J.R.R. Tolkien's books will be projected above the orchestra. This spectacular event will incorporate more than 200 performers, including the full New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$70, \$62, \$52, \$42.
- Tom Chapin & Friends, Celebrate the Season, Dec. 4 and 5, at 2 p.m., Victoria Theater, ages 3 and up. Celebrate the holiday season with this gifted Grammy Award-nominated musical storyteller, a folk music specialist with an uncanny ability to delight audiences of all ages. "Tom Chapin is one of those natural-born entertainers who, with nothing more than guitar in hand, can totally captivate," says Billboard. Tickets: \$19, \$10.

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Rain doesn't dampen spirit of enthusiasts at OSPAC Jazz Fest

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor

Vic Juris has played a lot of shows in his career, but last weekend's JazzFest at the Oskar Schindler Performing Arts Center was different. It was one of those rare occasions when he got to perform in West Orange, where he lives.

"For me, since I'm a resident, it's a chance to perform in front of a lot of local people you'd only see in the supermarket," said Juris. "You also get to meet musicians, other musicians who live in the area, from West Orange, South Orange, Montclair."

Throughout his career, his group, the Vic Juris Quintet, has toured throughout Europe, and has played with the likes of Dizzy Gillespie,

Sarah Vaughan, Mel Torme, Phil Woods, Dave Liebman and Nancy Wilson. During his appearance at OSPAC, he teamed up with another accomplished musician, who's also toured in Europe and performed at events such as the The Carini Jazz Festival, the Berkshire Jazz Festival and the Texaco Jazz Series in New York City: his wife, Kate Baker.

"I met Kate while I was teaching at William Paterson University," said Juris. "We've had a couple of mutual friends, and we got married a few years ago. She sings on one track."

"It's wonderful to be able to perform with him here because your community becomes like family," said Baker. "We had people from town helping as volunteers. Usually, it's not that inclusive."

Juris' extensive travel and touring schedule has afforded him the opportunity to perform with many talented musicians, something that wasn't lost on him as he prepared to play last weekend, saying that he was influenced by the music of John Coltrane, Sal Farlow and Charlie Parker, among others.

"The ideas that you study, all of that stuff goes in a funnel, and it comes through in your music in the end," said Juris. "Those are just a few of the people. You really become a student of your predecessors."

Aside from his own music, Juris conveys his love of jazz to students. He serves as a professor of guitar at Rutgers, The New School in New York City and Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa.

"I do a day in each place," Juris said. "It's not too bad, when I'm not traveling. We have it worked out so that it's a pretty good situation."

Juris and his quintet are scheduled to release a new album, titled "Blue Horizon," later this month. Juris is accompanied by quintet members Joe Locke on vib, Adam Nussbaum on drums, Jamey Haddad on percussion and Jay Anderson, bassist and producer.

"This album is quite a spectrum of mainstream, acoustic guitar, guitar synthesizer, even some Spanish elements to it," said Juris. "It's all my original compositions. Nylon string, electric guitar. I'm interested in a lot of different kinds of music."

In addition to Juris and Baker, North Jersey was represented by

West Orange guitarist Dave Stryker, part of the band Trio Mundo, along with percussionist/vocalist Manola Badrena, bassist Andy McKee and saxophonist Steve Sagle.

But the OSPAC Jazz Fest was more than just a couple of familiar faces from the area. Kim Nazarian, Peter Eldridge, Darmon Meader and Lauren Kinhan of the Grammy Award-winning New York Voices performed on Sunday.

Gary Morgan and Pan Americana Brazilian Band added some a Latin sound to the event, performing a mix of contemporary Brazilian music, Latin Jazz classics and original songs. Gerry Neiwood of Montclair played saxophone, and he was joined by Anton Denner, Dave Riekenberg, Todd Anderson and Terry Goss. Jon

Owens, John Chudoba, Irv Grossman and Rich Vitale played trumpets, and Mike Boschen, Tim Albright, Jeff Bush and Chris Olness played the trombones. Playing the French horns were Bobby Rouch and Chad Yarbrough. Cliff Korman played the piano, Gregg August played the bass, Ray Marchica played the drums and Annette Aguilar was on percussion.

Earlier in the day, the Rufus Reid Quintet, featuring Reid on bass, Rich Perry on tenor sax, Freddie Hendrix on trumpet, John Stretch on piano and Montez Coleman on drums.

Unfortunately for many area jazz enthusiasts, last weekend's deluge of rain forced cancellation of Saturday's performance. Nonetheless, the show went on Sunday, to the delight of many fans.

Theater group offers discounted tickets

New Jersey Theater Alliance, the consortium of the state's professional theaters, has launched a discount ticketing Web site dedicated solely to New Jersey's performing arts. With the nation's first Web site of its kind, bargain-hunting arts patrons can now go online for an overview of performances across the state and to purchase "hot tickets," deeply discounted tickets for same-day performances. Hot tickets are available 24 hours in advance of a performance and can only be purchased at www.njArtsTix.org.

Plays, dance performances, symphonies and classical concerts, jazz and pop performances, family events and more will be sold through the site. In addition to the professional theaters, many of the state's presenting organizations and dance companies have joined with NJTA's membership to give customers access to as many types of performing events as possible.

Searching for events in theater, musical theater, dance, classical music, folk/pop/jazz, family events and free events is easy, and customers will have the ability to create their own accounts and receive e-mail alerts on a weekly basis. They will also find directions and information about parking and nearby restaurants for each venue.

Once a purchase is made, the customer will receive a confirmation by e-mail. This confirmation can then be printed out and the purchaser can

take it to the theater box office to pick up their tickets. A 10-percent service charge will be added to the cost of the discounted ticket to help support the site.

"New Jersey is one of the richest performing arts states in the country, offering world-class theater, dance, music and legendary performers. The launch of njArts Tix.org is a win-win partnership between arts patrons and arts organizations. It provides a one-stop shopping address for discounted tickets and a great vehicle for theaters to attract new audiences while selling any remaining seats on performance days," says Barbara Andrews, director of marketing at Princeton's McCarter Theater. "This is an important new initiative that will help the arts to continue to flourish in our great state."

Thanks to leadership grants from The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and Verizon, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and many other funders, NJTA was able to develop the site which promises to break down economic barriers to the performing arts. After interviewing several candidates, NJTA hired Plumb Design of New York City, an award-winning Web design firm, to develop the project.

"NjArtsTix.org is a great example of having technology work for us, instead of vice-versa. Everybody wins with this new service — the patrons, the individual theaters and

other presenting organizations, the Theater Alliance, and New Jersey itself as a place to live," said David Grant, executive director of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

The alliance is also offering a \$40 VIP membership that will give customers access to discounted tickets 48 hours in advance of a performance. This service will provide customers with extra time to make plans, and to have first chance at obtaining tickets that may be limited.

Further information about VIP membership can be obtained on the Web site. Customers are encouraged to check in often, as events will change daily.

Theaters across the state have unreserved excitement about the new Web site.

"I love that the njArtsTix.org program will introduce entertainment-seekers who are last-minute planners to the idea of attending live theater. The online 'ticket booth' enables people to buy theater tickets as easily and with the same spontaneity as buying movie tickets on line but offers the consumer a ticket to a more interactive entertainment," says Kelly Ryman, director of marketing and public relations at George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick.

Customers can log on to www.njArtsTix.org or call 973-540-0515 with questions about the Web site, or send inquiries via e-mail to NJTA at info@njtheatrealliance.org.

Summit artist's work displayed

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will present an exhibit of photographs by Summit resident Sue Zwick in the gallery space at the offices of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth.

"The new exhibit in the Pearl Street Gallery features the work of award-winning photographer Sue Zwick, who grew up in Elizabeth," said Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada. "We are honored to display her inspiring artwork."

Zwick is a graduate of Wheelock College in Boston. She studied photography at Drew University and privately with master photographer Nancy Ori.

Zwick has exhibited extensively

throughout New Jersey and has won numerous awards in juried exhibits. Her work is held in many private collections.

"Architecture is everywhere. Everyone has a perspective. My lens directs the viewer toward the visual aspects of architecture and away from the functional ones," Zwick said of her work. "I do not seek to capture a building in its entirety. I see my compositions in terms of forms that are abstract both sculpturally and geometrically, as well as with respect to light, shadow, texture and patterns."

"I grew up in Elizabeth and look often for an excuse to visit my old neighborhood and the downtown. Many of the buildings, like the art deco Hersh Tower that I remember

from my childhood, played a vital role in shaping the way I look at architecture with my camera today."

Zwick's photographs are on display at the Pearl Street Gallery through Friday. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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

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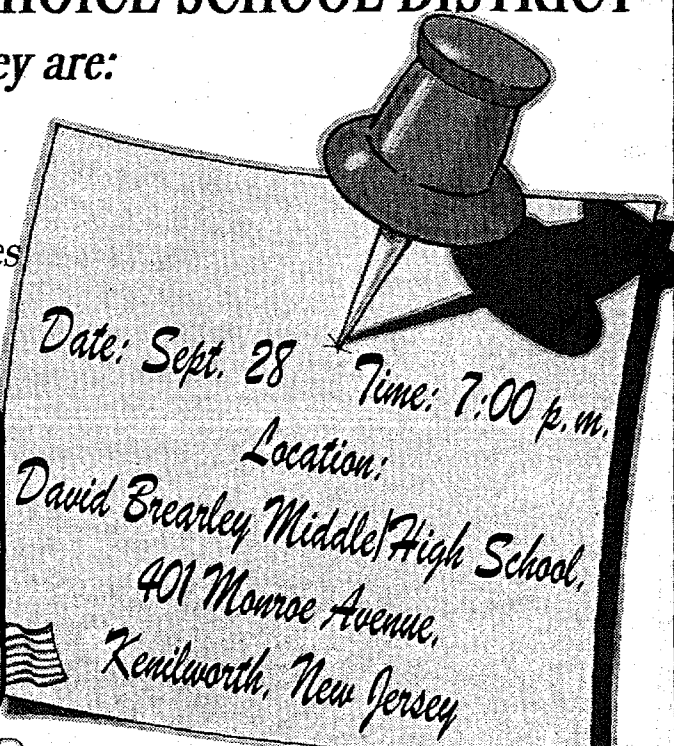
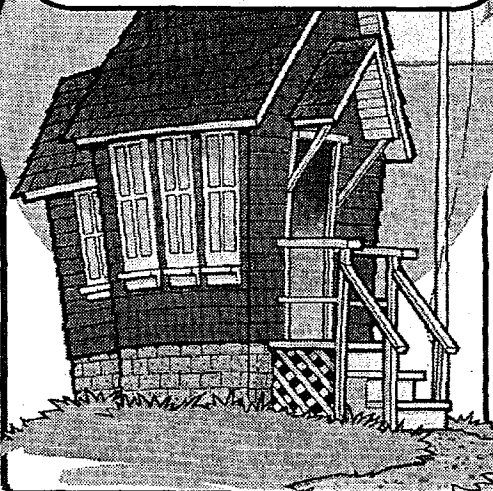
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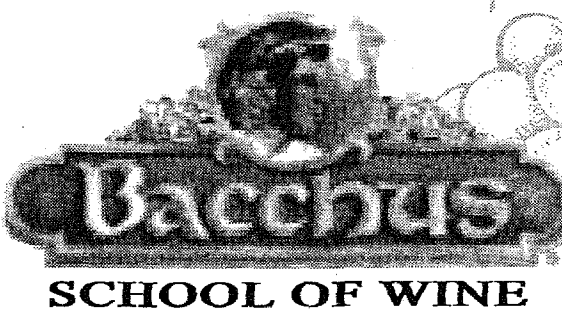


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Fall Fashion & Bridal

How to lose weight for the big day

When it comes to planning a wedding, there are a lot of things that can wait until the last minute; but losing enough weight to comfortably fit into your dress or tux is not one of them.

Tiffany Morrison, 30, of Dover, Ohio, learned that firsthand a few years back. She was supposed to get married in May of 1997, but she and her fiancée had to put the wedding off a year because their job situation had changed. While she was waiting for the big day to happen, Morrison put on 20 pounds. As a result, she no longer fit into her dress.

"When we were a couple of months out from our new wedding date, I decided I really wanted to wear the dress I originally bought, but it had already been altered and my only option was to lose the weight," she said.

The position Morrison found herself in is one that thousands of brides and grooms across the country face every year. Between the stress and excitement of an upcoming wedding, it is not unusual to put on weight. Especially with all the get-togethers and parties you're attending in the months before the big day. So what's a couple to do? Pledge to combine a healthy diet with regular exercise and implement the plan not weeks but months before the wedding.

As far as exercise goes, if you're not the type of person who likes going to the gym, you can work it into

your day by parking your car at the end of the parking lot then taking a brisk walk into the office, taking the stairs instead of the elevator, and going for a walk during a coffee break or lunch. When you get home, do housework at a quicker pace and more often; for example, try vacuuming every day. When it comes to diet, the National Academy of Sciences recommends healthy adults consume between 1,600 and 2,800 calories per day. In addition to watching what she was eating and exercising regularly, Morrison's doctor recommended she start taking the dietary supplement conjugated linoleic acid which is sold under the brand name Clarinol CLA.

"The best solution for long-term weight management is enhancing a balanced diet with products powered by Clarinol CLA," says Dr. Marianne O'Shea of Lipid Nutrition, a division Loders CROKlaan. "It helps reduce your body fat and increase lean muscle mass." The results over eight to 12 weeks are a slimmer, shapelier figure. So start getting ready for your wedding today.

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Plan for your wedding, and future

From Emily Post to the clergy to well-meaning grandmothers, engaged couples may feel that everyone is offering them advice. However, many who are planning the big day neglect to seek advice for one of life's most common challenges: managing finances. Given the national average of wedding costs today — more than \$22,000, according to the American Wedding Study from Conde Nast's Bridal Infobank — that could prove to be a mistake.

In addition, engaged couples are shouldering more of those expenses than ever. In an April 2004 survey of registered users of the online wedding authority, theknot.com, more than 75 percent of respondents said they expect to pay for at least a portion of their weddings.

Seeking financial guidance
To better manage escalating wedding costs, says Beverly Clark, author of *Planning A Wedding to Remember*, couples should first speak with a representative from their financial institution. "Many banks offer advice without charge," says Clark. "Take advantage of that guidance before you start selecting reception halls and caterers. A trusted financial advisor may be closer than you think."

Often, effective wedding planning begins at a bank offering convenient branch locations. Clark recommends Bank of America, which has more locations nationally than any other financial institution. Personal bankers at banking centers can provide helpful information on setting and living within a budget; exploring short-term savings vehicles; and determining when it's realistic to purchase that first home together.

Setting a budget
Clark also points out that the first step a couple must take in managing wedding finances is to determine a realistic budget — long before they walk down the aisle. Half of the participants in the Knot.com survey said they expect to exceed their wedding budget.

"Exceeding your budget is a big mistake," says Clark. "Couples should sit down and decide how much to spend and what matters most. They should decide where they will compromise first — number of guests, venue, etc. — and what their bottom line is going to be."

Saving for the big day
The need to stay within budget — while anticipating major expenses — makes it more important than ever for couples to save for their wedding, as they would any major expenditure. However, among theknot.com survey respondents who plan to spend at least \$10,000 on their wedding, 17 percent said they have put no money aside in savings for their big day. Less than 35 percent have saved more than \$3,000.

Many banks offer a range of short-term savings products that make saving easy. For example, certificates of deposit, or CDs, provide the security

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— Beverly Clark

of FDIC insurance and higher returns on a customer's investment. CDs offer consumers more choices than ever, including a wide range of maturation dates and combinations of fixed and variable rates.

Clark points out that saving for a wedding must begin well before couples set a date. "The average engagement is 12 to 16 months, which realistically isn't much time for anyone to save \$10,000 or more. This is especially true in light of other expenses, such as honeymoons, new homes and furniture."

Exploring financing options
Couples who do choose to finance all or part of their weddings are finding greater choices in credit and financing.

For homeowners, an often-overlooked option is a home equity line of credit. In theknot.com survey, 43 percent of engaged couples, either individually or together, reported they already owned a home. Gene Morris, a senior vice president in Consumer Real Estate with Bank of America, says, "For the increasing numbers of engaged couples who also own homes, home equity credit lines provide flexible financing options with low interest rates. At the same time, couples who don't yet own homes can learn about opportunities to get on the track to home ownership while rates are still low."

However, of those respondents, fewer than 9 percent considered using a home equity line of credit to help cover wedding expenses. This could be a missed opportunity for homeowners, considering that interest rates are still bargains and remain near 40-year lows. Most banks offer a wide range of home equity products, including loans and lines of credit, which can offer greater flexibility in access and in payment than do other vehicles.

Some couples like the convenience of credit cards when making wedding-related purchases. In theknot.com survey, 15 percent of respondents preferred this way to pay. Many credit cards offer rewards packages, such as airline miles or hotel points, which might be used to help pay for a honeymoon.

Yet credit cards often carry higher

interest rates than home equity products.

Morris suggests leveraging financing options, using a combination of savings, home equity and credit card vehicles. This enables consumers to take advantage of the unique benefits that different vehicles offer. For example, many couples may choose to pay for larger-ticket items with a product that has a lower interest rate and more flexibility in paying off debt, such as a home equity line of credit. Meanwhile, they can pay for other items with products, such as many credit cards, that offer rewards, which can be used for honeymoons and family visits.

After the Honeymoon
Of course, expenses don't end with the reception. Most newlyweds spend on furniture and household items to set up their new life together. In addition, according to theknot.com, more than 32 percent of respondents who do not own their own homes plan to buy one within five years — representing their intentions to make what is often one of life's biggest investments.

According to Morris, longer-term considerations are important here as well. In the current low-rate environment, many couples are choosing to buy a home now rather than later, he says. "They've got the right idea. Even one percentage point can make a difference of more than \$1,000 in monthly principal and interest payments on a 30-year loan of \$150,000."

"The complexity of combining finances — and the importance of examining financial goals — makes it even more important that engaged couples understand the services their banking institution offers. They should meet with a representative who can be a trusted advisor," says Beverly Clark.

"With a firm financial foundation, newlyweds are much better prepared to face the wonderful opportunities and inevitable challenges that come with setting up a life together."

Additional information, including a learning center and calculators, is at www.bankofamerica.com.

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Leather leads fall fashion trends

Fashion steps into fall 2004 in a decidedly upbeat mood with designers serving up a wider variety of styles, shapes and colors than has been seen in many a season.

Overall, the single most striking direction is the return of "ladylike" dressing, though this theme is subject to a multitude of variations: there are retro-inspired looks with precisely-tailored lines and rich details, as well as more contemporary ensembles featuring sleek, elegantly simple shapes that showcase the season's ultra-luxe fabrications. And at times, this season's lady likes to go a little bit wild, making a statement with tongue-in-chic mixes of patterns, colors and textures that are extravagant, exuberant — and yet somehow perfectly pulled-together.

Leather is a natural element for all of fall's many moods and expressions, with designers making the most of its versatility, rich textures and upscale appeal. This season, leather and suede can be played off of vintage tweeds, ethereal chiffons and glamorous satins, but they're also perfectly paired with aerodynamic tech-enhanced fabrics. Refined coats and topcoats are reinvented in rich shearing. Classic leather blazer and trench styles are updated in unexpected pale shades and ultra-bright tones. Gutsy racing and motorcycle styles emerge in new guises from sporty to sophisticated. According to the Leather Apparel Association, here are some of the ways leather's diversity is expressed in the best of fashion for fall 2004:

Pure Refinement

Coats are a critical part of fall's pulled-together approach, with designers offering an array of refined styles reflecting vintage influences from the '40s, '50s and '60s. For women, the newest looks are slim, sophisticated and pretty — as in Dominic Bellissimo's sleek-lined shearing coat in red merino, trimmed with a black fox collar and cuffs for a ladylike appeal. For men, Bellissimo recasts the classic men's wool topcoat in luxe lambskin shearing, giving the look a more modern stance, along with its upscale appeal.

First Blush

Fresh color adds impact to the latest designs in leather, as designers expand their palettes well beyond traditional autumnal tones. Subtle "cosmetic" colors like face cream, powder blue and blush pink impart inescapable femininity to tailored jacket and coat styles, such as Kenneth Cole Outerwear's blush-toned blouson

with a flattering face-framing collar. At Pelle Studio, the classic zip-front jacket has fresh appeal in cream-toned leather, while Siena Studio offers a fresh take on the trench coat in crème caramel-colored Italian nappa.

Color Rush

As a counterpoint to the season's pale story, bold brights liven the scene in high voltage hues like electric blue, fuchsia, turquoise and rouge. These strong shades make a particularly striking statement in fall shearing and suede: Dominic Bellissimo interprets a jean jacket in vibrant turquoise shearing, while Bernardo turns out a trench coat in spicy pumpkin — in a suede style that is machine-washable and Scotchgard protected for stain-resistance.

Competitive Edge

Racing looks rev up for fall, with NASCAR-themed designs adding some speed to street fashion. At Wilson's Leather, stock car legend Dale Earnhardt Jr. provides the inspiration for a men's NASCAR-style racing jacket, in multi-colored leather with patched sleeves. For female aficionados, there's Schott Brothers' white leather racer with perforated leather trim.

Motocross looks also continue to accelerate this season, with designers turning out an array of new variations on the iconic biker style. Kenneth Cole Outerwear interprets the look in brown leather with an asymmetrical zip-closure, while Black Rivet features a black lambskin scuba with rib knit collar and body-conscious corset detailing. Bernardo Men cuts its motocross jacket from a tan "naked desert" lambskin, in a pared-down design that puts the spotlight on this leather's unique finish and natural texture.

Stadium Sport

With prep dressing continuing to gain in appeal, new versions of collegiate styles make a strong showing for fall. Sean John Outerwear puts a modern spin on the vintage varsity jacket,

recasting the letterman look in espresso brown wool with bold orange leather sleeves.

Best Western

There's a Western wind blowing through town for fall, with shearlings and details like saddle-stitching employed to express rugged authenticity — as in Columbia Sportswear's retro-styled cognac suede jacket for women with four flap pockets and double-stitch accents. In other cases, the interpretation is more urbane than rustic, illustrated by the brown suede hipster with faux shearing lining by Phat Farm Leathers. Timberland Leathergear combines the spirit of the outdoors with a polished "go to town" attitude in a brown washed suede jacket embellished with triple-needle topstitching and logo embroidery.

Special Effects

Fashion's passion for decorative treatments is amply illustrated in leather. Embossing and printed effects play an important part in this fall's textured emphasis, as in Cole Haan Outerwear's croc-embossed blazer. Fall is also a stitchin' time, with designers applying an amazing array of embroidery, pick-stitching and other accents: Bernardo adds pretty floral trapunto stitching to the front of a kiwi-colored jacket in its machine-washable, Scotchgard protected suede.

Established in 1990, The Leather Apparel Association is a not-for-profit group of retailers, manufacturers, tanners, cleaners and suppliers who together represent nearly 60 percent of America's retail dollar volume in leather apparel. For a full membership roster as well as information on how to buy and care for leather, visit the association's Website at www.leatherassociation.com.

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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 973-376-8544.

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

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

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.

JOAN ELSTE, author of "True Blue," will appear at The Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 908-233-3535, or visit the Web site, www.townbookstore.com.

WALTER CHOROSZEWSKI, author of "Westfield: A Celebration of Community," will appear at The Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 908-233-3535, or visit the Web site, www.townbookstore.com.

DON WEILL, author of "The Older I Get ... Light Verse from a Senior Perspective," will appear at The Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, on Oct. 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 908-233-3535, or visit the Web site, www.townbookstore.com.

ANN NAPOLITANO, author of "Within Arms Reach," will appear at The Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, on Oct. 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 908-233-3535, or visit the Web site, www.townbookstore.com.

CRAFTS

CRAFTERS ARE SOUGHT for Saturday 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 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. The fair will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 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.

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 McMinna-men, a headliner and a feature performer. Ticket price includes light refreshments after the show. The show begins at 8 p.m. Oct. 16, and tickets are \$15.

Stepping Out

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.

THE ARROGANT WORMS will perform with special guest Les Barker as part of Sanctuary Concerts on Oct. 23 at 8 p.m. at Union Village Methodist Church, 1130 Mountain Ave., Berkeley Heights. For more information, call 973-376-4946, or visit the Web site, www.sanctuaryconcerts.org.

CONCERTS

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

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

"SOFRITO" is a celebration of Latin/Caribbean-based storytelling that combines David Gonzalez's clever rendering with hot Latino music by Larry Harlow and the Latin Legends Band, featuring the cuatro virtuoso Yomo Toro. The show begins at 8 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$28, \$22 and \$18. For more information, call the box office at 732-499-8226, or visit the Web site at www.ucac.org.

THE WESTFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA performs Symphony No. 5 in C Minor at the Union County Arts Center on Oct. 5. Tickets are \$60, \$40, \$35, \$30 and \$25. For more information, call the box office at 732-499-8226, or visit the Web site at www.ucac.org.

RENOVED JAZZ VOCALIST PATTI AUSTIN celebrates the spirit of bebop in her one-of-a-kind musical tribute to Ella Fitzgerald at the Union County Arts Center on Oct. 9 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$58, \$50 and \$45. For more information, call the box office at 732-499-8226, or visit the Web site at www.ucac.org.

THE COUNTRY BLUES DUO of Devin Sproule and Paul Cureri will perform at the Watchung Arts Center Oct. 2 at 8 p.m. For more information, call 908-753-0190 or visit the Web site, www.watchungarts.org.

DANCE

Y-SQUARES, a local square dance club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Frank K. Hehnlly 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 professional life coach Jami Novak, meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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

THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS invites local nonprofit organizations, individual artists and

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

To request HEART Grant information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202; call 908-558-2550, Relay users dial 711; or send inquiries via e-mail to culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

FILM

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

HOBBIES

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

THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC., was founded in 1949 in the basement of the late Paul Mallery, 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

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 STORYTIME 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.

JEWISH SINGLES Men and women 60 to 70-plus are invited to a Jewish singles gathering to meet, greet and make new acquaintances at B.G. Fields, 560 Springfield Ave., Westfield, on Oct. 24 at 1:30 p.m. Reservations are required as space is limited. Admission is \$15 with your R.S.V.P. by Oct. 2, which includes complete dinner menu. Positively no same day admission. Contact 60-70-plus at 908-687-0274 for details.

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 Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 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. The final Sunday matinee performances are Sunday, which begins 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 sweetaim2@aol.com or Chris Fitzgerald at daytime phone number of 973-761-6000, evening at 908-272-1469.

THE NEW JERSEY SCHOOL OF DRAMATIC ARTS announces its partnership with 12 Miles West Theater Company at 562 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield. For more information, call 973-566-9700 or visit the Web site, www.njactors.org.

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, Cerveza 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@secondsataturdays.org.

VAN GOGH'S EAR, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesdays are "Acoustic Tuesday," some of which feature open mic from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by a featured folk performer. Open mic participants sign up at 7:30 p.m. and get 10 minutes at the microphone. Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. The cover charge is \$3 for all Sunday concerts, unless otherwise noted. For information, call 908-810-1844.

Glabicki to appear at Crossroads

On Oct. 1, The Crossroads in Garwood will present an evening with Rusted Root founding singer/songwriter Michael Glabicki. Supporting Glabicki will be the Buster Cox Trio of Westfield, with Tom Vella, Lucas Richardson and Eric Amadeo performing their original acoustic rock. The event will feature more guests to be announced at a later date.

For more than eight years, The Crossroads has featured seven nights of live music including playing host to Sundaze Invitational Jam, Monday Open-Mic Night, Tuesday Night Jazz Jam, "Karaoke Wednesdays," and Groove Therapy Thursday sessions; in addition to featuring both national and local acts Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Each week, musicians and fans alike travel from all over the tri-state area to be a part of what has become a hotbed of area music.

The Crossroads once again will showcase the remarkable talent of Glabicki. Making his second appearance at the Garwood nightclub, Glabicki returns in the midst of a national tour, carrying him across the United States. Glabicki founded the multi-platinum band Rusted Root upon returning from a post-high school trip to South America in 1988. After a false start with one group of musicians, he spoke with an old friend with whom he'd collaborated previously, and asked her to sing with him. Through her came their drummer, with whom she'd taken an African drumming class, a prerequisite established by Glabicki. Then the

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band recruited another classmate to play guitar. A year later, multi-instrumentalist, visual artist and bicycle messenger John Buynak and vocalist Jenn Wertz, originally hired to photograph the group, signed on. Buynak's distinctive artwork would give Rusted Root a strong visual image.

Rusted Root would adopt a hard-touring way, their polyrhythmic multiculti rock and soul picking up devotees like a junkyard magnet as they swept across the nation. In 1990, they self-released a CD, "Cruel Sun." The disc attracted Mercury Records, which signed the band and released "When I Woke" in 1994. Two more records, "Remember" in 1996 and the self-titled third in 1998, three EPs, "Evil Ways," "Live" and "Airplane"; a video, "Rusted Root Live"; and miscellaneous film and TV soundtrack credits followed, including "Twister," "Home for the Holidays," "Party of Five," "Homicide" and "Ice Age." After several years and countless venues played with the band, Glabicki decided to get back to his roots and tour solo he acoustically. His solo success has parlayed into several tours spanning the nation, playing to intimate crowds in every state. His unique stage presence and distinctive music set him apart from the rest of

his field and keep audiences coming back for more. This performance at The Crossroads will be his only stop in New Jersey on this tour.

Supporting Glabicki will be the Buster Cox Trio who burst onto the scene with their own fresh acoustic sound. With just two acoustic guitars, hand percussion and one voice, Vella, Richardson and Amadeo enthrall audiences without compromise. Vella's aggressive percussive acoustic guitar styling and strong, soulful voice are flawlessly meshed with Richardson's innovative and intricate accompaniments. On stage, Vella is nothing but raw energy. While dancing joyfully and banging his acoustic guitar, he sings with passion and intensity. Richardson, on the other hand, stands solidly still, dancing only with his fingers, swiftly up and down the fret board. Amadeo rests in the center, smoothly underscoring the melodies with tight rhythmic percussion. Together they passionately perform a series of unique songs that Tom had originally written for no one else but himself, for a group of burgeoning fans who await the trio at every show. Doors will open at 5 p.m., with the show beginning at 8 p.m. on Oct. 1. For more information call 908-232-5666.

Ahh, the healing power of music

Can music heal the mind? Come find out what leading researchers and practitioners have discovered at an interactive day-long conference for mental health and social service providers, educators, caregivers, and artists.

"Music and the Mind: An Arts and Well Being Initiative" will take place on Oct. 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel, 1000 Spring St., Elizabeth. The event is sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Union County, the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

"Because of the importance of this conference, we are pleased to offer a discount on early registration by Sept. 28. Students with I.D. also receive the discounted rate," said Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada.

Pre-registration is required. Early registration by Tuesday and students with I.D. is \$45 per person, which includes a continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and all materials. Registration after Tuesday is \$65. Registration on the day of the conference is \$75.

"Leaders from Artsgenesis, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, Music for All Seasons, and the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra will demonstrate ways to use music as a wellness tool," said Freeholder Vice Chairman Rick Proctor. "When words fail, music communicates."

The morning keynote presenter is Kathleen Gaffney, co-founder of Artsgenesis, an arts-in-education organization that ignites creativity and accelerates learning. She is a nationally known speaker on the role of arts and healing, multiple intelligences, and differentiated learning. The afternoon

keynote presenter, Richard Kogan, M.D., is a graduate of both Julliard and Harvard Medical School, a psychiatrist and concert pianist, who has managed to excel at both demanding professions. His lecture/performance will explore how the relationship between medical and psychiatric issues of George Gershwin influenced his creative output.

The conference features six workshop sessions: "Music and Aging," "Music Healing Trauma," "Music in Hospitals," "Music Reaching Special Needs Children," "Music and Schools," and "Music Enhancing Counseling." CEUs are available for professional development credit.

There also will be a panel discussion, "Vision of the Future," with experts about programs in music and healing moderated by Robert Perry of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. The panelists are Michael J. Bdzak, Ph.D., director of corporate contribu-

tions at Johnson & Johnson; Nancy-marie Bride, Ph.D., executive director of the Mental Health Association of Union County; Daniela Mendelsohn, executive director of Artworks, the Naomi Cohain Foundation; and Robert Morrison, founder and chairman of the Music for All Foundation.

Networking opportunities will allow participants to share information with peers in the statewide arts and healing community. Attendees are encouraged to bring flyers and brochures to share at the resource table.

To request a brochure or get more information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth 07202.

For more information, call 908-558-2550. New Jersey Relay users dial 711. The e-mail address is culturalinfo@ucnj.org. Assistive services are available on request.

Theater group offers audiences 'Daytrips'

Theater Under the Stars presents "Daytrips," written by Jo Carson. "Daytrips" is directed by Leslie Potashner of Morristown.

Appearing in "Daytrips" are Carri Dolce of West Caldwell, Sayre Geltzeiler and Anne Hirsch of Ringwood and Linda Gerdes of Ringwood.

"Daytrips" features a blend of memories, dreams and reality in the story of three generations of women and the effects of Alzheimer's disease and old age on their love for and obli-

gations to each other

Tickets are \$20, \$18 for senior citizens, and \$12 for students. For matinees, general admission is, \$18, senior citizens pay \$15, and Students pay \$12.

Enjoy our new comfortable chairs. Theater UnderThe Stars is located at the Parish House Theater of the Pleasantdale Presbyterian Church, 662 Eagle Rock Ave., West Orange. For more information, call 973-325-0795, or visit Theater Under The Stars at <http://www.theaterunderthestars.org/>.

HEALTHY LIVING

Non-invasive treatments for severe back pain are now more common

In the past 10 years the most dramatic developments in the treatment of spinal pain have emerged within the new specialty of interventional pain medicine.

Due to the previously high potential for surgical failure and the infinite and irreversible aspects of many surgical procedures, both patients and doctors have been searching for less invasive and more effective approaches to the treatment of back pain.

Spinal fusion laminectomy are no longer regarded as the "gold standard" in medical circles, but for some strange reason back surgery is still the second most common surgery in the

United States. Only heart surgery is performed more often.

The extremely poor long-term outcome of the traditional back surgery — as many as 70 percent of patients with lumbar surgeries never return to work — has given birth to a new diagnosis. Failed back surgery syndrome is sadly now a common patient diagnosis treated routinely within most interventional pain medicine practices.

With the recent explosion of technological advancements in fluoroscopic imaging, or live X-ray, and the development of micro instrumentation, Interventional pain physicians can now repair disc herniations non-surgically.

New technology now allows them to literally perform these new procedures, with extreme precision fluoroscopically down through the narrow shaft in the inside of a small needle.

These new, minimally invasive pain procedures have now truly become "Band-Aid" surgeries that are conducted on an out-patient basis.

Patient recovery time has been dramatically reduced to days as opposed to months and rehabilitation may not even be necessary.

The overall cost savings are tremendous over conventional back surgery but most importantly, the results are much better.

For example, coblation nucleoplasty — which is a disc decompression procedure performed to treat herniated, bulging or protruding discs — has a success ratio that is higher than 80 percent in the lumbar back.

When performed on the cervical back, or neck, the success rate climb to 93 percent.

There should now be a maximum effort placed on educating the general public and the gatekeeper physician community — the primary care doctors — about these low-cost, minimally invasive alternatives to open back surgery.

The specialty of interventional pain

medicine will play a key role in the reduction of the current cost of health care only if the public becomes aware of the choices that they now have.

Almost \$90 billion in health care was consumed by back pain sufferers in 1998.

This exorbitant amount of money was documented in a recent Duke University study published in the January 2004 edition of Spine. Xuemi Luo Ph.D., using data from the 1998 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, arrived at a figure of \$90,700,000 incurred by individuals in the United States in 1998 for the treatment of back pain. Keep in mind that these fig-

ures are from six years ago.

Since 1998, spinal infusion surgery alone has grown in excess of 20 percent each year, according to Vector Securities International, Orthopedic Industry Trends.

Educating the gatekeeper primary care physicians and the general public about the new treatments available through interventional pain medicine could literally save the county billions of healthcare dollars each year.

Accucare Interventional Pain Medicine stands at the forefront of these new and emerging technologies.

For information, call 732-967-1001 or 866-322-6500.

HEALTH CLIPS

'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 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 Ensle, department head of Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County, has developed a program called "Supersize America: Beating the Obesity Epidemic."

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

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

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

For more information on offering this program for a "Lunch & Learn"

group or for a community group in Union County, call Ensle at 908-654-9854.

Diabetes support

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

Sessions are conducted by registered nurses and certified diabetes educators, and cover such topics as diet, latest treatments, self monitoring, and more. The group meets in the Diabetes Management Center, located in suite 202 of the Trinitas Hospital Medical Office Building, 240 Williamson St., Elizabeth. Support group members may park for free in the campus parking garage.

Confident smiles

Navin Bogg D.D.S. 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. Dr. Navin Bogg D.D.S. practices at Gentle Dental of Roselle.

KidsPeace intends to assist with fostering

Now is your chance to make a difference in a child's life by calling Kid-

sPeace 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 differ-

ence in a child's life by providing the loving home environment that so many of our children desperately miss," Midiri continued.

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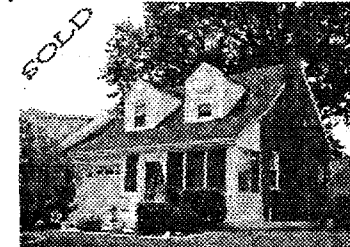
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Weekly Mortgage News

McLean, VA - Freddie Mac (NYSE:FRE) today released the results of its Primary Mortgage Market Survey in which the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage (FRM) averaged 5.75 percent, with an average 0.8 points, for the week ending September 16, 2004, down from last week when it averaged 5.83 percent. Last year at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 6.16 percent.

The average for the 15-year FRM this week is 5.13 percent, with an average 0.8 points, also down from last week when it averaged 5.22 percent. A year ago, the 15-year FRM averaged 5.46 percent.

One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 4.03 percent this week, with an average 0.7 point, up from last week when it averaged 4.00 percent. At this time last year, the one-year ARM averaged 3.87 percent.

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

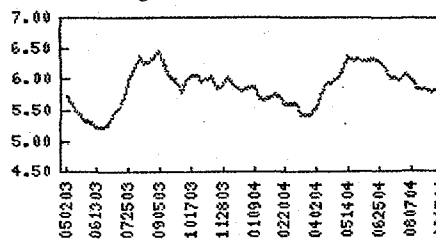
"The Consumer Price Index figures released this morning showed that the run up in oil prices has not been inflationary at the consumer level, much to the relief of mortgage lenders," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac vice president and chief economist. "And price stability in products other than oil have allowed for more money to go toward home buying and home projects.

"Next week the policy committee of the Federal Reserve will meet and our expectation is that it will raise short-term rates by a quarter of a percent. However, we also don't see this increase as having a significant impact on long-term mortgage rates."

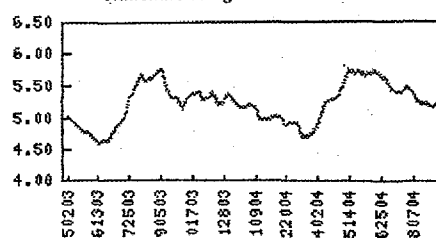
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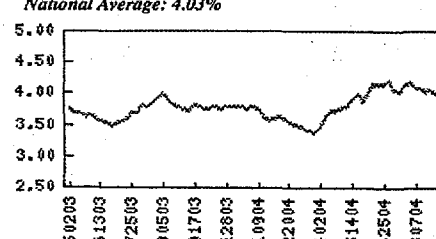
30-year mortgage National Average: 5.75%



15-year mortgage National Average: 5.13%



1-year ARM mortgage National Average: 4.03%



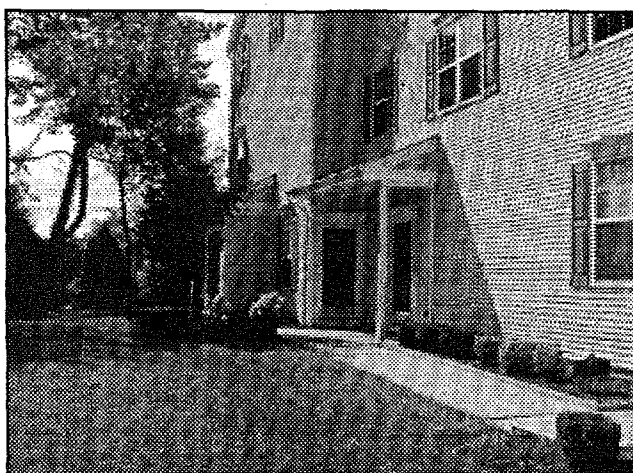
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According to a study conducted by the National Association of Realtors in 2003, 14 percent of sellers today conduct transactions without the assistance of a real estate professional, a decline from 18 percent in 1997, and a trend that appears to have stabilized. In 44 percent of these for-sale-by-owner transactions, the buyer knew the homeseller in advance.

It is telling that only half of recent owner-sellers said they would sell their current home without the assistance of an agent again. Why the change of heart? "Selling a home is a complicated process which involves much more than putting a 'for sale' sign in your yard and an advertisement in the local newspaper," states Hank Nalbandian, broker/owner, ERA Nalbandian Realty. "Without an agent, a homeowner must figure out how to set the proper price, prepare the necessary paperwork, such as disclosure forms, comply with the maze of real estate regulations, determine whether a buyer is qualified, negotiate a selling price and so much more. Agents take care of the day-to-day and keep the lines of communication open during stressful negotiations."

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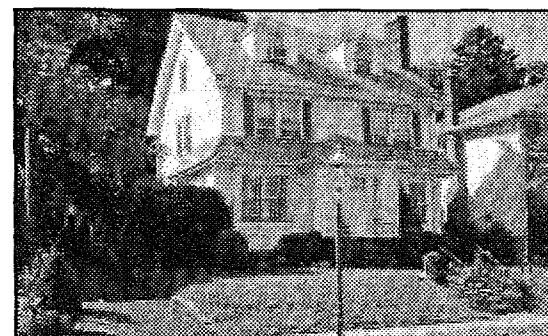
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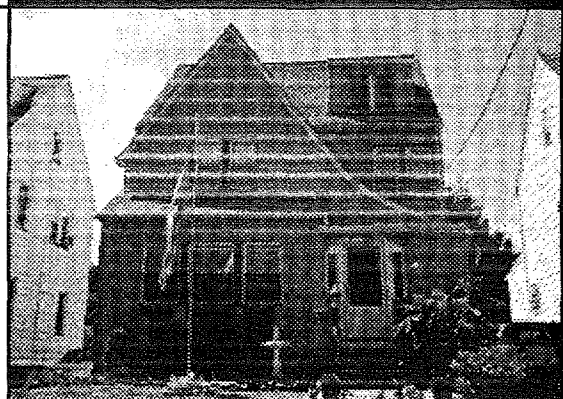
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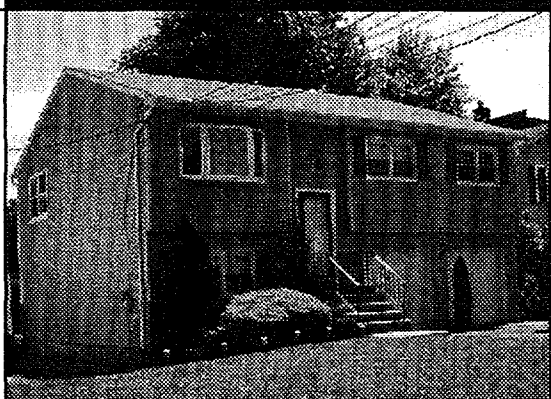
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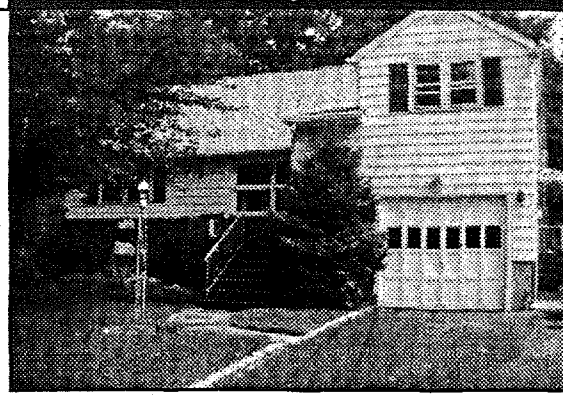
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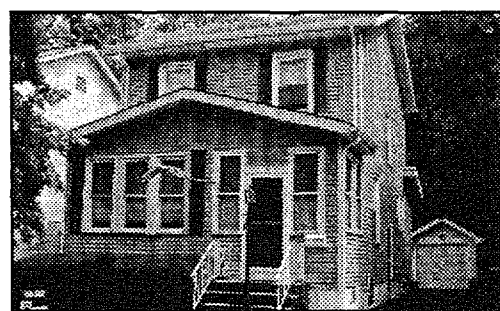
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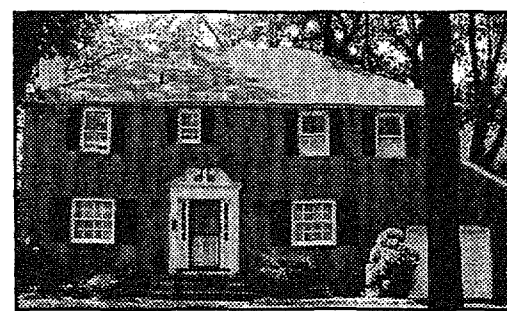
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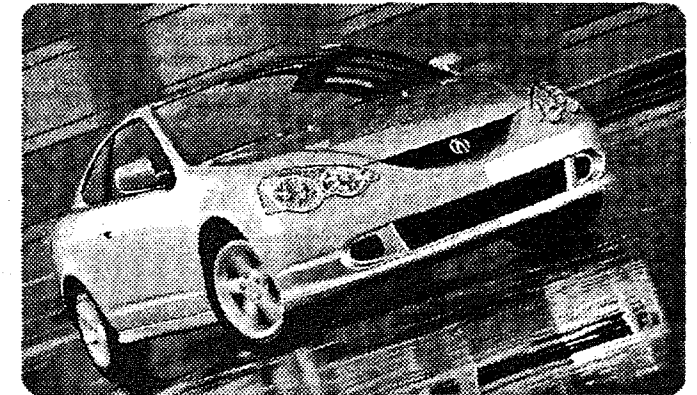
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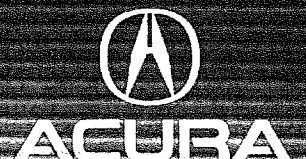
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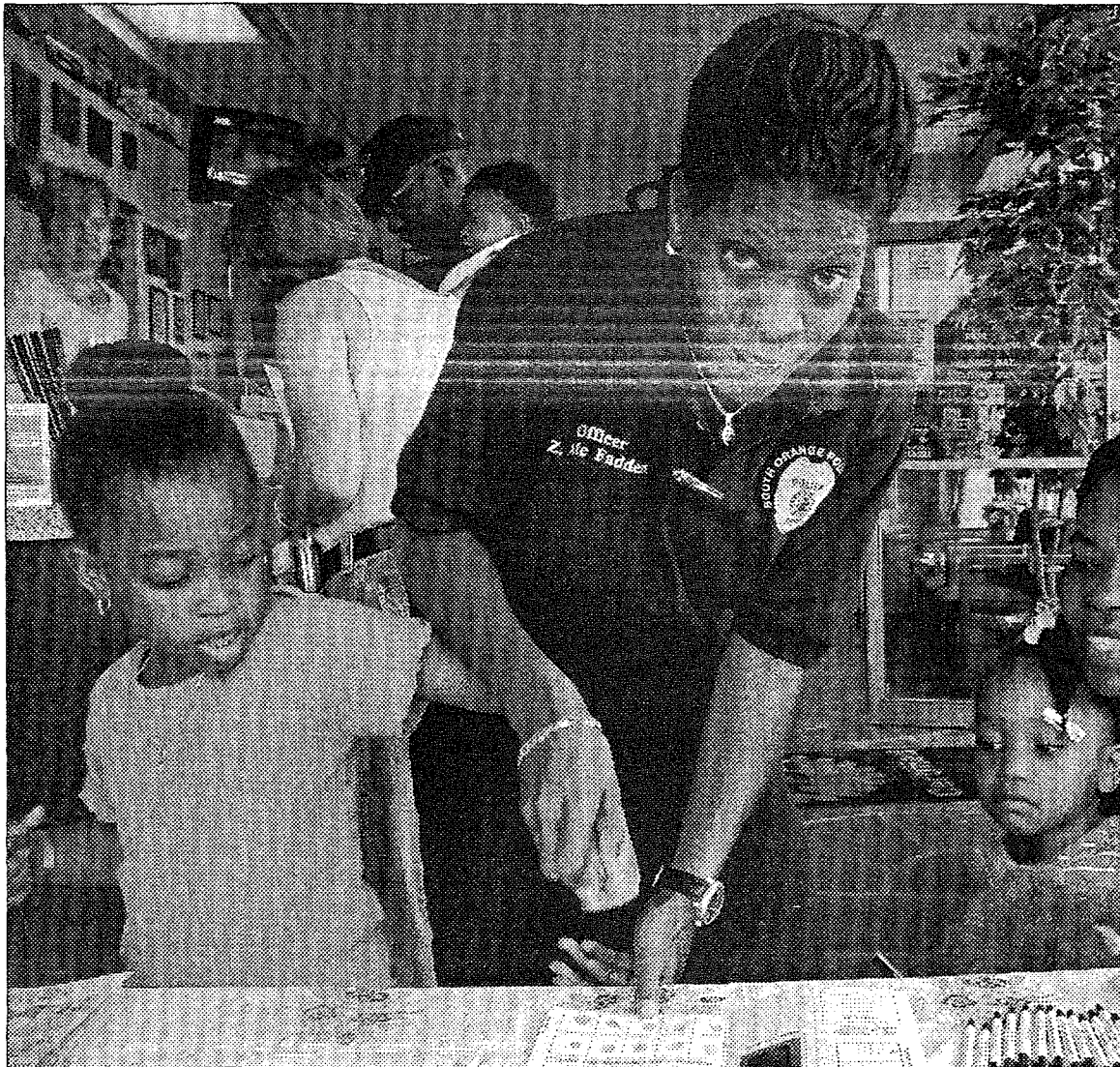
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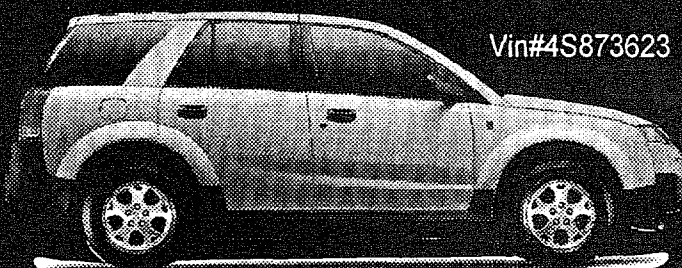


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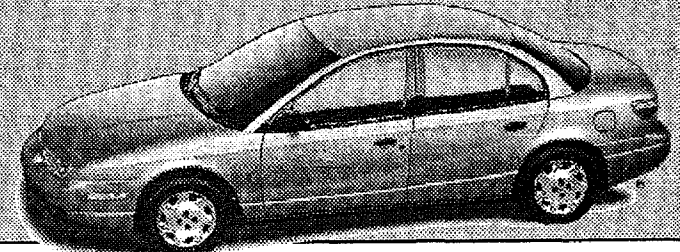
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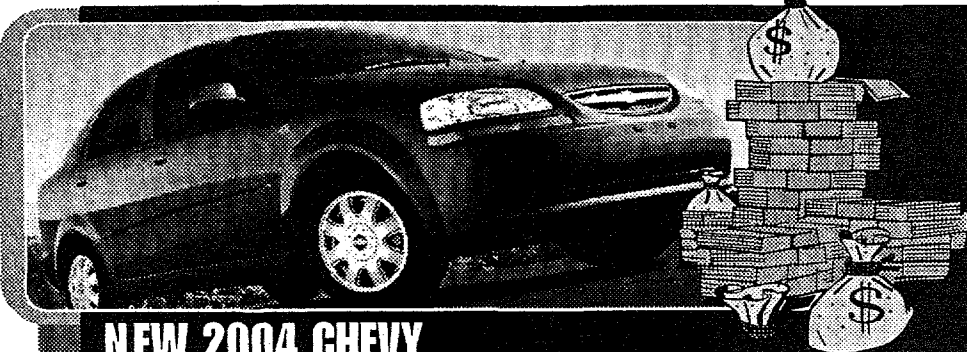
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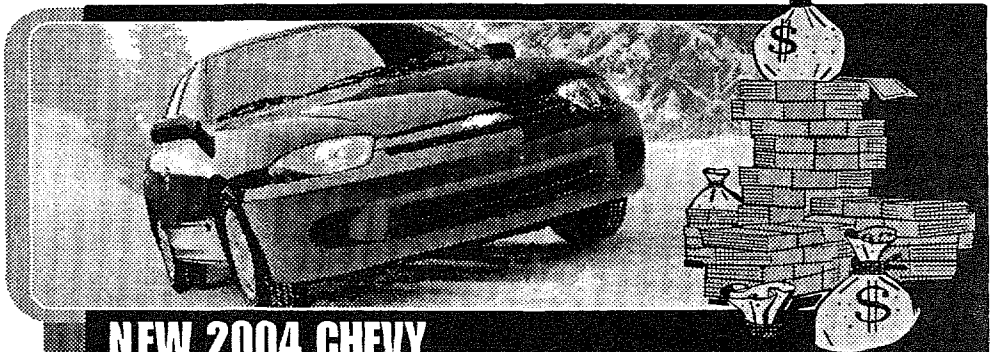
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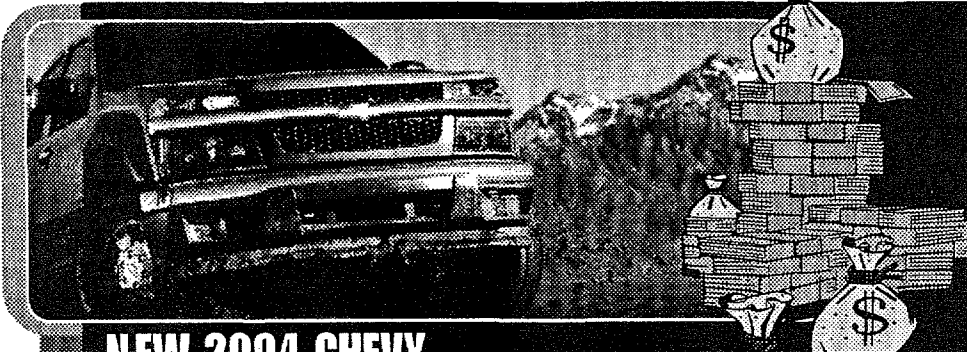
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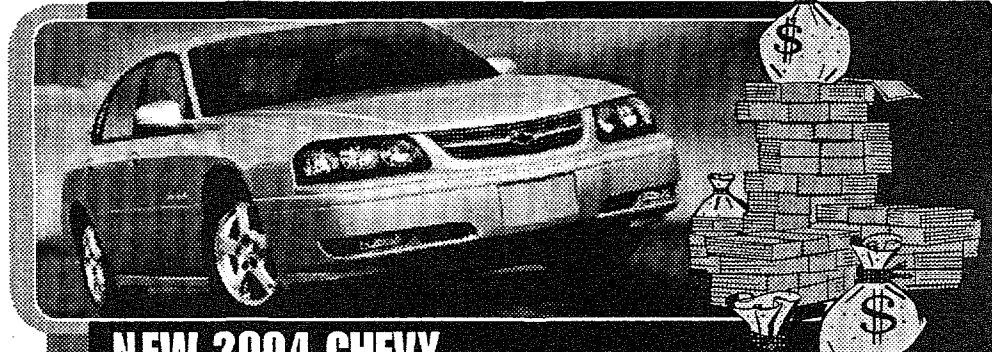
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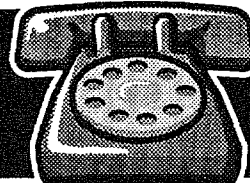
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VIN #24130416, 4 DR, 6 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/winds/lks/mirrors, cass/cd, cruise, alum whls, 47,428 mi.

\$14,999

'01 Chevy Camaro Z28
VIN #12122889, 2 DR, 6 spd, manual trans, a/c, p/s/ABS/winds/lks/mirrors/seats, cd, cruise, leather, alum/chrome whls, t-tops, 35,705 mi.

\$16,499

'02 Chrysler 300M
VIN #2H202496, 6 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/winds/lks/mirrors/seats, cass/cd, sunrt, leather, 34,330 mi.

\$17,999

'01 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series
VIN #1Y650742, 4 DR, 8 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/winds/lks/mirrors/seats, cass/cd, sunrt, leather, 43,935 mi.

\$19,299

'02 Chevy TrailBlazer LTZ
VIN #22349454, 4 DR, 6 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/winds/lks/mirrors/seats, cass/cd, sunrt, leather, 28,969 mi.

\$22,999

'03 Chevy Silverado
CERTIFIED VIN #3E370946, 4 DR, 8 cyl., a/c, p/s/ABS/lks/mirrors, am/fm stereo, 27,050 mi.

\$24,499

'01 Mercedes-Benz ML320
VIN #1A278950, 4 DR, 6 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/winds/lks/mirrors/seats, cass/cd, cruise, sunrt, chrome whls, 29,532 mi.

\$24,999

'04 Mini Cooper S
VIN #4T077722, 4 DR, 4 cyl., 6 spd., a/c, p/s/ABS/winds/lks/mirrors/seats, cass/cd, sunrt, leather, heated seats, sport pkg., xenon headlights, 19,177 mi.

\$24,999

'02 Cadillac Escalade 4WD
VIN #2R225369, 4 DR, 8 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/winds/lks/mirrors/seats, cass/cd, cruise, sunrt, leather, alloys, 24,750 mi.

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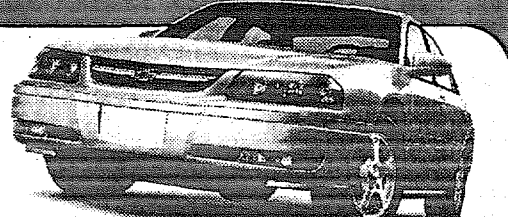
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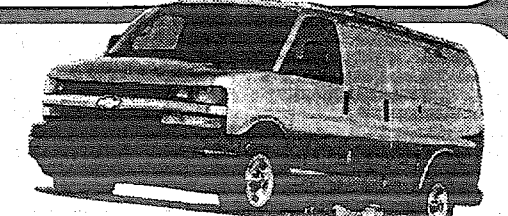


6 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/winds/lks,
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moonr. 16,924 mi. Stk#500058. VIN#2C028273.

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2002 CHEVROLET CAMARO Z28 CONVERTIBLE



8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks, air, cd, leath, security sys.
20,385 mi. Stk#40189A. VIN#22160547.

\$18,923

2002 CADILLAC DEVILLE 4 DR



8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/seat, air, cd,
leath, OnStar. Bal of fact work 22,187 mi.
Stk#6570. VIN#2U251874.

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2002 CHEVROLET CAVALIER 2 DR

4 cyl, auto, p/str/brks, air, cd.
17,231 mi. Stk#4083A. VIN#27140536.

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2002 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER 4 DR

4 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/
winds/lks, air, cd, security sys.
13,051 mi. Stk#41026A. VIN#2Z1312866.

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2004 CHEVROLET IMPALA 4 DR

6 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/winds/lks, air,
am/fm stereo, cruise, 13,907 mi.
Stk#6542. VIN#48313940.

\$13,723



2002 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2500 4X4 HD 2 DR

8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds, air,
am/fm stereo, 8 foot bed, 52,280 mi.
Stk#40539AA. VIN#22172024.

\$14,523



1999 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LTD 4X4 4 DR

8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/
winds/lks/seat, air, cd, leath,
security sys. 57,307 mi.
Stk#50133A. VIN#XC806532.

\$14,723



2001 CHEVROLET BLAZER LT 4X4 4 DR

6 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/
seat, air, am/fm stereo, lugg rk, secu-
rity sys. 32,283 mi. Stk#6511.
VIN#12101270.

\$14,923



2000 CHEVROLET EXPRESS 3500 3 DR

8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS, air.
55,069 mi. Stk#8705. VIN#Y1101459.

\$17,923



2000 HONDA ODYSSEY EX 4 DR

6 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/
winds/lks/seat, air, cd, security sys.
33,373 mi. Stk#40513A. VIN#YH545017.

\$18,223



2002 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER LS 4X4 4 DR

6 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/
winds/lks, air, cd, security sys.
roof rk. 28,947 mi. Stk#6523.
VIN#223709837.

\$18,523



2002 JEEP LIBERTY LIMITED 4 DR

6 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/
winds/lks/seat, air, cd, leath,
security sys. 35,503 mi. Stk#6521.
VIN#2W191951.

\$18,623



2002 DODGE DURANGO SLT PLUS 4X4 4 DR

8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/
winds/lks/seat, air, cd, leath,
security sys. 35,650 mi.
Stk#6520. VIN#2F162881.

\$19,923



2001 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LTD 4X4 4 DR

8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/
seat, air, am/fm stereo, lugg rk, secu-
rity sys. 38,384 mi. Stk#6493.
VIN#1C0U1427.

\$20,723

1999 CHEVROLET CORVETTE COUPE



8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/seat, air, cd, security sys.
leath, heads-up disp. 25,608 mi. Stk#50151.
VIN#X5118621.

\$26,923



2002 CHEVROLET TAHOE LS 4X4 4 DR

8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/
winds/lks/seat, dual air,
3rd row seat, 33,980 mi.
Stk#6566. VIN#2T265531.

\$24,923



2001 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN LS 4X4 4 DR

8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/
lks/seat, air, cd, security sys.
roof rk. 33,618 mi. Stk#6454.
VIN#1S213308.

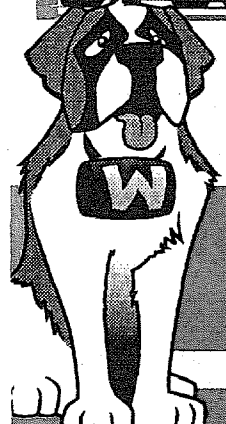
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2002 CHEVROLET AVALANCHE Z-71 4X4 4 DR

8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/seat, air, cd,
security sys, brush grd. 24,852 mi. Stk#41095.
VIN#26147621.


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