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Some new faces grace Clark in '04

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It was a clean sweep for Republicans as Mayor Sal Bonaccorso and his team of GOP council members won election and re-election to new terms.

December
Hundreds of people, including a United States senator, township officials and residents turned out at a funeral at St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church in Clark for Pfc. Stephen Benish, 20, of Clark, who was killed as a result of enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq in late November.

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Patrick O'Connor of Kent Place succeeded Carleen Nevargic as 2nd Ward councilman. Nevargic had assumed the role on June 29 after her husband, former Councilman Pete Nevargic, died earlier this year.

Plans for a \$40-million senior housing complex at the former Tyco Submarine facility on Terminal Avenue were made public for the first time at a Township Council meeting.

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A "downtown" core for Clark was in the offering for the township for 2005 as discussions continued on revitalizing Westfield Avenue from Brant Avenue to Madison Hill Road in a streetscape program.

The cost of heating the district's four school buildings went up as Board of Education officials announced a 22-percent increase with its natural gas supplier, Woodruff Energy.

The Board of Education granted \$4,000 to the Student Council initiatives at Arthur L. Johnson High School.

The Student Council received nothing during the past three years.

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

Rahway Free Public Library, 2 City Hall Plaza, offers free computer classes.

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

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

Clark residents who reserve library material will be called as soon as the requested item becomes available.

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

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Firm to update board's policies

By David Krewson
Managing Editor

The Clark Board of Education awarded a \$16,000 contract Dec. 13 to a Toms River firm to write and update board policies.

Strauss Esmay Associates will write and update all of the board policies. In a 10-0 vote, the board voted to hire the company to do the work.

"The company will take our policies and documents and bring them up to date," board member Jessica Kinsella said. She added that this is expected to take less than a year to complete.

Kinsella explained that some of the district's policy manual "is seri-

ously out of date." Some portions of the policy manual are approximately 15 to 20 years old.

Kinsella noted that the \$16,000 is a one-time fee. However, she said, the board could pay Strauss Esmay \$2,345 per year to automatically update board policies.

"This will be tailor-made to the Clark district, and it is a positive step," Kinsella said.

She noted this will allow for updates in board policies for board members to make intelligent decisions.

Kinsella noted this will give protocol and procedural aspects to board policies.

During the meeting, board Presi-

dent James Rooney said that "this is something we had to do — to get our policies in shape."

Rooney noted that the board had made previous attempts at updating board policies.

"We tried and tried to do it ourselves, and with this firm we hope to get very good results," he said.

Board member Henry Varriano said the move came about on Nov. 29 as a result of the consensus of two committees: the Education and Curriculum Committee and the Policy Committee.

He added that on Dec. 9 an agreement was reached with Strauss Esmay Associates to write and update board policies.

New exhibit opens next month

Diversity Art Gallery will hold its 13th exhibition in Clark, with the focus on quilts and fabric art. Each of the displays includes various themes, styles and types of art on display for the enjoyment and education of the public.

This is the second quilt/fabric show, which was conceived to recognize the creativity of artists who sew, glue and paint diverse fabrics. The public is invited to attend an artists' reception from 1 to 4 p.m. Jan. 16.

The gallery is located in the historic 1840's chapel building of Union County Baptist Church, 4 Valley Road, Clark, which is right on the Clark Circle, adjacent to the Garden State Parkway, Exit 35.

Gallery Director Frank Papandrea said this exhibition is relevant to facilitating the mission of Diversity Art Gallery. The gallery's goal is to bring together artists of diverse styles, approaches, and cultural expressions for shared appreciation and understanding, and to encourage additional educational and multi-cultural exchange, lifelong learning, and inter-generational sharing through audience participation.

Area quilting and fabric artists such as Nubian Heritage Quilters Guild of Irvington and Heritage Quilters of Scotch Plains will be providing numerous works for gallery displays and sale. New Jersey fiber artist Giendora Simonson and quilt enthusiast Carolyn Davis founded Nubian Heritage Quilters in 1995 to promote, preserve and document the importance of African-American quilting.

Adopting the African Adinka Symbol, Sankofa, the group took its meaning, "Learning from the past in building for the future," as its mission statement. The quilters celebrate and expand upon the legacy of African-American quilting through mutual quilting experiences and by incorporating ethnic patterns and fabric, thereby preserving their heritage and nurturing future creativity.

The Guild's quilts have been

exhibited at the Newark Museum and the Newark Aljira Gallery and they have participated in such events as the African-American Heritage Festival in Holmdel, Morristown Women's Festival and New Jersey Folk Festival in New Brunswick. As part of giving back to the community, members donate their time, talent and crafts to creating baby quilts for boarder babies at local hospitals and donate lap quilts to the Veteran's Administration Hospital.

Artists Glendora Simonson, Catherine Sheffield and Carolyn Davis will display six large and smaller quilts plus two team effort art works by the Guild's membership. In addition, creations by Artists Judy Covington of Princeton, Linda Bhan of Woodcliff Lakes and others will be on display throughout January and February.

Debbie Lee of Springfield has conducted quilt workshops with many schools and institutions, including The Newark Museum, the Abigail Adams Smith Museum and the N.Y. Women's Center. She has been making quilts for 17 years and has taught the art to both children and adults.

Through her residency at the The Newark Museum's educational programs, she has shared her technical expertise with children, but also enabled teachers to incorporate what works best with students into future curriculum. She is well versed in many different techniques and has been awarded in various categories.

Carpet designers Kennedy and Silvia Reyna of Rahway will display creative wool fabrics from their Rahway business. Alpha Custom Rugs and Design. They reproduce other designer works for corporations, as well as create art works for homes, matching home decor needs with traditional or modern pieces of any size or color with computer graphic color schemes.

Giri Pagdon, DAG volunteer who creates quilt clothing, will be on hand with more beautiful quilt work, ready to wear, as well as Laura Fyhr, who

hand makes beautiful fabric dolls.

The exhibition will be open to the public from Jan. 16 through April 3, every Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m., and by appointment.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 732-574-1479 or visit the Web site at www.diversityart.com.

According to a history of quilting, provided by The Newark Museum, the making of a quilt was a labor of love that required an enormous amount of time, patience and labor. Early 19th-century quilts were made entirely by hand, intricate design, requiring incredible patience and skill. Although quilts were made by individuals, the final joining together of the meetings of kin and friends were an important part of the social fabric of 19th-century life.

One of the few occasions when women could meet regularly, a quilting was an opportunity to share patterns or traditions for a special wedding quilt, while discussing current issues. Susan B. Anthony gave one of her first speeches defending the equal rights of women at a quilting.

A unique and personal way of expressing love or thanks, quilts were always popular choices for gifts and commemorations.

By the middle of the 19th century a new form of quilt, the "album quilt" began to appear with increasing frequency.

The romantic desire to commemorate and memorialize major events influenced the popularity of quilts. Each block of this quilt type is like a page in an album, often initialed or signed by one or more people. Another type of quilt, the "crazy quilt" became popular in the early 1880's.

This new craze, inspired by Japanese textiles and design as part of the Aesthetic

Movement, offered an opportunity for individuality and originality in an era of rigid Victorian social rules. There are only two known map quilts left.

Valley Road School pizza party



Kindergarteners at Valley Road School in Clark made pizzas courtesy of Buono Pizza. Taking part in the lesson are, from left, front row, Lauren Petite, Meaghan Gallagher, and, back row, Thomas Jennings, Gina Strumolo, Joe Spinoso from Buono Pizza, Joseph Spinoso and Dora Spinoso.

EVENTS

Christmas party Jan. 9 at Polish Foundation

The Polish Cultural Foundation has invited its members and all interest for the annual Christmas program at 4 p.m. on Jan. 9, at the Banquet Hall, 177 Broadway.

This musical program will feature Zbigniew Szczypior, organist and cantor of the St. Stanislaus Church in Newark, with Katarzyna Szczypior who will recite poems and texts in English.

Zbigniew Szczypior graduated as the philharmonic musician. For several years he was a member of the Czesochowa Philharmonics in Poland. He performed in concerts in Italy, Spain, France, Germany and other European countries. Since 1995 he was the organist and cantor at the Polish Mission in Stockholm and also at the Stockholm Cathedral.

Katarzyna Szczypior is the recipient of many awards in the poetry recitation competitions on regional and national level. In the United States her first appearance took place at the Polish Festival in Union and also at Polish churches.

After the concert will be a sing-along of Christmas carols with the

audience. Tickets are \$20 per person which includes the concert and a traditional polish buffet. The seating is limited. Make your reservation before Monday by calling 732-382-7197.

Current events discussed weekly

What is the latest news from Israel, and how does it impact our local community? What does Judaism have to say about stem cell research, the political process, war and other topics being discussed in the media? How do today's political, social and religious issues impact on the Jewish community here and elsewhere?

All these issues and more are discussed every Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. in an open format led by Rabbi Michael Klayman, the new spiritual leader of Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah, 111 Valley Road, Clark.

The "Jewish Current Events" class is free and open to the public.

For more information, call the synagogue at 732-381-8403.

Exhibit on display through Friday

The Skulski Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broad-

way, Clark, will present the works of Ilona and Andre Bugla through Friday.

Ilona and Andre Bugla, a husband and wife team, were born in Poland and both graduated from the Academy of Fine Arts in Krakow. They live and work in Jever, Germany.

Ilona Bugla received her master's degree in painting and tapestry in 1982. Her art has met with widespread recognition around the world. Today her paintings and tapestries may be found in the homes of art aficionados in Japan, France, Germany, Poland and the United States.

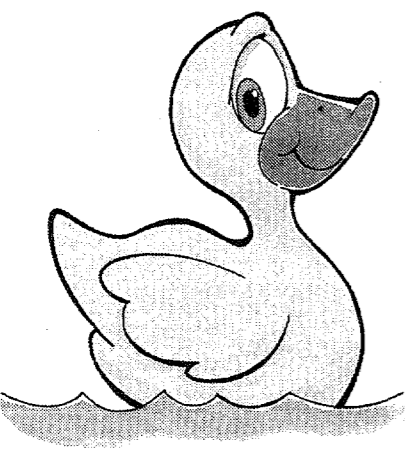
Andre Bugala received his master's from the sculpture department in 1981.

Residents earn honors at Union Catholic

Three Clark residents achieved first honors for the first marking period at Union Catholic Regional High School in Scotch Plains. Earning honors were junior Carolyn Moran, sophomore Charles Defendorf and freshman Gabriela Moura. The announcement was made to the students and their parents at an honors breakfast.

First honor students must attain a grade point average of 3.75 with no grade below a B.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

The right call

The state appears one step closer toward a constitutional convention to evaluate the way in which taxes are levied in New Jersey. More specifically, a high-profile committee of publicly elected delegates could soon be taking a serious, open, and definitive look at restructuring tax codes. We say it's about time.

The call for a convention came from the Task Force on Property Tax Reform, a 15-member panel established by the Legislature in September. The panel has met 15 times since its creation, and last week released a brief, 24-page report of its conclusions. Its central recommendation is to convene a convention, comprised of 80 or possibly 120 delegates, who would be elected by voters during the next General Election. The convention, within a one-year period, would study the way the state raises revenue, and propose changes in the interest of equity.

In the coming months, it will be up to the legislators to decide whether or not to implement this recommendation. And if they agree, they must structure its process and define its mission. Then in the November 2005 election, voters will decide if a convention should be called, and at the same time elect the delegates who will comprise its membership. Then in the 2006 election, voters will approve or disapprove the constitutional changes proposed by the delegates. This timetable seems reasonable.

In nearly every municipal election we have covered during the past few years, we have heard one recurring complaint from voters: Property taxes are too high. But every candidate has given the very same reply: The real reform can only come from Trenton; all we can do at the local level is cut expenses. Trenton has now heard its cue, and we hope legislators don't get stage fright.

New Jersey residents pay the highest per capita property taxes in the country. The approximately \$17 billion raised each year underwrites nearly 75 percent of the cost of local services, with the bulk of the balance coming from statewide levies. The national average is almost 50 percent. Things are out of balance in the Garden State.

Some have criticized the task force for not recommending a broader mission for the convention. They would have it also focus on the reduction of spending. But we agree with the task force. There will be enough on the table without adding a restructuring of the Abbott decision, the elimination of mandated programs, or the need to cut payrolls at the state, county and local levels, among other issues. Those are difficult, and in many ways inflammatory, issues that could only delay the convention or push it off course. The delegates will have enough problems just considering tax increases for the upper brackets, adding new sales taxes, and passing tax burdens from homeowners to businesses.

This might be the one big chance our generation has to set things right. And it should provide a straightforward, open and comprehensive debate. The Legislature should follow through with the recommendations of the task force and put the question before voters in November.

Happy New Year

Although it seems like only yesterday that 2004 was just getting started, New Year's Day is almost here, and with it, 2005. A new year seems to mean more to the young, who still view the world in linear terms, from day to day. As we grow older, years are replaced by phases in our lives, from college to marriage to parenthood to retirement. Even the year itself is grouped differently, arranged by sections such as tax time, vacations, holidays, even sports seasons.

There was a time when the end of the year meant more than staying up late, drinking some bubbly and watching the ball descend in Times Square. In ancient Rome, a 12-day festival called Saturnalia was celebrated, where Romans lit candles to Saturn, the god of the harvest, and decorated their houses with wreaths of laurel and evergreen. Germans had a similar 12-day celebration of the victory of the sun god and the south wind during winter and the storm god, destroyer of life. They gathered around roaring fires and toasted their good fortune with spirited punch, just as the Druids in what is now Great Britain cut boughs of mistletoe at the end of every December.

Our ways of celebration may have changed, but we still rejoice about the success of this year, even as we make resolutions to make next year even better. Just remember, no matter how spirited the celebration, a good resolution every year is not to drink and drive. Don't let friends drive who have had too much to drink; they'll thank you later. It's a good practice, one that should become a tradition.

And in keeping with tradition, we wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD — The Puppies class at Osceola Church Nursery School in Clark adds their boxes to the growing pile of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. The boxes will be sent to children around the world.

Remembering the magic of Christmas past

The Way It Was

By William Frolich

Every time the month of December rolls around, it brings with it thoughts of Christmas and New Year's Eve in the good old days. This was back when our only concerns were about what Santa Claus might bring and before there was any need to decide what gifts would have to be acquired to be presented to any one else in the family. After all, Santa took care of all of that, didn't he?

As we got a little older, and the world population increased, it appeared that an over-worked Santa had delegated some of his usual Christmas activities to some of the older members of the family. He no longer had to be burdened with bringing a tree on his sled, or having to somehow force the tree down the chimney.

It was also became acceptable for a member of the family to wander through the various lots that were now covered with all sorts of evergreen trees and wreaths and look for the perfect tree to bring home. The younger members of the family were usually allowed to accompany the buyer on this mission.

There appeared to be an art to this mission, for the price of the tree could often be negotiated even though there was a sign posted listing the price of the tree.

Buying a tree too early in the season was not recommended, as the seller was not yet concerned about having any of his stock left over after Christmas.

even on Christmas Eve, most of the dealers would rather sell a tree at any price, than have it still on the lot the day after Christmas.

In those days, most trees cost less than \$5, and many could be had for a single dollar. As time grew short, even 50 cents or a quarter could close a sale. After the tree had been purchased, it was a simple matter to carry it home by hand, if the distance was not very great.

If snow lay on the ground, the good old trusty Flexible Flyer sled might bear the burden, but in most cases, the tree was driven home on the roof of the family automobile.

Hoisted up to the rather flat roof of the car, it was also an easy matter to tie it fast with string, cheerfully donated by the seller, from a large ball of twine he kept on hand.

Those old cars had lots of places to which strings could be fastened, such as door handles and hinges. It was even possible to pass the strings from one side of the car to the other side through the open windows.

Those slightly open windows did not let in air that was much colder than what was already in the car, considering the inefficient heaters in most of the cars at that time.

Once the tree had been brought home, it was usually stored in the barn to await Christmas Eve and the arrival of Santa Claus, who would set it up and trim it. It was never quite clear to the younger generation how this could happen all over the country at the

same time, but it must have, for there was the proof.

The tree had been in the barn on Christmas Eve and on Christmas morning, it was standing in the front parlor and decorated with what seemed like thousands of shiny, colored balls hanging from every branch and twig. Santa was indeed a miracle worker!

As further proof that there really was a Santa Claus, there was that sooty footprint on the white marble hearth-stone in front of the fireplace, showing where he had stepped out from his trip down the chimney. Also, the cookies that had been carefully placed on the mantle for him were gone, and they had been placed too high for the family dog to have taken them.

More importantly, there was a large pile of beautifully wrapped presents nearby. Some were actually hanging from the tree, but most were on the floor near it. Presents that were too heavy to hang were more interesting than those very lightweight ones, that might have just a pair of stockings concealed inside.

Heavy ones suggested the possibility of a wonderful toy within, that might provide hours and hours of pleasure.

Such was Christmastime in the good old days, a time that can be relived only in memory.

William Frolich is a member of the Union County Historical Society.

Seven guiding principles in celebrating Kwanzaa

Knowledge Is Power

By Harry Paden

Recently I overheard a conversation in which one person was telling another that she was not into Kwanzaa because she was a Christian and did not celebrate Muslim holidays. Since the conversation was not directed at me, I did not choose to try to correct her misinformation. I will, though, provide what information I know about Kwanzaa so that others might receive the facts as I know them.

Kwanzaa is a cultural celebration and has no specific religious designation. It can be celebrated regardless of one's religious beliefs. Kwanzaa is not a black version of Christmas. It is an African-American holiday that stresses African traditions and culture over a seven-day period. Each of the seven days is represented by one of seven principles of the Nguzo Saba. Kwanzaa is an East African Kiswahili word which means "the first fruits of the harvest."

This holiday was originated by Maulana Karenga, a professor of black studies and the executive director of the Institute of Pan-African Studies, in 1966 after studying different African groups and their holidays.

Karenga saw the need for African-Americans to claim as their own a cultural celebration that stressed the values of their African ancestors and other present-day African peoples.

Kwanzaa is a time for African-Americans to emphasize their struggles, their families and their futures. Kwanzaa is celebrated from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1. Each day is a gathering together of families and friends to talk about and relate to seven symbols and seven principles of Kwanzaa.

The first symbol is the Mkeka, a straw mat which is laid on a table. The

ing the coming year. Two gifts are given to each child, a book and something made by a family member or something from Africa.

One of the Nguzo Saba principles is emphasized each of the seven days of Kwanzaa. Each day is started with the special greeting, Habari Gani, which means "what is the news." The person addressed responds with the principle of the day.

On Dec. 26, the principle Umoja, or unity, is stressed, "To strive for a principled and harmonious togetherness in the family, community, nation and world African community."

On Dec. 27, Kujichagulia, or self-determination, is "to define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves instead of being defined, named, created for and spoken for by others."

On Dec. 28, Ujima, or collective work and responsibility, is "to build and maintain our community together and make our sisters' and brothers' problems our problems and solve them together."

On Dec. 29, Ujamaa, or cooperative economics, is meant to "build our own businesses, control the economics of our own community and share in all its work and wealth."

On Dec. 30, Nia, or purpose, is conducted "to make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness."

On Dec. 31, Kuumba, or creativity, occurs "to do always as much as we can in the way we can in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it."

On Jan. 1, we experience Imani, or

faith, "to believe with all our hearts in our creator, our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle."

On the first day of Kwanzaa the black candle is lit, on the second day the red candle closest to the center is lit along with the black candle. On the third day the green candle closest to the center is lit along with the previous day's candles until the seventh day, when all candles are lit in order, ending with the last green candle.

The Karamu, or feast, is held on Dec. 31, the sixth day of Kwanzaa. Everyone tries to bring some food to share no matter how little. Even if people have no food to bring, no one cares. Everyone is welcome.

After the meal the gifts are given, though this can take place on any day during Kwanzaa. On the seventh day, after all the candles are lit, Kwanzaa celebrants discuss mistakes and accomplishments of the previous year. Afterward they discuss changes and goals expected for the New Year.

The final libation of water or juice is poured in the cup. The cup is then raised and Harambee, or "Let's Pull Together," is shouted, and the gathering responds back, "Harambee" seven times and the cup is passed and each person takes a sip.

The Kwanzaa celebration ends with the Tamshi La Tutaonana, the farewell statement, "A clear and concise statement of values and wisdom we must embrace if we are to liberate ourselves and reshape reality according to our needs and interests."

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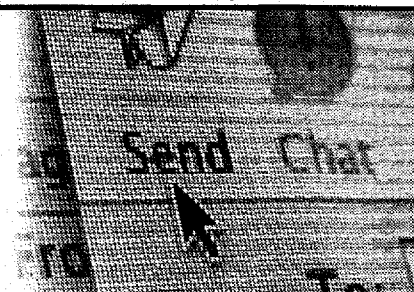
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Labrynth walks in the new year

By Amy S. Bobrowski
Staff Writer

New Year's celebrations usually center around hordes of people getting together to enjoy good food, drinks, loud entertainment and a kiss at the stroke of midnight.

Those looking for an alternative to the bustling New Year's party environment can find it this year at the First Presbyterian Church.

Members will sponsor a special New Year's Eve Labrynth Walk on Friday from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., allowing others to ring in the new year with a spiritual experience.

The church's labrynth, an 11-ringed pattern painted on canvas, is modeled after the 13th-century Labrynth at Chartres Cathedral in France.

"Walking the labrynth is an ancient spiritual practice of prayer and meditation," said a church statement. "In Medieval times, walking the labrynth symbolized the Christian pilgrimage to Jerusalem for those who could not personally make the journey."

The canvas pattern occupies the entire gymnasium at the church's Bates Hall.

Virginia Waters, this year's labrynth facilitator said the path has three parts.

"Walking through the labrynth to the center, you're releasing, shedding, letting go and freeing yourself of burdens," said Waters. "At the center, people fill themselves, become inspired or find a solution to a problem they've been having. On the way out, it's like a path of unity where you bring out those feelings with you."

The significance of walking the labrynth at the turn of the year mirrors the three aspects of the walk, said Waters.

"On the way in, you're letting go of anything from the past year that's bothered you or held you back," she said. "At the center, you're open to receiving inspiration, attention, healing, and energy that will help you go back out and prepare for the year to come."

Co-facilitator Rosemary Schultz agrees with Waters. "Walking the labrynth on New Year's is walking in a new year for peace, harmony and love," she said.

The church holds labrynth walks during the first Sunday of each month, during Advent and for bereavement sessions.

After her husband died about 1 1/2 years ago, Waters and her close ones walked the labrynth in her husband's memory.

"People said they experienced him on the labrynth, that he was giving them support and messages," said Waters. "It really helps to heal the grief."

Schultz had similar experiences remembering her late mother as she walks the calming and enlightening pattern.

Waters, who's walked the labrynth numerous times, said the walk is different for everybody and different each subsequent time you travel the unicursal path.

"Saying 'I walked the labrynth once' is like saying 'I prayed once,'" said Waters.

Candles and soft music contribute to creating a sacred, quiet and meditative experience.

"The labrynth creates peace," said Waters. "We have so little opportunity for quiet in this world. It's a very busy and bustling place. It's very rare we can be quiet and achieve inner peace."

For more information, call 908-276-8440.

EVENTS

Skate with CHS ice hockey on Jan. 8

Skate with the Cranford High School Ice Hockey Team on Jan. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Warinanco Ice Skating Center in Roselle. Tickets are \$6 and are available at the door or via CHS Ice Hockey athletes. The evening will also include Score-O Shots.

For more information, call Janet at 908-272-2905 or Rosanne 908-276-6771.

Historical society to present author

The Cranford Historical Society will present Ethel Washington, author of "Union County Black Americans" on Jan. 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Dr. Carl Hanson House, 38 Springfield Ave.

Washington, history program coordinator for the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, has recently published a book, "Union County Black Americans", which is filled with more than 200 photos and illustrations. Some of these photos date back to the era of slavery.

Washington spent about a year and a half doing the research throughout Union County. Local historical organ-

izations, including the Cranford Historical Society were valuable resources for Union County archival photographs.

Washington will give a brief discussion of how she did her research in addition to a question and answer period. Books will be available for purchase. Washington will also be available to sign all books.

Refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

For more information, call 908-276-0082.

Medicare the topic of Wednesday Club

President Sandy Pells will preside at the Wednesday Morning Club business meeting on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

Don Kalem, coordinator for SHIP — State Health Insurance Assistance Program — will speak to the group on the changes occurring in Medicare. The monthly philanthropic tea will not be held during the month of January.

Indie film, 'Tap Dreams', to be screened at CDC

"Tap Dreams," an independent

zero budget movie, filmed by New Jersey Actors in New Jersey, will have a premier at the Cranford Dramatic Club Theatre, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford, on Jan. 16.

Tickets cost \$10 and all proceeds will benefit a Korean War veteran who has extraordinary medical expenses.

For more information, call Anthony Giordano at 908-620-0734, e-mail to giordanoanthony@hotmail.com, or visit www.giordanoanthonym.com.

"Tap Dreams" began as a play with a production at Love Creek in New York City in 1998. That and subsequent productions in Australia, Canada, England, South Africa and most recently in Holland provoked the idea of turning it into a screenplay.

Filed on a shoestring budget with all involved deferring payment until profits were realized, "Tap Dreams" the film became a reality in September.

"Tap Dreams" is about four diverse women whose search for an escape from the reality of their lives has brought them together in the dressing room of a tap class. While their backgrounds range from a nun to an illiterate country wife, they share the universal longing to achieve a childhood dream.

OBITUARIES

Donald Phelan

Donald J. Phelan, 83, of Cranford died Dec. 18 in the Father Hudson House, Elizabeth.

Born in Manhattan, Mr. Phelan lived in Pleasantville, N.Y., Farmingdale, Long Island and Lakewood before recently moving to Cranford. He was a professional photographer and owned his own business, Don Phelan Inc., since 1980.

Mr. Phelan retired in 1998. During World War II, he served with the Navy as an aerial photographer first class, where he earned his Air Crew wings and the Philippine Liberation medal with a Bronze Star.

He was past president of the Viceroy Civic Association of Farmingdale, Long Island. Mr. Phelan was past president of the Long Island Advertising Club.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Lillian; two sons, Joseph and Don; four daughters, Beth Brown, Nina Aldrich, Janet Collins and Winnie Scuteri; a sister, Eileen Sobka, and 14 grandchildren.

Helen Troy

Helen Troy, 101, of Cranford died Dec. 19 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Born in New York City, Mrs. Troy lived in Newark, Union and Lakewood before moving to Cranford a year ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Norma Cohen; a sister, Sylvia Mandel; a brother, Morton Mendelowitz; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Rose Lifschitz

Rose Lifschitz, 81, of Cranford died Dec. 18 in Union Hospital.

Born in Chattanooga, Tenn., Mrs. Lifschitz lived in Elizabeth, Fanwood and Westfield before moving to Cranford six months ago. She was a clerk with the Domestic Court Division of the Union County court system before retiring many years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Edie Lara and Judy Schiraldi; two sisters, Rebecca Gutkin and Sara Dubrow; a grandchild and a great-grandchild.

Ethel P. Szczepaniak

Ethel P. Szczepaniak, 80, of Tinton Falls, formerly of Linden, died Dec. 20 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Szczepaniak lived in Linden, Cranford and Brick before moving to Tinton Falls last year. She was an executive director for the Union County Medical Society in Mountainside for 20 years before retiring in 1989.

Surviving are six daughters, Patricia Stevens, Laura Valentine, Kathleen Vallee, Irene Kapsaskis, Jodi Crook and Margaret Szczepaniak; a son, Stephen Sepaniak; two brothers, John and Eugene O'Reilly; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Thomas McGuire

Thomas J. McGuire, 80, of Cranford died Dec. 24 in the Cranford Health and Extended Care.

Born in Scranton, Pa., Mr. McGuire lived in Roselle before moving to Cranford 15 years ago. He was a manager at Linden Motor Freight for 20 years before retiring in 1989.

Mr. McGuire was in the Navy during World War II.

Surviving are two daughters, Mauyra Eska and Aileen Dziki; a son, Thomas J., and five grandchildren.

Joseph P. Gatto

Joseph Paul Gatto, 84, of Cranford died Dec. 22 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Gatto moved to Cranford 50 years ago. He was a clerk with Premiere Lighting and Electric Supply Co., Garwood, for 45 years before retiring in 1999.

Mr. Gatto was a renown piano player and musical arranger. He appeared with Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn, Billy Eckstein, Billie Holiday, Kay Starr, Patti Page, the Ames Brothers and the original Ink Spots.

Mr. Gatto was an Army veteran of World War II, in 1940 and was the featured pianist with the Herbie Field Orchestra, touring in the European Theater of War. He recorded with RCA Victor, Coral Label and Ecca records. He was the proprietor of the

Joe Gatto Orchestra from 1950 through 2002. Surviving are a daughter, Cecelia Crecca; a son, Joseph A.;

two brothers, Sebastian and Vito; two sisters, Lucy Gutman and Anne Sanluck, and seven grandchildren.

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A variance from Clark Zoning Ordinance 34-8-3c.1 to permit two of the proposed lots to have front yards of 15 feet whereas the Ordinance requires a minimum front yard of 40 feet; a variance from Clark Zoning Ordinance 34-8-3a to permit two of the proposed lots to have frontages of 90.16 feet whereas the Ordinance requires minimum frontage of 100 feet at the building line; a variance from Clark Zoning Ordinance 34-8-3a to permit one of the lots fronting on the end of a cul-de-sac to have frontage of 36.69 feet whereas the Ordinance requires a minimum frontage of 40 feet; a variance from Clark Zoning Ordinance 34-8-3c to permit one of the proposed lots to have a rear yard measuring 10 feet whereas the Ordinance requires a minimum rear yard of 25 feet; a variance from Clark Zoning Ordinance 34-8-3c to permit one of the proposed lots to have total side yard setbacks measuring 25 feet whereas the Ordinance requires total side yard setbacks of at least 30 feet; a variance from Clark Zoning Ordinance 34-8-3b to permit lot coverage of 15.05% and 15.86% for two of the proposed lots whereas the Ordinance requires a maximum lot coverage of 15%; and a de minimus exception from the Residential Site Improvement Standards (RSIS) to permit one of the cul-de-sacs to have a right-of-way width of 40 feet whereas 50 feet is required under RSIS.

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The applicant also requests any other variances or waivers that may be required in connection with this application. This matter will be heard by the Clark Township Planning Board at a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2005 in the Municipal Court Room, 315 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey. Any person or persons affected by this matter may have an opportunity to be heard at said meeting. Copies of the application and plans are on file and may be examined at the Building Department, Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey during regular business hours.

CHARLOTTE DRIVE ASSOCIATES L.L.C.
By: Rudolph E. Daunno, Member
U98050 CCE Dec. 30, 2004 (\$28.88)

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
The Zoning Board of Adjustment, Township of Cranford, County of Union, New Jersey has rescheduled the reorganization meeting on Monday, January 10, 2005 at 7:45 p.m. in Room 108 of the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey with the following agenda:
1. Statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.
2. Roll Call.
3. Swearing in of Members
4. Election of Officers
5. Appointment of Board Attorney
6. Appointment of Scribe
7. Designation of Official Newspapers
8. Time Schedule of Meetings
9. Communications
10. Resolutions of Memorialization
11. Minutes
12. Old/New Business
PUBLIC MEETING - ROOM 107 - 8:15 P.M.
13. NO APPLICATIONS SCHEDULED
Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board.
Barbara Ginsberg, Secretary
U98439 CCE Dec. 30, 2004 (\$14.25)

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CLARK PLANNING BOARD 2005 MEETING DATES
Reorganization Meeting
January 11, 2005
315 Westfield Ave. 7:30PM
Council Chambers

PUBLIC MEETINGS
January 11 August 16
February 15 March 15
March 15 September 20
April 19 October 18
May 17 November 15
June 21 December 20

CLARK ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 2005 MEETING DATES
Reorganization Meeting
January 5, 2005
430 Westfield Ave. Room 16 8:00PM

PUBLIC MEETINGS
315 Westfield Ave. 8:00PM
Council Chambers
January 24 July 25
February 28 August 22
March 28 September 26
April 25 October 24
May 23 November 28
June 27 December 14
*430 Westfield Avenue, Room 16
Kathleen Leonard
Township Clerk
U98351 CCE Dec. 30, 2004 (\$13.50)

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
TAKE NOTICE that on the 20th day of December, 2004, the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union took the following actions:
1. Application #231-04: Granted variances with conditions to Peter and Kathy Lewis. Applicants, to permit construction of an addition with less than the minimum required rear yard setback and a deck with less than the minimum required rear yard setback on Block 143, Lot 20, as designated on the Township Tax Map, also known as 8 Moss Lane in the R-3 Zone.
2. Application #239-04: Granted variances with conditions to Paul Conway, Applicant, to permit construction of an addition that will connect the principal

PUBLIC NOTICE

structure to the existing garage with less than the minimum required rear yard setback on Block 208, Lot 7, as designated on the Township Tax Map, also known as 325 Casino Avenue in the R-3 Zone.
3. Application #243-04: Granted variances with conditions to Gary Patti, Applicant, to permit construction of a single-family dwelling that will exceed the maximum allowable height and maximum allowable impervious surface on Block 483, Lot 5.01, as designated on the Township Tax Map, also known as 201 High Street in the R-4 Zone.
Barbara Ginsberg, Secretary
U98440 CCE Dec. 30, 2004 (\$14.63)

CLARK MUNICIPAL COUNCIL 2005 MEETING DATES
Reorganization Meeting
January 1, 2005
315 Westfield Ave. 12:00 PM

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS
8:00 P.M.
430 Westfield Avenue
Room 16
January 3 February 7
February 7 March 7
March 7 April 4
April 4 May 2
May 2 June 6
June 6 July 5 (Tuesday)
July 5 (Tuesday)
September 6 (Tuesday)
October 3
November 7
December 5

PUBLIC MEETINGS
8:00 P.M.
315 Westfield Avenue
Council Chambers
January 18 (Tuesday)
February 22 (Tuesday)
March 21
April 18
May 16
June 20
July 18
September 19
October 17
November 21
December 19
U98352 CCE Dec. 30, 2004 (\$16.13)

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Cranford Boys' Basketball

Jan. 4 at Scotch Plains, 4 p.m.
Jan. 6 Linden, 7 p.m.
Jan. 8 at Westfield, 1 p.m.
Jan. 11 at Union, 4
Jan. 13 at Plainfield, 7
Jan. 15 Newark East Side, 1
Jan. 18 Kearny, 4
Jan. 20 Irvington, 4
Jan. 27 Shabazz, 3 p.m.
Jan. 29 at Elizabeth, 1
Feb. 1 Scotch Plains, 7
Feb. 3 at Linden, 4
Feb. 4 Bernoskie Games, 7:30 p.m.
at Rahway Recreation Center
Feb. 6 Prime Time Shootout, 10:30
Feb. 8 Westfield, 4
Feb. 17 at Bridgewater-Raritan, 7

Cranford Girls' Basketball

Jan. 4 Scotch Plains, 7 p.m.
Jan. 6 at Linden, 4 p.m.
Jan. 8 Westfield, 1 p.m.
Jan. 11 Union, 4
Jan. 13 Plainfield, 4
Jan. 15 at Newark East Side, 1
Jan. 18 at Kearny, 4
Jan. 20 at Irvington, 4
Jan. 22 Elizabeth, 1
Jan. 27 at Shabazz, 4
Jan. 28 Montville, 7
Feb. 1 at Scotch Plains, 4
Feb. 3 Linden, 4
Feb. 8 at Westfield, 4
Feb. 17 Bridgewater-Raritan, 7

Cranford Wrestling

Jan. 5 at Union, 5 p.m.
Jan. 7 Plainfield, 5
Jan. 12 Scotch Plains, 7 p.m.
Jan. 14 at Kearny, 5
Jan. 17 Brearley, 7
Jan. 19 Elizabeth, 5
Jan. 22 at Hudson Catholic, 3 p.m.
Jan. 26 Westfield, 5
Jan. 28 at Shabazz, 5
Jan. 29 Roselle Park, 7
Feb. 2 at Irvington, 5
Feb. 4-5 UCT at UHS
Feb. 8 at North Bergen, 7
Feb. 10 at Newark East Side, 5
Feb. 16 at Northern Valley, 7
Feb. 19 at Par. Hills Quad, 10 a.m.

Cranford Ice Hockey

Jan. 5 at MKA, 7 p.m.
Jan. 10 Chatham, 6 p.m.
Jan. 12 Ridge, 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 14 at B-Raritan, 7:50 p.m.
Jan. 17 St. Joseph's, 6
Jan. 18 at Old Bridge, 3:45 p.m.
Jan. 22 at Ridge, 7:45 p.m.
Jan. 24 MKA, 6
Jan. 26 at St. Joseph's, 8 p.m.
Jan. 31 West Essex, 6
Feb. 5 at Morristown, 8:15 p.m.
Feb. 7 Montclair, 6
Feb. 9 Bridgewater-Raritan, 3 p.m.
Feb. 13 at Lakeland, 8:45 p.m.
Feb. 15 at Summit, 8:30 p.m.

Cranford Swimming

Jan. 5 Rahway, 4 p.m.
Jan. 6 Westfield, 4
Jan. 11 at Union, 3 p.m.
Jan. 14 Roselle Catholic, 4
Jan. 18 Elizabeth, 4
Jan. 20 at New Providence, 4
Jan. 21 West Orange, 4
Jan. 27 Boonton, 4
Feb. 1 at Hudson Cath./St. Dom., 4:30
Feb. 2 at Union Catholic, 5:15 p.m.

Cranford Bowling

Jan. 4 Kearny, 3:15 p.m.
Jan. 6 at Newark East Side, 3:15
Jan. 11 Irvington, 3:15
Jan. 13 at Linden, 3:15
Jan. 15 Central Jersey Classic, 1 p.m.
Jan. 18 Summit, 3:15
Jan. 20 at Westfield, 3:15
Jan. 25 at Livingston, 3:15
Jan. 27 at Shabazz, 3:15

Cranford Winter Track

Jan. 3 UC Girls' Relays, 4 p.m.
Jan. 5 UC Boys' Relays, 4
Jan. 9 State Relay Championships
Jan. 12 Drew Invitational, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 16 State Group Meet
Jan. 19 Drew Invitational, 4:30
Jan. 22 Varsity Classic
Jan. 24 UC Girls' Relays, 4
Jan. 26 UC Boys' Relays, 4
Feb. 14 Varsity Classic, 4
Feb. 27 Meet of Champions

Cougars ice Westfield

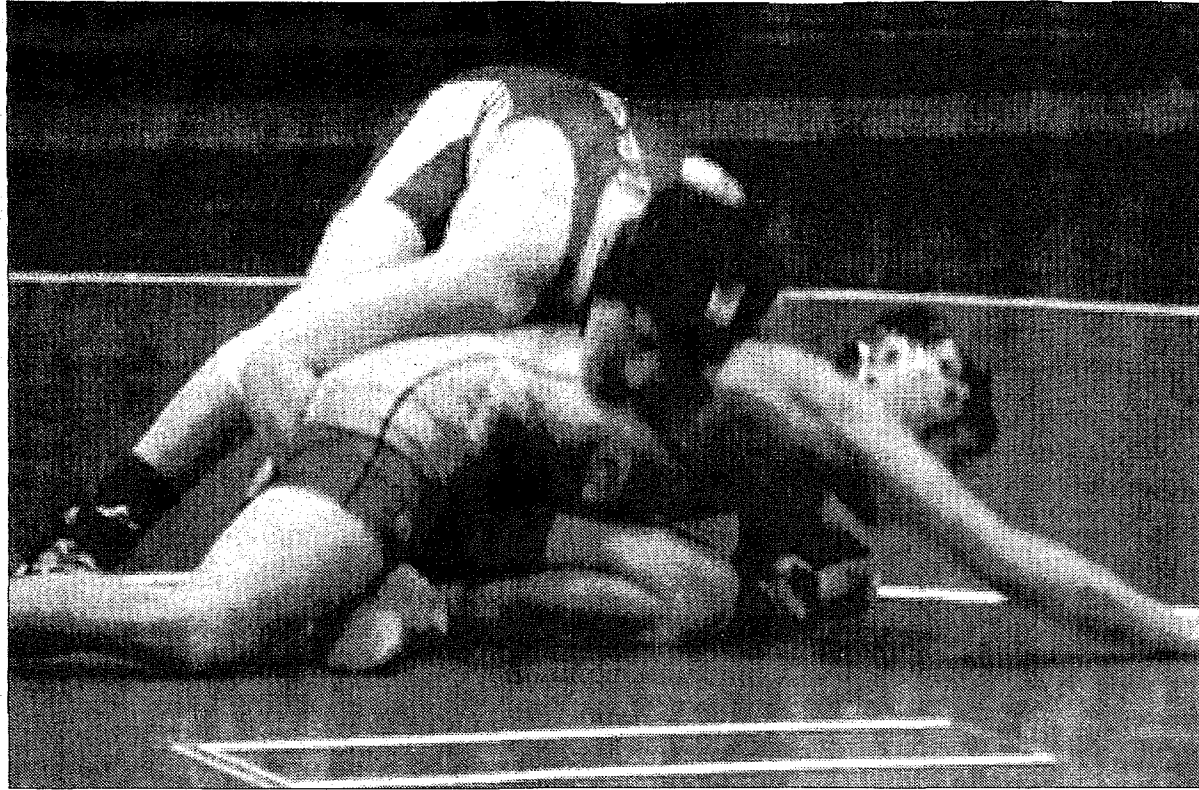
The Cranford High School ice hockey team beat Westfield after tying the Blue Devils last week at Warinanco Ice Rink in Roselle.

Cranford won 3-1 Dec. 22 after a deadlock by a 5-5 score on Dec. 20.

In the tie game, J.J. Hoeffler scored three goals, while Paul Milonas and Joe Conte netted one for the Cougars. Conte also had an assist.

Cranford, with a record of 4-2-1, will resume its season Wednesday night at 7 vs. MKA at Clary Anderson Arena in Montclair.

Trying to escape



Johnson High School sophomore grappler Mike Newman, bottom, tries to escape the clutches of Roselle Park senior Brian Swick in their 130-pound bout last Thursday night at Roselle Park. Newman was defeated 12-4, while Roselle Park rolled to a 55-11 win. Johnson was scheduled to participate in the Rahway Tournament yesterday and is set to return to Rahway for a Mountain Valley Conference match on Jan. 7 at 7 p.m.

Johnson girls' capture their 3rd straight holiday tourney

Crusaders will begin January with a 3-1 mark

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

ROSELLE PARK - Solid defense is the key.

That's what Johnson High School girls' basketball coach Steve Kaelblein feels has been the difference in his team's three-game winning streak that climaxed with the championship of the Panther Pride Tournament Tuesday night at the Ralph T. Williams Gymnasium.

Johnson defeated Metuchen 49-38 in the championship game to claim its third consecutive Panther Pride Tournament title and improve to 3-1.

The Crusader "D" helped Johnson jump out to an early 7-0 advantage.

Just minutes into the contest, a loose ball picked up by junior forward Samantha Parin led to a five-foot banker to start off the surge.

Metuchen, which had its record evened at 2-2, finally scored its first points of the game at the 5:09 mark when center Joelle Greene made both ends on a pair of free throws to make it 7-2.

That's all the Bulldogs would score in the quarter as Johnson closed out the period with a 4-0 run. Senior guard Kerry Sullivan capped off the drive by tallying on a layup off a nice pass inside by sophomore center Lauren Sladowski.

"Defense has been the key for us," Kaelblein said. "We held them to two points in the first quarter and that's because it all starts with defense."

However, it was the offense that pushed the Crusaders in the beginning of the second quarter as they went on another 7-0 run to boost their lead to 18-2. All-Tournament selection Jamilee Pflug, a junior guard, capped the surge by stopping and popping a 10-footer in the paint.

"We got an early lead because we scored on a lot of fast breaks and our transition game was good," Kaelblein said. "However, after we got a big lead, we didn't play smart by slowing it down and running our offensive system better."

Metuchen took advantage of that fact and got back into the contest at 18-8 after a 6-0 run. Freshman point guard Kristen Edmonds, who finished with 15 points and was named to the All-Tournament team as well, capped off the run by grabbing a defensive rebound and driving coast-to-coast for a layup.

"We didn't turn the ball over in the first half and that helped us in our transition game," Kaelblein said. "We also

did a good job of not allowing their best player (Edmonds) to get off and into the rhythm of the game in the first half. She only had four points at the half."

The Crusaders then outscored the Bulldogs 8-6 down the stretch to bring the contest to 26-14 at intermission.

Johnson picked up where it left off to start the third quarter as Parin scored all four points in a 4-0 run to push the Crusader lead to 30-16. She capped her performance by coming up with a steal and racing in for an easy layup.

"Samantha got the first four points of the third quarter and that helped turn a 12-point lead turn into a 16-point lead right away," Kaelblein said. "That really changed our approach because when you go into halftime with a lead you don't want to come into the third quarter and allow your opponent to get back into the game."

Johnson didn't let that happen as it outscored the Bulldogs 8-7 the rest of the period to take a 38-21 advantage heading into the fourth quarter.

After taking a 40-25 edge midway through the final period, Metuchen mounted a 6-0 run to close to within a score of 40-31 with 3:22 remaining. Greene, who also made the All-Tournament team, capped off the surge with a 20-footer from the left wing.

However, after moving the score to 43-33 minutes later, the Pflug sisters brought any hopes of a Metuchen comeback to an end by scoring all six points in a 6-0 run to take a 49-33 advantage.

Jamilee sandwiched a pair of layups around a pair of free throws from younger sister Kelli, a sophomore forward, who garnered tournament MVP honors.

"I was kind of surprised because I thought everyone on the team did a great job," Kelli Pflug said. "We have a lot of good players on the team."

Metuchen then closed out the contest with a 5-0 run. Edmonds ended it by drilling a three-pointer.

Jamilee Pflug finished with 12 points, while Kelli Pflug chipped in with seven.

"My sister and I have been playing together since we were very young," Kelli Pflug said. "In fact, almost all of our team has been playing together since the third grade, so we know each other really well."

Johnson hopes to keep its winning streak intact to start the new year.

The Crusaders are next scheduled to play at Union Catholic on Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. in Scotch Plains.

Off to a good start



The Johnson High School boys' basketball team, sparked by the play of the senior Youssef Amer (No. 33), defeated Roselle Park Tuesday afternoon in the consolation game of the Roselle Park Tournament. The Crusaders will continue at Roselle Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Mountain Valley Conference play and then return home to host non-conference foe Iselin Kennedy Thursday night at 7. Johnson begins January with a record of 3-1, with its only loss coming to Metuchen Monday in the Roselle Park Tournament.

Cranford boys' bounce Summit Sought Kowal Tourney final

The Cranford High School boys' basketball team is quickly making up for last year's rare season without a state playoff appearance and a record over .500.

The Cougars improved to 3-0 Sunday night with a 64-57 win over Summit in the first round of the John Butch Kowal Tournament at Rahway.

Cranford, which finished second with a 2-1 record in last year's tournament - falling to South Plainfield 71-50 in the final - finished just 9-14 last year after reaching the Group 3 state championship game the year before.

Cranford defeated Colonia 61-52 and then J.P. Stevens 69-48 in last year's Kowal Tournament.

The Cougars were scheduled to play Westfield in the tournament's first semifinal Tuesday night. Westfield defeated J.P. Stevens 59-38 Sunday.

Monday's results included South Plainfield downing St. Peter's Prep 61-49 and Scotch Plains besting Rahway 57-50.

That put Rahway facing St. Peter's Prep in yesterday's second consolation, followed by a semifinal of South Plainfield vs. Scotch Plains.

The first consolation Tuesday night pitted J.P. Stevens vs. Summit.

The tournament is to wrap today with the seventh-place game at 2 p.m., followed by the fifth-place game at 3:30 p.m.

The third-place game is set for 6 p.m., followed by the championship game at 7:30 p.m.

Standout senior guard Terence Grier paced Cranford with a 22-point effort against Summit, while senior Steve Caprio added 14. Greg Federici made three clutch free throws in the final minute to aid the Cougars.

Cranford opened its season on Dec. 18 with a 66-56 non-conference win over Neptune in the Tipoff Classic held at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth.

Cranford followed up that victory with a 74-61 Watchung Conference-National Division triumph over Shabazz on Dec. 21.

Grier did well to score a game-high 34 points in the conference win over the Bulldogs.

Junior guard Chris Brown scored 13 points, Dave Snyder seven and senior Chris Drechsel five.

Girls' improve to 2-1: Cranford's girls' team improved to 2-1 with a 33-31 win over Union Monday in a Rams Roundball Festival contest at Randolph.

The Cougars were scheduled to play St. Elizabeth Tuesday night and tonight are scheduled to face Randolph at 6.

Sophomore Samantha Cartwright made a layup with just three seconds remaining to give the Cougars the victory.

Union fell to 1-3, with all of its games close. The Farmers won at Kearny by a 36-32 score, fell at Irvington 33-29 and lost at home to North Bergen 51-48.

Another standout sophomore for Cranford, Lisa Levonas, paced the Cougars with a 14-point effort against Union. Cartwright finished with seven points.

Cranford outscored the Farmers 10-4 in the fourth quarter for the come-from-behind victory.

The Cougars opened with a 45-41 overtime win at non-conference foe Union Hill Dec. 18. Levonas paced Cranford with a 15-point performance.

Courtney Koellner added 10 points, Amanda Porter seven, Rebecca Flanagan six and Cartwright four.

Cranford's first setback this year was a 66-33 conference defeat to Shabazz on Dec. 21.

Johnson boys' defeat R. Park in consolation

The Johnson boys' basketball team defeated Roselle Park Tuesday afternoon in the consolation game of the Roselle Park Tournament. Johnson, which now stands at 3-1, lost to Metuchen Monday in a first-round contest.

Rams Roundball Festival at Randolph Results and Schedule

Monday, Dec. 27

Cranford 33, Union 31
Randolph 56, St. Elizabeth 32

Tuesday, Dec. 28

Cranford vs. St. Elizabeth

Union vs. Randolph

Thursday, Dec. 30

Cranford vs. Randolph, 6 p.m.

Union vs. St. Elizabeth, 7:30 p.m.

NOTES: Cranford defeated Union by a 33-31 score Monday night to improve to 2-1.

Cranford previously defeated Union Hill in non-conference play and lost to Shabazz in Watchung Conference-National Division competition.

The Cougars faced St. Elizabeth Tuesday night and tonight are scheduled to play Randolph at 6.

Championship: 7:30 p.m.

John Butch Kowal Tourney at Rahway Results and Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 26

First Round

Westfield 59, J.P. Stevens 38

Cranford 64, Summit 57

Monday, Dec. 27

First Round

South Plain. 61, St. Peter's Prep 49

Scotch Plains 57, Rahway 50

Tuesday, Dec. 28

Consolation: J.P. Stevens vs. Cranford

Semifinal: Westfield vs. Cranford

Wednesday, Dec. 29

Consolation: St. PP vs. Rahway

Semifinal: South Plain. vs. S. Plains

Thursday, Dec. 30

Seventh Place: 2 p.m.

Fifth Place: 3:30 p.m.

Third Place: 6 p.m.

Championship: 7:30 p.m.

Cranford track athletes impressive

Cranford High School winter track and field standouts Ryan McMahon, Nate Thompson, Joe McKenney and Brian Mahoney captured the 3,200-meter relay event at Monday's 24th DeSchraver Invitational at Drew University in Madison.

The combined for a winning time of 8:19.74.

Anthony Abitante of Governor Livingston won the pole vault in a record score of 14-6. The former record of 14-0 was established in 2000 by Scott Davidovich of Livingston.

Johnson Boys' Basketball

Jan. 4 at Roselle, 4 p.m.
Jan. 6 Iselin Kennedy, 7 p.m.
Jan. 7 at Newark Central, 4
Jan. 13 Ridge, 7
Jan. 15 at Brearley, 7
Jan. 18 at South Amboy, 7
Jan. 20 Roselle Park, 7
Jan. 21 Rahway, 7
Jan. 25 Hillside, 4
Jan. 27 St. Mary's, 7
Jan. 28 Pequannock, 7
Feb. 1 at North Plainfield, 4
Feb. 4 at Gov. Livingston, 7
Feb. 8 Roselle Catholic, 7
Feb. 15 Delaware Valley, 7

Johnson Wrestling

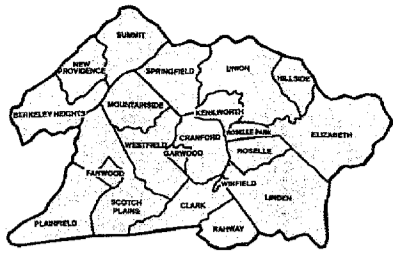
Jan. 7 at Rahway, 7 p.m.
Jan. 8 Elizabeth Tournament, 10 a.m.
Jan. 12 Bound Brook, 7
Jan. 19 New Providence, 7
Jan. 22 Ridge/Manville, 10
Jan. 26 Brearley, 7
Jan. 29 Highland Park, 11 a.m.
Feb. 2 at Gov. Livingston, 7
Feb. 4-5: UCT at Union
Feb. 9 Westfield, 7
Feb. 11 at Millburn, 7
Feb. 12 Newark Central, 11 a.m.
Feb. 16 Edison, 7
Feb. 17 at Iselin Kennedy, 7
Feb. 19 North Plainfield, 11

Johnson Girls' Basketball

Jan. 7 at Union Catholic, 7 p.m.
Jan. 11 at North Plainfield, 4 p.m.
Jan. 13 Gov. Livingston, 7
Jan. 14 at Roselle Catholic, 7
Jan. 20 Roselle, 4
Jan. 21 at Rahway, 7
Jan. 25 at Hillside, 4
Jan. 27 at Oak Knoll, 4
Jan. 28 Union Catholic, 4
Feb. 1 North Plainfield, 4
Feb. 5 at Roselle Catholic, TBA
Feb. 7 at Gov. Livingston, 7
Feb. 11 at Dayton, 7
Feb. 15 at Roselle, 4 / Feb. 18: Rah., 4

Johnson Ice Hockey

Jan. 2 at Nutley, 6:50 p.m.
Jan. 5 Nutley, 6 p.m.
Jan. 10 Madison, 6 p.m.
Jan. 12 at Westfield, 8:30 p.m.
Jan. 15 at West Orange, 6 p.m.
Jan. 19 Westfield, 6 p.m.
Jan. 26 West Orange, 6 p.m.
Feb. 2 South Brunswick, 6 p.m.
Feb. 3 at Verona, 5 p.m.
Feb. 7 at Pequannock, 8:30 p.m.
Feb. 9 Summit, 6 p.m.
Feb. 16 Point Pleasant, 6 p.m.



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You just can't fight city hall

I love the scene in the movie "Rudy" when the Notre Dame priest said after all his years he learned two basic facts, "There is a God, and I'm not him." A secular fact to learn is that you can't fight City Hall.

Ask the family of Fernando Vidal who died in an explosion at the Elizabeth City Yard on Jan. 22, 1999.

Earlier this month the state Appellate Division affirmed a Union County law determination dismissing the claims of the Vidal estate against the City of Elizabeth.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

The court found, "No reasonable jury could conclude that the city's conduct or that of any of its employees were palpably unreasonable."

That palpably unreasonable test is pretty tough to get around. But first the facts. In January 1999, the City Yard facility was cold. The Elizabethtown Gas Company found the leak, and after a little confusion outside contractors brought in made the repairs.

The superintendent of public buildings said he "relied on the training and expertise" of the contractors brought in to fix the problem.

The facts get a little murky but the court found "there was no coordination between the contractors." Evidently Vidal captured a sample of a burning substance, entered the room filled with the gas, and there was an explosion. Six people were badly burned, and Vidal died soon thereafter.

Under New Jersey's Tort Claims Act, the court ruled the Vidal estate had no case because it was "not established that the boiler room was a dangerous condition or that the city had actual knowledge of a dangerous condition."

John Ryan, the attorney who brought the action was philosophical. He spoke about the dangerous conditions around the garage as establishing the requisite actual knowledge. He acknowledged it was still an uphill fight.

Another uphill fight is being fought over the proposed \$12-billion acquisition of PSE&G by Exelon, an Illinois energy giant. If approved, it will become the largest utility in the country.

Out of the box the announcement predicted this merger would save utility users throughout New Jersey some \$900 million in costs within two years after the approval, which is expected by 2006.

It turns out the state's Public Interest Research Group is gearing up to fight a pretty big city hall, the state Board of Public Utilities. This agency has oversight before such a merger can be approved.

PIRG is warning the state's electric users will be "vulnerable to the pricing of the biggest power company down the road."

The group wants to see if the so-called savings are at the expense of quality employee service and increased danger to the environment. Their argument is that the two companies "have a history of generating power from dirty and dangerous sources."

The whole thing sounds a lot like the deregulation of the cable industry. Has anyone checked their cable rates lately or remember the hollow promises back then of cheaper rates and quality service?

PIRG could argue that the merger is just palpably unreasonable. Probably better to just pray to God the electric bills don't go too high.

An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.

New and old issues arise during past year

By A. E. Gualtieri
Staff Writer

Elections, investigations, awards and objections, Union County saw it all in 2004. While some new issues were resolved, others continue to plague the county. Some events and occurrences of the past year follow.

The \$2 million construction of Phil Rizzuto Park was finished this year, and the park opened in July.

Featuring a playground, soccer field, spray pool, gazebo, and a pedestrian bridge, the park was named for the baseball Hall of Famer and Union County resident Phil Rizzuto, who lives in Hillside.

The construction, which began in November 2002, was derailed by bad weather and opened a year and a half behind schedule.

Located at Morris and North Avenues, the park borders Elizabeth, Hillside, and Union.

The Union County Board of Freeholders continued its program to remove geese from county parks. Officials said the geese have created serious problems, such as threatening water quality, polluting the environment, destroying turf and are a hazard to health and safety.



Wohlrab

As in 2003, the county's efforts were met with opposition from some residents. A demonstration in front of the freeholders' meeting on March 11 allowed residents to voice disapproval of the county's policy and name alternatives to extermination of the unwelcome avian residents.

The new Union County Police Headquarters in Westfield was completed this year, with a final budget of over \$11.6 million. The new facility includes a forensics lab that will process narcotics, blood, and DNA evidence. While the old headquarters continued to be in operation, it is slated to be demolished in favor of the new 51,209-square-foot facility.

The Trap and Skeet Range at Union County's Lenape Park in Cranford has come under attack over environmental concerns. While the county first considered shuttering the facility, the Board of Chosen Freeholders instead passed an ordinance that banned lead shot from the facility. Patrons of the range fought to save it and opposed the ordinance, but ultimately won the first and lost the second.

Juvenile detention center

While some things in Union County have changed and improved, others are an issue year after year. One such situation is the juvenile detention center.

The youth jail has been a center of controversy for a long time, and 2004 was no different.

A year-long probe by the state Office of the Child Advocate released in November detailed the facility's shortcomings in a 10-page report. Temperatures of 45 degrees in sleep-

ing areas were deemed problematic, as were the infestation of cockroaches and rodents at the facility. Again, overcrowding was cited as an issue, and suicide hazard checks were performed too infrequently.

The report also stated that the facility's practice of separating juveniles into groups, isolating individuals for the first 24 hours of detention, and conducting extended lockdowns were a violation of the state's Manual of Standards.

The George W. Herlich Juvenile Detention Facility, located atop a parking garage in Elizabeth, has long been a contentious issue. In December, the state Office of the Child Advocate warned that the county must begin building its new detention center "within the next 60 days," calling the current facility "substandard and unacceptable."

County officials have made progress toward a new center, but said that it is unrealistic to expect them to break ground before next August.

Earlier this year, the county acquired a four-acre property in Linden on which to build a new center. A \$4.3-million purchase by the Union County Improvement Authority and funded by the county, the negotiations for the Linden property, located at 1075 Edward St. off Routes 1&9, began late last year.

The purchase was announced in February and closed in April for the site, which currently holds an 80,000-square-foot assembly plant that will be demolished to make way for the new center.

While some officials had hoped to break ground this year, the current timeline has the design development phase completed in February, with construction tentatively set to begin in August and conclude in November 2006.

The cost of the project has been estimated from \$20 million to \$40 million for an 80-bed facility. The current facility houses 38 juveniles, and has housed upward of 50 juveniles.

A cap on the population of the current juvenile justice center has led the county to explore alternatives. Currently, the county contracts with Morris, Warren, Bergen, Middlesex and Sussex counties to house juveniles at their centers, and has expanded its home detention program, in which kids stay in their community under watch by the court system.

Arts center

While the sciences were evident at the magnet school, the arts were in focus elsewhere in the county.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders voted in August to spend \$6 million to acquire and renovate the Union County Arts Center in Rahway. Seen by county officials as a part of Rahway's downtown redevelopment, the first phase of the renovation began this year under the design of USA Architects Planners & Interior Designers and the construction under the direction of Joseph Jingoli & Sons Inc.

The Union County Arts Center is a historic facility. Built in 1928 as the Rahway Theatre, it opened a classic vaudeville and silent movie palace. Saved in 1984, the building seats over



File Photo

Union County has purchased property in Linden to build a new juvenile detention center, but not as quickly as the state would like.

1,300 people and currently puts on live performances that include symphonies, plays, popular acts and entertainers.

A study conducted by NBBJ assessed its immediate needs and long-term objectives. Improvements suggested for the first phase of the project, which is dedicated to "enriching the building" include air conditioning, as the center is currently open for only eight months of the year due to the lack thereof.

Other improvements include widening the stage depth, constructing new dressing rooms, expanding lobby space, and upgrading the plumbing, electrical and fire protection equipment.

While county officials would not commit to more than the first phase discussed in the study, the second two phases recommended involve "enriching the community" and "enriching the region" which would involve an additional \$10 million expense at \$3 million and \$7 million for the two phases, respectively.

The theater currently employs a small staff including a manager, several full-time employees, and a number of volunteers to keep the arts center running.

Elections

While the biggest election news was that up until Nov. 3, New Jersey was in play as a swing state in the presidential race, Union County — which ultimately voted for Kerry — had its own elections in which almost 70 percent of voters went to the polls.

Faces changed on the freeholder board prior to the election, with three stepping down and being replaced by appointees, two of whom later went on to win election.

First to leave was Nicholas Scutari of Linden, who stepped down effective March 1 after winning a state Senate seat. Replacing him was John Wohlrab, also of Linden, who served until October.

Wohlrab ultimately stepped down as well only month before the election in the wake of his Oct. 7 arrest. Wohlrab was charged with assault stemming from what is believed to be a domestic violence incident.



File Photo

At the beginning of the year, county officials announced plans to purchase the Union County Arts Center in Rahway and provide \$6 million in renovations.

However, his resignation did not go into effect soon enough to change his name on the ballot, where it remained on Nov. 2. The Union County Democratic Committee named Nancy Ward of Linden to fill the last 10 weeks of Wohlrab's appointment to the board, and to his place on the ballot.

After Freeholder Mary Ruotolo stepped down effective Sept. 10, her unexpired term was filled by Bette Jane Kowalski of Cranford. Ruotolo cited a shoulder injury that included a torn rotator cuff as the reason for her resignation, but remained as the director of development for the Garden State Arts Foundation, an arm of the Turnpike Authority.

Despite a crowded field of candidates that included one Independent, Alexander Savin, Democrats won their 10th election victory in a row in Union County this November. While the new faces include Adrian Mapp of Plainfield, returning ones included Daniel Sullivan, who won re-election, and Kowalski and Ward, who both won terms following their appointments to the board.

Mapp will replace Freeholder Lewis Mingo, who did not seek re-election.

Republican candidates Frank Arena and Joe Renna, Democrat Patricia Quattrocchi, and Savin were defeated by the full Democratic ticket.

Sheriff Ralph Froehlich also won re-election, defeating Shawn Gianella and Peter Lijoi by over 50,000 votes. Surrogate James LaCorte of Elizabeth also topped the 100,000-vote mark in defeating Michael Panagos of Westfield.

Magnet school

The Union County Magnet High School for Science, Mathematics, and Technology had a banner year. January brought its first Governor's School of Excellence Award, one of 25 awarded throughout the state.

For three years, the high school scored perfectly on the High School Proficiency Assessment in both math and language arts, an achievement pointed to by school administrators as a factor behind the award.

Schools that compete for the award must meet criteria including improve-

ment in test scores, creative and increased involvement with the community, a creative and increased use of technology as a tool for learning and a demonstrated success in providing better learning opportunities for specialized population. Union County Magnet High School competed with 93 other schools for one of the 25 awards.

The high school opened amidst criticism in September 1997, and admits 75 students out of 300 applications each year. The 248-student school population this year boasts one thing many high schools can't: a perfect 1600 SAT score.

Senior Sara McArdle, a Scotch Plains resident, is one of less than a thousand students to score perfectly on the SAT in 2004.

McArdle wasn't the only Union County Magnet student with a significant achievement to her credit this year. The magnet school's eight-member team placed third at the Rutgers Academic Challenge, beating out 81 teams for the spot.

A "Jeopardy"-style competition, the Rutgers Academic Challenge is an interscholastic tournament where teams compete by answering trivia questions. Students' quick reactions and broad knowledge base brought home the bronze in April.

A competition of another sort led the magnet school's technology club to create Vortex.

Weighing in at 126 pounds, Vortex is a robot, built with a grant from NASA and sponsorship from General Motors and Merck as well as local businesses.

Students created the wireless, remote-controlled robot to compete in several contests, placing 27th out of 47 teams at the Mid Atlantic Regional and 13th out of 58 teams at the Chesapeake Bay Regional.

Along the way, the team collected the Daimler Chrysler Team Spirit Award and the Rookie Inspiration Award.

Students designed Vortex in six weeks, and gave it the ability to hang, lift and climb using seven motors. It can even lift itself up, mirroring the students' effect on Union County.



File Photo

Patrons of the Union County Trap and Skeet Range pleaded with the county to keep the facility open and submitted their own plan to address the EPA's concern about contamination.

'Beyond Just Riding' clinics offered at Watchung Stable

"Beyond Just Riding" is the title of a new series of winter clinics being offered at the Watchung Stable. Sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, the winter clinics will be Saturdays and Sundays from Jan. 8 through Feb. 27.

"We are proud to announce the start of this new program which is designed to highlight different equestrian topics with no actual riding," said Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, liaison to the Union County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. "This exploration of horses and horseback riding will help people expand their knowledge of the equine, and learn simple behaviors of the horse, the evolution and history of riding, and what it actually takes to own your own horse."

Patrons, ages 9 through adult, are invited to register for as many clinics as they would like. Each "Beyond Just Riding" session will last two hours, and will focus on one of a variety of horse and horsemanship topics offered in new and exciting ways. Classes have been designed for specific riding levels and ages, with some open to all levels of expertise, including people who have never ridden before. The clinics will be held in the barn or the lecture area of the stable.

- The winter clinics are being offered as follows:
- Jan. 8, 1 to 3 p.m., Braiding clinic — intermediate and advanced.
 - Jan. 9, 9 to 11 a.m., Riding in harmony with your horse, intermediate and advanced.
 - Jan. 9, 1 to 3 p.m., Behavior of the horse, advanced-beginner through advanced.
 - Jan. 15, 9 to 11 a.m., Who the heck is George Morris?, intermediate and advanced.
 - Jan. 15, 1 to 3 p.m., Basic equine science, all are welcome.
 - Jan. 16, 9 to 11 a.m., Learn how to groom and tack up, all adults only.
 - Jan. 22, 9 to 11 a.m., Course design and jumping clinic, intermediate and advanced.

- Jan. 22, 1 to 3 p.m., What it takes to own a horse, all are welcome.
 - Jan. 23, 9 to 11 a.m., Bits and pieces, advanced-beginner through advanced.
 - Jan. 29, 9 to 11 a.m., Riding and safety basics, beginner through intermediate.
 - Jan. 30, 9 to 11 a.m., Conformation and colors of the horse, advanced riders only.
 - Feb. 5, 9 to 11 a.m., Let's go to an outside show, advanced riders only.
 - Feb. 6, 9 to 11 a.m., Grooming and tacking of the horse, beginner through intermediate.
 - Feb. 12, 9 to 11 a.m., How to draw horses, all are welcome.
 - Feb. 12, 9 to 11 a.m., Horse evolution and history of riding, all are welcome.
 - Feb. 13, 9 to 11 a.m., Anatomy of the horse, intermediate and advanced.
 - Feb. 19, 9 to 11 a.m., Course design and jumping clinic, intermediate and advanced.
 - Feb. 19, 9 to 11 a.m., Legs and lameness, intermediate and advanced.
 - Feb. 20, 9 to 11 a.m., Boots and bandaging, intermediate and advanced.
 - Feb. 20, 9 to 11 a.m., Basic horsemanship 101, all are welcome.
 - Feb. 26, 9 to 11 a.m., Body clipping, intermediate and advanced.
 - Feb. 26, 9 to 11 a.m., Basic tack, beginner and advanced-beginner.
 - Feb. 26, 9 to 11 a.m., Body clipping, intermediate and advanced.
 - Feb. 26, 1 to 3 p.m., Extended grooming, advanced-beginner through advanced.
 - Feb. 27, 9 to 11 a.m., Introduction to horses, all are welcome.
- Space is limited and in-person pre-registration is



The Union County Department of Parks and Recreation will offer a number of winter clinics at Watchung Stable in Mountainside on Saturdays and Sundays through January and February.

required at the Watchung Stables, 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside. The cost is \$20 per person for each two-hour clinic. For more information, call the Watchung Stable office at 908-789-3665.

COUNTY NEWS

'Women of Excellence' nominations deadline

Nominations are now available for the 13th annual "Women of Excellence" awards program sponsored by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women.

The commission seeks outstanding women nominees from Union County who have distinguished themselves in one or more of the following categories: Arts and Humanities; Business/Entrepreneur; Community Service; Education; Government; Law; Law Enforcement; Medicine/Health Care; and/or Women's Advocacy. The commission will accept nominations until Wednesday.

The women selected from the nominees will be honored at The Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood, on March 18 at 7 p.m.

For an official nomination form, call Sean Faughnan at 908-527-4107 or go to www.ucnj.org to download the form.

Once the form is completed, mail to Joan Abitante, 322 Dietz St., Roselle, 07203.

Due to the overwhelming interest in this annual event, the Union County Commission on the Status of Women is encouraging all nominations to be submitted as soon as possible.

For more information, call Abitante at 908-241-4889.

Mothers & More' hosts first meeting of year

The Union County Chapter of Mothers & More, a national, non-profit organization that champions the value and necessity of all mothers' work to society, paid and unpaid, within and outside of the home, will hold its first meeting of 2005 on Wednesday at 7:30 at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St., Westfield.

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

This meeting will also feature an opportunity to swap those odd and

unwanted Christmas gifts cluttering up the house. Interested persons may bring up to three new or gently used items of any value to swap. One mom's junk may be another mom's treasure.

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

For more information, call K.C. at 908-789-8626 or Kim at 908-889-2286 or log on to the Union County Chapter's website located at <http://www.geocities.com/mothersandmore10>.

Registration for riding lessons to begin

Spring will be here before you know it, and Union County's Watchung Stable is busy preparing for the start of riding lessons.

All applicants must be 9 years of age or older. Class and troop assignments are based upon riding ability as determined by the stable management. Applicants with previous experience may be asked to demonstrate their riding ability in order to be placed in the appropriate class.

Classes are held Tuesdays through Saturdays. Spring troop will last for 10 weeks beginning March 22, and will culminate with the spring troop horse show.

The Watchung Stable also features adult lessons, for people 18 years of age and older, beginning the week of March 20. Classes for adults are available on Sundays at 12:45 p.m., Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

The cost to participate begins at \$200 for 10 classes, and varies with Union County residency status and troop assignment. Uniforms and helmets are required and must be provided at the rider's expense.

Registration forms and fees must be submitted in-person beginning Jan. 4 at Watchung Stable, 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside. Office hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. daily.

For more information, and to obtain registration materials, call 908-789-3665.

Free passport, photo IDs for kids under 16

The Union County Clerk's Office is offering free passport and identification photos for children aged 16 and younger through the end of the year, County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi announced.

"This is a 'Happy Holidays' gift to Union County residents from our experienced and professional staff," Rajoppi said.

The photos can be taken at the main Office of the County Clerk in Elizabeth and the annex office in Westfield. The normal processing fee for the photos is \$7.

The Westfield annex, 300 North Ave. East, processes County Identification cards, passport applications, swearings-in of notary publics, and clerk certificates. Normal annex hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The phone number there is 908-654-9859.

The Union County Clerk's Westfield Annex, 300 North Ave. East, will be closed on Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for technical servicing.

The annex will be open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., its normal Thursday hours, today. It will be closed on Friday for the Christmas holiday and will reopen on Monday. The annex will also be closed on Dec. 31 and will reopen on Jan. 3.

The main Office of the County Clerk is located at the Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad St., Room 1134, Elizabeth. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The main office can be reached at 908-527-4966.

Relatives of immigrants sought for centennial

Union County is seeking relatives of immigrants who became naturalized U.S. citizens in Aug. 1, 1903 as part of its observances of the centennial celebrations of the Union County Courthouse.

Immigrants from Ireland, Italy, Russia, Great Britain, Austria, Germany, Romania and Denmark who settled in Union County and became U.S. citizens in the naturalization ceremony at the then-under construction Courthouse will be honored in memoriam next year.

Their descendants will be invited to participate in a re-creation of the 1903 ceremony as part of the events celebrating the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Courthouse. Related events and exhibits will showcase the Courthouse as the center of law in Union County.

"This event will honor the relatives of those originally naturalized citizens in 1903 with a re-creation of the event. We are also planning a naturalization ceremony for new U.S. citizens in cooperation with the federal Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services," said Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, chair of the Union County Courthouse Centennial Committee.

The 19 citizens naturalized on Aug. 1, 1903 were:

- Joseph Batura, Russia
- Bernard Block, Russia
- Simon Breen, Russia
- Aberham Benjamin Canter, Russia
- Leo Chirles, Italy
- William Samuel Cook, Great Britain
- Harry Gardner, Russia
- Josef Holub, Austria
- Carl Ihme, Germany
- James Kenney, Ireland
- Abraham Kuntzman, Russia
- Morris Kuntzman, Russia
- Alexander B. Luisardi, Italy
- Richard Mann, Romania
- Joseph McDonough, Ireland;
- Joseph Sebel, Russia
- Joseph Shea, Great Britain
- Charles E.H. Sorenson, Denmark
- Charles Wagner, Germany

Those who believe they are a relative of one of those people listed are urged to call the Union County Clerk's Office at 908-527-4787.

Green Party meets

The Union County local of the Green Party of New Jersey meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, at Panera Bread on East Broad Street in Westfield. A spectrum of local and state political matters are discussed. All are welcome.

Child care food program provides meals

The Community FoodBank of New Jersey's Kids Café Program announces the sponsorship of the Child Care Food Program. This program is designed to provide meals to children in child care centers and recreation programs, etc. Meals are available at no separate charge to all children 12 years old and younger enrolled in the Child and Adult Care Food Program and are served without regard to race, color, national origin, disability, age or sex.

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Family size	Free Yearly Income	Reduced Yearly Income
1	\$12,103	\$17,224
2	\$16,237	\$23,107
3	\$20,371	\$28,990
4	\$24,505	\$34,873
Each additional family member	\$4,134	\$5,883

The Child and Adult Care Food Program is a federal program of the Food and Nutrition Service, United States Department of Agriculture. It is operated in accordance with U.S.D.A. policy, which does not permit discrimination because of race, color, national origin, disability, age or sex in the meal service, admissions policy or use of any Child and Adult Care Food Program facility.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: SENIOR QUARTERS AT GLEN RIDDLE L.P. SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO ATRIA ASSISTED LIVING-GLEN RIDDLE;

CICILE WINE, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest;

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, ESQS., plaintiffs' attorneys, whose address is 200, Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-6500, an Answer to the Complaint and Amendment to Foreclosure Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Ameriquist Mortgage Company is plaintiff, and MICHAEL MIGNANO, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-21539-04 within thirty-five (35) days after December 30, 2004 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint and Amendment to Foreclosure Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex-CN 971 Trenton, New Jersey 08625, together with your check in the sum of \$135.00 representing the filing fee in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated 10/18/2003 made by Michael Mignano and Margaret Mignano as mortgagors, to Ameriquist Mortgage Company recorded on 12/16/2003 in Book 10455 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 789; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 2 Orchard Drive, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076. If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling 609-394-1101. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-354-4340. Senior Quarters at Glen Riddle L.P. Successor in Interest to Atria Assisted Living-Glen Riddle are the judgment creditor and Michael M. Mignano, individually is the judgment debtor and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

PUBLIC NOTICE

supervise the foreclosure of the mortgage on 11/23/04, in the original sum of \$26,346.00, wherein you, Cicile Wine are the judgment creditor and Michael M. Mignano A/K/A Michael J. Mignano Jr is the judgment debtor and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

Cicile Wine, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest is made a party defendant to this foreclosure action by reason of a certain judgment entered in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey bearing judgment number J-193134-2001 on 7/30/03 in the original sum of \$12,628.50, wherein you, Senior Quarters at Glen Riddle L.P., Successor in Interest to Atria Assisted Living-Glen Riddle are the judgment creditor and Michael M. Mignano, individually is the judgment debtor and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment certainly had its share of moments in the past year

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor

Throughout 2004, there were numerous memorable performances that took place in Essex and Union counties. Here are some of the performances that caught my eye.

One of the best performances came toward the end of the year, as Laura Theodore added an extra sizzle to the food at The Manor in West Orange with her stunning, sultry performance of many jazz songs, ranging from old favorites to less familiar songs. Theodore showed an uncanny ability to



Richie Havens

alter the mood with each song she selected, changing her approach to match the songs she sang. Every song she performed was based on the theme of love, and she displayed such passion, such energy, that anyone watching her would have to ask why she's not a household name already.

Theodore displayed so many various strong points throughout her performance, not the least of which was her lively banter with the crowd, a technique that's bound to make any audience member feel as if they're part of her show in some way.

Another point that Theodore showed off was her relentless energy. Theodore brought that extra little zip to her performance, and few, if any, could walk away from one of her performances without agreeing that she's a uniquely talented entertainer whose performance will leave a lasting impression on any audience — and make things very difficult for any entertainer forced to shoulder the burden of following her on a stage. Anyone who wants to see a superstar in an intimate setting should attend one of Chuck Brownley's Cozy Concerts. Brownley brought in the legendary Richie Havens, who opened Woodstock, to play in the Cozy Concerts series at 12 Miles West Theatre in Bloomfield.

Havens proved to be anything but the snooty rock musician, and was genuinely thrilled to hear that people were

still fascinated by his performance at Woodstock. On the heels of a presidential election, in an era when music is once again involved with a politically charged atmosphere, Havens' performance seemed so timely, and it was easy to get the impression that he felt the same way.

In addition to his very soulful performance, he seemed surprisingly willing to discuss the old days, and re-live past glories. Havens had an ease with the audience, as well as with the media, and he was enthusiastic to deal with both. One of the most pleasant things about Havens was his enthusiasm for Woodstock, and the legacy that it provided him.

But more than anything, it was his unpretentious nature that was so appealing. He related the following anecdote about his Woodstock experience:

"I had the least equipment, so they approached me. They didn't have anyone else, so they chased me around and finally convinced me to go on first," said Havens, explaining how he came to play "Freedom," a long song based on "Motherless Child." "I did my 25 minutes and they said, 'Nobody's here. Could you do another set?' So that happened a few more times. Finally, after two hours and 45 minutes, they asked me to sing one more song. The long intro to that song is me figuring out what I'm going to play. Then I said 'Freedom' because I looked out into the

crowd, and I thought, 'That's what this is, freedom.'"

Another thing that stuck out was a band that might have been among the many famous acts from the Jersey Shore, with a little more luck. Joe Bonanno is a Newark native, and his band, JoBonanno and the Godsons of Soul, is filled with guys from Essex and Union counties. The band got its current name due to a humorous event that occurred when playing a club on Long Beach Island.

"For Joe Bonanno, the moment was still as clear as if it happened yesterday. He knew the precise moment, the exact time that his band lost the 'e' from its name. 'We were in Long Beach Island, playing Joe Pop's in Ship Bottom on a Fourth of July weekend,' said Bonanno. 'People inside the club noticed the 'e' from our name was off the marquee, and they asked me what happened. I told them, 'I took the 'e' off when Elvis died.'"

Perhaps the most impressive thing about Bonanno was the fact that he was able to reconcile his love of performing with the practical responsibilities of everyday life. Like most people, Bonanno was unable to make music a full-time passion, so he got a job. Nonetheless, he and his band continue to play music on the side, keeping their dreams alive through exceptional dedication.

Though it may sound predictable,

the New Jersey Ballet performance of "Nutcracker" at the Paper Mill Playhouse was the perfect marriage of production, venue and setting. There's nothing like a visit to the Paper Mill during the holiday season, when the theater and the surrounding area of Millburn are both in full regalia.

Adding to the charm of "Nutcracker" was the presence of veteran actress Celeste Holm. There's a reason that so many people rave about the Paper Mill. A renowned theater, with a history of bringing Broadway-caliber performers to a setting with water meandering down a brook in back of the theater — it's hard to imagine the person who wouldn't enjoy a visit to the Paper Mill.

During the summer, "Beatlemania Again" brought back memories of the four mop-topped musicians from Liverpool, and had the audience at West Orange's Oskar Schindler Performing Arts Center dancing to the beat. The performance broke The Beatles' career into three distinct phases. The first act, titled "The Early Years," showed the band members in their classic black suits, performing such hits as "Please, please me," showcasing the happy, early days of the band's popularity.

The second act, "Sgt. Pepper," highlighted the band's psychedelic phase. Finally, in the third act, "The Later Years," the band takes on the hippie look it had as it broke up.

Another captivating performance



Laura Theodore

came from cabaret singer Chris Barrett at The Manor. Barrett took the audience on an emotional roller coaster, leading them through a variety of experiences in life, with a song and a story to go along with each one. True, Barrett's performance might not resonate as well with a crowd of people predominantly under the age of 25, but for anyone who's done some living, Barrett's songs hit close to home, leaving listeners crying, laughing, and smiling, just the way life does.

Church pipes ring with the majestic sounds of the holiday season

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

The Clan Currie Society has done it again; the Friday night production of "The Pipes of Christmas" at Central Presbyterian Church in Summit, was, in a word, magnificent.

The unusual combination of bagpipes, full string orchestra, and the Solid Brass ensemble, and then later, the Summit Music Festival Chamber Choir, worked together to make this production a joy to hear and see.

The acoustics of the huge cathedral were the perfect fitting for the skirling bagpipes. Its Celtic cross and wonderful organ felt like a different age — perhaps some Scottish castle, hundreds of years earlier, celebrating Christmas.

Kilts were everywhere; in the audience as well; the opening was fitting. Softly narrating to the side of the cathe-

dral was Susan Porterfield Currie, relative of Robert Currie, who is not only the host and producer, but head of Clan Currie worldwide.

"Receive with joy this gift tonight of the 'Pipes of Christmas,'" said Susan Currie, as the pipes began, and they marched in with traditional boldness playing "The Highland Cathedral," followed by traditional carols: "Joy to the World," and then "O Come, O Come Emanuel." This later hymn became blended with the orchestra, organ, and then the brass joined in, making for music that literally rocked the cathedral with its intensity and beauty.

This beginning had the audience excited and thrilled, and each following piece was preceded by narration. Narrating with Currie were Ronnie Stewart and Frederick Clark. One of the most beautiful carols was the 17th century

Scottish carol, "Balulalab Lambe" or "Hush, Little Lamb."

Outstanding was an unusual duo of talent: Isaac Alderson on the Uilleann pipes, and Paul Woodiel, the Celtic fiddler. Both blended in soft and then fast medleys that had everyone's feet tapping, and they received much applause.

Jason Tramm led the Summit Music Festival Chamber Choir, of young people with beautiful voices, singing both with The Kevin Blandford Memorial Pipe Band, led by Pipe Major Matt Nonnemacher, and the full orchestra also.

The evening was divided into two parts, with the first part ending in "Amazing Grace," a favorite of bagpipe bands, but before this began, Currie told the story of its author, John Newton, and how he had been a slave trader. After a near-death experience

aboard a slave ship, he was converted and wrote the words and music of this favorite hymn.

As poignant as this is with just bagpipes, it became spectacular with the orchestra, the brass, organ, and it seemed as though the cathedral had exploded with the combined music.

At this fitting interlude, the surprise guest was announced by host Robert Currie.

"Since the musical evening had been listed as a tribute and dedication to our beloved late president, Ronald Reagan, it is fitting that our special guest tonight is the former governor, Christine Todd Whitman."

"Thank you, Bob," said Whitman, "You have been an outstanding leader in this state. The passing of Ronald Reagan this year gave us all time to reflect on his remarkable life... perhaps

what stood out most was his incredible optimism... he cared about people, all people, and knew how to listen to them," she said.

Currie then noted that Reagan was of Scots-Irish heritage, and the next piece sung by the choir was dedicated to him. It was "Loch Lomond," sung softly and then accompanied by the bagpipes and full orchestra and brass, with a solemn drum arrangement.

Appropriately, the chorus then sang "America," and "Glory, Glory Halleluia," one of Reagan's favorite hymns.

The intermission had everyone enthused and waiting for the second half of the program. Douglas Haislip, artistic director of the Solid Brass, was the arranger of the special tribute to Ronald Reagan.

"The late Kevin Blanchard, and our

own Jeff Rickard, at the organ and piano, collaborated on putting all of the parts together to make this amazing performance, putting bagpipes with orchestra," said Haislip. "That is what makes this so different, so special."

He was right. The blending was what made the performance unique and wonderful — of that there was no doubt. Orchestra, brass, organ, fiddler and pipers, complemented each other. Sacred hymns such as "Silent Night," were sung with the chorus and the audience joining in, as well as "O Come All Ye Faithful," with pipes coming in.

Ending with the rousing "Scotland the Brave" as part of the finale could not have been better — it left all in the audience standing and applauding all of the performers.

This once-a-year Christmas special event is not to be missed.

Oh, those increasing nuisances

Here's my New Year list of things that drove me nuts in 2004. See how my peevish compare with yours.

Peeve No. 1: You turn on the television to hear the news. The Talking Heads are doing what they get paid millions for — reading fluff from TelePromTers and looking sincere. But below them at the bottom of the screen crawls the real news. Looking down you catch just the end of a sentence, reading: "... and was taken to the hospital today in critical condition. All Americans will be praying." "Who?" you scream. But the moving type moves on. You assume the person hospitalized is American, since all Americans will be praying. That narrows it down to almost 300,000,000. Next item is rolling by: "A major volcanic explosion was reported today with lava covering several miles." That's it, Putting the two together you wonder if the person in critical condition was felled by lava? You see images of him/her running and the lava catching up! You're shuddering, waiting for the original item to roll back, but it never does: While wiping tears from your eyes, the crawling news has jumped on: "the product can be found in most homes and should be treated with extreme caution when disposing of it." Now you are screaming: "Which product? Is it in my home? Are my kids playing with it right now?" No answer. The type is on to spouting sport scores.

Peeve No. 2: Automated Telephone Answerers. Those drive us all to cursing Alexander Graham Bell. Except his idea was person-to-person communication. Now when dialing a major corporation, do you reach a person? Of course not. People have been downsized into one U.T.V. — or Universal Telephone Voice. It is a disembodied, automated female voice that drips with ersatz humanity. It's usual first remark is: "Welcome to ... (their company). Please listen to the main menu that has been changed since the last time you accessed us. To speak in English, press One." All this it says in English. Even so, you humor it and press One — twice for emphasis. The voice complains: "We are unable to understand the number you want and will return you to the main menu." "No" you shout, but it is too late. You're back to the beginning. None of the menu choices answer why you've called. Finally, you give up and are silent. That does the trick. A disappointed voice says, "We are unable to

The Art of Laughter

By Helen Argers

understand your choice. Please press a key. If you would like the menu to be repeated, press 9." Still, you do nothing. The machine voice is getting desperate. "Please press or say 9." You stay silent and refuse to be intimidated into pressing anything. The robot cracks and says what you've been waiting for: "Would you like to speak to a customer representative." "Gotcha!" you cry. You've beaten the system. Or so you momentarily think. But no. The next sound is another automated voice: "All our representatives are busy right now. Please hold for the next possible customer representative. We value your call. If you cannot wait, go to our Web site at ..." Grinding your teeth, you wait. Finally, finally, a person answers, but on hearing your question, switches you to another department's Voice Mail and the same automated voice asks you to leave a message at the beep. You need an answer now. Desperate, you press another key that pushes you back to the main menu. Automation has defeated you.

Peeve No. 3: Television news commentators who forget the news and comment on each other, turning their audience into eavesdroppers. The brother of a friend of their producer has just had a birthday, they announce gleefully. So? you ask. But off they go, spending 10 minutes discussing how old this anonymous friend of theirs is and whether he looks it. You don't know him. Don't care how old he looks! You shout that at them, but they are off on another personal aside, blandly assuming your No. 1 interest in life is people you never heard of. This egoism reaches its utmost extreme on the morning shows featuring either Katy or Diane. Both blithely turn you into a wedding planner for two strangers. A job you would not volunteer even for a relative. But for this unknown couple, you are compelled to make a series of very personal decisions. Yes, there you are sitting through 10 minutes weighing a choice of a two-tiered cake with blue-iced butterflies crawling over it or a three-tier chocolate cake with splatters of fudge. You can't sleep at night trying to decide: Two tiers or three? By morning you have made your critical deci-

sion and, filled with self-importance, rush to your computer to vote. That means being late for work, but hey, what's more important? Your life? Or theirs? Theirs, of course. Katie and Diane want you to get your priorities straight. So, obediently, the following morning, you wait to see if your vote counted, which means being late again for work. But then, the announcement comes: Yeah! The blue butterflies won! Mr. and Mrs. Anonymous will have their nets out and dine on crystallized lepidoptera. Your life is complete. Now, all you have to do is decide where they will honeymoon and what negligee the bride will wear on her wedding night. Good Grief! Is nothing personal anymore?

Peeve number 4: Television shows that tell you how to improve your home. The host is always a burly guy holding a hammer. He assures you that with just a few small repair jobs — that anyone can do — your house will be transformed. Anxiously, you await Step One. He looks you in your television eye and orders: "Assemble your tools!" That does it! The only tool you have is a slightly rusty screw driver with paint on the tip from the time you used it to open a paint can. But you assemble that. Next, he tells you to put on your safety goggles. "Hey," you insert, "is this going to be dangerous? You said anybody could do it. Besides, I don't have safety goggles. Will sunglasses do?" You put on your sunglasses, which makes it hard to see, but you press on. "Next," he orders, "pick up your handy drill and your laser leveling tool to set the exact straight line for the 10 holes you will be boring." So much for anybody can do it. With no drill and no leveling tool, you're finished before you've begun. Forgetaboutit!

Think ahead of all the peevish waiting for us in 2005. What to do about them? E-mail or snail mail to the company or television station would either be ignored or answered with a form postcard sounding in type as the automated voice does on the telephone: "Thank you for your interest. We are very concerned about your opinion and will take it into account." In other words, "Don't hold your breath." Let's be frank: You can't eliminate life's irritations. Instead limit their ability to get to you by taking time outs.

Helen Argers is an acclaimed novelist and playwright.

Parsons brings enthusiasm

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Perhaps the reason veteran actress of stage, screen and television Estelle Parsons continues to thrill people with her versatile roles onstage is because she has devoted her life to the theater.

During a break in the New York City rehearsals of the forthcoming Paper Mill Playhouse production, "Harold and Maude: The Musical," Parsons happily confided that the stage has always been her life.

"I've done other things through the years, but that was just to make money," she said. "My life is and always has been the stage. And I have been so lucky all of my life to have had such wonderful musicals and plays and such wonderful people with whom to work."

The distinguished actress, a four-time Tony Award nominee, who also has an Oscar for her role in the film, "Bonnie and Clyde," and an Oscar nomination for the movie, "Rachel, Rachel," will be justifiably inducted into the Theater Hall of Fame at the Gershwin Theater on Broadway on Jan. 24.

"I'm so excited about it," Parsons exclaimed. "It's the best thing that can happen for a lifetime of achievement."

People of all ages will be flocking

the Paper Mill Playhouse during the run of "Harold and Maude: The Musical," which will run Wednesday through Feb. 6.

They will include theater-going fans, remembering Parsons in such Broadway shows as "Happy Hunting," "Pirates of Penzance" and "And Miss Reardon Drinks A Little," movie fans of "Bonnie and Clyde" and "Rachel, Rachel," television fans of "Roseanne," in which she played Mother Bev for nine years, and some TV dramas.

Parsons has had a phenomenal career that even included a stint in directing.

She was artistic director for the Actors Studio and directed Oscar Wilde's "Salome" on Broadway with Al Pacino, Marisa Tomei and Dianne Wiest.

Turning the film, "Harold and Maude," into a play with music took several years.

"It was supposed to be a funny black comedy, stylized with a lot of jokes in it," she said, "and I think that Tom Jones, an amazing writer, has captured the essence of it in this Paper Mill production. I've known Tom since we were kids. He called me about doing auditions for it two or three years ago," Parsons recalled. "I did some readings. But I didn't hear from him in a long time."

Jones wrote the book and lyrics, based on the film by Colin Higgins, with music by Joseph Thaikien. He ultimately contacted Parsons, and the finished project "is a wonderful piece of work."

Parsons explained that "what's so wonderful about this show and the Paper Mill Playhouse is that we all get along so well. We're having a very happy time. It's nice that we're all having a good time here at the Paper Mill. I was here once before, a while back, when I was on a summer tour with 'The Millionaire' with Carol Channing and a host of great performers. We ended the tour at the Paper Mill Playhouse."

As a teenager, Parsons started out as a classical pianist.

But she changed professions and became an incredible actress.

After the run of "Harold and Maude: The Musical," she would like to go back to the "Pirates of Penzance."

"I'm always looking for interesting material," she admitted. "But much of it doesn't come along very often. I'd really like to do Strindberg on Broadway next year. What I'd really like to do is a show like 'The Fantasticks' that ran for 31 years."

She added happily, "I'd like to do a play that will run for the next 31 years."

Dance warms those winter nights

Throughout January and February, contra and square dancing will be all the rage at the Ogden Memorial Church in Chatham.

Jan. 15: Anniversary Dance

The callers for an evening of contras and squares will be Barbara Goldstein, Don Flaherty, Donna Hunt, Melanie Axel-Lute, and Ridge Kennedy. Jam Bandits features Tom Gibney, Amy Zaker, John MacDonald, Jessie Fischer, Pete Soloway, and Richard Fischer playing, variously, fiddle, mandolin, tenor banjo, recorder, clarinet, guitar, bass, and piano.

Feb. 5: Tori Barone and Contrazz

Tori Barone from Delaware will present an evening of contra dances. Complementing her calls will be Contrazz featuring Joe DePaolo on percussion, Sam Zygmuntowicz on fiddle and mandolin, Bob Jones on bass and

guitar and Marnen Laibow-Koser, piano and flute.

A Swing Dance Workshop will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m., led by Ken Crawford. Workshop cost is \$4.

Feb. 19: Cindy Harris and Forge Mountain Ramblers

Cindy Harris from Pittsburgh will call contras and squares. Providing live music will be the Forge Mountain Ramblers, with Cal Cizek, banjo; Rich Gilligan, bass and mandolin; Mark Schwartz, piano, and Sue Shumaker, fiddle.

Swingin' Tern Contra Dances is presented by The Folk Project, a local non-profit music organization.

The dance series offers both contra and square dancing.

Contra dancing is a form of country dancing done with long lines of couples. It resembles the Virginia reel, familiar to square dancers.

Callers are drawn from all over the country. The bands provide live music and are chosen to complement the caller's style.

Beginners are welcome at the dance and are encouraged to come to the beginner's workshop preceding the dance proper. No experience is necessary and one may come alone or with a partner.

The dances are held at the Ogden Memorial Church on Main St., Route 124, Chatham. The beginner's workshop starts at 7:30 p.m. with the dance following at 8 p.m.

Admission is \$8 per adult and \$5 per student. Sneakers only are allowed.

For more information, call 973-762-4947 or 973-635-1048.

Non-dancing children must be supervised at all times. Parents can call Melanie at 973-762-4947.

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DETAILS: New merchandise, collectibles, crafts and a special tag/garage sale section!
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January 29th, 2005
EVENT: A Night of Best 70's Outfit
PLACE: Praise Temple Church of God, 805 South Orange Avenue, Newark, NJ
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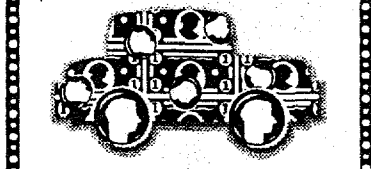
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Jan. 3 to 9

ARIES, March 21 to April 19: Do not allow personal relationships to interfere with your professional duties. Set your priorities and strive to maintain a balance.
TAURUS, April 20 to May 20: An unusual travel opportunity leads to great enjoyment and excitement. Adventure waits around every corner. Pack light and get in the wind.
GEMINI, May 21 to June 21: Seek the monetary support you will need from a financial backer or willing partner. Avoid speculative or get-rich-quick schemes.
CANCER, June 22 to July 22: Expand your social awareness through contacts made in a club or group. Relax and let a popular or outgoing individual introduce you around.
LEO, July 23 to Aug. 22: Put diet and exercise on top of your list of concerns. It takes a wholesome discipline to stick to the necessary regiment. Dig deep and find it.

VIRGO, Aug. 23 to Sept. 22: Enthusiasm supports or translates into a festive mood. Put forth a lively and care-free effort to make a big splash on the social scene.
LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: Be prepared to handle a domestic dilemma that involves emotional power plays and manipulation. Stay positive and do not buy into blame or shame.
SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 21: Get focused and follow the instructions you are given to complete a specific task. Slow down and take it one step at a time.
SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 22 to Dec. 21: Avoid going over your budget. Establish a safe cutoff amount for spending and stop buying or shopping once you reach that point.
CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 19: Flexibility and understanding work well in personal relationships. Resign yourself to go with the flow and keep the peace.
AQUARIUS, Jan. 20 to Feb. 18:

Exercise your creative imagination using puzzles or problem-solving dilemmas.
Take notes and harvest a brilliant idea for an artistic project.
PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20: You are likely to benefit from associating with powerful or influential individuals this week.
Use the names of "who you know" to open doors.
If your birthday is this week, expect an intense and transformational wave to flow through your world during the coming year.
Change is the rule of thumb and should be dealt with in a positive and progressive manner.
While experiencing a cycle of learning and growth, strive to maintain a sense of balance, normalcy and self-control.
Also born this week: Elvis Presley, Paul Revere, Carl Sandburg, Robert Duvall, Dyan Cannon and J.R.R. Tolkien.

'My One and Only' set for Wilkins

The Tony Award-winning Broadway musical "My One and Only" will delight audiences with the glorious music of the brothers Gershwin and the sensational choreography of Tommy Tune on Jan. 23, at 3 p.m. at Kean University's Wilkins Theatre.
Loosely based on the musical "Funny Face," the plot of "My One and Only" concerns a barnstorming pilot, Captain Billy Buck Candler, who, while preparing to be the first

man to fly solo across the Atlantic, meets and falls in love with Edith Herbert. She is a star in an aquatic show, and happens to have swum the English Channel. She's also under the influence of her manager, Prince Nicolai, a Russian spy. As Candler follows the aquatic troupe around the world to claim his true love, many detours occur on the way to a happy ending, all illustrated by spectacular dance numbers along with

Gershwin's most beloved tunes. "Amazingly delightful and endearing with winning originality," Jack Kroll of Newsweek wrote. " 'My One and Only' splashes romance all over the stage."
Wilkins Theatre is located at 1000 Morris Ave. in Union. Tickets are \$25 for the general public, \$21 for seniors and \$17 for children. For more information or to reserve tickets, call 908-737-7469.

Handbags at Newark Museum

For more than 30 years, a Judith Leiber handbag has represented the ultimate in craftsmanship and design. Leiber's remarkable works of art are the subject of a new exhibition display at The Newark Museum continuing through Feb. 27. A comprehensive survey of the designer's career and art, "Fashioning Art: Handbags by Judith Leiber" celebrates Leiber's extraordinary artistic achievement by showcasing her creative genius and influence on nearly four decades of fashion. The exhibition features more than 170 of Leiber's unique handbags and minaudières.
The exhibition, organized by the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C., and sponsored by the Nef Fund series, includes a range of work, from the first beaded bag created in 1967, to more recent designs. Judith Leiber bags are inspired by a variety of sources, including Asian culture, nature, Hollywood and museum objects. Coveted by celebrities, socialites and collectors, Leiber's bags take on many forms, including fruits, vegetables, flowers and animals. Artists such as Henri Matisse, Georges Braque, Gustav Klimt and Charles Rennie Mackintosh and periods of art

such as Art Deco and Pop Art are represented.
Craftsmanship and high fashion blend harmoniously in Leiber's creations through the use of fine materials, including leather, antique fabrics, and Swarovski crystals. Leiber's bags, still hand-beaded in the United States, usually take two years to design. The hand of the artist is evident at every step of the creative process.
Minaudières are constructed out of cardboard, stamped in brass, gold plated, and beaded. Every design is assembled with painstaking precision — each crystal is picked up with a tweezer and individually glued onto the bag, where the design has already been outlined. One beaded bag can be encrusted with as many as 13,000 Swarovski crystals and can take up to five days to complete.
Born in Budapest, Hungary, in 1921, Leiber was the first female apprentice and master in the Hungarian handbag guild. Eventually she and her husband, an American soldier, moved to the United States and founded their own company in 1963. Their first factory had four employees whom Leiber worked alongside,

teaching them her expertise.
"There was such a sense of camaraderie, with all of us working together, producing these handbags," said Leiber. "I made my first line in a gray/green calf which was not that well received. Nevertheless, I was determined to make my bags as beautiful and as well as I could and not to compromise. I have never swerved from that goal. Never."
After only six years in business, Leiber received the Swarovski Great Designer Award for artistic use of the company's crystals. In 1994, Stanley Marcus, of Neiman Marcus, presented Leiber with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Houston Museum of Fine Arts Costume Institute in 1991.

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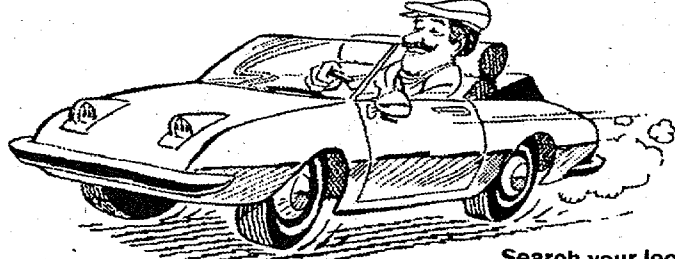
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No. 1 Essence best-selling author Carl Weber will be holding a reading and signing of his newly released book, "The Preacher's Son" at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at 240 Route 22 West in Springfield on Jan. 6 at 7 p.m.

Booklist calls Weber's book, "compelling." An acclaimed best-selling author, Weber has won over readers and critics with his smart, sexy, page-turning tales of family drama, including "Married Men," "Player Haters" and "Baby Momma Drama." His latest book, "The Preacher's Son," turns family values on edge with the tale of a popular pastor from Queens, N.Y., who runs for borough president. The pastor and his children provide the backdrop for an explosive drama about a family that seems perfect on the outside but has "a whole lot of repenting to do ..."



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Ori to display work in Summit gallery

Five-time Heart Grant recipient, Nancy Ori of Berkeley Heights, will exhibit her Union County historical photographs at Bouras Galleries, 25 DeForest Ave., Summit, Wednesday through February. The Galleries are open to the public by appointment only. To make an appointment, call Linda Cole at 908-277-6054.

Ori created a large body of photographs that were used in a historical guidebook put together by the county. She spent months doing research on the 38 sites and numerous interiors throughout Union County. Her artistic selection of subject matter is determined by the best summary of images to depict the lifestyle of the people who lived throughout the county during different time periods in our history. Ori refers to these images as "portraits" of the architecture and artifacts.

"Since 1970, I have traveled throughout the world working on various photographic and video projects which has given me the opportunity to explore many popular and cherished places. I have discovered that right here in my own backyard there are wonderful sites to photograph and

images to share. I proposed the grant project in order to best volunteer my skills to benefit my own community and have since been inspired by not only the interesting subject matter and history of New Jersey, but also by the many volunteers I have met while doing my research and photographing the sites."

The body of work will provide a balance of images between the architecture, furniture, costumes and artifacts of bygone eras to reflect those who lived, worked and played in Union County at earlier times. Some images are romantic in style and provide a contrast to the playful collections of antique dolls and toys, some are bold forms of tools and objects presented almost as sculptures, and some are planned or contain artistically composed room setups to provide more formal images.

Ori is recognized internationally as an industrial photographer and video producer for New Jersey Media Center in Berkeley Heights. She also enjoys teaching photography classes and workshops each year throughout the United States and Europe.

Hughson named director of ballet company

The board of trustees of the American Repertory Ballet and ARB's Princeton Ballet School announced the hiring of Barry C. Hughson as executive director.

"We are very excited to have Barry joining us," said ARB artistic director Graham Lustig. "Not only does he bring a dance perspective to the job, he also brings his background as a performing arts administrator."

Hughson has served as executive director for Complexions Contemporary Ballet in New York, and as executive director for the Warner Theater in Torrington, Conn.

"I am thrilled at the opportunity to work with Graham Lustig and the ARB dancers and staff, Mary Pat Robertson and the faculty of the school; and the board of trustees," said Hughson. "My passions have always been in the ballet and education worlds, and I am looking forward to working with an organization with such a rich history in both."

Hughson was tapped for the position after an extensive nationwide search conducted by the board of trustees.

Board Chairman Joseph Sobo said, "The board is very much looking forward to Barry's arrival in October. We have recently been through a compre-

hensive long-range planning process, and he will bring a fresh energy and arts industry insight to the organization as we implement the plan."

American Repertory Ballet is New Jersey's leading dance company and one of the state's most treasured cultural organizations.

Designated a major arts institution by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State since 1987, ARB received a Citation of Excellence in 2003, the only dance company to be awarded both honors. ARB's Princeton Ballet School — one of the largest non-profit dance institutions affiliated with a professional company in the United States — is the official school of ARB.

Founded in 1954, ARB's Princeton Ballet School currently has studios in Princeton, Cranbury, and New Brunswick, serving more than 1,250 students.

Funding for ARB is made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment of the Arts.

Hughson joins American Repertory Ballet after serving as executive director of the internationally recognized Complexions Contemporary Ballet in New York City. Prior to that, he was

executive director of the Warner Theater in Torrington, Conn.

He joined the Warner Theater staff in 1992 as director of education and became executive director in 1997.

As director of education, he was responsible for the creation of a community school for arts, summer arts camp, international exchange program, young actors' performance series, daytime programs for young audiences and master teaching residencies in the public schools.

Under his leadership as executive director, the Warner Theater experienced significant growth, with the professional full-time staff growing from three to 13, and the annual budget and programming more than doubling.

His tenure there was capped with a successful multi-million dollar campaign to restore the Warner Theater building.

Hughson's background spans the worlds of dance, theater and arts education. In 1979, he founded the Youth Theatre Ensemble, a non-profit organization that served young people of the greater Waterbury area for 20 years.

As a member of the Washington Ballet in Washington, D.C., he performed with the works of Goh, Balanchine, Tudor, and others in the United States, Europe, Asia, Russia, and as a

resident company of the Kennedy Center. In 1990, he was the only American male awarded a prize at the New York International Ballet Competition at Lincoln Center, and in December of that year, performed in the East Room of the White House.

He also became a master teaching artist serving as a guest instructor for a number of Connecticut organizations. Internationally, he has taught dance and theater in Norway and Hungary, and as a master teacher of Very Special Arts International, he has conducted workshops for people with disabilities in Connecticut, Idaho, and Guatemala.

He is an accomplished director, having directed numerous musicals and plays from "The King and I" to A.R. Gurney's "Sylvia."

In 1995, he directed Emmy award-winning actress Susan Saint James in "The Miracle Worker."

He holds a Certificate in Arts Administration from New York University, and is an active member of a number of industry consortiums, including the Association of Performing Arts Presenters, the Consortium of Easter Regional Theatres, the League of Historic American Theatres and the American Association of Community Theatre.

Folk music series is rapidly approaching

The Minstrel Coffeehouse is a coffeehouse/concert series run by The Folk Project, a non-profit music and arts organization. It uses the facilities of the Morris County Park Commission's Cultural Center, 300 Mendham Road, Route 24, Morris Township. It holds shows every Friday, year round, and the second Friday of the month is an open stage/audition night. The music it presents is folk music in its broadest sense. That is, in addition to traditional American and ethnic folk music, it welcomes music of contemporary, primarily acoustic songwriters, and other types of music more folkie in attitude than in content. Shows start at 8:30 p.m.; dress is casual. The sponsors serve coffee, teas, and baked goods. There is no alcohol or tobacco on the premises. Admission is inexpensive; on the regular Friday concerts the sponsors ask \$6 on the way in, and, if you feel the show was worth it, an additional amount at your discretion on the way out which goes to supplement what is paid the feature per-

former. For travel information or information on shows, call 973-335-9489 or visit Web site at <http://www.folkproject.org>.

The Folk Project acknowledges major financial support of the Minstrel Coffeehouse from the Morris County Park Commission.

Jan. 7: David Kleiner and Liz Pagan, and Mark Schaffer. The kick off the New Year will be an all-Folk Project lineup: Dave Kleiner was a founding member of the Folk Project. Together with his wife, Liz Pagan, he presents a highly entertaining mix of his own clever and well-crafted songs and some obscure gems written by his contemporaries in the folk and pop fields. He is a very classy guitarist, and Pagan adds bass and vocal harmonies to the mix. Mark Schaffer celebrates the release of his first CD,

"Mark My Words," with an ensemble effort including feature act Dave Kleiner on lead guitar and a panoply of other musicians and singers. His material ranges from his own songs to jazz trio harmony numbers from the 1920s and 1930s.

Jan. 14: Open Stage. This is an opportunity for acoustic musicians of all sorts and stripes to take the stage for a 15-minute set, and a presentation for the audience of a wide variety of music and musicians.


Those who wish to perform should visit www.folkproject.org and click on Minstrel Coffeehouse. At the bottom of the first paragraph is a link to Open Stage Procedures. Show starts one-half hour earlier than usual at 8 p.m.

Jan. 21: The Johnson Girls and Anne Price. The Johnson Girls — Joy

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Also from New York is opener Anne Price, who plays guitar and lap dulcimer, sings original and contemporary folk songs often of a topical or humorous nature. She is delighted at the recent release of her third recording, "My Time."



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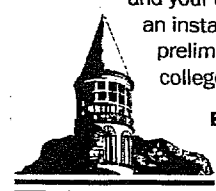
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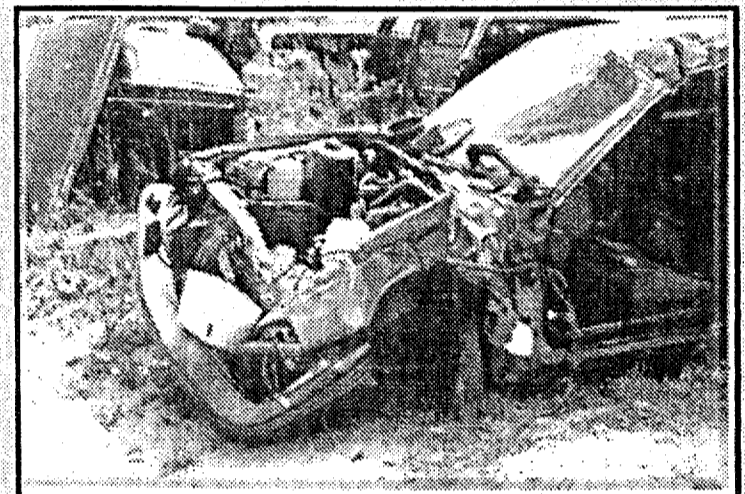
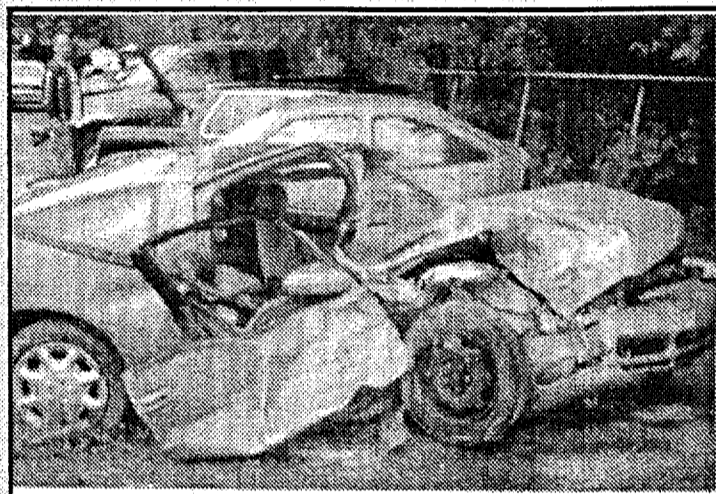
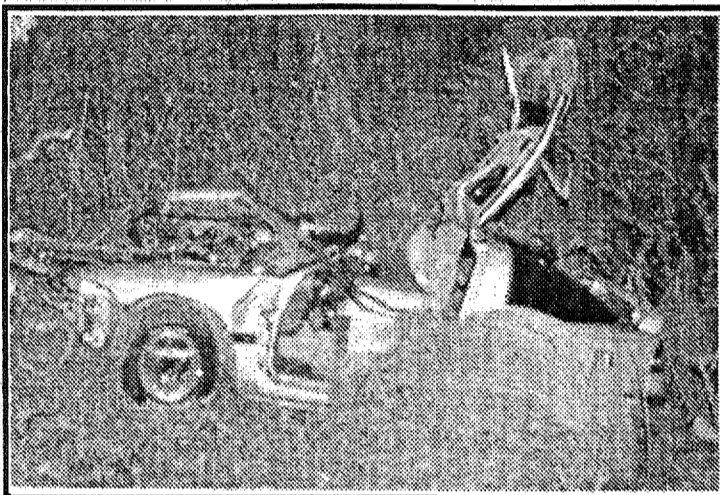
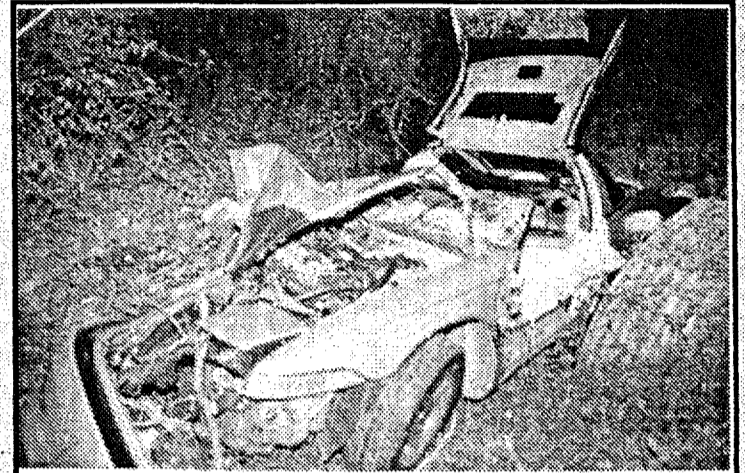
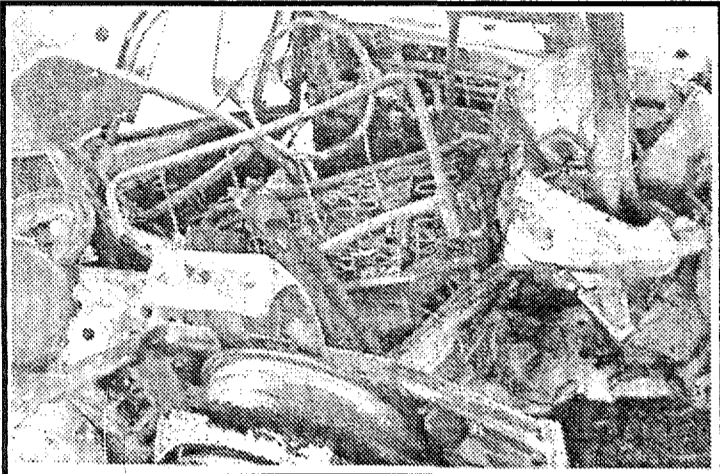
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New Durango is a winner for the customer

By Jerry Garrett
Copley News Service

When the Dodge Durango debuted in 1997, it was heavy, slow, cramped inside, handled rudely and got abysmal fuel mileage. But other than that ...

The Durango actually has been a relatively popular vehicle for Dodge and a modest sales success. As the lone sport utility vehicle in Chrysler's otherwise minivan-laden lineup, it filled a glaring gap.

For 2004, Dodge has redesigned the Durango and addressed its shortcomings in key areas, while offering new functionality in others.

So, the new Durango looks to be more of a win-win vehicle for the customer and the company.

The redesigned Durango, built in a refurbished plant in Newark, Del.,

comes on its own specific platform. It no longer shares much of anything with the mid-size Dakota pickup, upon which it was based originally.

Durango actually shares quite a lot of its mechanicals, such as suspension and brakes, with the full-size Ram pickup now.

It is 7 inches longer, 3 inches wider and rides on a wheelbase stretched 3 inches.

Dodge calls it a full-size SUV, although the midsize Ford Explorer is still considered its archrival. The Durango is actually 1 foot longer than the Explorer now, and specs up favorably in some key areas against large SUVs like Expedition.

The Durango starts with a stiff, hydro-formed, fully boxed frame. The frame ends are crushable, as on the Ram pickup redesign two years ago, and can be easily repaired without frame replacement.

Major components, such as the steering box, were moved behind the crush zones for added crash protection.

Rack and pinion steering and an independent front suspension, combined with the longer frame and wheelbase, give the Durango improved handling, stability and steering feel.

A new link-coil type rear suspension, with a Watts linkage system, helped improve not only towing stability and payload capacity, but also facilitated a needed lowering of the rear load floor for more interior room.

This is an area where the Explorer, with its new independent rear suspension, achieved considerable packaging flexibility, stability gains and, supposedly, industry-leading space for a third row of seats.

But both Durango and Explorer third-row seats offer 34 inches of legroom.

"We examined IRS designs," says Frank Klegon, truck design vice president. "But we found that we could save weight with our design, and still achieve our ride targets, with the link-coil setup.

"Our rear-wheel geometry is markedly better under load than with an IRS system, and that translates to a more settled trailer, and smoother han-

dling while towing."

The Durango's GVWR of 6,600 pounds, and towing capacity of 8,950, is a big advantage; Ford's patented "Hole in the Frame" IRS system limits the Explorer to a 5,880-pound GVWR and just a 7,000 towing capacity.

A revised engine lineup helps Durango achieve some of its impressive hauling numbers.

Big news is the availability of the lovely sounding Hemi V-8. The highly touted 5.7-liter power plant boasts 335 horsepower and 370 foot-pounds of torque. That's a 40 percent boost over the 5.9-liter Magnum it replaces.

And the Hemi gets better gas mileage, 14/19 mpg, will run on regular unleaded, although midgrade is recommended, and goes 0-60 in 8 seconds flat.

For the truly fuel-conscious, a 210-horse, 3.7-liter V-6 is also offered for the first time, as the base motor. Respectable fuel economy numbers, 16/21, almost compensate for the lost power.

The 4.7-liter Magnum V-8 is also carried over, but it is barely as powerful as the V-6, is heavier and gets worse gas mileage than the Hemi. So, we're not sure who would want it, although Dodge expects a 50 percent take rating on it.

For just \$895 more, guys, get a clue — get the Hemi.

A four-speed automatic comes mated to the V-6. A five-speed auto is standard with the V-8s. No manual transmission is offered.

Full-time four-wheel-drive is optional on the V-8s only, it knocks about 1 mpg off the highway fuel economy numbers.

Inside, the third-row-seat denizens will appreciate finally having enough room to feel, not to mention stretch, their legs. Rear-seat entertainment systems further occupy the occupants. And a sunroof can lighten up the environment for the first time.

Thanks to 3 more inches in width, a full load of seven passengers no longer feels quite so intimate, and cargo such as 4-by-8 sheets of plywood can load flat on the floor between the wheel housings.

Dodge deserves kudos for extending the available side curtain air bags

to cover all three rows of seats, not just the first two, as most competitors do.

No question, the Durango has a truck-like feel and stance. Styling cues were borrowed from the recent macho Power Box and Power Wagon concepts. But it also has a few minivan or Pacifica-style touches, such as a carlike bumper height and overhangs, a steeply raked windshield and sleek aerodynamics.

Very competitive pricing — \$26,565 base, \$38,875 loaded — has helped Durango get a running start since its November launch.

2004 Dodge Durango

Body style: Seven-passenger, body-on-frame, sport utility vehicle

Drive system: Rear-wheel or optional four-wheel-drive

Engine: 3.7-liter 12-valve SOHC V-6, optional, 4.7-liter 16-valve SOHC V-8 or 5.7-liter 16-valve pushrod Hemi V-8

Horsepower: 210 at 5,200 rpm, 4.7 V-8, 230 at 4,600; 5.7 V-8, 335 at 5,400

Torque: 235 foot-pounds at 4,000 rpm, 4.7 V-8, 290 at 3,600; 5.7 V-8, 370 at 4,200

Transmission: four-speed automatic; 5-speed automatic with V-8s

Acceleration: 0 to 60 mph, V-6, 10.2 seconds; 5.7 V-8, 9.1 seconds; Hemi, 8 seconds

EPA fuel economy estimates: 16 mpg city, 21 highway; 4.7 V-8 2WD, 14/19, 4WD, 14/18; 5.7 V-8 2WD, 14/19, 4WD, 13/18

Fuel capacity: 27 gallons

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Brakes: Four-wheel discs, with rear ABS

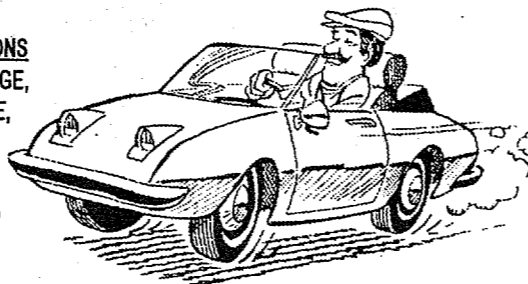
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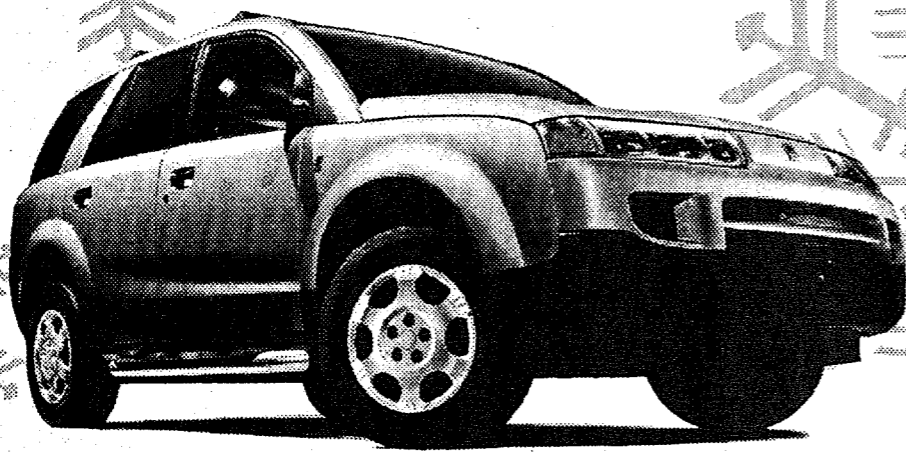
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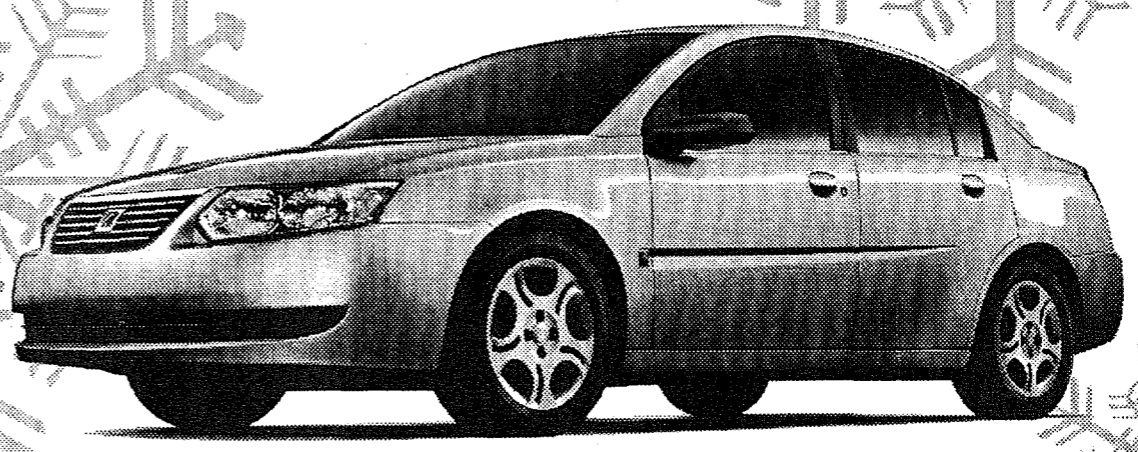


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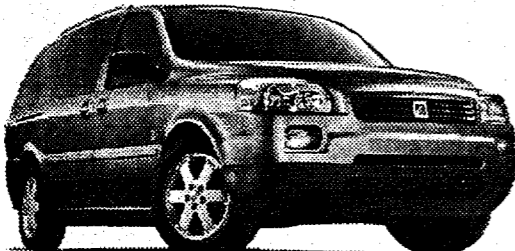
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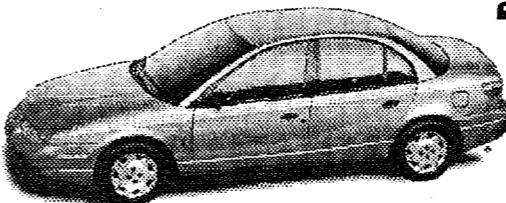
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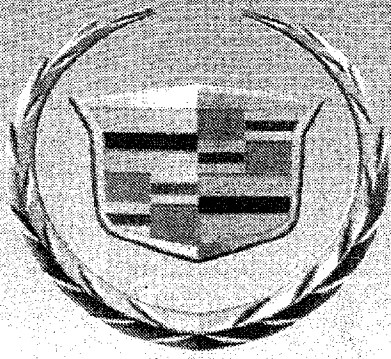
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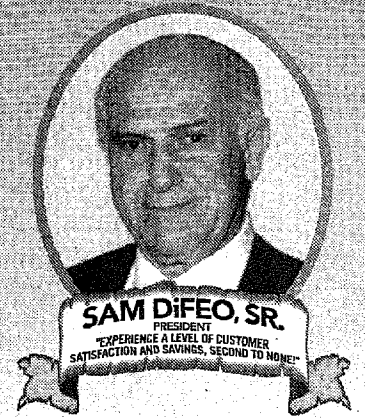
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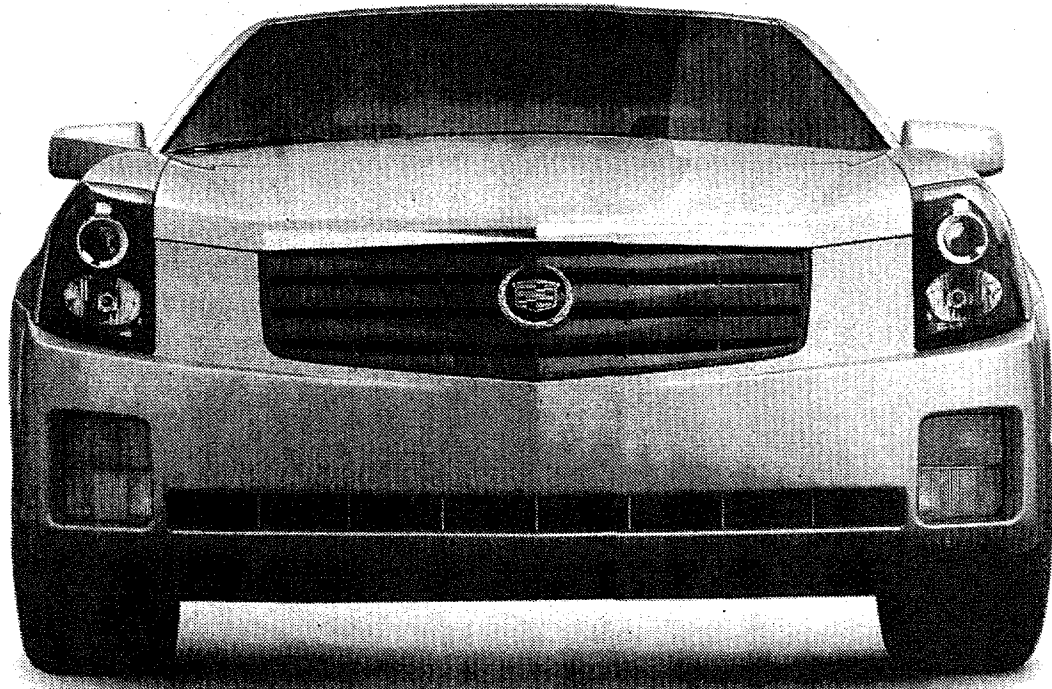
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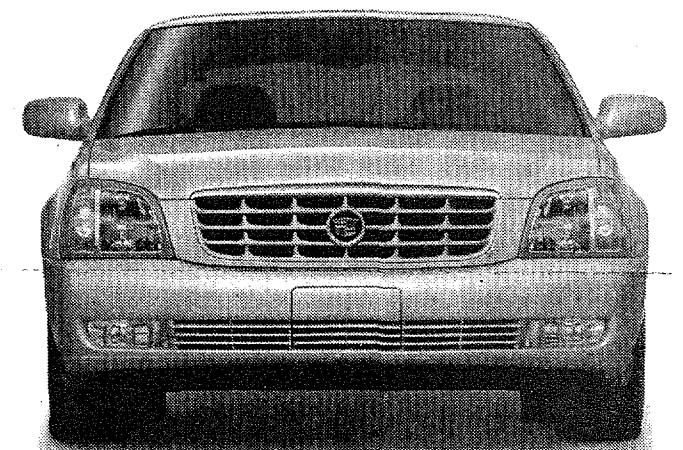
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\$17,391

2002 Cadillac Seville

Blue, 8 cyl, auto, air, pwr str/ABS/wind/seats/lcks/trunk/ant/mirrs, AM/FM stereo-cass, CD, tilt, cruise, r/def, lthr, s/b rads, conv spare, dual air bags, fog lts, 33,814 mi, Stk. #812769, VIN #2U162381.

\$24,992

2002 Cadillac Seville SLS

Black, 8 cyl, auto trans, air, pwr str/ABS/wind/seats/lcks/trunk/ant/mirrs, AM/FM stereo-cass, CD, tilt, cruise, r/def, alum whls, lthr int, s/b tires, int wip, dual air bags, 30,801 mi, Stk. #812770, VIN #2U140566.

\$24,992

2002 Cadillac DeVille

Blue, 8 cyl, auto, air, pwr str/ABS/wind/seats/lcks/trunk/ant/mirrs, AM/FM stereo-cass, CD, tilt, cruise, r/def, t/gls, lthr, s/b tires, int wip, alum whls, dual air bags, fog lts, 32,833 mi, Stk. #812760, VIN #2U296925.

\$26,992

2004 Cadillac CTS

Silver, 6 cyl, auto, air, pwr str/ABS, p/wind/seats/lcks/trunk/ant/mirrs, AM/FM stereo-cass, CD, tilt, cruise, r/def, t/gls, alum whls, lthr, rads, int wip, dual air bags, fog lts, 29,936 mi, Stk. #812706, VIN #30110641.

\$28,993

2003 Cadillac CTS

Red, 6 cyl, auto, air, pwr str/ABS, p/wind/seats/lcks/trunk/ant/mirrs, AM/FM stereo-cass, CD, tilt, cruise, r/def, t/gls, lthr int, rads, int wip, alum whls, dual air bags, 31,937 mi, Stk. #812707, VIN #30117709.

\$29,993

2004 Cadillac DeVille

Black, 8 cyl, auto trans, air, pwr str/ABS/wind/seats/lcks/trunk/ant/mirrs, AM/FM stereo-cass, CD, tilt, cruise, r/def, lthr int, s/b tires, int wip, alum whls, dual air bags, fog lts, 29,876 mi, Stk. #812762, VIN #4U247533.

\$30,994

2003 Cadillac DeVille DTS

Blue, 8 cyl, auto, air, pwr str/ABS, p/wind/seats/lcks/trunk/ant/mirrs, AM/FM stereo-cass, CD, tilt, cruise, r/def, lthr int, rads, int wip, alum whls, dual air bags, 29,430 mi, Stk. #812704, VIN #3U113640.

\$31,993

2002 Cadillac Escalade

Black, 8 cyl, auto trans, air, pwr str/ABS/wind/seats/lcks/trunk/ant/mirrs, AM/FM stereo-cass, CD, tilt, cruise, r/def, lthr, rads, alum whls, lugg rack, dual air bags, fog lts, 28,345 mi, Stk. #812763, VIN #2R114045.

\$38,992

2004 Cadillac SRX

Black, 6 cyl, auto, air, pwr str/ABS, p/wind/seats/lcks/trunk/ant/mirrs, AM/FM stereo-cass, CD, tilt, cruise, r/def, t/gls, lthr, rads, alum whls, lugg rack, dual air bags, fog lts, 3704 mi, Stk. #812714, VIN #50103877.

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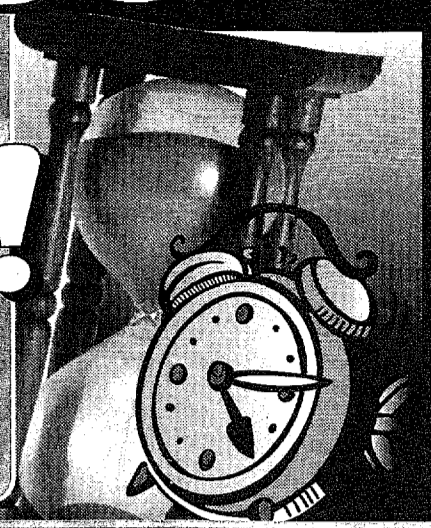
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<p>2002 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 8' BED 4X4 2 DR</p> <p>8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks, air, cd, 28,309 mi. Stk#40685. VIN#2E427054.</p> <p>\$18,830</p>	<p>2001 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LTD 4X4 4 DR</p> <p>8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/seats, air, cass/cd, leath, security sys, 38,304 mi. Stk#40843. VIN#1C601427.</p> <p>\$18,930</p>	<p>2002 DODGE DURANGO SLT PLUS 4X4 4 DR</p> <p>8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/seats, air, cass/cd, leath, security sys, 38,650 mi. Stk#40620. VIN#2A102461.</p> <p>\$19,330</p>	<p>2002 CHEVROLET TAHOE LS 4X4 4 DR</p> <p>8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/seats, air, cd, leath, security sys, 30,880 mi. Stk#40866. VIN#29121064.</p> <p>\$23,930</p>	<p>2001 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN LS 4X4 4 DR</p> <p>8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/seats, air, cd, leath, security sys, 28,304 mi. Stk#40843. VIN#29121063.</p> <p>\$24,930</p>	<p>2002 CHEVROLET AVALANCHE Z-71 4X4 4 DR REAR TV & DVD</p> <p>8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/seats, air, cass/cd, leath, security sys, 38,304 mi. Stk#40843. VIN#29121063.</p> <p>\$25,930</p>

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