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TWO SECTION

Special ed, utility costs drive up school bud

By David Krewson
Managing Editor

To close a \$200,000 deficit in the 2005-06 school budget, the Board of Education will raise school taxes another \$36 for the average home, due mainly to unanticipated special education and utility costs.

The move will bring the total tax increase in the proposed spending plan to \$84 for the average home in Clark, assessed at \$118,000, should the budget gain approval on April 19. The board sent a preliminary \$29.5 million budget to Union County

Superintendent of Schools Carmen Centuolo during Monday night's meeting.

The budget was supposed to be in Centuolo's office on March 8. However, a snowstorm that hit the region on March 8 resulted in the board canceling its meeting for that evening.

School Business Administrator William Takacs said Centuolo is expected to review and either approve or reject the preliminary budget before sending the spending plan back to the board.

Once the board receives approval from

Centuolo, a date can be set for the budget's public hearing, according to Takacs.

Takacs said the \$200,000 deficit resulted in the line item for current expenses in categories for special education — transportation and tuition and utilities.

He noted in utilities alone there was an unanticipated \$45,000 cost due to higher natural gas rates to heat the four district school buildings. The remainder was in the state-mandated costs for special education.

Takacs noted that the administration had to place \$638,000 into the line item for spe-

cial education for the 2005-06 school year.

"We knew special education transportation costs were going up due to the fact that they are unregulated," Takacs said.

Board member Wendy Griffin, who is chairwoman of the Finance Committee, said that the tentative budget calls for the possibility of eliminating two full-time teaching positions at Arthur L. Johnson High School and the elimination of one secretarial position at the Valley Road School due to a retirement.

Takacs said the possible elimination of the

two teaching positions at the high school is due to the gain of a sixth period stipend resulting from negotiations for a new teachers contract with the Clark Education Association.

Takacs said in the past, teachers would volunteer for the stipend, and because of the gain of a sixth period that will no longer be the case.

He noted that the budget includes \$1.1 million taken from budget surplus to meet the state cap requirements.

Clark resident, a Little League fan

By David Krewson
Managing Editor

Editor's note: This is part of a series about the people, places and events in Clark's history.

Ed Muchmore of Clark has children's baseball games in his memory book.

Clark Little League baseball to be exact.

Muchmore, a 42-year resident, brought a loosely organized boys' baseball organization in the township to Little League status.

"I took it to the Little League organization in Williamsport, Pa.," said Muchmore.

Little League is an international baseball organization for children and teenagers with an age range from 5 to 16 years.

Muchmore added by his filing the application and Clark being accepted into the organization he became Clark Little League's first director.

"I made that small organization of boys playing baseball games into a Little League," he said.

He noted at the time it was a small organization with approximately 150 boys playing baseball.

"I expanded it to approximately 750 kids through the Little League," said Muchmore.

He said he tried to make it more

organized and to follow the Little League rules.

Muchmore said that besides the sport of baseball with its pitching, fielding, hitting and catching, what was important to him was the pledge the boys, and now girls, who participated in Little League recited.

The Little League Pledge states in part:

"I trust in God, I love my country and will respect its laws, I will play fair and strive to win. But win or lose I will always do my best."

He said that pledge is what guides all of the youth who play Little League baseball.

He said he held monthly meetings with managers and umpires of all of the teams "trying to teach the managers and umpires" to instill in the children the meaning of the pledge. They recite:

"I was trying to teach the men who would teach the boys the values of the pledge, and that is why we joined the Little League organization in Williamsport," Muchmore said.

Muchmore said that while he was director, the teams played two games per week during a season.

Although Muchmore and his wife, Edith, have two sons, he said he wanted to be a "father" to all of the boys who played Little League baseball.

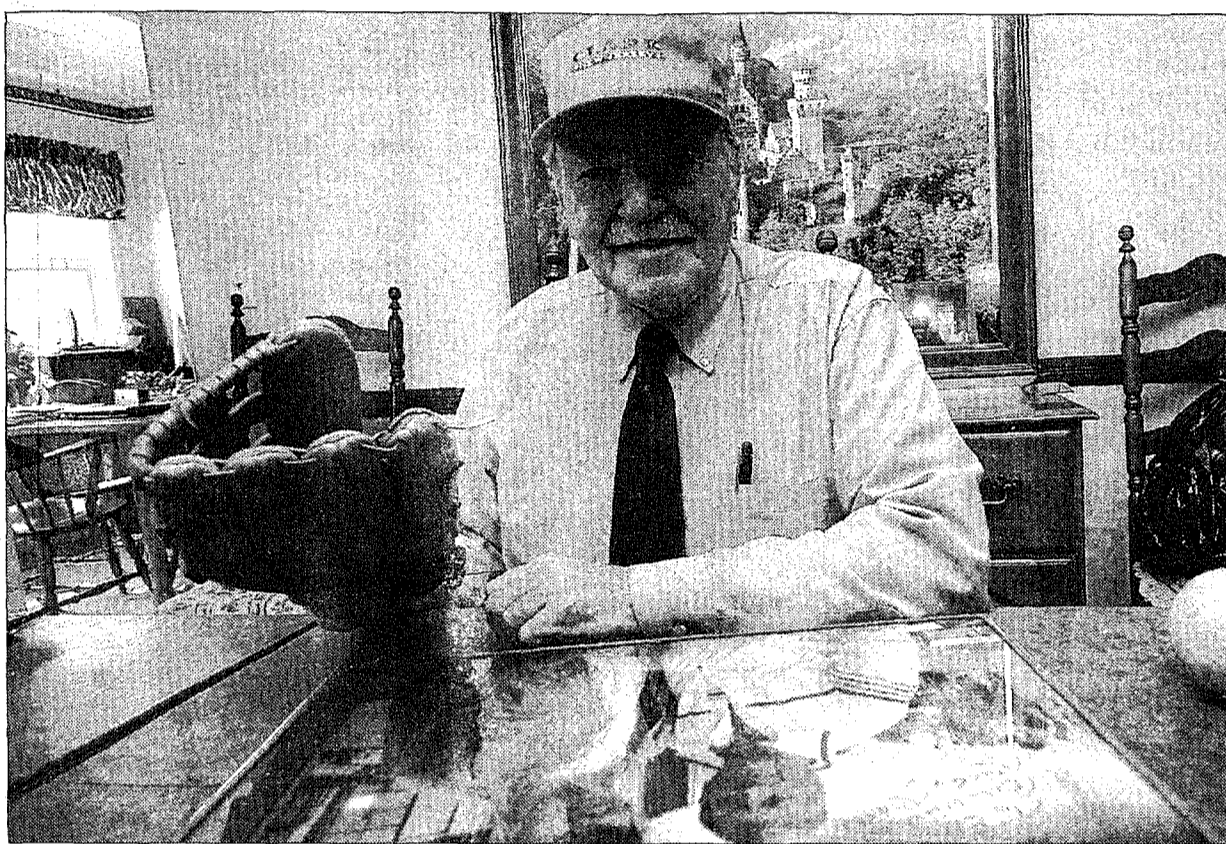


Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Ed Muchmore of Clark brought Little League status to a loosely organized boys' baseball team. He also was president of the Clark Community Pool.

Clark Little League baseball is for youth between 9 and 12 years of age.

Muchmore said he received permission from the district's school superintendent at the time to use three school fields for Little League games.

Although retired as Clark Little League's first director, his name will never be forgotten. The fieldhouse at Bosze Field where the Clark Little

League plays its home games today is named after him.

"While I was running it we never won the playoffs or advanced to the Little League World Series in Williamsport but we did play other teams," said Muchmore.

He noted that the eight seasons he was the Clark Little League's director the "goal" was to be in the World

Series. "It is a source of pride for me to be associated with the Little League organization," Muchmore said.

The Clark Little League now consists of major and minor divisions. There is an instructional program for 8-year-olds and Pee Wees.

One of the prized possessions that See MUCHMORE, Page 2

\$2M price tag for new park

Former farm to be completed in year

By David Krewson
Managing Editor

Union County officials met last week with representatives of the state Green Acres Program applying for a \$1 million matching grant for Peter J. Esposito Park.

The 13-acre park on Madison Hill Road was purchased in 2003 from the Esposito family, which operated a farm on the property for many years.

"The final design draft is to have a cost of \$2 million of which we are applying for a grant of \$1 million," said Union County Freeholder Angel Estrada. "Hopefully Green Acres will endorse the plan, and will make available a \$1 million grant toward that project."

Charles Sigmund, director of the county Department of Parks and Recreation, said at a departmental budget hearing of the Fiscal Affairs Committee that he met March 9 with T&M Associates and the project should go to public bid within two months. He said the county is waiting on certain permits from the DEP.

Esposito Park will likely be completed by spring 2006, Sigmund said, possibly by the end of this year.

State Department of Environmental Protection spokeswoman Erin Phalon said the county is seeking the Green Acres funds for a skateboard park, two tennis courts, and a softball field that can also be used for soccer.

"Some of the funding will be for landscaping, a restroom building, an access road, parking lot, a tribute to the Esposito family and a memorial garden in memory of the Esposito family," she said.

Other amenities will include a bandstand, picnic area, a half-mile walking path, a fitness station and K-9 Sept. 11 memorial.

The plan for the park also calls for screening the park by creating a six-foot high berm along Madison Hill Road. Entry would be from Madison Hill Road to a 70-space parking lot.

Originally the DeCamp farm, it was acquired in 1913 by Anniello Esposito, according to "Clark: Images of America" book by Township Historian and 4th Ward Councilman Brian Toal.

Toal wrote that Anniello transformed the farm into a vegetable farm.

The farm survived until the death of Peter Esposito on May 20, 2001.

The county acquired the property for \$5.4 million from the Esposito family in 2003 through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, a dedicated property tax of \$0.15 per \$100 of assessed value.

Voters in 2000 approved the creation of the county Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund by a 60-40 margin.

The fund raises about \$7 million annually. The county's original goal was to acquire 100 acres within 10 years, which already had been accomplished.

Union County also has acquired the 63-acre former New Jersey-American Water Co. property in Summit, 5 acres near the YMHA of Union County in Union, the Ponderosa farm in Scotch Plains and most recently, the Pederson farm in Plainfield and more than a dozen acres in Berkeley Heights.

Superintendent succumbs to brain cancer

By David Krewson
Managing Editor

Superintendent of Schools Glenn A. Tillou, 57, died March 10 after undergoing surgery for brain cancer at JFK Medical Center, Edison.

"Mr. Tillou had only been our superintendent for nine months, and when he was hired, the board was in the midst of negotiations with a teachers' contract and he was presented with four schools that were in dire need of repair," board President James Rooney said.

Rooney added that Tillou also faced a policy manual that was severe-

ly outdated, and a 2004-05 budget that had increased local property school taxes by nearly 11 percent.

Since that time, Rooney said, "the teacher contract has been settled and there are new windows in our four schools and school roof's have been repaired."

He added that under Tillou's tenure, the board, through his recommendation, hired a firm to update the district's policy manuals.

Rooney said Tillou presented the board with a 2005-06 budget that increases local property taxes by eight tax points.

"Mr. Tillou was able to accomplish this while dealing with his health problems," said Rooney.

Rooney added that although he only knew Tillou for a short period of time he found him to "be a sincere and hardworking superintendent."

Board member Jessica Kinsella was surprised upon hearing news of the superintendent's death last week.

"I was saddened by the news," Kinsella said.

"As a superintendent I found him to be professional and upon first meeting him I found him to be very positive with a lot of positive ideas about

the school district," Kinsella said.

"He always met with me when I showed up to discuss something with him — frequently he was a decent sounding board," Kinsella said.

Although Kinsella's own board term began in April and Tillou wasn't hired until July she got to know him through the interview



Tillou

process for a new superintendent.

"Last June I was very much looking forward to three very successful years with him and it is unfortunate he was unable to carry out his vision that he brought to the district when was hired," Kinsella said.

Before taking the helm of the Clark School District, Tillou was superintendent of schools for Union County. He was also interim county superintendent of schools for Middlesex and Monmouth counties. Before that he was business administrator for the Wood-Ridge school system. He served

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Irish eyes are smiling



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

A contingent of students from Mother Seton Regional High School march and throw candy to spectators along the parade route during the ninth annual Union County St. Patrick's Day parade in Union on Saturday. For more photos, see Page B1.

Revenue cuts budget tax hike

By David Krewson
Managing Editor

The township received some good news last week in the form of a \$70,000 homeland security grant which reduces the proposed 13-cent municipal tax rate per \$100 of assessed value by 1 cent.

The Township Council amended the budget to reflect the new \$1.64 municipal tax rate per \$100 of assessed value, up from last year's \$1.52 rate.

Township Administrator John Laezza said the money is federal homeland security funds which are distributed through the state.

Mayor Sal Bonaccorso, the governing body and Laezza were scheduled to present details of the \$17.8-million 2005 municipal budget to residents last night.

Laezza noted that the council holds an informal budget presentation every year to give residents ample opportunities to learn the details of the budget.

The budget's public hearing is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday night in Council Chambers in the Public Safety building, 315 Westfield Ave.

The council introduced the 2005 budget on Feb. 22 with a 13-cent

increase in the tax rate.

At that time, a home assessed at \$100,000 would experience a municipal tax increase of \$130. The new revenue would mean a tax hike of about \$120 for a home assessed at \$100,000.

For the average home, assessed at \$118,000, the tax rate would equal a municipal tax increase of about \$142 over last year.

Bonaccorso said that the tax rate could change between the time of the budget's introduction to its adoption.

The largest increase in the budget is \$124,472 in dues to the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.

The second-largest increase in the budget is in the line item for police salaries and wages which is up \$121,338 from \$3,452,362 in 2004 to \$3,573,700 in 2005.

The line item amount for recreation salaries and wages increased \$24,000 from \$92,740 in 2004 to \$116,740 in 2005.

Another large increase was in the line item for senior citizens in other expenses category which rose from \$16,200 in 2004 to \$26,200 in 2005, a \$10,000 increase.

Other increases in the proposed budget are due to costs of pensions.

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Muchmore, a community leader

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Muchmore owns in his Dorset Drive home is a picture of his son, Edward Jr., standing next to New York Yankee outfielder Mickey Mantle. The photograph is autographed by Mantle.

Muchmore said he used to go to Yankee Stadium many times to see Mantle play in the 1950s and 1960s.

The Little League wasn't the only township organization Muchmore was involved in.

He was president of the Clark Community Pool for many years.

"We have a beautiful pool on Oak Ridge Road and it was paid off over a 10-year period and deeded to the town for \$1," said Muchmore.

He said it is "expense-free to the residents of the town."

Muchmore said he enjoyed his time as the pool's president and has many wonderful memories of summers at the pool.

Muchmore moved to Clark in October 1963 from

Wood-Ridge in Bergen County. "My wife and I both came from that town," said Muchmore.

The couple chose Clark because the municipality was in the 15-mile radius of where Muchmore was working at the time as an electrical engineer in Perth Amboy.

"I drew a circle on a map of New Jersey around Perth Amboy, and we chose Clark," said Muchmore.

He noted that when he and his wife moved to Clark the township's population was approximately 8,000 residents. "Now Clark has a population of 15,000 residents," said Muchmore.

The "town has really grown" in the years that he and his wife moved to the township.

Muchmore, 77, is a member and elder of Osceola Presbyterian Church and former church trustee.

"I'm just an ordinary guy who loves the people of Clark, and the children here who might grow up to be the leaders of the nation."

Tillou, a true gentleman, dies

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in that capacity for that Bergen County district from 1996 to 1998.

Tillou had a long career in the business world. He worked for Lee Filter, Sandvik Steel, Wilkinson Sword and General Motors. He then went on to a career in banking as a systems specialist for Citibank, New York City, and City Federal and Hansen Savings banks, and was an administrative liaison with B.E.I Ritz, South Plainfield.

A 1970 graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University, Tillou earned a bachelor's degree in management before going on to earn a master's degree in economics in 1973 from Seton Hall University, South Orange, after completing a dissertation on equity in school funding.

He was a member of the Union County Association of School Administrators, Union County Alliance, Crime Stoppers, Workforce Investment Board, Human Relations Commission, Department of Human Services, and the Interagency Coordinating Council.

Tillou was also a member of the Division of Youth and Family Service, Child Protection Council, Youth Service

Commission, Case Assessment Resource Team, Juvenile Officers Association, the Parent-Teacher Association, the New Jersey School Board Association, Professional Development Board and the Anti-Bullying Coalition.

He was a member of the state Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, Homeland Security, the Union County College Board of Trustees, the Union County Vocational-Technical School Board, the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, the School Masters Association of New Jersey and the Anchor Lodge F&AM, Plainfield.

In December, Tillou received the "Union County Voice" People of the Year Award and in April, was the recipient of an award based upon his contributions for education against bullying and harassment.

Among Tillou's hobbies was gardening. He was a master gardener for the State of New Jersey and was treasurer of Friends of the Rutgers Gardens.

Born in Newark, he lived in South Plainfield for more than 50 years.

Surviving are his wife, Sharon Tillou and his mother, E. Marjorie Tillou.

AT THE LIBRARY

Library now has several foreign language books

The Rahway Public Library announced that, through a cooperative borrowing agreement with Newark Public Library, a selection of foreign language books is available for patrons to borrow.

Languages currently available include Korean, Spanish, Haitian-Creole, Gujarati, Hindi, and Polish. Patrons must have a library card in order to check out materials from the library; cards may be acquired at the circulation desk.

For more information call the reference desk at 732-340-1551 ext. 224 or 212.

The Rahway Public Library is located at 2 City Hall Plaza, behind the police station.

Learn basic Internet, computer skills

Rahway Free Public Library, 2 City Hall Plaza, offers free computer classes. Current classes include Intro to the

Computer, Intro to the Internet, Intro to Word Processing and Intro to E-mail.

For dates and times, call the Reference Department at 732-340-1551.

Registration is required. You must be a resident of Rahway or Clark to attend.

Contact librarians

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

Library Director Maureen Baker Wilkinson can be reached at mbwilkinson@clarklibrary.org

Youth Services librarian Kathy Perocco can be reached at kperocco@clarklibrary.org

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

Wireless Internet

Rahway Free Public Library is offering a wireless hot spot.

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

There is no charge for access.

Clark residents have full access to the Rahway library's programs, resources and staff while the Clark library is under construction.

The wireless network is firewalled from the existing library network to maintain security.

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

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

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

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

EVENTS

Decker to perform concert at church

Daniel Decker, internationally renowned gospel artist, will perform a free concert on Palm Sunday, at 10 a.m. at the Union County Baptist Church, 4 Valley Road at the traffic circle at Exit 135 at the Garden State Parkway.

When asked if his music is traditional or contemporary, Decker answered "yes!" As a pastor and minister of music, Decker said it is possible to preserve the traditions of the great hymns of faith and yet embrace modern forms of Christian music.

Through his music, Decker has achieved a blend that successfully

reaches diverse age groups. He has performed overseas in Armenia for a national event, broadcast live, which is amazing for a country that was previously under Communist rule. Decker said he feels a responsibility to his audience, that he not simply sing or entertain. He said he is committed to challenging them, as well as laying out the principles or worship.

The concert is free. For more information, call the Union County Baptist Church office at 732-574-1479.

Boardwalk Weekend at St. Agnes next month

Beginning April 15, Walk the Boardwalk will be at St. Agnes Roman

Catholic Church, 332 Madison Hill Road.

St. Agnes will host its annual Boardwalk Weekend, with games of chance, prizes, raffles and food.

Festivities begin April 15 from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

The weekend activities continue on Saturday, April 16 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. and on April 17 from 1 to 6 p.m.

All interested persons are invited to attend this annual activity that draws hundreds of people from the region.

For more information on the festivities, call the St. Agnes Rectory at 732-388-7852, or via e-mail at StAgnesChurch@comcast.net.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Today

The Hyatt Hills Golf Commission on Raritan Road will meet the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

The Clark Health Department in conjunction with Multi-care of Clark will offer free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings for residents from 11 a.m. to noon in the Charles Brewer Municipal Building cafeteria, 430 Westfield Ave. A two-hour fast is required for blood sugar screening.

For more information, call Nancy Raymond, health officer, at 732-388-3600, ext. 3045.

The Clark senior monthly meeting will be at 1 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Senior Center in the Charles Brewer Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave. Guest speaker will be Nina Sadry, a certified therapeutic touch practitioner, who will discuss "Learn how to live disease-free...Be responsible for your own wellness." Refreshments will be available.

For more information, call Phyllis at 732-382-7134.

The Professional and Business Singles Network will hold a grand opening after work social St. Patrick's Day celebration from 5:30 to 9 p.m. in the Valley Mill Pub in the Crowne Plaza, 36 Valley Road. Admission costs \$10. Cash bar, complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

For more information, call Ralph at 1-888-348-5544.

Monday

The Township Council will hold its regular meeting at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers behind the Police Department building, 430 Westfield Ave.

Tuesday

The Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Arthur L. Johnson High School, 365 Westfield Ave.

Residents are invited to a free presentation at 7:30 p.m. at Osceola Presbyterian Church, 1689 Raritan Road, where guest speaker Cory Storch, executive director of Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services in Elizabeth, will talk about psychiatric programs offered at Bridgeway. His talk, entitled "Best Practices," will focus on a progress review of the agency's best practices, which are aimed at improving its ability to help those with mental illness to reach their goals.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, or in case of inclement weather, call 908-233-1628.

Wednesday

The Board of the Clark Public Library at 7:30 p.m. in Room 16 of the Charles Brewer Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave.

Sunday

Daniel Decker, internationally renowned gospel artist, will perform a concert at 10 a.m. at Union County Baptist Church, 4 Valley Road.

For more information, call 732-574-1479.

Upcoming

March 28

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 8 p.m. Room 16 of the Charles Brewer Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave.

April 6

The Clark Environmental Commission will meet in Room 16 of the Brewer Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave., at 8 p.m.

Education fund awards two grants to teachers

By David Krewson
Managing Editor

At last month's school board meeting, Natalie Belverio, president of the Clark Education Fund, presented an Arthur L. Johnson High School nurse and a Valley Road School kindergarten teacher with \$500 grants.

One \$500 grant was presented to Adrienne Dubitsky-Norris, a kindergarten teacher at Valley Road School for her Enhancement to Letter People Program.

"I feel very fortunate we were able to apply for the grant," she said.

Dubitsky-Norris said that in September the kindergarten classes at Valley Road School implemented the new Letter People Program.

"The Clark Education Fund enabled us to enhance our program by adding the 'big books' collection.

While reading the big books the children acquire reading skills that will enable them to be ready to enter the first grade.

Dubitsky-Norris said she was "thrilled" to receive the Clark Education Fund grant.

She said she hopes to apply for another Clark Education Fund grant in the near future.

The second \$500 grant recipient

was June Curti, a nurse at Arthur L. Johnson High School.

The grant will be used to purchase manuals and materials to teach cardio pulmonary resuscitation to ALJ students.

Curti said the school received 100 instructional booklets on how to perform CPR.

"This course will begin this month with a date to be determined," Curti said.

In addition to the booklets, the school received an instructional video and resuscitation mannikin.

Basic Life Support Instructor Anita Whiting of Robert Wood Johnson Hospital at Rahway will be the course instructor.

"With the availability of the grant from the Clark Education Fund, we are now able to offer this valuable course," Curti said.

According to Jill Curran, secretary to Advocates for a Better Clark, the Clark Education Fund, will hold another in a series of fund-raisers on April 15.

Curran said it will be a wine tasting event and will be from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Gran Centurions, 440 Madison Hill Road.

Ticket prices are \$35 per person with the proceeds benefiting the Clark Education Fund.

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Getting into Habit(at) of volunteering

Sometimes a habit slips into becoming a way of life.

Volunteering, an activity that has an addictive lure, spans cultural and age barriers.

For teens, volunteering can mean doing something different from the daily grind of schoolwork. Karen Koch, a senior at Arthur L. Johnson High School, for example, keeps volunteering for Greater Plainfield Habitat for Humanity because it draws her like a magnet.

"I love Habitat," she said on a recent Saturday where she was working at the Rock Avenue and West Third Avenue Habitat site in Plainfield. Co-president of the Key Club, a service club at the high school in Clark, Koch helps organize her classmates to volunteer a Saturday of their time every fall and spring.

Her fellow Key Club officer, Treasurer Samantha Stillman, agrees that Habitat is a unique way to help other people. When you are here "you learn how to do so many different things," she said.

The list of "things" these seniors and other teens have done with the Plainfield volunteer group ranges from cleaning up yards, planting bushes, painting, spackling, moving sheet rock and installing kitchen cabinets.

Donna Roglieri of Clark got involved this year in a roundabout way. She was there recently as the ALJ Key Club's adult chaperone and

driver of her son, Bobby, who is the club's co-secretary.

"I'm happy to do it," she explained as she sealed one of the newly installed windows with foam.

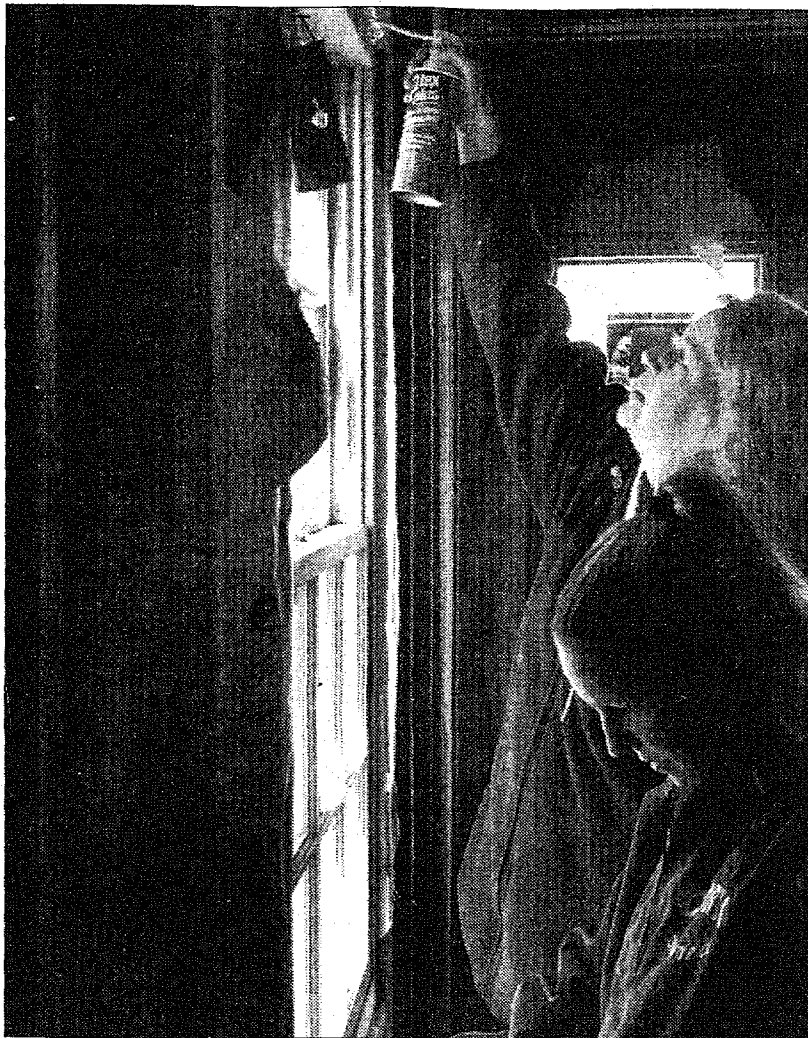
The teens, who must be 14 or older, need an adult supervisor with them at all times on the worksite and must have parents sign a waiver to be able to participate.

A trio of adult family members were there with the teens at the site on the blustery cold March Saturday. Joseph Quaye and his wife Alberta Broderick-Quaye of Plainfield have been volunteering with Habitat for quite a while.

"I knew about Habitat and helped there with them in Ghana seven years ago," said Quaye. He, his wife and male cousin just feel the need to do something for the community. That's why they come out on a Saturday to volunteer.

From West Africa to West Third Avenue in Plainfield, volunteers are always needed at Habitat for Humanity.

According to president of the Plainfield area organization, Al Yoshimura, the work on the two projects in Plainfield has been hampered this winter by the snow conditions. "We are falling a little behind both here at this location (Rock Avenue) and St. Mary's Street and can always use more hands to help with the work," said Yoshimura.



Plainfield residents Kangmi-Teyi Dsui, left, and Joseph Quaye and his wife Alberta Broderick-Quaye, right, reposition lumber on their Saturday Habitat for Humanity volunteer day. Quaye said he worked on Habitat houses in Ghana, West Africa when he lived there seven years ago.

Anyone interested in learning more about the work the group is doing should call the Plainfield office during office hours.

Motor vehicle stop leads to DWI arrest

POLICE BLOTTER

Brian Bartkus, 42, of Lupine Way was arrested for driving while intoxicated on Friday. Bartkus was arrested following a routine motor vehicle stop in the vicinity of Kathryn Street. He was subsequently turned over to the Union County Sheriff's Office.

Tracey Johnson, 28, of Irvington was arrested on an outstanding warrant for contempt of court for motor vehicle violations totaling \$298 on Monday. She was released after posting bail.

Police responded to a report of criminal mischief to a motor vehicle parked on Central Avenue on Monday. The incident is under investigation.

Anthony Spalliero, 18, of Ross Street was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Roselle Park for contempt of court of motor vehicle violations totaling \$140 on Sunday. He was subsequently released after posting bail.

Police responded to a report of criminal mischief to a vehicle parked at a Dorset Drive residence on Sunday. The incident is under investigation.

Police responded to a report of criminal mischief at a Meadow Road residence on Sunday. The incident is under investigation.

Police responded to a report of a

theft in the 500 block of Valley Road on Saturday. The incident is under investigation.

Police responded to a report of a theft from a motor vehicle parked in the lot of the Rite-Aid Pharmacy, Central Avenue on March 10. The incident is under investigation.

Police responded to a report of criminal mischief to a Hawthorne Drive residence on March 9. The incident is under investigation.

Police responded to a report of a theft from a business along the 100 block of Westfield Ave on March 8. The incident is under investigation.

Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a report of smoke emitting from a residence on Wendell Place on March 8. On arrival, the scene was turned over to the Fire Department who determined that a faulty oil burner was the source.

Gary D. Perrine, 51, of Brick Township was arrested at the Brick Township Police Department on an outstanding warrant for contempt of court motor vehicle violation totaling \$4,680. He was transported to Union County Jail in Elizabeth.

Odor of gas reported at Gibson Blvd. home

FIRE BLOTTER

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Gibson Boulevard residence for a report of an odor of gas in the basement of the residence at 8:18 p.m. on Sunday.

An investigation determined that a propane gas cylinder attached to a backyard barbecue was leaking and the vapor had entered the residence. The source of the leaking gas was secured and the house was ventilated to remove the propane gas fumes.

Union County Mutual Aid requested one engine company to respond to Linden to provide fire protection services while Linden's crews were busy with a structure fire at 4:40 p.m. on Saturday.

While en route, the engine company was redirected to the fire scene to function as a Firefighter Assist and Search Team.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Jupiter Street residence for an automatic fire alarm activation at 3:27 a.m. on Saturday.

An investigation determined that a smoke detector was activated for no apparent reason. The fire alarm system was reset.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Hutchinson Street residence for a report of a loud exploding noise emanating from the furnace in the residence at 3:05 p.m. on Friday. Upon arrival, the gas supply to the furnace was secured and the gas company responded to the scene to make any necessary repairs.

The Fire Department responded to the area of Central Avenue and Raritan Road for a report of an odor of gas at 11:07 p.m. on March 9. An investigation determined that the odor of gasoline was caused by a delivery to a gasoline station.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Wendell Place residence for a report of smoke coming from the basement at 5:35 a.m. on March 8.

An investigation determined that the source of the smoke was an oil furnace. The smoke was ventilated from the residence and the homeowners were advised not to turn the furnace back on until repairs were made by the service company.

The Fire Department was dispatched to a Winthrop Road residence for a report of gasoline leaking from an automobile at 9:32 p.m. on March 7. An absorbent was applied to the gasoline in the roadway and the vehicle was removed for repairs.

The Fire Department was dispatched to the area of Lake Avenue for a report of an odor of natural gas at 12:51 p.m. on March 7.

Pianist featured at annual lecture

The annual Sol Sern Memorial Lecture will take place Sunday at 8 pm at Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah, 111 Valley Road, featuring Fred Miller, pianist, singer and narrator in a program of Jewish songwriters of the American musical stage, from Irving Berlin to Rodgers and Hart.

The evening commemorates the contribution of Jewish musical artists to the Broadway stage.

Miller founded Silver Dollar Productions in 1987. He has produced, directed, arranged and performed operetta, drama, and dozens of original cabaret and concert productions; the songbook series showcasing nearly every major Broadway and Hollywood composer and lyricist.

Miller studied piano with Ralph Berkowitz, former dean of Tanglewood and accompanist for 20 years to the great cellist Piatogorsky. He studied acting for two years with stage and film legend Geraldine Page and vocal performance with Tony award winner Helen Gallagher.

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

Dr. Seuss visits Valley Road School



Councilwoman At-large Sheila Whiting reads to Adrienne Dubitsky's afternoon kindergarten class at Valley Road School to celebrate Dr. Seuss Day on March 2. Each class was read to by a special guest reader from the community. The children concluded their reading program 'Elect to Read' with an assembly and a special visit from Uncle Sam.

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Arena Sports Connexion is their retail showroom which they opened in March of 2001. Carrick said that their main focus is to provide retail products that compliment their wholesale business. Arena offers a wide assortment of sporting goods, accessories, uniforms, cleats, sandals, and sports apparel in both youth and adult sizes.

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EDITORIALS

Roll out the welcome mat

A battle of sorts is being waged between U.S. Attorney Christopher Christie and New Jersey Attorney General Peter Harvey as a result of the number of corruption arrests and indictments the U.S. Attorney has made in New Jersey versus the number brought forth by the state attorney general.

The battle, so to speak, is really based on comments made by legislators who feel either Christie has a direct focus on corruption or that Harvey needs to review what his office is doing to fight corruption. Neither man really needs a defense.

Clearly, Christie has a knack for rooting out corruption in our state. According to a published document, the number of people charged or convicted with public corruption between 2002 and 2004 in our state is 164, 88 recorded by our state attorney general and 76 by the U.S. Attorney. While the state attorney general has recorded more, the difference is a mere 12 people who have been charged with or convicted of public corruption during that time.

There's very little difference in numbers in this area, and this is not to condemn the New Jersey attorney general. Unfortunately, "Corruption and New Jersey: Perfect Together," could become our state's slogan because of how rampant it's become among our elected officials and government employees.

We don't believe anyone is trying to disparage New Jersey Attorney General Harvey because U.S. Attorney Christie is making perhaps a more profound mark in the state. Both positions have their priorities, but how great it would be if the two men found a way to combine their efforts and worked together for the better cause. We would certainly roll out the welcome mat for both men if they wanted to spend some time in Essex and Union counties.

Tillou, a gentleman

Superintendent of Schools Glenn A. Tillou died suddenly March 10.

Tillou brought a breath of fresh air into the Clark school system with his style of openness and his hands-on approach to the job. He was courteous to parents, residents and board members during Board of Education meetings. As the board had some contentious meetings last year, Tillou brought calm. His soft manner and tone of voice was soothing and he guided the school board through the long negotiations for a new contract with the Clark Education Association.

Tillou brought competence and expertise in financial matters. He had the educational background, majoring in economics at two colleges he had graduated from in the 1970s. His expertise in economics was welcome, especially in formulating a school budget that would not increase school taxes as much as it had been in past years.

One of the things Tillou started was recognizing students who had achieved accomplishments in a public setting. Students were recognized for their individual achievements during board meetings.

We hope so too. Recognizing district students in a public forum such as a board meeting for the good and positive things they do in their school is definitely worthwhile, and Tillou should be given the credit for starting this.

Board meetings are televised in Clark, and through Tillou's persistence, parents, brothers and sisters, grandparents and friends who might not be able to attend meetings will see the students being recognized.

Tillou also brought strong credentials to this district, including his stint as Union County superintendent of schools.

At Arthur L. Johnson High School, Tillou interacted with the student body as much as he could. He walked the high school's corridors talking with students as they moved from one class to another or when they began classes for the day or at regular class dismissal at the end of the school day.

Principal Robert Taylor said Tillou exuded confidence, and was a good role model of leadership.

The staff member said that although Tillou was superintendent of schools for a short period of time, he had a tremendous, positive impact in the district.

Tillou will be missed, and the district and community has suffered a loss. We hope as time moves forward, Glenn Tillou will be remembered as a gentleman who came along at the right time for the Clark School District.

To the Clark School District, we express our condolences on the death of a kind man.

"The more a government chooses to provide information to its citizens on a 'need to know' basis, the more citizens probably need to know what their government is up to."

— Editorial
Detroit Free Press
2002



READ, READ — Students in grades two through five select their books at St. John the Apostle School's annual Scholastic Book Fair in Clark. Students in grades pre-K through eight were given the opportunity to visit the book fair which is run by volunteer parents.

When electric cars were a brand new invention

In going over some of the files the other day, some interesting items appeared in a small magazine that brought back memories of years ago. There was a picture of an automobile from the early 1920s that reminded us of a car we used to see on Morris Avenue near Orchard Street in Elizabethtown.

This car was similar to many cars of that period. It was painted black, was enclosed with just one door on each side and had glass windows instead of isinglass. The steering wheel was on the right hand side of the box-like body that had compartments, both in the front and rear.

This little car might be quite popular today, for instead of a gasoline engine, one of those compartments contained an electric motor and the other held the several batteries that provided the power for that motor. In motion the car was very quiet, but not very fast, and the neighborhood children could outrun it for a short distance.

Flipping through the pages revealed a photo of a competitor's automobile that was very different from that electric vehicle. This was what we used to call a touring car, with a canvas roof that could be folded back to nestle over the rear end of the car, so that the several passengers of this four-door beauty could enjoy all of the breeze that was stirred up as they drove along the road.

The Way It Was

By William Frolich

This car had electric headlights, an improvement over the Prestolight Gas System still used at that time by some of the older vehicles.

There were no bumpers on either end of this car and the only parts of it that projected were the elliptical ends of the heavy flat steel springs that connected the body of the car to the axles and wheels. Visible in the photo are the six lugs that clamped the split rims of the tires to the spoked wheels.

Those old-style split rims were no fun if a motorist happened to have a blowout on the road and no spare tire to replace it. The tires had inner tubes in those days and it was necessary to compress the split rim in order to pull out the tube in order to patch the hole in it.

A very well-equipped motorist carried in his tool kit a mechanical rim compressor that could squeeze the rim enough so that the tube could be withdrawn, but while it was possible to squeeze the rim using just a pair of tire irons, it was a much more difficult task.

Gasoline stations were different in those days also, with some dealers having five or six pumps, each dis-

pensing a different brand of gas. They were all hand-operated then and a crank was used to draw the gasoline up from an underground tank into a glass container on the top of the pump.

A gauge showed how many gallons were in the container, and then a valve on the hose allowed the gas to flow into the car's fuel tank.

Another item was an advertisement for an electric company that informed the public about some of the new and useful devices that were available for those houses that were wired for electricity.

It was now possible to have an electrician replace your single outlet wall socket with a duplex unit, thus allowing you to plug in two appliances at the same time. You could also replace a screw-in light bulb with a screw-in adapter that could not only accept the bulb, but also the two-pronged plugs of two other accessories.

A further convenience for the home owner was a new transformer that could be wired directly into the electrical circuit of the house and would provide the necessary power for the front door bell.

This transformer would replace the two large dry cells that were commonly used to make the electric doorbell ring at the touch of a button. Those dry cells had the annoying habit of going dead just at a very inconvenient time, leaving a visitor waiting at the door. In

some cases, this visitor might be able to resort to old-fashioned mechanical door bell that was still installed in the door.

Another advertisement was designed to catch the eye of whomever was to do the laundry in the house. This was an ad for an electrically powered clothes washing machine that was supposed to wash clothes cleaner than any other, as it had a sediment trap that caught the dirt as it was removed from the clothes.

The machine had a perforated, round drum, mounted horizontally within a round-bottomed tank that contained the soapy water. As the drum was rotated, the clothes inside were lifted and dropped into the water, in much the same way the washing would have been done by hand. Theoretically, the dirt fell into the trap at the bottom of the tank and, therefore, the wash water was cleaner and so were the clothes.

This marvelous invention had a power-driven wringer mounted above and to one side of the tank, so that as the clean clothes were taken from the drum, the water could be squeezed from them and then rinsed in clear water in the laundry wash tubs. It was still a lot of work, but it was better than beating the clothes on a rock at the edge of a nearby brook.

William Frolich is president of the Union County Historical Society.

Should the United States mind its own business?

There has been a great deal of misconception among those in the press, in politics and elsewhere concerning a noninterventionist foreign policy.

These individuals claim that noninterventionism is nothing more than a fancy word for isolationism. It is nothing of the sort. Isolationists seek alliances with no other nations, whereas noninterventionists seek temporary alliances in case of emergencies such as war. Noninterventionism is the policy of not getting involved in the quarrels of other nations. That a government should seek peace, free trade, open markets with all and not get involved in the disputes of other countries.

It is also the belief that if a nation should ever enter into a war, it must do so when a) it is attacked, and b) when its vital and national interests are at stake.

Noninterventionism was the foreign policy of the United States for 109 years. All this changed in 1898, when then-President William McKinley annexed the Philippines, got involved in the Spanish-American war in Cuba and got the United States involved also in Hawaii, then not a state. Since then, the United States has followed an interventionist foreign policy line.

Throughout the 20th century, the United States had involved itself in conflicts that many noninterventionists believe have not been in America's interests.

The examples they cite are World War I, the Korean War, the Vietnam

Point of View

By Alex Pugliese

War, the first Gulf War, Liberia, Lebanon, Haiti, Bosnia, Panama and Grenada. Some non-interventionist such as Alan Colmes, Pat Buchanan, Congressman Ron Paul, R-Texas, Joseph Sobran and columnist Robert Novak claim that the present war in Iraq is not in the United States' best interests, however, I disagree.

They have also claimed that, because of these conflicts, the United States has overextended its armed forces all over the globe. They point out, for example, that there are 40,005 troops in Japan, 75,603 troops in Germany, 11,801 troops in Great Britain, including an enormous concentration of troops in 137 other countries where there is no threat to United States interests.

They also claim that, since the United States has signed multilateral and bilateral agreements, it has put itself on a permanent war footing for the purposes of defending 50 or more nations. These agreements range from NATO, the Rio Pact, the Japanese Defense Treaty and others. Noninterventionists point out that while the United States is obligated to defend these nations, equal consideration is not given.

These countries can choose not to come to America's assistance. Therefore, according to non-interventionists, in many instances, the United States may have to face an enemy alone.

Noninterventionists always seek their wisdom from the U.S. Constitution. In that document, they point out that while the president is commander and chief of the armed forces and is responsible for the conduct of foreign affairs, it also gave a great foreign policy role to Congress as well. Congress, under the Constitution, is authorized to vote on treaties, allocate funds for the military and obtains the power to declare war.

Noninterventionists also seek their wisdom from the words of the founding fathers and others. The founders particularly learned a great deal from the fall of the Roman Empire. For example, George Washington stated "The great rule of conduct for us in regard to foreign nations is extending our commercial relations and to have with them as little political connection as possible."

Former President Thomas Jefferson believed in "peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none." And former President John Quincy Adams stated that the United States "goes not abroad in search of monsters to destroy."

The United States today is engaged in a war on terror. A war against Islamofacism. This enemy had not only declared war against the United States, but against Western Civilization as a whole.

I have no doubt that these forces will be defeated and scuttled. When they are, that will be the time when the United States will engage in introspection. To evaluate its overall foreign policy and its relations with other countries.

I hope then that the United States will take a second look at the words of the founding fathers and the words of the founding documents and take it into consideration.

Alex Pugliese is a frequent contributor to this newspaper.

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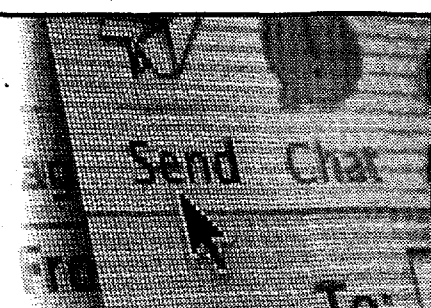
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OBITUARIES

John A. Christie
Surviving are five sons, Robert, Kevin, Timothy, Kenneth and Joseph; a daughter, Jacqueline Lien, and eight grandchildren.

Miriam Goodman
Miriam Goodman, 84, of West Windsor, formerly of Clark, died March 9 in the Bear Creek Assisted Living, West Windsor.

Mary Malloy
Mary Frances Malloy, 48, of Roseland, formerly of Clark, died March 6 in the Roseland home of her parents, William T. and Margaret Malloy.

Margaret Winters
Margaret J. Winters, 84, of Manahawkin, formerly of Clark, died March 12 in Paul Kimball Medical Center, Lakewood.

Jennie Kocuba
Jennie Kocuba, 86, of Port St. Lucie, Fla., formerly of Clark, died March 3 in the Life Care Center of Port St. Lucie.

Nathan Steinberg
Nathan G. Steinberg, 84, of Clark died March 13 at home.

Sophie Minogue
Sophie Minogue, 76, of Clark died Feb. 13 at home. Born in Staten Island, Mrs. Minogue moved to Clark 51 years ago.

Maura earns honors
Gabriela Maura of Clark, a ninth-grader at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, was among the students who achieved first honors for the second marking period.

Honors at FDU
Four Clark residents were among the students at Fairleigh Dickinson University's College at Florham Campus, Madison, who achieved honors for the fall 2004 semester.

Redziniak on dean's list
Natalie E. Redziniak of Clark has recently been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the fall semester.

Daunno on dean's list
Rudolph Daunno of Clark, a senior marketing major, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester at the colleges of Business Administration; Continuing Studies; and Liberal Arts, Education, and Sciences at Rider University, Lawrenceville.

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Pastels on exhibit through end of the month

The Skulski Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, Clark, will present an exhibit of pastels by Marta Kula titled "Between the Earth and Heaven" now through April 1.

member of Union of Polish Artists and the Association of Polish Painters. Using pastel's technique, Kula composes an interesting in color landscapes, in which for 20 years she has displayed her own creative and artistic expression.

en" is a human being strolling on the Earth through life, experiencing tastes, trying to find the answers to questions which one gives oneself.

The Earth and Space own excitements, truths and aspirations. The gallery is open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 5 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.

Churches, social clubs encouraged to send news
This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities.

Total Wine & More advertisement featuring wine tastings, superstores, and a detailed wine price list including sections for Perennial Favorites, Sparkling Wines, Value Wines, Bourbon, Gin, Rum/Cordials, Scotch, Vodka, Whiskey, and Domestic, Import & Microbrew Beer.

Town Bank advertisement offering 2.02% APY on balances of \$5,000 or more, with details on services and contact information.

EVENTS

Easter bunny comes to town March 26

Every year at Easter time, the Cranford Chamber of Commerce brings the Easter Bunny to town. This year, the event will be March 26 between 10 a.m. and noon at Eastman Plaza and from 1 to 3 p.m. the bunny will move to the Gazebo, North Union and Springfield avenues.

Pictures will be taken with the yellow bunny and each child will receive a small gift, along with a chance to win a free Easter basket filled with items that have been donated by downtown Cranford merchants. The drawing will be held at the Gazebo at 3 p.m.

Photos with the bunny are \$3, or you are welcomed to take your own pictures.

For more information, call the chamber office at 908-272-6114.

Faculty, coaches take on seniors in basketball

The Cranford High School faculty and coaches will play against members of the Class of 2005 in a basketball game Friday at 7 p.m. in the Lower Gym of Cranford High School,

201 West End Place. This will be the 10th time that the high school faculty will compete against the senior class.

All proceeds will be donated to the Class of '05 and Project Graduation. The Booster Club will sell refreshments during the game and at half-time. The price for tickets is \$3 for students and \$5 for adults and can be purchased at the high school or at the door.

Following the game, members of the Class of 2005 will participate in a lock-in at the high school beginning at 10 p.m. and ending at 6 a.m.

Activities for the evening will include basketball, volleyball, pickleball, badminton, trivia games, video games, movies, discussion groups and music. Pizza, snacks, soda, hot chocolate and coffee will be available throughout the evening.

Staff from Cranford High School will be volunteering their time to supervise the students.

Concert series at Trinity Episcopal

The ninth annual "Music in a Sacred Place" Concert Series will continue April 10 as Mark Trautman of

New Brunswick will offer an organ recital, at Trinity Episcopal Church, North and Forest avenues, at 4 p.m.

Each performance will be followed by a reception at Sherlock Hall. The suggested donation is \$10.

For more information, call the church at 908-276-4047 or visit www.trinitychurchcranford.com.

The remaining schedule for the 2004-05 season is as follows:

- May 1, The Plainfield Girl Choir of Grace Church, under the direction of Domseq Smith.

The series will close with Trinity's annual Strawberry Festival and Pops Benefit Concert, celebrating its 10th year at 3 p.m. on June 5. The pops concert will be held in Sherlock Hall. Homemade ice cream and shortcake with fresh strawberries will be served.

Family Fun Nights

Greater Mount Zion Church, 43 Johnson Ave., Cranford, will sponsor "Family Fun Nights" every second Friday through June 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Family Fun Nights are G-rated events that are admission-free and safe for the entire family.

The free schedule of events includes Theater Night, April 8; Tal-

ent Night, May 13, and Caribbean Night, June 10.

All events will be in the church Fellowship Hall, 43 Johnson Ave.

For more information, call Malkia Jackson at 908-472-2504.

MS Walk at Nomahegan

On April 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater North Jersey Chapter will hold its 17th annual "MS Walk" at seven locations in northern New Jersey including Nomahegan Park in Cranford. More than 650 walkers and 50 volunteers are expected to participate in the Cranford event.

All proceeds from MS Walk, the signature fundraising event of the society, will support the organization in its mission to end the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis, a chronic and often progressive and disabling disease of the central nervous system, which affects individuals in the prime of their lives.

Participants will walk six miles through the beautiful park, quiet backroads and charming downtown Cranford area and enjoy lunch provided by Bennigan's of Springfield, entertainment from DJ Mike Timoni.

EDUCATION

CHS seniors eligible for clergy scholarship

Scholarship application forms from the Inter-Faith Human Relations Committee of the Cranford Clergy Council are now available at all houses of worship, the Cranford Public Library, Community Center and Cranford High School.

The award will be given in recognition of outstanding service in community affairs and for significant contribution to the advancement of human relations.

A recipient should be a graduating high school senior attending a public or private school or any graduating senior who is a member of a local Cranford house of worship.

They must be active in his/her church or synagogue and must plan to continue education after high school. The deadline for application is April 1.

Contributions to aid this scholarship are appreciated. Send tax-deductible donations to the Cranford Clergy Council — Human Relations Scholarship c/o the Rev. Valencia Norman, First Presbyterian Church, Springfield Ave., Cranford, 07016.

Scholarship committee accepting applications

The 2005 Cranford Jaycee Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications from any graduating senior who is a resident of Cranford.

The application is available online at www.cranfordjaycees.com/scholarship.

For more information, call Doug Leu at 908-276-8898.

Garden Club offers scholarship for seniors

The Garden Club of Cranford is offering a scholarship to Cranford High School seniors.

The scholarship which in past years was awarded in the amount of \$500 has been increased to \$1,000.

The increase in the scholarship is a direct result of a successful garden tour fundraiser.

Students interested in applying for the scholarship must intend on majoring in the area of horticultural or environmental studies or the like.

Scholarship applications can be obtained at the CHS guidance office.

The application deadline is April 1.



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RECREATION

Clay Courts Club to open next month

The Cranford Clay Courts Club plans to open at the end of April, weather permitting, for the 2005 season. Cranford residents interested in possible membership may pick up applications at the Cranford Community Center adjacent to the Library, the Municipal Building, Centennial Avenue Pool, Cranford Indoor Tennis and at the Clay Courts Club's side gate in Girl Scout Park across from the Canoe Club.

The clay courts were originally a part of The Cranford Canoe Club — not associated with the canoe club now across the street — one of several canoeing clubs popular from 1870 to the 1920s. People visited from New York and Brooklyn with many establishing summer homes here.

With its many parks and river meandering through it, Cranford became an idyllic place for leisure recreation...especially canoeing, swimming and tennis.

The clay courts attracted such legendary players as Bill Tilden who won most of the major national and international tournaments. He was the first American to win Wimbledon in 1920 and again in 1921 and 1930. One of

the best players of all time, Tilden was named outstanding athlete for the first half of the 20th century.

Many tournaments were played at the clay courts until the 1970s. By this time, the canoe club building had been given to the Girl Scouts and the surrounding park came to be known as Girl Scout Park.

The courts were run by the town for many decades. As the costs of maintaining the clay surface increased, local tennis players were given the opportunity, in 1992, to lease the courts and create a private club. It would be open to the general public on a first-come, first-served basis. The members would have to pay for all aspects of the facility including water for the sprinkler system and lights for evening play.

Open April through November, weather permitting, the Cranford Clay Courts Club Inc. draws its members primarily from Cranford with representation from neighboring towns and those further afield such as Basking Ridge, Maplewood, Elizabeth and Long Branch. The club requires at least three-fourths of its members be Cranford residents who do receive preference over non-residents when applications are considered.

These courts offer recreational and competitive league tennis to individuals and families.

Tax assistance offered

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department, in conjunction with the American Association of Retired Persons, will be taking appointments for free tax assistance.

Cranford and Garwood taxpayers only, age 60 and older, can call the Recreation and Parks Department at 908-709-7283 to reserve a time slot with a tax practitioner.

Appointments are being made on either Mondays or Fridays, beginning Friday, at noon, 1, 2 and 3 p.m. All appointments will be in Room 205 at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

Tax assistance will end April 15. No appointments will be made on Feb. 25 or March 25, as the Community Center will be closed. Note that the Homestead Rebate will not be submitted with the 2004 NJ-1040 form. The new rebate form will be mailed to homeowners after April 15.

It is recommended that taxpayers bring a copy of last year's state and federal Returns; this year's state and federal tax return booklets and all

information pertinent to this year's return, such as: W-2 forms, 1099 Interest, Dividend, pension statement, Social Security form, property tax bill.

Cranford or Garwood shut-ins or those physically unable to come to the Community Center can call with their name, telephone number and address and a tax consultant will call for an appointment at the home.

Teen center open Fridays and Saturdays

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department offers a teen center for seventh- and eighth-graders every Friday from 7 to 10 p.m. and for ninth- to 12th-graders every Saturday from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

Enjoy basketball, billiards, ping-pong, air hockey and more, or just come down to hang out and watch TV with your friends.

For more information, call 908-709-7283. Cranford residents only.

Teen dances at center

The Recreation and Parks Department will sponsor seventh- and eighth-grade teen dances at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut

Ave., from 7 to 10 p.m. Dances, for Cranford residents only, April 8.

Students will be able to purchase their IDs for \$2 at Orange Avenue and Hillside Avenue schools on Wednesday and Thursday.

Cranford students who attend a private school may come directly to the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Avenue, on Wednesday and Thursday between 4 and 6 p.m. to purchase their ID.

The student's ID is their admission to the dance on the Friday of the dance.

There are no exceptions to this rule. Sneakers must be worn to the dance.

Seventh- and eighth-grade Cranford teens that have not had their photos taken should contact the Recreation and Parks Department at 908-709-7283 for an appointment.

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

Youth bowling program

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department, in conjunction with the Nationwide Bowling Association, will sponsor the second session of its youth bowling program at Linden Lanes.

The 12-week session meets Tuesdays until March 29.

The program starts at 3:45 p.m. Children ages 6 to 14 are encouraged to join. The cost is \$6 per week.

Bowling provides an opportunity for youth to participate in a sport enjoyed by countless numbers of Americans on a daily basis. Bring the registration form on the bottom of the bowling flier to Linden Lanes during the program time to register.

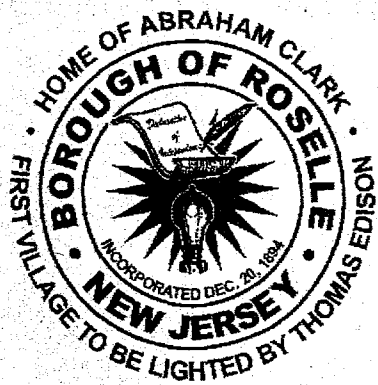
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Enjoy Choral Singers with other music fans

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department will sponsor a Choral Singers class at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursdays.

The group is under the direction of an accomplished leader who guides the group with piano accompaniment through classic songs as well as the more popular tunes. Often a drummer helps to get the group in the mood.

At times the group goes "on the road" and performs at various local events.



**6th Annual 21st Century 5K Race
Sunday, June 12, 6pm**

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CLUBS IN THE NEWS

Floraphile Club will meet Monday

The Floraphile Garden Club of Cranford will meet Monday at 1 p.m. at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

Master Gardener Eve Shaw of Union County's Rutgers Co-operative Extension, will present "Raising the Garden to New Heights — Flowering Vines."

Guests are invited to Room 201 to hear about vines — non-invasive, ornamental, and ones that attract birds.

Co-hostesses will be Nancy Christensen and Betty Hicks.

Women's study group meets Wednesdays

The Wednesday Morning Club, a women's study group, meets Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

Forthcoming department meetings:

- The Antiques Department meeting scheduled for Feb. 21 was canceled due to snow, therefore, "Those Whimsical Gnomes" will be presented by Doris Taber on Monday. Members will meet at her home at 1 p.m.
- At the next meeting of the Fine Arts Department on March 24 at the

home of Rose Marie Gatto, members will look at paintings that they love and discuss what makes them special. Mary Crane is co-hostess for the meeting which will convene at 1 p.m.

• On March 28 at 8:30 a.m., the Applied Arts/Home Life Department will meet at the Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. Doris Taber will provide instruction on the art of potichomania. Hostesses for the meeting are Terry Klein and Florence Paredes.

Local women interested in joining a women's study group and pursuing topics of cultural interest are encouraged to call Marie Mastorakis at 908-

272-6243 for more information.

Monthly meeting open to caregivers of elderly

This group affords caregivers the opportunity to discuss issues, share personal experiences and learn about community resources available for those caring for the elderly.

The group meets in the Library at Atria Senior Living, 10 Jackson Drive, and coffee and refreshments will be served. Note that beginning in December this group will meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

According to a recent survey con-

ducted by AARP in conjunction with the National Alliance for Caregiving, there are over 44 million family caregivers in the U.S.

While many of these caregivers are caring for elderly family members in their homes, others are coordinating care for loved ones who live across town or, in some cases, across the country.

While each person's circumstances are unique, all caregivers experience challenges and stress as they balance caregiving, work and family responsibilities.

The Caregiver Support Group host-

ed by Atria Senior Living and facilitated by Adelman affords caregivers the opportunity to share their experiences and insights with one another and to explore some of the community resources available to caregivers.

Floraphile Club

The Floraphile Garden Club meets the third Monday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m., ending in time for parents to pick up children.

Interested persons are invited to attend the meetings or call the membership chairwoman, Helen van Gelder, at 908-276-9639.

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March 20, 2005	Palm Sunday Liturgy	10:45 am
Good Friday	Vespers & Exposition of Holy Shroud	3:00 pm
Holy Saturday	Matins & Blessing of Easter Baskets	5:00 pm
Easter Sunday	Resurrection Liturgy & Blessing of Easter Baskets	8:30 am

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Maundy Thursday, Thursday, March 24th
 7:30 PM - Organ recital by David Lamb
 8 PM - Candlelight Service with Communion

Easter Sunday, March 27th
 9:30 AM - Worship Service with Gathered Communion, Sunday School with Special Easter Assembly
 11:15 AM - Worship Service with Gathered Communion

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 March 25, 2005 8:00 pm
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Good Friday - Service of Reflection - March 25 at 1:00 pm
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 March 24 **Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper-7:30pm (followed by Adoration) Night Prayer - 10pm
 March 25 **Good Friday:** Seven Last Words Service - Noon to 3pm MAIN PASSION LITURGY - 7:30pm

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Holy Thursday-March 24
 Morning Prayer 9:00am
 Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday-March 25
 Morning Prayer - 9:00am
 Stations of the Cross Bike Tour - 9:30 (bring a bagged lunch)
 Outdoor Stations - 1:30pm
 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 3:00pm
 Living Stations - 7:30pm

Holy Saturday-March 26
 Morning Prayer 9:00am
 The Great Easter Vigil - 7:30pm

The Easter Vigil begins outdoors with the blessing of the Easter fire

Easter Sunday-March 27
 Masses at 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11:00am and 12:30pm
www.saintjamesparish.org

STUDENT UPDATE

CHS principal's list

Cranford High School has announced the names of students who achieved the principal's list for the second parking period.

To be named to the principal's list, a student must earn all A's.

Grade nine

William Albert, Katherine A. Armbruster, Hannah Brechka, Erin Brenner, Melanie Chopra, Daniel Clavin, Stephanie Couto, Shannon T. Hahn, Erin Hannen, Kristin Hardman, Mark Kuczynski, Chrystian Oltmann, Rebecca Quinn, Laura A. Roberts, Can Sigva, Janeen Vosseller, Julie Wagenblast, Ryan Zimmerman and Annie Zourzouk.

Grade 10

Kimberly Baglieri, Sarah Bender, Kevin Boyle, Kristine Caiafa, Bridget C. Dooley, Rebecca Dooley, Jennifer Folinus, Laura Gallo, Julie Anne Garretson, Alicia Hertz, Caitlin A. Krenek, Natalie Laucius, Jaelyn M. Morgese, Kamila Pavezzi, Rebecca Schlenker, Yelena Shteynberg, Elizabeth E. Simon and Allison Stolte.

Grade 11

Kevin Brown, Mary Brown, Nicole C. Cabrera, Allison Carollo, Catherine Felegi, Alexandria Moreira, Erin Polito, Jonathan Schwartz and Sara Winters.

Grade 12

Robert Argen, Amanda Aslan, Glenn Brown, Emily Clader, Katie Hayeck, Christopher D. Laucius, Kyle Lynch, Lauren Maramara, Nicholas T. McDermott, Katherine O'Neill, Timothy K. Rial, Tara Scaramuzza, Cordelia R. Siporin, Christine Stolte, Judith Sukovich and Kelly M. Wegryn.

CHS honor roll

Cranford High School has announced the names of students who achieved the honor roll for the second marking period.

To be named to the honor roll, students must earn all A's and B's.

Grade nine

Mark B. Aguilin, Zachary Ahern, Kevin Aldredge, Noah Anderson, Mark Bagniewski, Genna Becker, Douglas Berkowitz, Caitlyn Bierman, Michael S. Bither, Kelsey Brenner, Christopher Campbell, Jeffrey Caravello, Catrina A. Coffey, David Colacco, Robert A. Colaneri, Jr., Dominique Collucci, Amanda J. Colucci, Harrison Davis, Amanda De Maio, Joseph Della Serra, Maxwell Dubin, Michele Ellenbacher, Kristen M. Falzon, Nicole Faraone, Alexa Fedorchak, Raymond A. Felipe, Matthew Folger, Bridgette Fowler, Alyssa Frediani, Amy Giaccio, Natalie Giuliano, Kaitlin Glowczynski, Kaitlin Goode, Thomas Hart, Daniel Ho, Joseph Hollier, James A. Jordan, Stephen F. Juppalis, Matthew Kabak, Matthew Koniczny, Roxanne Kovall, Timothy Krauter, Ashli L. Kravarik, Edward B. Krov, Maxwell Lasky, Corinne Laudati, Lauren Laveglia, Heather Lee, Laura Lieberman, Matthew Lieberman, Erik Liegel, Angela Loffa, Ashley LoGiudice, Molly Malar, Julia E. Maramara, Holly Marlen, Cathleen Martin, Rachel A. Masterson, Erin Mc Closkey, Meghan Mc Closkey, Zachary S. Mendelson, Amanda Merwede, Mary Kate Miller, Nicole B. Molle, Daniel J. Moreno, David Mulewski, Eleanore Nelson, Chelsie Nichnadowicz, Patrick O'Brien, Jeanine M. O'Malley, Michael Ozolinieks, Craig R. Palmisano, Melissa Pearl,

Sean Perrotta, Stephen Phillips, Elyse Piacentini, Lindsay K. Preucil, Caitlin Reisel, Candice E. Rokose, Michael A. Romano, Justin Rupp, Julianne Ryan, Ashley M. Sandoukas, Catherine Schmeling, Gregory Shapiro, Christopher Sheridan, Yuliya Shteynberg, Jacob Skeley, Michael Stochinski, Cathryn Sukovich, Mary Kate Sullivan, Samantha R. Sutura, Daniel B. Swayze, April Touris, Paul Truche, Lindsay Vanderhoff, Christian Veranza, Allison L. Weiss, Elizabeth Wolansky.

Grade 10

Jacob Alderdice, Erik Augenzucker, Sarah Belden, Haley Brown, Jessica Buzar, Conor Byrnes, Nicole M. Carbonell, Arthur Cardillo, Corinne Chandler, Nicholas M. Codella, Jack Colicchio, Thomas Connolly, Joseph M. Correia, Kevin Costello, Jason D'Agostino, Teresa Dankosky, Dana Dechiaro, Keith Dobbs, Lindsay Dolan, Meghan Dowzycki, Matthew Duescher, Alanna Duffy, Glenn D. Eisenberg, Robert J. Falco, Andrew Fassler, Evan Feeney, John Ferraioli, Deborah J. Ferrao, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Daniel J. Friari, Dana Giaccio, Sophia S. Gomez, Meghan Grandal, Laura Grossi, Jennifer Hanke, Derek Hashe-mi, Maura Hayes, Allison Hearon, Randy Holderried, Caroline Holt, Jesse Hynes, Elizabeth Johnstone, Joseph Kardos, Michael Kieseling, Krystina L. Kobylinski, Amy Koniczny, Daniel Kopf, Hollyann Kozlowski, Julie Lafferty, Meghan Lapolla, John P. Lynch, Shannon A. Mac Menamie, Jenne V. Manchery, Amanda M. Manganiello, Jennifer Margherito, Christopher Marti, John Martinez, Andrew Maturo, Alexander Mc Coy, Brittany Mc Ginley, Christ-

ian McGrath, Alyssa Meeks, Mitchell A. Merman, Allie J. Miller, Matthew J. Miller, Sean Molloy, Kylie Muratore, Jenna Newmark, Kelly E. Noon, Nell P. O'Connor, Daniel O'Hara, Nicole Patrone, Elaine Pelliccio, Cassandra Perez, Jenna Pfarr, Emily Porter, Kathleen Price, Derek Rocchini, Cindy Romero, Steven Romero, Samantha Rose, Carla Rutmayer, Nicole Salerno, Amanda E. Sanzone, Kelly A. Scardino, Allison J. Schulz, Christopher Serafin, Kathleen Struthers, Ashley Terrell, Kimberly Ulaky, Hannah Van Why, Karianna Williams, Andrew Wills, Stefanie Winnicki, Derek Yates and Melissa Zak.

Grade 11

Patrick Ahern, Joanna Arcieri, Ashley B. Atwood, Katherine Behrens, John E. Bender, Melissa Benimeo, Christopher Bizub, Leah M. Blanes, Rebecca Booth, Nicholas Boyer, Alexis Boyko, Melissa Cancellieri, Brian Ceci, Amrina Cheema, Benjamin Chewey, Crista Colaneri, Danielle D'Amico, Nicole Deitzer, Christina Di Pasquale, Grace DiFabio, George H. DiMayuga, David Fanelli, Artur Filipek, Colin Fraser, Courtney Garges, Julie Gilbertson, Gen Goeb, Justin Grand, Nicholas Gunning, Joshua Hanke, Kimberly Hart, Brian Hearon, Caitlin Helmstetter, Robert Intartaglio, Charles N. Kawczynski, Daniel Kessler, Matthew Kessler, Jessica Kowalski, Megan Kuhn, James Kulinski, James Lacey, David Landau, Katrina Lawrence, Deanna Liotard, Dan Heinrich Manuyag, John Maturo, Colin J. McKay, Jennifer Meyer, Monica Miller, Sara Morgan, Elena M. Morge, Alana Murphy, Alexander

Nappi, Erin O'Dowd, Ranie Olorenshaw, Mayra G. Orejuela, Peter Orlandi, Amanda Porter, Kathryn Ramey, Katelyn M. Rasmus, Anthony Riggi, Jeffrey Savage, Steven Savva, Megan Schomp, Nicole Siani, Samantha Soney, Nicole E. Stapinski, Mary K. Starkey, Peter Stempniewicz, Amanda Storti, Gregory Van Horn, Patrick Virgili, Katherine Whalen, Leslie Whitty and Mark Zamorski.

Grade 12

Natalie Allocock, Christopher T. Allphin, Michael Altebrando, Kevin J. Balla, Jennifer Bayak, Katherine Baylock, James Bell, Jillian Berkowitz, Ryan Berns, Andrew Bremner, Blakeley J. Brown, Alana Buonaguro, Stephen Caprio, Gerard Checchia, Steven Coda, Ashley Collins, Alisse Connolly, Stephen Daubert, Thomas De Vito, Aniello (Neil) Della Valle, Jonathan Di Fabio, Christopher D. Drechsel, Corinne Eberling, Arthur Ernst, Steven J. Ferrao, Alisa Fleisher, Michael Folger, Molly Folger, Sara Gardner, Sean Gerrity, Shane Hartmann, Robert Jordon, Christopher Judge, Christopher T. Keenan, Justin Kelemen, Christina Kleespies, Julie Ann Kuczynski, Bryan J. Lanz, Katherine Loveland, Anna MacNiven, Brian Mahoney, Kevin Mahoney, Dillon Malar, Michael Malinowski, Melissa Marotta, Karen Marsden, Kathleen Masterson, Jill Mc Coy, Kathleen D. Mc Keever, Ryan Mc Mahon, Ryan Mikotacyzk, Paul Montgomery, Michelle Newton, Brian J. Niemiec, Miguel Nino, Lauren O'Hara, William J. Orrico, Puja Patel, Scott Pender, Caryn M. Pepose, Thomas Planer-Gallagan, Ashley Rey, Daniel S. Richardson, Melissa Rogers, Matthew J. Ross, Ashley M. Rumzie,

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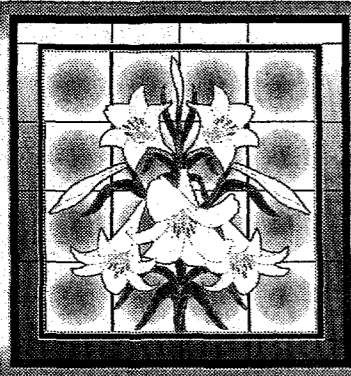
Union Catholic honors

Cranford residents Christopher Varga and Alyssa Walls, both juniors, were among the students at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains who achieved first honors for the second marking period. The announcement was made to the students and their parents at an honors Mass and breakfast. First honor students must attain a grade point average of 3.75 with no grade below a B.

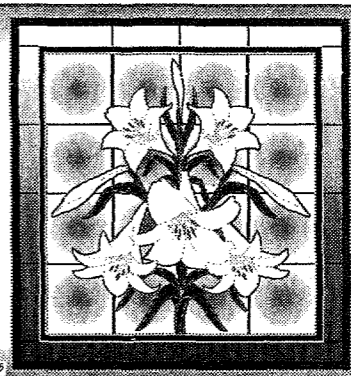
Patrone to spend semester in Florence

Virginia Patrone of Cranford, a junior at Fordham University at Rose Hill, is spending the spring semester studying in Florence through Syracuse University's Division of International Programs Abroad. For more than 40 years, Syracuse's Division of International Programs Abroad has offered credit-bearing study opportunities for SU students as well as those enrolled at other colleges and universities across the United States and Canada.

In the Florence program, students may study art history, studio art, architecture and Italian language and culture, or take a wide range of courses in the liberal arts.



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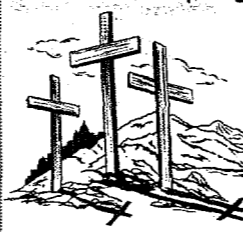
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Sunrise service will start at 6:30 a.m. Then our regular service will start at 11:00 a.m. in which we will continue to celebrate Easter Sunday. Our music ministry will render selections at both services that will be an inspiration to you as they are to us every Sunday morning.

Again we welcome you to worship with us regardless of who you are. God bless you.

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Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper
March 24th, Church - 7:00 pm
(Morning Prayer - 8:30 am)

Good Friday - The Passion and Death of the Lord

March 25th, Church - 3:30 pm

Living Stations of the Cross - Church - 7:30 pm

(Morning Prayer - 8:30 am)

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

March 26th, Church - 8:00 pm

(Morning Prayer - 8:30 am)

EASTER SUNDAY

Church (Lower Church)

7:30 am, 9:00 am, (9:05 am) 10:30 am

(10:35 am), 12:00 pm (12:05 pm)



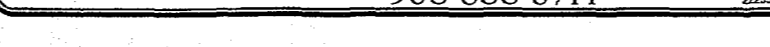
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MASS - SATURDAY 6 p.m. • SUNDAY 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m., 12 noon, 1:30 p.m. (Hispanic)
MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Masses: 6:30, 8 a.m., 12:10 (noon), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Masses: 6:30, 8 a.m., 12:10 (noon), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Masses: 6:30, 8 a.m., 12:10 (noon), 7 p.m.
HOLY THURSDAY
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY
Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3 p.m. (English), 5 p.m. (Spanish)
Stations of the Cross (Spanish) 6 p.m.
Stations of the Cross - 7:45 p.m.
SATURDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Easter Vigil Liturgy - 7 p.m.
EASTER SUNDAY
Masses - 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m., 12 noon, 1:30 p.m. (Spanish)



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GOOD FRIDAY, March 25
English Tenebrae service: 7:30 p.m.
EASTER SUNDAY, March 27
Communion Services - 9 a.m. Slovak, 11 a.m. English
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You may reserve your own table up to 8 people.
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Easter Worship Services

Palm Sunday, March 20
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 24
12:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, March 25
2:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil Saturday, March 26
Sunset (6:16 p.m.)

Easter Sunday, March 27
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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PSALM 118:1-8

LIFESTYLE



Annette and Wesley Ditzel

Ditzels mark golden anniversary

Annette and Wesley W. Ditzel Sr. of Cranford celebrated their 50th golden wedding anniversary with a reception Oct. 3 at the Sheraton, Woodbridge. Father Paul Strettonovic performed the ceremony of the renewal of vows.

The former Annette Balsamo and Wesley W. Ditzel Sr. were married on Nov. 28, 1954 at St. Michael's Church in Cranford and a reception had followed at the Elizabeth Carteret Hotel.

Wesley is a retired Cranford firefighter, with 38 years of service. Prior to that, he was a security guard at Hyatt Roller Bearing, and was a master sergeant in the New Jersey National Guard, 50th Recon. He is an officer and active member of the American Legion Post 328.

Annette worked at the telephone company in Westfield prior to their marriage. She is currently a member of the American Legion Post 328 Ladies Auxiliary, and actively involved with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Three original members of the bridal party also attended: Theresa Robinson of Cranford, Russell Ditzel of Pennsylvania, and Lorraine Sciria of New York. Other guests came from California, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia as well as New Jersey.

Wesley and Annette's children hosted the event, and they are Patricia Busick and her husband Jeffrey; Joyce LaGrasso and her husband Angelo; Wesley W. Ditzel Jr. and his wife Nancy, and Kathleen Ditzel. They also have nine grandchildren, James, Rachel, Dana, Kristina, Anthony, Kevin, Brian, Jason, Wesley III, and three great-grandchildren Shane, Emma and Kevin Jr.

A very tall engagement

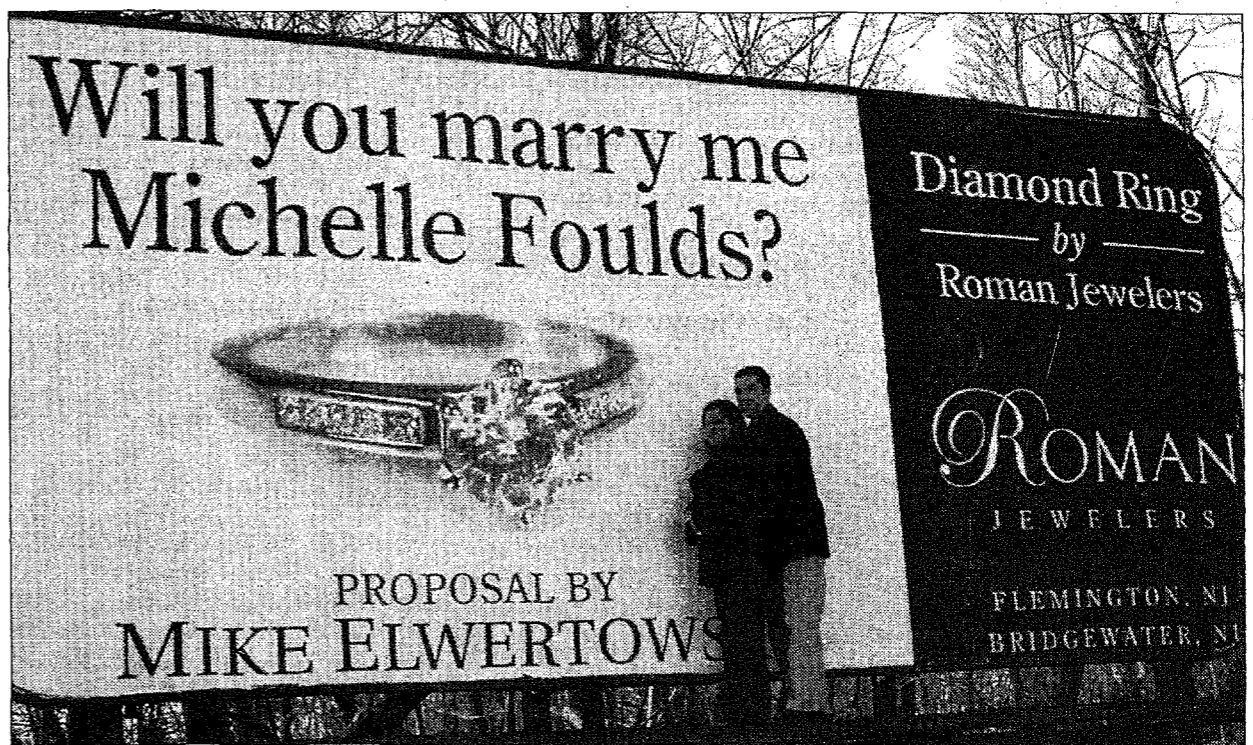
When Michael Elwertowski of Cranford decided he wanted to tie the knot with his girlfriend of three-and-a-half years, he wanted everything to be just right. So the 29-year-old design engineer shopped around for a ring and brainstormed for a marriage proposal idea.

He got both at Roman Jewelers in Flemington. It was there that he found the ideal ring — a solitaire diamond with channel set princess diamonds. And when his original proposal didn't pan out, Roman Jewelers offered Elwertowski the use of a billboard it had just purchased on South Main Street in Flemington.

On it, Roman Jewelers had printed a photo of the engagement ring along with a proposal from Elwertowski to his girlfriend, 27-year-old Michelle Foulds, also of Cranford.

Elwertowski then invited Foulds to a restaurant for a belated Valentine's Day dinner on Feb. 15. On the way, he told her he had seen a billboard with a picture of an engagement ring he liked and wanted her to see it too.

When they arrived, he explains, "She read the board then realized it was a proposal. She screamed, I then laughed. We got out of the car, I got down on my knee and proposed. I was



Michael Elwertowski and his fiancée Michelle Foulds of Cranford pose on the Roman Jewelers billboard in Flemington after the couple got engaged. Elwertowski brought his girlfriend to the billboard on South Main Street in Flemington and popped the question.

nervous, but she said 'yes.'"

An August 2006 wedding is planned.

"I was going to propose to Michelle in front of the church where we had first met," he said. "But one of her friends recently got engaged like that. I wanted our engagement to be something she would remember."

Elwertowski said he shopped around at several stores for a ring, but based on recommendations from co-workers, he went to Roman Jewelers. He purchased a round Roman Jewelers Signature Diamond that has ideal proportions, symmetry and scintillation.

"They had it in white gold, but I

wanted it set in platinum so they designed it in platinum for me."

Sophie Shor, who owns Roman Jewelers, said, "Having been in the retail business for several years, we know that one of the biggest problems for a young man is how to propose. So we decided to help and it worked. Michelle was speechless."

RELIGION

Nicodemus presented at Cranford United

As part of Cranford United Methodist Church's Lenten educational opportunities, the church is inviting all neighbors in Cranford and surrounding communities to a program Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the church, 201 Lincoln Ave.

The Rev. Jim Hughes, who travels throughout the East coast to present dramas, preach and sing, will present his drama on Nicodemus. Admission is free.

Labyrinth Walks

The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, 11 Springfield Ave., sponsors a series of open Labyrinth Walks. All walks will be held in Bates Hall. The Cranford community and surrounding towns are invited to attend.

Participants are invited to walk the Labyrinth any time between 1 and 4

p.m., but begin the walk by 3:30 p.m. Subsequent walks will be held the first Sunday of every month, unless otherwise specified.

Walking the Labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice of prayer and meditation that is experiencing a reawakening in our time.

The 11-ringed pattern painted on canvas is modeled after the 13th century Labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral in France. In Medieval times, walking the Labyrinth symbolized the Christian pilgrimage to Jerusalem for those who could not personally make the journey.

For more information concerning the Labyrinth program or future walks, call the church at 908-276-8440.

Sisterhood sponsors tournament April 3

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim, 338 Walnut Ave.,

Cranford, will sponsor its first Doris Bloomfield Mah Jongg Tournament on April 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Breakfast and lunch will be served. The cost is \$36 per person.

For more information, call Sally Wovsaniker at 973-923-6649.

Send your church news

The Eagle encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities.

Releases should be typed, double-spaced and include a phone number.

Spring hours at Conservation Center will begin on April 1

Old telephone directories that are now being replaced with new ones can be set at the curb with other recyclable materials or brought to the Cranford Conservation Center on Birchwood Avenue, which is off Orange Avenue, according to the Cranford Office of Recycling.

Any printed telephone books are acceptable, yellow or white pages, and may be set out with mixed paper, bundled or in a brown paper bag. Mixed paper includes items such as catalogs, magazines, junk mail and cereal boxes and specifically excludes newspaper and corrugated cardboard.

Spring hours will resume at the Conservation Center beginning April 1. The center will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:20 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.

Residents and businesses can drop off telephone books at the mixed paper container at the Conservation Center during normal operating hours.

The center will be closed March 25 and 27 for the holidays.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

PENTECOSTAL
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Alternative Worship Service: Sunday - 9 a.m.
Traditional Worship Service: Sunday - 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.
Youth Group: Sunday - 6-8 p.m.

Wesley, 7:30 pm Midweek Service, Sun. 10am Nursing Home Ministry, Sun. 11 am Sunday School, Sun. 6:30pm Worship, Sat. 7:30pm Pentecostal Prayer. (Call for location information)

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Clark SB league seeks team

The Clark Men's Softball League is looking for one full team for its upcoming 2005 season.

The league has 12 teams, with each team playing 22 games.

Each team will have two games a week, none on weekends.

The season will begin in April and usually ends in early August.

The season consists of the regular season, playoffs and the league championship series.

The league was formed in 1975 and will begin its 30th season.

Those interested in playing or forming a full team may contact Rich Martucci at 908-346-5668 or at 908-965-7815.

Cranford Recreation Basketball Standings

The following are Cranford Recreation Basketball Standings as of March 3:

5-6 Boys

George Washington (9-1)
Boston College (8-2)
Rhode Island (8-2)
St. John's (7-3)
Providence (7-3)
Massachusetts (7-3)
West Virginia (7-3)
Syracuse (6-4)
Rutgers (4-5)
Seton Hall (3-6)
Villanova (3-7)
Temple (3-7)
Pittsburgh (2-7)
Notre Dame (2-7)
Connecticut (2-8)
Georgetown (0-10)

5-6 Girls

Mississippi (8-1)
Arkansas (7-2)
Vanderbilt (6-3)
Georgia (6-3)
Kentucky (6-3)
Auburn (5-4)
Alabama (4-4)
Florida (4-5)
Mississippi State (4-5)
Louisiana State (1-7)
Tennessee (1-7)
South Carolina (0-8)

High School

Magic (7-0)
Celtics (5-1)
Lakers (5-2)
Rockets (5-2)
Timberwolves (3-2)
Heat (3-3)
Spurs (2-4)
Knicks (1-5)
Kings (1-6)
Nets (0-7)

7-8 Boys

Florida State (7-1)
Miami (6-1)
North Carolina (6-2)
Gonzaga (5-3)
Clemson (5-4)
North Carolina State (4-3)
Duke (4-4)
Georgia Tech (4-4)
Virginia Tech (3-6)
Maryland (2-7)
Wake Forest (2-7)
Virginia (1-7)

7-8 Girls

Minnesota (8-1)
Penn State (5-2)
Michigan (4-2)
Ohio State (4-2)
Indiana (4-5)
Northwestern (2-5)
Iowa (1-5)
Michigan State (0-6)

Spring sports season commences April 1

With the winter sports season now complete, the spring sports season is not that far off. The spring sports season officially begins on Friday, April 1 - no fooling.

Both Cranford varsity diamond teams qualified for the state playoffs, while the Johnson softball team made it last year.

Both Cranford teams were defeated by Parsippany in North 2, Group 2 play, while the Johnson softball team was downed by Allentown in Central Jersey, Group 2 competition.

Cranford is situated in Central Jersey, Group 2 this year, like Johnson.

In Union County Tournament play last year, the Cranford baseball team was defeated by Roselle Catholic 5-2 in the semis after winning the tournament four of the previous five seasons.

Scotch Plains went on to win the tournament by defeating Roselle Catholic 3-1 in the title game.

In the UCT final last year, the Cranford softball team was edged by Roselle Park 2-1 in 13 innings. Cranford fell to RP 1-0 in 11 innings in the 2003 final after winning the crown for the first time in 2002.

Ice hockey standouts



The Cranford Hockey Club Mite B Team, ages 7-9, captured second-place honors in a local New Jersey tournament.

Cranford track athletes impress by earning All-America honors

Excel at National Scholastic Indoor Championships

By Timothy Denman
Staff Writer

As many as five members of the Cranford High School indoor track and field team earned All-America honors at last Saturday's National Scholastic Indoor Championships held at the 168th Street Armory in New York.

Seven Cranford athletes qualified for the event by finishing in the top three in the Eastern States Championships held earlier in the month.

"We were well represented at the Nationals," Cranford coach Ray White said. "We have gone to this event before, but we have never had so many participants. The town of Cranford should be very proud of the kids."

The 4xmile boys' relay team of Kevin Brown, Nate Thompson, Joe McKenney and Brian Mahoney competed, along with distance runner Laura Gallo, high jumper Tom Planer and pole vaulter Tom Hammen.

The 4xmile team took home the third-place crown in a very interesting race. Cranford was neck and neck with Mountain View of Utah, Cardinal O'Hara of Pa. and Msgr. Farrell of New York for most of the race, as the teams changed the lead back and forth.

Cranford led for most of the race, but in the final 100 yards was unable to hold on.

Mountain View was able to nudge out the other teams with a 17:58.11 finish. Msgr. Farrell was next in 17:58.64, followed closely by Cranford, which was only two seconds off the leader with a time of 18:00.33.

Cranford's time was the fourth best in New Jersey indoor history.

With the third-place finish, all members of the team earned All-America status.

Cranford now has its sights set on next month's Penn Relays. The top 15 teams in the country are invited to the international event and Cranford should be getting the nod when the selections come out next month.

Gallo took fifth place in the nation in the 5,000 meters with a new personal-best time of 18:04. Her time was the second best all-time in the history of indoor track in the state and earned her All-America honors.

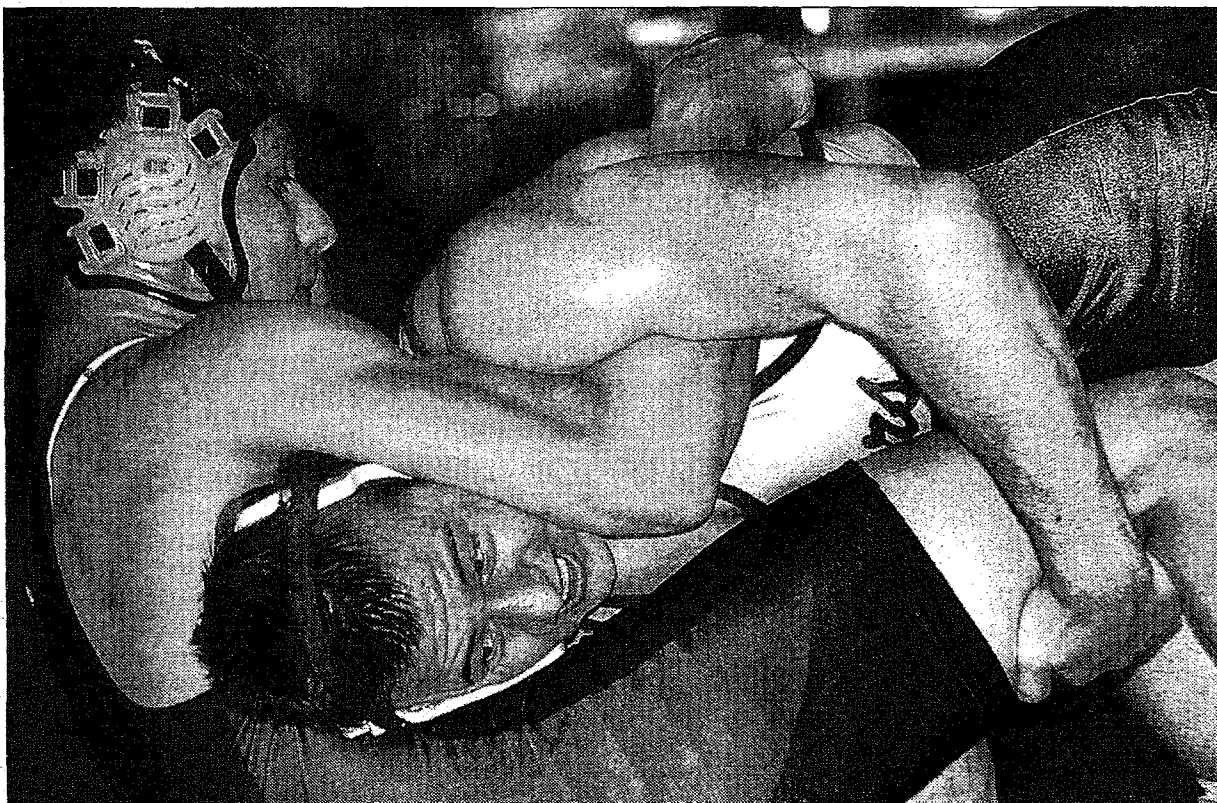
She qualified for the national event by winning the two-mile race at the Eastern States Championships and became only the second girl in Cranford history to win an Eastern States Championships title.

In order to qualify for the rarely-run 5,000 meter race, an athlete had to post a time of under 19 minutes. Gallo was allowed to enter the nationals, although never running the race, due to her impressive showing in the Eastern States Championships.

Gallo didn't disappoint, finishing the race almost a full minute faster than the qualifying time.

Hammen finished in 15th place in the meet, clearing the bar at 13 feet, but was unable to advance, failing to get above the 13-foot, six-inch challenge in his final attempt.

Planer jumped 6-2 in the high jump, but didn't place in the event.



Cranford High School senior wrestler C.J. Ferrara, at right, had an outstanding season for the Cougars. The Watchung Hills transfer finished 32-2 after qualifying for last week's NJSIAA Tournament in Atlantic City.

Wrestlers Hogan and Ferrara see seasons conclude in AC

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Outstanding seasons concluded last weekend for Cranford High School wrestlers Pat Hogan and C.J. Ferrara.

Hogan, a junior, won one of three NJSIAA Tournament matches at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, reaching Saturday's quarterfinals at 160. Ferrara, a senior, was defeated in Friday night's preliminary round at 171.

Hogan finished 28-2 this year, suffering his first defeats of the season after winning Union County Tournament, District 11 and Region 3 championships.

After pinning Dan Woods of Demarest in 3:35 in Friday night's pre-quarterfinals, Hogan was edged by Randy Moore of Camden Catholic 7-5 in Saturday's quarterfinals.

Hogan's season came to an end in Saturday's wrestlebacks second round when he was defeated by Cary Aldrich

of Watchung Hills 6-3. Hogan was able to defeat Aldrich earlier in the season as he pinned him in 2:50 in the Region 3 semifinals at Union High School.

Ferrara, who finished 32-2, was ousted by Brandon Tims of Rancocas Valley, 5-1. Ferrara was a UCT and District 11 champion before placing third in Region 3.

Hogan also qualified for the NJSIAA Tournament last season after winning his first Region 3 crown at 152. However, a hand injury prevented him from competing in Atlantic City. Including last year's 27-6 finish, Hogan is an impressive 55-8 the past two seasons.

Hogan was the fourth seed on the bottom side of the 160 bracket. Scott Giffin of Eastern, the top seed on the top side of the bracket, went on to win the weight class. Ferrara was unseeded at 171. Mark Peiffer of Overbrook, the third seed on the top side of the bracket, won the title.

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The seeding for 11 area wrestlers included:
T for top of the bracket and B for the bottom.
Some wrestlers in each weight class were unseeded.

112 - Ryan Wilson, Rahway (T2)

119 - Sean O'Grady of Union, St. Peter's Prep (B2)

119 - Joe Blackford, Roselle Park

130 - Darrion Caldwell, Rahway (T1)

130 - Brian Swick, Roselle Park (B7)

135 - David Greenwald of Union, St. Mary's of Rutherford (B2)

145 - Pete Jacangelo, Union

152 - Troy MacDermant, Roselle Park (T6)

160 - Pat Hogan, Cranford (B4)

171 - C.J. Ferrara, Cranford

HWT - Andre Neblett, Rahway (B6)

LAST FRIDAY

PRELIMINARIES

119 - Joe Blackford, Roselle Park, dec. Joe Schmidt of Manchester Twp. 5-3

130 - Brian Swick, R. Park, dec. Chris McMullen, Northern Burlington 9-7.

145 - Jack Barrett, Metuchen, dec. Pete Jacangelo, Union, 7-3.

152 - Troy MacDermant, RP, dec. Mike Tsiolas, Hasbrouck Heights-W. 7-0.

171 - Brandon Tims, Rancocas Valley, dec. C.J. Ferrara, Cranford, 5-1.

PRE-QUARTERFINALS

112 - Ryan Wilson, Rahway, dec. Dan Stanley, Timbercreek, 3-0.

119 - Sean O'Grady, St. Peter's Prep, dec. Dustin Deckard, Pennsville, 8-5.

119 - Kris Sigafos, Delaware Valley, dec. Joe Blackford, Roselle Park, 4-3.

130 - Darrion Caldwell, Rahway, pinned, Brandon Stillo, Phillipsburg :14.

130 - Bryan Tracy, Paulsboro, dec. Brian Swick, Roselle Park, 17-6.

135 - David Greenwald, St. Mary's, Rutherford, dec. Vinny Commisso of Delran, 17-2 (TF 5:59).

152 - Chuck Martell, Paulsboro, dec. Troy MacDermant, Roselle Park, 15-6.

160 - Pat Hogan, Cranford, pinned Dan Woods, Demarest, 3:35.

HWT - Andre Neblett, Rahway, dec. Angel Ramirez, Perth Amboy, 9-4.

LAST SATURDAY

WRESTLEBACKS FIRST ROUND

119 - Joe Blackford, Roselle Park, dec. Dustin Deckard, Pennsville, 5-1.

130 - Nick Murray, Bound Brook, dec. Brian Swick, Roselle Park, 14-0.

152 - Joe Troise, Hanover Park, dec. Troy MacDermant, Roselle Park, 5-4.

WRESTLEBACKS SECOND ROUND

119 - Matt Regan, Point Pleasant Beach, dec. Joe Blackford, R. Park, 3-1.

119 - Sean O'Grady, St. Peter's Prep, dec. Derrick Sharp, Eastern, 8-4.

160 - Cary Aldrich, Watchung Hills, dec. Pat Hogan, Cranford, 6-3.

HWT - Andre Neblett, Rahway, dec. Joe Slisky, Jackson, 11-0.

WRESTLEBACK QUARTERFINALS

119 - Andrew Van Dyk, Ramapo, dec. Sean O'Grady, St. Peter's Prep, 5-2.

HWT - Andre Neblett, Rahway, pinned, Mike Goff, Monroe, 3:38.

WRESTLEBACK SEMIFINALS

HWT - Zack Rey, Hopatcong, dec. Andre Neblett, Rahway, 5-3.

QUARTERFINALS

112 - Ryan Wilson, Rahway, dec. Danny Diaz, Toms River North, 8-4 (OT).

119 - Kris Sigafos, Delaware Valley, pinned Sean O'Grady, St. Peter's, :52.

130 - Darrion Caldwell, Rahway, dec. Dale Fava, Don Bosco Prep, 13-6.

135 - David Greenwald, St. Mary's, Ruth., dec. Chris Kelly, Del. Val., 3-0.

160 - Randy Moore, Camden Catholic, dec. Pat Hogan, Cranford, 7-5.

HWT - Rob Ragona, West Milford, dec. Andre Neblett, Rahway, 5-2.

SEMIFINALS

112 - Ryan Wilson, Rahway, pinned Michael Bastante, Passaic Valley, 3:26.

130 - Darrion Caldwell, Rahway, pinned Matt Rizzo, Lakewood, 1:05.

135 - David Greenwald, St. Mary's, Ruth., pinned Sal Tirico, Lodi, 3:50.

SUNDAY

FINALS

112 - Ryan Wilson, Rahway, dec. Billy Ashnault, South Plainfield, 3-0.

130 - Darrion Caldwell, Rahway, dec. Bryan Tracy, Paulsboro, 9-5.

135 - Nick Orio, Eastern, dec. David Greenwald, St. Mary's, Ruth., 7-3.

- Rahway has two state champions for the second time. The first time was in 1952 when Harvey Kirby won at 123 and Tom Thompson at 141.

- Caldwell became Rahway's second two-time state champion, winning at 119 last year and 130 this year. Kirby won at 113 in 1951 and at 123 in 1952.

- Greenwald became the first St. Mary's of Rutherford grappler to reach an NJSIAA Tournament final.

SENIOR NEWS

Wednesday Club

Meetings of the Cranford Wednesday Seniors Club are Wednesdays at 1 p.m. at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

Forthcoming events are trips to Atlantic City scheduled for the second Monday of each month. Upcoming dates are April 11, May 9, June 13 and July 11. The bus leaves from Meeker Avenue at 11 a.m. The cost is \$16 with a \$18 rebate.

Reservations are now being taken for the club's annual trip to Wildwood Crest. The five day, four night trip will be from Sept. 5-9.

It includes a round-trip motorcoach transportation, deluxe room accommodations at the Regal Plaza for four nights, dinners at area restaurants, including \$10 food/casino.

Activities include baskets of cheer for a cocktail party, a poolside pizza party, visits to Smithfield Village, the Renault Winery, and the Cape May County Zoo.

Also, unlimited rides on old-fashioned trolleys, services of local Sun-coast Tour hosts, baggage handling, dinner and driver gratuities. Rates are \$295 per person for double occupancy or \$365 single per person. A \$50 deposit for double occupancy is required and a \$100 deposit for single occupancy. The final payment for the trip is July 15.

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

AARP marks women's history with speaker

In celebration of Women's History Month, Cranford AARP Chapter 4269 will hear a leading advocate of women's issues talk about the "Women Who Shaped American History" at its meeting at 10 a.m. Friday at Lincoln School, Centennial and Lincoln avenues.

Light refreshments are served at 9:30 a.m.. The public is invited.

Esther K. Gelbard, women's issues specialist and Speakers Bureau chairwoman for New Jersey AARP, is a founder and treasurer of the Equal Rights Amendment ERA Campaign Network, an organization on the internet working on strategy to have it added to the Constitution.

She has taught computer literacy as a volunteer to seniors at the Ewing Senior Learning Center. Before retiring, Gelbard was employed as an administrative analyst for the state Department of Human Services.

AARP members are actively engaged in advocating for AARP's top priority issues: Protecting Social Security being changed from a government-guaranteed retirement benefit to one subject to the risks of investing in the stock market; encouraging the federal government to negotiate lower drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries; to allow reimportation of prescription drugs from Canada which offers lower prices for American drugs; to encourage New Jersey to negotiate lower prices for its prescription drug programs; to improve the availability, quality and cost of all community- and home-based long-term care services that promote independent living as opposed to nursing homes; to fight age discrimination on the job and employers from dropping or cutting retiree health benefits and pensions.

Charter trips to the Showboat Casino in Atlantic City take place the fourth Wednesday of each month. Cost: \$18 with \$17 bonus return. Bus leaves from the Cranford Centennial

Avenue Pool at 8:45 a.m.

Reservations are being taken for a day trip to Mohegan Sun in Connecticut, \$27 per person, a \$10 coupon for the buffet and two \$10 game coupons for each person. Bus will leave from Cranford Centennial Avenue Pool at 8:30 a.m.

For more information, call Mike Doncrank at 908-486-6679 or 908-272-5671.

Thursday Club

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

• Today: St. Patrick's Day Party. Fun, food, games and entertainment, including "The Spoon Race" & "The Irish Colleens."

• March 24: Bingo.
• March 31: Speaker Linda Feder from Cranford's Hanson Park and Canoe Club. Bring donations for Cranford Family Care.

Happy birthday to Vicki Brunner, Cathy Pretti, Frank D'Antonio, Carol Capodice, Judy Mastriano, Mary Romeo and Grace Bishe.
Happy anniversary to Mary and Herman Occi, 64 years.

Trips planned for 2005:

• May 4-18, Dallas, San Antonio's Riverwalk, Alamo, LBJ Space Center, Biloxi's Beau Rivage; \$1,942 double occupancy per person.

• June 12-15, \$422 double occupancy per person. Long Island's posh Hamptons, plus a ferry to Connecticut's Foxwoods Casino.

• Aug. 15-18, Railroad of New England, \$599, double occupancy per person. Conway Scenic Railroad Notch Train, Green Mountain Flyer. Lodging in Dover, Vt., and Lincoln N.H.

• Sept. 18-22, Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, Newport, \$740 double occupancy per person. Five days, eight meals, J.F. Kennedy memorial, Vanderbilt's mansion.

• Oct. 23-26, deluxe Washington, D.C., \$598 double occupancy per person. WWII Memorial, cruise on the Potomac.

• Nov. 4-13, New Orleans and Biloxi, \$1,204 double occupancy per person; five nights at The Beau Rivage Casino Hotel, nightclub tour of New Orleans, paddlewheeler cruise on the Mississippi. Call 908-272-5375 for brochures and reservations. The public is welcome.

Friday Club

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

• Friday: St. Patrick's party
• March 25: Social/bingo
March birthdays include Helen Zielenski, March 27, and Jeannette Limone, March 30.

The Cranford Seniors Friday Club will sponsor trips to Atlantic City April 13, May 11 and June 8. The cost is \$18 and departs from Centennial Avenue Pool parking lot at noon.

The following trips are planned:

• May 25-26: Lancaster, Pa. Trip includes breakfast and dinner. Cost is \$178 for a double, or \$206 for a single. Visit Sight and Sound Theater to see "Ruth," and take a guided tour of Amish country.

• Sept. 19-23: Niagara Falls and Toronto. Cost \$410 double, \$515 single. The trip includes guided tours of Niagara and Toronto, cruise on the Maid of the Mist, Casino Niagara, four breakfasts, four dinners and more.

For reservations and/or more information, call Helen at 908-276-2849.

Free income tax assistance at center

AARP volunteers will be providing free income tax assistance to senior citizens and to lower income taxpayers from early February to mid-April at many locations throughout Union County, including the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. This includes help with applications for property tax rebates and repayments.

The Community Center provides assistance only by appointment. To request appointments, call 908-709-7283. Everyone coming to a site for tax help should bring with them records of their 2004 income, deductions and property tax bills; also their 2003 income tax file.

Free dance classes

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department has resumed its free senior social dance class.

A professional dance instructor leads beginners as well as experienced dancers in enjoying popular and standard dance steps.

The group will begin learning the waltz, fox trot and the meringue. Partners are not necessary. Another class is the senior line dancing class, held at 10 a.m. Thursdays.

The group enjoys line dancing to all types of music including country, rockabilly, oldies and popular just to name a few. Class meets for two hours.

Programs are held at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

Mixed bowling league at Linden Lanes

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department is sponsoring a mixed bowling league of Cranford seniors at Linden Lanes, 741 N. Stiles St., Linden.

Men and women can enjoy three games of bowling for a minimal charge per game. Call Linden Lanes at 908-925-3550 to register.

Sign up for classes making arts and crafts

Arts and crafts classes are running from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Saturdays.

Projects include making polar fleece pillows and blankets, decoupage votive candleholders, creative notebooks, beadwork, T-shirts and sweatshirts, and holiday-related crafts. Class is free although materials are at cost to the participants.

Programs are held at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

Call the Recreation Department at 908-709-7283 for more information or to register.

Billiards instruction

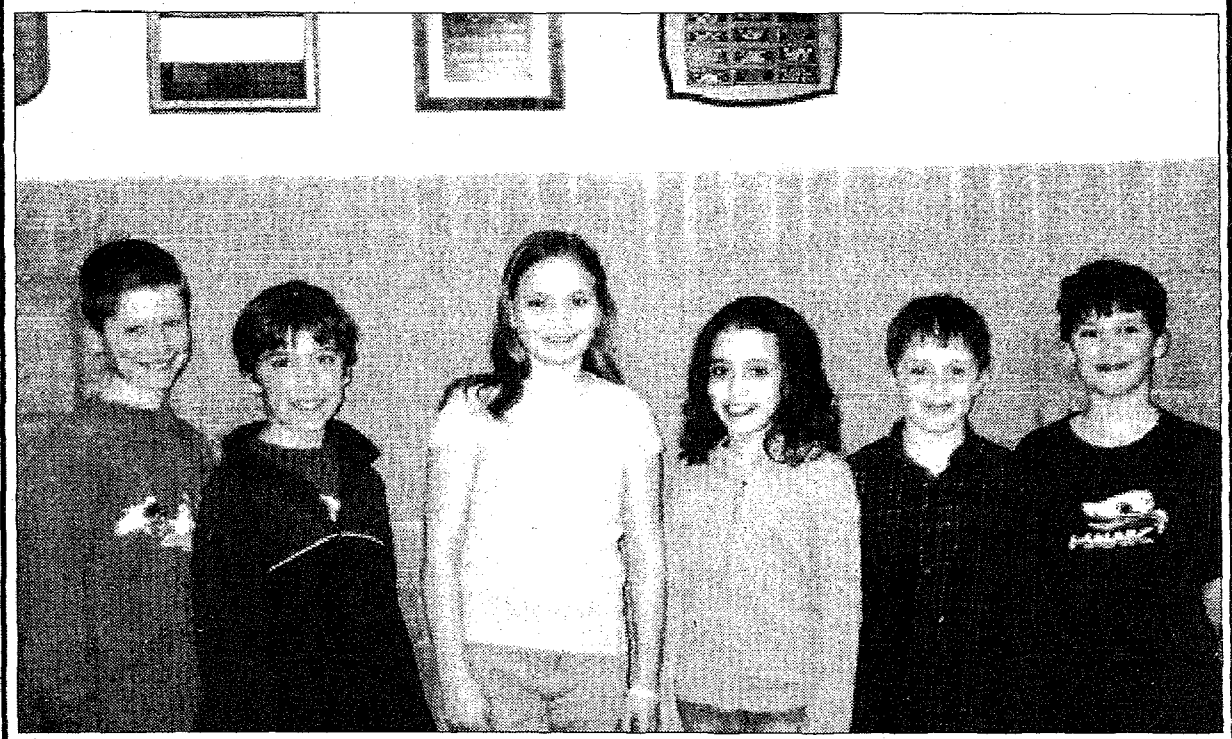
The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department is sponsoring a free billiards instruction class for Cranford seniors 60 and older.

The class runs from 1 to 2 p.m. in the air-conditioned game room at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

Program participants will learn the proper handling of a cue, care of equipment, rules and regulations of the game, the different types of games and more.

Seniors may enjoy the four billiard tables to learn and practice without interruption, as the game room will be closed to all others during this special recreational program.

Top spellers compete



Six top fourth- and fifth-grade spellers will compete against other spellers from the county in the Junior Women's Club spelling bee on Tuesday. Spellers are, from left, Kevin Strotz, fifth grade, Brookside Avenue School; Gary Hoffman, fourth grade, Livingston Avenue School; Isabella Maloney, fourth grade, Orange Avenue School; Janine Puhak, fourth grade, St. Michaels School; Matt LaFronz, fifth grade, Brookside Avenue School and Russell Harvey, fifth grade, Livingston Avenue School. Barnes and Noble gift certificates were given to first-place winner Harvey, second-place winner Hoffman and third-place winner Puhak of the local spelling bee.

OBITUARIES

Alice Sanborn

Alice M. Sanborn, 82, of Whiting, formerly of Cranford, died Feb. 25 in JFK Edison Estates Assisted Living.

Born in Kearny, Mrs. Sanborn lived in Cranford and Rutherford before moving to Whiting in 1980.

Surviving are a son, Robert Liming; a daughter, Karen Steinmetz; two stepsons, Jeffrey W. and Robin; a stepdaughter, Leslie Caskey; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Kelleher

Dorothy Kelleher, 84, of Cranford died March 5 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Kelleher lived in Valley Stream for 50 years before moving to Cranford four years ago. She was a cook at South high School, Valley Stream, for many years before retiring in 1986. Mrs. Kelleher was a long time communicant of The Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Valley Stream.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara Murphy; a son, Joseph; a sister, Margaret McCarthy, and four grandchildren.

Edward Beadle

Edward R. Beadle, 79, a lifelong resident of Cranford, died March 8 at home.

Mr. Beadle was a technical writer at Sweda Cash Register Co., Orange, for five years before retiring in 1972. Previously, he was a physical education teacher and track coach at Roselle High School from 1960 to 1966 and a department manager at Singer Manufacturing Co., Elizabeth.

Mr. Beadle graduated from Rutgers University in 1948 after serving in the Army Air Corps in World War II. In 2002, he was inducted into the

Cranford High School Sports Hall of Fame as an outstanding athlete in football, basketball, baseball and track.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia; two daughters, Patricia and Cathleen Baker; three sons, Edward Jr., Thomas and James, and 13 grandchildren.

Albert Tiano

Albert Tiano, 94, of Upper Montclair, formerly of Cranford, died March 10 at home.

Born in Salonika, Greece, Mr. Tiano lived in Paris, Cuba, Teaneck and Cranford before moving to Upper Montclair in 1968.

He co-owned Fabricville Co., Montclair, with his son, Robert, from 1969 to 2000.

Also surviving are his wife, Eva; a daughter, Vivian Schuchinski; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Francis Jankunas

Francis Thomas Jankunas, 92, of Cranford died March 10 at home.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Jankunas moved to Cranford 40 years ago. He was a supervisor at Bilkays Express Co., Elizabeth, for 10 years before retiring. Previously, Mr. Jankunas was a department manager at Singer Manufacturing Co., Elizabeth, for 33 years.

He was a member of the Tuesday Senior Citizen Club of Cranford,

where he served as treasurer for four years.

Mr. Jankunas also was a member of the Old Guard Club of Westfield and was the editor of its bulletin from 1990 to 1998.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Jean; a son, Thomas; a daughter, Marie Elaine Degnan; a sister, Toni Degutis; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Louis Habich Jr.

Louis C. "Skip" Habich Jr., 62, of the West Trenton Section of Ewing Township, formerly of Cranford, died March 10 in the Capital Health System at Mercer.

Born in Irvington, Mr. Habich lived in Cranford most of his life before moving to West Trenton in 1995.

He was a health systems specialist for the state Department of Health in Trenton, where he worked for 26 years.

Mr. Habich served in the Army during the Vietnam War, attaining the rank of captain and then served as a master sergeant with the New Jersey National Guard until 1995. He was a member of the HOG, Harley Owners Group.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Ann; two daughters, Sharon Lopez and Tracey; a brother, Kenneth F., and three grandchildren.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Management and Executive Investor Group, c/o LNR Property Corporation, 1601 Washington Avenue, Suite 800, Miami Beach, FL 33130. Stockholder owning 4.8% of LNR Holdings

Any information concerning the qualifications of any of the above stockholders should be communicated in writing to the Director, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, P.O. Box 087, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0087.

Clark Hotel, LLC, Applicant Paul D. Strauchler, Esq., Post, Polak, Goodsell, MacNeill & 425 Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, New Jersey 07068 U105480 CCE March 17, 2005 (\$40.13)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clark Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing on March 28, 2005 at 8:00 PM, at the Municipal Court Room, 315 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, at which time the following application will be heard: CAL # 6-05: Application of hardship variance for first floor addition (6' x 21') and second floor addition (21' x 33') at the premises located at 402 E. 33rd Lane in Lot 8 Block 164.01, in a R-75 District. Violation of Chapter 34 Section 10.3 Sub-Section C-1

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

Minesh Patel U104902 CCE March 17, 2004 (\$9.38)

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Township of Cranford has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Awarded to: GRA Architects, Inc., Aspen Corporate Park II, 1450 Route 9 North, Woodbridge, NJ 07095

Service: Amend Professional Services in connection with Municipal Building Elevator Term: 3/8/05-3/7/08 Fee: \$11,336.20

ROSALIE HELLENBRECHT TOWNSHIP CLERK Date: 3-24-05 U104976 CCE March 17, 2005 (\$10.13)

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Township of Cranford has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Awarded to: ANCO Environmental Services, Inc., P.O. Box 188, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922-0188

Service: Environmental Investigation Services for Township Property at 328 North Avenue East Term: 3/8/05-3/7/08 Fee: \$6,500.00

ROSALIE HELLENBRECHT TOWNSHIP CLERK Date: 3-24-05 U104975 CCE March 17, 2005 (\$10.50)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clark Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 28, 2005 at 8:00 PM, at the Municipal Court Room, 315 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, at which time the following application will be heard:

CAL #5-05: Application of Gary & Maryann Maier for (1) construction of a shed in the side yard 5' off the property line whereas 10' is allowed; (2) construction of a garage 3' off the property line whereas 10' is allowed; (3) extend a non-conforming side yard setback of 12.9 feet at the premises located at 45 Woodland Drive, Clark, in Lot 10 Block 52, in a R-150 District. Violation of Chapter 34, Section 8.3 Sub-section C-3(b).

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

Samantha Howley U105483 CCE March 17, 2005 (\$10.50)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clark Board of Adjustment will hold a meeting on Monday, March 28, 2005 at 8:00PM, at the Municipal Court Room, 315 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, at which time the following application will be heard:

CAL #3-05: Application of Evdoxia Koritsoglou, at the premises located at 45 Woodland Road, Clark, New Jersey, Lot 19, Block 4.01, in an R-150 District, to construct a one-family house.

Violation of Chapter XXIV, Sections 34-83, subsection 34-8.3(b).

This application was to be heard at the meeting of February 28, 2005, which was postponed.

The file papers for the above application are available for inspection at the Clark Township Building Department, 430 Westfield Avenue, Room 28, Clark, New Jersey, Monday through Friday, 9AM to 4PM.

Fink Rosner Ershov-Levenberg, LLC By: Stanley A. Fink Attorneys for Applicant U104821 CCE March 17, 2005 (\$11.63)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clark Board of Adjustment will hold a meeting on Monday, March 28, 2005 at 8:00PM, at the Municipal Court Room 315 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, at which time the following application will be heard:

CAL #: Application of Jufzino Construction, LLC (A) to permit filing of application for subdivision and variances based on revised map; the Board having denied a prior application by Resolution #24-R-04 dated October 13, 2004; and (B) for review of application for subdivision and variances for the 2-lot subdivision to construct 2 one-family houses, variances, and site plan review, at the premises known as:

204 Miller Avenue, Block 173, Lots 28 and 29, in an R-100 District.

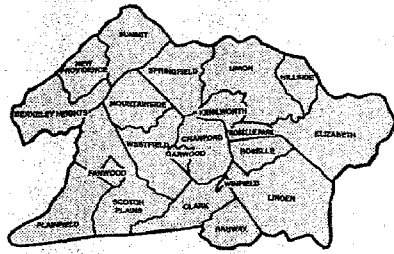
Violation of Chapter XXXIV, Sections 34-30 Subsections 34-8.3a 1 & 2; C3 and 3(b). These applications were to be heard on February 28, 2005, which meeting was postponed.

The file papers for the above application are available for inspection at the Clark Township Building Department, 430 Westfield Avenue, Room 28, Clark, New Jersey, Monday through Friday, 9AM to 4PM.

Neighbors helping neighbors



Project Home of Cranford is a nonprofit organization which provides temporary emergency financial assistance to qualified Cranford families who are in danger of losing their homes or apartments due to assorted crisis situations. Students at the Helen K. Baldwin Nursery School have been supportive of Project Home through their annual penny drive. They learn about neighbors helping neighbors, which is the theme of Project Home. The nursery students then donate their pennies to Project Home. Getting ready to start counting just some of their pennies are students, from left, back row, Anna Roberts, Matthew Nicholls, Katelyn Normann, Nicholas Garofalo, Abigail Giannobile, Billy Lentz, Alec Salomon, Anthony Graziano, Keith Brown, and front row, Madeline DeBaro, Lucia Rinaldi, Derek Kallensee, Kyra Goga, Patrick Jarosz, Gregory Bishop, Matthew Normann. Not pictured are Shayna Hollander and Madeline Larrabee.



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What goes on there

• **Petrino Prioritizes:** Rahway Superintendent of Schools William Petrino is bringing his school budget up for a public hearing on March 24. Petrino is planning for the worst. If the city defeats the budget with an 8 percent increase on April 16, the superintendent has already said he will cut the usual suspects like elementary music, sports and arts.

Unfortunately in the current climate the school budget becomes an easy target for hard-pressed taxpayers. It's a shame that the current system allows music and art to be the scapegoats for angry taxpayers and clever administrators.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

• **Bramnick —** "You talking to me?": Assemblyman Jon Bramnick from Westfield has sponsored a resolution that "encourages all residents of New Jersey to join with the leaders of the state in a campaign toward civility, kindness and respect to all." Bramnick a trial lawyer, academic type and part-time comedian is an interesting guy. Most would tell you he is also a gentleman.

• **Kushner Goes to Clink:** Charles Kushner got the word last week he is going on a two-year state penal vacation. A local developer quipped, "Poor Charlie, it's been a long time since he had to take orders from anyone. This is going to be a long stretch."

• **Kushner and Cranford:** Come spring, Kushner's Cranford Crossing will be going full speed. The community should start pressing the Chatty Five on the governing body to be proactive and actually limit the disruption to traffic and the central business district.

• **The Senior Policy Advisor:** The spiraling journey of Richard Aregood, formerly a big wig at the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and later *The Star-Ledger*, and recently "Senior policy advisor" to State Sen. Thomas Kean Jr. has taken a new twist. With Kean's announcement that he is running next year for the U.S. Senate, Aregood actually has a reason to advise.

• **Rajoppi's Translator:** County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi combined the technical and bureaucratic to get results. Last week with an assist from her Freeholder Chairman Rick Proctor she got approval for a system to create audiotapes of sample election ballots for the visually disabled voters.

• **Attorney General Accomplishments:** Feeling the heat for some of his decisions, Peter Harvey said the legal community sees "a level of productivity in this office that they haven't seen in years and they have said it to me." Not me.

• **Scott Skips Second Shot:** Scott Mease, a member of the Cranford Township Committee and an engineer by trade, has announced he is not seeking a second term. It's been speculated folksy Scott is not happy engineering decisions were subject to political pressures. What a shame that in a democracy even engineers are subject to scrutiny. Reference is made to the recent Eastman Street Bridge fiasco.

• **Vo-Tech expansion:** The county is going forward with a 23,000-square-foot expansion of the vocational-technical school in Scotch Plains. This means enhanced culinary training and health and medical programs. Put this down as an investment in the future.

• **Restore the House:** You really have to hand it to the Kenilworth Historical Society. They run trips to Cape May and have beef-steak dinners. Maybe they are just a party bunch, but the goal to restore the 19th century Nitschke House is commendable and evidently doable.

An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.



Grand Marshal Peg Cullen of Mountainside waves to people along the route of the Union County St. Patrick's Day parade in Union on Saturday.

Photos By Barbara Kokkalis



Twirlers from Union High School, left, were among the many participants, as well as Livingston School third-grader Meaghan Daulfield, 9, right, who marched with the Irish-American Society of Union.



Forrester wins on 2nd ballot

By A. E. Gualtieri
Staff Writer

Over 500 people crowded the auditorium of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School last weekend to decide the fate of six Republican candidates for governor.

The excitement and energy in the room was palpable, as the candidates took the stage and made their appeals to a bigger convention audience than the county committee had seen in years, including a 61-person delegation from Elizabeth — never a party stronghold.

In a room festooned with banners, signs, and even a few balloons from wall to wall, be-stickered committee members listened and took stock as staffers walked the aisles passing out campaign literature.

John Murphy, a freeholder from Morris County, had been focusing on the county for a month, working his public service message. Murphy's strategy had already been received well by county municipal officials, earning endorsements from officials in Clark, Westfield, Summit and Berkeley Heights.

A strident speech from Bret Schundler, the former Jersey City mayor who had all but ignored the county prior to the campaign, created a new buzz in the audience, most of whom were only familiar with Schundler from his last, unsuccessful, gubernatorial campaign.

Doug Forrester, seen by many as the only candidate with the financial means to take on Jon Corzine, is the former mayor of West Windsor and was a member of the Kean administration. With wide name recognition from his unsuccessful Senate campaign in 2002, the Union county line was widely recognized as a Forrester-Murphy contest.

The other candidate in a good fiscal position is Bob Schroeder, who had also not expended as much time or energy in Union as some of the other candidates. A Washington Township

councilman, Schroeder's campaign bus was one of the first things committee members saw as they pulled into the high school lot that morning.

The first ballot was rounded out by Assemblyman Paul DiGaetano and Bogota Mayor Steve Lonegan. Todd Caligiure, a former Bergen county freeholder and Kean administration official, had withdrawn his name from the ballot earlier that week.

As the 467 votes were cast and tallied, speculation proved true: Forrester and Murphy were neck and neck with 157 votes and 143 votes, respectively, with Schundler coming in third with 82 votes and Schroeder in fourth with 64 votes, many of which reportedly came from the Elizabeth delegation.

Despite his fourth-place finish, Schroeder said his campaign was far from over. "We're moving forward," he said. "We've worked hard over the last couple of weeks," and will now focus on Ocean and Bergen counties.

As the convention entered its third hour, Union County's committee rules sent the top two candidates to a second ballot. As Schroeder departed for Ocean County, his staffers campaigned for Murphy, though one was seen with Forrester stickers on a Schroeder placard. Schundler staffers also campaigned for Murphy.

As the second ballot votes were tallied, Forrester emerged the winner by a mere 23 votes, topping Murphy 216 to 193.

While Murphy seemed disappointed with the results, he said considered a second-place finish as doing well.

"It keeps me in the race and indicates my candidacy is for real," he said, adding that now his focus will turn to the Ocean and Bergen contests.

Some were unwilling to write off the rest of the field too easily. Gloria Yakre of Scotch Plains thinks Schundler will win the primary.

"He came in third without doing any work in Union county," she said. "I think he gives people hope."

County among tops in pedestrian fatalities

By A. E. Gualtieri
Staff Writer

Three-year-old Alyssa Wilbur was struck and killed by an ambulance heading for Overlook Hospital in Summit during last week's snowstorm.

Though Wilbur's is an especially sad case, the situation is all too common in Union County, where pedestrians are a greater percentage of total traffic fatalities than anywhere else in the state.

Three of every five traffic fatalities in Union County are pedestrians, the new study, released last week, details. The county was also the location for more pedestrian fatalities in 2004 than any other county except Essex, which has the highest overall fatalities in the state.

The Tri-State Transportation Campaign, an advocacy group, released a study detailing the statewide fatalities for the last 10 years, with fact sheets for each county, data that were compiled from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the state Department of Law and Public Safety.

"The big take-home lesson of this is that after 10 years of effort, the number of pedestrian deaths has remained stable," said Michelle Ernst, a spokeswoman for the Tri-State

Transportation Campaign. She said that while there have been spikes and dips over the past few years, the state average has hovered around 150 pedestrian deaths per year over the last decade.

While data were not available by municipality, Ernst said that Union was near the top of the list due to its more urban areas.

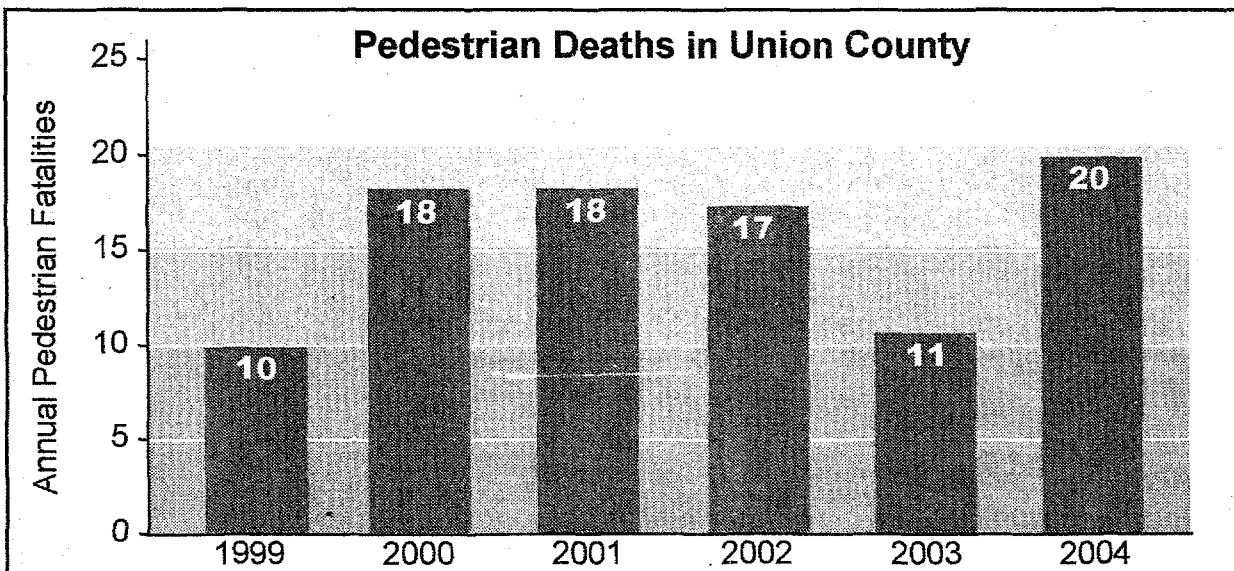
"In urban areas, there are more pedestrians who are vulnerable to collisions," she said, noting that Routes 1&9 are one of the more dangerous roadways in the county.

Freeholder Daniel Sullivan, who is a member of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, said that Routes 1&9 in Elizabeth and Route 22 in Union and Springfield are two major areas of concern.

"It really is troubling that there were that many fatalities," he said, noting that the number does fluctuate over the years.

While plans for improvements come from the state departments of transportation and highway traffic and safety, he said, one of the things Union county has looked into is better signage along 1&9.

"One of the things we've been looking at is signs with timers, so that people have a better idea of how much



time they have to cross," Sullivan said.

Sullivan also said that jaywalking, especially along Route 22, is a concern and could contribute to the problem.

"In some instances, people are being a little reckless in crossing that road," he said, referring to the section of Route 22 that passes through Union and Springfield.

Sullivan mentioned that working with employers along that section of highway to increase employees' awareness as well as working with the municipal police departments that patrol that highway would be a possibility for the county.

"It's one of those ongoing problems that seems to defy a solution,"

Sullivan said. "A lot of it is just better awareness and better enforcement."

While there are plans under way to increase the number of pedestrian overpasses and other pedestrian improvements on that section of Route 22, he said, the funds for the project would not be available from the state until 2006.

The good news is, however, that many municipalities known for congestion problems have avoided pedestrian problems.

Clark and Westfield, for example, had no pedestrian fatalities in 2004. Similarly, although the intersection of Stuyvesant Avenue and Chestnut Street in Union sees 200 traffic accidents annually, none that occurred last year involved a pedestrian fatality.

The TSTC study includes some recommendations for decreasing traffic-related pedestrian fatalities:

• Increasing state funding from the Transportation Trust Fund for bicycle and pedestrian projects. According to the study, demand for these projects is five times greater than the funds available.

• Creation of a dedicated funding source for the "Safe Streets to Schools" program, which aims to improve pedestrian safety near schools.

• The implementation of "traffic calming" techniques, such as: speed humps; bulbouts, where curb extensions shorten the length of crosswalks; median barriers, which prevent jaywalking; and textured pavement.

Union to be center of statewide emergency drill next month

By A. E. Gualtieri
Staff Writer

If you see emergency management personnel wearing hazmat suits or patients falling ill from a bacterial agent, do not be afraid: this is only a test of New Jersey's emergency response system.

Topoff3, a congressionally mandated homeland security exercise, will be taking place April 4-8 across the state, in conjunction with a similar exercise in Connecticut.

The simulation involves a biological terrorist event, and will involve all of New Jersey's acute care hospital, as well as all local, county, and state emergency management personnel.

"We are playing statewide, and that's the first time this has been done," said Roger Shatzkin, of the state Attorney General's office.

States request to participate in the exercise,

and undergo two years of planning and seminars in preparation for what the Department of Homeland Security calls "a full-scale exercise". For Topoff3, the simulation involves simultaneous attacks in New Jersey and Connecticut by a "well-organized adversary," according to Dennis McNally, of the state office of Emergency Management.

McNally said that Topoff 3 is the best means to investigate and build relationships between emergency management and the public and private sectors.

While the "event" will be centered in Union and Middlesex counties, play will ripple outward from there, state officials said.

Gretchen Michael, director of communications for the state Department of Health and Senior Services, said that the goal of the exercise

is to find weaknesses in the state's response system.

For the New Jersey portion of the exercise, the private sector involved is the statewide healthcare system, particularly the 82 acute-care hospitals in the state.

"Like all acute care hospitals in New Jersey, Atlantic Health System's three hospitals... are participating in the Topoff3 exercise," said Joan Lebow, director of public affairs for Atlantic Health Systems, which includes Overlook Hospital in Summit and Mountainside Hospital in Montclair.

Lebow said that patient care would be unaffected by the hospitals' participation in the exercise.

"During the drill, the Emergency Departments and all facets of the hospitals will function

normally with quality patient care remaining our number one priority," Lebow said, stressing that "real emergencies will take precedence over the exercise."

Lebow also said the exercise would allow the hospital system to revise and upgrade its existing emergency plans and test its preparedness.

County officials are also looking forward to the drill, which they have said will allow them to test not only the county's readiness, but how well information flows between the federal, state, and local agencies.

"We'll be looking at how our local health departments communicate with each other and pool our resources," said Freeholder Chairman Rick Proctor, who also serves as the health officer for several Union county municipalities.

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COUNTY NEWS

'Crisis in Africa' interactive discussion

The Elizabeth Historical Society, Elizabeth New Jersey Inc. will present an interactive discussion, "A Crisis in Africa: Whose Problem Is It?" with Congressman Donald Payne Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Halsey House Auditorium of Elizabeth High School, South Street.

For more information, call 908-353-1511 or e-mail hsenj@yahoo.com.

Rehabilitation services the topic of speaker

Residents are invited to a free presentation Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Osceola Presbyterian Church, 1689 Raritan Road, Clark, where guest speaker Cory Storch, executive director of Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services in Elizabeth, will tell about psychiatric programs offered at Bridgeway. His talk, entitled "Best Practices," will focus on a progress review of the agency's best practices, which are aimed at improving its ability to help those with mental illness to reach their goals. The program is run by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Union County Chapter.

Bridgeway is a leading provider of psychiatric rehabilitation for adults to help them live as independently as possible in the community. The agency is on the cutting edge of improving service interventions and expanding resources that have helped mental health consumers in their journeys toward recovery.

Storch holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's in rehabilitation counseling. In his position as executive director at Bridgeway, Storch oversees programs, personnel and fiscal operations. Responsibilities include planning, public relations, program and community resource development, budget preparation and hiring.

Storch is an adjunct instructor at the University of Medicine and Dentistry, Department of Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Behavioral Health and serves as a board member of the New Jersey Supportive Housing Association. He is a member of the New Jersey Mental Health Coalition and the Union County Professional Advisory Committee on Mental Health. Storch is on the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association and serves as a mem-

ber of the New Jersey Planning Board, Plainfield.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, or in case of inclement weather, call 908-233-1628.

UCLSA dinner Tuesday

UCLSA, the association for legal professionals, will hold its regular monthly dinner meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday at Domani's Restaurant, 230 W. Westfield Ave., Roselle Park. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the guest speaker for the evening will be Walter Barisonok, Superior Court judge from Union County.

The cost for the seminar and a complete dinner — including tax and tip — is \$23 for reservations or more information, call Judy Reed at 908-355-4892 or e-mail to jreedl@att.net.

UCLSA awards an annual scholarship to a qualified individual living in Union County who is pursuing a law related career. This year, UCLSA's award will be in the amount of \$1,000 and the recipient may also be eligible to participate in the state association's scholarship contest for an additional scholarship award.

UCLSA is continuing its fundraising efforts for its annual charitable cause. This year, UCLSA, along with its state association, NJALS, the association for legal professionals, will be donating all monies raised to Cystic Fibrosis in memory of Nicole L. Cullison.

"Nikki" died on April 14 at the age of 26. She graduated from Widener School of Law in Delaware in May 2003 and shortly before her death, Nikki sat for both the Pennsylvania and New Jersey bar exams.

Individuals and/or companies able to make a donation, should mail a check, made payable to UCLSA, the association for legal professionals, to: Cheryl Ann Palmer-Berner, UCLSA Charitable Cause Chairman, 19 Mill Road, Edison, 08817.

For more information regarding UCLSA membership or UCLSA scholarships, call UCLSA's Membership Chairman, Susie Mack at 973-849-2543, visit the following Web site, www.njals.org, or send an e-mail to legalangel@hotmail.com.

New passport fees

A new, federally mandated "security surcharge" increased passport processing fees by \$12 beginning March 8. The fee increases are mandated by the U.S. State Department.

The revised fee schedule will be as follows:

- Passport application, adult, \$97
- Passport application, under 16, \$82
- Passport renewal, \$67
- Emergency/expedited service, add \$60

The fee will fund multiple security enhancements in the U.S. passport. The surcharge will also support the cost of upgrading passport delivery from first-class mail to priority mail with delivery confirmation.

In related news, the U.S. State Department is continuing to not accept Hudson County Birth Certificates as valid proof of citizenship, Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi announced. However, birth certificates issued by the New Jersey Bureau of Vital Statistics and municipal registrars in Hudson County — except Jersey City, Guttenberg and Secaucus — are acceptable. The highly unusual decision was made after a joint investigation by the U.S. State and Justice Departments found evidence of fraud.

Passport application forms may be obtained at the county clerk's main office in the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth and the Annex at 300 North Ave. East in Westfield. Applications and related information can also be found online at <http://www.uncj.org/ctyclerk/passport.html>.

The Westfield Annex is the only county clerk's office in the state that is open during evening hours. The annex is open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; the phone number is 908-654-9859. The Elizabeth office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; the phone number is 908-527-4966.

NARFE chapter is 'Irish for a day'

The Union County National Association of Retired Federal Employees is Irish for a day at their monthly meeting. Each March NARFE Chapter 1066 meeting theme is "Irish for a day."

This year the regular meeting coincides with St. Patrick's Day. The luncheon meeting will feature green bagels, green tea, soda bread and the traditional corned beef and cabbage. Member volunteer to prepare and bring differ traditional Irish foods enjoyed on St. Patty's Day. Addition-

ally, final plans will be made for their annual May theater party outing.

This year they will go to dinner and attend the Cranford Dramatic Club musical "Into the Woods". The chapter meets the third Thursday of each month at the Third Westminster Presbyterian Church in Scott Hall at Salem and North Avenue in Elizabeth.

'House of Silver' at Runnells today

The Volunteer Guild of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County will feature the merchandise of "House of Silver" today in the multipurpose room of the facility at 40 Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A percentage of each purchase made at these sales is given to the Volunteer Guild to obtain items for the residents and patients that may include televisions, VCRs and prizes for their bingo games. The efforts of the Guild, which make vendor sales possible, also sponsor a holiday party/gift distribution and a summer picnic or ice cream social, in cooperation with the Berkeley Heights Lions Club.

The Volunteer Guild and the Office of Volunteer Services of Runnells Specialized Hospital are always interested in recruiting volunteers. Flexible hours and a variety of opportunities exist with resident contact as well as performing other tasks.

Anyone who would like further information should call the Office of Volunteer Services at 908-771-5847.

WPC to honor Cox and Rajoppi

The Union County Women's Political Caucus will host a reception honoring Elizabeth Cox of Summit and Joanne Rajoppi of Union on Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at L'Affaire, 1099 Route 22 East, Mountainside.

Mistress of Ceremonies will be Assemblywoman Linda Stender.

Cox has been actively involved with women's concerns and issues since the end of 1971, when she helped form both the UC Women's Political Caucus and the Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey.

As a former assemblywoman in the early 1970s, Cox was responsible for the concept of county commissions on women in New Jersey. Currently, along with Rajoppi, she represents the Union County Caucus on the Board of the State Caucus, and she serves the

state organization as parliamentarian and by-laws chairwoman. On the national level, she is vice chairwoman of the Republican Task Force of the National Women's Political Caucus. Her previous awards include those from the City of Summit, the Union County Commission on Women, NJ Advisory Commission on Women, NJ Department of Community Affairs, and the Communications Workers of America 1039.

For more information, contact Brenda King at bking@patmedia.net.

LIFE Center to mark 25th anniversary

Union County College's LIFE Center will celebrate a quarter century of providing educational opportunities for senior citizens at a luncheon on April 9 at 12:30 pm in the Tavern in the Park, 147 W. Westfield Ave., Roselle Park.

The luncheon will serve a triple purpose: to mark the 25th anniversary of the LIFE Center, to honor the late Oscar Fishtein, a UCC professor who conceived, founded and for many years led and taught in the center, and to raise funds to continue the groundbreaking program that he started.

LIFE is an acronym for Learning is Forever. It embodies the concept developed by Fishtein of providing free college-level classes, taught by full-time college staff or adjuncts to senior citizens at easily accessible sites in their own communities or towns close to where they live.

The center is funded by Union County College, with support from the County of Union, Department of Economic Development; City of Elizabeth; Plainfield Foundation; and some of the host communities.

This year classes are being held in 10 of the 21 Union County municipalities. Elizabeth hosts five, Plainfield and Union host four each. Roselle, Scotch Plains and Westfield have two each, while single courses are available in Clark, Mountainside, New Providence and Springfield.

The cost is \$25 per person, payable to the LIFE Center, with proceeds going toward the support of continued LIFE classes. Reservations must be in by March 30.

Drill will test local response

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"We'll also be looking at things like how the epidemic emerges and spreads," he said.

Proctor also revealed that Union County was chosen because of its five acute-care hospitals, its high population density, its proximity to New York City, airports, and mass transit, as well as its Office of Emergency Management coordinator, Ben Laganaga.

During the exercise, Proctor said, residents will be largely unaffected by play. While there may be a few traffic disruptions, he said, play should not interfere with day-to-day operations.

Proctor said that right now, the county is processing prospective volunteers, an activity which requires background checks on the more than a thousand volunteers necessary for the county's simulation.

Volunteers will act as patients and victims throughout the state.

While most of the scenario is being kept a secret to preserve the integrity of the exercise, such as locations and times of play, residents should be aware of the simulation and not be surprised to see play in progress.

Senior outreach

The Union County Division on Aging in the Department of Human Services will bring its outreach services program for senior citizens to 10 locations during March. The program offers senior citizens information and help with applications for a variety of important government assistance programs. Bilingual staff members will be available to assist the senior citizens at all locations.

- Plainfield, today, 9 to 11 a.m. at the Twin City Supermarket, 600 Park Ave., Plainfield.

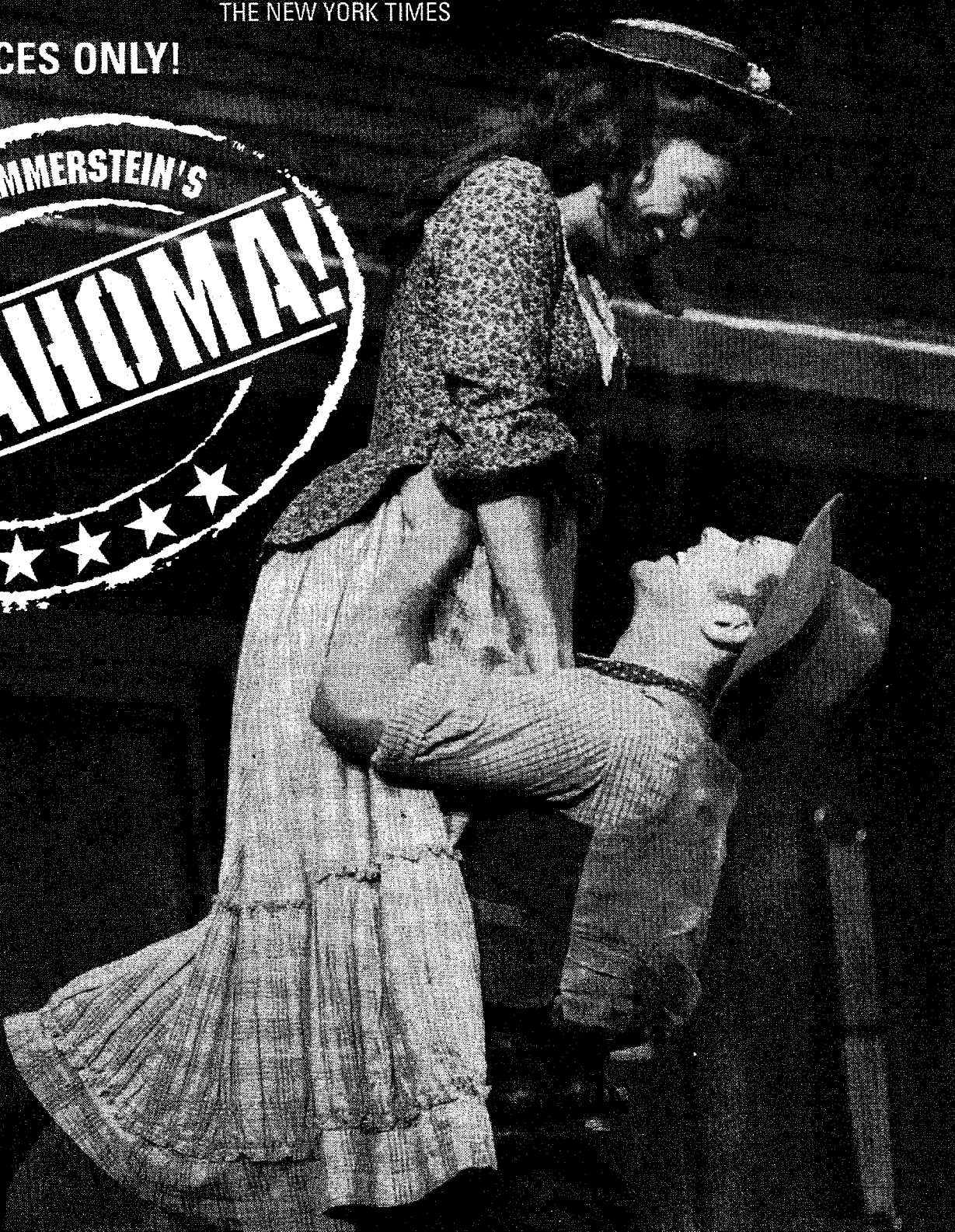
- Elizabeth, Friday, noon to 1:30 p.m. at Elizabeth Towers, 315 W. Grand St., Elizabeth.

- Elizabeth, Tuesday, 3 to 4 p.m. at Liberty Square Senior Center, 240 Elizabeth Ave., Elizabeth.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Broadway performer stars at The Manor

By Anita Louis and Joel Levin
Correspondents

"Cabaret Soiree Nights" at The Manor in West Orange serve dinner, music, and tradition with inspired and consistent elegance, making for a rare and grand experience.

This past Thursday, the formal beauty of the dining was echoed by the beauty of Judy McLane's after-dinner song stylings at the venerable restaurant and club.

Was dinner a rich appetizer for the McLane show, or was the cabaret act a great chaser for dinner?

However you conceptualize it, the grand old formula of dinner-and-a-show amid traditional surroundings and trappings was a feast for five senses, four hours of pampering for \$74.

The Manor is a vision from the grandeur of a forgotten era, a Federal-style mansion that looks as if it never stopped growing.

The edifice sprawls across acres of formal gardens, anachronistically hemmed in by the necessary acres of parking.

Inside is all architectural fantasy, accessorized by antique furnishings and accents.

With dinner starting between 6 and 6:30 p.m. in the Terrace Lounge, and the intimate cabaret act starting after 9, there's time to enjoy five courses at an unhurried pace in a jewel box dining room adorned with mirrors, draperies, and fresh flowers.

Bob Richards provides music from a repertoire ranging from Chopin and Rachmaninoff to '40s and '50s standards.

There are fresh flowers at all tables, and a grand bouquet of orchids, lilies, and cut flowers perched on a regal column, but next time, we'll ask to be seated further from the overpowering fragrance.

The upholstered recliner chairs, conveniently castered, are made for lingering.

The service is very Old World and solicitous without being stuffy or intimidating.

Our chairs were pulled out when we were seated, and napkins were unfolded and placed in laps.

With each course, of course, fresh cutlery was brought out.

Surprisingly for such an opulent setting, wine and cocktails are reasonably priced.

The short wine list on the cabaret menu represents a fraction of the restaurant's vast cellar, but it makes the selection process easy. Furthermore, bottle prices were mostly in the mid- and upper-twenties, and about \$9 by the glass.

Ordering a drink was the first theatrical presentation.

A martini glass containing three mammoth olives on a swizzle stick was placed on the table by a server who had journeyed across the room from the bar to shake and decant the cocktail with a flourish and a smile.

Executive chef Michael Weishaup has engineered a short and safe menu for pre-cabaret diners.

The five-course dinner was heralded by a server who announced, "Here is your bread selection," and then recited a description of the six breads. He was to return voluntarily several times, in addition to responding to further summonses from us.

The bread show was followed by an amuse-bouche of luscious corn chowder with roasted pepper mousse, creamy-dreamy enough to immediately set off the cholesterol detector.

For appetizers, we chose a succulent combination of tuna carpaccio

with tuna tartar and seaweed salad, and a duck confit spring roll on a bed of fresh pea shoots and red peppers.

Teeth are optional for the oh-so-tender large medallions of tuna carpaccio with seared exterior and sparkling sashimi-fresh interior.

The confit roll was high on texture, but its timid seasoning needed rescuing by a sweet and snappy tamarind sauce.

From the four main-course choices, we went for the striped bass and the pan-seared chicken.

The minimalist fish could have come out of the broiler sooner, but the skin had a nice crackle to it and the purity of flavor was respected.

The crunchy and plump chicken breast with wing came with an asparagus and artichoke ragout.

We ogled a neighbor's substantial beef tenderloin, charred on the outside and rosy pink on the inside.

The plant kingdom is not an afterthought at The Manor.

A salad of baby arugula greens and roasted beets dressed with a light sherry vinaigrette refreshed.

The sautéed batons of zucchini and carrots accompanying the fish were done just right, and the asparagus accompanying the chicken was young and al dente.

Presentation is king at The Manor, with food arranged artfully on bespoke porcelain and silver.

Assorted pastries and ice cream, followed by an individual wooden box of chocolates, capped the meal.

Coffee and tea service choices were limitless as well as bottomless; our tasty cappuccino and espresso showed the hand of an unsung barista.

Then a relocation for the show up a sweeping staircase to Le Dome, a gracious circular room with glass walls and ceiling and bronze Beaux-Art pilasters and sconces.

For this evening, Judy McLane took a night off from her role as Tanya in Broadway's "Mama Mia."

If there were such a thing as a Tony-Across-the-Hudson award, McLane would have copped it, as she is not a mere lounge singer, but a singing actress doing a one-person show.

She employed a variety of songs and styles to explore relationships with friends, lovers, and even animals.

McLane's clean and smooth alto delivered some songs in their original style, while others were animated with a surprise twist.

Her rendition of "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina," left us convinced that we were hearing Eva Peron commanding a crowd of thousands.

She played Peron in a regional production of Evita.

"Ten Minutes Ago I Met You," a love song from Rogers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella," was updated as a commentary on speed-dating in the Internet era, with McLane evoking a diverse parade of men with her rapid-fire facial and postural changes.

McLane also introduced a new number into her repertoire, "Nip and Tuck," written by Ilene Reid and Michael Heitzman.

Her patter positioned her as a down-to-earth, hamish storyteller. So humble was she, in fact, that she introduced her third-grade teacher, her first vocal coach, her sister, and her aunt in the audience.

Sprinkled between ballads such as "Lies of Handsome Men" and "Can't Help Lovin' That Man of Mine," were offbeat selections like one about plastic surgery, replete with sawing and sucking sounds, and an ode to bald men as good lovers.

Stage performance brings 'Passion' to life

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor

This time last spring, moviegoers watched the graphic production of "The Passion of the Christ" at theaters throughout the country. The film drew various responses, some supporting it, some criticizing it. Regardless of whether people liked the film, there was one thing almost everyone who saw it could agree on: It was graphic.

Now imagine that film performed live as a play. That play, "La Pasion: De Nuestro Señor Jesucristo," will be performed live in Spanish on Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Ritz Theatre in Elizabeth. For those who found the screen version somewhat harrowing to watch, imagine the difference when that concept is performed live!

The live production of "La Pasion" is the first production performed under the watch of new executive director Diana St. John and theater owner George Castro II, who has undertaken a complete restoration of the Ritz. Castro said that theatergoers won't soon forget this version of the play.

"This is a live replica of what

Jesus went through during those times. What's going to make this event beautiful are the special effects, the lighting, the background," said Castro. "You'll see a graphic representation of what Jesus was subjected to by the Romans. It's going to be very difficult for the attendees to see that there are any special effects, and not reality. What they're going to see is something graphic; they're feel the same feelings and sentiments they felt when they watched Mel Gibson's "Passion."

What will make this performance interesting is that every performer will be a local resident, something Castro feels will resonate with theatergoers.

"These performers have been training for two years," Castro pointed out. "Before I allowed this production to be played in the Ritz, I had to see it first. I was so impressed with the special effects, the perception of reality, that 15 minutes into the play I knew it wasn't necessary to see anything else, I wanted to see this play at the Ritz Theatre."

In fact, Castro was so moved by the production that he is absorbing

all of the production costs, donating the theater and any profits to the congregation of Monte Carmelo in Jersey City. Castro said the congregation was instrumental in bringing the performance to the Ritz.

And while attendees watch the show, if they've ever been to the theater before, when it was the Drake Opera House, they may notice some changes going on. That's because the theater is in the middle of a major renovation, prior to completely reopening in October. The renovation will maintain the art deco style of the theater, restoring the moldings, the walls, ceiling and the floor, without compromising the theater's outstanding acoustics.

Castro also proudly cited the theater's ease of access for commuters. A parking garage adjacent to the theater can hold 1,000 cars, and the theater is just two blocks from the train station, facilitating an easy commute for those from New York or Philadelphia.

"We've had concerts where people have come from New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Washington, D.C.," said Castro. "They just get off the train, walk to

the theater, and go back home." Indeed, as Castro speaks, it's easy to hear the devotion in his voice, the determination he possesses to make the Ritz "the place to be" in the future.

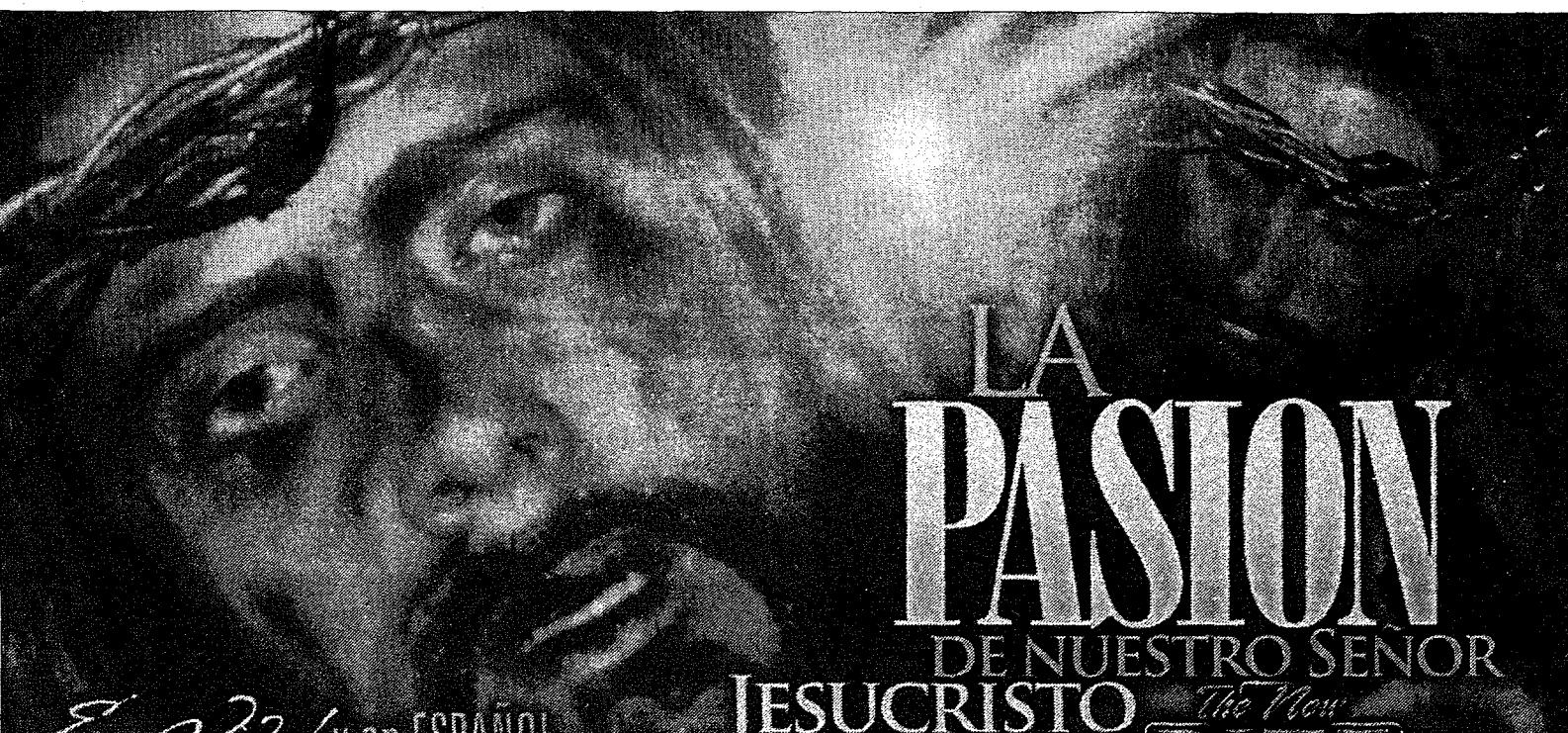
"I remember a freeholder saying that I have three children, a son, a daughter and the Ritz Theatre," said Castro. "That's how I feel about the theater. It's been challenging and fulfilling to me to restore a piece of art. It allows me, an immigrant from Columbia, not only to see American history, but to be part of it."

And it's interesting that as Castro restores the theater, he is presenting a production about the restoration of faith.

"One of the most important aspects of life are moral values, spreading the word of God to young children," he said.

"Elizabeth is a historically religious city. We recognize the value of not forgetting what Jesus Christ went through."

Admission to "La Pasion" is \$20 for orchestra, \$15 for balcony seats. For ticket information, call 908-352-7469. The Ritz is located at 1148 E. Jersey St, Elizabeth.



Above is the poster for the live performance of 'The Passion of Jesus Christ,' being performed in Spanish at the Ritz Theatre in Elizabeth.

Offbeat comedy chosen for Strollers' latest

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor

Beware, parents. The Strollers are performing a play titled "Psychopathia Sexualis."

All right, you got me. The only thing in the play that really invokes sex is the name of the production. Fact is, it's more about Arthur's psychological condition.

Arthur? Oh, he's the central character in the play. Phyllis Kessler, the

play's director, pointed out that Arthur has a slight predicament.

"Arthur can't make love without socks, and his psychoanalyst has taken away his socks, and he's about to be married, so this is a big problem," said Kessler. "The play is actually a very innocent comedy. Title and subject matter would lead people to believe it's a lot more sexually subjective than it is."

Kessler noted that "Psychopathia

Sexualis" written by John Patrick Shanley, premiered in New York in 1997, and it's been performed regionally throughout the country since then. Currently, The Strollers are performing the play on March 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. at the Burgdorff Cultural Center, 10 Durand Road, Maplewood.

Kessler is pretty straight-forward in terms of her theatrical preferences. She confessed she had a preference for comedies, and "Psychopathia Sexualis" certainly fit the bill.

"I like to go the movies or theater and laugh. As long as we can all keep laughing, we can keep going on," Kessler said. "The play's sort of sad in a way. Here's this poor fellow who can't make love without these socks, that's kind of a desperate situation, but if we can laugh at these situations, we can find a kind of human commonality. Everyday life can be kind of depressing; it's important to laugh."

Certainly, the topic is, well, different. Which begs the question, why this play? As I asked Kessler that question, I thought to myself, silently, how did they stumble on this play? Sure enough, Kessler responded in a very appropriate fashion.

"It's very interesting, we actually stumbled on it," said Kessler, who had no idea she was practically reading my mind. "We have a committee that

meets a year in advance to decide the plays, and one of our members just stumbled on it. The title is provocative. It was intriguing, he read the play, and it was very funny and we wanted to do it."

"The fortuitous part of it all is that we choose our plays in advance, and it's difficult to be terribly timely, or current, but this time we got lucky." In addition to an affinity for humor, Kessler brings 10 years of directing experience with The Strollers, having joined the theater company some 15 years ago as an actress. Prior to this, she directed "Little Shop of Horrors" and "The Nerd."

Kessler sounds as if she knows a witty, offbeat comedy when she sees one, and she promises that "Psychopathia Sexualis" more than satisfies the human need for laughter, citing the reason The Strollers chose to do the play in the first place.

"The laughs. Any play that makes me laugh makes me want to direct it. It's the rare script that makes you laugh out loud when you read it, and this play did that."

Tickets are \$12 for general admission, and \$10 for seniors and students. To purchase tickets, call 973-761-8453, or visit The Strollers' Web site, www.thestrollers.org.



Thea Clark talks with Danna Huning in The Strollers' production of 'Psychopathia Sexualis' at the Burgdorff Cultural Center through Saturday.

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March 19th, 2005
EVENT: Flea Market & Collectible Show
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March 19th, 2005
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TIME: 9am-4pm
PRICE: Call for information 908-245-2350
ORGANIZATION: Roselle Catholic High School

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GEMINI, May 21 to June 21: Socializing with friends, clubs, groups or organizations is charted for this week.
 Dress up and present a confident and professional image.
CANCER, June 22 to July 22: A project or assignment you have been working on has reached a point of review.
 Take your time and make the necessary adjustments.
LEO, July 23 to Aug. 22: Optimism is your key word.
 Make sure that you are in the right frame of mind when faced with opposition.

Think big and know that the sky is the limit.
VIRGO, Aug. 23 to Sept. 22: Situations or circumstances will lend themselves well to exploring the unknown.
 Set sail on a mission to raise your consciousness and uncover truth.
LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: Cooperating with a partner or mate is the key to a peaceful existence.
 Instead of pulling apart, take steps to blend your interests and energies.
SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 21: Work together with colleagues or co-workers and come up with the perfect solution to a gnawing problem. Consider all possible input.
SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 22 to Dec. 21: Social, romantic or creative opportunities will find life or a setting for development this week.
 Relax with friends and explore the possibilities.
CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 19: You do not have all the answers. Reach out to family members who have experience or expertise to assist you with a job or career decision.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 20 to Feb. 18: Community concerns will demand your attention.
 Put your head together with neighbors and other concerned parties and address a pressing issue.
PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20: Great deals or fantastic bargains are all around you this week.
 Stick to your budget and do not give into the temptation to spend beyond your means.
 If your birthday is this week, discipline, focus and patience are your key words for the coming year.
 Avoid spreading your energy in too many directions or acting before you have decided what you would like to accomplish.
 Relationships could suffer from divided goals, dreams or plans.
 Stretch your mind to see and understand your partner's views and work together to find some common ground.
 Also born this week: Bob Woodward, Elton John, Steve McQueen, Werner Von Braun, Stephen Sondheim and Johann Sebastian Bach.

REUNIONS

The following schools will conduct reunions in the coming months:

- Westfield High School Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, May 21.
- Scotch Plains High School Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, June 11.
- Scotch Plains High School Class of 1975, 30-year reunion.
- Union High School, Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, 2005.
- Union-High-School, Class of 1995, 10-year reunion, 2005.
- Union Hill High School, Class of 1975, 30-year reunion, 2005.
- Union High School, Class of 1976, 30-year reunion, 2006.
- Union High School, Class of 1981, 25-year reunion, 2006.
- Union High School, Class of 1986, 20-year reunion, 2006.
- Westfield High School, Class of 1980, 25-year reunion, 2005.

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'Drawer Boy' offers gripping tale

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor

Sometimes, music can just set the "feel" for a production. As "The Drawer Boy," began at the Paper Mill Playhouse last Thursday, the somber, almost depressing lyrics from Neil Young's song "After The Goldrush," immediately established the sense of quiet desperation that seemed to permeate the production.

Set in 1972, the play opens with Paul Vincent O'Connor playing the role of Angus, a farmer and former veteran who suffered an injury in World War II that damaged his mind and left him subject to occasional fits of rage. John Mahoney, who starred on television as Frasier Crane's father on "Frasier," and also appeared in movies, including "Moonstruck," and "Say Anything," plays Morgan, Angus' close friend, fellow war veteran and housemate, a man with a gruff demeanor who gives Angus menial chores that distract him from remembering painful experiences.

The lives of the two old friends are changed when a young college student approaches them, asking to spend a few days to observe farm work as a means to prepare for a play he's working on for his theatrical group.

The student, named Miles, played by Louis Cancelmi, who has appeared on television in "Third Watch" and "Law and Order: Criminal Intent," provides an interesting contrast to the farm characters played by Mahoney and O'Connor.

After listening to Morgan tell Angus a long story about two soldiers and two English women, Miles quickly discovers that Morgan is hiding a secret from Angus.

As the play unfolds, the secret is revealed, and suddenly the audience members sympathize with each character more than they did at the beginning, realizing the predicament that each character faced.

For Mahoney, the role was starkly different than many of the roles that vaulted him to fame in movies and television.

In many of his previous roles, Mahoney played gregarious personalities, yet in "The Drawer Boy," he manages a seemingly effortless transition to a character on the opposite end of the spectrum. In the role of Morgan, Mahoney masters a character that is held down in life, exuding a quiet desperation, determined to protect his old friend from stumbling upon a painful discovery.

O'Connor replaced the actor originally chosen to play the role of Angus, but after witnessing O'Connor's performance, it's difficult to imagine anyone nailing the essence of Angus more than O'Connor did. As the production opened, O'Connor conveys a sense that Angus is similar to a savant, someone with exceptional abilities in one topic, yet is virtually unable to operate in any other capacity. O'Connor's convincing portrayal of Angus is reminiscent of Dustin Hoffman's powerful performance of the title character in the movie "Rainman." As the play progresses, O'Connor allows his character to develop, finding a more outgoing, confident side, a segue of personalities that O'Connor performs with precision.

In the final 15 minutes of the production, O'Connor takes the audience in the other direction, conveying sorrow and pain with such sincerity that the audience feels the emotion as well.

Cancelmi excels as well, offering an interesting counterweight to the rural characters played by O'Connor and Mahoney. Cancelmi's Miles possesses an enthusiasm that comes with youth, a willingness to explore the search for truth without fear of consequences.

While the roles of O'Connor and Mahoney offer more opportunity for powerful performances, Cancelmi captures his character with zeal, and the three actors combine to make an almost perfect team.

Written by Michael Healey, the script contains outstanding dialogue, capturing the spirit of communication between two older friends from rural backgrounds who served together in World War II.

In the same vein, the dialogue between the two friends and their college-educated visitor shows a depth that's present in a conversation of people from diverse backgrounds.

Director Anne D. Shapiro did a marvelous job with the cast, having already directed the show at Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre, where Mahoney lobbied for its production after reading reviews of the show's premier in Toronto in 1999.

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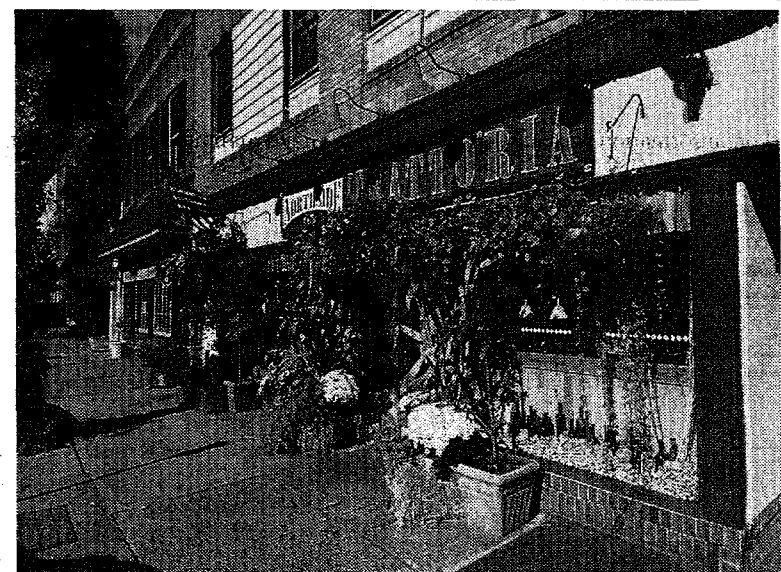
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Walking into the restaurant itself, the most noticeable aspect of the interior is the open kitchen right before you - a sure sign of the confidence that the owner, Tim Boyle, places in his chefs and the quality of food preparation. The kitchen and small reception room leads to the open dining room, which is adorned eclectically with relics of Italy. Capitals of ancient columns, paintings, and an esoteric trio of murals on one wall complement the darkened woodwork of the walls. Two back sections separated by partitions provide room for small parties and those seeking more privacy.

Boyle and his brother took over the restaurant three years ago from the previous owner, who opened it in 1988. The interior was completely redone since the time I had visited last. The brothers also wanted to make the restaurant more accessible in general, and in the words of Boyle, "to make it more like a true trattoria," as he saw when he lived abroad for a period of two years. But they also wanted to make it more affordable, and provide a wider array of menu choices. So my guest and I were looking forward to a new experience, right in our hometown.

The Trattoria does not have a liquor license, since they are at such a premium in Westfield. My girlfriend and I brought our own bottle of wine - a good chardonnay, by our own lowbrow drinking habits. We were ready.

Our waiter turned out to be an acquaintance of mine, a guy who had moved to Westfield a few years ago. He was very attentive and businesslike and prompt with our requests. We were there very late, right before closing, so we were the last people to be seated. In the partitioned party room there was a gathering of a half dozen or so people, but they were fairly quiet. The lowly-lit room seemed romantic, at least to a man; men generally have less of a sense of these things than the fairer sex. The girl seemed to be pleased, though.

We each ordered an appetizer. She was feeling adventurous, ordering the special for that night. It was a puff pastry with ham, cheddar, and caramelized onions, complemented by a smattering of Dijon mustard and served over baby greens. She was ecstatic over the whole thing. Normally a concoction like that would turn me off, but at her goading, I tried a bite, and then another. It was a striking taste. I could have eaten her entire plate. What I ordered was even more personally palatable, though - as a seafood fanatic, I ordered the baked clams in a white wine sauce. They did not disappoint. Best of all, Ma Bella was so wrapped up in her pastry to eat any of my clams, so I had them all to my greedy self.

For a main course, she went with the specials again, opting to try a breaded chicken breast that had provolone, spinach, and prosciutto, and was served over linguini marinara. I instead wanted to try one of the staples of the restaurant - something that would show off the chefs at their best. Garrett the waiter recommended that I try the chicken balsamic, which was described as sautéed chicken in a reduced balsamic vinegar mixed with sun dried tomatoes, mushrooms and zucchini. I went with his recommendation, and I was not disappointed. It was the kind of tangy vinegar taste that I crave. The chicken was juicy and complemented the sauce and the added sun dried tomatoes, which are one of my weaknesses. We couldn't even finish half our portions, even though they were delectable - the wine and appetizers had mostly filled us.

But there's always room for dessert, as Ma Bella believes. So we got the Reese's peanut butter cake, which was equal parts chocolate and peanut butter thickness and raspberry sauce sweetness. It finished the somewhat eclectic meal perfectly - a fitting end to a dining experience that was thoroughly enjoyable.

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THE UNION COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY will hold its 51st annual flower show on Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Parish Hall, All Saints Episcopal Church, 559 Park Ave., Scotch Plains. Anyone interested in African violets is invited to attend. Admission is free.

AN EXHIBIT OF BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS highlighting the accomplishments of 15 Union County women who have made significant contributions to the local, national and global community. Titled "Moving Forward: Notable Women of Union County," the display is on view at the Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad St., Elizabeth during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The show runs through March 31. For information about the photo exhibit, or to request an application to nominate additional notable women, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202. Call 908-558-550. NJ Relay users, dial 711. E-mail may be sent to culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

AN EXHIBIT OF WORKS BY LINDA KOLAR will be featured at the Westfield Art Gallery through March. The exhibit will be a showing of oil portraits and landscapes. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The gallery occupies the first floor of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, at 150-152 E. Broad St., Westfield. Call 908-789-9696 for further information.

"EIGHT PHOTOGRAPHERS YOUNG AND UNDERKNOWN" will be featured at The Arts Guild of Rahway, from Friday through April 15. The art exhibit will begin with a reception on Friday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is free and appointments are available for school visits and large groups. Gallery hours are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. and Thursday, 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For appointments or information, call 732-381-7511, or send an e-mail to: artsguild1670@earthlink.net or visit the Web site, www.rahwayartsguild.org.

AUDITIONS

THE STROLLERS will be holding auditions for "Arsenic and Old Lace," directed Sherrie Cleary at 7:30 p.m. on March 28 and 29, with callbacks on March 31. Performance dates are May 13, 15, 20 and 21, Burgdorff Cultural Center, 10 Durand Road, Maplewood. For directions, visit the Web site, www.thestrollers.org.

BOOKS

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

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

THE "LORD OF THE RINGS" READING GROUP meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

KEAN UNIVERSITY'S OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS and *The Star-Ledger* have partnered to publish a new book titled "World of Wonder: Exploring the Realms of History, Science, Nature and Technology." The book brings together 90 of the most fascinating subjects surveyed by the World of Wonder series. The book is now available for purchase in the Kean University book store and on the Web site of *The Star-Ledger* at <http://www.nj.com/worldofwonder>.

BASIL RUDUSKY will sign copies of his book, "Carcinoid Syndrome," on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at The Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St. in Westfield. For more information, call 908-233-3535.

TIMOTHY BEHR will sign copies of his book, "Retro Boomers," at the Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St. in Westfield on March 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information, call 908-233-3535.

CLASS

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COMEDY

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SIX CONTENDERS WILL COMPETE for the World Comedy Commission of America title in "Clash of the Comics," hosted by Mr. Perfect, Saturday from 6 to 10 p.m. at The Yankee Buffet, 2660 Morris Ave., Union. Tickets are \$25, \$30 at the door. For tickets, call Al Cook, 877-830-7859.

Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, Springfield. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$14. For information and reservations, call 908-522-1501 or send an e-mail to concerts4causes@aol.com. Also, visit the Web site, <http://www.coffeewithconscience.com>.

The next show is May 14, Basya Schechter & Friends.

THE SECOND SATURDAY COFFEE-HOUSE SERIES will be at Summit Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.,

welcome, no partners are needed. All sessions begin at 8 p.m.; newcomers may arrive at 7:30 for extra help. Admission is \$2 for the evening. Call 973-467-8278 for information and a flier listing the season schedule.

KEAN DANCE THEATRE will present its annual spring dance concert, Dimensions of Dance, on April 1 and 2 at 8 p.m., and on April 3, at 3 p.m., at Kean University's Wilkins Theatre, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. Tickets are \$8 for the public; \$7 for seniors and alumni, and \$6 for students and children.

KIDS

TALES FOR TOTS PRESCHOOL STORYTIME will be offered at Barnes and Noble, Route 22 West, Springfield, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m., and the Kids' Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m. For information, call 973-376-8544.

POETRY

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

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

RADIO

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

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

For information, call 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751.

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

AUDITIONS

NJPC AND THE WESTFIELD YOUNG ARTISTS COOPERATIVE THEATRE will join forces to present the classic Broadway musical comedy, "Guys and Dolls." Auditions for the cast will be held on April 3 and 9, with final callbacks on April 16. The show premieres on July 15 and continues through July 24. For more information, call WYACY at 908-233-3200. Tickets go on sale Friday, and may be purchased by calling 800-466-5722.

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DISCUSSION

shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$14. For information and reservations, call 908-928-0127 or send an e-mail to info@secondaturdays.org.

The next show is April 9, Amy Carol Webb.

Sign-up is at 7:30 p.m. and the shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$4. **THE COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE CONCERT SERIES OF WESTFIELD** will take place at First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 East Broad St., Westfield.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m., shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$14.

For information and reservations, call 908-522-1501 or send an e-mail to concerts4causes@aol.com.

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Upcoming shows are:

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CROSSROADS IN GARFIELD will feature the following acts in March:

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JOHN GORKA returns to the area to play Sanctuary Concerts at the Union Village Methodist Church, 1130 Mountain Ave., Berkeley Heights, on April 1. Tickets for this concert can be purchased online at www.sanctuaryconcerts.org.

SUMMIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will present a concert on Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Summit High School located on Kent Place Blvd. in Summit. A pre-concert lecture will be given by Maestro Sadewhite at 2:15 p.m. The orchestra, under the direction of conductor James Sadewhite, will perform solo as well as in collaboration with "The Pro Arte Chorale" which is now in its 41st season. For more information, call Alane Gruber at 201-445-1292.

LEGENDARY FOLKSINGER TOM PAXTON will perform with special guest, Voxology, in a Sanctuary Concert at the Union Village Methodist Church on April 16 at 8 p.m. The church is located at 1130 Mountain Ave. in Berkeley Heights. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online at www.sanctuaryconcerts.org. Admission price includes desserts and coffee at intermission. For additional information, call 973-376-4946.

DANCE

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

THE SUMMIT INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS has begun a new season with sessions on Fridays at 8 p.m. at the Connection, Morris Ave. at Maple St., in Summit. Beginners are

Looking up



'The Garden Seen,' one of an exhibit of photographs by Ross Wagner, titled, 'Four Views: Many New Images,' which will be on display from April 1 through 30 at the Watchung Arts Center, Watchung. For information, call 908-753-0190, or visit the Web site, www.watchungarts.org.

CONCERTS

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

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MEET THE ORCHESTRA concert series continues at the Suburban Community Music Center, 570 Central Ave., Murray Hill. For the 18th year, the Suburban Community Music Center, in cooperation with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, will host the Meet the Orchestra series for children ages 3 to 8.

For more information, call 908-790-0700.

DIANNE REEVES will perform at 8 p.m. on April 23 at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

For information, call the box office at 732-499-8226 or visit the Web site, www.ucac.org. Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway.

WESTFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will perform at the Union County Arts Center on April 9 at 8 p.m.

For information, call the box office at 732-499-8226 or visit the Web site, www.ucac.org. Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway.

SOUTHSIDE JOHNNY AND THE ASBURY JUKES will perform at the Union County Arts Center on April 16 at 8 p.m.

For information, call the box office at 732-499-8226 or visit the Web site, www.ucac.org. Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway.

DESOL will perform at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway on May 7 at 8 p.m.

For information, call the box office at 732-499-8226 or visit the Web site, www.ucac.org. Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway.

THE WATCHUNG ART CENTER ACOUSTIC-FOLK SERIES has begun at Watchung Art Center, 18 Sterling Road, Watchung. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and the shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$15. For information and reservations, call 908-753-0190 or send an e-mail to WACenter@aol.com.

Visit the Web site, <http://www.watchungarts.org/Afolk.htm>.

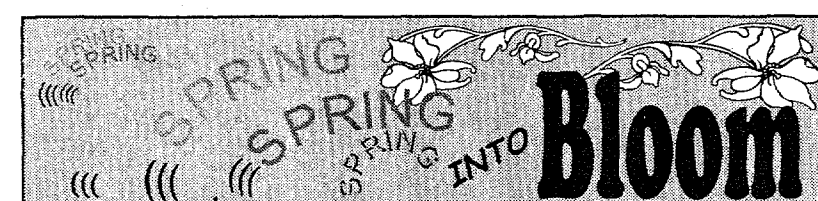
The following artists will perform as part of the Watchung Art Center Acoustic-Folk Series:

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May 7, John Flynn.

June 4, Dave's True Story.

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JAZZ

LANA'S RESTAURANT will offer dinner and live jazz with Warren Vache every Thursday, beginning at 7 p.m. For information, call 732-669-9024.

Mahoney tackles a new challenge, brings production to states

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

It is a glorious experience when a theater-goer witnesses a memorable performance by a versatile, exceptionally talented veteran actor — an actor such as John Mahoney.

Mahoney, who always seems to reach deep into the depths of one's emotions in every one of his vehicles, does so once more in the role of Morgan in "The Drawer Boy" currently at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn.

The personable actor apparently is known to every media follower, whether it's such movies as "Moonstruck" or "The American President," an 11-year-old television series, "Frasier" or a finely-staged play such as "The Drawer Boy."

"This is the fourth time I'm doing 'The Drawer Boy,'" said Mahoney excitedly during a recent chat. "It means a lot to me. I sort of discovered it. I had read about it, and before long, I had talked Frank Galati, director of the Steppenwolf Theater in Chicago, where I had appeared in nearly 30 plays."

Galati, a Tony Winner for "The Grapes of Wrath," read it, liked it, and staged it.

"On opening night in Toronto, I knew the critic was to be there in the audience," explained Mahoney. "I realized that this was a play that was to become a classic. When I first read it, I knew I had to do it. It was a great story. Michael Healey wrote a great

play — a smorgasbord of emotions — very moving. And you know," he chuckled, "there's something very Irish about it."

The three-character play, which is set on a small farm in Canada in 1972, concerns two Army veterans, who had been schoolmates; one, who had a head injury during the war, and the other, a buddy, played by Mahoney, who has settled down in a rural area, becomes a sort of caretaker, and who tells him stories the injured veteran likes to hear.

Their life is disrupted by a young playwright, who wants to live with the farmers and get enough experience to be able to write a play for his group.

"I knew Michael Gennero, the executive producer and president of the Paper Mill. He was familiar with the play because he was the general director of the Steppenwolf Theater, and we had worked together last year. I talked to him about it, and that's how we got it to the Paper Mill. Actually," he said, "it has become the most produced play in the United States," Mahoney exclaimed. "It's a cheap play to do; one set, three actors."

He mentioned that they had staged the play in theaters that seated 500 people, and they were comfortable with it. "But the Paper Mill has 1,200 seats, and we were afraid that it might not really work. But it did! And very well!" And, as Mahoney predicted, it is doing very well in New Jersey.

The role of Morgan entails an inor-

dinate amount of dialogue, and with every performance, Mahoney has it all down pat. He is, in fact, letter perfect.

He admitted that it was difficult to memorize all those lines.

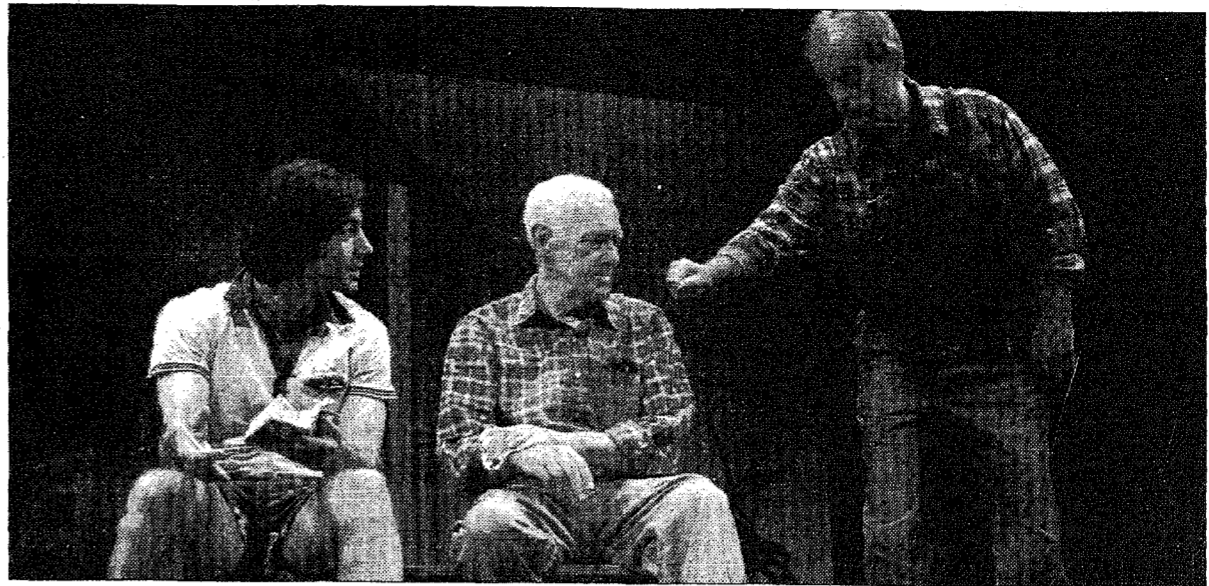
Mahoney mentioned that in long-running plays or performing a role so frequently does not make it become stale. "Actually," he explained, "you take what every actor gives you. And there are some fine actors in James Gannon and Louis Cancelmi. It's different every performance. Their performances change every day, and so does mine."

Mahoney said he loves the Paper Mill Playhouse, and that the transition from a small theater to a large theater wasn't as difficult as he thought it would be.

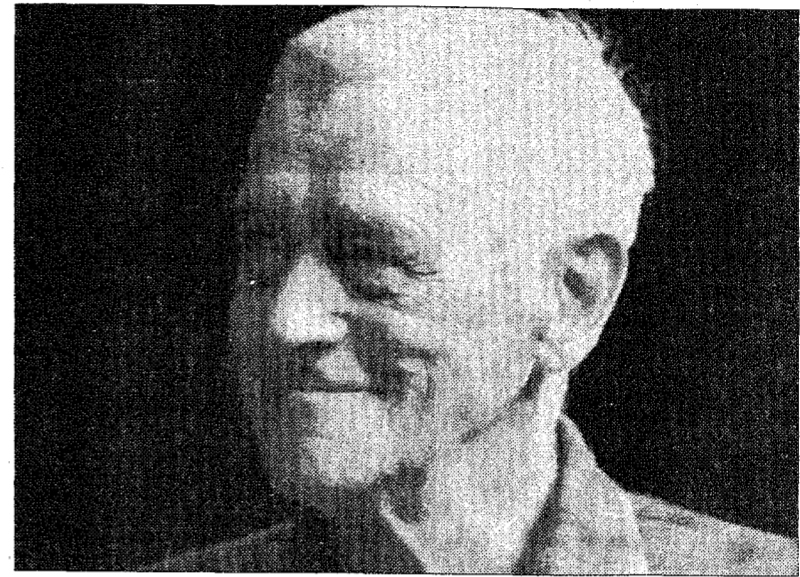
Of the 30 movies he made, he said his three favorites are "Moonstruck," "Tin Men" and "Say Anything." "I loved working with Olympia Dukakis in 'Moonstruck,' and I ended up making another movie with Cher. I liked working on Frasier on television. However, with movies and television, you're always doing bits and pieces of acting."

"I prefer being on the stage. On the stage, it's like instant gratification of the audience. In the two hours you're on stage, you get to take the audience on a wonderful journey."

After the run of "The Drawer Boy," the actor will be going to London to do a movie for A&E called "Murder on the Blue Train."



Above, from left, Louis Cancelmi as Miles, John Mahoney as Morgan, and Paul Vincent O'Connor as Angus, in "The Drawer Boy," currently playing at the Paper Mill Playhouse. At right is Mahoney, in his role as Morgan.



Orchestra to play concert

The Summit Symphony Orchestra will present a concert on Sunday, at 3 p.m., at the Summit High School, located on Kent Place Boulevard in Summit. There will be a pre-concert lecture given by the maestro, James Sadewhite, beginning at 2:15 p.m.

Under the direction of Sadewhite, the Summit Symphony Orchestra will perform the "Overture to Prince Igor" as well as the "Polevestian Dances" by Alexander Borodin. The orchestra will also combine with the Pro Arte Chorale of Ridgewood to perform Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Dona Nobis Pacem," with soprano Jamie Baer Peterson, and baritone Marc Embree, as featured soloists.

The Pro Arte Chorale, now in its 41st season, has earned a reputation as one of the foremost cultural institutions in the Northeast. The Chorale has appeared in major concert venues across the region, including Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall, the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and Alice Tully Hall. In addition to its own subscription series in Bergen County, the chorale performs regularly with the New Jersey Symphony.

Soprano Jamie Baer Peterson, a native of Minnesota, was educated at the Eastman School of Music and began her opera career as an apprentice with the Lyric Opera of Chicago. Since then, she has been a soloist with the Dallas, Atlanta, Hartford Princeton and Omaha symphonies. Opera highlights include leading roles with L'Opera de Nice, Sante Fe Opera, Minnesota Opera and the New York City Opera.

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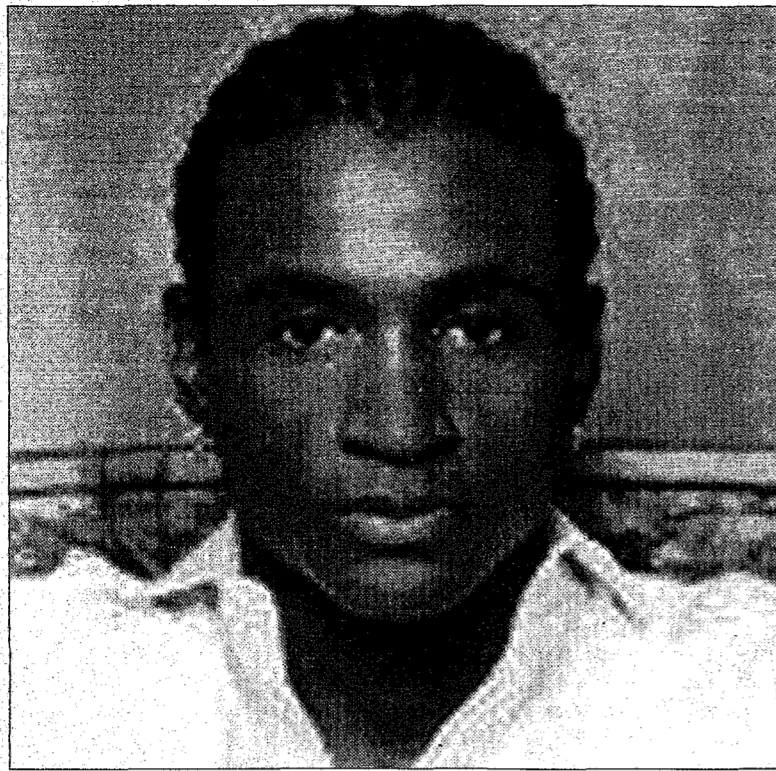
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Mom still rocks with the best of them

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor

When you think of motherhood, the last thing that comes to mind is rock 'n' roll. The prevailing sentiment was that mothers had passed the time when they could really rock. Just don't tell that to Alice Marie. The West Orange resident had natural childbirth, but got right back out to making music shortly after giving birth. She'll be performing as part of "Mamapalooza," a concert series featuring mothers. The New York version, which Marie will participate

in, will take place on May 19 at Arlene's Grocery in The City.

"Mamapalooza" showcases moms, and gets the people past the stigma that once you're a mom you can't rock," said Marie. She said that fellow mom Joy Rose founded the "Mamapalooza" series.

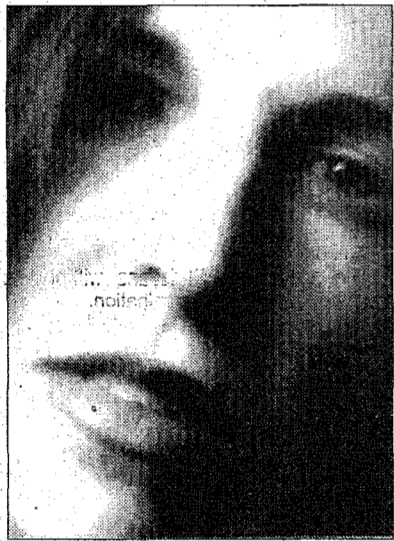
"Joy was very ill, and when she came out of it, she decided to revive her musical career," said Marie, who noted that Rose had placed performers on the "Today" show and "Good Morning America."

Marie practices what's known as "alternative music" these days, which was popularized in the '90s by bands like Pearl Jam.

Marie quickly agreed that the term "alternative music" has become something of a misnomer as the years have gone by.

"Alternative became pretty mainstream," she said. "I always think of it as something a little left of center. Avril Lavigne kind of walks the line."

In years past, the old convention that motherhood ended or seriously reduced one's career in rock music probably would have been true, but technology has played a big role in changing that reality. Marie noted that performers have greater access to production because technology has made it substantially more affordable



Alice Marie

T.S. Monk to kick off spring jazz series

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor

When the subject is jazz, John Lee doesn't mince words. The bassist, a South Orange resident, has a strong opinion, and he'll gladly tell you that jazz is as American as apple pie.

"Jazz is one of the two original art forms from America, it's American music, plain and simple," said Lee. "The cultural choice has always been classical, but we've played the same concert halls the classical musicians plays, the same festivals, some times even bigger festivals. It's a worldwide phenomenon looked on as American classical music."

It's that kind of unwavering passion that helped Lee as he built the "Giants of Jazz" festival that's become such an extraordinary event over the last eight years. And Lee doesn't limit his passion to expanding "Giants of Jazz." He also brings his devotion to "Jazz at the Baird," a series of performances featuring jazz legends, which starts on March 19 at 8 p.m. at the Baird Center in South Orange when T.S. Monk — drummer, bandleader, composer and vocalist, takes the stage. This will be the first spring series for the Baird Center.

"Giants" began when Lee tried to help the Baird Center raise money for the jazz concerts that it hosts during the summer. Ultimately, what began as a mere fund-raiser turned into an event that stands on its own merit. Some of the world's greatest jazz artists perform at "Giants," and it began largely on the back of Lee's credibility within the jazz world.

"It's funny, we started with a hand-ful," said Lee. "I asked a few favors of people, and they told me what a nice experience it was, how well they were treated. Now we're honoring some artists. There are just so many good musicians, and not enough tributes."

To a certain degree, Essex County owes a debt of gratitude to the many artists who've settled in the area. South Orange, Maplewood, West Orange and Montclair are home to

many performers. This concentration of talent gives the area an advantage that few others can boast.

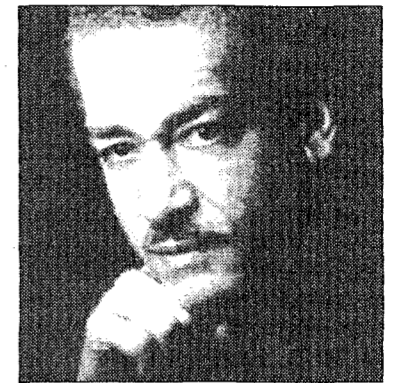
It's a fact that's not lost on Lee, who pointed out that South Orange has a history of famous residents within its borders.

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Above, drummer T.S. Monk, who opens the Jazz at the Baird Series on Saturday. At right is John Lee, whose assistance has been critical in developing jazz concerts at the Baird Center.



"Initially, it's the word-of-mouth things," said Lee, describing the migration of artists to South Orange and the surrounding area. "Certain musicians would call other musicians and say 'You should move out here.' The proximity to the city is tremendous. I lived in Manhattan and people would come out to my house and say, 'Oh my god, it's like Beverly Hills or something.'"

"It's beautiful here," said Lee. "You get this ripple effect, some of my closest friends live here in town. They couldn't believe the beauty of the area. Between West Orange, South Orange and Maplewood, I don't know how many musicians there are. And it's not just musicians, either. If you take that Saturday morning train, you'll see a

lot of people who work in theater. Dionne Warwick just moved cross the street from me. She lived here years ago, and she supposedly lived in this neighborhood. Levi Stubbs of the Four Tops lived in this neighborhood."

Lee's love for South Orange, where he's lived since 1988, has resulted in a devotion that won him "Villager of the Month" honors on three different occasions. "The original idea of 'Giants' was that we had a transition to our new director, Judy Wukitsch, and she and Andy Brady, director of Parks and Recreation, both passionately love this town and love the arts," Lee noted. "I thought it was a two-fold thing. We

could present this concert, and hopefully the profits from that would help our summer series."

Turns out it did a little better than Lee anticipated.

"I thought we'd do well attendance-wise, but I didn't know it'd become a tradition. Now I look back and this will be the eighth year, and we've had so many greats on that stage."

Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door, and a series subscription is offered for \$32, which includes all three Jazz at the Baird concerts. For more information on Jazz at the Baird, call the South Orange Department of Cultural Affairs at 973-378-7754.

to produce CDs. Still, it's more than technology that fuels Marie's drive to make music. She began singing at her grandmother's piano when she was 3, and she been writing songs for about 15 years, using poetry as her inspiration to begin writing songs.

"I tend to problem-solve through songs," Marie noted, "whether it's the relationship department or 'Why am I on this planet.'" Marie also has a fondness for words and language, noticing things that probably wouldn't hit the radar screens of many other people.

"I'll hear something on the sub-

way, or when I'm driving," she said. "Material is everywhere. The City is a place where there is so much going on."

Of course, there are other sources of inspiration in her life.

"My daughter inspires me a lot," said Marie. "Sometimes she sounds melodic, and I'll go to the answering machine or call home on the cell phone and record it. My husband laughs at that. He'll say, 'There were no messages on the machine, just your songs.'"

Marie readily acknowledges that she gets many "throw-away ideas," which may not make it out of her notebook, but the ones she likes make all the difference. She'll come up with lines like "The groundhog saw his shadow; I got lost in yours," or draw inspiration from a handmade scarf she finds in a clothing store. Like many artists, there's very little blueprint for what she does, just a lot of creativity. That creativity, combined with her drive to perform, will

serve as inspiration when she plays as part of the Girls' Night Out Showcase at The Dancing Goat, 21 South Orange Ave., in South Orange on April 10 at 7:30 p.m., and at Suite 16 in New York City on April 5 and 12, venues that appeal to her preference for intimate performance settings.

For more information on Marie's upcoming performances, visit her Web site at www.alicemarie.net. For information on her performance at The Dancing Goat on April 10, call 973-275-9000.

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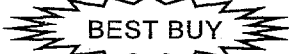
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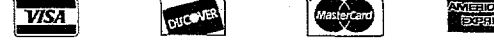
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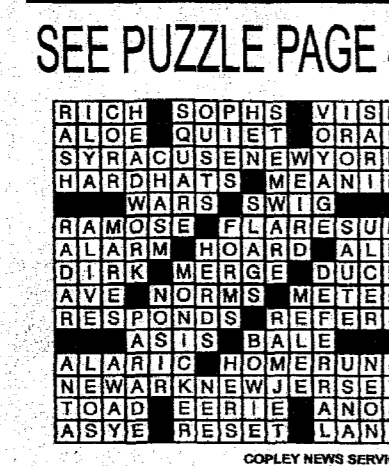
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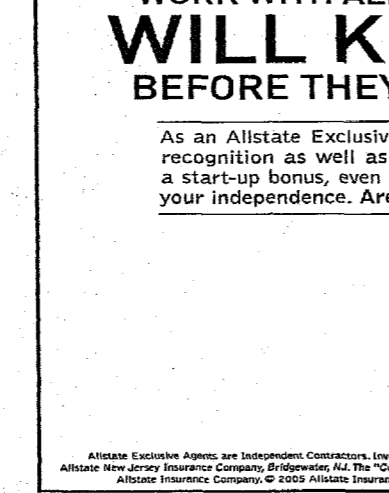
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Thank you
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I wish to thank you and your associate, Anita Diaz, for your expert assistance in facilitating the sale of my mother's house at 337 Hollywood Avenue, Hillside. You both handled the numerous details associated with this sale in a professional and competent manner and made a difficult and emotional transaction as easy as possible. Maxine and I am especially grateful for all that Ms. Diaz did to dispose of all furniture and household goods. Anita got her own family involved in running a sale of some household items and disposing of all the others and even cleaning the entire house at the conclusion of the sale. I would not hesitate to recommend your agency to anyone who would be buying or selling real estate in the Union County area.

Alan Kleiman

Thanks so much. You were wonderful! Your help was invaluable. I would recommend you and JILL GUZMAN REALTY, INC. to anyone. God bless you.

Dear Cecile, you were so wonderful and caring during the sale of my house. I had four house sales in the past but none of them came close to the caring and expertise you showed, thanks again.

Dolores Beutley

Dear Jill Guzman Realty and Jordan Carmo,

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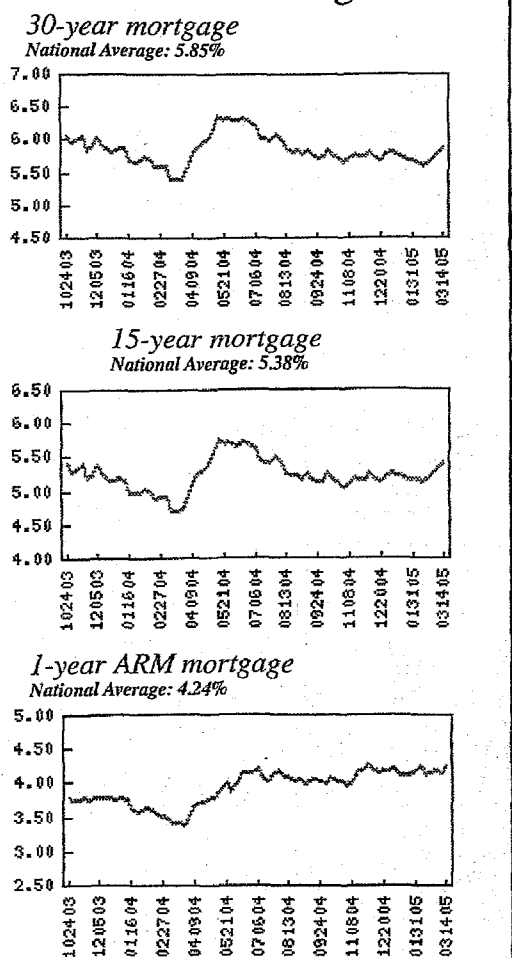
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Weekly Mortgage News

McLean, VA - Freddie Mac (NYSE:FRE) today released the results of its Primary Mortgage Market Survey in which the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage (FRM) averaged 5.85 percent, with an average 0.6 points, for the week ending March 10, 2005, up from last week when it averaged 5.79 percent. Last year at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 5.41 percent. The average for the 15-year FRM this week is 5.38 percent, with an average 0.6 points, up from last week when it averaged 5.33 percent. A year ago, the 15-year FRM averaged 4.69 percent. Five-Year Treasury-indexed hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 5.22 percent this week, with an average 0.6 points, up from 5.17 last week. There is no annual historical information for last year since Freddie Mac only began tracking this mortgage rate at the start of this year. One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 4.24 percent this week, with an average 0.7 point, up from last week when it averaged 4.14 percent. At this time last year, the one-year ARM averaged 3.41 percent. (Average commitment rates should be reported along with average fees and points to reflect the total cost of obtaining the mortgage.) "Last Friday's employment report reinforced the perception that the economy is on sure footing, leading bond markets to push interest rates higher again this week," said Amy Crews Cutts, Freddie Mac deputy chief economist. "Although inflation remains tame, the recent spike in oil prices does put inflationary pressures on the economy and was an additional factor causing higher interest rates." "Even with rising mortgage rates over the last four weeks, 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rates remain an historical bargain. To date, contract rates for these mortgages have been below six percent for 31 weeks in a row, and we don't expect these rates will rise very much above 6.14 percent by year end." Freddie Mac is a stockholder-owned corporation established by Congress in 1970 to create a continuous flow of funds to mortgage lenders in support of homeownership and rental housing. Freddie Mac purchases mortgages from lenders and packages them into securities that are sold to investors. Over the years, Freddie Mac has made home possible for one in six homebuyers in America.

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Providing top-notch service is essential to succeeding as a real estate professional, yet today's real estate agents have such demanding work schedules that it leaves them little time to attend training programs which can teach important skills. To meet this challenge, ERA Real Estate, the technology leader in the real estate industry, developed the eCampus online training center.

With ERA eCampus, agents can take courses from the comfort of their home or office — 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More than 150 courses are offered via eCampus including ERA's Acceleration, Top Gun Academy, Senior Real Estate Specialist and many more.

ERA's Acceleration course teaches marketing, selling, negotiating, closing and presentation skills as well as product and services knowledge, skills which are required of an ERA sales professional.

Top Gun Academy, ERA's advanced agent training program, focuses on prospecting, presentations and specialized markets. Agents who take this course gain a better understanding of the entire process needed to be a top associate.

With the explosion of growth in the senior market, agents are eager to take the Senior Real Estate Specialist training class to learn how to serve the needs of this unique market. The course helps agents prepare for the financial, emotional and investment-related issues specific to this group.

The format of eCampus classes range from live instructors online to self study programs where participants work at their own pace. Agents are able to participate in a "virtual" class from anywhere Internet access

is available. After logging into the class, the computer screen is then controlled by the instructor who takes the class through a presentation. Participants also dial into a telephone conference call which allows the class to have audio interaction.

According to Tom Crivello, broker/owner, ERA Statewide Realty, "With eCampus, you don't have to take time out of your busy work schedule to get the training that you need. Many associates in our office regularly take the online courses and are very enthusiastic about the program."

Kim Marks, an ERA Statewide sales associate, says that she is hooked on the eCampus courses. "Once I got started, I wanted to continue taking classes. So far, I have taken SRES, Leaders EDG, and the Top Gun Academy classes many times." The convenience of setting in your home or office, and not having to travel far to take a class, cannot be overstated. "With eCampus, I can take clients out in the morning, take a class in the middle of the day, and still be in the office to do my work and take calls as needed," added Marks.

For more information on ERA's training programs contact your local ERA office which can be found by visiting www.era.com. ERA is a global leader in the residential real estate industry with more than 30 years of experience in developing consumer-oriented products and services.

The ERA Real Estate network includes more than 28,000 brokers and sales associates throughout the United States and 30 other countries and territories.

Tener wins gold level in Circle of Excellence

Sales associate Carol Tener from the Burgdorff ERA Westfield office recently earned the New Jersey Association of Realtors Circle of Excellence Sales Award, Gold, for production of more than \$15 million and 25 units minimum in 2004.

Tener has been a member of the NJAR Circle of Excellence every year since 1984, achieving the gold level in 1992, 1993, and 2000-2003. She is also a member of the prestigious Burgdorff ERA President's Council. Recognizing only the top 17 sales associates out of Burgdorff's 700-plus member sales force, membership in the Burgdorff ERA President's Council is the company's highest and most distinguished honor.

Tener's fine reputation is underscored by the professional, compassionate, and approachable demeanor she brings to serving her clients. She was the first-ever recipient of the distinguished Ritz Award, which is bestowed upon the Burgdorff sales associate who best personifies Burgdorff's vision statement, "Extraordinary Professionals Exceeding Expectations."

"Carol's outstanding sales performance and dedicated service make her an example to sales professionals throughout the real estate industry," stated George Kraus, vice president and manager of the Burgdorff ERA Westfield office. "Carol clearly demonstrates Burgdorff ERA's commitment to provide sophisticated, state-of-the-art service to every client and offer a level of customer service exceeding real estate industry standards."

To contact Tener, call 908-233-2243, e-mail Carol.Tener@burgdorff.com, or visit the Westfield office at 600 North Ave. West.

Spillane is recipient of Ronald Reagan Award

Robert T. Spillane Jr., managing broker of Weichert Realtors' Union Office, has received the 2004 Ronald Reagan Gold Medal Award. The award was announced Feb. 8 by House Majority Leader Tom DeLay and U.S. Rep. Tom Reynolds.

Spillane was selected based on

unyielding support and outstanding leadership in business and for displaying a commitment to President Reagan's vision for an entrepreneurial America.

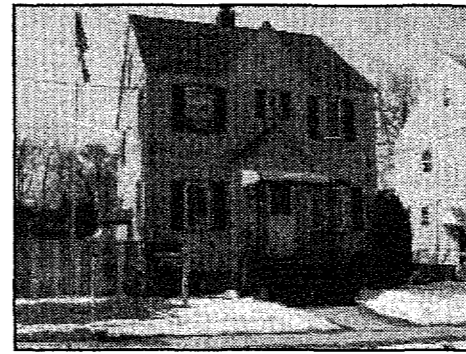
Only an elite group of business and professional people were nominated to receive the award before the awards selection committee reached a final decision.

Commenting on the selection, Reynolds said, "Mr. Spillane has served as an honorary chairman of the Business Advisory Council and has provided much needed support. This award could not have gone to a more deserving candidate."

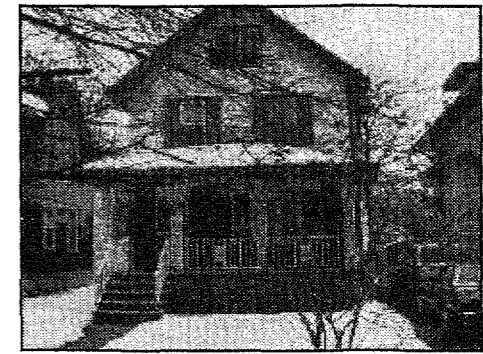
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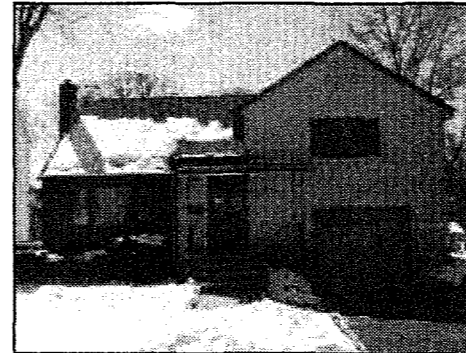
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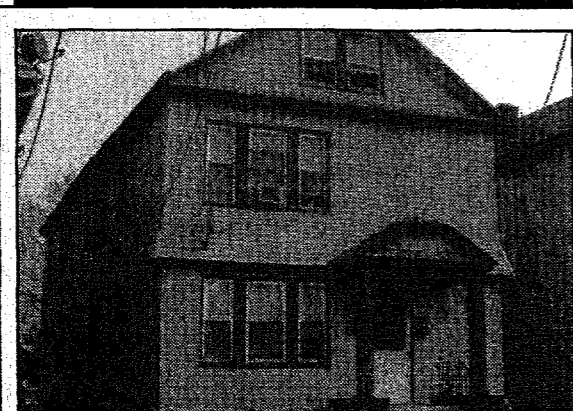
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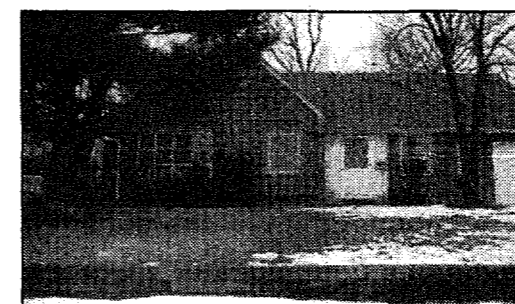


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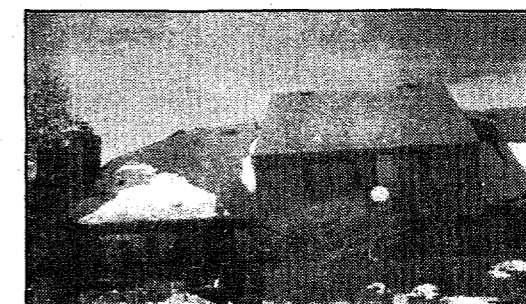


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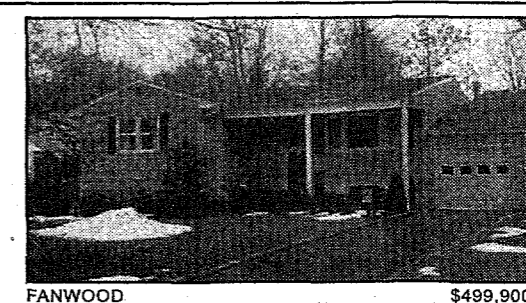
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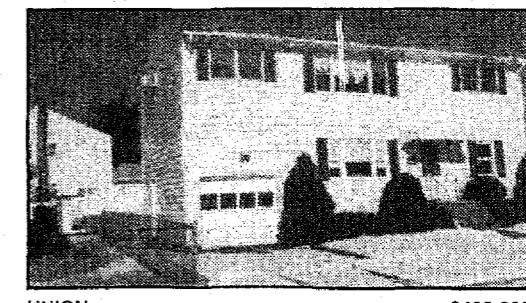
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Prepare your car for pothole season

The AAA New Jersey Automobile Club offers advice on how to properly hit a pothole to minimize damage.

First, always have proper air pressure in your tires — it can make all the difference when you hit a pothole. With an under-inflated tire, you run the risk of bending a wheel or damaging a steering or suspension component. With an over-inflated tire you can damage the tire itself.

Marty Koonce, an ASE-certified master mechanic and manager of the club's approved auto-repair program, suggests checking the air pressure in your tires every two weeks during the spring.

"The wide variation in temperature — from warm balmy days to sub-zero nights — not only makes it prime season for potholes, but can affect your tire pressure too," said Koonce. For proper tire inflation information, check either your vehicle's owner's manual or the tire inflation placard.

The inflation placard is located either on the inside edge of the driver's door, inside the glove compartment door, or possibly inside the fuel door. AAA recommends drivers scan the road 15 to 20 seconds ahead to anticipate potholes.

Even if you can't see them, you'll probably spot the brake lights of other vehicles slowing down as they approach a pothole. Take extreme caution when you attempt to swerve around a pothole — you may end up impacting something worse, like another car.

"If you have to hit a hole, don't slam on the brakes. Let up on the accelerator as you approach the pothole, touching the brake pedal lightly to signal vehicles behind you.

Stay off the brake upon impact, letting the wheel roll through the hole," said Koonce.

"Braking locks the wheel, increasing the chance for more severe damage from a solid hit."

If all your preparation fails, however, and your tires suffer a severe jolt, have them inspected by a trained technician as soon as possible.

"Pothole damage is usually noticeable right away," said Koonce. "It most commonly shows up in steering wheel vibration, uneven tread wear, loss of tire pressure, or the pulling of your vehicle to one side.

"A particularly hard hit could bend the rim, preventing the tire from sitting properly on the wheel and resulting in a gradual loss of air pressure," he added.

Finally, AAA recommends you report potholes and save yourself and others from hitting the same crater again and again. To report a pothole, contact the New Jersey Department of Transportation at 800-768-4653 or online at www.state.nj.us/transportation.

What's new? A convertible motorcycle

By Jerry Garrett
Copley News Service

Is your life in transition?

Not sure if that new beau or belle will work out? Do you long to be the Perfect Mate one minute, but the Lone Ranger the next?

Instead of couples counseling, you might need a convertible bike.

But aren't all motorcycles convertibles, you ask? Au contraire. To be precise, they're all open tops.

Convertibility, however, is another matter.

Yamaha is coming out with what it calls the world's first "convertible bike" — a variation of its V4-powered Royal Star line that incorporates the best features of a cruiser and a touring bike, and lets the user easily change setups.

This might be the answer that confused, conflicted, co-dependent bikers have been searching for. Now, they can quickly shift emotional gears between two-up touring togetherness or riding off into the sunset alone.

Fight the urge, however, merely to leave a quarrelsome companion on the roadside, holding the bag. All too easy to do with this bike.

The Royal Star "Tour Deluxe" comes with hard bags, passenger pillion and backrest, boulevardier windshield and other traditional touring amenities.

But with a flip of two spring-loaded levers, the windshield merely unsnaps, in about two seconds. A similar latching system releases the backrest. One bolt removes the pillion. A couple more bolts each remove the hard bags.

And voila! The Tour Deluxe is transformed into a cruiser. All in less

than five minutes. The main components that redefine tourism as cruisism — the windshield and rear seat — can be removed in less than a minute.

"The more things a bike can be to people, the more they'll use it," explains Yamaha spokesman Brad Banister.

The idea is not so much to appeal to schizophrenic buyers as it is to give some competition to rivals.

Honda, with its Valkyrie, a cruiser/tourer mutant, and others have driven a 176 percent increase in this market segment in the last six years; Yamaha's segment share, through its touring-skewed Road Star Silverado line, has tripled in just two years.

Yamaha's solution with its upper-scale Tour Deluxe, however, is to offer essentially two bikes for the price of one — at a pretty decent price point: \$13,999, fully equipped.

That should put some pressure on the competition, not to mention Yamaha's own existing full-dress tourer, the Royal Star Venture, which retails for several thousand greenbacks more.

If your touring needs can be met without the Venture's plush wide-body rear passenger accommodations, the Tour Deluxe is a real value.

In fact, Yamaha is now calling the Tour Deluxe its flagship model, so don't be shy about asking for deep discounts if you still want a Venture.

The key differences between the Tour Deluxe and its Royal Star stablemates, aside from the convertibility features, are slight. Same 98 horsepower, liquid-cooled 1294 cubic-centimeter four-banger with 89 foot-pounds of torque, same frame, same suspension, yadda-yadda-yadda.

The Tour Deluxe does have special seats; long, flat, swept-back bars; a new headlight; and a different gauge nacelle. One final element of convertibility is the user-adjustable, directional muffler tips.

At launch, Yamaha will also be offering 100 or more optional accessories.

Welcome standard features include electronic cruise control and reserve fuel tank.

In a test ride along Virginia's scenic Shenandoah Parkway, the Tour Deluxe more than pulled its 800 pounds of bulk, even on a 100-degree day. Fuel mileage was acceptable, in the mid-30s to low 40s, for most of the trip.

Yamaha recently improved its seat technology, so rider fatigue was not a factor.

And, riding along with a Road Star Silverado, we noticed the Royal Star enjoys comparatively more cornering clearance, drags fewer hard parts, and is well capable of smoothing out bumps in the road as well as life, the ideal prescription for an enjoyable ride.

Jerry Garrett is a freelance motorjournalist and contributing editor to Car and Driver magazine.

2005 Yamaha Royal Star
Tour Deluxe

Engine: 1294 cc, DOHC, air/oil-cooled V4

Horsepower: 98 at 6,000 rpm

Torque: 89 foot-pounds at 4,750 rpm

Transmission: five-speed, fourth and fifth overdrive
0-60 mph: n/a

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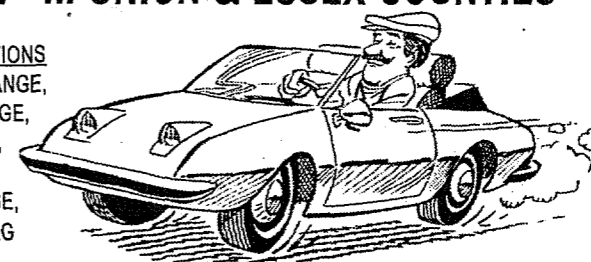
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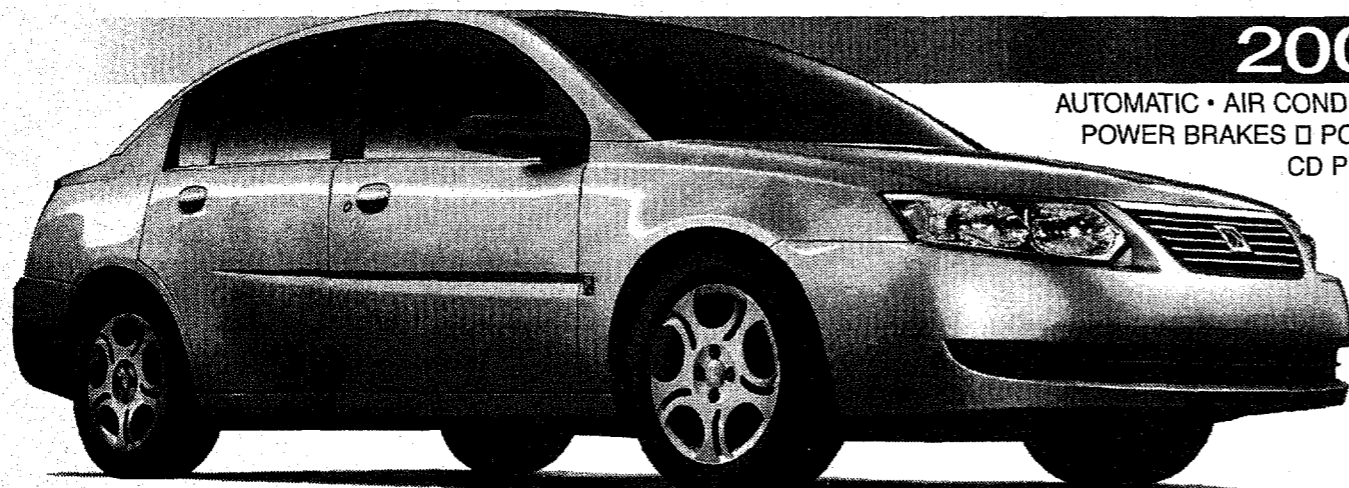


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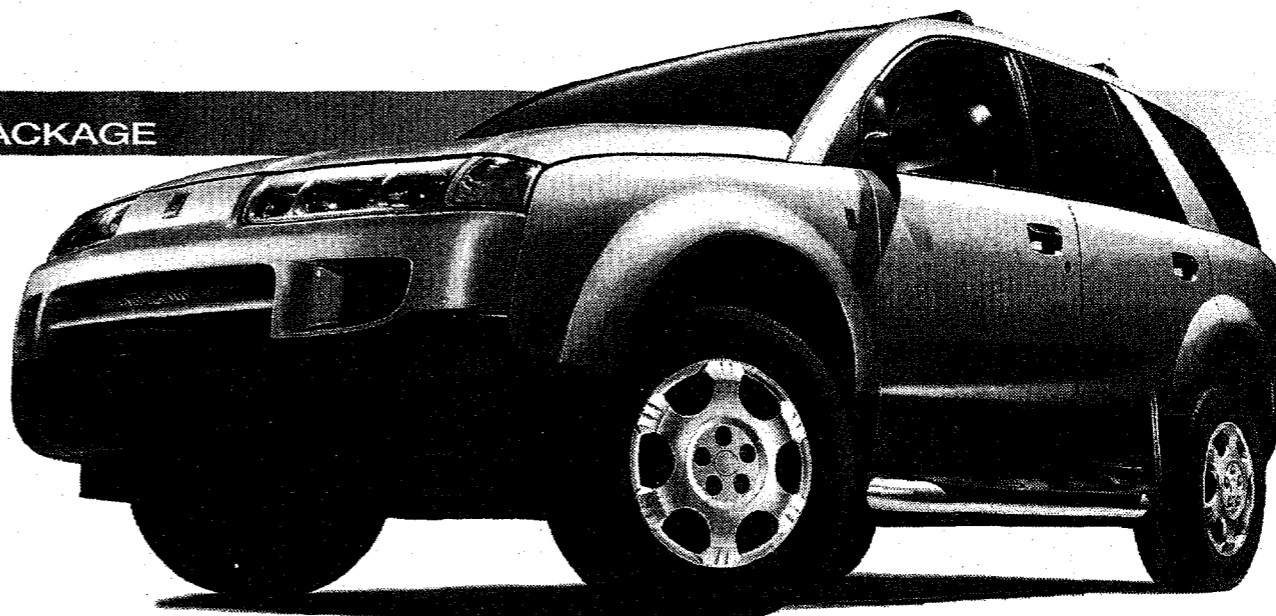
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GM's new Equinox is versatile on the road and very easy to enjoy

**By Mark Maynard
Copley News Service**
Ever since the Chrysler PT Cruiser came along, the small SUV hasn't been the same.

The car-that-works-like-a-truck theme is in demand for good reason: it's not ugly, it has built-in function and utility, and it's comfortable with plenty of space for people and their stuff. And now, after years of making SUVs, Chevrolet has distilled those preferences into its compact Equinox SUV. It is good-looking outside with good ideas inside. And it's a GM design, not a borrowed model from a Japanese or Korean partner.

Sold in front- or all-wheel drive in LS or uplevel LT models, pricing for the five-passenger sport utility starts at \$21,560 and goes to \$24,900 for an LT with AWD. With some options, the LT front-drive test truck ran to \$26,250.

Often this compact class of SUV — including the Ford Escape, Honda CR-V and Toyota RAV4 — earns sales for improved fuel economy over a larger SUV, but then the size limitations set in, and towing just can't compare with a truck-based sport utility.

But as a family-class "car," the Equinox has a number of virtues.

Among them: head and shoulder room, back-seat leg room, some creative cargo space, and a modest-size V-6 that has plenty of kick and returns credible fuel mileage of 19 mpg city and 25 on the highway.

The tow rating of 3,500 pounds will easily handle a tent trailer and more. Sharing a platform with the Saturn Vue — and you'd never know it by looking at the two SUVs — the Equinox has a six-inch longer wheelbase and a wider stance. The car-like unibody chassis is a sturdy foundation using high-strength steel in 90 percent of the structure — engineering that should bolster crashworthiness.

Dual-stage front air bags, front belt pretensioners and ABS with traction control on the LT are the main safety features. Optional roof-rail air bags at \$395 deploy downward between the front and rear roof pillars for head and chest protection.

The non-trucky independent suspension provides a steady ride and handling, but its wide turning radius

— almost 42 feet — requires some three-point maneuvers in tight parking situations. The test truck's optional 17-inch tire package probably didn't help, but the wheels were an attractive addition.

The mix of front disc brakes and rear drums gives the stopping presence of a full four-wheel disc system. The power-assisted brake force seemed more than adequate to handle the 3,660-pound curb weight, or 3,776 for AWD. A four-wheel disc upgrade, surely, isn't far away.

The pairing of the 185 hp, 3.4 liter V-6 and five-speed automatic is ideal. Shift points are smooth and accommodating for urgent passing power.

At highway speeds, there's some wind noise at the mirrors and some tire noise, but those areas might have stood out because the cabin is so well soundproofed.

The cab-forward architecture is a little minivanish from the driver's seat.

And I thought the long reach of the windshield pillars would take time for me to get accustomed to, or create big blind spots, but they didn't.

Over-the-shoulder views are uncomplicated, though they sometimes are in other small SUVs with rear headrests.

One of the pleasures of an SUV is its elevated ride height, and the Equinox provides that viewpoint without making it a struggle to enter or exit. Even the back seat is raised for prime viewing.

Interiors at General Motors are much improved in the last couple of years, and Equinox has an attractive woven fabric for the headliner and sun visors. Covered vanity mirrors, though not lighted, are an appreciated extra.

Durable plastics of nicely contrasting textures and colors and some soft-touch textures where it matters are used throughout — and of much higher quality than in the Saturn Vue.

All doors open wide, almost perpendicular, and have slim storage pockets. For driver and passenger, there are handy, small cargo nets at the base of the instrument panel console to easily clip a phone or stow a sunglasses holder.

The front center console has a flip-

up, padded armrest with storage, including coin, pen and tissue holders, and pullout cup holders. Raise the armrest for more storage or to reach the CD storage slots and optional ash-tray and lighter-power plug.

There are two more 12-volt power plugs in the second row and cargo area. The front passenger seatback folds flat for long items, and the hard back of the seat — not fabric — won't get snagged and doubles as a desktop work area for the driver.

Work from the second row rearward, the space is cargo, or people, flexible.

The 60/40 split folding rear seat has fore-aft adjustment that can bring it to within inches of the front seats so parents can keep the child seat close or extend the cargo area. The cargo area has a panel system of adjustable shelf height. A cargo net and overhead light are part of the standard equipment.

But despite overall improvements in interior quality, there were a couple problems in the test truck. A long strip of plastic trim on driver's door-handle pull was loose and the two horizontal seams of the plastic instrument panel sections were uneven, and the glove box door fit was a little off.

That little nit aside, the Equinox is versatile, accommodating and easy to enjoy. The traditional family sedan could be a dated concept, replaced and enhanced with such contemporary designs as this little SUV.

2005 Chevrolet Equinox LT
Body style: Compact, five-passenger SUV, with front-wheel or all-wheel drive

Engine: 3.4 liter OHV V-6

Horsepower: 185 at 5200 rpm

Torque: 210 foot-pounds at 3,800 rpm

Transmission: five-speed automatic

Acceleration: 0-60 mph, 8.5 seconds

Fuel economy: 19 mpg city, 25 highway

Fuel tank: 16.6 gallons; 87 octane recommended

Wheelbase: 112.5 inches

Height: 67 inches

Width: 71.4 inches

Length: 188.8 inches

Curb weight: 3,660 pounds, 3,776, AWD

Cargo area: 32.2 cubic feet to 68.6 with rear seatback folded

Tow rating: 3,500 pounds

Front head/leg/shoulder room: 40.9/41.2/55.7 inches

Second row head/leg/shoulder room: 40.1/40.2/55.9

Standard equipment: Remote locking, air conditioning, six-speaker AM-FM-CD* audio, power mirrors-locks-

windows, rear window defogger and washer-wiper, deep tinted rear side glass, fog lights, multi-flex sliding rear seat with 60/40 split, fold-flat front passenger seat, manual driver's seat height adjustment, cruise control,

carpeted floor mats, cargo net and luggage rack Safety: Dual-stage front air bags and belt pretensioners, four-wheel ABS with traction control. Suspension: Independent, with MacPherson struts.

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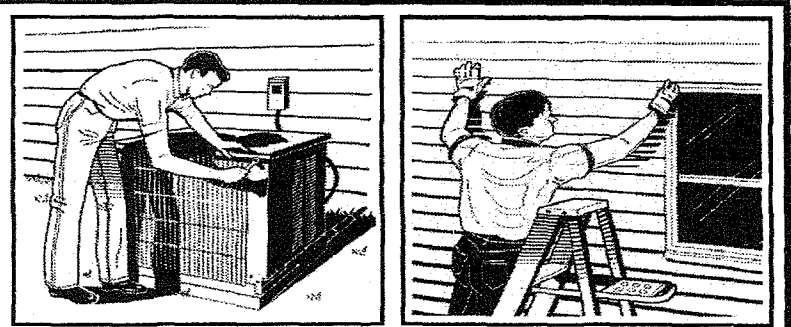
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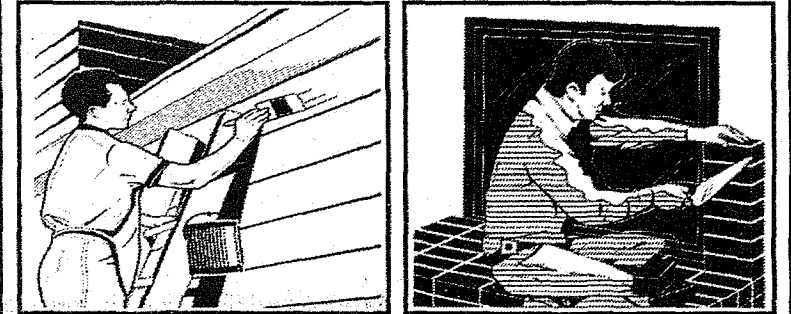
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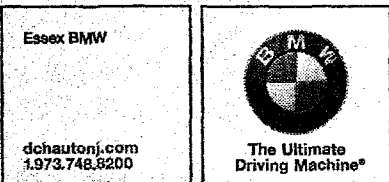
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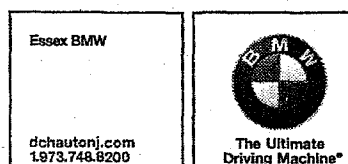
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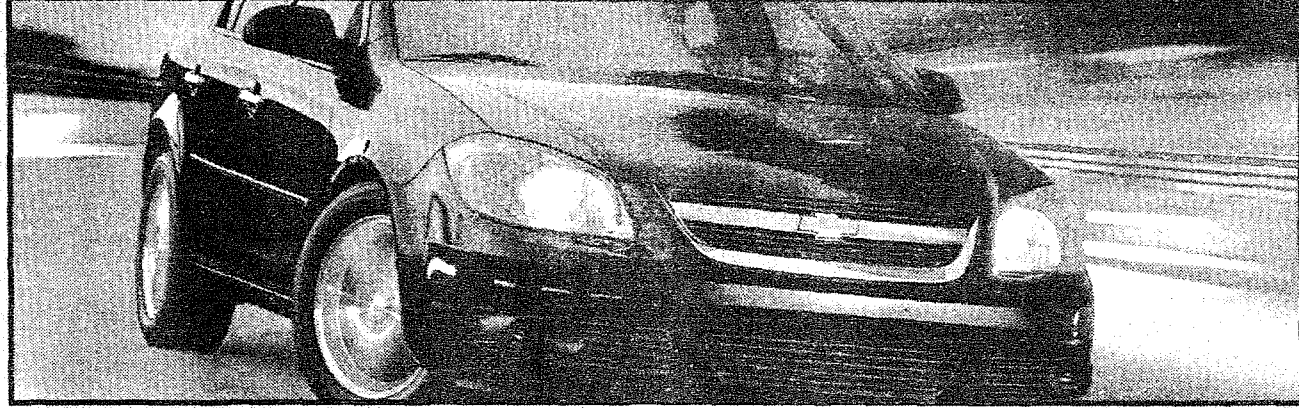
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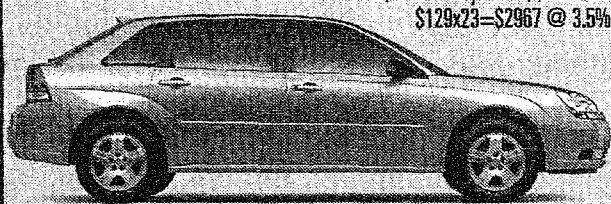
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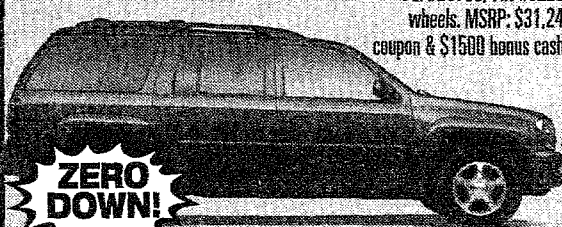


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Stk #D5680, VIN #66112899, 4 DR, 6 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/h/winds/lks/mirrs, cd, tilt, cruise, roof rack. MSRP: \$24,485. Includes \$500 military rebate, \$1000 olds owner loyalty rebate & \$1000 instant value coupon. \$188x23=\$4324 @ 4.5% APR financing, \$0 down pymt. & final 24th mo. balloon pymt. of \$17,139.50. 12,000 per yr. .20c per mi. over if returning.

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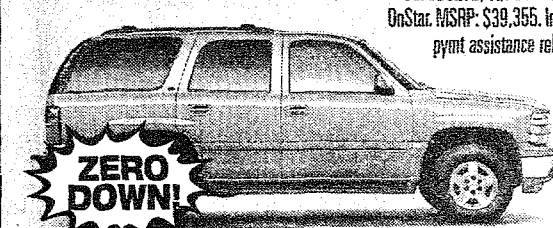


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NEW 2005 CHEVROLET AVALANCHE 4X4

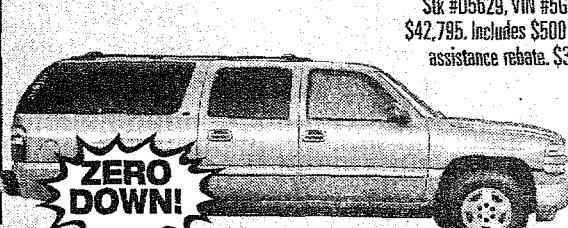


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