

Candidates Corner

Board of Education hopefuls give their thoughts on the direction of the school district, Page 4.

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# Seeing science Highlights

/endors wanted Vendors are wanted for the Thomas Craft Sale and Flea Market on St. Georges Avenue

.m. For information call

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n April 12 from 9 a.m. to 4

Blanket on sale Due to popular demand, the Rahway Public Library is reordering more of the Historic Sites blanket which has sold out twice since last November. The third weaving of the blanket will be in cream and navy blue. Anyone interested in buying one r-more-of-the-blankets-should stop by the library at the corner of Central and St. Georges Avenues. The blankets are \$50 and a deposit of \$10 is required. The order will be placed in early April and deliv ery is expected for mid to late

### Tree planting Mayor James Kennedy and

the Department of Public Works announced the second citysponsored tree planting program to take place this spring. The program is designed to encourage the planting of trees, enhancing the beauty and quality of life in the community. Applications are available for Willow Oaks, Tupelos, and Silver Lindens. The DPW is offering trees for half of whole sale price. Applications are available at City Hall near the-

## Tax program

bulletin board in the lobby.

The AARP, with the coopera tion of the Division of Parks and Recreation, will conduct a free income tax-aid program for Rahway seniors on a limited income. The tax assistance program will be on an appointmentonly basis and will be held in the Rahway Senior Center on Esterbrooke Avenue on Tues-: days and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The program will last through April 15. For an appointment, call the Rahway Division of Parks and Recrea-

## Stamp services .

tion at 827-2045.

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# experience for fourth-graders from both schools. Friends, family mourn loss

Students participate in activities developed by the National Science Council and Merck Leader-Teachers from Grover Cleveland and Roosevelt schools. Project

Staff Writer Friends of Nashika Mitchell, 18, remember her as a hard worker, a religious person, someone who would try to

make friends with anyone. Her sister, Tamara, 14, is remembered as sweet and outgoing, an excellent student. Remember is all they can do now. Both were killed in a because she included everyone and wanted to do fire in their Westfield Avenue home on March 22. Nashika everything."

old cousin Brian Land with setting the fire after a dispute well liked." with a family member. Both were buried this week at Rose Hill Cemetery in career with such zeal in her senior year that she did not

Linden. According to published reports, hundreds of moureven finish her senior year on the tennis team. "She had too ners came to their wake on Sunday at Trinity Temple many things going on." Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Newark. The death of the two came as a surprise, if not a shock,

to everyone who knew both girls. "I was surprised and I was also hurt," said Michelle lones, a secretary at Trinity Temple Seventh-Day Advenlist Academy in Hillside, where Tamara went to seventhgrade. "She was like a daughter to me. She would say. 'Hi people." Mommy and I would say 'Hi baby' and she'd give me a : "One way my family really got to know her was that we of Education have just become a little and to do my best something had to hue and a kiss."

Lauren Shipley, a former teammate on Rahway High work at A&M," said Shipley. School's varsity tennis team. "She was here on spring Jones said her sister, Tamara, was also a very good stubreak and she wouldn't have even been involved in this if dent and person. she hadn't been home."

said anything about her family. From what she said, they on Friday only hours before the fire.

she put together Thanksgiving baskets, went to nursing to make sure that we finished on time to she could go to. When asked why she was dropping special education, curriculum and homes and tutored other students at the school.

Church. See SCHOOL, Page 2

## of teenage victims of fire "She was a hard worker," said Maraos. "She worked hard to get where she was with all those scholarships

That's what I remember about her, she worked her darndest to get where she was. She had great potential." "It's weird," said Shipley. "If you ask who her best friend was, you couldn't, because she was in so many groups and she accepted everyone. I always admired her

was reportedly home on spring break from Drew Universi- "There were a lot of people who liked her," said Fernanty at the time of the fire. Police have charged their 26-year- 'tlez. She was a very respected young lady who was very According to Fernandez, Nashika pursued a college

> "She was a very good student in class and she was a great person," she said. "Always happy, and she tried very hard on the tennis courts." "She wasn't even the best tennis player, but she contripositions so she was more of an asset to the team than other

drove her from practice and she worked. She would go to thinner. "I really am surprised because it's such a shock," said work even if practice got out at 6 p.m. She would go to Two candidates - Madeline Kro. I had started something at Roosevelt

"She was a very outgoing person, very sweet, loving . Board of Education election, leaving had started were fundraisers for play-When asked what she knew about Nashika's cousin kind and a very good student, A or B student, she said. three candidates in the running this ground equipment at the school. Land. Miriam Fernandez, her tennis coach and Spanish Friends also remember Nashika as being very religious; year. teacher for three years at the high school, said, "She never in fact, Shipley said that she had come home from church Kowal is the owner of Butch Kowal thinking about it, I decided that my

were a close family."

"When others wanted to leave and go home and start the draiser for poor families in Union Roosevelt School." she said. "I want was devastated, really," said Mary Maraos of the Blue weekend, she wanted to go to church, "said Shipley. "But County every Christmas, bringing to do it fully or not at all." Triangle service organization at Rahway High School. not because she was forced to - she wanted to go." them food and warm clothing. He Kropoth said that, if she was Nashika was vice president of the club during her last year. Fernandez added, "When we played on Friday, we had could not be reached for comment, elected, she would have focused on

# Kennedy withdraws appointments case

Staff Writer

The City Council and Mayor James he would lose?" Kennedy have been locked in a But Kennedy replied, "The court month-long dispute over the Zoning date was just last week." Board of Adjustment.

case last Thursday. The dispute was over whether the Board members. mayor or the council would name These board members were appointees to a number of city boards. selected by the council after Beglin's The dispute was brought before September ruling but were unable to Superior Court Judge Edward Beglin be installed because Beglin had by four Republican members and one placed a stay on the terms of the cur-Democratic member of the council rent board members. In other words,

transferred this power from the mayor's office to the council. But Kenhad expired. nedy had filed an appeal to get back control of the Zoning Board, saying that there could be some confusion in state statutes and city ordinances over who had this power.

"It's sort of what we expected this point," said Kennedy. But although Kennedy's appeal was withdrawn, he got what he wanted in the end: The now-Democratic controlled council recently passed a city ordi-

nance giving the power to name Zon- Janusz said this could not be done ing Board candidates back to Ken- under Beglin's stay on appointments "We're looking forward to moving But City Attorney Louis Rainone forward," he said. "The board has said this week that the Zoning Board been disrupted so much the last six. did not have enough people sitting on

months, they haven't been able to get it, so the mayor agreed to let the counmen to bring the original dispute tees to both the Planning and Zoning against Kennedy and the only remain-boards. Janusz has said in the past that ng Republican on the council, ques- this violates a balance of power in the tioned Kennedy appealing the deci- city government and that a developer sion at all.

and, when they went into court, they dropped it?" he asked. "Did he think

But Kennedy quietly withdrew his said that before the hearing; the city case last Thursday, leading a state administration had offered to drop the appellate panel to dismiss the entire appeal if Janusz would drop his proceedings to swear in three new Zonins

none of the current members, who had Beglin's ruling last September been selected by the mayor's office, could be taken off until their terms

But Janusz accused Kennedy of using his appeal to buy time and keep new members off the board until a friendly council - the "gang of eight," as Janusz called them - could

The council had elected six Rahway residents, all selected by Kennedy, to the Zoning Board at its reorganization meeting in January, when

to the Zoning Board. cil make the six appointments

would only have to "corrupt" one per-"What was the whole purpose of son, Kennedy in order to have the appeal? Why was it prolonged building approved by both boards.

# School board election has thin selection

By Sean Daily Staff Writer

poth and Peter Kowai — have recen- and maybe I'll run next year or some ping their names from April 15's Kropoth said the "something" she

you know - I've got my kids and I'm The people's choices for the Board PTA president at Roosevelt School give. I had come to the realization that

al's Tavem and has organized a fun-priorities are my family and

### Educational program discussed by city merchants well mannered. We have no problem. spoke with a number of nearby mer- "You get a rumor here and a rumor to make healthy choices."

Superintendent William Petrino, is an could not be pinned on any specific there."

then transferred to the Rahway unofficially." two years.

chants on Irving Street to find out how there," said John Cox of Cindy's The Axia program normally serves with them." Several months ago, the Rahway they feel about the ACE program Luncheonette, Cox's restaurant is about 25 studens at a time, compared Some merchants did not even know Board of Education transferred its being in the Axia Savings building, almost directly across the street from to a regular high school population of, what was going on in the building. Alternative Center for Education to a The Progress also attempted to the Axia Savings building and the about 900, said Petrino. The curricu- "I don't know what they're supbuilding near the Union County Arts

track down rumors of complaints ACE program.

Center at Irving and Coach streets that closer attention from the teachers it's some kind of alternative educations. had recently been abandoned by Axia program. But, though many people Drugs next to the YMCA, said that the Such a small student population also tion," said Mike Mihalko, manager of had heard of others complaining ACE program "doesn't bother me. I allows the teachers to get to know Allstate Billiards." The ACE program, according to about the program, the complaints know a lot of the people who go their students better.

'Alternative high school program for 'Youngsters who haven't met with success in a regular program but have complaints about the program." said the kids are bad and they don't want their choices, said Petrino. the potential to succeed." Petrino, who was once in charge of them in the store because they're. But the merchants that the Progress, His one negative experience will This program has been in place for the ACE program before being named afraid that they'll steal something." talked to had little or no problem with the students was when some of them about 10 years. It was first housed in superintendent. "That doesn't mean But Petrino defended the students the ACE students." Rahway Intermediate School but was people haven't complained in the program.

This week, the Rahway Progress could remember names.

from the Axia Savings building, for reported hearing complaints from along the way," said Petrino, "The clientele," said Cox. give kids an opportunity to learn how nice. They come in and they're very in front of his store.

. "We've had a problem with them, his store.

Allstate Billiards is right across & This is in contrast to the regular Coach Street from the Axia Savines

began smoking cigarettes in front

"These are good kids who have being in the bank, but now we've no Pat Meagro of Gino's Pizzen YMCA, only several hundred feet Some Irving Street merchants made some questionable decisions problem and we've gotten a lot of right across from the building on Irving other merchants in the area, but none ACE program and programs like that Cox said the students were "very plaints beyond the students smokes."

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# School board candidates to meet in public forum

(Continued from Page 1) you believe in the democratic process making sure "the school district keeps and suddenly there's no contest. I going forward and progressing, want there to be a contest, at least, to That's important for the whole town." get people out to vote on the budget." Without Kropoth and Kowal, the In addition to the candidates, Rahrace is down to three candidates for way voters will vote on the 1997-98 school year budget. The budget has three seats on the board. Only one candidate, Theresa Mika-had a dismal record with the voters.

jlo, is an incumbent in this year's race. When asked about the school The other two, Paul Massen and budget, Kropoth said, "I have kids in Antonio Garay, are newcomers to the school, so I want it to pass. I don't Board of Education. Massen and Gar-know where the money's going, but I ay will be replacing Joseph Hartnett want it to pass." and board President Ed Henderson. The three remaining candidates both of whom announced that they will be hosted by the Rahway Demowill not be seeking re-election this cratic Club tonight at 8 p.m. at the

Knights of Columbus hall at Inman When asked about the size of the and Jaques avenues during their annufield, Kropoth said, "It's tough wher. al Candidates Night.

## Supporters announce direct care meetings Taking on the role of caregiver for • Legal aspects — advance direc-

responsibility of caring for a sick rela

• No matter what you do it never

tive or friend.

an elderly family member of friend tives, durable power of attorney. can be a difficult task. Both individuals who actually provide day-in-day- feeding problems. out care and those who may not administer direct care but are responsible The seven-week program will meet for such support may be over on Monday evenings from 6:30 to whelmed. Rahway Hospital's support. 7:30 at Rahway Hospital in the 4A group, Because You Care, provides Lounge beginning March 17. an opportunity to caregivers to share Due to the interactive nature of this common experiences with others who program, space is limited. To register, are enduring the same responsibility. ...call Rahway Hospital Community "Many people are unaware of what . Outreach at (908) 499-6193. is really involved when they take on ... Rahway Hospital's support group,

the task of tending to an ill family Because You Care, can help if you're member or friend," Neclam Verma, a care giver and: RN. on staff at Rahway Hospital said. . . You feel as if you are the only Verma will be facilitating the supperson in the world that has the port group along with Susan Bundy, RN, who works as a community health nurse. "Learning to cope together can pro-

vide that insight needed to care for a seems like enough. loved one," Bundy said. Each meeting will begin with short time or place to be alone. from shopping to managing finances. members. Topics to be explored include but are not limited to:

• Issues encountered in daily care. Psychological and behavioral aspects of chronic illness. community resources.



Mary Hawkins, principal of Rahway Intermediate School, presents prizes to the winners of the school's Black History Month contest. From left are Cisco Garay, first place winner; Mary Hawkins, principal; and Daniel James, second place winner.

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• The Rahway Democratic Club will hold their annual Board of Education Candidate's Night at 8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall at the corner of Inman Avenue and Jacques Avenue. The forum is open to everyone and refreshments will be served following the presentations. The forum will consist of candidate's opening statements, answering questions from the audience, and concluding remarks. For information call 388-7677 or 388-6619. The Concerned Citizens of Union County will meet

at the JFK Community Center, 796 East Hazelwood / Cook College from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on April 11 and April Ave., in Rahway. For time call Bob Carson at 381 7255 ir Kerri Blanchard at 396-3722. The Concerned Citizens are currently involved in examining such issues as the hazards of a toxic waste will be a Spring Walk, and Planting at the Watchung incinerator. The group uses the model of participatory Reservation on April 20 at 10 a.m. For information on democracy in their organization and state there is no any of these events contact Karen Carlough at (908) single person who makes all the decisions, the group 352-1734 or Jeanne Overly at (908) 247-0079. decides action. The Concerned Citizens invite all to join their meetings on the first and third Thursday of every

• The Rahway Women's Club will be entertained by Grand Avenue and St. Georges Avenue. The public and a slide lecture at their general membership meeting at all veterans organizations are welcome to attend this noon in the Second Presbyterian Church hall on New Brunswick Avenue. The slide lecture will review the club's recent trip to Greece and Israel by Lorriane Smarsch, the club's treauter. · City Council will hold its pre-conference meeting

at 7:30 p.m. in the council's chambers at City Hall.

tant positions. Gray is the only person in the history of the United States Marine Corps to advance from private • The Rahway Environmental Commission will meet at 7 p.m. in the second floor conference room of Rah-

Born in Rahway, Gray attended Rahway schools and enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1950 as a private. He served with the Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, attaining the rank of sergeant before being commissioned a second lieutenant in April of 1952. He served two tours in Vietnam and then went on to hold several other impor-

at the Rahway High School Gymnasium. At last year's

semi-finals, five World Champion boxers were in atten-

dance, as well as New Jersey State Boxing Commis-

sioner Larry Hazzard. This year's event promises to be

filled with exciting boxing action and will be attended

by nationally known celebrities. The guest of honor will

be General Alfred M. Gray, USMC. Ticket prices are

\$60 Golden Ringside Seat which includes prime rib

reserved seating, and \$10 general admission. For infor-

mation on time and tickets call the Rahway PAL at

• The New Jersey Native and Plant Society will hold

several events in the month of April. There will be a

Spring Lecture Series at the Holly House at Rutgers and

rens on the first date and Nancy Slowick will lecture on

April 12

.• A dedication of a section of St. Georges Avenue to

honor General Alfred M. Gray, USMC will take place

at 9 a.m. at Veterans Parck located at the corner of West

Native Plants of the Palisades on the second date. There

buffet dinner at St. Thomas Church in Rahway, \$15 for

• City Council will hold its regular meeting at 7:30. p.m. in the council's chambers in City Hall.

# Experts discuss dangers of violence Community leaders and others current trends are allowed to continue, medics, physicians and other practi-

• You can never find the necessary assembled at Rahway High School for by the year 2003 murder will be the tioners, rehabilitation, prescriptions, • Your responsibilities as caregiver sponsored by the hospital.

are interfering with your job. • Feelings of exhaustion and Holleran Consulting, the firm which ram, the first public health violence Rev. James W. Ealey, pastor of resentment have replaced loving and performed the independent research, prevention program in the nation. . Rahway's Second Baptist Church, about your own needs. hospital.

"Results yielded that 5 percent of . individuals in the study area have been physically abused by another household member," Holleran said. Reports of domestic violence are higher in Union County than the state average. Professionals who participated in a follow up focus group told us that physical and mental domestic violence affects one in four relation-Holleran went on to say that 18 per-

cent of those who reside in the area surveyed report they have been victims of crime. She said 13 percent donot feel safe in their neighborhoods. The research demonstrates that low crime rates and low levels of child abuse were ranked by respondents to the survey as their first and second determinants for a healthy community.

Howard Spivak, keynote speaker

for the annual meeting, a national

leader in community violence preven-

tion cautioned the audience lest they

"become tempted to dismiss violence"

and death because they don't affect

law-abiding citizens in meddle class

neighborhoods:" Spivak said that if

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Mountainside Hospital

Rahway Hospital's annual meeting leading cause to death among those nursing home care, home health care, March 12 heard the results of a com- ages 15-74. Spivak is chief of the mental health treatment, medical informative sessions covering various

• Caregiving pressures are leading munity health needs assessment con
Division of General Pediatrics and equipment and burial costs. For the Community Advisory Panel that was programs at New England medical police, fire, ambulances and ever center, Boston. He is co-founder of helicopters, social serivces and vic-Michele Holleran, president of the Boston Violence Prevention Prog-tims' assistance services.

presented statistics which led the CAP Spivak, a pediatrician by training, who led the CAP, which refers to • Identification and assessment of • You feel it is selfish to think to conclude that violence is the primary risk to health of the community cation are critical. munity, reported that the panel that comprises the area served by the "Violent behavior is learned by and selected violence as the leading risk reinforced in children at home, in the community and through the media," which reflected other factors as sub-Spivak said. "Strategies for the reduc- stance abuse, mental health, parenttion of violence must be created in the ling, stress management and teen community, in the media, and through recreation. The meeting was conducted by abvocacy at the state, and national Harry W. McDowell, vice chairman

> Congratulating hospital officials of the hospital's Board of Governors: for their foresight, Spivak said, "It is Under a theme of eelebration and particularly appropriate for a health, renewal, McDowell noted the 80th care organization like Rahway Hospi anniversary of the facility this year: brate the achievements of the past, the Citing recent statistics, he stated hospital's eyes are fixed on the road to that violence is having an enormous the new millennium as the hospital. impact on the cost of health care and plans for the health care needs of new ncludes the cost of the hospital, paragenerations."

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# Evaluation ordered for arson suspect

Staff Writer

Brian Land made his first appearance in court last week. Land, whom Rahway police allege set a fire that killed two city teenagers, appeared before Superior Court Judge Joan Robinson Gross to have his charges read. Land, 25, is charged with two counts of murder and one count of aggravated arson in the March 22 incident. According to Andrea Ferraro, Criminal Division Mana-

ger, Gross also ordered a psychiatric evaluation for Land Carolina. before a review on his bail. Ferraro said the evaluation was due to the circumstances surrounding Land's charges and "so we could see just what we're dealing with." Assistant Prosecutor Regina Caulfield, who is handling no chance of parole for 30 years for each murder charge.

Mitchell, 18, and Tamara Mitchell, 14, when he set a fire in the entrance to the Pennsylvania Turnpike is not far from the kitchen of his home on 1004 Westfield Avenue early Land's mother Sandra and the victim's father and two years, was a quiet one. mother, David and Francis Mitchell, were also hurt in the "She never said anything about her family," said Miriam

to fire officials, the fire did not spread much beyond the family."

filled much of the house. The two girls killed in the fire reportedly were found in a closet in an upstairs bedroom right at the top of a staircase, apparently trying to hide from

According to Acting Prosecutor Edward Neafsey, Land started the fire because he was upset at a family member. He had been living in the house and working at a local fast food restaurant after living for several years in North

The fire has been called an arson because officers from

the Union County Sheriff's Department and from the Union County Homicide Squad and Union County Arson Task Force reported finding an acclerant — a substance the case, said Land faces a maximum of life in prison with such as gasoline for starting arson fires — at the scene Land was picked up on that same day by a State Trooper The charge for aggravated assault, a second-degree near Moorestown. He was alerted after hearing an alloffense, carries with it a maximum sentence of five to 10 points bulletin to watch for him and spotted Land walking alongside the side of a road there. Neafsey alleged that Police allege that Land killed his two cousins, Nashika Land was trying to leave the state through Moorestown;

the morning of March 22. Nashika had been home for only

According to neighbors and friends of the two girls, the several days on spring break from Drew University. family, which had lived in the Westfield Ave. house for

Fernandez, Nashika's tennis coach and Spanish teacher in Firefighters were alerted at about 2:47 a.m. According high school. "From what she said, they were a close

# Business legislation changes tax

the rules that apply to subchapter 5 incurred after July 1, 1996 through from retirement plans. corporations, and makes several other May 31, 1997.

\$17,500 annual limit on depreciable ciated stock" donated to private heavy rules that apply to most other Manhattan on June 22. Cash prizes LOT Polish Airlines were distributed paced roadways. property that can be immediately foundations is reinstated for the same pension plans. The Business Act gen-will total \$2,000.00.

2001, and \$25,000 in 2003: and certain excise taxes via electronic have SARSEPs in place by December ists, to set goals for their musical edufollowing week. That evening they tal, Center for Senior Care, and The limit on the maximum number fund transfer has been delayed until 31, 1996 can choose either to keep cation porcess and therefore to proof shareholders that an S corporation July 1, 1997. Employers who depotheir SARSEPs or convert them to vide motivation for them and their aplauding audience, with the prizes can have has been increased from 35 sited more than \$50,000 in 1995 were SIMPLEs. to 75 beginning in 1997. Also, the to begin using EFT by Jan. 1, 1997. Finally, another provision of the by creating an excellent opportunity ally presented each laureate with the limits on the types of trusts that may The Business Act creates a new Business. Act permits tax-exempt for public exposure and each prizes check and diploma.

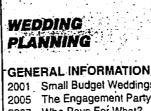
to form and own subsidiaries. Finally, employers with 100 or fewer employ-IRS now may waive an invalid elec- ees and who do not maintain another

replaced under the Business Act. The targeted jobs credit, which expired at a 401k plan. the end of 1994, is replaced by the . The employer must either match 3 Work Opportunity Tax Credit. The percent of an employer's contribucredit is equal to 35 percent of the first tions or make a 2 percent contribution \$6,000 in wages paid to each employ- for each employees Employees' elecee who belongs to a targeted group. tive contributions cannot exceed: Targeted groups include members

of families receiving cash welfare benefits, qualified veterans, high-risk vouths, certain ex-felons, vocational naniusian referrals, qualified sun mer youth employees, and 18 to 24 year olds from families receiving food stamps. The tax break for employermyided education assistance which

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The Small Business Job Protection expired in 1994 is reinstated retroac- \$6,000 per year. Contributions are no Act recently passed by Congress contively to its expiration taxes until withdrawn. Withdrawals tains many tax-related measures that The exclusion expires once again during the first two years of an will affect owners of small busines- for courses beginning after May 31, employee's participation in a ses. The Act restores some expired tax 1997, and does not apply to graduate SIMPLE are subject to a new 25 perbreaks, increases the amount a busi- level courses after June 30, 1996. The cent early withdrawal penalty tax, The Styjniak Music School announce- announce all of them winners. In antipurchases in the first year, broadens dit is reinstated for expenses paid or ty tax on most other early withdrawal young pianists. The competition is to nizers had prepared toys, chocolates

The Business Act increases the fair market value of "qualified appre- plex nondiscrimination tests or top- place at the prestigious Cami Hall in then, in total of 1,000, founded by driving in the traffic on today's fast erally intends for SIMPLEs to replace

called Savings Incentive Match Plans for their employees. Non-profits lost Additionally, the Business Act for Employees starting in 1997: the ability to do this in 1986, but those cess of the last competition which pianists. The cash awards, therefore, panies are now allowing a discount allows S corporations for the first time. SIMPLE plans can be adopted by that already had plans in place were. took place last June, Jerzy Stryjniak, a were initially increased to \$2,000.

> SIMPLE plan can be an IRA or part of with your accountant or tax advisor.

Robert L. Horn is enrolled to practice before the I.R.S. whose practice is located at 1449 Raritan Rd., Clark, (908) 272-3570.

Many business tax credits that with \$5,000 in wages. Self-employed Act. To find out how they may affect There were about forty participants held at the Polish Consulate General expired in 1994 have been restored or individuals can set-up SIMPLEs. A your business or how to take advanting the first competition last year. They at 37th Street and Madison Avenue in

Piano competition

beginners to advanced. The toughest contest took place in the beginners group where members of the panel of jurors, lead by Peter Bellino, professor of Mannes College of Music.

Surprise visit

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could not resist the charm of five to 382-7197. Applications are available

among best performers in three higher. The response to this program is The purpose of the competition is categories 1997, then \$18,500 in 1998, \$19,000. The mandatory depositing of payin 1999, \$20,000 in 2000, \$24,000 in roll taxes, corporate estimated taxes,
pensions but small businesses who

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threefold: to provide the right enviform the gala concert in Cami Hail the
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ca bination of lecture and classroom visparents, and to reward their hard work Stryjniak and his wife Joanna person- ual aids over the two day period. For registration and more informa-

Mary Biro of Clark was surprised when her grandson, Gary, and her daughter

Debbie, showed up to pay a visit in Care Connection, Rahway Hospital's skilled

nursing facility. Rahway Hospital has been continuing a Pet Therapy program for

**EVENTS** 

eight old pianists and decided to now.

It is anticipated that this year comprofessional concert pianist and the However, the school is organizing its president of the Stryjniak Music own fund-rising event in hope of raistion to be an S corporation under ceremployer-sponsored retirement plan. These are just some of the changes School, decided the school should ing more money for awards. A SIMPLE must cover all employees that are a result of the new Business. have the competition every year. The school's spring ball will be sary. The fee of \$8 is payable to

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Infosource WORRALL COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

# **COMMUNITY FORUM**

### Watch your waste The proposed Earth Care medical treatment plant was approved by the Linden Zoning Board to accept up to 72,000 pounds of medical waste, including bedding, intravenous bags and "sharps" like needles and syringes, which it will

turn into disinfected waste suitable for burning in an incinerator or burying in a landfill. It's not surprising that this has stirred a considerable amount of opposition from many area residents. The most vocal of these have been members of the Union County Concerned Citizens. Their focus: how the waste will get to the plant and whether the plant is even necessary, given that

many hospitals dispose of their own medical waste.... This is the same group that last year formed a protest demonstration in Clark to show their displeasure for where medical waste would be traveling. They staged their demonstration in front of the Clark Municipal Building and marched along Westfield Avenue in an attempt to heighten awareness of the dangers of having this waste transported through the area.

But that was just the beginning of an issue that now seems to be going full throttle. The UCCC has raised the spectre of one of these vehicles transporting waste to the plant crashing. in a residential neighborhood and spewing infectious waste where children can get at it.

This is particularly disturbing because there are few restrictions as to where a vehicle transporting medical waste can go. In fact, the only thing restricting where a vehicle with medical waste can go is the weight restrictions of a road and the vehicle itself.

Westfield Avenue, a county road, is used frequently by citizens of Rahway and Clark. Therefore, the Concerned Citizens are justified in their cause to heighten awareness of this matter.

On the surface, the competence of the drivers and other transport measures seem reasonably safe. To get a license to transport medical waste requires a fingerprinting, a photoidentification, and detailed levels of exposure on details of the prospective hauler and of parent companies. The license must also be renewed every year with disclosures of financial and company-relations, litigation and violations at the state level and in other jurisdictions.

In addition, haulers cannot accept medical waste from anyone except registered generators and both the generator and hauler must keep shipping manifests and other paperwork for the Department of Transportation. The DOT paperwork, at least, must be kept on file for several years. they still cannot completely eradicate the possibility of a col-

lision and consequesntly a possible spillage of waste. We support the Concerned Citizens in their effort to keep this medical waste from traveling through the area. Perhaps the regulations for the waste transportation are not satisfac-

tory and need to be re-evaluated. Currently, state regulations require that medical waste must be placed in rigid, leak-resistant containers impervious to moisture and which are sufficiently strong to resist bursting under normal circumstances. They also must be sealed to prevent leaks during transport.

But how safe are these seals? And just how resistant are the materials which contain this waste? These questions should be fully explored because "normal" circumstances may not always exist, especially when a collision occurs. Another point worth examining is the actual vehicles which transport the waste. Are they specific highly visible

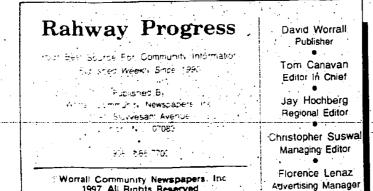
transport this waste. Moreover, a tractor trailer or even a private car can be used to transport waste. These would look ordinary to any resident of Clark or Rahway, which means that if an accident occurs, no one in the vicinity would even be able to determine the dangerous substances the vehicle has inside. Residents deserve to be fully informed of the dangers of what is being sent through their neighborhoods, especially in an area that has many children walking along their sidewalks. Government officials in Clark and Rahway should become interested in this matter. Perhaps by passing a resolution or sending a letter, the county could be enlightened of

the residents' opposition. For the most part, the municipal councils in Rahway and Clark have been responsive in supporting the citizens' requests for action. Nothing could be lost in letting the county hear the concerns of those who travel the county roads.

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"Sweet words are like honey: a little may refresh, but too much gluts the stomach." —Anne Bradstreet essavist, poet.



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FEEDING TIME - A child takes advantage of a warm day as he throws a piece of bread to the many birds along the water at Rahway River Park on St. Georges

# For killers, justice can be freedom or death

Sammy "the Bull" Gravano is living as a free citizen today. By his own admission. Mr. Gravano personally committed, participated in, or ordered 19 coldly premeditated murders. But because Mr. Gravano, of the Gambino crime family: made a deal to testify . By Bob Rixon against Cosa Nostra boss John Gotti, he spent only a few years in jail for crimes other than murder.

After hiding in the Witness Protec- with the criminal justice system. tion Program for a while, Mr. Grava- The justice Mr. Gravano negotiated no recently reclaimed his name and for himself stands in contrast to the Social Security number and justice recently meted out to a pathetic announced to the women of the world soul who will forever be remembered because the deceased were all that he was single. It is rumored that for his flaming death mask. This mask Mr. Gravano still has much of the for- was worn by Pedro Medina as he died. tune he earned through his entrepre- strapped in a Florida electric chair. neurial mastery of mafioso rackets. The mask burst into flame as 2,000 These rackets included drug deal- volts of electricity shot through Mr: Medina's body, filling the execution

ing, loan-sharking, labor union corchamber with smoke. Experts quickly contracts, illegal gambling, and a variety of other criminal enterprises that already dead when his mask ignited. ruined lives by the score. Many and felt no pain. Mr. Medina was one of ,125,000 women will flock to this wealthy, .. Cubans who came to the United States

number of brutally Machiavellian hospitals and prisons.

tiated into the mafia during a secret this testimony wrecked the Gambino would kill if ordered to do so. In fact, prison for life. However, it was widehe had already committed murder. Iy reported late last year that Gotti had was convicted of killing in 1982,

had participated. He claimed that

might have been doing society a to anyone who whacks him. Under Mr. Medina was in prison, on death row, for over a decade. Mr. Gravano did not spend nearly that amount of time in jail.

The state gave Mr. Gravano a new. during the 1980 Mariel boat lift, when Defenders of the death penalty-

Mr. Gravano was in complete possession of his senses when he was ini- Mr. Gravano's defenders insist that ceremony and willingly swore that he crime family by putting John Gotti in Medina's last words were, "I am remained boss of that family while still innocent." Lindi James, the incarcerated at Marion-Federal daughter of the 52-year-old woman he Penitentiary, and had finally been ordered to step down by a commission comprised of the heads of the other Mr. Gravano remembered and kept four New York mafia families. The count of all the murders in which he Gambio family is quite alive.

> \$500,000 is still on the head of Mr. Gravano, to be awarded by the mafia mafia law, Mr. Gravano is guilty only of being a rat. He has not been found quilty by any jury of participating in-But we will never again have to

It is presumed that a contract for

death mask, a man whose last words on Earth were, "I am still innocent." Bob Rixon is a city resident and a Mr. Gravano is only one of a large. Fidel Castro tried to empty his mental claim that Mr. Medina's execution on's E-mail address is was just punishment, and that it will rix@wfmu.org

# **CANDIDATES**

# Theresa Mikailo

go to the polls and vote for the school School.

also confronted with mandates placed on them by New Jersey statutes, the ment of Education monitoring procebudget, and they at times tie the hands

This year in the City of Rahway, we thorough and efficient education for school functions. She would be unabhave an uncontested Board of Educa- all our children white effecting what le to attend similar affairs in many prition election which provides us the is essentially no tax increase. The vate schools because the facilities are many of our community events: I unique opportunity to pass the school budget provides for the further infusingly not accessible to her. Although have been proud, too, of our outstandbudget. Therefore, instead of using sion of technology into the curriculum a senior citizen on a fixed income, she ing Rahway public school staff memthe speak about through the continued acquisition of appreciates and is grateful for the bers who are some of the finest educamyself. I would like to use this forum to encourage the people of Rahway to the addition of ITV at Rahway High

The development of an annual Department of Education's comparischool budget is a long and arduous tive spending guide; we can see that in less expensively than a public school. task complicated by budget caps and every year since 1994, when I was we owe it to ourselves to ask "does the tory of public education in this state, various mandates. Not only are school first elected to the board, the Rahway school educate all children?" districts, facing decreasing budget public schools spent less than the state caps and the loss of state aid, they are average per pupil expenditure. Today, public schools face increas- accomplishments of our Rahway

New Jersey Administrative Code, federal regulations and the Departclaim that "competition" is healthy Stanford, and the United States milifor public education. However, the tary academies; our JROTC Marines impact on the development of the playing field must be level — it is who have distinguished themselves in only the public schools that accept so many national competitions; our students of all ability levels, and elitheater arts students who fill the Theresa Mikajlo is an incumbent of school officials who have no choice on what to include in the annual physically and emotionally chal-outstanding productions; our Interme- Education.

This year's \$31 million school lenged My mother, who is wheel- diate School students who designed budget has been crafted to provide a chair bound, attend many Rahway the winning home page in a national work with committed parents and PTA/PTO members to ensure a qual-School.

In reviewing the New Jersey we hear about a charter school or a students. Next time trents, parents, and students. Next time trents to ensure a quality education for all of the children of the chil

less expensively than a public school. At this entired juncture in the hiswe cannot afford to defeat the the Rahway school budget. If there is During my tenure as a board memonly one lever that you pull on April. ber, I have been proud to witness the 15, let it be for a "yes" vote on the Rahway school budget. The best. most prudent investment we make this year will be to vote for our property values, our community and our

minate barriers to education for those Union County Arts Center with their candidate for the Board of

Toy drive was tremendous success

I want to thank all who helped with Children's Specialized Hospital's annual

We received a tremendous number of gifts from many people throughout the community. These are just a few of the many wonderful stories that were relayed to me as donations were made this year. A very caring eight-year-old girl who had a birthday near Christmas and received an abundance of toys, decided she wanted to donate some of her toys upon dropping them off. to our patients. She, her sister, and her mother personally dropped off three very

large bags of her birthday presents for distribution. individual presents for the holidays but instead donate new toys/items which tions; and continued support of the hospital and its programs. could be given to a charity of the teachers' choice. CSH happened to be the recipient of this generous donation as per the teachers' request A little girl donated one of two Tickle Me Elmo dolls she had received.

Responses will be published next week

Polls close Monday at noon -Calls are free. Touch tone phones only

Local residents held a Kimball Street Walk and at each house donations to our holiday toy drive were left Upon reading our news release about the toy drive, a very elderly resident who lives locally and who rarely gets out, arranged for a friend to drive her to the store to purchase a toy. She and her friend then promptly dropped off the gift at the hospital for one of our "very special children."

Another local resident took her two sons to the store and had them "hand pick" toys that they thought would be the best holiday gifts for our children. The boys eagerly took on this task and were proud as could be with their selections

Thanks to these and many other extraordinary and caring people in our community, our patients and their families enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. The Willow Grove Pre-School teachers asked parents of students not to give them staff and families commend them for their very generous donations, contribu-

> Director of Volunteer Services Children's Specialized Hospital

# VIEW POINT

QUESTION OF THE WEEK Do you feel at risk by having medical waste transported along local roads?

CALL (908)686-9898 and enter #7570 - YES #7571 - NO

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS Should the Police Department increase surveillance at Capobianco Plaza?

> YES — 57% NO - 43%

# **COMMUNITY FORUM**

# Individual decisions can defy common sense

Sometimes we like to play Devil's advocate on some current issues. One key issue came up March 24. when the state Senate hemmed and hawed about a proposal to lower the legally drunk blood alcohol level from .10 to .08.

A day doesn't go by that we don't read or hear of someone killed or bad- Against Drunk Drivers are furious ly injured because of a drunk driver. and should be. Some feel the legal blood alcohol lim- One wonders if some of our legislait should be reduced to .08. The reators really know what's going on soning is the lower the rate, perhaps when they can't or refuse to pass a billpotential drunken drivers will stay off that could be used as another weapon the roads if they had a few belts before against drunk driving. getting behind the wheel. We think the idea is a good one. York City where the city's Board of

However, senators danced around Education passed a law that will expel ally do: When caught in the middle of any student who comes to school with a gun, a knife, a box cutter, which is a delicate situation, establish a task force to study the question. The decision to study the idea delighted the tavern owners and restaurants which erve-alcoholic-beverages. another student, or a member of the The higher the blood alcohol limit

is, the chances of legally determining if the driver is drunk becomes more

the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the

March 15 — the parade was fantastic.

it was not passed unanimously which No doubt the execution of a murtheir conclusions and battle all those I don't think there is anyone among disturbs us. Anyone who would not derer is a traumatic time in the life of a who oppose them. us who wants a drunken driver on the vote for a bill which would kick juror who was one of those who found road. So, instead of passing the bill, . potentially dangerous kids out of the defendant guilty. But I am conthe senate skirted it by forming a task schools does not have his head vinced that although the majority of newspaper publisher, is an active force to study the idea. The Mothers screwed on tightly. Why wouldn't a people in this nation are pro-capital member of the Summit community.

By Norman Rauscher

Another issue comes out of New

fast becoming the weapon of choice

for many kids, or any other weapon.

Students would also be expelled if

they attacked and assaulted a teacher,

Although the measure was passed,

Tom Callinan — a former president of Frankly group that organized this year's St. Speaking
Patrick's Day parade in Union on

And to all those people and groups By Howard Freund

that participated - and, from Tom, I understand the number was 20,000 whole show, something that has never the Irish have much to be proud of. been done before. The St. Patrick's Day Parade Com-· There were 16 marching bands mittee did a magnificent job in orgaincluding Elizabeth's great marching

Education meeting on March 19, will be New Jersey Ease and updates nizing the parade under parade chair-band and that great Union marching

man Joseph Cryan of Union and son County. It was a tradition every St. that thrill everybody at a St. Patrick's tion to march in the Vailsburg parade Tavern for corned beef and cabbage. Elizabeth was always part of what The military was there and the

honor and 50 priests marched to rep. City Council marching in the parade the aged.

closer together.

priests marching four abreast stole the Brown and Tony Monteiro. Mayor Tuesday at the Jewish Community Newsmakers."

ed in bringing Elizabeth and Union The guest speaker at the UCAN

iety and the Knights of Columbus in life. In death, he will be a living presented a Citizen of the Year Award in Newark and return to Cryan's were also out in force and were very memory and goal for our young peo-

Howard Freund is a writer an

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Bring the New Jersey home

. On this year's state income tax form, there is a voluntary check-off for the Battleship New Jersey. Funds collected will be applied directly to bring the ship to our state and open it as a museum. The USS New Jersey is our country's most decorated warship, boasting 16 battle stars and 13 ribbons. It served through World War II, the Vietnan War. 1715 Highway 35. Suite 103. Middletown, NJ 07748, or call (908) 671-6488.

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Puture plans for the ship include allowing youth groups to have overnight stays, to provide guided tours which will explain the various eras the ship. served through, and to open the ship for weddings and fundraising events. I ask all New Jersey citizens to help bring the USS New Jersey back where she belongs. Your contribution through this year's tax check-off will help provide the financial means to complete this project."

If you want more information about the project or would prefer to mail a donation, please contact Ellen Amato, director of the Battleship Foundation, at Let's all work together to bring home the USS New Jersey. Joe Azzolina

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find interesting is the fact that New column is quite simple: People have CONSUMER RATED #1 Jersey has a capital punishment law strange and interesting views of life WASHER that was passed in 1982 and has never about them. At times we don't underbeen used. If the Kostner case does stand motivation or reason for their not fit within the parameters of the actions but we can see more and more death penalty, I don't know what that we are all individuals, having our does. What this man did was out and own minds and opinion, that's good. out first degree murder. I begin to If all people thought alike, we would wonder what one must do to get the be living in a boring world where \$55 IN EXTRA FEATURES AT NO EXTRA COST! death penalty in New Jersey and make everything is cut and dried. But we do wonder how some people come to

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by executing another, no matter how

# County's first St. Pat's Parade was success

law like this pass without a dissenting punishment when it meets the need,

vote? We wonder where the priorities they have no intention of applying it.

A third and final issue is the man We want to settle scores with a mur-

who murdered his two children derer, but we are not willing to have

bring up their children as Christians I realize that capital punishment to

instead of Jews. Because this so many is a repulsive throwback to a

bloodedly murdered the two kids and place in modern society to play God

But a jury weighing the penalty heinous the crime. I can see that point

phase was deadlocked and Kostner of view, but if we are not going to use

will now go to prison for 60 years our capital punishment law, let's drop

without parole instead of being exe- it. We have too many laws on the

what happens to Kostner but what I But the theme of this "As I See It"

cuted. It makes no difference to me books already.

bothered Avi Kostner, he cold- more barbaric age and there is no

because he feared his ex-wife would him/her pay the supreme penalty.

are for some so-called leaders. even in the most heinous of crimes:

Bollwage marched with his contin- Center at 1391 Martine Ave. in gent from the 5th Ward, which he has Scotch Plains. been with for many years. Mayor The Westfield Y is offering a work-Dunn was there with a large contin- shop "Exercise Programming for the gent of the Thornsticks, in loving Active Older Adul:" on April 27, memory of Father Charles Hudson. from 2 to 5 p.m. at 220 Clark St. For The parade was a great success and further information or registration call all can be proud of the part they play- the Y at (908) 233-2700.

when the former Holy Rosary School on information and referral. man Joseph Cryan of Union and son contingent to go with the Emerald was officially named "Charles J. Hudof former Sheriff John Cryan of Essex Society and 16 pipe and drum groups son School No. 25" in honor and tri-

Day Parade. The Police Emerald Soc-much to all the people he has touched happened and this parade, which was county police and fire, as well as those On April 3, the Union County

a tribute to Father Charles Hudson, of Union, Elizabeth and many other Aging Network will hold a meeting at Union County municipalities were Bierteumpfel Center at 2155 Morris This year's parade was in Hudson's present. I was glad to see Elizabeth's Ave. about legislation pertaining to \_\_\_\_ resent the father, who had been including Councilman Bob Jaspan. The Union County Advisory Coun-former interviewer for the cable

meeting is Ruth Reader, assistant The greatest tribute to Father Hud- commissioner of the Department of son came at the Elizabeth Board of Health and Senior Services. Topics The Greater Eastern Union County night for top producing realters and

the award went to Elizabeth First Ward Councilman Manny Grova for distinguished service to the

selected as grand marshall. The Ed Jackus, Elizabeth Kotarsky, Iris cilon Aging will hold its next meeting "television show, "Elizabeth"

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resident Art White visits the traveling museum "From Home to Home" along with other students from Solomon Schechter Day School of Essex and Union's Cranford. The interactive display help children better understand the experiences of their immigrant ancestors.

## **NEWS CLIPS**

He was also a member of the Edu-non-profit, professional counseling many active and worthwhile chari-Noted Yiddish, Israeli and Jewish
Im expert Eric Goldman will discuss Film lecture planned film expert Eric Goldman will discuss The Comedic Iew in Film" in a lecture on Sunday at Temple Beth 4-H camp to open

The program, the annual Sol Sem is a sleep-away open to all Union in Westfield. and is open to the public free of grades 4-7. through humor. The comedic skills of cooking outdoors, arts and crafts, Arts" in recognition of his contribu-

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e office at (908) 654-9854. Goldman, who teaches at Ramapo College and 92nd Street Y for 10 symphonic orchestra will present an finest musicians, but I'm given the Tickets will also be available at the

side, Rahway, Scotch Plains and tees of the particular kind of program Westfield. The concert will take place offered by the ensemble; our audiat 8 p.m. at St. Helen's Church. The ences come together because of their church is located at the corner of Rah- altruism, generosity and willingness Union County 4-H Summer Camp way Avenue and Lamberts Mill Road to be of service to others."

Memorial Lecture, begins at 8 p.m. County boys and girls enrolled in Stephenson, former conductor of directly to Youth and Family Broadway's "A Chorus Line," was Counseling Service's programs and charge. The lecture is named in mem- Union County 4-H Camp will be recently profiled by ABC-TV. He is services in the community relating to ory of a beloved longtime member of held from July 21-25 at L.G. Cook known to New Jersey audiences for parenting skills, parent/teen commuthe Temple. For further information. 4H Camp in Stokes State Forest in his Festival of the Atlantic, the free, nications and family issues. The indecall the Temple at (908) 381-8403. Sussex County. outdoor summer concert series on the pendent non-profit agency provides Goldman will address, in his talk Boys and girls who attend will boardwalk at Point Pleasant. Last year counseling to individuals, families, and through film clips, how "funny make new friends and participate in he received the "Algonquin Arts couples and groups on an ability-tomen" handle aspects of Jewish life activities such as boating, swimming. Award for Outstanding Service to the pay basis. Woody Allen, Mel Brooks and Gene archery, hiking and more. tion to the cultural life of the Jersey. Tickets to the benefit concert are Wilder, among others, will be To receive more information on shore. He is also chaptain of the New \$25 for general admission, \$22 for

explored. Clips from Israeli comedies 4-H Summer Camp, call the 4-H Jersey Air National Guard at McGuire seniors and \$15 for students 18 and. younger. A reception will be held in St. Helen's Parish Hall immediately The April 19 concert is an "All-following the performance. Call College, is author of "Visions, Images Spring concert planned American Program for the Spring." Youth and Family Counseling Serive and Dreams: Yiddish Film Past and Present." He is founder and president of Ergo Media, a company specializing Jewish and Israeli video.

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Stephenson began the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Stephenson beg Former director of the Jewish Seventh Annual Benefit Concert. raising endeavors. "Working with this at the following locations: Richard Media Service and former curator of Now in its eighth season under the orchestra is a double treat," said Stefilm for the YIVO Institute for Jewish direction of its founder and music phenson. "Not only do I get the oppor- Avenue; Lancaster LTD - Elm St., Research, he moderated the film director, Father Alphonse Stephen- tunity to conduct wonderful and interseries at New York's Hebrew Union son, the 42-member professional esting music with some of our state's tan Rd., Clark; and Cranford Books.

Louis, and two grandchildren.

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129 of Cranford. Mr. Irwin was a member of the Livingston Shiners, the

Born in Clementon, Mrs. Dedicos Born in Jersey City, Miss Miskew- in Winfield for the past 33-years. He Rhone-Poulenc Inc. bowling league. lived in Rahway for the past 44 years. icz lived in Rahway before moving to was the sexton for the Osceola Pre-Marian Hall Marian Hall, 88, of Rahway died She was a bookkeeper with Ajax Coat Linden. March 20 in Rahway Hospital.

Co., Elizabeth, for 27 years and Surviving are a brother, Stanley Ir., four years, Mr. Irwin also was an sister, Lita J. Harron. Born in Linden, Mrs. Hall lived in retired in 1992. Mrs. Dedicos studied and two sisters, Florence Adams and elder and past deacon. He was a past Rahway since 1940. She was employ- voice and music at the Westminister Dorothy Hrasok. ed by the Rahway Board of Education Choir College, Princeton. Shye was a as a kindergarten teacher in the Frank-member of the choir of St. Paul Epis-Marie Moore -lin-Elementary School and retired in copal Church, Rahwaty, and a mem

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phone operator for the New Jersey teer at Rahway Hospital. daughter, Carol Haves, and two Bell Telephone Co., Elizabeth, for Also surviving are three daughters, 28 in the Barbara E. Cheung Memor-

Joseph Donofrio, 81, of Rahway Rosary Altar Society of St. Mary's ied March 23 in Rahway Hospital. Mr. Donofrio was employed by Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Ward Baking Co., East Orange, for 40. . . both in Rahway. She also was a memyears and retired 15 years ago. Previously, he had been a mail attendant for Equitable Life Insurance Co., Clark. and earlier, a runner for Auto Land.

Age Club, all of Rahway. Springfield, Mr. Donofrio served in. great-grandchildren. was a member of the Rahway Retired Men's-Club and the Madison Seniors Eleanor Miskewicz

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Club, the Community Mothers Club and the Friends of the Library, all in Rahway, and the Rahway Hospital Auxiliary, Mrs. Half also was a volumenter at the Rahway Hospital Shop.

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> several years before her retirement. Lori Kennedy, Marilyn Pukavich and ial Hospice of Roosevelt Hospital, Mrs. Marancik was a member of the Cynthia Soloman; a sister, Doris Plai- Edison. a, and four grandchildren. Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Mrs. Albert J. Irwin Sr.

Murray fived in Roselle before movber of the Union County Arts Center, Albert J. Irwin Sr., 70, of Winfield, executive secretary for Rhonethe American Association of Retired church sexton in Clark, died March 26 Poulence Inc., Cranbury, for the past Persons Chapter 60 and the Golden in Memorial Hospital of Burlington 29 years. Earlier, Mrs. Murray held the same position with GAF Corp., County, Mt. Holly.

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## SENIOR NEWS

On Easter Sunday, students from Grace Wilday Middle School in Roselle visit seniors residing at Pinewood Above, from left are Norman Goldstein, Mananne Hudak and Maria Dominique. Below, from left are John Fligerski, Cortney Markovic, Terron Riddick, Ashley Wheeler, and Kathy Flynn.

# Middle school students pay a visit to seniors

Easter visit to senior citizens at Pinwood Hall in Roselle. In preparation for the trip, the students rooted and planted spider plants and placed them in wicker ing a new line of work.

Letters were sent to local companies asking for donations. Through the generosity of several companies, candy was donated as well as Security Income, but both programs money to purchase eggs and egg dye.

The Easter eggs were presented to the seniors who reside at Pinewood Hall . Under Social Security, a person can and both seniors and students joined in the decorating and dying process. work for at least 12 months while

# Benefits are available to AIDS/HIV patients

return to the workplace.

The discovery of new drugs that lessen the effect of AIDS and promises a cure has brought hope to the lives of many who had become resigned to impeding death. However igned to impending death. However, some are now wondering how their Social Security or Supplemental Sec- By Dennis Moos

urity Income payments may be ---Social Security disability benefits receiving full benefits. This includes a iaries who attempt to work will find it are paid to people who have a physi- "trial work period" of nine months an easier to do so. The fisk of losing cal or mental condition so severe that and three additional months during their income and medical help is, it prevents them from working for a which the ability to work is evaluated greatly diminished. For many, that year or more or is expected to result in before benefits are stopped. If the per- will make the difference between suc-Persons with full-blown AIDS gen- work, benefits continue.

typically is so severe that they are are considered evidence of substantial unable to work. People with HIV work. infection who do not have full-blown Even if benefits stop because of a AIDS may qualify for disability bene-successful trial work period, the

fits if their condition prevents them Social Security disability beneficiary receives an "extended period of eligi-While it is true that the new drugs bility" - 36 months during which do not yet constitute a cure of the dis- benefits may be reinstated for any ease, many HIV beneficiaries have month earnings fall below \$500. No watched their health improve to the new application or waiting period is point where they feel they can do necessary for benefits to start again some work. They fear that a return to during this period. work will affect their disability Unber SSI, where benefits are paid on the basis of need, the earnings lim

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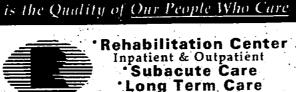
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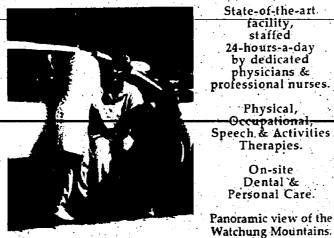
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> Kim Chorosiewski, coach at the iniversity of Richmond, will act a xecutive Director at Moravian and Gloria Byard, former U.S. Touring Team member, will act as th Executive. Director at Rowan. The All East Field Hocke Camps are instructional field hoch y camps for girls entering 7 through 12th grades. Camp thiti

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Johnson Regional High School standout junior pitcher Ryan Grady was 6-0 with a 1:62

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# Talent for greatness exists Johnson aspires to be better than last year

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As the spring sports season is here, the Johnson Regional High School baseball team is looking forward to excelling once again in the Mountain Division

of the Mountain Valley Conference. One of the top teams in the MVC, the Crusaders also reached the Union championship game last year en route to an impressive 15-6 record. Johnson head Coach Ralph LaConte, in his fourth year at with the Crusaders feels strongly that his veteran club could surpass the success of last year's

## High School Baseball

"The talent is there," LaConte said. "We should be very competitive." Junior catcher Keith Junick, senior first baseman Chad Carrick, junior first baseman Jon Mulligan, senior second baseman Jeff Martucci, senior shortstop/ third baseman Jason Hassler, junior third baseman Ryan Grady and senior rightfielder Paul Fencik are all back from last year's varsity club.

Junior shortstop/leftfielder Dennis Bowden, sophomore second baseman/ shortstop Dave DiAntonio, sophomore catcher Mike Sieburger, junior leftfielder Eric Gerstner, junior centerfielder Steven Murk, junior outfielder Don Segro and senior outfielder/designated hitter Scott Shekitka are new additions to this year's varsity team.

. Murk played varsity ball as a freshman, but was out all last season with an Grady, an All-County performer last year, is the team's pitching ace. Last

year he went undefeated, compiling a 6-0 record with a stingy 1.62 earned run Fencik, Hassler, Murk, Jurick and Segro round out the rest of the staff. Segro

is the team's only southpaw. Grady, the team's clean-up hitter, will also be heavily relied upon at the plate. He hit .292 last year and is expected to improve on that this year. Fencik, the No. 3 hitter in the order, was second on the team last season with

a-400-average. He and Grady will be looked upon to get on base and drive in some big runs this season. One of the best rivalries in the MVC is the one brewing between Jonson Regional and Governor Livingston. Last year, the Crusaders were 1-3 against

GL. but defeated the Highlanders in the sectional semifinals after losing to them twice in conference play and once in extra innings in the UCT semifinals. LaConte credits much of the recent varsity success to freshman coach Jerry Accomando and junior varsity coach Bill Nickel, both of whom have coached

Weather permitting, the Crusaders were scheduled to open their season Tuesday at home against Roselle Park. Johnson is scheduled to play at Roselle today at 4.

## Johnson Baseball April 3 at Roselle Catholic, 4:00 April 3 at Scotch Plains, 4:00

April 8 at Gov. Livingston, 4:00 April 7 at Shabazz, 4:00 April 11 Central, 4:00 April 15 at Roselle, 4:00 Hillside, 4:00 April 22 at Ridge, 4:00 April 24 at Roselle Park, 4:00 pril 28 at Rahway, 4:00

May 15 at Hillside, 4:00

April 14 at Union Catholic, 4:00 April 16 Scotch Plains, 4:00 April 21 at Westfield, 4:00 April 23 Cranford, 4:00 April 25 Somerville, 3:45 April 30 at Perth Amboy, 4:00 May 1 Gov. Livingston, 4:00 May 3-at Roselle, Park, 11:00 May 6 at North Plainfield, 40 May 5 Irvington, 4:00

May 9 Kearney, 4:00

May 12 at Linden, 4:00

Rahway Baseball

# **SportSmarts Pitching** Clinics on April 13

SportSmarts Pitching Clinics will begin Sunday, April 13, giving students a opportunity to go through a professional pitcher's workout. Instruction will be led by Union Catholic baseball coach Paul Reddick. He's worked and coached with the Montreal Expos' minor league system. USA Baseball and Elizabeth High School

His students will learn proper mechanics, how to throw different pitches, how to become stronger and more conditioned, secrets of sports psychology. how to develop super confidence and how 20 minutes a day can take them to the

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The students presented the seniors with plant, candy and mugs donated from designed to help the beneficiary the Roselle Education Association. Students and seniors enjoyed this intergen-return to the workplace and once more

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There will be a board meeting at 11. america HomeFirst in New Jersey. Woven throughout the familiar 4131 Residential Activities There will be a guest speaker from free copy of the workbook should call times comical narration that recalls the Arthritis Foundation. A luncheon Transamerica HomeFirst toll-free at milestones of history and tradition trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse is (800) 538-5569, or write the company. There is no charge for this presentascheduled for Tuesday. The bus at 505 Sansome St., San Francisco, tion it is an outreach ministry of the leaves at 10 a.m. from the Lutheran Calif. 94111

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# Police investigate shooting

Police are looking for suspects in a Saturday shooting that left a woman the type or caliber of weapon used or was wounded on Lenox Place. The woman, whose name has been was used. withheld, suffered a gunshot wound in Anyone with information concerntransported to University Hospital in Kaczor at 827-2117 or the Rahway Newark by the First Aid squad, where Police Tips Hotline at 388-1553.

she is reported as being in satisfactory According to police, a 911 phone At 5:58 p.m., police officers call came into the Rahway Police responded to Valley Rd. and Broad-Department at about 12:37 a.m. that way on a report of an assault. No morning, saying that someone had arrests were made in the incident. been shot in private residence on the

When police arrived, they found Summit Bank to investigate a report numerous holes in the front of a single of a stolen check. No arrests we family dwelling there -- holes that on reported and detectives are continuing later investigation turned out to be the investigation. bullet holes. The woman was found. At 8:27 p.m., police arrested one Police arrested an adult, name withinside the house on the second floor adult male, name withheld, for sho-held, and three juveniles for posseslanding in the company of a male plifting \$70 worth of merchandise at sion of controlled dangerous sub-

tion of the shooter, nor do they know municipal court.

POLICE BLOTTER

March 25

on Lake Avenue following a motor vehicle stop at 5:08 p.m. Clark police the number of suspects or if a vehicle determined during the stop that the suspect, name withheld, had active warrants in Cranford. The motorist the rear of her left thigh. She was ing this incident can call Det. John was turned over to the Cranford

March 29 At 9:20 a.m., an officer responded to St. Germain Dr. to take a report on an incident of criminal mischief. No arrests were made at that time. (A. Officer Tom Harrison arrested four juveniles at Sweetbriar Road and Tan-

March 26 glewood Turn for possessing marijua-At 2:47 p.m., police responded to na at 2:33 p.m. They were taken into short-term custody and later released

Bradlees on Central Ave. The suspect stances on Raritan Road at 10:45 a.m. Police reportedly have no descrip- was served a summons to appear in All were taken into short-term cus-

Police arrested a Newark resident

# Fire leaves \$15K in damages

Rahway firefighters responded to a fire in a bathroom on Princeton Avenue last week. The fire, which toilet. The flame ran up the wall and Wednesday resulted in an estimated \$15,000 in resulted in considerable smoke Fire officials say that the fire. A resident reportedly extinguished started by an overfired portable heater which was in a bathroom in the house the fire with a portable extinguisher. five days after the start of spring. at 401 Princeton Ave., started at 7:15 The fire department did not find out. The fire burned an ottoman and

FIRE BLOTTER

a.m. because of a candle left on a about the fire until 10:42 a.m.

Whitherspoon Avenue apartment last The fire, which was at 2313 Whitherspoon Ave., was reportedly

· Winter took a delayed toll on a

# Police create assistance team

way Police Department have Team hopes to foster a cobesive relative will assist the existing bicycle patrol announced the formation of a Com- tionship within the community by in an added effort to prevent and fight munity Assistance Team: This unit addressing citizens needs and crime, while allowing for more citizen has been made possible through a fed-quality-of-life issues, as well as proeral grant from the United States widing added police services in the "softer" image of the bicycle uniform. Department of Justice titled "Cops traditional sense." Universal" and with contributory. The creation of this unit will establish accessible by patrol cars. Citizens funding by the City of Rahway. The lish a stronger police presence in vari- who wish to contact a member of the. for the creation of the four new officer ing the central business area. The This unit will work closely with the positions within the police department CAT Unit will work together with the business community, civic organizathat are dedicated to community. Rahway Business Partnership and the tions, schools and neighborhood

Community Assistance Team has the public's perception of the down- occurs and to improve the overall. been developed to provide policing town area as a safe and viable shop- quality of life for all Rahway resiservices that emphasize joint police/ ping area. community partnerships, crime pre- These programs are available to

The city of Rahway and the Rah-solving. The Community Assistance request. Some members of this unit and greater mobility in areas not read-

Chamber of Commerce to improve scroups to prevent crime before it

# The best of the rest



Children participate in the Rahway's wrestling programs which concluded at the end of March. The Union Jr. Wrestling Tournament held recently at Rahway High School saw Rahway youths beat out 11 other teams to take first place. For information The Rahway Division of Parks and Recreation programs call 827-2045.



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# ECOUNTY NEWS

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In two weeks, individuals seeking public office in New Jersey will have to submit their nominating petitions, declaring their candidacies for their respective parties'

The season is marked not by the iscussion of the specifics of public policy - that could be boring but by the shameless pursuit of campaign donations. I always thought the unlucky

ecipients of mailed solicitations were chosen from voter-registration. lists, leaving Republican committees hitting up only registered Republicans, for example. Because this newspaper publishing company recently received an urgent letter from Chuck Haytaian. I don't think that's the case anymore. Why on earth would the state GOP committee expect a newspaper company to make campaign contributions? Newspapers are nonpa tisan, fair and objective arbiters o public affairs that take sides only

when it's time to protect the publi-Don't believe me? Just ask th Village Voice. I'm sure someone there would back me up.

By Jay Hochberg

inappropriate is the name of the prospective donor: Worrall Communicatio. The name of our compapers, so I can see how the stat GOP's treasurer got confused

Communicatio, a 50-ish gentleman of Italian descent, I responded to state GOP Chairman Haytaian. Fortunately the correspondence requires little, writing, one needs only to check a few boxes. Moimportantly is the contribution amount box. "We cannot afford t

prepare," the letter warns before asking - for - \$25, \$50, \$100 the preponderance of libera

I put the editor's trademark." through the "other" box, adding zero with a slash in the space nex to it. With that done, I was able to skip the legal dumbo jumbo regard ing credit card information employment, phone number and e mail address. Then it was on to the

· To feign urgency in their solicitations, political parties, specia interest groups and candidates include a questionnaire to give the intended donot the feeling o influencing public policy via politi-

Chairman Haytaian posed

No 3 in particular provokes blank stare. It asks it both income taxes and government spending should be "cut back even further by" the Republican leadership in 1997?" Cut spending even further? governor who wants to spend \$16 billion during the next fiscal year so we can have an Office for the Pre-

n auto insurance underwriting Ouestion No. 5 asks about the "wat on crime." The GOP has lost interest in Second Amendment rights, but it still wants to know it Mr. Communicatio wants t

increase the use of the death

vention of Mental Retardation and

Derived from the Latin "incresere, the English definition of "increase" is to enlarge or augment. While New Jersey has had capital punishment on the books since 1982, none of our cop killers, child killers or other inhuman inmates have been treated to it. Therefore See GOOD, Page B2



recently announced the start of their campaign for reelection. The district includes Clark and Mountainside.

The team that has represented the 22nd District in the Legislature since 1992 will seek re-election in November. Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco, Assemblyman Richard Bagger and Assemblyman Alan Augustine, all-Republicans, kicked off their election bid in Mountainside late last month. They were joined in their announcement by local public officials and Republican party officials from Middlesex, Morris, Somerset and Union

"We have worked as a cohesive legislative team on behalf of the peole who elected us to office. In both the Senate and the General Assemby, we have diligently protected the interests of District 22 taxpayers, particularly on such landmark public policies as the reform of the state's education financing mechanism and the sweeping overhaul of the state's. welfare system," said DiFrancesco, "We look forward to working together in the future as an effective, strong voice in Trenton." dent of Scotch Plains. He has served in the Legislature since 1976, when he was elected to the Assembly. He was elected to the Senate in 1979. DiFrancesco was chosen by his colleagues to serve as the presiding offic-

nore than two decades," said DiFrancesco, "I recognize it is a great prifilege to serve in the Legislature and I have worked hard to champion isues of great importance to a local constituency that includes taxpyays, public officials and businesses. The laws I have sponsored over the asi two years truly reflect my continued commitment to respond to the

iclide the "1996 Property Tax Deduction Act," which enables taxpayers deduct property taxes on their state income tax, the "State Mandate" pates the practice of unfunded state mandates on local municipalities. ounties and school boards, and the "1996 Dredging and Economic 520 billion in economic activity generated by regional ports

A lifetime resident and former mayor of Westfield, Bagger is the "I know how important a quality public school education is to the nany high-achieving schools in District-22, and I was pleased to have the basis during the development and implementation of the recently enacted

funding mechanism that does not level down the educational standards District 22 residents have come to expect," said Bagger, who serves as a First elected to the Assembly in 1991, Bagger is also a member of the

Assembly Insurance Committee and vice president of the Assembly Poli cv & Regulatory Oversight Committee. The assemblyman has sponsored more than 50 bills that have become laws, including the "Environmental

of tax-free savings accounts to cover health care expenses and legislattor that would revamp the energy tax structure and reduce energy costs; "Serving constituents, helping to protect the public interest, making overnment more accountable and delivering services as efficiently a possible, Assemblyman Alan Augustine said are a few of the responsibil

ties central to his role as a public servant. Augustine, a resident of Scotch Plains and a former township, council semmber and mayor, has served in the General Assembly since 192. The ssembylman is the vice chairman of both the Assembly State Governs ment Committee and the Assembly Banking and Financial Institutions "My involvement in three different Assembly committees has enabled me to play a direct role in forwarding a legislative agencia that has justice and a more balanced apaproach to environmental protection.

Since 1996 Augustine has been responsible for the enactment of a number of new laws, including a measure that applies the state's "Lemon. Law" to the purchasers of wheelchairs, a law that repeals or revises a number of costly, operous state mandates; and a recently enacted initiative that cracks down on "deadbeat parents" who fail to pay child support orders by providing for the suspension or revocation of certain licenses

These are the issues that the people of District 22 care about and will

continue to care about as we prepare for the nullemum ahead." Augustine

The District 22 legislative delegation represents Berkeley Heights. Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, New Providence,

# With its 2,000th recovery,

no idea he was making history last month, when he was before, was recovered and towed away with damage to the arrested in a stolen, damaged 1991 Nissan Maxima. front bumper where the driver had floored the accelerator The car was the 2,000th car recovered by the Essex- and attempted to ram the officers' cars blocking him in.

Since its start-up in 1991, the police officers, prosecutor's detectives and State Troopers from the task force have corralled nearly \$19 millon worth of stolen autos and arrested 1,940 persons.

Edward M. Neafsey, "The numbers of car thefts, from an area which used to be considered the stolen car capital of the eastern United States, have truly made dramatic drop-

The arrest of Buckhram, who is charged with aggravated assault on police officers as well as possession of a stolen. auto, occurred when South Orange Patrolman Robert Raddi was in an unmarked task force vehicle and spotted the stolen car on South 18th Street in Newark. Lt. Anthony Mullarkey, commander of the task force, said the defendant tried to ram his way out of a blocked-in repeat offenders. position and aimed the stolen car directly at two other task -

"However, he was unsuccessful and was arrested without harm coming to the officers, the defendant or the general public," according to Neafsey, who said "all ATTF officers are specially trained to handle what has the potential to be a deadly situation in a safe manner."

Thirty-three year old Keith Buckhram of Irvington had . The car, which had been stolen in Springfield the day The task force, which was given a huge boost from federal grant three years ago, has been supported by the police chiefs and the prosecutors from both counties:

"It's really paid dividends," said Mullarkey, adding that more than 200 officers have worked at "the force" and year since 1994, said Acting Union County Prosecutor returned after assignments with valuable street experience detectives and patrolmen are being gathered for a special

"We know for a fact that the team is doing a phenomenal job because the numbers tell the story," said Cranford Police Chief Harry Wilde, the new president of the county

Car thefts by juvenile cases in both counties have been holding teenager car thieves accountable and ordering them detained or even sent to Jamesburg when they are

"This sends a strong message of deterrence back to the streets," Acting Assistant Prosecutor Robert O'Leary said. 'The county's juvenile officers association is thrilled with With almost \$19 million worth of cars recovered, the net

insurance rates, officials said.

Union County Utilities Authority Chairman John Kulish According to Joseph A. Spatola, UCUA executive direcannounced the UCUA has implemented a used motor oil tor, "in addition to motor oil filters to keep them out of the filter collection program in several municipalities. . waste stream where they can have potential adverse envir-Residents in the following municipalities can drop off onmental impact. One quart of used motor oil spilled in

their used motor oil filters in addition to their used motor drain can contaminate our precious source of drinking il: Berkeley Heights, Clark, Cranford, Hillside, New Pro-water." vidence, Roselle, Roselle Park and Scotch Plains. The authority has contracted with Clean Venture/Cycle Chem of Elizabeth to collect used motor oil as well as used filters. Residents can drop off their used filters at munici-

used motor oil filters to Household Special Waste Days sponsored by the UCUA. The first event for the spring will be held in Cranford Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cranford Municipal Swimming Pool, which is located on

pal designated sites where they are stored in steel drums. Memorial Drive. The full drums are collected and sent to a processor who Pre-registration is required for this event. To pre-register drains the remaining oil and crushes the filters recycles or for more information, call the UCUA at (908) 382-9400.



for \$1,000 each to two Elizabeth civic organizations. The 'Homs' is a philanthropic organizations. nization in Union County. The money went to the Eddie Gray Camp Fund for disadvantaged children and St. Claire's Home for Children. From left: Froehlich. Sister Jacinta Femandes, Sheriff's Officer Mary Beth Gray and Melissa Soules.

# Philanthropic 'Horns' donate thousands to children's causes

Union County Sheriff Ralph Froeh- Sister Jacinta Fernandes accepted

Halpin, who is the other co-chairman. youth. was one of the founding members of this group. The Horns has members who come from the business comeducation and law enforcement. Its members gather two times a year in an donated\_to\_worthy\_causes.

installed as chairperson. The money Joseph's Social Service Center on homs for their donation and quoted Camp Fund for disadvantaged child- medical clinic and works with the Eli- donation should contact Sister Jacks ren, and St. Claire's Home for zabeth Coalition to House the

The Horns is a philanthropic organi- Eddie Gray Gray was the PAL. Retired Union County Clerk Walter cated his life to helping Elizabeth The Eddie Gray Fund accepts applications from agencies that work

effort to generate money that can be the Elizabeth area for the past 30

generated from the meeting was Division Street in Elizabeth. The cendonated this week to the Eddie Gray . ter runs a food pantry, soup kitchen.

lich, as co-chairperson for the Horns. the check for the Eddie Gray Fund. for St. Claire's Home for Children, St. presented two checks for \$1,000 each. This fund was established in the name. Claire's is located in Elizabeth and o two Elizabeth civic organizations of the late Elizabeth Police Detective recently celebrated its. 10th annivertributes money to sponsor children in old. The home is able to house five been helping disadvantaged people in with St. Claire's until they can be

## WORRALL NEWSPAPERS

# Good luck to us all this year

there is nothing to augment. Next

No. 7 asks if local officials and parents should take back more control of their children's education With whom should these parents wrestle? With the newly reinvigorated state Department of Educa

In fact, good luck to all of us. We will need it for as long as the two ominant political parties stand so close together that supporting one benefits the other. If you believe Haytaian's implication that suporting the Republicans means proeeting individual freedoms and ducing the size and strength of covernment, guess, again, ---

This newspaper is a reliable means training on Monday and April 14 with Butter Sandwiches, and Caramel of researching the community graduation on May 6 from 7 to 9:30 deLites. market. To boost your business in p.m. or from 9 to 11:30 a.m. today Remember that your \$3 per box State Health Commissioner Len Jersey home by purchasing a "battlethe community, call our ad depart- April 10 and 17 with graduation on order not only buys a cookie competi- Fishman was selected by the Watch- ship license plate," but also by partici- come. Advertise them with a classi-

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# **COUNTY NEWS**

Past NJEA members The Union County Retired Educa-Ave. in Garwood:

The business meeting will begin at 8:30 and noon or 1 to 4 p.m., Monday 11 a.m. Speakers will be James Holcombe, president of the New Jersey Retired Educators Association, and Michael Johnson, vice president of County-wide cookies Following lunch, to be served at the Washington Rock Girl Scout

Call (908) 241-0598 or (908)

241-0442 for more information. Rutgers Cooperative Extension of mons and Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Westfield Y Union County's Healthy Indoor Air Cremes. The famed other cookie Westfield. for America's Homes continues.

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12:30 p.m., there will be entertainCouncil will be taking orders for their
young children. ment by the Four Friends in Harmony annual cookie sale. Girls will be host-NJEA members who live or worked in zabeth, Hillside, Kenilworth, Linden, Springfield and Union.

This year's cookie line-up includes Ginger Daisies. Five World Cinna-"Take a Deep Breath" will have breads, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut FEMALE, call (908) 381-7912.

All classes will be held at 300' lifelong impact in changing a girl's. America, to receive the "Distin-North Ave., East, in Westfield. life. The Girl Scout cookie sale dates guished Community Health Service Classes are free but those interested back to the early 1920s. tion Association will hold its Spring must register. Volunteers that receive For more information, call Cather- The award is presented to persons. Luncheon meeting. Monday at the training will be asked to give 15 hours, inc Davis of the Washington Rock who best exemplify the tenets of the Westwood Restaurant, at 438 North of time to their community. If inter-. Girl Scout Council Service Center at Scout Oath and Law in keeping with ested, call (908) 654-9854 between (908) 232-3236.

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Mothers meeting

workforce to stay at home with their Boy Scouts of America, that is the ing 16 battle stars and 13 ribbons. Discussion groups are held on the and through others." Because of his tioned in Bremerton, Wash, where she first Wednesday of each month, at qualities, Fishman is the first non- is being maintained by the Navy. An barbershop quartet.

ing displays, booth sales, and taking
The meeting is open to all retired order door-to-door in Clark, Eli
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order door-to-door in Clark, Eli-Walnut Avenue in Cranford. Prospec- sioner of health in New Jersey. been submitted to the secretary of the Mountainside, Roselle, Roselle Park, live members are encouraged to meet A reception and award presentation

Formal meetings with outside guest three new varieties: Reduced Fat Iced speakers are held on the third Wednesday of each month, at 8 p.m., at the Keynoting the presentations was Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St. in Donald T. DiFrancesco, president, selections include: Thin Mints: Short-

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Scouts honor Fishman involved in bringing the USS New tive with national brands, but it has a ung Area Council, Boy Scouts of pating in the voluntary tax check-off fied ad by calling 1-800-564-8911.

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ville Inn recently.

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He is the first person to receive the served through four major conflicts., World War II, the Vietnam War, the. Formerly Employed Mothers at the His devotion, duty and service on Korean Conflict and the Beirut crisis. Leading Edge is a national support behalf of the people of New Jersey, is The USS New Jersey also has the disthe New Jersey Education It's Girl Scout cookie time again. group for all women who have very much in keeping with leadership. Inction of being the most decorated. Through Sunday, Girl Scouts from decided to temporarily leave the This attribute is the mission of the warship in U.S. Naval history boastability "to lose yourself in service to The US\$ New Jersey is now sta-

> the group at this informal meeting. was held in his honor at the Martins- sion which is a state-sponsored information about making donations outside of the check off can be mailed to Ellen Amato, director of the Battle.

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# **ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

# Mystic Vision Players get ready to rumble with 'West Side Story'

Staff Writer It was like a family council meeting rather than a meeting of the principals of the Mystic Vision Players' "West" nominated for Outstanding Choregra-Side Story," when four dedicated phy by the New Jersey ACT Awards show people visited this office on Friday afternoon. The attractive four. who have known each other for years and years, included Jil Durbin of Linden, director; Tom Pedas of Roselle, a Cranford school teacher, music direc-

tor; Barbara Jude-Greco of Linden,

choreographer, who also plays Grariella, and Kevin Brady Jr. of Linden, who plays Riff. The four explained that this September will mark the 40th anniversary "West Side Story" at the Winter Garden, and before someone decides to time, but it's fun." revive it on Broadway, the Mystic Vision Players, in conjunction with performing with a professional theater the Linden Cultural and Heritage Committee, had better bring it local audiences as soon as possible. And so,

in Tennessee for a year, but now that I'm back," she grinned, "we figured, why not do the best play and do it on a with about 30 people in the cast, the professional level - and bring some-Mystic Vision Players will present the thing to the community - and that modern day "Romeo and Juliet" story. they won't have far to go to find top at Linden High School's Theater/ entertainment." Auditorium, April 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. Yes," agreed Durbin, "we had done and April 13 at 3 p.m. it on a high school level and we It seemed as if all four of the visiwanted to take it one step further." tors have known each other forever. Durbin has performed in many theater Both girls had been introduced to

"West Side Story" by Pedas, when he productions and has directed for high directed them in a Linden Summer schools and community theaters throughout Union County. "Actually, Playhouse production 12 years ago. Tom was helping out this season." Eventually, the two girls went on to Pedas, a master music teacher, who produce it at Roselle Catholic High has directed for schools, community School two years ago, and won theaters and award-winning choirs awards of excellence from the Rider including the Celebration Singers, High School two years ago," said "It's like taking a trip down Memory of age or less. So, in 1992, they started were 10- or 12-years-old and stayed Greco, "at which time, John Mariniko Lane. I taught Kevin, here, for 11 . the Mystic Vision Playhouse." with it until they were 21. And that's of Roselle played Lt: Shrank then, and Vears, and Barbie, and all those people Pedas reminisced. "I started the what led to the Mystic Vision Players, bin "are on the board of directors. We and Barbie, this is incredible what Jil now; and Andy King of Elizabeth will who are members of the Linden Sum. Linden Summer Playhouse back in "When they talked about the Mys- wear many hats. And when we're does, and Barbie's the best in the

University Festival in acting, choreoand who is more like a sister to me "Actually." he said. "the Mystic Then I approached the Linden Recre- Durbin added, "It is a fun thing to Linden Summer Playhouse's Child- "Yes," said the other three. "He's than a friend, and I have been working Vision Players was established for ation Department because I wanted to do, and it's just love of the theater that ren's workshop in 1991. She directs the reason we're here."

theater and school groups throughout New Jersey, and who, last year, was Inc. for her work in MVP's "Jesus" Christ Superstar," also received the Medallion of Leadership in the Arts from Governor Christine Whitman for promoting culture in the state of New Jersey. She is a health and physical education teacher at Franklin School in Somerset and she also does "choreography and coaching. I coach track at Roselle Catholic High School. I teach fulltime and do summer work with the theater. I danced professionally with the New Jersey Ballet and the Joffrey Ballet in New York, I do a little bit of everything. There's no free She explained that "I'd been away

> An emotional musical scene is being rehearsed from the Leonard Bernstein musical of 40 years, West Side Story," by stars of the Mystic Vision Players, Irene Caguinguin of Roselle as Maria, and Andy King of Elizabeth, a Scotch Plains policeman, as Tony. The classical show will be staged April 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. and April 13 at 3 p.m. at Linden High School. Tickets can be

purchased by calling the box office at (908) 925-1389. those participants in the Linden Sum- start a summer theater production.

and who is the original founder of the mer Playhouse who outgrew their And that's how the playhouse started Linden Summer Playhouse, mused, stay. The players have to be 21 years . — all the people started when they repeat his role as Tony. Jil, whom I've mer Playhouse, I had them as students 1979. I had taught grade school, and I tic Vision Playhouse, I never thought dark, we're already planning the next state. 'West Side Story' was an offer I known since we were little children, and I saw them all grow up. taught Kevin from the first grade on. they would be able to it."

ready to go - at the newly removated member and to receive our newsletter. Linden High School." Durbin had been employed by the

High School is resident director of the that "this is crunch time. The technical aspects are about to be nut together. That's the hardest time for the staff but also the most exciting time. You get to see the whole thing put together. And we have a phenomenal cast. We're very fortunate." Brady, an exceptionally handsome young man is a "firefighter in Linden. I've been doing that a little over a year." he said. "And I have been

oing theater for about 14 or 15 years. Tom was my music teacher and it was he who encouraged me to audition when I was a kid. I got hooked," he grinned, "and I've been doing it ever since. This is my first experience with these two girls. This is my first show with Tom since we did 'Camelot' at the Playhouse in the Park in Edison."

about a dozen shows." production. Jil and I also started the couldn't resist."

Greco said. "We rehearse at the little surnmer camp for the children." Linden Presbyterian Church. We do ... Durbin said that "We try to do outbenefit performances each year and of-the-ordinary shows for Mystic give back to them what they have . We've done 'Hair.' 'Jesus Christ given to us. Also, my mother, Rita Superstar, Vanities, We've done Greco, who teaches at Roselle Cathol-non-musicals too. We did an AIDS' ic High School and is head of the busi- benefit: we did 'A Chorus Line.' We ness department, is our production. Tike to know what our audiences want coordinator. The mayor gives us addi- to see. The public can tell us by writtional rehearsal space at the Linden ing to Mystic Vision Players, 117 East Recreation Center: We've been Curtis St.; Linden, 07036, to make rehearsing since Jan 23. And we're suggestions or even to become a

Cultural Center, in the auditorium of "We're not just a Linden-based theater. Our cast members come from West New York, Jersey City, Fle-Star Ledger, and in Roselle Catholic mington, Edison, Union and Hackensack. The members range from 13 years of age to 50."

Among the local cast members are Irene Caguinguin as Maria, Mohamed Jalloh as Bernardo, Hawa Jalloh as Margarita and Sonia Tiant as Teresita. all of Roselle: Andy King as Tony. Amanda Rodriguez as Josephina and. Megan Lahiff as Velma and also the dance captain, all of Elizabeth; Laura Walsh as Pauline, and the soloist, Regina Belscheidt as Mary and John Marinko as Lt. Shrank, all of Union; Dan Rivard of Linden as Big Deal: Franco Libunao of Rahway as Pepe. Greco said, "This may be our last because now that it's celebrating its 40th anniversary of its opening, there revival. It is one of the greatest shows ever written. It has so much to offer. It

was conceived, directed and choreo-Pedas admitted that "every once in graphed by Jerome Robbins with a a while I get the urge to perform; then book by Arthur Laurents, music by I want to direct. I've directed more Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Stethan 30 shows and I've performed in the phen Sondheim. It also was an Oscar-Greco mentioned that she and Dur-Pedas' said, "as co-director with Jil

## Gemini Group is a dream come true It takes a little of courage and a lot the point where we knew we could they let us use it as long as we weren't. your job: you talk about it, you do a

of nerve to take steps to make your write them better." Gemini Group four years ago on a wing and a prayer, and on Saturday the group will continued their second

munity Presbyterian Church in ... described himself as a typical writer. turn off the lights and drive out of with piles of screenplays and a half- here, because it was very odd when

Overwhelmed at first by the inevit- ple who came into my living room

work. Coffey and his sister spent a lot about stuff. Some actors showed up: of time talking about projects they; some writers.".

charging." sister Alison Jacob, Coffey began We put ads in the paper. I didn't into something more:

"I wrote a play in 7th grade once." over and we didn't have any experihe said half-seriously, "Then I didn't ence. We worked on plays in high

"The first time, we had seven peo-

fev's meeting was John Rupp, who "We'd write scripts together that has become an instrumental member we knew we would never do anything of Gemini Group. with Mostly we were critics; we "He's great, he gets everything would sit there and analyze shows to organized. John found the church and

wildest dream come true. Scott Cof- According to Coffey, during one of According to Coffey, the group's hit thirty; and think 'Well, when am I fey, co-founder of Gemini Group, has these sessions the two decided to try original purpose was to be a venue for going to actually start doing this? ! his share of both in abundance. With and form a performing arts group, original one-act plays, but evolved think thirty is when I started the group. I was thinking, 'OK, let's start

"Basically, it really started as a no- this ball rolling." I knew. I had to pressure place for someone who had start." When people did, Coffey and Jacob never acted before. I think if you meet And how did they come up with the year of original one-act plays at Com- were almost too scared to follow and talk to people, there's always name of the group? through. "We were both sitting here someone who says. Oh, I used to act "Well, we're not in New York, and and it was almost 7 o'clock, and we or I used to write, or I wanted to write we knew everyone was going to have A resident of Westfield. Coffey. were thinking, 'Let's lock the door, a play but I never did it,' so we really kids or a job, so this is the other side. wanted to make it that you could the little two-hour-a-week other side. come in and do it and not have that to go out and do something completetinished novel littering his home. all of a sudden there's people coming rejection. Even these local places. ly different from the Gemini life that they're tough! We want to have a they lead. Plus the two masks," added drama, which I sent to a contest, and by comedic, a genre which he admitsplace where people can start." Coffey, referring to the well known they put it on When I went to the first is not the easiest at which to bewith artists and writers who have trou- exemplify theater.

the first step into playwrighting. Scott's own, with which he began the better

this, this and this.' You go and do "The first play was a comedy attempts, his plays have been primari-

you're thinking. I'm going to do this. instead of just talking about it. toward the dramatic in his screenplay don't know how they do siteoms and

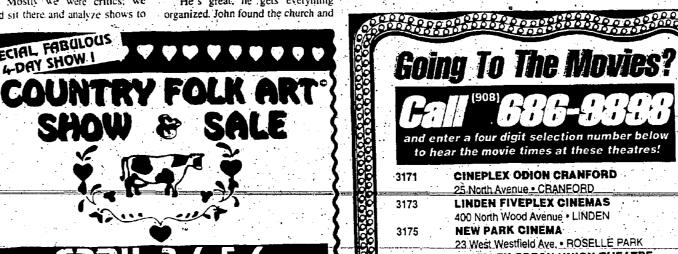
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Gemini Group co-founders Scott Coffey and Alison Jacob hard at work on 'Grasping At Straws,' which opens Saturday at 8 p.m. at Community Presbyterian Church in

Coffey has no trouble identifying tragedy and comedy masks that tehearsal I was shocked, and said. Oh successful. ble getting their creative careers in Gemini Group has staged two original could do it better, and I did, and it still from T.V.." Coffey quipped, "Well,

gear, as he describes himself as need- inal one-acts on per year since incep- wasn't very good. I wanted to do it one thing that I learned is that it's a lot ing a great deal of motivation to take tion, the first of which was one of again just to see if I could do it harder than you think it is, Just being "When you're in your twenties, process of actually becoming a writer Although Coffey's writing leans how much little things go into it. I



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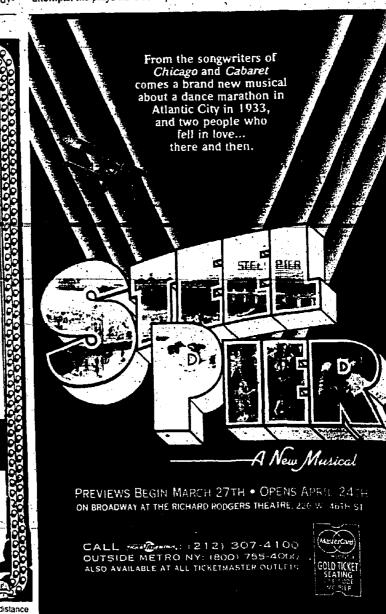
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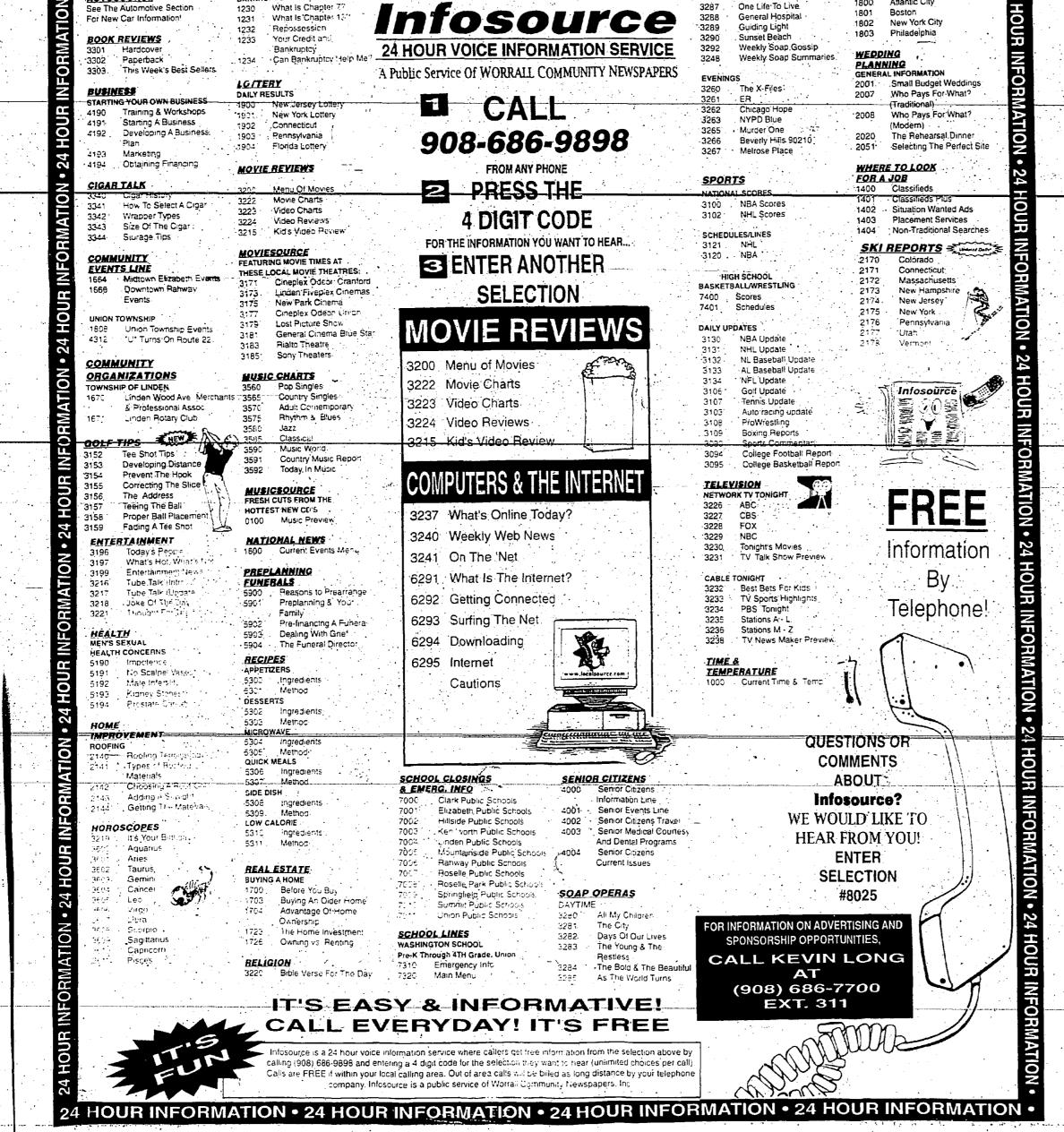
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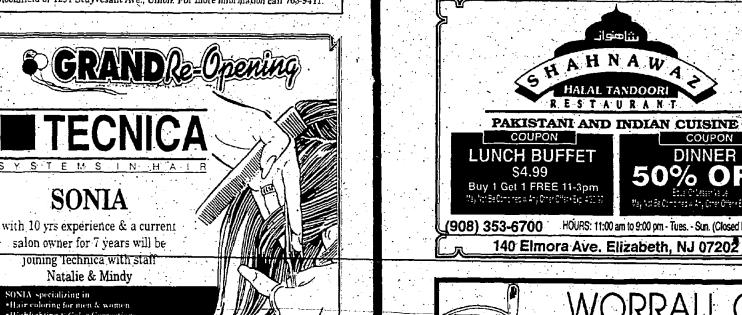
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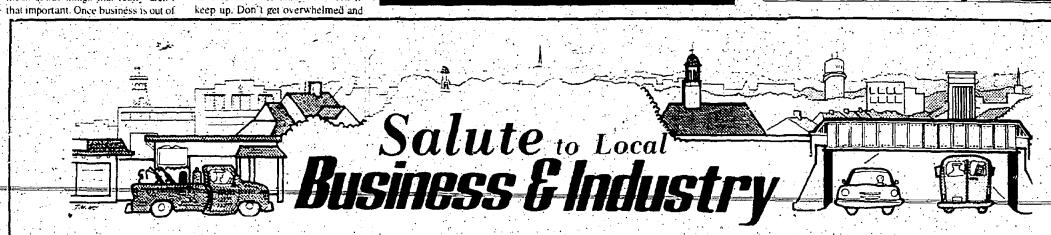
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APRIL 11, 1997 EVENT: Argyle Fish 'N Chips Dinner.
PLACE: Ridgeview Community Church. 174 South Valley Road (comer Meeker Street), West Orenge, NJ TIME: Pick-ups begin at 5PM until EVENT: Huge Rummage Sale PLACE: Community Congregational Church, (Corner of Hartshorn Drive and 6:30PM (seating available). Reserva--PRICE: Adults: S8.00: Children: S4.50 Call 201-731-6486 for reservations. ORGANIZATION: Community Congre-ORGANIZATION: Ridgeview Commun-

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sons include the way she dresses and her kinship with 70s music. "It's the. APRIL 12, 1997 90s. Muriel." She tells them she'll change but they say it's too late. It's still not enough, though, to change your hair, and you just won't listen!" 8pm. PRICE: \$5.00 includes sheet of raffle tickets an refreshments.

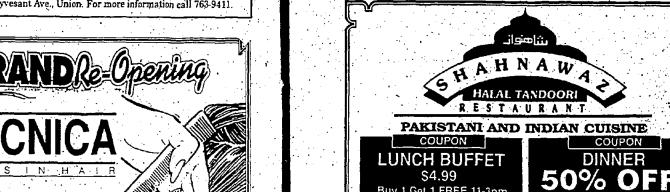
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hoping to "accidentally" bump into them and rekindle their friendship. PLACE: Saint Theresa's Church Hall The plan doesn't work, but Muriel 541 Washington Avenue, Kenilworth, NJ does meet Rhonda, a free-spirited girl TIME: 6:30pm.
PRICE: \$5.00 in advance or \$6.00 at who went to the same high school. Rhonda, unlike Muriel's former door, includes coffee, danish, sheet friends, has a good heart and doesn't ORGANIZATION: Saint Theresa's care what kind of clothes Muriel wears or what type of music she listens to. Actually, Rhonda likes ABBA, also, and in an unforgettable scene the two girls lip-synch to

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# Listen carefully to what is

ou heard is not what another person thought they said, you'd be able to relate to "Bedtime Story" by Sean O'Casey, the latest Lunchtime Theater production from The Eli- By Jacquie McCarthy zabeth Playhouse. And even if you Associate Editor

she dreams of the day the pictures will come to life. Though the movie at this point sounds like a John Hughes "Sixteen Candles" type of picture, it's not-Director/Writer P.J. Hogan never makes the film predictable of heavy-As the film moves on, Rhonda's down-to-earth attitude and love of life begins to change Mariel's outlook

We've already told you how to wear Mariel's desire and belief that mar-When the group takes a vacation to ad in a newspaper which she thinks an exotic island, Muriel fills in the will give her the opportunity to "show blanks on a check her mother gives them all." A handsome Olympic her that is supposed to cover start-up hopeful is looking for citizenship and \_costs\_for\_a\_new\_job\_ She\_cashed\_the \_\_\_\_Mariel\_is\_more\_than-happy-to-marrycheck and, though not invited on holiday with her ex-friends, goes anyway, Mariel, he begs his coach to keep looking, but his coach thinks Mariel will be prefect, and so does Mariel. She feels she has finally made it. She has the dream wedding she has always since she has married somewhat of a celebrity, and even those popular girls

> While Mariel is busy realizing her goal of marriage, her good friend Rhonda is faced with a tragedy. Rhonda sees the wedding for what it is an arranged mess, but it takes Mariel a little longer to realize that simply changing a vowel in your name won't turn you into who you want to be. The music for this film was comone of the original Beatles, replaced

# being said in 'Bedtime Story conversation where what you think Theater

her bed. As she gazes at the snapshots an't relate to the mayhem which nevitably follows incorrect concern for both his reputation and assumptions, it is still fun watching immortal soul. His delivery of his some colorful characters pick their reverent and yet comical prayers way through a verbal minefield. for help and forgiveness in a hearty The setting is John Jo Mulligan's lists brogue were hysterical. Liz second floor apariment in Ireland, Mahon played the provacative where this fine, upstanding clerk is Angela with flair. Michael Riddick, anxiously trying to figure out how a Playhouse regular, was wonderhe ever let the lovely and flirtatious fully humerous as the confused Angela Nightengale into his house, Dan, and Mary Wilbon's Miss

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hile ferverishly praying for a way. Mossie was equally jocular, with to get her out without anyone see- great accent to boot. Other Playing her. Angela is less than house members making an appearcooperative, expertly preying on ance in Mulligan's well-trafficked John's guilt and shame in order to apartment were Joe Mulholland and get what she wants out of him. Jason Ames, Director Alan Benson, Into the mix are thrown Dan also a well known face at The Play-Halibut, good friend to Mulligan, house, has presented a concise verwho is surprised to find his friend sion of this fast-paced, whimsical sitting up with a bottle of wine and comedy of errors. book at 4 a.m., and Miss Mossie, The only drawback to this pro the runs the very respectable lodg- duction is the fact that it will not be ng house, and who knows no good repeated, as was the Lunchtime can ever come from a single man. Theater debut a few months ago. drinking late at night in an apart- However, don't be afraid to draw nent which is suddenly in an the conclusion that the next Lunchincharacteristic state of disrepair. time Theater performance also will from her hometown beg to be friends Rick Brown was terrific as the be something special. The evidence with her. Life seems good — for a

"Dancing Queen" and win the resort When Muriel returns to her hometown, she realizes the small town is too small for her and her enraged rather, who at this point has discovered that Muriel has drained his bank account. She flees to Sydney to move in with her new friend Rhonda, posed by Peter Best, known for being changes her name to Mariel and starts ... by Ringo Starr. her new, wild life. Muriel still has

marriage on her mind and visits bridal shops, telling the salespeople she's A resident of Mountainside, Jim engaged and tricking them into taking Riffel is the author of "The Video Polaroids of her for the pseudo- Detective's Guide to the Top 100 dding album that she keeps under Films of All Time."



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the frivolity of his tete-a-tete, and more than circumstantial.

# Grant winners' works on display in Watchung

Grants from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation are given to individual artists only if they display considerable merit. Two 1997 Dodge grantees have combined their work in a month-long exhibit in suburban Watchung. Both are Bergen County residents.

"Works on Paper," an exhibition of the work of artists Alice Harrison and Judy Lyons Schneider, will be displayed at the Watchung Arts Center from Tuesday through April 30. The Center, on the Watchung Circle, is just a mile from either Interstate 78, exit 40, or Route 22, Plainfield overpass. Gallery hours are I to 4 p.m., weekdays and Saturdays, with no admission charge. A reception for the artists is scheduled for April 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. This affords the public a chance to meet the artists and discuss their work, all without

cost or obligation to purchase anything. Refreshments are served. The two artists are in considerable demand for shows, an indication of the critical acclaim for their work. Alice Harrison had a dozen shows last year, plus traveling shows that reached another dozen sites, as far afield as Athens,

"My work has been described as imaginative, playful and filled with energy and hope," she explains. "I work in layered technique and meaning, with a multitude of media and materials. The Paramus artist's images are inspired by nature. Employing both color and movement, she creates "a conversation with

the viewer" through her paintings and prints. Judy Lyons Schneider has received awards for quite a few pieces in recent years, including a First Prize in the New Jersey Small Works competition. Her work has been shown intensively throughout northern New Jersey and nearby New York and Connecticut, and was a winner in the 1995 Black & White show at the Watchung Arts Center. This month's exhibit will include a variety of printmaking techniques, such as monoprints, dry point, collagraphs, photo etch-

ing and intaglio, as well as mixed media pieces. The Teaneck artist can also be classed as a collagist. "Even when printing, I tend to collage the images by layering them in much the same way I collage paper," she reveals. "Spirit, movement and texture, inspired by our natural







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By Douglas William Metz Staff Correspondent If you're looking for a fine dining experience that's not too much of a draw on the wallet, Primo's is the place to be. Low lighting and romantic Italian music compliment the arabesque decorbut it is the food that keeps you.

coming back. ing to the menu. was created by three first generation. American cousins whose origins are from Spain-Having brought their original Spanish recipes to their new home, the Montes Family has combined the best of both worlds. Primos serves a wide variety of dishes featuring a blend of Mediterranean. Spanish and American cuisines.

A fine opener is the shrimp cockail, or Cocktail de Camarones, vith generous servings of rock shrimp served with a not too spicy dipping sauce. There isn't a carnivore around

who wouldn't appreciate the Bistec de Solomillo, a very tender cut of broiled Filet Mignon. If you're looking to steer away

chicken parts cooked with Saffron Rice, is a delicious Mediterranean version of New Orleans jambalaya, hough not nearly as hot. Primo's offers a wide variety of entrees. Live lobsters are priced according to size, and the 100 gallon lobster tank also provides imusement to children as you enjoy a cockusii from the bar. Most appe-

to families with children who are adult menu, coming up with chicken fingers and french fries at a Primo's also features a lunch express buffet and a full lunch menu served Monday through Friday between noon and three. The

lunch selection features an assortentrees to supplement the dinner menu, which is available at all

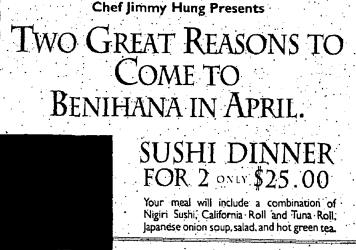
The service was outstanding. If can be faxed for convenient pick

A 'primo' blend of continental cuisines menu per say. Primo's is amicable. rimo's, located at 2258 Morris Ave. in Union, features

Primo's

the finest in continental cuisine. For reservations and information, contact the restaurant at (908) 686-1200.

Primo's is located at 2258 Morrls Ave. in Union. Reservations This column is intended to are accepted and take-out orders inform our readers about you have the opportunity request a up. For further information, con-





467-9550

& CHICKEN FOR 2 only \$25.00 Your meal will include Teriyaki Beef. Julienne and Chicken with Sesame Seeds, Japanese onion soup, shrimp appetizer salad, hibachi vegetables, hibachi rice, and hot green tea.

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Present this coupon when ordering. 840 Morris Turnpike offer as a thicker Adm 30, 1997, Sunday through autgraffing that is a with any other promotion

Lunch starts at \$4.75 - 7 days a week.





**FILMS** 

Tomorrow and Saturday — "A Tickle

"Bab El-Oued City," 1995, directed

### ART SHOWS ANNUAL ART SHOW AND SALE sponsored by the Westfield Chapter of

Top New Jersey and New York galarists is scheduled for April 13 from 1 teens are currently being accepted, comebacks: the Epstein Brothers. lenes and a limited number of individu- to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served. both beginning and advanced stutheir own "mini galleries" and display movement in order to create a conver-

designed so that both the avid collector ings and prints. through the exhibit, stop by each galty of printmaking techniques as well as classes will be scheduled for advanced tour and suddenly find themselves surlery and see what is happening in the mixed media pieces. art world. Each gallery will have their . The Watchung Arts Center is available. own experts on hand to answer queslocated on the Watchung Circle. GalFor more information and a free brojoyous sounds of their music. In Engltions and provide further information lery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. week chure, call David Christopher at (908) ish, Hebrew and Yiddish, subtitled. about the artists and individual pieces. days and Saturdays. For further infor- 276-0276. A preview champagne reception will mation, call (908) 753-0190: kick off the show for patrons on Satur- HAVANA REVISITED, a collection of -

day. The show will be open to the public Sunday from noon to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for senior citizens; students are free. For information, call (908) 233-6531. BARRON ARTS CENTER will present Havana, the artist produced these realan exhibit by students of Woodbridge ist works based on Cuba in its current Township Elementary schools through state of desolation. Providing a view

from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday and the countryside of Old Havana, ters in folk, tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. rise of Islamic Fundamentalism and from 2 to 4 p.m. The Barron Arts Cen- NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St, in ter is located at 582 Rahway Ave. Summit. The exhibit and reception are

MAJOR WORKS art show has opened at Kean College's James Howe Gallery. Pieces representing all forms of art were chosen by art instructors from the college. All pieces were created by

The show runs through April 11. Admission is tree. The Gallery, located in the Vaughn-Eames building, is oper from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5 to p.m. Monday through Friday. For infor mation, contact Nina Cabrera at (908) 820-0519.

LOCAL LANDSCAPES AND OILS by Donald Palmer Museum of the Springfield Library through April 16. On display are oil paintings of local landscapes in Springfield and Short Hills, portrait drawings from life and experiments in art from family

The Donald Paimer Museum is located in the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The hours for the exhibit are Monday, Wednes day and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Friday and Saturday rom 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL JURIED SHOW will be on display in the Palmer Gallery at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts through April 20.

Juried by leading national an critic and historian Donald B. Kuspit, the works represent artists in the United media. Artists represent 42 states and p.m. and Thursday evenings from 7:30. onmental Center, 190 cord Stining colors to black-and-white photography. with a strong selection of conceptual

and narrative sculpture. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. Reception and exhibitions are free and open to the public. Gallery 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 2 - 4 row at 8 p.m. The public is welcome. ...nes & Noble bookstore in Springfield .. East's most complex cities, In Arabic. p.m. and Thursday from 7:30 - 9 p.m. For information: call (908) 273-9121. WHISPER, 30 years of black-andwhite and color photography by Peter

April 21 at The Jacob Trapp Gallery in The Gallery is located at Community House, 4 Waldron Ave.; Summit. Gallery hours are weekdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call (908) 273-3245. A SPECTRUM OF ART WORKS, ' paintings by Grace Sharpe, will be preenied at the Les Malamut Art Gallery in the Union Library through April 24. The Union Library is located on Morhis Avenue near Friberger Park, Union.

For information, call (908) 686-0420 or

(966)-688-4536

CONCERNING THE SPIRITUAL. AGAIN, a solo exhibit by artist Rebec-GUEST NIGHT, sponsored by the all three A tea and reception with the ca Ross, will be presented at the Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Barber- artist will follow the concert. Call the prila. Aimed at children of all ages and Watchung Arts Center through April shop Chrorus, will be held Monday at church at (908) 353-1518 from 9 a.m. 29 She will feture about 30 religious 7:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church to noon on Tuesday. Wednesday and works done over the past seven years. Hall in Westfield. Men of all ages who Thursday for more information. All pro-The works are done in a unique oil patel scratch board technique, not like to sing are invited to attend often used, where the artist scrapes The First Baptist Church is located .. and Homeless of Elizabeth into a base coat of flourescent and at 170 Elm St., Westfield For informa LASER CONCERTS are being preindescent color. The subjects concention, contact Charles at (908) trate on popular Christian themes. 494-3580 or (908) 925-2629. such as crucifixion and resurrection, with emphasis on figures and vivid

of charge from 8:30 a.m., to 8:30 p.m.

A reception will be held April 13 from PORTFOLIO REVIEW DAY, for coun-1 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be ty and community colleges, will be nosted by Kean College of New Jersey's Fine Arts Department on located on the Watchung Circle, Gal-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the days from 1 to 4 p.m. For information. call (908) 753-0190.

lery hours are weekdays and Satur- College's Vaughn-Eames Building. Members of Kean's Art faculty will . evaluate and assess an portfolios of students presently majoring in an and planning to attend Kean. Faculty from BALLET HISPANICO will be per-CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPI-Studio Art. Art Education, Art History, formed in Kean College of New. TAL will present an exhibition featuring the line an photography of James Visual Commulcations and Interior Design will discuss their programs. 8 p.m. This passionate provocative. Humphries the watercolors of Flo Tours of the Fine Arts facilities also will skillful and sophisticated show is the Rosenbern and works in various media The exhibit is open to the public, free be conducted throughout the day. For information, contact Stuart Top-

# Stepping Out

works are offered for sale. A portion of THE ACTING STUDIO in Cranford is the sale benefits the hospital. Child- holding registration for the Spring ren's Specialized Hospital is located at Term which begins April 14. On Mon-150 New Providence Road in day and Tuesday, David Christopher NEW JERSEY FILM FESTIVAL has will hold open, in person registration at scheduled the following shows for the WORKS ON PAPER, an exhibition of the Studio, located at 189 North Ave. week:

the work of artists Alice Harrison and .. E. in Cranford. Hadassah will be held Saturday and Judy Lyons Schneider, will be display- Only evening classes are being in the Heart," 1995, directed by Stefan Sunday at Temple Emanu-El, ed'at the Watchung Arts Center offered, between the hours of 6-8 p.m. Schweitert. This enchanting documenthrough April 30. A reception for the and 8-10 p.m. Only adults and older tary charts one of music's most unlikely Harrison employs both color and dents Offerings include Basic Acting, Julie and Willie Epstein were the kings tiks. The show has been sation with the viewer through paint- commercials, TV Acting 2 for scenes, and bar-mitzvahs in the New York Met-

students. Private lessons also are rounded by throngs of young and

Gallery at New Jersey Center for Vis-

Recently returned from a trip to Old

free and open to the public. Gallery

by Merzak Aliquache. In Bab El-Oued, CONCERTS oil on canvas works by Enrique Flores
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Galbis, is on display in the Members'
8 Noble bookstore in Springfield will
in the district bakery. One morning,
in the district bakery. One morning, present Jeremy Wallace, blues guitar- unable to stand the noise from the rooftop loudspeaker broadcasting the ist, tomorrow from 8 to 10 p.m. propaganda of a local fundamentalist . Barnes & Noble bookstore is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For group, he rips the speaker out and throws it away, an act that jeopardazes MINSTREL COFFEEHOUSE will pre- everyone in the city. "Bab El-Oued forbidden to most Americans, the Gallery hours are Monday - Friday paintings capture "the streets, the light sent The Berrymans, the funniest wri- City" is the most fund depiction of the

Thirteen/WNET television's "American Masters" series presents "Man Ray: Prophet of

hours are Monday - Finday from noon - and ansi organization. The Project is: directed by Jocelyne Saab, Distraught-

4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday from 2 - 4 located at the Somerset County Envir over the destruction of Beirut, Yasmine

9 p.m. For further information, call Road Basking Ridge Shows are held search of its past. Their possession of

SKULSKI ART GALLERY of the Pol- tolk music in its broadest sense: Col- to Monsieur Farouk, a reclusive film

ish Cultural Foundation is pleased to fee, tea and baked goods are served, connoisseur. Through the magic of

present a photographic exhibit by two no alcohol or tobacco are allowed cinema, the three go back in time on a

Polish artists, Slawoj Dufiel and Marek

Admission is \$5. For information, call mythical and history-laden tour of Beire

opening reception will be held tomor. BARNES & NOBLE CAFE at the Barra an enchanting look at one of the Middle

Barnes & Noble popistore is located

Skulski Art Gallery is open to the public . . at 240 Route 22 West Springfield For ... tier of College Avenue and Hamilton

at 7:45 p.m. in the Burnet, Middle.

School Auditorium, Caldwell Avenue

The concert will feature selections

Admission to the concert is free. For

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to the Union County Court House

Admission is \$5 per concert or \$12 for .

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Museum Planetarium on Fridays and

Saturdays through May 11 . Programs

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za," "Laser Smashing Pumpkins"

"Pink Floyd - The Wall." "Laser Show

is located at 205 W. State St., Trenton

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Jersey's Wilkins Theatre on Monday at

Single ticket prices are \$14. Alt sea-

epitome of Latin dance.

Times and prices vary. The Museum

Tunes" and "Laser Motown."

from the Broadway shows "My Fair

information, call (908), 277-3433

information, call (201) 376-8544

(908) 766-2489.

admission is free and refreshments will will host Scott Hallock, contemporar, subtitled

day - Friday from 5 - 9 p.m. and Satur- UNION MUNICIPAL BAND will pre-

day from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For informa- sent its annual spring concert Monday

from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Westfield Com- Lady," "A Chorus Line" and "Wildcat"

For information, call Exhibit Chair. Elizabeth is presenting a series of

person Linda Kolar at (908) 233-2393 spring concerts featuring talented New

or WAA President Barbara Schwinn at Jersey artists on Sundays

every Finday year round presenting two rare, unreleased films leads them

folk rock guitarist, on Sunday from 1 to ... Film programs begin at 7 p.m. Fri-

rabeth is located at 42 Broad St., next children. These 75-minute musicals,

ut. Once Upon A Time: Beirut offers ,

day and Saturday programs will be

shown in Scott Hall #123, near the cor-

Street: College Avenue Campus, Rut-

gers University: New Brunswick, Tick-.

ets are \$5. \$4 for Rutgers Film Co-op/

NJMAC Friends, and can be pur-

chased at the door beginning at 6:30...

p.m. Sunday programs are shown at

George Street and Livingston Avenue.

.15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick.

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noliday show, and a new musical ver-

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LECTURES

AN EVENING OF MYSTERY will be

presented Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at

Barnes & Noble bookstore in Spring-

help. The evening will be hosted by

talented mystery writers Lee Harris.

Route 22 West, Springfield. For infor-

mation, call (201) 376-8544.

Barnes & Noble is located at 240

JUST ABOUT ART, the ongoing 882-4784.

Stefanie Matteson and Thomas Swan.

"Winnie the Pooh." May 14.

Sign of The Diary of Anne Frank."

Remaining shows are:

"Pinocchio," April 27.

on, call (908) 932-8482.

the State Theatre, near the comer of

the Avant-Garde" on Wednesday at 9 p.m.

Szyryk, tomorrow through April 30. An

located at 177 Broadway, Clark. The

Monday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tues-

tion: contact Aleksandra Nowak at

ANNUAL MEMBERS' EXHIBITION.

sponsored by the Westfield Art Associ-

ation, opens Sunday with a reception.

munity Room, 425 East Broad St.,

Westfield. Awards will be presented at

The Polish Cultural Foundation is 3 p.m.

he served.

(908) 382-7197

(908) 232-7058

The Minstrel Coffeehouse is a has attracted tremendous critical and

coffeehouse/concert series run by the popular acclaim. In Arabic, subtitled. Folk Project, a non-profit folk music "Once Upon A Time: Beirut," 1995,

Visitors are requested to use the hospivisitors are requested to use the mospinate at talls ambulance entrance. All artists' Kean College, at (908) 527-2307. tact the Box Office at (908) 527-2337. and discussions with artists and cura-Arts, will feature the following program information, call (908) 634-0413. this week:

April 10 - Barbara Schachman, printmaker and instructor at NJCVA, will discuss basic printmaking with an emphasis on the processes used in her piece "Collage City," which is currently in the Art Center's Juried Show. The program is free and open to the public. Lectures are held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St. in Summit. For information, call (908)

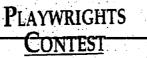
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discussed. Meetings will be held on the second 2:15-3:15 p.m. Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. B working-class district of Algiers, a Rames & Noble bookstore is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For registration information, call (609) information, call (201) 376-8544. **MUSEUMS** 

DR. WILLIAM ROBINSON Plantation House and Museum will conduct house tours on Sunday. aired on PBS on Wednesday. The Museum is located at 593 Madi-Actress Stockard Channing narrates son Hill Road, Clark, Hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call (908) · 381-3081.

OPERA AT FLORHAM presents a Cabaret Recital on Saturday at 8 p.m., the life and work of Man Ray - master featuring a solo recital by Jong-Mee of 20th century photography, as well as Lee, award-winning leading soprano of a painter, a filmmaker, a poet and essayist, a philosopher and a leader of the Bolshoi Opera, Moscow. Cabaret-style seating is available intables of ten. Light refreshments are served, tailgate menus are encouraged. For information; call (201)



43-8620.

JERSEY VOICES THEATRE is seeking submissions for their 3rd annual festival of one-act plays to be performed this summer at the Chatham Playhouse in Morris County. Submistions will only be accepted by those who reside and work in New Jersey. Jersey Voices Theatre is a non-profit nent of new plays by the voices of New Send submissions to: Jersey Voice

Theatre, P. O. Box 234, Chatham, NJ 07928. Submissions will not be cati (908) 355-0077. returned unless accompanied b return postage envelope. Deadline is April 30. For submission requirements. call (201) 736-5355.

POETRY **CONTESTS** 

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08648. For information, call (609)

LOVE POETRY is being sought for a contest sponsored by New Jersey Rainbow Poets, free to everyone. There are 28 prizes in all, totalling over. The deadline for entering is Tuesday. Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as

here is an interence of love. To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less to: Poetry Contest, 103 N Wood Ave. Suite 70 Linden, NJ THIRD ANNUAL STUDENT POETRY COMPETITION is being sponsored by New Jersey Poetry Society, Inc. The competition is open to New Jersey students only, grades 6-8 and 9-12. A \$50

by Paper Mill Playhouse from Wednessavings bond will be awarded for each There is no entry fee for the first poem, and a charge of \$2 for each be in any style and any form.

title of each poem submitted and the ... Performances are .Wednesday. first line of each poem. Send two through Sunday at 8 p.m., with mati-American Family Theater of Philadel copies of each poem with no identificanees on Thursdays at 2 p.m. and tion other than title and poem, on white Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m. For Entries must be received by April 30. LA CAGE AUX FOLLES will open at 1997. Mark all envelopes "Student Poetry Contest." Make checks payable and mail to: NJPS, Inc. Headquarters, weekends through April 20. 12 Rydal Drive, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. For information, call (908) on the long-running French play of the

> Poems can be any form, be based year's film hit. The Birdcage. on a narrative subject with a one-page limit and clearly printed or typed. The poem must also be the author's exclu-Prize is \$15, Second Prize is \$10 and all envelopes "Student Memorial by Mystic Vision Players on April 11 Award." Mail to NJPS, Inc. Headquar- and 12 at 8 p.m. and April 13 at 3 p.m.

at Linden High School.

WORRALL NEWSPAPERS

POETSWEDNESDAY will be held Vednesday at 8 p.m. at Barron Arts Center in Woodbridge. Featured poets are Enid Dame and Emanuel Di

NEW JERSEY POETRY SOCIETY presents its semi-annual seminar April 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration will be taken by mail only and must be received by Wednesday. Session 1 will present "The Globe Theater: From Shakespeare to Wannamaker." Guest speaker will be Moira Bailis, published author and radio program co-host. Session 2 will present "Shanng Writing Reading and Publish-

field on April 10 at 7:30 p.m. Based on Workshop: Grades 9-12 and Not Pay (But I Do'lt Anyway)." An open reading will be held from

> \$18 for NJPS, Inc. members. For **TELEVISION** MAN RAY: PROPHET OF THE AVANT-GARDE, a Channel 13/WNET American Masters premiere, will be

the one-hour documentary featuring recent discoveries of both artwork and In this program, American Masters. WNET's highly acclaimed biography senes, unveils the definitive portrait of

THEATRE. LITTLE FOXES by Lillian Hellman has opened at the Elizabeth Playhouse.

The Hubbards of "Little Foxes" were rapacious, cruel and callous long before the Ewings of "Dallas" hard is a woman capable of sending her brothers to prison, letting her husband die, wrecking her daughter's life and destroying a whole town, for no better reason than a little social climbing. A whole clan of flow-born Callgula's are scrambling for what they view . as a place in the sun. "Little Foxes" will run every Friday and Saturday at /:30 and Sun p.m. for 2 more weeks. General admis-. sion is \$8, \$6 for students and seniors.

1100 East Jersey St. For reservations GRASPING AT STRAWS, an original one-act play, will be staged by Gemini. Group on Saturday and April 12 at B

The setting is an upscale penthouse

The Elizabeth Playhouse is located at

party, with each guest bringing a myerhial axe in the hope of getting an copportunity to grind it with other The play will be presented at Com-

munity Presbyterian Church in Mounet (908) 654-1054 RICHARD III will be presented by The ... African Company in the Philip J. Levin. Theater, Douglass College Campus in

Performances are Wednesday hrough Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$14 for Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday and \$15 for Friday and Saturday. For information and tickets, call (908) NO, NO NANETTE will be presented

day through May 25. The all-star cast includes Kaye Ballard, Eddie Bracken. Helen Gallagher and Lee Roy Reams additional. Each poem must be no Paper Mill Playhouse is an accessishorter than 8 lines and no longer than ble site, with audio-described perfor-... 24 lines, be unpublished and the exclumances for the visually impaired on sive work of the poet. The poem may . May 8 at 2 p.m. May 10 at 3 p.m. and May 11 at 8 p.m. Sign-interpreted/ Send poem along with a cover sheet open captioned performances for the TER will present a series of plays for with author's name, address, phone hearing impaired are scheduled for and school attending, along with the May 11 at 8 p.m. and May 16 8 p.m.

ticket information, call (201) 376-4343. the Union County Arts Center in Rahway on April 11. The show will run This hit Broadway musical, based

same name, explores the comedy and VITORITTO STUDENT MEMORIAL ... drama of two conflicting sets of inlaws: Award Competition has been a conservative politician and his wife: announced by the New Jersey Poetry and a nightclub impresario and his -Society. The competition is open to drag queen partner of twenty years. This story was popularized in last Showtimes are April 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. and April 13 and 20 at 3 sive work. There is no entry fee. First p.m. Tickets are \$24 and \$19. UCAC is information, call (908) 499-8226. Deadline for entry is May 15. Mark WEST SIDE STORY will be presented

Tickets can be purchased by calling

the box office at (908) 925-1389

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ments. Like many other common flavorings, including garlic, onions,

parsley and licorice, research studies are beginning to show preliminary

At the recent annual conference of the American Institute for Cancer

Research, investigators summarized some small studies that have begun-

to experiment with curcumin's effects on skin, breast and colon cancers-

• Breast Cancer- In a study with breast cancer cells, researchers at Pen

nsylvania State University found that curcumin may inhibit the activity

of certain proteins that play a role in cancer development. This study is

ongoing and has yet to identify other key factors that may interact in com-

Skin Cancer: Researchers at Chiang Mai University in Thailand four

that mice treated with curcumin before being exposed to carcinogens had

significantly lower incidence of skin tumor formation and development

than mice who did not receive the treatment. More research needs to be

. Tissue Inflamation: Scientists from the State University of New

Jersey found that curcumin suppressed inflamation caused by an enzyme

called nitric oxide, which is produced by the body as an immune response

to infections and to harmful substances. In this study, curcumin limited

nitric oxide's effects to damage cells and possibly leading to cancer

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substances, the American Institute for Cancer Research advises a wide

variety of these foods every day. For a free brochure on how to eat for

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PRODUCTS

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friends are always appreciated by an elderly person living in a nursing home, spending time together can also become stressful for those who requently visit their loved ones. How can a visitor keep peace o mind and continue to have interes g and enjoyable visits? Cornell Nursing and Rehability on Center, a 170-bed long-term are facility in Union, has published "Make The Most of Your Nursing Home Visit," a free brochure with guidelines for visiting a mily member or a friend in ursing home. The publication pro vides tips on preparing for a visit with an elderly person and offers

useful suggestions on spending quality time together. It also provides guidelines for ending your visit and saying good-bye to your loved one, which can be difficult. To receive a free copy of "Make The Most of Your Nursing Home fisit," call (908) 688-7649. Cornell Nursing and Rehabilita ion Center is an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care I Rehabilitation, fitness center nears completion Construction on the New Overook Hospital Comprehensive

scheduled for completion this nization comprised of volunteers who month. The new center will incorraise funds for volunteer activities porate all elements of Rehabilitaaimed at making life a little more tion, including Cardiac and Pulpleasant for the residents of Runnells. monary Rehabilitation, Physical Through monthly vendor sales, held Therapy, Occupational Therapy, at the hospital at 40 Watchung Way in Berkeley Heights, The Guild raises The Volunteer Guild's mission is to enhance the lives of the residents and patients of Runnells Specialized Hospital. Over the years, the Guild has organized, run and financially supand annual hospitalwide parties, musical performances, gifts, picnics and nusical performances. They provide the flowers for religious sevices; obtain birthday gifts which are wrapped and delivered to residents: and purchase amenities and equipment for the benefit of the residents including TVs, VCRs and prizes for bingo. They also run the annual picnic and holiday party/gift distribution. The next scheduled sale will take "place:April 25. "Bagomania," featur-

Speech/Language Pathology and Audiology as well as an Employee Fitness Center and new Rehab management programs for patients with diabetes, renal disease and osteoporosis. The center will also feature Rehab Plus, a training and fitness program for patients who no but need to improve their levels of fitness under expert supervision. "Overlook is continually redesigning the ways that we provide care to the community, to make our centers more customer focused," aid David Freed, vice president and general manager of the hospital. "By rebuilding the physical facility and redesigning the services we provide, Overlook can become even more of a resource to our patients and community."

Rehabilitation and Fitness Center is David Freed, vice president and general manager, breaks ground for the Comprehensive Rehab Center.

# Tummy aches are sometimes cause for concern

ical intervention.

A number of infants with what ini- and treatment is available for children actually suffer gastroesophagael reflux.

more simply "reflux." These infants may or may not spit-up or vomit frequently. Their irritability, however, is excessive and often occurs during feeding or burping. Such infants may initially take the nipple eagerly only to reject it soon thereafter by pulling away, arching back, and crying inconsolably. Feeding often seems like a

Fortunately, recognition of acid is consequences. A variety of options are available which reduce stomach acid formation, such as the addition of cereal to the bottle.

Acid réflux also may be a cause of

Parents frequently suffer anxiety abdominal pain in pre-schoolers, is associated with weight loss and when their infant, toddler, or school age children and adolescents. diarrhea. Such symptoms demand age child suffers abdominal pain or Children with acid reflux often com- careful medical evaluation. Infants discomfort. The immediate question plain that their pain is located high in with colic and diarrhea may suffer. Avenue, Summit, 5-8:30 p.m. raised is "What is wrong, and what the abdomen, just below the breast- formula allergy and older infants and can I do to make things better?" In bone. Their appetite decreases, as eatmany instances little or nothing is tering seems to induce more discomfort. toxic reaction to certain grains in the 2:30-8 p.m. ribly wrong and the culprit may be Actual vomiting is rare, but when diet. Crohn's disease and ulcerative Saturday simple infantile colic, intestinal questioned, affected children may colitis may also result in recurrent

• Knights of Columbus, 118 Park spasms, constipation, or school-based admit that they sometimes sense a abdominal pain; diarrhea and weight Ave., Linden, 11 a.m. 4 p.m. anxiety. At other times, however, sour or hot taste in their mouth. Older loss. Careful diagnostic testing is Monday apparent colic or abdominal pain may children and adolescents with reflux readily available and appropriate reflect abnormalities in gastrointesti- may complain of heartburn, but do so treatment may lead to dramatic nal function and may respond to med- less often then do adults with acid improvement of symptoms and a Tuesday

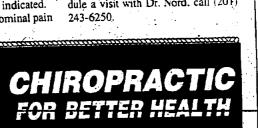
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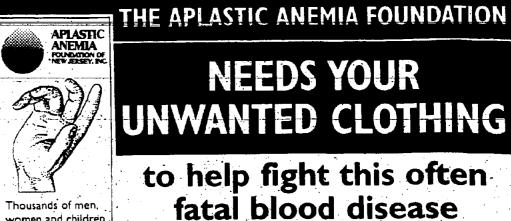
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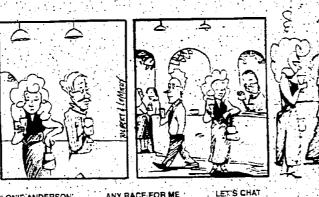
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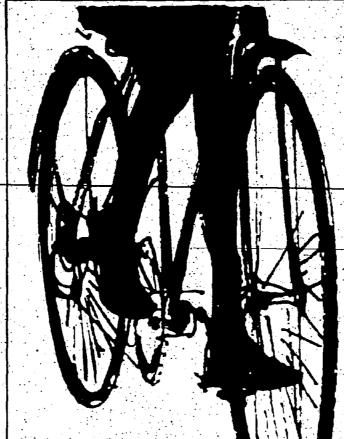
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at 40 Brookside Terrace to Marcelino Sequeira for \$223,000 on Dec. 12. Virginia T. Gannon sold property at 24 Emerson Road to Jeffrey J. Gannon for \$170,000 on Dec. 2. Ellen M. Newhard sold property at 24 Adams St., to Stephen Frost for \$182,000 on Jan. 15. Philip T. Jacobson etal sold properon Dec. 30. ty at 35 Chestnut St., to Phillip G.

Roberto Manzano sold property at 136 Grumman Ave., to Frances Tyn. Federal: Home Loan Mortgage 200 Delaware St.: to Maritza Molina German R, and Gloria P. Rego sold: 543 Tillman St., to Donnie Mont: 571,000 on Dec. 30. property at 404 Rosehill Place to Wil. gomery for \$85,000 on Jan. 7.

ly at 137 Stiles St., to Theesa A. Giezev for \$135,000 on Dec. 9. Michael F. and Marie Dusak sold properts at 802 4th Ave., to Marta Cianfano tor \$50,000 on Dec. 18. Thomas H. and Nancy A. Connors sold property at 1041 Alina St., to Ben Brown Jr. for \$115,000 on Dec.

Bethavas for \$250,000 on Jan. 17.

Sahij and Kanta Khaftar sold propenv at 150 Orchard St., to Miguel Chavez for \$109,000 on Dec. 31. Federal Home Loan Morigage Corp. sold property at 834 Rebecca Place to Jose D. Centurion for Manuel Caballero sold property at Ovidio and Maria C. Restrepo sold V. Savona for \$110,000 on Dec. 3. for \$87,000 on Jan. 8. property at 203 Murray St., to Jer- Francis Keenan sold property at Vic A. and Judith Nigro sold prop- 3rd Ave., to Jean O. Antoine for ome Giovinazzo for \$129,000 on Jan. 238 N, 20th St., to John E. Fagan for erry at 403 N. Park Ave., to Enrique \$115,000 on Dec. 6.

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Jose O. and Margarida V. Carlos for \$120,000 on Dec. 23 sold property at 626 Glenwood Ave. Federal Housing Commissioner 5123,000 on Dec 4 to Margarita Rodriguez for \$135,000 sold property at 1022 Essex Ave., to Luis and Ana Bertolo sold property "at 1277 Baker St., to Alberto Ferreira Anna M. Bednar sold property at

Helen Zimmerman sold property at Point Road to Luis Triana for St. to Merck and Co Inc. to Mary Carter sold property at 34 property at 506 W. Elm St., to Sandra 958 Main St., to Idell H. Newtor, toam Aponte for \$97,000 on Dec. 6. Young Ave., to Charles Carter for Wojtaszek for \$105,000 on Dec. 31. 5134,000 on Jan 3. . \$42,634 on Jan. 10.

> Mertz Ave., to Darrin Johnson for, Dec. 31. \$108,000 on Jan. 14. Leonard V. and Diana M. Limosa- property at 131 Berwood. Ave., to David I. Kuznet for \$137.5(0) on Jac. no sold property at 1202 Columbia. Sonia Troche for \$134,500 on Jan. 2. 15 Place to Mary L. Singleton for William R. and Jamie A. Malsam Murtagh and Esther Hanrahan sold \$115,000 on Jan. 22. Evelvn Rothstein sold property at Manuel Vicente for \$120,000 on Jan. des Tanglao for \$114,900 on Jan 17 1041 Fairview Place to Segundo Diaz for \$106,000 on Jan: 22.

\$230,000 on Jan. 21. B. Hoehn for \$139,000 on Jan. 23. \$115,000 on Jan. 20.

cold property at 122 Yale Terrace to Roselle St., to Willie A. Barnes

property at 251 Clark St., to House 728 E. Henry St., to Helen Austin for 10 Term L. Tam for \$330,000 on Dec

Money Store sold property at 301. Sherift and County of Union sold property at 1312 Crescent Ave., to-Casimiro and Carminda Sarrico Carnegie St., to Gad Montgomery for property at 145 Parkway to Supreme Cristian Corporation for \$60,000 on

500 Conklin Place to Ann M. Bednar at 457 W. Scott Ave., to James Dibet

Timothy A Rutledge, etux, sold Nunzio J. Chiaramonte etux sold Rahman and Muhammad M. property at 616 W. Elizabeth Ave., to erry at 1210 Georgia St., to Irene R Muhammad sold property at 78 Alexander Krawec for \$145,000 on Podell for \$101,500 on Jan 10

Baumann for \$124,000 on Jan 21 Dec. 20.

East Coast Condo Tech Inc. sold property at 30 Troy Drive No. 22 to. Donald J. Weida for \$695,000 on Parnel Bray for \$72,600 on Dec. 20: J. Healy for \$85,000 on Jan. 23.

la for \$169,000 on Dec. 16. \$190,000 on Dec 31

William and Ruth D. Grace sold sold property at 728 Maple Ave.

Gilbert and Clara L. Alicea Sr. sold Margaret E. Dooley sold property property at 468 W. 3rd Ave., to Hel-

Cecilia R. Baumann sold property sold property at 215 Floral St. to Paul and Joyce Emposimato Jr. Linden at 312 W. Linden Ave., to William F. Jonas Jean-Louis for 5110,000 on sold property at 501. Ashwood Road to Jeffrey A. Kigner for \$925,000 on

ov Durr for \$105,000 on Dec. 24. sold property at 22 Avon Road to Paul D. and Margaret A.E. Fellner Nathan Slovin for \$370,000 on Jan. sold property at 398 Aldené Road to 14. Herman Ellis for \$110,000 on Jan. 8. Robert G. and Kim E. Thompson Estelle Burgess sold property at sold property at 43 Battle Hill Ave.. Sheriff and County of Union sold Clyde Holcomb sold property at sold property at 1529 Long Mendows 314 E. 1st Ave., to Nelly Orejuela for to Gerard Orlando for \$171,000 on \$85,000 on Jan. 9.

> Alaska Seaboard PAriners LP sold Frederick P. and Carol B. Ost sold Leonard M. and Susan Spalding Jr. sold property at 9 Kenneth Court to

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Ironbound Bank sold property at 87 \$131,000 on Dec 20

for \$155,000 on Dec. 31. Kingsley Tyndall sold property at for \$120,000 on Dec. 30 dall for \$4,000 on Jan. 6.

Willie J. Brooks sold property at Manuel and Aleida Fernandez sold John Danylyk sold property at 850 property at 225 W. 4th Ave., to Julia

Michael Barrett for \$171.500 on Dec 5143,000 on Jan. 23

Rose L. Simon sold property at 190 Albert P. Sawicki sold property at : Jyrda for \$137.00<del>0 on Dec 6</del>

Charles St., to Nelson Solares for North Ave., to Antonio R. Jordao for Grace Monico sold properly at 525 Paulette Fegins for \$81,999 on Dec

sold property at 407 W. Henry St., to property at 1451 Church St., to Lour-Pauline Hollosy sold property at 343 Dewitt St., to Maria Lemiechowicz for \$100,000 on Jan. 2.

53 Commonwealth Road to Anthony at 2118 Ingalls Ave., to Ramon Lago mi Hernandez for \$95,000 on Dec-5 Lopez for \$135,000 on Jan. 10. Rony and Ketly D. Pierre sold 933 Magnolia Ave., to Jose Caria for property at 46 N. 14th St., to Robert Erudo, St., to Yvan Maxi for Patterson for \$132,500 on Dec 13.

Dennis P. and Judith M. Berman. Fritz Frage sold property at 1015. Enc and Kathleen Fish sold proper- Dec: 30.

Roman and Ute M.W. Milczarek Holdings Inc. for \$83,000 on Jan 22 Jan. 19

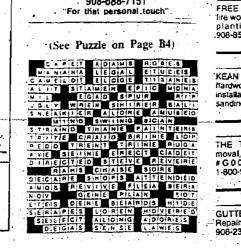
Lawrence E. and Came 3 Kleiber E. Curtis St., to Javier P Cumacho sold property at 2386 Canterbury Lane to Michael Graham for Robert P. Frazier Ir, etux sold propent at 305 Jefferson Ave., to William Pischedda for \$120,000 on Del 13 Louis and Mary Zulio sold property

George W and Johanna Danek Corp. sold property at 2900 Tremley sold property at 2071 Montgomery John P. and Amy Breen sold prop-

John R. Hall sold property at 435 E.

suburban









(Continued from Page B11) Eileen C. Carolan sold property at Roger S, Siboni for \$1.5 million on 462 Homestead Place to Luis Bertolo for \$155,000 on Dec. 23. Richard J. and Denise T. Boyle sold George J, and Virginia V. Kapl sold property at 83 Druid Hill Road to property at 149 S. Indian Run Park- ELIZABETH, ELMORA Section, Furnished Richard S. Dolny for \$850,000 on way to Jeffrey Falco for \$177,000 on

Sixto and Sara Rivera sold property Donald G. Kein sold property at at 44 Russell Place to Carmen Ram- 862 Lehigh Ave., to Jose E. Colon for sey for \$166,500 on Jan. 7. Joseph C. and Melissa Lacagnina Louis and Lois Tunnera Jr. sold

Joseph C. and Melissa Lacagnina sold property at 47 Canoe Brook Parkway to John Lusardi for S182.500 on Jan. 16.

Accursia Frenda sold property at 23

Walnut St., to Michael DiBiagio for S288,000 on Jan. 21.

Louis and Lois Tunnet J. Sold property at 1520 Brookside Drive to Aloisio L. Campanha for \$172.500.on Dec. 23.

Giuseppe and Vittoria Iellimo sold property at 2292 Alpine Ave., to John Jones for \$187,000 on Dec. 24.

S288,000 on Jan. 21.

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James P. and Lynne E. U. Netti sold property at 493 Whitewood Road to Section Beautiful Section Beautiful Property at 493 Whitewood Road to Section Beautiful Sec Joseph Sommo Jr. sold property at 64 Park Ave., to Llewelyn Phinney for \$125,000 on Jan. 27.

Robert M. Hilsen sold property at 1622 N. Hillcrest Terrace to Jose A. Dasilva for \$167,000 on Dec. 2.

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Pedro for \$158,000 on Dec. 5. Odell and Yvonne J. Harris sold. property at 2318 Halsey St., to Raynard J. Adams for \$170,000 on Dec.

Vincent and Maria Gadaleta sold

King Asuama for \$165,000 on Dec. Maureen E. Muldoon etal sold property at 1069 Kensington Ter-\$155,000 on Dec. 18. Roderic W. and Lynn Hennings sold property at 1261 Shetland Drive

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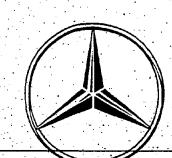
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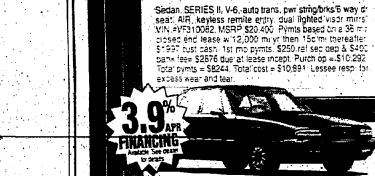
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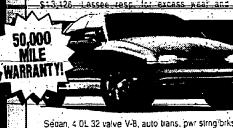
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RAHWAY, N.J., VOL7 NO.27-THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1

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and a deposit of \$10 is equired. The order will be placed in early April and delivery is expected for mid to late May. For more information call

Tree planting Mayor James Kennedy and

he Department of Public Works announced the second citysponsored tree planting progra to take place this spring. The program is designed to encourage the planting of trees, enhancing the beauty and quality of life in the community. Applications are available for Willow Oaks, Tupelos, and Silver Lindens. The DPW is offering trees for half of who sale price. Applications are .. available at City Hall near the

bulletin board in the lobby. There are also pictures of these types of trees available. Tax program The AARP, with the coopera tion of the Division of Parks and Recreation, will conduct a

free income tax-aid program for

Rahway seniors on a limited income. The tax assistance proram will be on an appointment only basis and will be held in the Rahway Senior Center on Esterbrooke Avenue on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The program will last through April Tuesday For an appointment, call the Rahway Division of Parks and

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# result in a tax increase The Board of Education will try to turn around the dismal voting record of the school budget on Tuesday. The 1997-98 budget, worth \$31,563,320, carries with it a local tax levy of \$20,934,803. This is an decrease of \$213,836, from last year's local tax levy.

FOR A ELEN

Students from Roosevelt School display their win-

ning artwork submitted for the Union County Dental

Society's dental health poster contest. From left are student Victoria Sica, School Nurse Linda Under-

wood and student Bradley Jones

There is also another tax levy, approved before the election on Tuesday, of \$1,109,824 for debt service. This is up \$261,118 from last year's debt service levy, According to Al DiGiorgio, an accountant for the Board of Education, taxes will still go up because of a drop in the of \$250,935, up to \$10,169,711. Administrative salaries

Staff Writer

total property value of the city. He did not have figures have also gone up; up \$6,055 for general administration to available, but speculated that taxes would go up two cents \$\, \$582,794 and up \$39,369 for school administration. per 5100 of assessed property value. This year's school taxes were \$1.59 per \$100 of assessed value. If DiGiorgio is correct, the owner of the dial teachers of \$545,031, down to \$238,566. Funds for

taxes, up \$28 from this year's tax levy of \$2,226. "We're working close to the bone," said board member Theresa Mikajlo. "I don't know where else we can make According to Mikajlo, the Board of Education is under a unable to raise this. The state has also slapped on more

aging to see, for the first time in many years, the budget tiations with the school board for over a year now and have come in without a tax impact and we hope the public sup-

ports it because it has no tax increase."

accused the Republicans on the City Council and board member Joseph Hartnett of "cutting a deal" when only \$50,000 was cut.

Despite this, the hudget is still \$1,563,512 greater than last year's budget. Much of this is funded through increases in state aid. This aid for the most part is restricted to three different areas - Early Childhood Program Aid, Demonstrably

Effective Program Aid and Distance Learning Aid. Unre-The budget includes increases in regular teacher salaries

But there are cuts in special education salaries of \$4.271 to \$1,645,439 and cuts in salaries for basic skills and romeaverage Rahway home, worth \$140,000, will pay \$2,254 in business and other support services are down \$142,308 to. \$351,145 and unallocated and employee benefits are down

\$526,408 to \$3,013,408. All told, salaries and other services are worth \$27,044,497; this is down \$420,769 from this year's total. Capital outlay — the funds for new buildings and progstate-recommended surplus fund of 3 percent and will be rams — are also down \$557,242 to \$305,978... City Councilman Frank Janusz said he was worried over Mayor James Kennedy said of the tax levy, "It's encour- will affect the budget. The REA has been in contract nego-

Mikajlo said that there was money budgeted to cover Kennedy had advocated more than \$1 million in cuts to raises for the teachers but could not comment further, as his year's budget after it was defeated but the voters the school board and REA are still in negotiations.

## Traffic woes increase near Route 1&9 entrance Bridge closure to cause delays since that bridge closed." led to a potential problem on a county

Local traffic has certainly been. One of these is to turn off East this has affected Rahway's emergen ever since the Lawrence Street bridge spans, the

Hazelwood Avenue to Routes 1&9 tleneck," he said. tine inspection because of structural get through there."

Candidates speak at public forum By Sean Daily Staff Writer Board of Education member Sondra Bailey seemed pleased with the

candidates for the board this year. "I'm looking forward to our reorganization," she said, "because we will have a board that truly cares about Bailey was at the Knights of Columbus hall, on Jacques and Inman REA's last contract, which expired in our children," said Hassen.

avenues, watching three candidates. June, said he had been able to bargain. The candidates differed in where for the board go through something the annual raises for the teachers they wanted the school system to go. she had to endure one year ago. down from 8 percent to about 5 per- Mikajio advocated, along with a Last Thursday was Candidates cent and that the contract was nine full day kindergarten. "student suc-Night, a long-standing tradition with months overdue. He said that, at that cess in the core curriculum and the Rahway Democratic Club. It was time, none of the teachers took labor teaching "real-life skills." in parallel a chance for the public to meet this actions or failed to attend for Back-to- with examinations on what careers the year's crop of candidates - Antonio School Night, two actions that the students should be prepared for Garay, Paul Hassen and incumbent REA has taken to protest the slow Hassen agreed "Our children face." Theresa Mikajlo — who are running pace of negotiations.

a very challenging future. New techfor three seats on the Board of

"I think the level of discord nology demands on business, downbetween the two parties has become sizing, right sizing. Some of the "Realistically speaking, the three of and embarrassment to the city," said things that we had our children will us will sit on the board," said Mikajlo. Hassen, adding that there is "so much not have. So they must fall back on a But, even though the three candimoney to spend" and that teachers, solid education." dates were virtual shoo-ins, they gave should be brought in decide how it is But, he added, the activities that the the impression of being confident - spent. even passionate — about their views. Mikajlo, a "card-carrying member" active and hands-on. He cited the

Both Garay and Hassen were criti- of a union in the Newark Board of hands-on education programs at cal of the current Board of Education. - Education, said on her part that con-Roosevelt School and the communi-Both criticized the board's search for tract negotiations in the 1990s are difa replacement for Superintendent ferent from the 1980s, when there was diate School. Anthony Cavanna Ir., who resigned in more money coming into the schools. "The kids don't sit in front of a the middle of a contract dispute with But the candidates were also con-teacher who reads out of a book. They the board and its handling of contract cerned about the future of the Rahway get their hands on it that gets them negotiations with the Rahway Educa-school system. tion Association. Garay also criticized tions in the schools. Garay's irritation was not airned nistrator, on bringing people in and on

ways to reach Routes 1&9 Battalion Chief Keith Stanlis of the Ross said the DPW has been fixing bridge on East Milton Avenue. Rahway Fire Department said that potholes along that section of road. This bridge, which like the

impacted due to the closing of the Hazelwood Avenue onto Routes 1&9 cy services "minimally." county bridge on Lawrence Street in southbound, then use a turnaround in . "It has the effect that if we are on what repairs, including resurfacing bed. In fact, it was to be closed and a Avenel to get back onto the north- East Hazelwood Avenue, we have to and out-and-out reconstruction in cer-The bridge, which connects East bound lanes. But that is a "bot go around to the opposite side of the lain areas, would cost but estimated ling of the Lawrence Street bridge was river, but that rarely happens," he them to be around \$40,000. northbound over the Rahway River, "It's terrible. Certain times of the said. was closed late last year after a rou- day you never think you're going to Ross said traffic has increased on ational Services for the county, said long the Milton Street bridge would damage caused by overloaded. This means that traffic, including asked if the increase in traffic is ment to do something about repairs, any problems, but I'm not a

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taking people out and hopefully we're

reaching a point where we can con-

Main Street by 50 percent. When his department has made a "commit- hold up, but added, "I don't expect garbage trucks heading for the UCUA affecting the road, Ross said, "Oh, to the road, possibly including paying magician." According to Department of Public incinerator, has to use Main Street, without question. Without question. for and doing the actual repairs. According to Fiorletti, the Works Superintendent J. Peter Ross, then East Milton Avenue, to reach There's no question in our mind that He added that his people "haven't Lawrence Street bridge is too far gone Main Street — that section of Main really looked at it," so he could not

was closed. He was hesitant to say Rahway River, also has damage to its Armand Fiorletti, director of Oper- Fiorletti said he was not sure how

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Tuesday's council meeting was preceded by a special meeting with the Glen Denning, Kennedy and Scott Apartment Complex Tenants Association, who brought a number of complaints before the council. Lon Caughman, president of the Rahway NAACP, listed for the coun filling of abandoned units at the Capobianco Plaza-based housing complex, the repair and maintenance of individual units, lack of timely response from Rahway's Housing Authority and further complaints about the security and police police foot patrols in the complex

Much of the compalints listed by Caughman were money-related including some delayed funding for a planned Social Services program and the Drug Elimination Coordinator, who name was withheld, not receiving her paychecks in two pay cycles or four weeks. Jones said the meeting was called partly because it was requested after a shooting in the complex on Feb. 26. No one was injured in the incident. Caughman repeated complaints by residents of drug selling and that the police still allow groups to congregate in the complex. Residents of the

complex said that an evening police foot patrol through the complex. funded through a federal grant, often do not go on patrols but instead sit in their office, something denied by the Executive Director of the Housing Authority, Jack McGrath. But Captain Kevin White said, "As far as police partols down there

we've been doing the job down there for a number of years. We've been doing a good job. Can we improve? Yes, we can." Since the shooting, the city administration, Housing Authority, police and council members have had one meeting, which Business Administrator Peter Pelissier called "very positive." The next step, he said, is to have

he police-meet with the residents of the complex. The Housing Authoriy's commissioners are selected by the council, but City Attorney Louis Rainone added that the authority is not bound to the will of the council and that recent legal action between the UCUA and Board of Chosen Freeholders suggest that the council cannot remove members without cause According to councilman Dave Brown, liaison to the Housing Authority, these problems ultimately have to be resolved between the Housing Authority and the Tenants Association and that both should sit down together and "put things on the table."

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