









## COMMUNITY FORUM

### Libraries make the community flourish

As the end of the 1996-97 school year rapidly approaches, students prepare for the summer months. For the most part, this means time spent away from the elementary, middle and high schools. Instead of days scheduled for the various subjects of science, mathematics, writing and arts, children venture onto beaches and perhaps summer work places. At the same time, adults try to enjoy all of the activities and privileges the summer weather often encourages. However, adults and children alike should note that although the schools may be closed, the public library remains open.

The public library is an extraordinary facility designed to allow a flow of information — even during the summer. What local public libraries are striving to do these days is to blend the traditional purpose of providing a service for basic research and reading enjoyment with the electronic information age.

If you haven't visited your local library recently, chances are you'll be in for a pleasant surprise. While computers continue to advance and speed our society, public libraries are constantly striving to keep pace. What is great about the computers that are accessible in most libraries is they allow for business knowledge, general interest and the same on-line sites the average home PC provides. Furthermore, the library is a good place to become accustomed to learning the "how to" knowledge of personal computer operation.

Yet computers and CD-ROMs are not the only attractions at most public libraries. Automated-system links between libraries can incredibly increase access to books and information. For example, a library may carry 55,000 volumes of material on the premises, but with electronic systems in place can reach far into an unlimited number of volumes.

Children's summer reading programs are also another benefit of the public library. Most libraries attempt to make learning as much fun as possible for children. In fact, almost all public libraries house a specific children's section to accommodate and make it easy to find materials for young pupils.

Finally, there are much more than books and magazines located in the public library. We advise checking out the videos, books on audio tape, and music available via the public library's collection.

Learning is certainly a process everyone at every age should desire to continue. Thankfully, the public library is there to serve the needs of the community and help it flourish through knowledge.

### Hospital still provides good care

A Linden woman has been charged with embezzling \$255,696 from Rahway Hospital, Linda Noreen Ward, 39, of West Gibbons Street was charged last Tuesday with theft by deception, a second-degree offense carrying a prison term of up to 10 years.

Although this is a serious crime, area residents should recognize the occurrence for what it is — an isolated incident. The hospital, which has assisted in the development of a primary care practice with 15 practitioners in Union and Middlesex counties, has handled the situation in a professional manner. Colleen Delaney, a spokesperson for the hospital, said services were not disrupted by the incident and that Ward was dismissed from her position last July after the hospital discovered discrepancies. In addition, the hospital conducted a full internal audit. Moreover, Delaney said the hospital has since taken measures to prevent this from happening again — Rahway Hospital has taken all of the auditing firm's suggestions and has separated duties to allow appropriate checks and balances.

The vision Rahway Hospital shared in the annual report to the community reveals the facility's value. Ronald Kowalczyk, chairman of the hospital's board of governors, indicates within the report the hospital's continuing effort to refine the techniques of managing health care. Kowalczyk states the hospital's objective to move toward a locally integrated system that has "defined itself in terms of its value to the individuals and community it serves." What is even more impressive than this goal to serve the community is the resources the hospital has to carry out its objective.

For example, the hospital opened a new magnetic resonance suite several months ago. According to Kowalczyk, this MRI facility houses the highly acclaimed Philips Gyroscan NT which offers high-quality, three-dimensional volume imaging for extremely detailed studies without discomfort to the patient. Next month, the hospital plans to open a new low-risk cardiac catheterization laboratory. Both of these additions are evidence that the hospital is moving in the right direction.

The alleged embezzlement incident has been rectified through the firing and investigation of the employee. Rahway Hospital certainly deserves to be commended for its commitment to meet the community's needs for preventive services, acute care and chronic care. Hence, the vision outlined in the hospital's annual report displays a genuine effort to provide quality health care to its customers.

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**YOUTH ON THE RISE** — Mayor James Kennedy and Police Chief Barry Henderson receive a T-shirt from a local youth group known as 'Youth on the Rise.' The youth group's slogan is 'No Drug Use' and the words 'Youth on the Rise' are a street-slang meaning 'I am clean and sober.' The group was formed for the purpose of combating youth drug use and teen violence. The presentation was held to show support for the city government and police in the fight against drug and alcohol abuse.

### As each spring passes, so does your life

I'd intended to write about spring when it was still spring. That, I figure, is one of the most important of my jobs. But I got busy and put it off, and now one night with the back door open I noticed mosquitoes dancing on the wall, and the people across the street were still talking me to call the police by leaving their dog outside to bark at raccoons and possums, and there's a hint of steaminess in the air, and spring has somehow passed into summer.

Not that I missed spring. Oh, I was keeping an eye on it. I wasn't as bad as a lot of people were saying. There were lots of big, breezy days after the rains, and what it lacked in flowers it almost made up for in the lushness of green things. No doubt, all the people who complained that spring was too cold never bothered to notice how well they were sleeping, and began springing about the street and humidity the first time the thermometer cracked 85 degrees.

I had been buying cups of coffee and sipping them while sitting on the floating dock at the boat ramp in Swanton, a wonderful place, enjoying the

#### Free Form

By Bob Rixon

nothing it made whenever a tugboat passed by. One day, an old clogger sat in a lawn chair and chain smoke came over and roiled into me to get off the dock. No matter that he totally loses control of the place on weekends, as idiot speed-boaters and skiers play demolition derby, so close to the ramp that boats crash into the pilings and waves wash over boat trailers and up the tailpipes of cars. The retired men who gather daily there to talk about their aches and pains, and how awful America has become look bemused by all the chaos, as if it confirms something they suspected all along about the true nature of the human psyche.

So I went out and bought the perfect beach chair, with a low seat but

not so low that every little wave wets my fancy, high-adjustable back, and a carrying strap. I spent an entire week bragging about how perfect it was, and how I was going to try it out. I took it out of the car for some reason and drove away without it. I've lost a few things that way before, and I bet you have, too.

At a backyard barbecue, I ate two hamburgers and three hot dogs and spent the next two days apologizing to my stomach, as well as to the anonymous dead animals "who deserved a better fate."

Spring makes me a little bit crazy and a whole lot impatient with people. The casting off of my winter clothes brings with it a need to cast off the ingrained patterns and concerns of short days and long nights. A friend who had gotten in the habit of calling me everyone she had an argument with the husband from whom she has been separated for two years now, having trouble finding a sympathetic ear at my number. I cut off her soap opera, saying, "I'd rather go to the store and than fall in love." At the time, it seemed like an irrational statement.

Bob Rixon is a resident of Rahway and a columnist for this publication. His e-mail address is rix@wfnm.org.

**Point Of View**  
By Thomas Rickey

The Truck Weight Enforcement Unit patrols the county roads, inspecting trucks and ensuring that trucks are not traveling overweight. Overweight trucks pose a great safety hazard to the public, because the brakes on an overweight truck may not stop the truck, plus overweight trucks cause great damage to the roads and bridges, which is very costly. The revenue generated by this unit is approximately \$3 million, plus approximately \$1 million in revenue generated by the Union County Police Patrol Force. This revenue is split with the town where the violations occur. However, where the violations are permitted by state law to enforce truck weight limits, they are the State Police and any county police.

The Sheriff's Department is prohibited by state law from enforcing these laws. Also, the attorney general, who is the chief law enforcement officer in the state, has determined that state law does not permit Sheriff's officers to issue even a regular traffic ticket as part of their routine duties. So if a merger of the County Police and Sheriff's Department takes place, the county and towns would lose approximately \$4 million in revenue, and the county would not be able to transport prisoners, providing security at the County Courthouse and Probation Building, serving warrants and arresting fugitives and a K-9 Unit, as these are their "core functions."

The County Police provides services and patrol functions on all county-owned property, parks and roadways, staff a Bomb Disposal Unit, Under Water Search and Rescue Unit, Mounted Unit, Narcotics Unit, SWAT Unit, Polygraph Unit and a Truck Weight Enforcement Unit, as these are their "core functions." In addition, the County Police provides officers to the County Narcotics Strike Force and Essex-Union County Auto Theft Task Force.

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### Modern life lacks spontaneity, spare time

There was a time in our nation's history when some families would think nothing of piling into a car on a Sunday afternoon and drive miles to visit, unannounced, friends and relatives.

In most cases such visits were welcome, and for the better part of the afternoon, the visitors and visitors would chat on about everything and nothing while drinking some beverage and nibbling on munchies. A good time was had by all. The visit ended about dinner, and the family arrived back at home in plenty of time for supper and the "Ed Sullivan Show," a Sunday night tradition.

Times have changed, and barking in unannounced to visit friends and relatives today is a breach of modern day etiquette. Such an action would invite an unanswered doorbell, a very cold welcome or no one home.

Today, our lives are run on strict schedules which cannot be breached. Even if you call ahead and tell the intended visitor you are planning to pay a visit, one might detect a hostile tone or an unanswered phone. We just do not visit people on the spur of the moment these days except to visit your 99-year-old Aunt Ada who never gets visitors and would be glad to see you. Otherwise, forget it.

We're all married to many things, and when a marriage to a spouse fails, those other marriages remain. I'm married to the seasons and no broken heart of my own has ever prevented me from enjoying the scent of honey-suckle, stopping to admire some daffodils, or watching the magic, big, breezy day makes upon trees and water.

We've given only one spring for each year we're alive, and each spring is different, and yet, each spring is the same spring, with the same wonders, and beauty, and hope. And spring never disappoints, because it always gives way to summer. If you miss spring, you miss your own life.

Norman Rauscher, a former newspaper publisher, is an active member of the Summit community.

**As I See It**  
By Norman Rauscher

Today with the rat race we are more or less forced to endure, proper manners call for the visitor to inform the visitor that he or she is coming in advance so that you will be in the neighborhood on such a day and if you are not doing anything, we'd like to drop in for a few minutes. If you get clearance, you're lucky. Otherwise, you will be a guest of the seasons, such as Junior will be in a soccer tournament, and the family is expected to attend, or little Judy is going to be off to an afternoon dance, and Mommy and Daddy must chaperone the dance, or Mommy/Daddy must catch up on work and prepare a report to deliver to the board of directors on Monday morning, and visitors are verboten.

During the week, visiting or having visitors can be as frustrating. The kids have soccer or band practice, little Judy has cheerleader practice, while Junior, during the summer, has a big baseball game coming up, and the

family is expected to attend, or Daddy missed his flight out of Detroit because the board of directors' meeting ran over and was afraid to leave until the meeting ended for fear of being transferred to a small town in the middle of Montana.

As you can see, visiting, finding time for your own, or the people you want to see, is getting more and more difficult. Of late, the year is now divided into sports cycles. We have the football season, the baseball season, the hockey and basketball seasons. Into that brew we have the Grand Slam tennis tournaments plus the playoffs in basketball and hockey, all topped off by automobile racing, beach volleyball and the creme de la creme—the World Series. So you can imagine to visit or have guests is getting more and more slender.

Seeing friends or relatives is a time-honored tradition in this nation. Now, I'm not saying that we should return to the days when we just popped in on friends or relatives before phoning ahead. Even when people pop in on me at an inopportune time, I can get somewhat testy, especially if I have no refreshments in the house or what we do have are stale and tasteless. For a guest of the seasons, I am dictated by a variety of responsibilities

to the editor of the Township of Clark, the Department of Recreation, and Sportsmen's Outfitter in Clark Village. I would like to express my appreciation to the following agencies, companies, and individuals who contributed to the test event fishing trip, held June 8 at Sperry Pond in Cranford. 200 fishermen enjoyed the day, due in large measure to the efforts and donations of those named below.

Pat Kierley, Frank's Tackle Supply, the Dinosaur of Dunkin' Donuts, Musky Trout Hatchery, Ray Giacobe of Pyramid Club in Rahway, Russ Thistle of B & B Electroplating, Ken Metzler of Schenck-Plough in Kenilworth, Rob Lenner of Robbie's Camera, Perez USA Karate and Fitness, St. Croix Rods, Darren Cardinal, Steven Saldano, Keith Sockell, Tim George, Ken Card, and Rall Mallen. Thanks, also, to all others who contributed to the success of this day. This event was dedicated to the memory of Davey, Bill, and Caryn, who shared our passion for fishing.

Don Madison, Sportsmen's Outfitter, Clark

**Don't blame Caruso**  
To the Editor:

I read with interest Clark Councilman William Kuecher's letter criticizing Bill Caruso. As a former candidate for the school board, according to Mr. Kuecher, I should blame Mr. Caruso for not getting elected. What a bunch of nonsense. I consider Bill Caruso, regardless of his political views, as somebody who has basically pointed out many of the shortcomings of both the political and educational establishments in Clark. And I am sure my running times agree, do not in any way blame him or anyone else for my not getting elected. If Mr. Kuecher feels this way, how does he explain Sal Bonaccorso, who is a very good friend of Mr. Caruso, getting elected to Town Council by an overwhelming majority of voters?

It is a shame that in Clark one is only identified by one's political affiliation and not necessarily by what else they believe in.

Maybe if more people started working together in this town instead of trying to throw blame around, more things would be accomplished.

We have a new school which has created some problems and I am sure will have many more problems before all the wrinkles are ironed out and it would be very helpful if everyone could work together for the benefit of the children and not their own interests. That includes our children's teachers. I am not against dollars being spent for education, however, I am against dollars being

spent for the wrong reasons.

Nettie L. Weber  
Rahway

**Letters to the Editor**

**May should study history**

To the Editor:

I am responding to Rahway Mayor Jim Kennedy's cavalier attitude regarding the only one of \$18 of taxpayer money to send the invitation "promoting Jim McGreevey's gubernatorial campaign." The amount spent, be it \$18 cents, \$18, \$18,000 or \$18 million, does not matter, mayor. What matters is that it's illegal. What part of "illegal" don't you understand?

The late Dave Bender, Rahway High School American History II teacher, taught us there is no substitute for integrity. Guess you never had Dave Bender for history, huh Jim?

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**Thanks for support**

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**Stop tax and spend attitude**

To the Editor:

The last few weeks, I've attended the Clark budget meetings. From these meetings, I learned that 65 percent of the municipal budget is mandatory spending as required by contract, ordinance, or state mandates. The remaining 35 percent is discretionary spending. I would like to know why discretionary spending cannot be cut by 40 percent.

In my mind, there are two areas in the municipal government that require mandatory spending: public safety and public works. The Police Department, Fire Department and emergency squad should get whatever they require to support public safety in Clark. Why should the chiefs have to beg for a computer for the patrol car? Don't our police deserve better? The public works should get what they need to maintain the infrastructure of the town. The money for paving the east side of the Municipal Building should be allocated to fixing the sidewalks. After these two areas, why can't we look to cut the budget?

As stated at the meeting, I am tired of the tax and spend government. If the Republicans in Trenton can find ways to cut, why not Clark?

Rich Geiger  
Clark

**JROTC Marines are city's best**

To the Editor:

On behalf of St. Mary's Parish, I would like to thank the JROTC Marines of Rahway High School — Kerry Weine, Kristie Hurst, Jeanne Marie Fagan and Dana Siles — for their impressive presence. Their poise and dignity greatly enhanced our observance of Memorial Day. Thanks also to Marine instructor Sgt. Maj. George Henry who accompanied and supported the young Marines of Rahway High.

Together with Rahway High School alumnae Dan Grigoriu, who accompanied the very moving "Taps," our young people showed us that they are indeed the very best that Rahway has to offer.

Theresa Mikala  
Rahway

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-The fire, which has been called

suspicious, did not result in any injuries.

The fire started, Kriesberg said, in a staircase between the second and third floors of the apartment house. The fire was a pile of newspapers.

The fire was put out by three tenants.

The fire is being called suspicious because there was no source of ignition that was readily available to start the fire and that there was no apparent reason for the newspapers to be there.

Kriesberg said there is also one apartment in the building whose occupants have fallen into trouble with the police before. The apartment has a good view of the outside "so that been smoking."

- Working out on your home can be fraught with dangers. Evidently, a lawnmower fire happened at 401 Monroe Street home on Wednesday.

Kriesberg said that a resident was filling his lawnmower with gasoline. He was about halfway through the tank when he ran out of gasoline, contacting the hot metal of the lawnmower, started to burn.

There were no injuries and the fire was put out by the fireman at the home with a fire extinguisher.

## EVENTS

Edison, will attempt to conjure up the visions of a massive beach party. The theme, "Sea You in September...For Shore," with decorations, refreshments and entertainment, will vividly remind attendees of the beaches and boardwalks of the Jersey Shore. Coney Island and New York Long Island.

Up for auction will be such items as weekend getaways, timeshares, tickets to sporting events and the theater, frequent flyer miles, artwork, restaurant dinners, memberships to health clubs, gift certificates for hair salon, cleaning, party, and automobile services, electronic and athletic equipment, computer lessons and clothing.

In addition, a special highlight of the event will be a *great* movie marathon.

This is the original Clark Show, formerly held at the Bamada Inn and

Items, the antique must meet several criteria.

Staff will be accepting Saturday morning donations between 9:30 a.m. and noon on Saturday at the Merchants and Drivers Tavern, located at the corner of St. Georges and Westfield avenues in Rahway. Items accepted for auction may qualify as tax-deductible contributions. Lesser items will be designated for the tag sale. For more information, call Ted Nevins at (908) 499-0279.

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## Community centers and pools offer kids' stuff

### Mountainside

• On Sunday, Trailside Nature and Science Center's planetarium will present an educational program on spring constellations and other sky events at 2 p.m. Included will be constellations such as Leo, Ursa Major, Boies and other visible planets. Each family will receive a spring star map. Admission is \$3 per person.

At 3:30 p.m., the planetarium will present a program exploring the dinosaur extinction-outer space connection. Admission is \$3 per person. For more information, contact Trailside at (908) 789-5670.

### Springfield

• Story lovers of all ages will be treated to a performance of folktales and songs about bugs and spiders by professional storyteller and guitarist Jim Robe of Nulley. The performance will take place at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., on June 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Children's Department.

Robe will kick off the library's 1997 "Go Buggy With Books" Summer Reading Club. The club draws more than 200 children each summer. Preregistration is required.

To preregister, call the Children's Department at (201) 376-6930, Ext. 1.

• The Recreation Department is taking tennis reservations for all courts in Springfield. Reservations will be taken up to 48 hours prior to that day. Weekday telephone reservations cannot be taken for the same day, since sheets are posted at the courts at 9 a.m. No reservations will be taken for weekends or holidays. Sign up will be the

same day at the court. All residents must have a photo ID to play on the courts.

### Berkeley Heights

• The Recreation Department of Berkeley Heights is sponsoring a Soccer Clinic for boys and girls in grades one to eight. The dates are June 30 through July 3 and July 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Columbia Park in Berkeley Heights. Rob Giesje, boys head soccer coach at Governor Livingston, is the director of the camp. Further information can be obtained by calling Gary Mills, the Berkeley Heights recreation director at 464-0550.

### Hillside

• The Public Library continues its June programs. The library will hold storytimes from 10:30 to 11 a.m. and again from 6:30 to 7 p.m. for children ages 2 to 8. Children will enjoy crafts, stories, fingerplays, movies and puppet shows.

• On Tuesdays, children can enjoy stories, fingerplays, games and puppet shows from 1 to 1:30 p.m.

• On Saturdays, enjoy book bingo. It will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. for children ages 5 to 13. All children playing book bingo will receive a prize. For more information, call 923-4413.

• The Community Pool will open Saturday, and there will be a special bonus weekend Saturday and Sunday. Membership applications are being accepted for the season at the Municipal Building on the second floor, in the pool office. Applications are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. After opening day, member-

ship can be obtained directly at the pool, located on Central Avenue. For more information call 354-3466.

### Elizabeth

• The Board of Education is planning for the 1997-98 school year and wishes to determine the approximate number of city youngsters who will be eligible to enroll in pre-kindergarten in September. If you are an Elizabeth resident with a child who will be 4 years old by Dec. 31, and you are interested in enrolling your child in pre-kindergarten

this fall, call the Board of Education at 558-3040 or 558-3041.

### Roselle Park

• Preschoolers ages 3 through 5 are invited to sign up for Snack Pack with their parents at the Casano Community Center. This 90 minute program meets Wednesdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday and June 11.

The cost for this program is \$1, each session. Call or go to the Casano Center at 314 Chestnut St. to sign up, or call 245-0666.

## With some discipline, your kids can say they ain't misbehavin'

Children misbehave on occasion, and it's normal for them to test the limits that the parents set. Using nonphysical methods of discipline can help them deal with their emotions and teach nonviolent ways to solve problems. If you have a 3-or 4-year-old at home, here are some planning tips:

• Make rules that fit your child's age and keep them simple. Kids need rules for things like bedtime and playtime, and they should have a clear understanding about where they can or cannot go.

• Be consistent about rules and discipline. When you make a rule, stick to it. Setting rules and then not enforcing them is confusing.

• Try using a time-out. Place your child in a quiet place when he misbehaves. Ask him to sit quietly, usually one minute for each year of age. This method is not appropriate for "very young children" who may not understand.

Every October the nation's pediatricians and the American Academy of Pediatrics call upon parents to think about the importance of preventive health care. Join them during Child Health Month this year to once again speak out against violence. Help place solutions before problems.

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## Wanted: children to become actors and artists

The Westfield Summer Workshop will kick off its 26th season on June 30 for a five-week run. Registration is ongoing and open to children from all New Jersey towns. The drama department weighs in with seven courses, including one brand new one. There are also two dramatic productions taking place at this summer's workshop, a musical version of *Robin Hood* and *The Wizard of Oz*. Both are open to sixth through ninth graders, and there are no auditions.

The newest addition to the drama courses is a class called Fairy Tale Theater. It is for first, second and third graders who are interested in entering the magical world of classic fairy tales while acting out selected scenes. First and second graders can also sign up for Adventures in Drama, where they will learn the basics of drama through theater games, pantomime and story dramatization.

Youngsters will learn to master sleight of hand if they register for Abacardabra, a class which is divided up into four sections: grades one and two, two and three, three to

five, or four through six. Students will be instructed to perform a number of magic tricks using basic routines and materials. Cloning Around is also a fun class dedicated to introducing kids to the world of cloning. Magic, mime, timing, stage presence, makeup and costume are all a part of this course.

Children's Theater is a course designed to help fourth and fifth graders develop their acting technique while performing dramatic scenes from plays. Junior Acting Workshop, for grades six to nine, takes it one step further by developing a sense of character, timing, movement and dialogue in the students. And Storytime Playhouse, for third and fourth graders, incorporates pantomime and improvisation into story dramatization.

The Workshop also offers 80 other courses in a wide variety of subjects, from French horn to fencing, which can be taken with drama offerings and productions. Classes are held at Edison Intermediate School on Rahway Avenue in Westfield between 8:30 and 12:30 each weekday.

The Westfield Summer Workshop, a five-week arts program for students in pre-school through grade 10, also announced the publication of its 1997 summer brochure. The booklet contains a listing of 87 separate courses in specialty areas.

There are 32 offerings in the arts and crafts curriculum. Popular courses in painting, drawing, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, basketry and cartooning are among the many standard classes. New to the department this year are courses in decoupage, decorative arts, which involves stamp arts and arts and stenciling, and a carving course in which students will actually carve a small village.

The communications department offers 11 courses, some of which include sign language, writing, TV production and Spanish. A new course called Video Animation offers students the opportunity to create their own animated cartoons.

Fencing, which was a popular selection in the past, has returned to the dance and movement division along with aerobics and Taekwondo.

Nine individual classes will be held in musical instruction. This will include piano, keyboard, string and brass instruments and is intended for all experience levels. Group voice lessons are part of the music department.

Kaleidoscope, which includes such courses as chess, math, science and reading, contains 10 courses. New this year are Kitchen Chemistry and Cooking Magic.

In Theater World, students can choose from two major theater productions for grades 6 to 10: "The Wizard of Oz" and a musical version of "Robin Hood." The Traveling Players, boys and girls in grades 4 to 7, will continue to entertain residents of senior citizen housing, nursing homes and hospitals.

The pre-school department offers a class for 3- and 4-year-olds while the kindergarten class is intended for students who will be entering school in September. This latter group is divided into several smaller classes of approximately 10 students each, which allows for greater individual attention.

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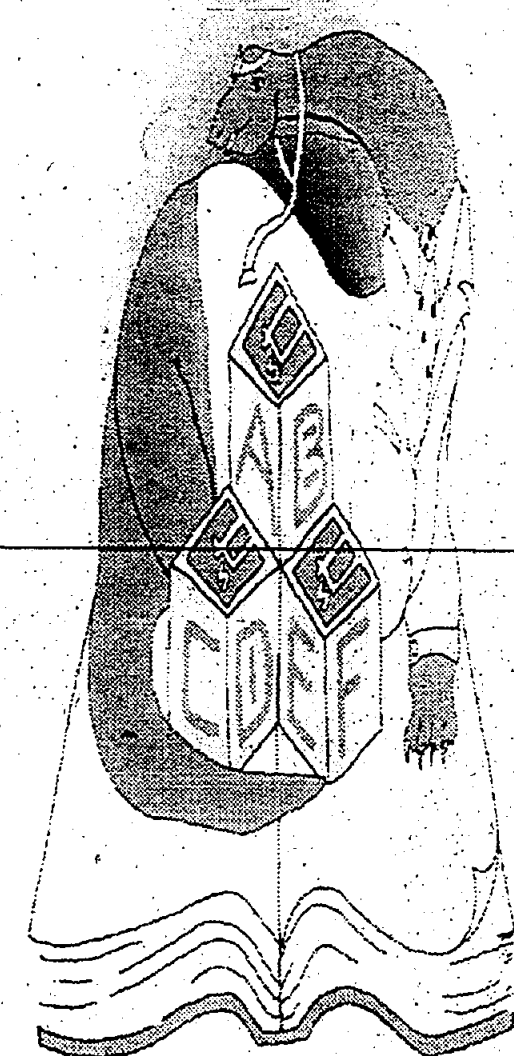
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## DAREing students



Sixth-graders from St. Theresa's and Harding School in Kenilworth celebrate their graduation from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program. The kids were treated to a pool party at the Orange Avenue Pool in Cranford. Front, from left: Theresa Sues, Sean Kaverick, Shirley Reim, Steve Washuta, Nicole Placca, Jesse Sivert, Michael Hoag and Nicole Dixon. Rear, from left: Capt. William Dowd, Patrolman Dan Rios, Detective Sgt. Ricky Dopf, Chief of Police Donald Tisch and Detective John Zimmerman.

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Now that your child is in school, the potential for viral outbreaks in your home increases dramatically. But you can help prevent the spread of germs that cause many of the illnesses children can bring home from school, by following these tips:

- Kids can bring home any or more than 200 viruses that cause the common cold. They can be exposed by touching an infected person or a contaminated surface like a doorknob or toy. Once the virus is on their hands, they become infected by touching their nose or eyes. To help reduce viral spread, practice a routine of thorough handwashing and regular disinfection with a disinfectant.
- Family members should wash hands immediately upon arrival home from school, play or work. Also wash after using the bathroom and before eating.
- To lower the risk of germ transmission when a family member is sick, use disposable bathroom paper cups instead of glass or plastic. Also, pour peroxide on all toothbrushes every day until the family member recovers. Let brushes dry before using.
- Is there a baby in the house? Help prevent exposure to the highly contagious respiratory syncytial virus. While infected adults and many children get only a cold, RSV often leads to bronchiolitis in infants. Since RSV is spread through contact with secretions from an infected person, make sure family members practice careful handwashing, and disinfect commonly touched surfaces on a regular basis.
- Unfortunately, it's not possible to tell the average viral sore throat from the more serious bacterial strep throat, which can result in throat abscesses, kidney inflammation and rheumatic fever. The good news: A simple throat culture is all that's needed to make that diagnosis. If it's strep, antibiotics can be prescribed.

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Pre-first grade programs start with "The Two of Us," an hour-long, interactive program for adults and their 3-4-year-old child. "The Two of Us" is offered on Tuesdays at 9:30 or 11 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. throughout the summer. Themes explored will be seashells, dandelions, Leaps Indians, pond & brook sampling, bubbles and miniboats.

For the 4-6-year-old set, Trailside offers 4-day, one-hour long drop-off workshops. Parents can combine two workshops to allow for a 2-1/2-hour long program which includes a supervised snack break in between.

Students entering the first or second grades may register for "Trailside Rockets," a geology mini-camp featuring rock and mineral identification and collection. There are also two 5-day camps: "Nature Discovery Club" and "Earth and Sky Wonders." Each camp is divided into two 3-hour long sessions.

Camp is also offered for older children. For third and fourth graders, choose from "Junior Naturalists," "Eco-Kids" and "Astro Nuts/Back to Basics." For fifth and sixth graders, Trailside offers "Trailside Trailwalkers," a multi-session hiking workshop designed to provide participants with the skills and knowledge necessary for hiking. Hikes will be led by an experienced naturalist. "Knots and Lashing" will teach this age group basic knots and lashing techniques.

For the animal lover in 7, 8 or 9 grades, the center will be providing an opportunity to go behind the scenes at Trailside and learn the "do's & don'ts" of animal care during "Animal Care & Behavior." This 3-session, 2-hour long program will have students studying the care and behavior of live reptiles and other animals on exhibit through hands-on activities.

In addition to the age group workshops and camps, Trailside also offers many family programs throughout the summer. Topics include: "Stream Search," "Night Out With the Stars," "The Forest At Night," and "When I'm Sleepy." A brand new program, "Railway River Rumble," will take families on a canoe ride down the lazy Rahway River in Cranford.

Other family possibilities include Wednesday Matinees, held every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the museum show room. Thursday's 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. "Summer Performance" feature musical drama, live animals, dinosaurs, puppet, and an interactive show about electricity, magnetism, light, sound and simple machines.

All programs except Planetarium and matinees require pre-registration. Call ahead for space availability. For more information regarding fees, times, availability of any, other Trailside programs, call (908) 789-3670.

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### Coming for medical help



5-year-old Rael Pena, center, arrives at Rahway Hospital for special surgical care. Showing that parents sometimes need help not usually available, Healing the Children Midlantic, Inc., a non-profit organization devoted to providing medical care to children, sponsored the child. Pena has undergone multiple surgeries for the correction of a cleft lip and cleft palate, and for reconstructive surgery to the ear. He also received a full array of corrective dental care from two doctors in Westfield. Rear, from left, nurses Elsa Santiago, Oglatha Long and Diane Stulga.

### Plan summer parties for winter birthdays

For many youngsters, the holiday season is also birthday season. And while this can often mean receiving double presents, it can also lead to a birthday that's simply tucked on to Christmas or Hanukkah. Here are some suggestions that will help make a holiday-season birthday special.

- **Change the season.** By creating a beach party with a summer theme, you'll not only make that birthday unique, you'll open it up to some interesting ideas. Start with a treasure hunt to find lost toys on a treasure island.
- **Use decorations to help create the summer theme.** Be sure to include pails and shovels, beach chairs and umbrellas, and don't forget sun glasses and sunscreen!
- **Partygoers will "all swim for ice cream"** when you dress up like a beach vendor and hand out ice cream pops and Dixie cups.
- **Carry out the summer party theme** by setting the table with a brightly colored tablecloth, paper plates and cups. Place party favor bags filled with colorful seashells by each place setting.
- **When it's time to open the presents at the end of the party, your youngster will be mighty happy** that his or her birthday was special.

According to American Greetings, small birthday celebrations with close family and friends are preferred to big parties only only by adults and teenagers, but by kids as well.

### Bicycle safety class




At St. Mary's School in Elizabeth, kindergarten students were given a lecture on bicycle safety by Community Assistance Team Officer David Disordi and Bicycle Patrol Officer Steven Guinla, at rear. Flanking the group are the students' teachers Miss Rice and Miss Sprang. The lecture is part of a series of safety programs given by the Community Assistance Team to promote bicycle safety.

### Teach children to not fear the faucets

Small children may fear the evening bath and accompanying shampoo, but bath time doesn't have to end in tears if parents find ways to turn it into fun time.

Try the following suggestions to make shampooing easier and to make bath time more enjoyable:

- **Provide an example.** Pour water over your head first to demonstrate to the child that it won't hurt. Or bring your child's favorite doll into the bathtub and encourage him or her to wash the doll's hair while you wash your child's.
- **Sing along.** Sing songs with your child throughout the bath. If you let your child sing loudly, he or she will be even happier.
- **Keep shampoo and water out of eyes.** Give your child a fluffy washcloth to hold over his or her eyes to prevent water and shampoo from slipping into your child's eyes.
- **Use a delicate shampoo** with a gentle, tear-free formula, which provides gentle cleansing and detangling in a single step.
- **Try the sink instead.** If your child strongly objects to the bath, try washing hair in the sink. Wrap the child in a big towel and lay him or her on the kitchen counter, face up with head over the sink.
- **Find a new shampooer.** If Mom usually does the shampooing, let Dad try, or vice versa. An aunt, cousin or grandparent might even do the trick.

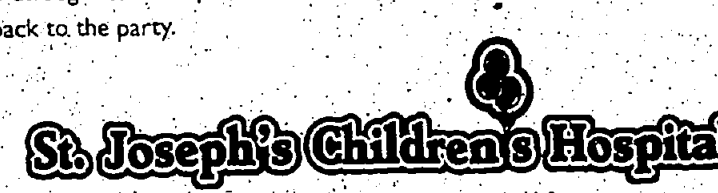


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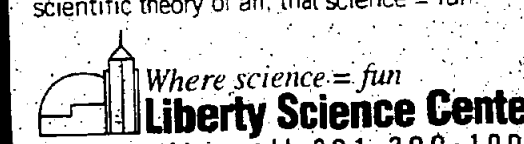
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## Time spent together can be family reward

A new survey reveals that families today spend as much or more time together than they did a generation ago. However, what they do during their time together has changed. The Nuella Family Time Survey revealed that on average, moms and kids spend 42 hours a week together, often accomplishing simple, everyday tasks like preparing and eating meals, running errands and doing household chores. What becomes really important is to turn these everyday moments into opportunities to spend quality family time together.

While no one can create more hours in the day, we can all make every minute count. Moms can turn even the most seemingly mundane chores into treasured family moments. Here are some quick and easy ideas for making every moment with your kids, from sunrise to sunset, special.

### In the morning

• Today I'm going to... Start the day off by learning about your children's aspirations. At breakfast, ask everyone to state an attainable goal for the day. Then at dinner, ask how every one fared. Encourage people to try again tomorrow if they didn't succeed today. Good goals never lose their value!

### After school

• Snack art — Use your holiday cookie cutters to create fun shapes from slices of bread. To make them really special, spread the bread cutouts with Nutella, a hazelnut spread. Give your young artists smooth butter knives, and let them sculpt animals, people and buildings. Sticed fruit bits or chunks can be used to create additional details. When the masterpieces are finished, let the eating begin!

### Dinner time

• Impromptu dinner speeches — Demonstrate that members of your family are among the wisest and most eloquent speakers you know. Write categories — friends, family, community hobbies — on strips of paper. Put the strips into a bowl and open it around each person draws one slip. Next, decide on an order of play, and ask everyone to give a two-minute talk on the subject he or she drew. This is a great way to enhance communication between family members.

### Bedtime

• Design a dream — Encourage your children to create pleasant dreams by plotting their own story line and sharing it with you. Have your dream-makers describe who's in the dream, what happens and how it ends. Your kids will have a great time telling you the dream of their dreams.

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## County park is the site of family musical fun

Music will fill the night air in Echo Lake Park when the annual Union County Summer Arts Festival begins its season Wednesday.

"This weekly concert series has something to everyone," said County Freeholder Chairman Linda Stender. "Our Parks and Recreation staff spends the entire year planning the best schedule possible."

"The public is encouraged to come down to the park every Wednesday evening during the summer at 7:30 p.m. Our first concert is the ever-popular Ocean County String Band," said Freeholder Vice Chairman Daniel Sullivan, who also serves as liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. "The Ocean County String Band is a lively group of musicians, known for their upbeat music and spirited dancers. Their brilliantly colored, feathered costumes are the highlight of the evening."

The schedule for the rest of the 1997 Summer Arts Festival is: July 2, The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, sponsored by Chase Manhattan Bank; July 9, Jukebox Heroes, featuring the Mahoney Brothers, sponsored by Comcast Cablevision; July 16, A reggae, calypso evening, featuring Verdell; July 23, Dixieland, featuring the

**On July 2, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m. in Echo Lake Park in Mountainside.**

Wooster Street Trolley Jazz Band, sponsored by Schering Plough Corp.; July 30, Oldies night, featuring A.J. and the Hearts, sponsored by Tosco Bayway Refinery.

Aug. 6, Country western night, featuring Eagle Creek; Aug. 13, An evening of Motown, with the Sensational Soul Cruisers, sponsored by Autoland.

Aug. 20, Big band night, featuring the Sammy Kaye Orchestra; Aug. 28, The Party Dolls, sponsored by PSE&G.

All concerts are held at the Springfield Avenue end of Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets are encouraged. There is a refreshments stand available beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m.

**We Offer Great Programs for Kids and Families!!**  
**Kidz Klub**  
 Our Kidz Klub program happens each Sunday morning at 10:30 A.M. Children enjoy active learning and life principles in fun and creative ways. Kidz Klub is for children between the ages of 2 and 14.

**Vacation Bible School**  
 The "Wild Frontier Bible Theme Park" is this year's theme for VBS.  
 The program begins on Monday, July 14th and continues through Friday, July 18th for children ages 3-12. The "theme park" is located at The Life Christian Church, 106 Harrison Avenue, West Orange, NJ. The "Main Gate" opens each day at 10:00 A.M. and closes at 12:30 P.M. Admission is Free! For more information, call the church office at (201) 731-7744.

**Other Great Programs**  
 The Life Christian Church also offers REACH, a mentoring program for children of single parents, music programs, the annual October Harvest party, and much more!

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## Plan children's activities when traveling

At last — the house is safely secured, the car is packed, the kids are buckled up. You even remembered to turn off the iron before driving away. Now, as you pull out of the neighborhood, ready to begin the family vacation you've been planning for months, reality sets in. Less than four blocks from home, you hear: "Are we there yet?" "How much farther?" and worse: "Mom, Susie keeps hitting me!"

The AAA New Jersey Automobile Club Travel Agency offers the following tips to help keep your kids occupied while driving to your destination.

• Before you go, stop by the AAA Store, located in your local AAA office, and pick up a copy of the "AAA Travel Activity Book" for each of your children. At \$5.91, it's a real bargain, packed with enough entertaining and educational games, puzzles and drawing activities to keep the kids busy for miles. The AAA Store also carries a variety of other children's travel activity books and games specially discounted for AAA members.

• Create grab bags for your kids to dig into during the trip. Take ordinary brown paper lunch bags, personalize them with each child's name and decorate with full stickers. Fill the bags with dime-store goodies, toys and trinkets, then staple them shut and save them for the trip. Build a sense of anticipation by letting your kids know that a treasure trove of treats awaits them as you head towards your destination. If the trip is a long one, you may want to make several bags, parceling them out throughout the journey.

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• Take along a few of your children's favorite books and toys. A drastic change of scene can be disconcerting to young ones, so a familiar teddy bear or doll can ease the way.

• Pack a picnic basket and cooler with snacks and drinks — be sure to steer clear of sugary substances, known to charge up even the most placid kids, and go easy on the liquids for obvious reasons. Instead, try trail mix or fruit roll-ups and compact fruit juice boxes.

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## Some sample answers to 5 simple questions

If you're a new parent, or you know someone who is, clip this column. Here are the top five most common infant feeding questions asked by callers to the Beech-Nut Nutrition Helpline, compiled by Jean Selberg of Beech-Nut's Consumer Information Services.

**Q. When should I start my baby on solid foods?**  
A. Each baby is different, but the average is about four months. Your doctor should check for these signs: (1) Your baby is no longer satisfied by breast milk or formula; (2) can sit up with your support, and (3) can hold his head up without support and turn it away when he doesn't want to eat anymore.

**Q. What's the first solid food to start with?**  
A. Most doctors advise a single grain cereal. Rice cereal is the best first choice because it's a good source of iron, calcium and other vitamins, and it's easy for your baby to digest. After feeding rice cereal for three to five days, try introducing oatmeal cereal or barley cereal. But wait until baby is six months old before trying wheat cereal because some babies are sensitive to wheat.

**Q. Is my baby more likely to eat food with added salt?**  
A. Adults can taste four basic tastes: salty, sweet, sour and bitter. But young babies can taste only three: sweet, sour and bitter. Salt has no impact on the taste buds of the baby and no impact on how much she will eat. Since most foods naturally contain the small amount of salt your baby needs, the American Academy of Pediatrics says there is no need to add salt to baby food. The Surgeon General makes an even stronger statement: Do not add salt to baby's food. You also may wish to check the ingredients on baby food labels.

**Q. What about foods with added sugar?**  
A. Many nutritious foods, including fruits and even some vegetables such as sweet potatoes, have a satisfying natural sweetness. And that's enough for baby! Feeding too many baby foods with added sugar may get your baby used to foods that taste unnaturally sweet. This keeps your baby from learning and appreciating the true range of flavors in foods. It also adds empty calories to your baby's diet. Read the labels.

**Q. How can I get my baby to eat more vegetables?**  
A. Some doctors and dietitians recommend trying vegetables before you start with fruits. If this way, baby will be more likely to accept and enjoy the special flavors of vegetables. If you've already started baby on fruits, remember that babies tend to reject unfamiliar food, and tastes at first, so be patient. It may take a few tries before your baby learns to enjoy some vegetables.

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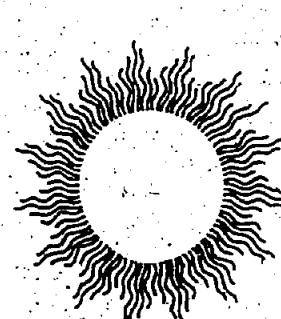
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SECTION B

## Fun awaits your kids at the public library

Roselle Park  
Summer has arrived at the Roselle Park Veterans Memorial Library, 404 Chestnut St. "Go Buggy With Books," the Children's Department Summer Reading Club, runs from June 30 to August 25, and is open to Pre-K to 7th grade children. Pre-readers, new readers and junior readers are all welcome to join.

The Opening Kickoff Day is scheduled for June 30 when participants can register anytime between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. For those unable to attend that day, registration will be ongoing for the first few weeks of the Club.

Summer Programs will run from July 14 to Aug. 22, and will include crafts, bingo and games. Brochures will be available June 30.

For more information, call the Children's Department at (908)245-2456.

Clark  
The Children's Department of the Clark Public Library is pleased to announce the "Go Buggy With Books" summer reading club program which will be held between Monday and Aug. 15, 1997. Children between age 2 and 6th grade may register for the reading club. Beside reading, everyone will also enjoy attending the programs such as story times (registration required), crafts, contests or special events; receive giveaways; and be rewarded for reading.

Children who register must be Clark residents. Please visit or call the library at (732) 388-5999 for more information and registration.

Children's Librarian Friday and 130 to 9 p.m. on Thursday. Visit the library during these hours for any summer program related services.

On June 27, the Clark Library will present Peanut Butter 'N' Jammin' Kids Concert for children of all ages as the opening event of "Go Buggy With Books" summer reading club. The dynamic duo of Davne and Michael have captivated audiences of children of all ages throughout New Jersey. Their playful and whimsical antics, combined with their exceptional musical talents, will have kids jammin' to some of the most popular music of our times.

Children will receive a picture-to-color after the program.

Linden  
The following is a list of activities at the Linden Library branches.

East Branch, 1425 Dill Ave. Aisha Ning, Children's Librarian 289-3829, Wednesday at 3:30 p.m., Children's Concert, Songwriter and singer Sue Trainor presents a special concert for children of all ages.

Monday at 1 p.m. Animal Wonders, Ann Harper presents a live animal show. Go Buggy With Books Summer Reading Club begins on June 23, and ends on July 22 at East Branch.

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## One can't doubt the new class

Forget the Fourth of July. It's only a celebration of the subversive actions of long-dead white males who created an oppressive, racist, patriarchal society in which people must — yeech — work for a living.

Instead, I propose this Saturday become the new day of celebration. We'll call it "Dependence Day."

On Saturday, a group of "welfare rights" activists will begin a 10-day march at the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia and will proceed through New Jersey to the United Nations in Manhattan.

The organizers of this march claim to protest "the human rights violations of our government's current welfare reform policies" and to "demand that everyone should have the right to a job at a living wage."

They call it the "March for Our Lives." I call it the march for our livelihood.

## Common Sense

By Joy Hochberg  
Regional Editor

I wrote about this nonsense on this page two weeks ago and was surprised to receive another letter until I received a letter from the most enlightened and compassionate soul since Jesus. In her note, Joanne Esch of the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless repeats the same gibberish that the march's organizers say.

They protest welfare reform laws by claiming that everyone has the right to a job at a living wage. It's important to remember that they're not interested in "jobs" as most people define the word. To them, collecting welfare is their job, and the repeal of the federal welfare entitlement last year is putting an end to their careers. To make matters worse, that termination is coupled with Governor Whitman's Work First program.

The horror! Imagine having to work for your money! Why, that's not in the spirit of dependence and addiction!

I have just a few questions for Joanne and friends:

• Where, in either the U.S. or New Jersey constitutions, or in what court ruling, is my "right" to collect welfare checks mentioned?

• Where is it written that any American must make a gift of his money to me?

• For the sake of argument, I'll assume you really want employment for the welfare addicts. According to what law am I entitled to a job at a "living" wage? If I have that right, then someone else has to provide that position and the salary. What about that employer's right to operate his business, control his property, and spend his money the way he wants within the law?

• Am I not responsible for finding my own job at a salary I think is fair? Shouldn't your marchers do the same, instead of pasting their children in front of television cameras for 10 days during their walk to the UN?

• To avoid those inconveniences, shouldn't government confiscate all private wealth for redistribution as it sees fit?

I already know the answers to those questions, but I'd love to hear Joanne admit she thinks — or rather, feels — that no one should have the freedom to produce and succeed because others cannot keep up. I want to hear her say there is a new class in America.

She won't admit that, of course. Not even the waste in government — such as Donald Payne, her congressman — would say anything like that in public.

## As DEP rewards UCUA, bill could speed deregulation

### Full Assembly could vote on waste flow this year

By Stan Dally  
Staff Writer

A bill that could affect the UCUA and Union County has been released from committee and is awaiting a vote in the General Assembly.

Assemblyman John Gibson, R-Cape May, Atlantic, Cumberland and the bill that was released after the seventh and final public hearing on June 12.

The bill, if passed unchanged by the Legislature and signed into law, will govern the deregulation of the solid waste industry in New Jersey. This deregulation would replace the existing waste flow laws in New Jersey, which have been declared unconstitutional by a federal court, and could be repealed as early as the first week in October.

The bill has been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee, which has yet decided on a date for a vote on the bill.

This bill is unpopular with the Board of Chosen Freeholders. According to Chairman Linda Stender, a Democrat, Gibson's bill washes the state's hands of a county crisis it had created when it ordered counties to devise waste flow solutions.

The current waste flow laws, according to Stender, required New Jersey's counties to build and maintain their own utilities authorities, including the Raritan-based UCUA in Union County. These laws then required Union County's municipalities to send their garbage to the UCUA for disposal.

These laws gave the UCUA a monopoly on garbage disposal in Union County by guaranteeing its business. But the repeal of the current waste flow laws will mean that Union County's municipalities will be able to send garbage anywhere. The UCUA will have to compete in a free market, something that it can't do now.

This is because its per-ton garbage fee or "tipping fee" is currently \$83.05; this is about \$40 higher than what some landfills in Pennsylvania charge. If the UCUA loses enough business, it won't be able to keep up with payments on its more than \$200 million in debt and could default on its bonds. The county would then have to repay \$35 million, since it guaranteed that much of the UCUA's bonds.

The county could wind up paying more, Gibson said that his bill would "require the counties to be responsible for their authorities." This could mean that the counties could get the power to raise property taxes to pay for the bonds — a raise in property taxes.

At least one member of the UCUA Board of Commissioners said he agrees. "My view is basically that we should not make the debt a burden of the taxpayers," said Chairman John Kulish.

Gibson said that his bill was released with two others, one of which would create a \$20 million state aid package.

"I think that A-50 represents the best opportunity that legitimate bondholders — the municipalities and pops, if you will — will have statutory protection and that the county utilities authorities will be competitive and will lower rates throughout the state," Gibson said.

Kulish did not think that the bill would do very well, since this is an election year.

"The average homeowner — the voter — is not going to be too keen to get additional taxes from the state," he said.

UCC Elizabeth campus may gain a new building

By Sean Dally  
Staff Writer

There might be a new building on the Elizabeth campus of the Union County Economic Development Corporation.

Also planned for the campus is a Center for Workplace Advancement, which would provide training to employees and "creative intervention" with "under-performing" employees. There will also be a teleconference center with satellite uplinks and downlinks for educational programs and meetings.

Students and faculty will have access to the library and the Internet Technology Center and Family Education and Training Center. Students also will have access to the teleconference center and the teleconference center.

## Recycling effort earns state praise

The Union County Utilities Authority has received an award from the state Department of Environmental Protection for its recycling program.

The award was presented to the authority at a ceremony held in the courtyard of the DEP building on April 23 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the passage of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, which mandated recycling. Accepting the award was Deputy Executive Director Harry Pappas.

Deputy Recycling Coordinator Patricia Miller and Program Compliance Specialist Steven Stanaback.

In addition to this award, the authority's recycling has been recognized within the last year by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for its Spent Fluorescent Lamp Recycling Program, the Association of Environmental Authorities for its Overall Recycling Public Education Program and the DEP for its Outstanding Achievement in Recycling.

"Union County is one of the most aggressive and innovative recycling programs in the state," said UCUA Executive Director Joseph Spina. "The authority expects to continue to be a leader in the recycling field and will strive to achieve all goals set by the state."

Now that the state has reached a target of 65 percent of recycling the waste stream, a higher goal is sought, said DEP Commissioner Robert Shinn.

"I would like to take the opportunity to announce a new statewide recycling goal of 65 percent of our total waste stream by the year 2000," said Shinn, adding that the state has the most ambitious recycling goal of the nation.

The UCUA is still pinning its hopes on plans to reduce costs and find additional sources of revenue, all to reduce the tipping fee at the incinerator. They are also hoping for federal legislation that would grandfather the waste flow laws in New Jersey. This, he said, is apparently "bogged down."

The UCUA's bonded debt totaled more than \$200 million when the state of New Jersey guaranteed \$35 million, a sum that county taxpayers would have to cover if the UCUA defaults on its bonds.

Default could be an option in the event of deregulation regardless of the Legislature's action. If the federal court ruling stands on appeal, the waste flow laws will be voided in a little more than one year.

Due to the UCUA's debt structure, deregulation is its biggest threat. Repayment of the authority's bonds depends on the tipping fee it charges the county's 21 municipalities. That tipping fee cannot be changed, which in turn has driven the City of Elizabeth to search for alternative destinations for its solid waste.

especially the redevelopment of its downtown area.

Plans are tentative now, according to Brown. He could not say how much the building would cost or where funding for it would come from.

One of the primary uses of the building would be for training students and faculty, but to train employees and have companies meet members of the Union County Economic Development Corporation.

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For more information about the club, contact Lehmann at (201) 525-7205 or e-mail him at rlehmann@msi.com.

## Tech's top teacher



James Nardi, center, instructor of the electrical technology program at the Union County Vocational-Technical School in Scotch Plains, accepts the Teacher of the Year Award from Board of Education President Charles Mancuso, while Principal Carol Hopper looks on. Nardi is a nine-year veteran of the school.

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### Horseback riding lessons

The opportunity to learn to ride a horse exists this summer at the county's Equestrian Camp. Equestrians of all abilities, especially beginners, are invited to enroll in one or two of the week-long sessions which includes instructional riding, trail rides, learning general care of a horse and a barbecue. Campers will also be able to participate in a Horse Show at the end of the summer. Watching Stables, 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside, is the site for this opportunity for fun, fitness and learning. Camp is open to boys and girls ages nine to 17.

Enrollment is limited to a maximum of two weeks per child. Scheduled sessions will be held beginning the week of June 24 and ending the week of Aug. 19. Sessions are Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., except for the week of June 30-July 3 when camp will be held Monday through Thursday.

Participants may register 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee is \$220 per session for Union County residents; \$260 for out-of-county. All registration must be completed in person. Proof of residence

and a birth certificate will be required. For further information, contact the Watching Stables at (908) 789-3665.

### Memorial walk

The memories of Father Charles Hudson remain very much alive in the hearts and minds of the tens of thousands of people he touched in his life. The Center for Hope Hospice, the organization he co-founded in the late 1970s with Margaret J. Coloney, is now giving everybody the opportunity to share his dream.

Walk for the Center for Hope Hospice, in memory of Father Charles Hudson, will be held Sunday, at Nomahegan Park in Cranford. The deadline will kick off at 10 a.m. and conclude at 1 p.m.

"Every year Father Hudson walked in memory of all the patients who died in his program," said Coloney, president of The Center for Hope Hospice. "This year our staff and many family members of former patients requested to walk in memory of Father."

The day will include something for everyone. All walkers will be given the opportunity to write the name of their loved ones on the complimentary T-shirts and balloons.

## Low funding is a roadblock at the gateway

### Freeholder Forum

By Linda Stender

The federal and state governments' Because in spending on roads, priority has been given by the DOTs in Trenton and Washington to new construction, rather than maintaining existing roads. Actually, New Jersey ranks fourth highest among all 50 states in spending on new roads. Sixty-one percent of federal highway aid to New Jersey is spent on new roads, yet almost one-quarter of all existing roads in our state have been classified as poor or mediocre.

Not only only 40 percent of federal aid is used to build new highways. It is easy to see how Union County, a fully developed area, would be shortchanged. We must lobby aggressively to shift the majority of spending from new roads to maintaining our existing roadway network. That's what makes sense for Union County.

The state DOT already admits that the cost of maintaining our existing system exceeds available funding. Adding more roads will only increase maintenance costs, thus depriving

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developed counties like Union, even more.

The highly respected Tri-State Transportation Campaign says that New Jersey's transportation infrastructure — particularly in fully developed counties like Union — has major maintenance needs. Most highways and bridges are more than 30 years old. Infrastructure repairs and maintenance use up most available funding.

Of the 2,500 bridges under state jurisdiction, Tri-State says, 20 percent are functionally obsolete and 24 percent are structurally deficient. Not necessarily mean they're unsafe, they are restricted in load capacity. Of the 2,400 bridges maintained by counties and municipalities, 17 percent are functionally obsolete and 31 percent are structurally obsolete.

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## HEALTH/FITNESS &amp; MEDICINE



Sarah Ahmad, age 11, shows Emma Haik, Child Life coordinator at Saint Barnabas, how she can perform with the teaching doll.

## Dolls help to illustrate pediatric procedures

The Department of Pediatrics at Saint Barnabas Medical Center has purchased two teaching dolls for use in the Child Life Department and the Pediatric Fund Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders. "They are invaluable teaching tools for children and allow the child to perform the procedure on the doll first, removing what will take place," says Child Life Coordinator Emma Haik. "These dolls, which cost a total of \$1,500, are anatomically correct, and show both external body parts and internal organs. An anatomically correct 'second skin' mask over the torso and can demonstrate accurately many procedures such as catheterization, IV line use, bone marrow aspiration sites and spinal taps. The more comprehensive doll remains in the Child Life Department, and the other doll, tailored to procedures performed for children with cancer and blood disorders, stays at the Valerie Fund Center. The anatomically correct fabric and changeable wigs enable the dolls to represent a variety of ethnic backgrounds. The dolls are dressed in hospital gowns and come with special 'Mood Masks' which allow children to change the doll's smiling face to a worried, angry, sad or sleepy expression, as appropriate. The teaching dolls were purchased with funds from the Saint Barnabas Employee Campaign.

## Cancer patient support available

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- Family and Friends Cancer Support Group
- This group is designed to offer family and friends of cancer patients a forum to discuss issues related to caring about someone with cancer. The group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Suite 302 of the East Wing Building. Call (201) 533-8414 for more information.
- Living with Recurrent or Metastatic Cancer
- Open to patients facing cancer which has returned or spread to another part of the body. This group provides a place in which people can explore feelings, obtain emotional support and develop coping skills to deal with the issues of recurrent cancer. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Cancer Center Conference Room.

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## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## Former Union resident gets 'animated' about her work

By Ben Smith  
Staff Writer  
Back in 1980, when the always-smiling Linda Simensky was a junior at Union High School, she came to work as a summer intern at the Union Leader and stayed for another summer until her graduation. She brought with her her love of journalism and animated cartoons. Today, she is vice president of original animation for Cartoon Network, a division of Turner Broadcasting System Inc., a subsidiary of Time Warner Inc. and is a major producer of news and entertainment product around the world and the leading provider of programming for the basic cable industry.

And she is still unaffected and down-to-earth. As vice president of original animation, the attractive Simensky oversees the development and production of all-new World Premiere Toons cartoon shorts as well as new original animated series, such as "Dexter's Laboratory," "Johnny Bravo" and "Cow and Chicken."

She resides in Atlanta, Ga., and travels all over the world in connection with her enviable position. Her parents, Anita and Irwin Simensky, and her brother, Alan, still live in Union.

"It was here that I first became interested in writing," Simensky said last Friday afternoon during a visit to the newspaper. "And it was here that I learned so much and was so inspired."

Previously, she served as director of programming for Cartoon Network and was involved in all aspects of programming and development for the network, including scheduling, acquisitions, program operations and original programming and development. "I've been pretty lucky," she grinned. "I've had some really interesting jobs. I just got back from France, first for the Cannes program market and its animation festival in Annecy."

"It just seems like yesterday that I was here," Simensky said, looking around with nostalgia. "After I graduated from Union High School, I attended the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and I majored in communications and minored in history. I was pretty interested in photography, too," she declared, "and I used to take pictures and develop them."

How did it all begin?  
Simensky explained that "Cable TV was just starting out and for me, it was just starting to be an option. When I was in college, I had a couple of different jobs. One summer, I had a job at a Viking Press in New York City, where I did a lot of manuscript reading and a lot of general publication type duties. It was an interesting job. I was very impressed. By every summer I had a job in something I was interested in — it gave me a chance to figure out what I wanted to do."

The next summer I was able to get a job for Warner Brothers in New York in the East Coast Story Department. That was in 1983, and I read manuscripts and did screenwriting for people in the industry. It was then that the division of Warner Communications started up. Its cable divisions were Nickelodeon and MTV. And while I was working there, I met somebody who helped me get a summer job the following year at Nickelodeon as assistant to one of the producers.

She mentioned that the job consisted of "production-related duties ranging from helping to get shows edited to setting up dinner reservations for some of the actors in the shows." "The shows included 'Mr. Wizard,' 'World's Best You' and 'Can't Do That' on television. 'Very Popular Shows' in 1984," she said.

"The thing that was exciting was that there were about 25 or 30 people like me at Nickelodeon, and it was such a fascinating time to be there. People like Gerry Laybourne, who eventually became president of Nickelodeon, was my guiding light. She is now the president of Disney ABC Cable in New York and is probably one of the most influential people in the industry. It was a really great time."

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Simensky explained, "You had that feeling that you were on the verge of something interesting. We had no idea how it was going to become. I learned a lot," she said, "and I had a lot of fun. Then I decided I wanted to work in cable, preferably in children's TV, mostly because I was a fan of animation. Actually, I became an animation fan when I was a kid, and I felt that Nickelodeon was a good way to continue my interest in cable and children's programming."

She graduated from college in 1985, and I worked at Showtime for a year. That was one of the cable channels, and as soon as a position opened up at Nickelodeon, I moved over there. So, you see," Simensky smiled, "luck and timing played a big part — as it always does. I worked in programming and scheduling and at night I was going to New York University for a master's degree in media ecology." She smiled, "a very descriptive term for media studies."

After four-and-a-half years at night, she finished her master's. "Conveniently," she said, "Nickelodeon was thinking of starting up an animation depart-

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There are parts of Europe that I didn't get to go to. I've never been to Italy and I would like to go there. I'm happy to be going back to Japan. It is definitely challenging. Every country I visit, I leave wanting to learn the language. I feel that my job is really a lot of fun," she said, "despite the long hours and all the hard work. Sometimes I bring work home with me. I have to read scripts. But have nothing to complain about. When you get down to it, it's all about making cartoons. It's a lot of fun."

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ment in 1989. I was right there, and I got to be one of the people who started the department, and at this point we developed three shows called "Doug," "Rugrats," one of the highest rating shows on cable, and "The Ren and Stimpy Show." I worked on developing more shows there, and the last three are currently running on the air."

She had been involved in all aspects of programming and development for the network, including scheduling, acquisitions, program operations and original programming and development. "Then I left for the Cartoon Network in 1995 after nine years at Nickelodeon. They offered me a really wonderful opportunity at the Cartoon Network, and it involved moving to Atlanta, Ga. I didn't mind," she said. "I thought it might be an adventure. I started out as the director of programming and got my current title, vice president of original animation. I was closely involved with Hanna-Barbera, the company that did the Flintstones, Jeany and Yogi Bear, old classics from the 1960s. I've been developing and overseeing the productions of new shorts and new shows."

"We have one show called 'Dexter's Laboratory,' which has gotten Emmy nominations," Simensky said proudly. "One short got an Oscar nomination in March 1996. It was as much fun as you can imagine. Another was 'Courage, the Cowardly Dog.' I began working on two series which will premiere in mid-July — 'Johnny Bravo' and 'Coward Chicken.' It gives me a chance as a big fan of animation to find people who can create shows that are really funny and working for both kids and adults."

She said that the Cartoon Network is "focusing on creator-driven cartoons instead of the factory process for cartoons. We have the creator actually working on the idea. I'm the person who finds the creators and guides them through the new process. They become as important as the director of a film. We really base the process on the Warner Bros. cartoons from the 1930s to the 1940s with directors like Chuck Jones and Tex Avery. Back then they were theatricals. 'Right now,' said Simensky, "I think I'm in the perfect job because I get to do what I love doing, and I always wanted to be in a position where I can get the best possible programs made for audiences who love animation. I've put a lot of effort in helping people to get into the industry — mostly students."

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## Sculpture on display in Summit

A solo exhibition of five colorful pieces by prominent contemporary artist and sculptor Peter Regano is on exhibit through Sept. 30 at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts' outdoor sculpture garden.

Unchanged of primary colors, Regano has devoted most of his creative life to sculpture. Under standing sculpture as a vital part of the process of sculpting, he

sculpted the sculpture in the sculpture garden. With indifference to natural scale and logical relationships, Regano creates small, delicate, leaves and flowers with limbs of doves, doves and wings evoking architecture. Stylized objects suggest human artifacts such as eggs and bowls. Always working from the ground up, he uses shapes and the branching lines of seed pods as a structural means of moving the viewer's eye into constant motion, and making one aware of structural changes. Colors merge into each other with no color barrier of reason.

This is the second installation in NJCVA's new Art Park. The works are made of steel painted with Ind-Ton and include: Tina Turner, 1994; "Greene Street, 1993; "Happy Explorer, 1992; "Happy Monkey, 1993; and "Tina Turner, 1995.

Affiliated with Addison Galleries, Inc. of NYC, Regano was in Dallas in 1945, and official artist of the San Francisco Art Institute and taught at Hunter College. Public collections of his work include the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Wash., D.C.; Metropolitan Museum of Art, NYC; and Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Solo exhibitions include Patricia Hamilton Gallery, Santa Monica, Ca. and Los Angeles, Ca.; Tour de Nagy Gallery, Houston; Salander O'Reilly Galleries, NYC; Group exhibitions include Addison Galleries, NYC; Deep Space, NYC; Grounds for Sculpture, Mercerville, NJ; Hayward Gallery, London; and Philadelphia Art Alliance, Pa.

Reviews and articles on the artist and his works have been published in "Artforum," "Digest," "Art America," "New York Newsday" and "Artnews."

NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St. in Summit. For more information call (908) 273-0121. Exhibitions are free and open to the public, the Art Park is open daily.

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## Carnival's 'The Fantasticks' speaks for itself

"Try to remember" the last time you saw a show below. If it's not hard to do, considering that this topic is one of the most popular in our culture. However, it may be much harder to pinpoint the last time you saw a show that made you feel the way you did when the love story was about you. For those not familiar with "The Fantasticks," the show looks the most for, longest, continuously-running musical — 37 years, to be exact — in theater history. There's a very good reason why it's survived so long. And Carnival Productions in Rahway has captured the essence of this timeless love story in a new production.

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## Theater View

By Jacquelyn McCarthy  
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## The Fantasticks' continues at El Bodegon Dinner Theater on W. Main St. in Rahway today, tomorrow, Saturday, and June 27 and 28 in the evening. A matinee is scheduled on June 22. For information, call (908) 388-0647.



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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' is a veritable 'feast' of laughter

By Jacquie McCarthy  
Associate Editor

The New Jersey Shakespeare Festival served up the first course of this year's "Moveable Feast" with a charming and humorous production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Community Theatre of Morris.

This is a tale of cross-crossed lovers, put through their comical paces by a scorned fairy king and his mischievous minion. Many familiar faces grace the stage, with special guest Patti Gilpin of NBC-TV's "Stranger with a Secret," who plays Helena.

Some actors have dual roles, which serves the purpose of the story quite effectively, as they appear as their own counterparts: Dominic Hoffman and Marion Adler are alternately satiric and whimsical as Theseus and Oberon, and Hippolyta/Titania, Tom Dolling doubles as Philostrate/Puck and Jim Mohr as Egeus/Peter Quince.

The set is an understated and expertly utilized space typical of Festival productions. Pieces of gauzy material are unfurled and removed from a simple yet sturdy jungle-gym frame for arrival and departure of fairies, magnificent creatures are expertly flown to announce the paganism and glamour of the royal court. Most notable is the huge mountain of mattresses which serves as bed, springboard and stage for the many physical interactions in this play.

Speaking of the physical, the humor in this play is served mostly from a slapstick style, and Artistic Director Dominic Monte has guided the timing to perfection. The energy builds from the hysterically comical prologue through the first act, the feast lovers to The Mechanicals' royal presentation goes happily awry, a scene which will have you wiping tears of laughter from your eyes.

## Former Mountaintop resident makes film about teenagers

Former group home counselor and present NYU graduate film student Laurie Collier is currently in production of a film she envisioned while working in a Catholic home for pregnant teenagers six years ago.

"Physical Pain" is a short narrative film which uses documentary elements in the classic Neorealism style. The story of Donna Garibaldi, a pregnant sixteen-year-old who chooses to spend the last months of pregnancy in a Catholic home for unwed mothers. "Physical Pain" was shot on location in an actual home for pregnant teens in the New York metropolitan area.

Once completed, the film will screen at prestigious national and international film festivals. Laurie's previous documentary film, "Thank," a portrait of a severely disabled teenage girl who speaks with a computer, was initially screened at New York's Bridge School Benefit Concert. The film went on to be screened at festivals, conferences, and on television.

Laurie is a native of the New York metropolitan area. She was raised in suburban New Jersey by parents who grew up, met and married in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, where she spent many weekends and summers with extended family. Well-versed in Italian-American subculture as well as in Italian high culture, Laurie strives to merge the two in a new style of Italian-American Neorealism.



'Dance' is one of the art pieces on exhibit by Doris Krueger of Springfield, formerly of Union, in the Westbeth Gallery in New York City.

## Sculptor celebrates womanhood through art

Artist-sculptor Doris Krueger of Springfield, formerly of Union, is participating in the 1997 Salon Show "Mass Mediums" held June 20 at the Westbeth Gallery, 55 Bethune St., New York City.

The artist, who is known for her monofrills, is a member of the Organization for Independent Artists of New York City. Her most recent exhibitions have been held at the Palmer Museum, Springfield.

My subject matter relates to the essence and spirit of woman, the many challenges we meet in our daily struggle of keeping our identity and goals. Through inspiration, rhythm and spirit, I create monofrills, paintings and sculpture using an 'expressive' and 'impressionistic' style.

"I also lecture on the subject, 'Art, Creative Thinking, Woman of the 90s.'"

## Summit conductor to perform at benefit

Conductor James Sadewitz is scheduled to perform four benefit performances of "Meredith Willson's 'The Music Man'" to be staged in the auditorium of Summit High School. Sadewitz, who lives in Irvington, NY, is music director and conductor of the Summit Symphony Orchestra. Performances of the Broadway musical will begin at 8 p.m. June 27, and at 2 p.m. June 29. Proceeds will go toward enlarging and renovating the Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple St.

Sadewitz said that he considers it "a privilege" to be among the more than 200 volunteers who are taking part in the effort. Approximately half of the more than 20 musicians who will be in the pit are members of the Summit Symphony Orchestra.

Sadewitz stated, "The community has been really supportive to us." His attitude regarding the fund-raising drive he added, "has a lot to do with the workings of the town."

For more information, call 908-826-1111. He made his debut as a conductor at the age of 15, when he led the Westchester County, NY, Youth Symphony.

He has a bachelor of arts degree in music from the State University at Potsdam, NY. He holds two master's degrees with a major in conducting from Juillard School of Music. Sadewitz traveled to Taiwan in 1989 and served as guest conductor of several Chinese orchestras. In his country, he has conducted, among other orchestras, the Irvington, NY, Symphony and the State Repertory Opera, South Orange.

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With your help, every seat in the theater can be "the best seat in the house!" For information on how to get involved, call the arts center at (908) 499-8226, or send your contribution request to UCAAC, P.O. Box 775-D, Rahway, NJ 07065.

## Design studio now available

The du Crest School of Art and Design again is offering non-profit organizations a full-service design studio at no charge.

The Design Group gives a select group of art students the opportunity to work in an advertising agency environment. New designs are created and camera-ready art work is provided. This service is offered, at minimal cost, to any non-profit organization in the local and surrounding communities.

The du Crest School of Art and Design, founded in 1926, is the oldest private art school in New Jersey. It is approved by the State Department of Education, is accredited by the College Association, is a member of the International Council of Design Schools, and is a member of the Private Career Schools of New Jersey. For further information, call 375-7171.

## Association is not for artists only

Westfield Art Association President Barbara Schwinn extends an invitation to artists and members of the community interested in fine art to join the group and enter their exhibitions.

General meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at the Westfield Community Room, 425 East Broad St., Westfield at 8 p.m. Programs focus on artist's demonstrations, speakers and workshops. A wide range of topics and media, including photography, are covered. One need not be an artist to participate.

Three member exhibitions are presented to the public annually. The featured categories in the Fall Exhibition are oil, pastel, sculpture and mixed media. The exhibition held in early spring includes watercolor, graphics, photography and mixed media. The shows are judged and awards are presented at an opening reception where you may meet the artists.

In early June the Sidewalk Show around Mindwastek Park is a popular all-day Sunday affair. Loan shows of art by the artists include Children's Specialized Hospital and Spanish Tavern.

For further information about membership, call 232-8971 or 232-7058.

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## High school choir competes nationally

The 56-voice of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School won second place at the Musicfest Orlando music competition while on its bi-annual Spring Trip to Orlando, Florida on May 9. The choir competed at the AAA level of high schools with enrollments of 1,000-1750 students. Two years ago, the choir won its division at the AA level for schools with enrollments of 500-750.

"I wanted to see how we would fare at this more difficult level," stated Al Fenderson, A.L.J. music teacher. "The choir competed with schools from Louisiana, Delaware, Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Carolina."

For its first time in the history of the high school, the choir also performed at the Future World Westgate Disneyworld, Epcot, Center and MGM studio theme parks.

The choir finished the year with its annual spring concert, presented in Hough Auditorium at A.L.J. High School and its traditional acceptance at Commencement on June 23.

## Businesses discover that art is just fine for them

In a unique collaboration between business and the arts, Twill Printing of Union New Jersey is proud to inaugurate its "New Jersey Fine Arts Collection," a series of posters of art work by 12 New Jersey artists. Twill, in an effort to promote its new Heidelberg Quickmaster 4 Color Digital Imaging offset printing press has chosen, in collaboration with the non-profit, Watching Arts Center and Blackwell Street Center for the Arts, group of 12 New Jersey fine artists. The artists will be featured by a poster of their work and by an informal print of themselves, with a brief autobiographical text. These posters will be distributed to 1200 New Jersey businesses.

Originally conceived by Billings S. Fues, advertising and Paul Gross Graphic Design, both of Summit, the posters will offer the artists a new and broad-based forum for their work while allowing Twill Printing a showcase, for the quality of their new Quickmaster color printer.

Jim Fues, the vice president of Visual Arts at the Watching Arts Center, comments "this is a wonderful way to showcase some New Jersey Artists and will give them a larger venue than is normally offered by art galleries. The quality of the print is excellent and they are true to the art work. At \$450,000 for a run of 200 11x17 posters, it's also quite affordable."

Creative Director Billings S. Fues, the originator of the Series, says "We thought that while we're showing off the new Quickmaster four-color press, we could do some real good for the artists community on our side of the Hudson, who deserve more attention."

A full range of black-and-white or color prints of the poster or the autobiographical print of the artists are available. Call Jim Fues at (908) 322-5940.

## What's Going On?

Flea Market

**SATURDAY**  
JUNE 21, 1997  
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ORGANIZATION: Radeworm Lutheran Church, 201-374-9277

**SUNDAY**  
JUNE 22, 1997  
EVENT: Flea Market  
PLACE: May, Owens Park, 44 Park Avenue (off Washington Avenue & Route 29), East Rutherford  
TIME: 9am-5pm. Over 100 quality items for sale. Call 201-993-9535 for information.  
ORGANIZATION: Sponsored by the Nutley Rotary

## Gallery exhibit to run through Independence Day

The Skutumpah Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark is pleased to present an exhibition of paintings by Wladimir Szpinger through July 4.

Wladimir Szpinger is a graduate of the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw, Poland and his working studio is located in the neighboring town of Sepot.

Szpinger is an unique portrait painter but the title barely describes his approach. A lifelong fascination by the work of Breughel, H. Bosch as well as early 17th Century Dutch floral painters, Szpinger manages to incorporate their concepts into a most interesting contemporary approach. He is at once a exact painter of figures.

The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway, Clark, just off exit 155 from the Garden State Parkway. The Skutumpah Art Gallery and the Gallery & Book Shop are open to the public Tuesday-Friday from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, contact Aleksandra K. Nowak, gallery director, at (908) 383-7197.

## Franks applauds high school students' artistic efforts

Congressman Bob Franks, R-District 7, has announced the winners of the 1997 Congressional District 7 local sponsorship of "An Artist's Discovery." The National Congressional High School Art Exhibit, "Over 40 young artists representing 18 schools from throughout Central New Jersey participated in this year's Artistic Discovery Competition."

Hosted by Schering-Plough in Kenilworth, the competition included an exhibit of the student's art work over a two-week period that culminated with an announcement of the winners during a reception Friday evening. The winner of "Best Show," Kim Lee, a student at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, will have his painting displayed for one year in the Capitol along with other students from throughout the nation.

Franks said, "The annual competition in the 7th Congressional District is designed to promote artistic and creative talent among high school students. This year's competition showcased an extraordinary range of artistic ability."

Judging the contest this year were three well-known artists from Central New Jersey: Harry Devine of Mountaintop, Frank Lysvacano of Union County and Dennis Blather of Immortelle High School. "Special Mentions" honors were given to Jillian Fazio from Cranford High School, Jim Bonvini from Governor Livingston High School, Kristen Matraszek from Immortelle High School, Rich Diament from Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Natalie Bright from Kent Place School, Elizabeth Reids from New Providence High School and Stephen Kaleyevich from New Providence High School.

"The talent that entered this year's contest made the judging extremely difficult. I applaud all of the winners and commend the judges for volunteering their time to encourage young artists," said Franks.

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# DINING REVIEW

JUNE 19, 1997

## Margie's Place

The lunch counter meets casual dining

By Jacquie McCarthy  
Associate Editor

In the January 23 issue of this publication, I reviewed Margie's Place in Cranford. I discovered that this quiet, casual life establishment offered more opportunities for dining out than many restaurants, as the menu includes specialties for breakfast and lunch as well as dinner. Impressed by the lunchtime fare I was served on my first visit and intrigued by the unique dinner menu, I promised owner Margie "Obolacheva I would be back."

In keeping that promise, I was not disappointed. A comfortable breakfast nook and friendly lunch counter by day, evenings provide the opportunity to sample some of the European delicacies Margie's menu offers.

All meals begin with choice of soup, I chose the spinach, also thick with cabbage, onion and carrots in a delicate chicken broth. My dinner companion had the Borscht, which included potato, onion, beets and cabbage, in a light tomato broth. The meal was accompanied by soft pumpkin seed bread and sweetened with a potato pie-type appetizer, basically a fried potato dumpling, which came covered in butter, herbs and onions and was delicious.

My entree, Chicken Kiev, was positively bursting with juice. It was accompanied by very buttery mashed potatoes and a vegetable, and was a very satisfying meal. My dinner companion chose the Wein-Schaezel, and found it to be on his taste on the lighter side, a select cut of veal fried in butter until light and crispy, and topped with lemon butter. Diners are served with a vegetable and choice of mashed potatoes, french fries or rice.

A visit to Margie's is not complete without a taste of one of her homemade desserts. We chose the walnut raisin streudel, a flaky brown crust outside with soft raisins and crunchy walnuts inside, served hot and topped with powdered sugar.

Some highlights of the dinner menu include several variations of dumplings as appetizers, as well as potato pancakes. Entrees include Hungarian goulash, stuffed cabbage, beef stroganoff, and trout, which is ground chicken and beef sauced with onions served with

Margie's Place, located at 29 Union Ave. North, Cranford, is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. For information, call (908) 272-6336.

This column is intended to inform our readers about dining opportunities in the area.

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# ART SHOWS

**NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS** will host "Color, Line and Form," an exhibit of works by Alice Bryan Hordt in the Members' Gallery. The exhibit will run through June 25.

NUJVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

**MARIA R. LUPU**, mixed media artist, will have a display of artwork at Watchdog Coffeehouse through June 28. The gallery hours are 1 to 4 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays. Watchdog Arts Center is located at the Watchdog Coffeehouse. For information, call (908) 753-0100.

**OBJECTIVE REALITIES—SUBJECTIVE VISIONS**, a three-person show sponsored by the Watchdog Arts Center, will feature the art of Paul Matthews, Ellen Kennedy-Dyne and Neo Kim through June 28. The three artists have contributed some striking, recent paintings, revealing their differing views of life through their work.

A reception will be held on Sunday, from 1 to 4 p.m. Gallery hours are 1 to 4 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays with no admission charge. The Arts Center is located at the Watchdog Coffeehouse. For information, call (908) 753-0100.

**LINDEN ART ASSOCIATION** will present "Two Dimensions in Four Dimensions" through June 28 at Children's Specialized Hospital. A reception will be held on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. The hospital is located at 150 New Providence Road in Mount Laurel. For information, call (908) 233-0270, ext. 371.

**TOMASULO ART GALLERY** at Mackay Library, Union County, College of Cranford Campus, will present an exhibit of paintings by three regional artists through July 4. The show will display works by James Fures, Al Kersch and Barrie Samuels.

Gallery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. and again from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday. For further information, call the college and ask for extension 233.

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**DONALD B. PALMER MUSEUM** of the Springfield Public Library will present "Protecting the Peninsula Through the Ages," an exhibit of botanical illustrations by Robin A. Jess, at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library, through July 10. The exhibit will consist of twenty watercolor illustrations of local plants. The plants include orchids, ferns and various other plants.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Library, 66 Mountain Ave. Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. For information, call (901) 376-4930.

**JACOB TRAPP GALLERY** will present an exhibit of paintings by Francis Orszag through July 17. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. The gallery is located at 1400 Valley Ave. in Summit. For information, call (908) 273-3245.

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Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday to 4 p.m. Swain Galleries is located at 703 Washington Ave., Plainfield. For details, call (908) 756-1707.

**RENEE FOSNATER ART GALLERY** at Palm Playhouse will present the 9th annual International Miniature Art Exhibition through July 31.

Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, one hour before performances through intermission, and Friday from noon to 3 p.m. The Playhouse is located on Brookside Drive in Milburn. For information, call (973) 379-3636, ext. 2272.

**SUMMIT FRAME & ART** is presenting an expanding collection of paintings, etchings and woodcuts from the 1950s to the 1990s.

Summit Frame and Art is located at 456 Springfield Ave., Summit. Show hours are Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday until 6 p.m. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

**MUSIC BOX CAFE** is located at 100 Edgewood Road in Linden. The exhibit will feature 11 works by Linda Aronson. The exhibit will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays with no admission charge. The Arts Center is located at the Watchdog Coffeehouse. For information, call (908) 753-0100.

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**STUNNERS BRANCH** of Linden artist George Jarvis, Jarvis's works are bright, colorful, whimsical and fun. Jarvis is a painter and illustrator who also designs, creating cards and books and illustrating at the Linden Multi-Purpose Center.

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**ELIZABETH LIBRARY** will present an exhibit of paintings, drawings and collage by Jay Dint.

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## City Highlights

### Networking social

Scissors about leading a business through lead gathering? There are many networking organizations, but since 1978, more than 10,000 professionals have found that LeTip means business. Since its founding, millions of leads totaling millions of dollars in business for members have been exchanged. Each occupation is represented by one member and conflicts of interest are disallowed.

LeTip of Madison and Summit are hosting a poolside working social at the Grand Summit Hotel in Summit at 570 Springfield Ave., tonight from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets in advance cost \$15, and \$20 at the door. For additional information and advance tickets call (908) 925-7733.

### Stamp services

Several stamp-buying services that help postal customers year-round are particularly handy. Stamp services enable customers to receive their stamps via delivery within a few days by filling out a form that can be obtained from mail carriers. The service is of no extra charge more than the face value of the stamps. Credit cards can also be used for telephone orders by calling (800) STAMP-24 via Visa and Mastercard are accepted.

### Blood screening

A free blood pressure screening will be offered for residents of Rahway at the Rahway Public Library every month. For further information contact the Department of Health, Welfare and Recreation at 827-2085.

### Library changes

The Rahway Public Library will be closed Wednesday for a staff development day. Public service staff will be at Rahway High School Learning about the Internet.

The library will close Saturdays for the summer, beginning June 21. All departments will remain on the regular schedule for the week of Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Summer opening will resume after Labor Day.

### Offices closed

The offices of this newspaper will be closed July 4 in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen Monday, July 7.

The deadlines for the July 3 edition remain the same.

The deadlines for the July 10 edition also remain the same.

- Lifestyle, including church and club news, etc. — Friday, noon.
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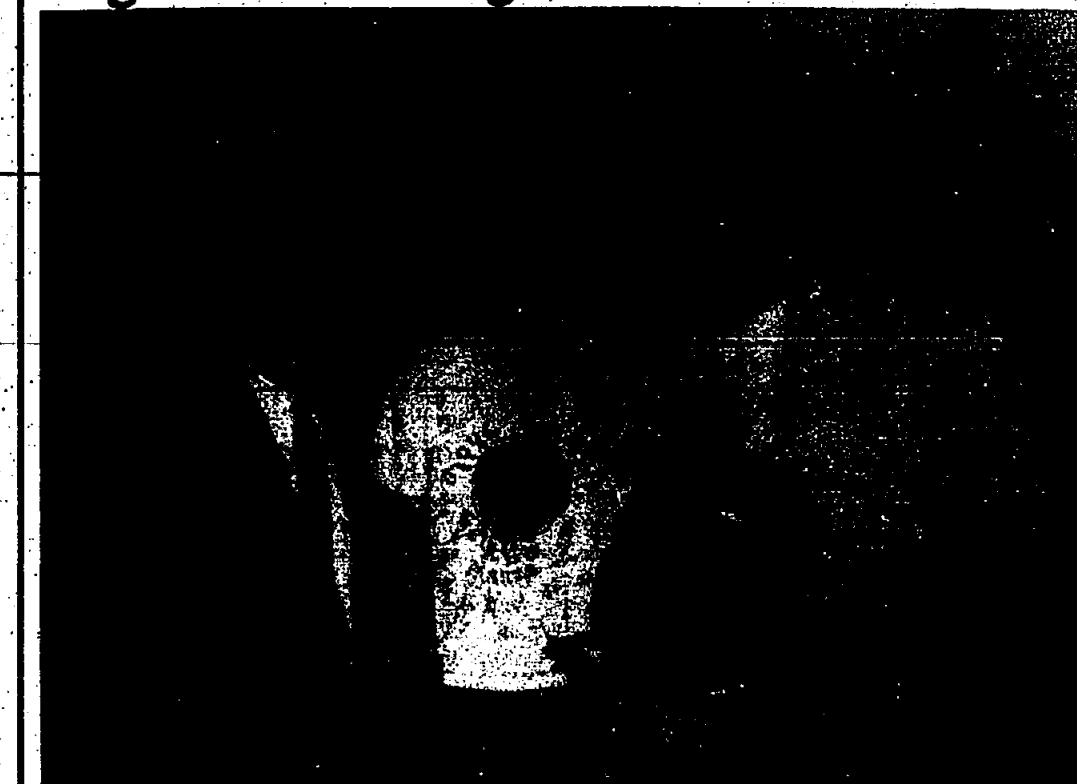
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## Regional welding winner



Anthony Lechtrecker of Clark, a junior in the welding program at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, is congratulated for becoming the regional first-place winner in a student welding contest held at the Somerset County Vocational-Technical School. From left are Charles S. Mancuso, president of the UCVTS Board of Education; Anthony Lechtrecker; and George Sheehan, Lechtrecker's welding instructor.

## Advocates for homeless stage march through city

By Sean Dally  
Staff Writer

Joanne East of Rahway did not always work for St. Joseph's and the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless.

"I left an accounting job that made pretty good money for a social service job that didn't have good money and I feel better doing this than making a rich man richer," East said.

East has been working with the Elizabeth Coalition for two and one-half years, years that have been "wonderful, very tiring, very stressful, but very rewarding."

"I put in more than the eight hours that I'm supposed to," she said.

That could be one of the reasons East is participating in the Kensington Welfare Rights Union's "March for Our Lives" that started in Philadelphia at the start of summer, June 21, and will end in front of the United Nations building in New York City on July 1, a distance of 125 miles. The march has already started and the participants were scheduled to reach Rahway yesterday.

The march, according to a press release distributed by the Union, is a demand that all Americans be granted

the right to a job at a living wage. It started at the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia and is heading led by poor and homeless families. Events along the route have included a rally at the State House in Trenton on Monday.

East is not participating in the entire march. But she will be joining them at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Elm Street in Rahway, where they spent the night, helping them set up and then joining them on their march up St. Georges Avenue at 8:30 a.m. today. She will be leaving them at the Elizabeth Coalition so that other members can join the march, which will then head for a rally at the county welfare office.

St. Joseph's and the Elizabeth Coalition have been assisting the march by providing them lunch in Elizabeth and distributing press releases.

When asked why she was doing it, East said, "I'm trying to give support to people who have organized a walk for homeless people."

No figures are available on how many homeless people are in Union County. The county Department of Human Services said that, in 1996, Union County's six shelters served 2,200. More than 1,500 of these were individuals; the rest were part of

families — over 250 families in all. East works with the children at the Elizabeth Coalition. "I've witnessed what's happened to children," she said. "What you see of the kids in the drunk, the drug addict."

But, while every homeless person isn't a drunk or a mental patient, a lot have different, more subtle problems. Like a lack of education; this does not give them much chance to lead a job — men as well as women.

"How can you have a home on \$500 a month?" East asked.

"It's a lot of stress, especially when children are involved," she added.

She said that, one year, there was a child whose family was told they would have to leave their home by Christmas. She followed that child, making sure she had toys for Christmas and making sure that her family was cared for.

"I've been here a lot of years," she said, "and you see a lot of injustice — not a lot, but a good deal."

The Kensington Welfare Rights Union was started in April 1991 as a result of welfare cuts in Pennsylvania. The union has led one other march similar to this week's event, a 140-mile march from Philadelphia to Harrisburg, Pa., to protest state cuts and "attacks on the poor."

## Educator will travel in search of history

By Litesa Jurado  
Staff Writer

It may not be a trip around the world, but for Lillian Enda, a chance at gaining first hand information on the history of the Holocaust is a dream come true.

On July 12, this second grade teacher will be on her way to visit Germany, Poland, the Czech Republic, and Jerusalem, a trip she thought, if asked a few weeks ago, was not going to happen.

"I'm really excited about going," said Enda, who was having some difficulty raising the final \$1,000. The \$3,000 trip is an effort to further broaden her analysis of Jewish-Christian studies. She received a \$1,000 award from Hoesy & Maurice Axelrod Inc., a \$500 grant from the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education, a \$500 gift raised from different members of her family, and a \$1,000 loan from a personal friend.

Recently, she co-edited "Lessons from the Holocaust," a teacher's guide of lesson plans for grades K-12, on how to teach the Holocaust through already published literature. It was published through Seton Hall University's Jewish-Christian studies called the Sister Rose Thuring Endowment.

While in Europe, she plans to keep a journal, which will help her bring back what she learned.

"Never in a million years did I think I would have this opportunity," she said with a smile. "Education is something one can find anywhere they go. All you have to do is open your eyes to the world."

## Feds investic radiation was...

By Sean Dally  
Staff Writer

A worker's mistake at Merck & Co. could wind up costing his company a \$10,000 federal fine.

The federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission met with Merck on Monday to discuss the possible disposal of about 880 microcuries of radioactive iodine-125 in the company's regular trash — trash that ended up at the UCUA incinerator in Rahway.

A Merck spokesperson would only confirm that a meeting had taken place and would not give further comment.

According to Neil Sheehan of the NRC office in King of Prussia, Pa., Monday's meeting was a "preliminary enforcement conference" with Merck to look into the April 10 incident.

"In our case, we'll look at it for enforcement purposes," he said. "We think they need to exercise greater care when they're handling radioactive materials." The meeting is a chance for Merck officials to tell "their side of the story" regarding the incident and so that the NRC can know what corrective actions the company has taken.

Sheehan said a decision on the incident will probably come up to 30 days after Monday's conference and could result in a maximum fine of \$10,000. The iodine used in the April 10 incident is used in drug research and has a half life of 60 days — that is, half any given sample of iodine-125 will break down into another material in 60 days. Its purpose is to tag molecules so that they can be measured and traced.

Normally, radioactive material used by Merck is disposed of on site. After being used, it is stored in a special facility until it breaks down to point where it is deemed safe. It is then burned in Merck's own incinerator.

Donna Mordley of Merck has said that the iodine arrived on the Merck site on April 10 as part of an "atypical" shipment from NEN Life Science Products and was sent to a lab worker other than the one that had ordered it.

This worker apparently took out a container that he thought to contain the radioactive iodine and placed it in a freezer, said Sheehan. He did not see two vials of iodine-125 in the package and drew the package out, still containing the two vials.

The worker supposedly realized his mistake the next day. When he went to the freezer, he found that the container there did not have any radioactive materials in it. Merck then notified the Rahway police, the NRC and the state Department of Environmental Protection.

According to Sheehan, Merck has made an "immediate collective action" to prevent further incidents. This has involved the distribution of a notice to workers "to take precautions in the future," he said, and a mock shipment of iodine-125 for clarifying packages and verifying procedures at the facility.

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## Police investigate two city burglaries

By Sean Dally  
Staff Writer

Police are investigating two burglaries, both of which occurred in homes and on the same day.

According to Det. Lt. Bob Dusko, both burglaries occurred between the morning and afternoon of June 18.

The first occurred in the 300 block of East Scott Avenue between 7:45 a.m. and 3:40 p.m. According to Dusko, none of the residents were at home at the time.

Police believe that the burglar or burglars gained entry into the apartment by breaking a rear window. The bedrooms were ransacked and about \$3,000 in various items were missing, including jewelry, video equipment and about \$400 in cash.

The second burglary occurred in the 1900 block of Beacon Street between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Police believe the burglar or burglars entered through an open window

## Getting bowled over



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