









## Kids need summer attention

Now that we are well into summer and, for now at least, the school year is behind our youngsters, our thoughts turn to the articles and columns which appear with tragic regularity in the newspapers about young people finding themselves in trouble. Whether these kids have run afoul of the law in minor or major ways, their predicaments are a barometer of our society and its future.

During the summer months — with less to occupy their time, minds and energy — the youth of our area are in need of even more attention.

By attention, we don't mean the baby-sitting variety of constant supervision. We mean the attention that communicates to children and teenagers that they are important to us and that we are there for them. It also tells them that there is an open, non-judgmental ear when they need it.

Obviously, such attention begins in the home and comes from the parent or parents. With the rising number of single-parent homes and families with both parents working, this is not always the easiest task to accomplish, but many families have proven that it can work. However, that doesn't mean it stops there.

As a community, we have the opportunity to join together and invest in our mutual future. Most towns already sponsor summertime sports programs, and many have active playgrounds. However, these activities usually end by sunset, leaving the after-dark hours available for less-productive endeavors.

Moreover, the community-sponsored programs usually found in our towns focus primarily on sports, leaving our youngsters who are not athletically inclined with a void. We encourage not only municipal departments, but members of the community as well, to launch activities for our young people which emphasize other areas of interest, such as the arts and academics.

Within a 45-minute radius of our area, there are a wealth of museums, theaters and sports complexes just waiting for carloads of kids to take in all that they offer. And let's not forget the staple of days gone by — a dance.

And you don't need a recreation department backing such a trip or event. One parent alone can start the ball rolling, and soon you will find out how many parents and other citizens earnestly want to help our youth find positive outlets for their energies and minds.

This is not to say that we think our towns are short-changing our children. With budgets getting tighter, some programs must be cut back or cut out. That is an unfortunate reality of our time. And even with more stringent financial parameters, communities still do manage to remember our kids during July and August.

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## Stay local

With the summer well under way, it may be difficult to find something to do to keep the kids occupied until September.

But, traveling to the shore area can be cumbersome, especially if you have small children and everyone they see a rest stop they have the urge to take the facilities. And, what trip would be complete without the never-ending question of, "Are we there yet?"

If you don't have the time or money to plan a luxurious family vacation to Disney World or the Jersey Shore, there are plenty of activities to keep the young ones occupied right here in our own community.

The township's recreation department has a host of activities, from sports to games, for children of all ages. The staff is well trained and the programs are just the right thing to keep children active throughout the day.

Also, the pool is a great place to escape the heat and have a great time with the entire family. For a low fee, the entire family can spend time together without having to deal with traffic on the Garden State Parkway to get to the beach and circle the parking lot for a place to lodge the vehicle for the afternoon without having to spend \$20.

The Saturday morning cartoon short School House Rock praised that "it's great to learn because knowledge is power." What better place to reinforce that notion than at the library. With a free membership card for residents, you can go anywhere, be anyone, and do anything with the turn of a page.

Don't worry about having to go far this summer to have fun. There's plenty to do in your own back yard.

**"Take the personalities out of our journalism, and it would go into bankruptcy."**

—Henry King  
journalist  
1871

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## Welfare issues are not so black-and-white

"Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans."

Although I'm not the Beatlemania that my wife is, John Lennon's words are perhaps among the truest in rock music.

Several weeks ago, it was my pleasure to be on hand when the Kensington Welfare Rights Union's March For Our Lives stopped off for the night in my hometown of Rahway. I was one of many, including local clergy, workers from the town's food bank, elected officials and just plain folks who came to support the march.

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## Vantage Point

By Bill Van Sant  
Staff Writer

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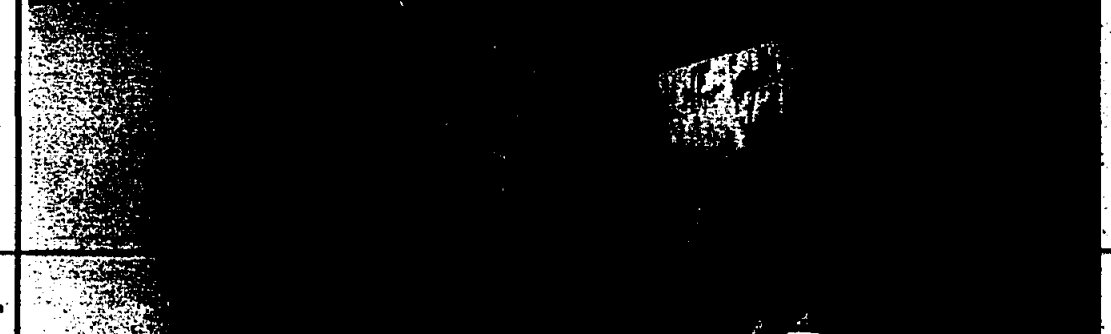
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**WORKPLACE PROTECTION** — Dennis Gaghan, area director for the Department of Labor, addresses participants of the New Jersey Safety Council's Occupational Safety and Health Conference at the New Jersey State House. Other speakers included Kathy Goodheart, Jeanette Drapchak, Mike Jenkins and Kathleen Malt.



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Ever since the American public fell in love with the motor car and found it an ideal way to travel around the country, there has been a proliferation of roadside signs and historic markers explaining what event had happened at that spot. Some with few words are easy to read quickly, while others are rarely read to the end, as the motorist glides by at 60 miles per hour. Even the passengers can't read that fast, and the driver had better not try.

There are some people who may be such slow readers that they find it necessary to remove the sign from its pole so that they can take it home to read at their leisure. This may have happened years ago in Roselle, after signs were posted at the main road into the borough, that proclaimed that Abraham Clark, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, had been born and lived here.

There is only one such sign still on display to the public, and that one is inside the Roselle Borough Hall. It originally had been fastened to the front wall of the old Borough Hall, and it had been preserved when that building was demolished to make room for the present structure. Standing above the refreshment stand in the hallway, it provides an opportunity for errand drivers to study its message, as they await their turn before the presiding judge.

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3. Sarah Zakarenkis - Sunnyside  
Distance Race - Midget Boys  
1. Calvin Hudson - Lawton  
2. Kenny Konrad - Al Kalla  
3. Justin Kobus - Al Kalla  
Distance Race - Midget Girls  
1. Katie Wright - Wilson  
2. Ellen Maznjan - Sunnyside  
3. Elizabeth Piech - Wilson  
Distance Race - Junior Boys  
1. Eric Julio - Knocky

3. Brian Pupos  
Distance Race - Junior Girls  
1. Andrea Chiarello - Al Kalla  
2. Amy Sura - Buchanan St.  
3. Cindy Quintero - Milkosky  
Distance Race - Senior Boys

## Go get 'em Tiger

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**set for tonight**

Bowl 4 is set to kick off tonight at 7:30  
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way and Johnson high schools will be

## Snapple Bowl set for tonight

<p>OPEN 7 DAYS</p>  <p><b>DIAMONDS</b> GEMMANY CLUB</p> <p>1350 W. BLANKE ST. LINDEN</p> <p><b>908-862-4040</b></p>	<p><b>CORNING SPON.</b> Saturday &amp; Sundays At Diamond</p> <p><b>CURE ALL YOUR FOOTBALL NEEDS EVERY COLLEGE &amp; NFL GAME SHOWN ON OUR 25-TV's &amp; BIG SCREENS</b></p> <p><b>FOR PRIVATE VIEWING OF GAMES CALL FOR DETAILS</b></p>	<p>JULY 23, 24, &amp; 25 WED., THURS., &amp; FRI.</p> <p><b>3 DAY MINI GO GO RAMA X-MAS IN JULY</b></p> <p>30 of SANTAS HOTTEST HELPERS DAILY</p> <p><b>FREE GIFTS DRINK SPECIALS CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAYS</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday August 2nd</b></p> <p><b>FAIR &amp; PIG ROAST</b> NOON TO 8 PM</p> <p><b>GAMES</b> FREE SPONSOR GIVEAWAYS FOOD SODA BEER!</p> <p><b>DUNK TANK</b> PIE THROWING GOLF B-BALL</p> <p><b>SPEED PITCH</b></p> <p><b>FREE PARKING LOT</b> Bring your FAMILY &amp; HAVE FUN AT THE FAIR &amp; PIG ROAST!</p>	<p><b>ATTENTION: LADIES</b></p> <p><b>MALE REVUE</b></p> <p>AT DIAMONDS UNDERGROUND <b>\$10.00 IN ADVANCE</b></p> <p><b>18 TO PARTY 21 TO DRINK GAMES &amp; PRIZES MENTALITY</b></p>
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# Rest and relaxation need not be costly and distant

As the pressures of everyday life grow steadily for the average family in Union County, so too does the need for recreation and relaxation. Yet, all too often, such activities are being priced out of the budgets of working families — the people who need it most.

That's why Union County is continuing to place strong emphasis on its recreation programs in our wonderful county parks system. Our Division of Parks and Recreation offers a very wide selection of relaxing, fun-filled summer activities. Most are free, others at a very modest cost.

Recognizing the unusual diversity of our county, the division is offering just about every imaginable activity, which I have described below. No resident of the county is very far from fun that is safe, wholesome and supervised by recreational professionals.

One change that's sure to please golfers is our new telephone reservation system at the three Union County golf courses in Scotch Plains, Clark and Kenilworth.

The system is drawing rave reviews from golfers who can now make telephone reservations for tee-off times, instead of having to wait hours after arriving at the course.

In just the first two weeks of the

## Freeholder Forum

By Linda Stender

new system, 20,000 callers made reservations, most getting exactly the time they wanted. One golfer was quoted in the newspaper as saying, "I called and asked for a 2 p.m. reservation and I got 2:01 p.m. It doesn't get any better than that."

Listed below are planned recreational programs offered by Union County for the balance of the summer. There's something for all areas of the county, all skill levels and all ages. Not to mention endless opportunities for boating, picnics, sports, jogging, sunbathing, leisurely walks or just plain relaxing that's not tied with any program. You can get more information by dialing the numbers shown below, or directly from the county Mobile Customer Service Van that is making the rounds in the county parks and at county events.

Golf for people with developmental disabilities is an instructional series culminating with a mini-tournament. Many participants continue to entertain the children.

Public Golf Course hours, through July 25: 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on weekdays and 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on weekends.

From July 26 through Aug. 29: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays and 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends.

Summer Arts Festival continues Mondays at Ulrich Pool, from 6 to 8 p.m., and Wednesdays at Wheeler Pool, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Aqua aerobics: Ulrich Pool on Tuesdays, from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Cost is \$3.

Playground programs are held at Mattano Park in Elizabeth and at Cedar Brook Park in Plainfield daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Coppy staff is available to loan equipment and conduct organized activities. No sign-ups are necessary.

Registration for Fall Troop at the Watchung Stables is on-going during the summer. Beginners ages 9 and up are especially encouraged to register for this 10-week series of horseback riding lessons. Classes begin the week of Sept. 4. Call the stables at (908) 789-3665 for information and registration materials.

The channels, dates and times of the program are:

Summit's TV-36 at noon today, Tuesday, July 24, 29 and 31.

Elizabeth's TV-36 at 11 a.m. on Wednesday and July 30 at 1:30 p.m.

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## Freeholders on TV

By Linda Stender

On the latest edition of "Freeholder Forum," county freeholders will discuss new transportation initiatives they have passed and what they are doing to address economic development in the county.

The show, featuring Freeholder Chairman Linda Stender, Freeholder Henry Krux and Ron Weening, transportation specialist in the Union County Office of Policy and Planning, will take a look at the county's new Department of Economic Development, which was developed to provide leadership for public and private sector initiatives and the cross-county rail link, reactivation of rail freight lines and the Transportation Development District.

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## Attention churches, social clubs

By Linda Stender

This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities. Releases should be typed, double-spaced, and include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day.

Information is a 24 hour voice information service where callers get free information from the selections below by calling (908) 686-8888 and entering a 4 digit code for the selection they want to hear (unlimited choices per call). Calls are FREE within your local calling area. Out of area calls will be billed as long distance by your telephone company. Infosource is a public service of Worrall Community Newspapers.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Springfield resident considers himself a 'Frank' amateur

By Ben Smith  
Staff Writer

Sid Frank, at the age of 70, with numerous plays, songs and books under his belt, admitted that "I used to be a professional writer, and then I retired formally several years ago, and now I write for the love of it — making me an amateur. I do it because I love it," said the Springfield resident during a recent visit to this office one morning. "And I'm having a much better time. I think it's better because I don't care what anybody thinks, and because of that, they like it. I'm a professional-turned-amateur," Frank grinned.

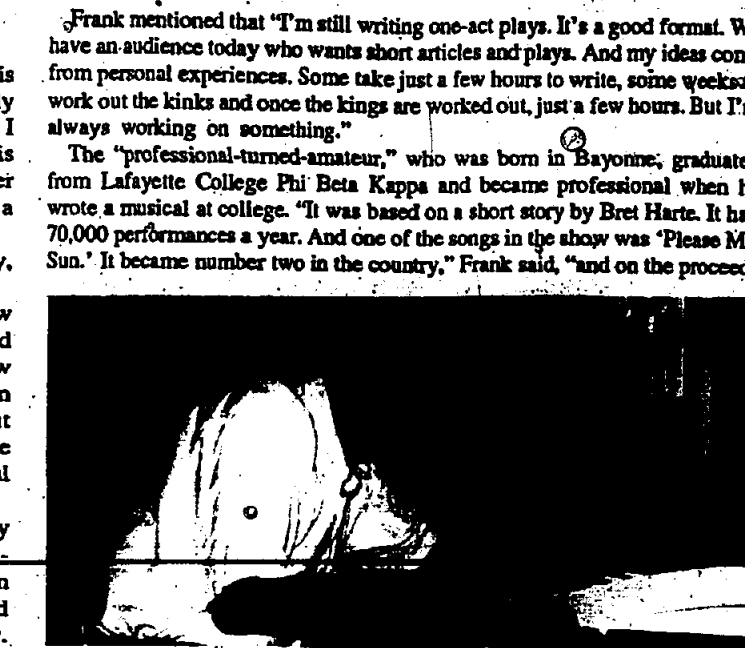
Among his well-known songs is "Pleasant, Mr. Sun," recorded by Johnny Ray, which became a gold record with more than a million sales.

Frank, who is formerly of South Orange, and who participated in the New Jersey Festival series of staged readings by New Jersey playwrights, presented by the John Hume Theater, in conjunction with the Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey, on June 30, talked about his two one-act plays that were staged in Englewood. The plays were "Who the Hell is Abner Bell?" a comic tale about who is really buried in the Rand family's cemetery plot, and "Marvin and the Grizzlies," about a city man who meets a mountain man in Glenside National Park, where there are grizzly bears everywhere.

"Both of those plays are based on real facts," he said. "With 'Grizzlies,' my wife, Helen, who by the way is a well-known professional artist — she's a really supportive — and I went to Yellow Stone Park last spring. A bachelor from the Bronx and another man who had just gotten his Ph.D. were in our group and I used both characters. I put the two characters together and just let it play. That's what you call a playwright taking raw material and letting both men face each other on top of a mountain. It made a fine piece."

Frank said that "in the other piece, the story characters were based on my late father, Phil, and my late uncle, Harry Frank. I didn't change them very much. I find it's very easy to find material — everywhere. Actually," he said, "the first version of that play was written seven years ago. I looked at it again recently and revised it. My wife submitted it to the John Hume Theater, a number of scripts that I'd written, and they chose two."

"They will be doing staged readings with professional actors, who will deal from scripts. A good professional actor in a stage reading will get a great deal of content particularly from a fairly simple play. I write quite simply for practical reasons," explained Frank. "They're easier to stage and perform. For example, I wrote 'Frank's With Ralph' and 'Frank's With Ralph' and it was in addition to an evening of some of my other plays for its November production. Instead of the usual high school full production of a Broadway musical, I was very pleased. They did a wonderful job."



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Frank mentioned that "I'm still writing one-act plays. It's a good format. We have an audience today who wants short articles and plays. And my ideas come from personal experience. Some I take just a few hours to write, some I spend weeks on the knicks and some the knicks are worked out, just a few hours. But I'm always working on something."

The "professional-turned-amateur," who was born in Bayonne, graduated from Lafayette College Phi Beta Kappa and became professional when he wrote a musical at college. "It was based on a short story by Bert Harte. It had 70,000 performances a year. And one of the songs in the show was 'Pleasant Mr. Sun.' It became number two in the country," Frank said, "and on the proceeds

Among the other songs which were recorded were "Time to Go," Sarah Vaughan; "Our Song," Frank Murphy; "There Must Be Some Mistake," George Shearing; "Come Home," Dolores Harkins; "Only the One," Roger Coleman; and "Wolfgang Sebastian Mayer, Eddie 'Piano' Miller."

"I wrote hundreds and hundreds of songs for children's records. Each record had at least eight or 10 songs, including a variation on 'The Wizard of Oz' and 'The Wizard of Oz Returns' and it included a game. Among his other children's records were "Paul Bunyan" and "Johnny Appleseed," recorded by Dennis Day; "Famous Pirate Stories," William Bendis; "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and "Rip Van Winkle," Boris Karloff; "Alice in Wonderland" and "Cinderella," plus "Babar the Elephant," Gladys McKeague; "Bible Stories," Joseph Coffey, and "Pinocchio," Jimmy Nelson.

He recorded children's stories and musicals for Cricket Records, Golden Records, RCA Records and Panda Records. Among the others were "Babar in Toyland," "Alice's Fairy Tales," "From Sawyer," "The Wizard of Oz," "The Emperor's New Clothes," "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," "Lyle Lyle Esqueiro," "A Child's Introduction to Peter," "The Five Senses," "The Wizard of Oz," "The Nutcracker," "The King of the Golden River" and "Aldwin." Among the educational records were "The Talking Map," "The World of the Birds," "The World of Weather" and "A Trip to the Moon."

"My four grandchildren are all getting tapes from the children's shows," he said. "Even my son, Roger, and my daughter, Holly Sanders of South Orange, still like these records."

"I was in the music business for a while. Then came rock-and-roll and everything changed totally. It got so difficult so I went to writing various writing corporations. I was in industrial art advertising/public relations, printing cards and on a freelance basis did some books. But I was always writing one thing or another — everything but a novel — which I will never do."

Among the published books he wrote were "The Presidents," "Tidbits and Trivia" with seven editions printed, and "Howard the Horrible Horse," a humor book.

Some of Frank's more popular one-act plays included "I Wonder If There's a Dog," "The Lady or the Tiger Rag," "The Outlook Wain's Brilliant for the Movie Nuts That Day," "The Party Prize," "The Tallest Yet," "The Disappearing Woman," "The Cardfight Giant," "Let's Break Open the Beasloids," "Happy Birthday, Robert Browning," "Alice is Dead," "Little Abner," "The Appraisal of the Alvin Clark," "Royce," "Ugole Hockey," "Flying Lesson," "The Watercolorist," "The Census Taker," "Traffic Jam," "Honeyville, Crisples and Ronnie Feldman," "The Engagement Ring," "I Want That Job" and "The Marbleized Paper-Covered Personal Telephone Book."

## A lot can happen during 'Two Days in the Valley'

By Jim Riffel

In "Two Days in the Valley," two men — James Spader and Danny Aiello — are sitting in a car discussing the work they do. Aiello is thanking Spader for the opportunity to get back into the business. The business they are speaking of is a crime. Spader is using Aiello for a hired killing and the two, complete with their binoculars and electronic bugging devices, are watching the scene of their client.

The deal Spader has made stipulates that he will not be telling her about the work they do. Aiello is thanking Spader for the opportunity to get back into the business. The business they are speaking of is a crime. Spader is using Aiello for a hired killing and the two, complete with their binoculars and electronic bugging devices, are watching the scene of their client.

The scene switches back to the movie maker who's taking his dog out for a walk. A man recognizes him and tells him his time is some of the worst movie ever made. This is not helping the director's suicidal tendencies.

Back to Aiello and Spader, please! By cutting away from the crime scene, Aiello wants to know what the spy ring talk was about. Spader, whose character looks more at home in an accountant's office than behind a gun, is confidentially evasive. He pulls the car into a deserted field and shoots at the police. Aiello, who is wearing a bulletproof vest, is not far enough away that, although he's thrown a good 100 feet, he's alive.

In the next hour all of these characters and stories, and a few more, are going to interweave and, in the end, amount to one of the most thought out, tightly written films of 1996.

A resident of Mountaishide, Jim Riffel is the author of "The Video Detective's Guide to The Top 100 Films of All Time."

## Take 'Wooster-Street' down south for Dixieland in Echo Lake Park

The sounds of Dixie will be coming to Union County on Wednesday, when the public is invited to take a ride with the Wooster Street Trolley Jazz Band at the weekly instrument of the Summer Arts Festival.

"You're in for a real good time with this group, known for its exuberant brand of Dixieland jazz and humorous delivery," said Festival Vice Chairman Daniel Sullivan, who is also liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. "The 'Trolley' combines lively instrumental stylings on traditional New Orleans favorites like 'The Wolverine Blues' and 'High Society' with traditional jazz and 1920s novelty numbers like 'Puttin' on the Ritz'."

Members of the Wooster Street Trolley Jazz Band include, Bob Leive, on trumpet and vocals, Ken Fox on trombone and vocals, Alan Cary on banjo and vocals, pianist, Fred Giordano, tuba player, Jeff Dunton, percussionist, Fred Smith and vocalist, Pat Graham.

This colorful entertainment group, who sport ties that look like they could have been designed by Betty Ross, has been delighting audiences since 1972. They have been showcased at the NJ Jazz Society's annual Pee Wee Russell Memorial Swing, the Midtown Jazz Initiative in Oregon and the Core May Jazz Festival. Other notable performance venues have been Giants Stadium and Implosion 93 for the NJ Council of the Arts. The Wooster Street Trolley Jazz Band has also been showcased on several cable television stations and featured on major radio stations across the country, where their new CD release "All Aboard" has been played to enthusiastic listeners.

Scherling-Plough Corp. of Kenilworth and the Board of Chosen Freeholders are the sponsors for this free concert, the fifth in an 11-concert series. The public is invited to attend all Summer Arts concerts which are held Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Avenue end of Echo Lake Park, Mountaishide. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets are encouraged. There is a refreshment stand available beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m. In case of rain, Crawford High School Auditorium, West End Place, Cranford is the concert site. Rain information is available by calling (908) 352-8410 after 3 p.m. on the day of the concert.

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(See ANSWERS on Page B11)

**HOROSCOPE**

**For the week of July 20 to 26**

**Aries March 21-April 20**  
Group demands may take center stage. You'll be able to accomplish a lot that way, but you'll also work alone. Try to resolve disputes or disagreement and find common ground in order to move ahead. Keep an eye on finances and finish up paperwork.

**Loo July 23-Aug. 23**  
Some people might be working behind the scenes to thwart your plans. Make sure you have all the facts and figures to counter them and get the necessary backing. You may need to cut costs and stick closer to a budget. Make sure you take time out for yourself.

**Taurus April 21-May 21**  
Things will come into focus. You'll know who your supporters and opponents are. The patience and humor to bring people in authority around to your way of thinking. You may need to step back and study the situation before you move forward. Don't forget friends or loved ones.

**Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22**  
Personal and professional responsibilities increase, and you may start to feel overwhelmed. Take a deep breath and plunge again. You'll get your confidence back and be ready for anything. Don't let expenses get away from you. Pay attention to the details.

**Gemini May 22-June 21**  
Now is the time for friends and plans. Don't worry if they seem impractical, or far-fetched — some may just come true. Learn a lesson from the past. Keep in touch with a friend or family member who might be ill or confused. You'll get a positive report about health.

**Cancer June 22-July 22**  
Set an outline and establish a deadline in order to get ahead. Following them will increase your accomplishment.

**Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22**  
Now is the time to start lining up powerful allies. Make sure you spell out for them the benefits and risks involved. Being up-front and truthful now saves the difficult situation you'll be up to the challenge. You'll get a boost from a surprise source.

**Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21**  
Focus your full attention on current situations. Before to get down into the middle of a fight that really doesn't involve you. Do your research. The answer you want is in the details. Work hard at keeping promises. Remember that patience pays in the long run.

**Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20**  
Keep a close reed on finances, budgets and money. You may be tempted to go overboard but beware.

**Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23**  
You'll have to deal with conflicting thoughts and emotions. It may be best to go back to ways of doing things that worked in the past. An impatient or time-consuming task still needs to be done. After you get it out of the way is the time to relax and play.

**Pisces Feb. 19-March 20**  
Actions speak louder than words. Others will be watching closely for your reactions. Stay calm and controlled for the best results. Don't be intimidated by deadline. You'll make it with time to spare. Consult outside experts when necessary to get a complete picture.

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## What's Going On?

**Flea Market**  
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## Art school award winners on exhibit

Swain Galleries of Plainfield will showcase new talent in a multi-media exhibition, "Selected Works," by 18 student winners from the 1997 DuCret Art School of the Arts Annual Student Fine Arts Show. The exhibit of 35 works will be on view from Saturday to Aug. 16.

Judging occurred in 10 categories including oil, pastel, pencil, colored pencil, 3-D, stained glass, watercolor, mixed-media, photography and sculpture.

The 18 student winners from 17 N.J. towns include Andrew Engel of Pettit and Christy Stash of Westfield, each capturing four awards. Parlin's works are oils, photography and watercolor; Skidell's oil, pencil, watercolor and sculpture.

Gambling three awards were Clayton C. Denby of Wharton with his oil, watercolor and 3-D. Michael DiMaio of Roselle Park with a pastel and pencil drawing, and Timothy Hall of Plainfield with his oils.

An opening reception honoring the DuCret student winners is scheduled for Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Swain Galleries, 703 Washington Ave., Plainfield. The exhibit will continue Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 4 p.m. For further information, call (908) 756-1707.

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"Beginning with the 1997 model, a number of product changes are planned with each successive version, contributing to the evolution and tradition of the marque," said Martin R. Levine, Dodge division general manager.

"We believe the original Viper RT10 roadster, produced from 1995 through 1996, has secured a place in history as a vehicle that defined a new chapter in American sports car design. Chrysler's day of business by taking on fresh challenges, and once again, 'defining the genre of what a pure American sports car should be,'" Levine continued. "The 1997 Viper RT10 will open a new chapter in the 'legendary Viper story'."

The first and most noticeable changes in the 1997 Viper are three new exterior design themes. Customers will have a choice of red exterior paint with yellow five-spoke wheels and yellow Viper logo decal; black exterior paint with a silver center stripe and polished aluminum five-spoke wheels; or stone white exterior paint with a blue pearl center stripe and white five-spoke wheels. All previous color choices will be retired at the end of the 1996 model year run.

Interior changes to complement the new exterior color themes include red leather-wrapped steering wheel, transmission shifter, handbrake and handbrake with the white exterior paint and blue pearl stripe; a new all-black interior will be provided with the black exterior paint and silver wheels.

Sliding access side window curtains, replacing the soft zipper curtains and available removable color-keyed handbags are also new for 1997. The legendary Viper side exhaust has been changed to a rear exhaust system for 1997. It has less restriction for improved performance and a throatier sound due to a redesigned muffler system. Exhaust piping routing follows the silhouette of the former system, but turns inward toward the rear wheels. The pipes pass over the rear suspension and enter a tandem muffler with dual outlets on the centerline of the car. The muffler outlets have a polished ceramic coating for a long-lasting quality appearance. An aluminum shield protects the trunk floor and fuel tank against heat from the exhaust system.

Viper's 8.0-liter V-10 engine horsepower and torque ratings are increased in 1997 due primarily to the redesigned exhaust system. Horsepower increases to 415 hp (306 kW) at 5200 rpm, with torque at 488 foot-pounds (661 N-m) at 3600 rpm. Internally, the engine also has a new wedge tray to reduce drag due to excess oil rotating with the crankshaft. The Viper driveline includes a more robust differential and stronger drive shafts capable of accepting up to 500 foot-pounds (678 N-m) of torque. There is also a revised differential mounting system to reduce housing movement under heavy acceleration and deceleration.

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## City Highlights

**Marketplace opens**

The 1997 season of the Saturday Marketplace is down-trend. Rahway is open. The Marketplace will be open every Saturday throughout the summer and until Oct. 18 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Once again, the Saturday Marketplace is a participant in the popular "Jersey Fresh" program, through which farmers offer their own fruits and vegetables for sale directly to the customer with no middle-man.

This year, the Saturday Marketplace welcomes Sun Haven Farms and Bill's Fresh Produce back to Rahway. Say "Hello" to a real farmer.

Visitors to the Saturday Marketplace will also find vendors displaying jewelry, toys, arts and crafts items, bric-a-brac, antiques, compact discs and tapes, and lots of special merchandise. Relax and enjoy a snack or a complete meal in a quaint, festive atmosphere. The Saturday Marketplace has charcoal broiled steaks, hamburgers, hot dogs, fresh squeezed lemonade, Good Humor Ice Cream, cakes, and cookies.

The Saturday Marketplace is located in Parking Lot F, adjacent to the train station, at the corner of Irving and Broad streets.

## 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 as 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.

## Open houses

Noah's Ark Nursery School, located at 600 N. Wood Avenue, Linden will hold an open house for prospective parents and students on Tuesday, from 1 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Teachers will be on hand to discuss the exciting program planned for the fall for all 2 to 4 year olds. Classes will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and will be available on a flexible schedule.

Noah's Ark Nursery School believes that each child is an individual and works with each child and their family to be sure that the child develops physically, socially, emotionally and intellectually to prepare them for their future school career. Emphasis is on making learning fun as well as educational.

For further information call 272-7355 or 923-7487 in the evening.

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## Police continue lewdness inquiry

Although the investigation remains open, police have not had any more leads on a case of public lewdness in April. There are no further reports and the case, which includes two incidents of a man completely naked in public on April 23. One of these incidents was near Madison School and Rahway High School. According to Lt. Bob DiSto, both acts are thought to have been committed by the same man.

He added, "It's like everything happened in one day." That day, there were also reports of public lewdness in Fairwood and Edison. DiSto added that, judging by the descriptions of the suspects, it was the same man in the Rahway incidents.

The first incident in Rahway occurred between 4:45 and 5:15 p.m. and was reported by a 35-year-old female resident who was jogging behind Madison School. She reported to police that she noticed the suspect naked and standing next to a small green compact vehicle in the driveway between Madison School and Rahway High School. She yelled at the suspect and he fled in a compact car on Maple Avenue toward St. Georges Avenue.

The next incident was about 30 minutes later. Two 31-year-old women said the suspect passed them in a small green car and parked on West Millon Avenue near Bryant Street. He then exited the car, completely naked. Both victims fled the area.

In neither case was it reported that the suspect did anything. He simply stood out in the open naked. According to DiSto, the Rahway police have been able to make a composite sketch of the suspect, but this has not yielded results. The police are looking for a white man about 40 years old and with a heavy build. He weighs 240 pounds and has reddish hair.

He added that the investigation is still open, but Rahway police got their last lead about three weeks ago. This turned out to be a false one. DiSto added that, notified Rahway that they had arrested someone they thought fit the description of the suspect but was not identified by witnesses.

DiSto said that in any lewdness case, the police talk to the victim, who provides photos in the Police Department's files. If a witness gets a good enough look at the suspect, a composite sketch is drawn. This information is sent statewide, sometimes with vehicle information. Neighborhood patrols are also increased. Officer Rick Long is handling the case. If anyone has information, they can call Rahway's police tip number at 388-1533.

## Latest heat wave causes health emergencies

By Sean Daly  
Staff Writer

July 15 to July 18 were the hottest days so far this year. The heat and humidity combined to create a perfect storm for heat-related health emergencies during this period.

But when asked if this was a light or heavy number of heat exhaustion cases, Rodgers said, "I can't say it's unusual because nothing's unusual in this business. It could have been right. It could have been 80."

McCarthy also said his figures did not include people transported directly to the hospital's emergency room. Figures for people treated at the hospital were not ready at press-time.

Heat exhaustion and heat stroke are two of the more serious heat-related ailments that people can come down with, which the MICU squad did not.

Heat exhaustion is a condition in which the body's ability to cool itself is overwhelmed. It is caused by excessive heat and dehydration. Symptoms include heavy sweating, weakness, dizziness, and nausea. If left untreated, it can lead to heat stroke.

Heat stroke is a more serious condition in which the body's temperature rises above 104 degrees Fahrenheit. It is a medical emergency and can be fatal. Symptoms include a high body temperature, confusion, and loss of consciousness.

McCarthy said that the most common way to treat heat exhaustion is to move the person to a cool place and provide them with fluids. For heat stroke, medical attention is required.

## Suspects rob \$40K from go-go bar safe

By Sean Daly  
Staff Writer

There were a number of robberies in Rahway recently. One of them was a large burglary in the city recently — at a local go-go bar. Apparently, it took the suspects an hour or less to take about \$40,000 from the bar.

On July 14, police investigated a burglary at the Breathless go-go bar at 4:32 p.m. According to police, about \$40,000 was taken from a safe in the bottom of the business between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. There was no sign of forced entry.

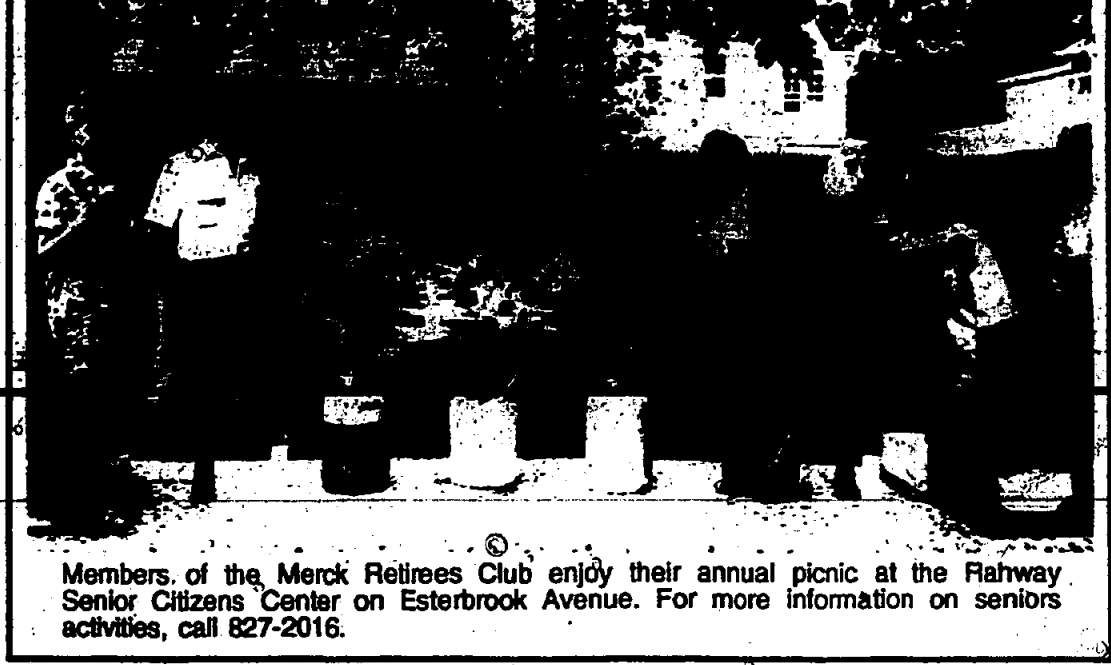
On July 9, three juveniles from West Grand Avenue were the victims of a strong-arm robbery on Routes 1&9 at 6:26 p.m.

Their assailants, all black males, took \$25 from them.

According to police, the suspects are all heavily built and are 16 or 17 years old. One was 5 feet 4 inches and was wearing a tan T-shirt and jeans. The second was 6 feet tall and was wearing a white T-shirt, and the last was 5 feet 7 inches and was wearing a blue tank top.

The second reported robbery this month was barely 24 hours later and involved a gas station employee on Routes 1&9. His assailants got away with one 50-cent cigar. The robbery occurred July 10 at 9:39 p.m. The victim, a 42-year-old Edison resident, was assaulted by two black males with their fists. They got away with one Phillies blunt cigar, valued at 5 cents. According to See GRAND, Page 2

## A summertime picnic



Members of the Merck Retirees Club enjoy their annual picnic at the Rahway Senior Citizens Center on Esterbrook Avenue. For more information on seniors activities, call 827-2016.

## Circuit trip causes citywide power outages

By Lisa Jurado  
Staff Writer

As if the heat wave was not high enough, the upper 90s wasn't enough to deal with last week, residents also had to overcome major power outages.

Rahway residents traveling home from work last Thursday were forced to take different routes home when traffic lights in parts of the city shut down due to what is called a circuit trip.

In addition, auxiliary officers available at the time were sent out to help assist in directing traffic.

"It wasn't in all of Rahway, it was in pieces of it," said Sullivan.

A total of 2,371 customers lost power in these areas during the first outage and 2,522 customers lost power during the second outage, according to Sullivan.

Auxiliary electrical lines running down South Avenue from the Aldene Substation located on the Roselle-Cranford border shorted out and caused the 6:11 p.m. outage.

"When there's a very high demand for power because of the heat, circuits can trip up and it can take a while to reset," Sullivan said. "The other electrical circuit overload happened in our substation located in Fairwood."

He added that that circuit trip is what caused the 1:46 p.m. outage.

After the two outages, citizens were warned of the dangers of using large amounts of electricity. They were told that further electrical power failures could be possible if residents do not cut down on use.

"It's just like when you cut down the use in your house, except when it happens at a substation it's not quite as simple to reset," said Sullivan. "And it can affect more than one town when that happens."