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Concerned Citizens warn against UCUA tax burden

The Union County Utilities Authority, and possibly the county government, is facing an economic crisis. The UCUA, with uncompetitive garbage disposal fees and \$283 million in bonded debt, could soon be forced to compete with cheaper waste disposal facilities in and out of the state. If it loses enough business, it could default on its bonds, \$25 million of which have been guaranteed by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Now a citizens group is asking for a probe into how the UCUA was funded in the first place.

"We say that there are individuals who have real culpability and those individuals are not being pursued," said Kerri Blanchard of the Union County Concerned Citizens.

According to the UCCC, paying off the UCUA's debt, if it defaults on its bonds, will fall on the shoulders of Union County's taxpayers to the tune of at least \$35 million and possibly all \$283 million of the UCUA's bonds.

The UCCC is putting together a packet of information that it will be sending to various law enforcement agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The purpose is to start an investigation into how and why the UCUA incurred its debt.

The UCUA story, according to UCCC member Bob Carson, stretched back into the 1980s and early 1990s. When both Union and Bergen counties were paying about \$130 to dispose of each ton of garbage.

The state Department of Environmental Protection was and still is responsible for approving of disposal fees and agreements; he questioned why the DEP would approve of such a high garbage disposal fee for Bergen and Union counties when their neighbors were paying half of that amount and transporting their garbage to the same disposal facilities.

The funding of the UCUA was facilitated by a number of financial firms, all of whom had connections to the Democratic Party in New Jersey and Union County.

The freeholders took on Consolidated Financial Management as advisors for the UCUA bond issue. Consolidated Financial Management was co-owned by Joseph Salama, chief of staff for former Gov. Jim Florio. Both Salama and his partner, Nicholas Rudi, were investigated by the Securities and Exchange Commission for improper practices in connection with a \$2.9 billion New Jersey Turnpike bond issue, the largest in state history then. Salama made a plea bargain; Carson said that Rudi is still fighting charges.

The bond counsel for the UCUA bond issue was Kraft and MacMillan. Scott Weinstock, a former commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection, was a member of this firm.

The law firm for the UCUA was DeCotis and Pinto; a partner in this firm, Mr. Robert DeCotis, was once chief legal counsel for Florio.

All of these firms, with two others involved in the UCUA bond issue — LeBoeuf, Lamb, Leiby and McKee and Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette — made contributions to the Democratic Party in Union County.

DeCotis and Pinto had the highest contribution of \$22,500. LeBoeuf Lamb was the second highest at \$16,250. Both CPM and DLJ made smaller contributions of \$1,125 and \$1,000, respectively.

In addition, the law firm of state Sen. Donald DiFrancesco, R-Union, was paid \$15,000 to help Raytheon from holding a referendum on the incinerator. Both CPM and LeBoeuf Lamb collected large fees for their services — \$200,000 and \$300,000, respectively.

The bond issue was floated by the now defunct First Fidelity Bank, called a "political and financial powerhouse in New Jersey" by the *New York Times*. By federal law, commercial banks are not allowed to underwrite bond issues unless they are backed by taxpayer funds.

First Fidelity was able to underwrite the UCUA bonds because the freeholders guaranteed \$35 million of these bonds. This means that they will have to pay this amount if the UCUA defaults on its bonds, something that the UCUA is in danger of doing.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is presented by the Railway Progress to inform residents of various community activities and governmental meetings. To give your schedule to Railway Progress, Attention: Chris Stuenkel, managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Today

- Railway Hospital begins a benevolent group that will meet for seven consecutive Thursdays. The group will meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the hospital located at 865 Stone St., Rahway. There is no fee to participate; however, pre-registration is required. This group will be for those who have just spouses only. For more information or to register for the sessions, call Railway Hospital at 499-6169.
- The International Health Seminar "Health is Wealth" will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Golden Age Towers, 200 Million Ave., Rahway. Topics include: Senior Housing, Security Updates, Health Insurance, Living Wills, New Jersey Estate Plan, Shot, Testing, Blood Pressure, Breast Cancer, Vision, Hearing, and Diabetes. There will be refreshments and admission is free. For information call (908) 381-5384 or (908) 755-2876.
- Coming events
- Oct. 7
- A free blood pressure screening is being offered for

Oct. 8

- The Railway Senior Citizens Center and Linden Lane is sponsoring a Free "Senior Social" Bowling Party for Railway Seniors at Linden Lane, 741 S. St. Linden on Wednesday, starting at 10 a.m. and ending at noon. The party will include bowling, use of all equipment, instructional help and light refreshments. Any Railway Senior Citizens is invited, beginners as well as experienced bowlers. Registration is required and forms can be picked up at the Railway Senior Center, 1305 Enterprise Ave., or call 827-2016. Any Senior interested in participating in a weekly bowling program or any Railway Senior Citizen Program should contact the center.
- Oct. 9
- Railway Hospital will participate in National Depression Screening Day with a presentation about depression, take a written screening test, review the test results with a clinician and receive a referral if appropriate. The free presentation will take place from 2 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 at the hospital, 865 Stone St. For more information, call 499-6165.

REA finally works under contract

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According to Stephens, the board partially accomplished some of the goals that they had set for the contract. Among these were "holding the line" on the money teachers could receive for buying back unused sick time. This has "historically" gone up with every contract, but Stephens said that the board was able to keep it unchanged in this contract.

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Officials discuss water status

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

Representatives from state, county and local governments were at Rahway City Hall last Tuesday for talks on the Rahway River.

About 50 people attended the meeting, which was convened by Assemblyman Rick Bagger, R-22, and the Rahway River Association, a grassroots group. Among those present were representatives from the Union, Essex and Middlesex County governments and from about 15 municipalities along the river. Both Bagger and Weingarten attended the meeting, as did a representative of Congressman Bob Franks, R-7.

"It was quite a good benefit for the river," said James Lynch of the Rahway River Association. "I mean it was beneficial because we're getting some communities interested in a regional river."

Bagger, along with Assemblyman Joel Weingarten, R-21, are the co-sponsors of a bill that would create a river management commission called the Rahway River Committee. This commission would consist of towns that are in the Rahway River's watershed.

Bagger said that the meeting was convened to "begin a process to have a regional, holistic approach to water management, and I think it accomplished that."

Among the subjects covered was pollution, water quality, water supply and wastewater management.

According to Brenda Loggins of the state Department of Environmental Protection, one of the speakers at the meeting, river regulation has been done on a site-by-site basis. Loggins said that the bill would create a "holistic" approach to water management.

"That doesn't take into account the whole picture," she said. "We want to take a holistic approach."

One of the people who is trying to implement such a "holistic" approach is Bagger, who helped secure the river.

They were assembled in order to hear presentations on a regional approach to managing the Rahway River — that is, an approach that would not focus on just one area or towns along the river but would take into account the entire length of the river.

SMART Sitter course begins

Rahway Hospital again is offering its new SMART Sitter course, which provides participants with the knowledge and skills to handle the responsibilities of caring for the children of others. Courses are scheduled for Thursdays, Oct. 2, 9, and 16; Thursdays, Oct. 23, 30 and Nov. 6; and Wednesdays, Nov. 12, 19, and 26 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the hospital's Conference Room No. 3.

The SMART Sitter program refers to those children that parents seek as they look for a sitter. Suitable, Mature, Alert, Reliable and Trained. Individuals who successfully complete this course gain a basic understanding of care for children of all ages. The course is instructed by Regional Nurse from Rahway Hospital Memorial Child Health Services.

The SMART Sitter course covers all the essential skills of child care including infant and child safety, personal safety and security measures, basic first-aid, American Heart Association Pediatric CPR instruction, recognition of and care for minor illnesses, physical care of children, including bathing, feeding, diapering and clothing techniques, identifying and responding to emergencies and appropriate child behavior and interaction.

The fee for the course is \$30. Pre-registration is required and because of the interactive nature of the course, the number of participants is limited. Classes can also be arranged on-site for any club, group or organization. For more information and to register call Rahway Hospital Community Outreach at 499-6193.

Rahway Hospital is offering the popular "Culinary Hearts Kitchen" cooking course beginning Sept. 23. "Culinary Hearts Kitchen" was developed by the American Heart Association in accordance with its dietary guidelines for cardiac patients.

Culinary Hearts Kitchen is just one of the five nutrition education courses held at Rahway Hospital throughout the year. For further information and to register call Community Outreach at 499-6193.

Pageant beauty

Janine Silva, 12-year-old daughter of Mary and Armando Silva of Clark, will represent New Jersey in the Miss National Pre-Teen pageant in Orlando. She and others representing the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands will vie for the crown of Miss National Pre-Teen on the basis of academics/achievements, interview, poise/appearance and personality on Nov. 6.

The Clark Public Library offers all persons equal access and opportunities to participate in its services, programs and activities. Any individual requiring special assistance or adaptive technology may contact the library to request appropriate arrangements to make advance.

Library hours resume
The Clark Public Library has resumed normal weekend and evening hours. The library is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The library may be returned to the building at any time the library is closed.

Hospital program
To enhance the quality of life for residents of the "Rahway Hospital," the hospital offers a Pet Therapy Program. The program is designed to provide emotional support and companionship to patients and staff. For more information, call 499-6193.

NEWS CLIPS

Pet show planned
Therapy, Inc. is a non-profit organization established in the State of New Jersey and made up entirely of volunteers. The groups take pets, primarily dogs and cats, into nursing homes and rehabilitation hospitals to visit with the residents and perform animal-assisted therapy. It also works together to promote the valuable bond between people and animals in a therapeutic setting.

The 8th annual pet show will be held on Sunday at Blackwood Manor from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 1250 West Ave., Edison. In addition to our pet show, there will be pet portraits and sketches with a portion of the proceeds donated to Therapy, Inc.

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Only the good can make a good year

When the Jewish people around the world celebrate the High Holy Days — Rosh Hashanah on Wednesday night, Oct. 2 and 3, and Yom Kippur, on the eve of Oct. 10 and on Oct. 11 to sundown — they will be praying for more than repentance, prayer and fasting. They also will pray for a decrease in the violence in the Middle East and for all people to deal charitably with one another.

The Jewish people will mark their days of repentance and atonement beginning with the 29th day of the last Hebrew month, Elul. The Jewish New Year 5758 begins with a 10-day period known as the Ten Days of Repentance, starting with the holiday of Rosh Hashanah and ending with the spiritual fast of Yom Kippur. The Ten Days of Repentance, also known as the High Holy Days and the Days of Awe, are 10 days of "moral clean-up." Jews spend time close to God and look at themselves according to the measurement of God's image of man and woman. The period of time is reflective, serious and solemn. The central theme is repentance for one's sins, committed knowingly or unknowingly, throughout the year.

One of the reasons Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are so important is because on this day, the Book of Life, a book in Heaven which contains the words, acts and thoughts of man during the year, is examined, and each man's good and bad deeds are evaluated. On Yom Kippur, the book is sealed. One is awakened to the seriousness of the holidays by the blowing of the shofar, the ram's horn. There exists in the Bible a commandment to sound the ram's horn during the Days of Awe to awaken man to the awesome power of God, for man is a very small thing in His eyes. When the shofar is blown, everyone is attentive and no one speaks.

Several prayers are recited on Yom Kippur, "Kol Nidre" or "all vows," meaning all vows and oaths not carried out are cancelled, are recited three times and marks the beginning of the Yom Kippur service. Jews in many from the ninth to the 16th centuries often were not allowed to practice their religion, so they had to practice in silence.

The fast of Yom Kippur ends the 10-day period of repentance. Everyone aged 13 or older are commanded to fast from sunset to sunset without the pleasures of food and long bathing. Yom Kippur is a truly pious and holy day, and Jews think of the day's holiness when they are without food. People are hungry and are hearing problems and sins together to emphasize togetherness.

Also, on Yom Kippur, the prayer for the dead, Yizkor, is recited and memorial pledges, charity and bonds are often given. The concluding service, Neilah, ends the fast day, and the shofar is blown for the first and only time on Yom Kippur. Jews then break the fast and hope and pray for a good and healthy new year.

A good new year is a better new year — can only come if you have a good ending — and can be achieved when greetings are expressed, especially with the blessing message: "May you be all blessed for a good year."

Traffic safety is the first lesson

In the weeks since school has reopened, we are sure the motorists of our area have noticed the influx of traffic that usually occurs in September.

In response to the increased traffic in their daily travels, observe the rules of courtesy and safety in their daily travels.

First and foremost, remember that at every corner you may find excited youngsters on their way to or from school. While these children also share a responsibility to behave in a safe manner, we as adults and operators of motor vehicles must understand these kids will be distracted by the many new things that come with each new school year. Observe caution.

School crossing guards are also important for children's safety. While only an authorized police officer may actually direct motor vehicle traffic, many volunteer crossing guards — whose job it is to aid children in crossing a street only when the coast is clear — will stop traffic to allow children to cross. Though in many communities, this is technically not within their authority, the benefit of motorists' standing on principle far outweighs the minor inconvenience of being stopped by someone who really has no authority to do so. Stop for the children, if not for the guard, but do stop.

If you are part of a carpool, enforce the rule that children, in your vehicle must remain respectfully quiet enough to allow you to drive safely. Again, kids are often excited and wound up, but they must accept the shared responsibility of getting home safely. If the children are small enough, play a game of observation, such as looking for something red, into the trip. Get them to use their eyes and ears more than their mouths. You'll all be safer and the little ones will learn something.

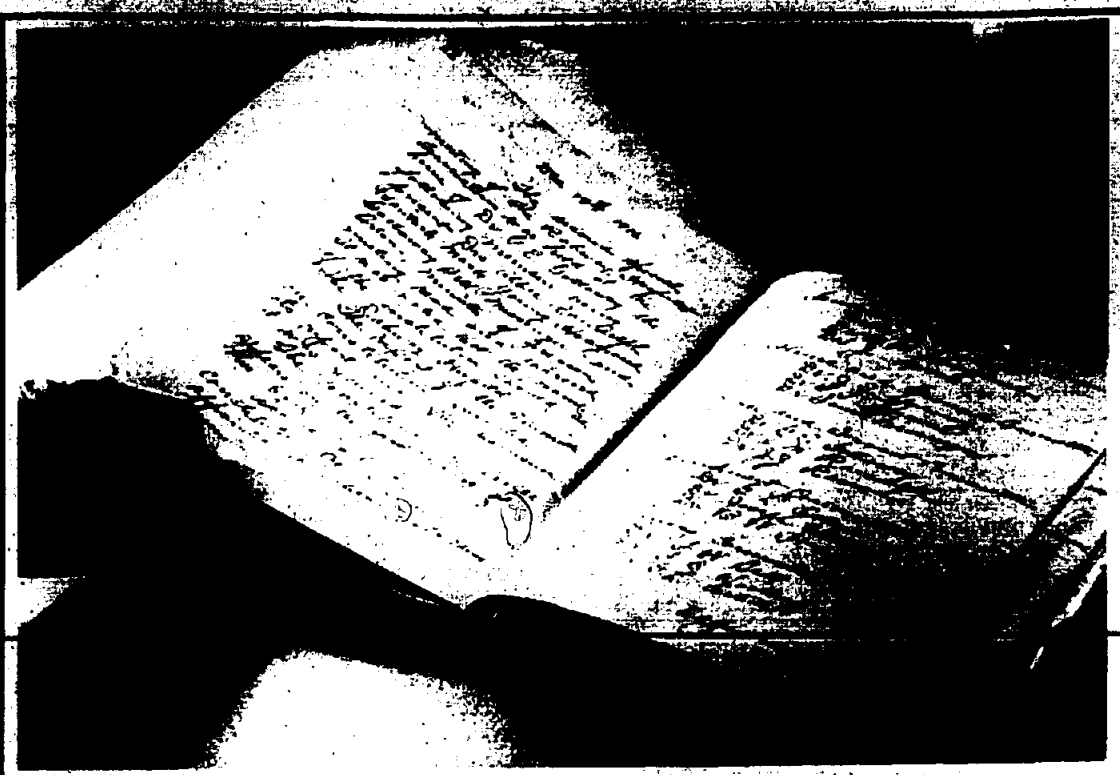
Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, observe the laws governing school buses. Every year, tragedies occur when motorists illegally pass stopped school buses. If a bus is stopped, its red lights should be flashing. This is the sign to stop behind or across the street from the bus and not to pass it.

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COMMUNITY FORUM



PAGES OF HISTORY — The minutes of the Founding Physicians of Rahway Hospital meeting in 1816 are exposed. The hospital, which was founded by 43 physicians in a house in Rahway, recently celebrated its 180th anniversary. Today, the hospital serves Rahway, Clark, Linden, Westfield, Colonia, Woodbridge, Cranford and more than 14,000 patients a year.

September brings memories of world at war

The Way It Was

By William Frolich

The month of September has many meanings to just about everyone, and its presence can revive all sorts of memories and thoughts. To a school child it means the end of summer and the end of 10 weeks of freedom from school, teachers and homework, that summer which can be an otherwise pleasant evening. There are even those children who look forward to the start of a new school year, but they are in the minority and are considered by their friends to be somewhat odd.

These are teachers who also have mixed feelings about the start of school and think, "Well, here we go again, with new faces to know, old friends to teach and repeat to correct." Labor Day weekend is always too short!

To the athletically minded student, September is the month for which they have been waiting, as now football practice can start in earnest, with pre-season scrimmages and the first real game to be played at the end of the month. Regardless of the realities in the world, September always inspires the thoughts of a winning season in the minds of the players.

To some of the older people, September has much different thoughts and memories. World War II started on Sept. 1, 1939, and ended six years later almost to the day, on Sept. 2, 1945. Long before the United States

was drawn into that European conflict, its effect was felt here. The first draft was issued to men, with the promise of only a single year of duty, and then a return to civilian life, a promise kept for only a few, and most of them were recalled to duty later.

At the end of September in 1940 that draft law was extended, and in October many of those who thought that they had successfully evaded the draft now found themselves in uniform, training with wooden rifles and cannons. Some of the factories began doing what was euphemistically called "defense work" as though no one dared to think that we would ever get into the war, but were only building our defenses. That thought, of course, died with the more than 2,000 men at Pearl Harbor.

The years went by, filled with tragedy, despair and then hope. Finally, hope became reality, and in Europe the fighting was over.

Here at home the country went wild and took the day off. Celebrations rang in the air, and every gas tank was filled up at 25 cents a gallon. It seems as though everybody went out for dinner that evening, and the restaurants ran out of food.

Along the New Jersey shore the lines of vacationers extended for blocks at each hotel or other place of eating, hoping to get served, but not really caring for the war was over. Fortunately, there was no shortage of liquid refreshment, and anyone in uniform literally had to fight off the well-wishers.

Again it was September and the second day of that month was officially designated V-J Day, and the surrender was signed aboard the Battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay. There was no celebration in New Jersey then, as the war was still in its experimental stage, but the newsmen cameramen were there, and the still photographers, and their recorded scenes are even now vivid in the minds of those who watched at home.

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brought home, some for discharge and others to an unknown destiny, for there was still a potent enemy in the Pacific.

For some of us, the return home was in wartime luxury aboard the Queen Mary, where 14,000 soldiers and 1,000 sailors were berthed upon her many decks. Her full speed ahead at 33 knots was not fast enough for any of us. Still, the cheers resounded throughout the ship each time the day's run was announced over the public address system. The vessel steamed at night lit up like a Christmas tree, apparently knowing that there were no enemy ships anywhere in the ocean.

Then we were in New York harbor and marched to Times Square. The scene described quite accurately by Walter Winchell as a "concentration camp, with liberty." With 30-day passes in our possession, all of us scattered to the four winds, perhaps to home, but nowhere but that pier.

Early in August came the news of the "bomb," and its terrific effect in Japan. Racked by the second bomb, and facing utter annihilation if the war continued, Japan accepted "unconditional surrender" on Aug. 14, 1945, and the fighting was over.

Here at home the country went wild and took the day off. Celebrations rang in the air, and every gas tank was filled up at 25 cents a gallon. It seems as though everybody went out for dinner that evening, and the restaurants ran out of food.

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Capturing the moment



At Rahway River Park, located on St. Georges Avenue in Rahway, Arnie Garcia films some of the moments shared by David Hunt and Sara Goldstern of Edison who will soon be married.

Carnival announces cast of its fall show

Carnival Productions, Rahway's resident theater company, has announced the cast of "All My Sons," the Arthur Miller play which will open the troupe's 1997-98 season in downtown Rahway.

Starring in the modern tragedy are James Broderick of the Indian section of Woodbridge Township and Janet Aspinwall of Metuchen as Joe and Kate Keller, a middle-American couple whose lives are shattered by tragedy in the years following World War II. Michael McNulty of Plainfield will play their son, Chris, whose romance with his brother's sweetheart, Ann, sets the plot in its inevitable course. In the pivotal role of Ann is Regina Belchick of West Orange.

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Officials urge awareness of proper medication use

In recognition of "National Pharmacy Week," Oct. 22 to 28, Rahway Hospital Pharmacy will hold its annual "Show Bag Day" on Oct. 22 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the hospital's main lobby. Community members are invited to the open house to talk about their prescriptions with Rahway Hospital pharmacists.

Statistics reveal that more than 9 million adverse drug reactions, 245,000 hospitalizations and 25 percent of nursing home admissions occur yearly as a result of older adults' inability to use their medicines safely and effectively.

Backe said, "Complications from using expired or discontinued prescription drugs and the results can be devastating."

Backe urges community members to take advantage of this convenient event to consult with Rahway Hospital's registered pharmacists and clean out their medicine chests to reduce the chance of accidental poisonings.

She believes medication compliance is one of the most stubborn challenges facing medicine today. "We have become very sophisticated in the last few decades with medication therapy and medication delivery systems, but with all the sophistication and technology at our fingertips, there is still a problem with understanding."

"The drug is only good if the patient understands how to take it, when to take it, and when to actually take it correctly."

Local police promote school bus safety

Let's review the laws concerned with school zones, school buses, and right turn on red, as they pertain to school children.

It seems the most confusing law is when to stop for the school bus. Simply put, you must stop for a school bus when the red lights are flashing, if the bus is not equipped, when the stop sign is extended. This applies to every street in the City of Rahway and the State of New Jersey, including St. Georges Avenue, and similar roads within the state, whether you are approaching behind the school bus or approaching from the opposite direction.

There are two exceptions to this law. The first is when the school bus is parked, against the curb, directly in front of the school building, and is loading or unloading the children.

You may pass at a maximum of 10 miles per hour. The second exception is when a school bus is stopped, and lights flashing, on a highway that has a physical barrier between the school bus and you approaching in the opposite direction. In this case, you may travel at a maximum speed of 10 miles per hour. If you are approaching the bus from behind, you must stop.

An example of the second type of road is Routes 1 & 9 in Rahway. The penalties are very severe for violation of this law. For the first offense, the violator "shall be subject to" a fine of not less than \$100, imprisonment for not more than 15 days or community service for 15 days, or both of the above. The law also allows the director of motor vehicles to revoke the license of anyone who has been found guilty of passing a school bus.

When you are traveling through a school zone, the speed limit is 25 m.p.h. when children are present, no matter what the posted speed limit is. And lastly, some intersections have special "Do Not Turn On Red" signs posted, prohibiting the right-turn-on-red during certain hours. These hours are usually 7 to 9 a.m. and again from 3 to 6 p.m.

If you have any questions about these rules, call the Rahway Police Department Community Assistance Team office at 827-2175, or the Rahway Police Department Traffic Bureau at 827-2074.

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Holly Wood, 4, and Melissa Rustemeyer, 4, take a ride down one of the slides at Rahway River Park.

AT THE LIBRARY

Book covers offered

Is the family Bible reading? Is your favorite novel looking worn? Has your Zerkman's become unloved? The Rahway Public Library can now offer you a program to get it all together, between two sturdy covers.

The library will pack the items, arrange for periodic delivery to LBC, and contact you when it is ready. Turn-around time is usually a month from time of shipment. LBC uses a standard Grade F, forest green book cover, with black lettering. Depending on the size, type and condition of the item, the cost can run between \$30 and \$120 plus shipping.

In addition, the library is offering a repair service, for books which are only slightly damaged. With the help of library volunteer Norma Bender, a little tape or glue can add years to a good book. The cost for this service is \$10 per item.

To have a book rebound or repaired, stop by the Rahway Library at the corner of Central and St. Georges avenues, and pick up a "Book Binding for the Public" information flyer.

Book group meets

The next meeting of the Clark Public Library book discussion group is scheduled for Oct. 27, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the library's Ayer's meeting room. The book for discussion is Carl Sagan's "Contact." Copies of this book are available for check out at the circulation desk or through the reference service.

Children's programs

Registration for the fall series of children's programs in the Rahway Public Library is underway, and there are just a few spaces left. In fact, the Wednesday morning program is already at capacity. The series begins during the third week and runs until the end of November.

Each program is for a different age group. Seating is limited to 20 children of that particular age group. If you, or a big brother or sister, are allowed to bring a friend, please call the library at 381-4110.

A few spaces are also left in this fall's Library Club, which is geared to kids in grades 4 through 6. The Library Club is led by library assistant Paul O'Mahoney, and meets twice a month on Mondays after school.

Further information, call the library at (732) 381-4110.

October marks safety

October is the month dedicated to the safety of children. The Children's Department in both libraries is sponsoring a series of safety programs. The design for the Fire Safety Coats will be in the form of a real fire escape. The design for the Fire Safety Coats will be in the form of a real fire escape. The design for the Fire Safety Coats will be in the form of a real fire escape.

Readers' club starts

The Clark Public Library announces a new program for children ages 6 to 12. The Young Readers' Club will meet monthly with a variety of themes to appeal to readers of all levels. The October program on the 21st will be "Mash," and as a special treat for National Children's Book Week, Margie Palatka, author of the prize-winning "Rabbit Pie," will be in residence on Nov. 18. For further information, call the library at (732) 381-4110.

The project was developed by Bat-Elisee Chief Robert Lathrop of the Rahway Fire Department. He had read an article about an identical program at the Ramsey Public Library, and thought it would be equally effective here. Lathrop spoke with his counterparts at Merck; Deputy Chief Robert Valer and Linden; Capt. Larry Lutzka, as well as the two library directors. Both libraries agreed to add the mini-perm to their libraries.

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OBITUARIES

Sarah Lombino

Sarah Lombino, 81, of Clark, formerly of Elizabeth, died Sept. 15 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Lombino moved to Clark in 1905. She was a clerk-typist for the city of Elizabeth's electrical department for 25 years and retired in 1977. Mrs. Lombino was active with several groups at St. Agnes Church, Clark. She also was a member of St. Anthony's Senior Citizens Club, Elizabeth.

Sally Battista

Sally Battista, 81, of Rahway died Sept. 14 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Orange, Mrs. Battista lived in Rahway for 46 years. She was a member of St. Ann's Society of St. Mark's Church, St. Mary's Catholic Daughters in Rahway, the Columbianes Rahway Council 1146 and the Rahway Garden Club.

Surviving are two daughters, Sally Ann, DiRini and Judy Brugger; a brother, Charles Portocarrero; four sisters, Jennie Bologna, Josephine Spangolino, Mary-Vernice and Sherrill; and four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Amelia M. Kosik

Amelia M. Kosik, 77, a lifelong resident of Clark, died Sept. 19 in the Westfield Center Genesis ElderCare.

Miss Kosik was a supervisor in the computer department of Merck & Co., Rahway, for 42 years and retired in 1980.

Robert Stahnke

Robert Stahnke, 54, of Clark died Sept. 21 in Rahway Hospital.

Surviving are his wife, Jeanne; a son, Robert Jr.; his mother, Vera Kalesky Stahnke; two brothers, Richard and Jeffrey; and a sister, Nancy Camargo.

Edward W. Karamus

Edward W. Karamus, 63, of Clark died Sept. 15 in University Hospital, Newark.

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Karamus lived in Linden before moving to Clark in 1962. He was a self-employed painter in the Union County area for 40 years and retired in 1985.

Victoria Ostrowski

Victoria J. Ostrowski, 89, of Rahway died Sept. 16 in the Genesis Nursing Home, Plainfield.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Ostrowski lived in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., before moving to Rahway 26 years ago. She was a volunteer at Rahway Hospital for 12 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathleen Joz and Dorothea Bobrowski; a brother, Robert Stephanik; a sister, Catherine Wojcik; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Genevieve Urbanik

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Johnson failed to score twice within Ridge's five yard line in the first



nal. A missed kick was a critical error. "I was a little nervous," Taylor said. "I really made it exciting," Taylor said.

Johnson outplayed Ridge in total yardage (120 yards) and rushing yards (66), but was outdone through the air (113-78).

Despite the sound running attack of

H.S. Football

Eric Guenzert (8-53), Ryan Garner (13-74) and Bowden (9-64), Johnson really won this game on defense.

Aside from the blocked PAT, Drake racked up 12 tackles and five assists from his inside linebacking position. Guenther added seven tackles and Jim Crater added four and one assist.

The defense set the pace for us with outstanding hits that could be heard throughout the town," Taylor said.

Johnson quarterback Dennis Bowden fires one downfield during Saturday's 13-12 victory in the season-opener against Ridge. Johnson will travel to Kenilworth to take on the Hawks on Oct. 10.

Photo by Jeff

said. "Our linebackers did an outstanding job."

"We made some mistakes, but we had great intensity and showed a lot of courage and heart."

Two-way tackle Jerry Dentillo also played a key role. Dentillo was rewarded by Taylor by being named the game captain for Saturday's game against Brearley.

Saturday's game will mark the first time Taylor travels back to Brearley as an opposing coach. Taylor coached at the Keanthorn school for 19 seasons (1974-1992) before it closed down in 1992 and accumulated a 123-54-7 record there.

Taylor, however, plays down the hoopla surrounding his return.

"It's important because we want to go 2-0," Taylor said of Saturday's game.

Brearley is yet another opponent a schedule Taylor sees as the top of the Crusaders have had to face 44 years at Johnson.

occer standout


Rahway preparing for opener this Saturday

By Andrew McGinn
Assistant Sports Editor

The scrimmages are finished for

H.S. Football


Rahway scrimmaged the



the way they might season tomorrow's team and the Indians are now preparing for the season-opener this Saturday on the road against Snyder of Jersey City.

"We've been progressing," head coach Mike Punko said. "I've seen a lot of positive things, but we still have a ways to go."

Rebounding on health, Stander



Punko believes the teams are pretty even size-wise, but gives the edge to Snyder in team speed. The speed for both teams will be enhanced somewhat by the astroturf field at Snyder.

Junior quarterback Brandon Thomas, entering his first year as a starter, is still working out the kinks in his

way won the game by forcing Snyder is fresh from a 27-10 loss at the hands of Ferris, also a City.

The Indians are coming off a record a year ago and a 6-3 record in 1995. Despite their outstanding records, the Indians failed to win a playoff in either season because

Photo by Jeff Grant

attempts to score during last Thursday's 4-0 win over Linden.
lian's record improved to 2-1.

Nov. 1 Scotch Plains, 1:30
Nov. 8 Plainfield, 1:30
Nov. 15 at Cranford, 1:30
Nov. 27 at Linden, 10:30

Champion Blue Jays defeat Westfield in Inter-County play

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Clark Soccer

Gray, Quick 3, A.M. Jewellers Jr.
Cranford, 10:30. The title.

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Mark Messier

Brian Messier controlled play at midfield.

Matthieu Ngir0 was quick to score in the game's opening minutes. John Callahan, Laure Sotzinger and Kenneth Espeso played outstanding on a defense led by Michael Reed. Jennifer

Robert Smoel added another for Copy Kick. Chris Rodrigues was dominant on defense and received excellent support from Kevin Judd and Chris Tyulski. Jerry Scaturro pitched a shutout on goal. Paul Nystrom and Janyr Minnawi provided excellent support on offense. The defense was led by Mike Vaccaro and Mike Baker along

the American League 4, Duane J. Patrick Foley can start playing for the American League by slugging in his third year season. Adam Metz, after playing a goal in the season, scored his third goal with only one shot on goal. The team's first goal was scored by Michael (Mortel)

9. Gov. Livingston (F+)	leader by Peter Ciolek accounted for one of his three goals. Phil Schissler, Robert Verdine and Craig McCormick came up with one goal apiece.	board with Peter Ciolek and Billie Schissler. Ciolek scored the first goal.	Shapiro and the other players had hard time at the field.	Edde's Airframe patches.	way to the scoring sheets.
10. Hillside (O-1)		Krieger saved several shots on goal in the tough final minutes.		Sold's Automotive 2. General Motors.	first goals of the year. Panu
11. Roselle Park (O-0)				Florist 1. Matthew Braithwaite.	after one of her patented
12. Dayton (O-0)				Florist 1. Matthew Braithwaite.	of the 1980's. The 1980's
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Rahway girls' tennis wins

The Rahway girls' tennis team won all five matches and lost only one in shutting out Shabazz Tuesday.

Tiffany Carbonaro defeated Amani Smith with perfect scores of 6-0, 6-0. Tiffany also won her match against Green-6-0, 6-2 and Shabazz Johnson defeated Laseen Green 6-2, 6-7, 6-5 in singles competition.

Michelle Pellack and Jackie Corbett bested Karmach Garza and Taryen Clark and Mallick and Kaio Smith in the same fashion. The team of Pellack and Mallick and Corbett and Neferemus Finklin in doubles play.

The Rahway boys' soccer squad (2-2) was downed 3-1 by the perennially tough South Plains Raiders on the road Tuesday. Rahway defeated a game Dallas team led by Rich Coghlan in the second half.

Allison Turoni was a stone wall on defense for Clark.

DIVISION 2

Merchant of Venice 7, Rita's Italian Ice 1: Shane Bondi scored Merchant of Venice's third goal in the second half. Matt McDougall scored his goal and Shannon Mick scored his two goals for the season. Kenny Buckner scored the game-winning goal for the excellent offensive support. Rachel Uzzolino performed well at midfield defense, as did Katherine Weidick. She moved to offense in the second half.

Michelle Closs, Greg Barone, Mame Tamburino and Ritalan Fiore played well all sides of the field for Rita's and Joey Brattinelli scored two goals.

Bayview Bakery 4, Dairy Queen 2: Michael Cappel scored twice and was a goal assisted by Robert Smith. Matthew Nigro scored two goals and Mallick Pellegrini scored another. Dwayne Odom scored the goal for Kimberly Gek played a snarling defense.

Long Island's leading scorer, Jason Phelan, by slamming his ball into the back of the net and added another goal later in the game. Chris Evers played hard and scored twice, also scored two goals. Leland Sarbin smashed the ball into the net for yet another tally. Michael Brattine put the game away for the home team in the second half. The DQ offense in goal in the first half and scored a goal in the second half. May Craykowski, Matt Mazmo and Michael Cappel were the defense. Jason on defense, turning back every offensive drive.

Clark received a strong effort from goalie David Platt. Dan and Allison Brattinelli played stout at midfield, as did Dakota Gleason and Michael Cappel.

Rita's Italian Ice 4, Vaccaro's Bakery 1: Joey Brattinelli netted two goals for Rita's and teammates Sean Bates and Alex Fiore scored the other two goals.

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David Carl, principal of Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark, congratulates Jon Rachel, for winning a Top Ten Prize for the Princeton Review and TIME magazine's "Teen there Done That" 1997 contest. Rachel, a junior, wrote lyrics and music to a song for teens with tips on how to survive high school.

EDUCATION

Mother Seton open house

Mother Seton Regional High School, Valley Road, Clark, will hold an informal Open House on Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. for all 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls and their parents. The program will be informational and enjoyable for girls who are planning to enter high school in the near future.

The evening is designed primarily for parents and for students who are interested in attending Mother Seton Regional High School or in exploring some of the high school options available to them.

Parents and students will have an opportunity to tour the school, examine the curriculum and co-curricular programs, investigate transportation and meet with administration, guidance and faculty members. Parents or students are invited to come alone if the evening is not convenient for both.

An informal social will follow at which parents and daughters may mingle with faculty and students of Mother Seton Regional High School, which is located at Parkway East No. 155 in Clark.

A "Freshman for a Day" program is scheduled for Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The application deadline for the high school entrance exam is Oct. 6. Parents or students should call

Mother Seton or a local Catholic elementary school for applications.

Reunion concert planned

The Union County Regional High School District may have been divided into separate schools this year, but the Alumni Chorus from the years 1945-1970 confound as one.

Mildred Midkiff, the chorus director at Dayton High School in Springfield, and Johnson High School in Clark, will reassemble the alumni members of her choruses and present the Alumni Choral Reunion Concert on Oct. 18.

In past years, more than 100 singers gathered at the Clark high school, rehearsed for the day and presented the concert at night. Members from as far away as Florida, Indiana, and Maine have returned home to participate in this nostalgic event.

Midkiff, the 62-year-old director, will be assisted by alumni Kenneth Boos, a college professor in Dade County, Florida, and Richard Marten, the accompanist.

The concert, which is free to the public, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of Arthur L. Johnson High School. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

Chorus members who were taught by Midkiff and wish to participate are encouraged to call (908) 815-0682 for further details.

Police investigate burglary reports

Rahway

On Sept. 20, the residents of a home in the 1000 block of Jagan Avenue stated that sometime between midnight and 8 a.m., someone entered their home while they were asleep in the upstairs bedroom.

The suspect pushed in a screened window downstairs and entered the house through an unlocked window.

Cash was taken from a purse on a downstairs table, estimated at \$50. The residents were not aware that someone entered their house until they awoke the next morning.

On Sept. 20, a resident of West Main Street reported someone entered his apartment between 9:35 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Sept. 20 to Sept. 21. There were no signs of forced entry, although it could have been through a back porch door. A water cooler type bag containing coins worth approximately \$700 was taken. The victim was not home at the time of the burglary.

On Sept. 21 between the hours of 3 and 4:20 p.m., someone broke a second floor window at the YMCA located at 1564 Irving St. They removed \$20 in cash from a petty cash drawer at the front desk.

On Sept. 21 at 9:13 a.m., police investigated a report of a theft from a Rerian Road business.

On Sept. 10 at 2:44 p.m., police and PSE&G responded to a parking lot at Washington Street and Madison Hill Road.

On Sept. 11 at 9:21 a.m., police, fire and gas company personnel responded to a Dorset Drive residence after a carbon monoxide alarm was received.

On Sept. 12 at 10:21 a.m., police investigated a theft of a license plate from a vehicle belonging to a State Street resident.

On Sept. 12 at 2:07 p.m., police investigated the theft of a flag from a Westfield Avenue location.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Team travels for tourney

The Rahway Cyclones Girls' Soccer Team concluded their 1997 season at the Pikes Peak Invitational Tournament held at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Cyclones were one of 270 teams participating in the tournament from throughout the country. They were invited to play at the United States Air Force Academy located at the foot of Pikes Peak. The team, coached by Scott Harris and assisted by Ian Henderson and Glenn Bordenko, finished 5th place out of 15 with a 2-1-1 record.

Successful coaches

The Rahway Division of Parks and Recreation is proud to announce that 25 volunteer coaches from the Citizens Youth Recreation Committee have successfully completed the National Youth Sports Coaches' Association Volunteer Coaches Certification Program. The NYSCA program is intended to make coaches aware of the psychological, emotional and physiological needs of the children on their team. Each coach has signed the NYSCA Code of Ethics Pledge indicating their desire to conduct themselves and their team with the best interests of the children in mind.

Ralph Dunham, certified clinician conducting the certification program said, "We are very pleased that these volunteers participated in this program. By learning and working together, we can significantly improve the quality of youth sports for all of the children involved in our community."

The NYSCA motto is "Making Youth Sports Fun for Kids" and the Rahway Division of Parks and Recreation is proud that coaches from the CYRC plan to reinforce this philosophy by remembering that the game is for children, not adults.

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The Rahway Cyclones Girls' Soccer Team gathers for the Pikes Peak Invitational Tournament held in Colorado. Back row from left are Scott Harris, Jennifer Wilds, Lisette Brandao and Ian Henderson. Middle row from left are Malori Clarke-Cameron, Leigh Kendrick, Erin Black, Rebecca Harris, Tanya Wymarczuk and Phyllis Lia Pelusa. Front row from left are Katie Fitzgerald, Jenna Silverman, Alyssa Wechter, Kimberly Brandao and Casey Stueber.

DiCristofalo wins prize

Donna DiCristofalo, who resides at 785 Audrey Drive in Rahway, has been awarded the First Prize for her mixed media artwork, entitled "The Sunflower," which is on display on the east side of Washington Square East, between East 8th Street and Washington Square North this weekend and next at the Washington Square Outdoor Art Exhibit, the world's largest outdoor art show, it has just been announced.

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Stalmagendi Club on Fifth Avenue

The Administrative Office of the Courts, Superior Court Appellate Division, has certified John Dolinaj of Clark. Dolinaj currently serves as director of Training and Recruitment for the Court Transcription Institute, a court transcribers' training program, which is a division of Kanto Transcription Service and Total Quality Education, Inc., both located in Clark.

Dolinaj, a retired director of Adult Education, holds graduate degrees

from Kean College and Columbia University. In addition to his experience in vocational and technical education, Dolinaj has had a background in both civilian and military security and law enforcement.

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STUDENT UPDATE

Student-of-the-Month

The Student-of-the-Month for September at Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark is senior Nick Marcantonio. Ranked first in his class, he is Editor-in-Chief of the Lance, as well as a member of the KEY Club, Student Council, Spanish Club and Science League. Comfortable on the stage, he has appeared as Ralph Garry in "Fame," Clement in the "Wilderness of Five," "Into the Woods," and "Little Shop of Horrors."

A scholar-athlete, he has participated in soccer, baseball and Winter and Spring Track while at ALJ. He is

For '98 Nissan's Maxima comes with sport, safety features

Since its introduction in 1981, the Nissan Maxima has been the perennial sales leader in the upper middle import sedan segment — a category it helped create.

With the introduction of the refreshed 1998 Maxima, Nissan continues to set new benchmarks for its class in styling, performance and value.

For 1998, the Maxima line-up includes the luxuriously equipped GLE model, performance-oriented SE and high-value GXE, providing a selection of equipment and features to match the needs of each customer.

Nissan's flagship sedan has

refreshed styling for '98, enhancing the sleek, smooth, luxurious shape. Maxima's sophisticated, yet sporty, new looks were achieved through a series of enhancements that include a new front grill design, jewel-like headlights, new front and rear bumpers, and new tail lights.

Other exterior refinements include new 16-inch aluminum alloy wheels and integrated fog light design on the sporty SE, new wheel covers for GXE models, and distinctive new aluminum-alloy wheels for the fully-equipped GLE.

Maxima retains Nissan's award-winning 3.0-liter DOHC V6 engine.

This powerful yet refined powerplant was named "Best Engine" by "Ward's Auto World" for two years. It is one of the lightest, most compact engines for its displacement ever built for production use, producing a potent 190 horsepower at 5,600 r.p.m. and 205 pounds of torque at 4,000 r.p.m.

Among the many technical highlights of Maxima's engine are micro-finishing of the camshaft and crankshaft, a digital knock control system and a cross flow coolant pattern. These attributes help enhance engine performance, reduce exhaust emissions and lower overall engine friction, resulting in improved performance and fuel economy.

The affordable GXE and sporty SE are equipped with a standard five-speed manual transmission. An electronically controlled four-speed automatic transmission with overdrive is standard on the luxury-equipped GLE and available as an option on GXE and SE.

Maxima's innovative engine is even more impressive when considering its exceptional fuel economy. The Maxima delivers an EPA-estimated fuel economy of 22/27 m.p.g. city/highway when fitted with the five-speed manual transmission, and 21/28 m.p.g. city/highway when equipped

with the four-speed automatic transmission.

The 1997 Maxima is also equipped with Nissan's patented Multi-Link Beam suspension, which offers precision handling and stability by minimizing camber change during cornering. This design provides an enhanced ride, due to the minimal camber change during cornering, softer bushings, springs and shocks are used and suspension friction is reduced.

The Multi-Link Beam's compact design combined with Maxima's long 106.3-inch wheelbase accommodates

Pre-owned Cadillacs are inspected, tested

Cadillac's Certified Pre-Owned Automobile Program has put more than 31,000 people into Cadillac since its beginning in June 1994.

"The Certified Pre-Owned program allows Cadillac to reach people who might not have driven a new Cadillac," said Jeff Butzin, Cadillac manager of re-marketing and leasing. "If the certified Cadillac is purchased or leased payments are substantially lower than those for a new vehicle. Best of all, owners of Certified Pre-Owned Cadillacs enjoy all the benefits that a customer who purchases a new Cadillac enjoys."

As the cost of new vehicles has outpaced many consumers' incomes during the 1990s, the interest in used cars has steadily increased. But often, consumers cannot be certain about the quality of a used vehicle.

Through Cadillac's Certified Pre-Owned Automobile program, drivers can get a lot of car and a lot of quality for less money.

Cadillac takes the guesswork out of a used car purchase by requiring its Certified Pre-Owned automobiles to be the best available. Any automobile selected for certification must pass mechanical and appearance inspection; not all qualify.

Cadillac only considers vehicles that are not more than four years old; have no more than 50,000 miles; have not experienced a serious accident with body damage that exceeds one-quarter of the wholesale value of the car; have not been salvaged; have not been bought back because of a consumer-relations issue; and can meet stringent standards for mechanical and cosmetic condition. Results of these intensive inspections must rate the vehicle as close to "like new" as possible.

And due to the high percentage of new vehicles being leased, equally high numbers of low-mileage, near-new Cadillacs are returning to dealerships across the country.

Not only does Cadillac have strict guidelines for certifying automobiles in its pre-owned program, it also makes better than average use of the balance of a six-year/70,000-mile Cadillac Gold Key Bumper-to-Bumper warranty.

In addition, the same exclusive owner privileges, based on model year, that are reserved for new Cadillac owners are available to purchasers of Certified Pre-Owned Cadillacs. Services that let customers enjoy the luxury of Cadillac ownership include no-charge emergency Roadside Service; trip interruption protection; trip routing service; and a 24-hour toll-free consumer relations hotline.

Lease options are available on Certified Pre-Owned Cadillacs — making getting into a luxury automobile even more affordable.

Through Cadillac's Certified Pre-Owned Automobile program, luxury car consumers receive a world-class, top-quality vehicle, a hassle-free purchase, and an ownership experience like any new luxury car sale, but at a greater value.

Mercedes unveils SLK sports coupe

Mercedes-Benz displayed its eagerly awaited SLK sports car at the North American International Automobile Show.

The fully-equipped new roadster begins arriving in the United States this month at a suggested retail price of \$29,700.

The innovative SLK will set new standards in the two-passenger sports car market segment, and it will take its place among legendary sports cars that have the three-pointed star. A high-performance engine, responsive transmission and sophisticated independent suspension assure sporty driving in the SLK, including 0-60 m.p.h. acceleration in what has already been reported at 6.6 seconds and a top speed of 140 m.p.h. Already named as one of "Car & Driver" magazine's 10 best, the new SLK supplements the well-known Mercedes-Benz SL models and retains the German automaker to the position of offering sporty entries in two sports car segments — last seen in the early 1960s with the 300 SL and 190SL.

The SLK has been designed as a sport car for all seasons and reasons, and this is made clear by the car's most unique feature — a fully automatic retracting hardtop.

The current Mercedes SL models introduced the industry's first fully automatic operation for the convertible top, and the SLK takes this technology a step further. Pushing one button triggers a sequence of events that transforms the SLK from a closed coupe to a fully open roadster in 25 seconds. The folding roof retracts completely into a rear compartment, leaving a sleek, smooth appearance.

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New Mercedes coupe features retractable hardtop

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The retractable hardtop creates two cars in one, and also offers the refinement and structural integrity of a coupe. The hardtop provides increased security against theft, and the glass rear window with integrated defroster will not shatter.

The standard ASR traction control is another all-season asset. The system can control rear wheelspin with both the brakes and throttle.

The SLK features the first-ever use of the BabySmart system, a new technology which turns off the passenger airbag whenever a special child seat is bolted in. The BabySmart system uses a small "transmitter" built into the child seat, similar to the security tags sometimes attached to merchandise in retail clothing stores.

A low-power radio signal from the passenger seat prompts a sensor signal from the transmitter in a BabySmart-equipped infant or child seat, allowing the system to sense the presence of the seat and automatically turn off the passenger's front airbag.

Since the car's signal is essentially "reflected" back by the transmitter in the child seat, the seat itself needs no battery or power hook-up. The BabySmart system is a special benefit of the SLK.

rear-facing child seats are too close to the airbag and can't be placed in a rear seat. The seat itself is available as an accessory from Mercedes-Benz dealers.

Since the Mercedes-Benz SLK is so comprehensively equipped as standard, there are only three factory

options: heated seats for \$395, metallic paint for \$600 and a choice of stereo/CD-changer combinations — an integrated mobile phone/CD changer for \$1,495 or an integrated portable phone/CD changer for \$1,895.

Selective use of light-weight materials such as magnesium and aluminum contribute to a lean weight-to-power ratio of about 16 pounds-per-horsepower. With a curb weight of 3,056 pounds and 171-inch length, the SLK is relatively light and, short, emphasizing its sporty nature and contributing to its nimbleness.

The SLK is equipped with a 185-horsepower supercharged, inter-cooled engine. Budgeted SLK230, the model shares the European "Kompressor" badge on the front fenders to indicate the presence of a supercharger, or compressor.

The SLK's crankshaft-driven supercharger is an adaptation of the Roots "Blower," which was invented by American Francis and Philander Roots 130 years ago. Twin three-lobe roots turn at up to 12,000 r.p.m. within the oval compressor

housing, compressing incoming air. An intercooler then cools the pressurized air, which creates a denser intake charge to boost power further.

To conserve fuel and enhance component durability, the belt-driven supercharger disengages at idle via magnetic clutch. However, there is a smooth transition, with none of the "lag" or sudden power surge that mar performance in some turbocharged cars, which use exhaust gas to drive the compressor.

On the contrary, with its 200 pounds of torque available from 1,500 to 4,800 r.p.m., the SLK230 rewards the driver with the smooth, flexible response one would expect of a larger displacement engine.

Tuned to the SLK's supercharged engine is a five-speed automatic transmission that uses electronic controls and a microprocessor to adapt to road conditions and even an individual's driving style. For example, on inclines, the transmission will sense the road grade and delay an upshift to preserve climbing power. Then, on a descent, the transmission will downshift to take advantage of engine braking, just as a driver would do if shifting manually. In normal driving, the transmission shifts quickly and smoothly for optimal fuel efficiency.

However, when the transmission computer senses spirited driving, it responds with crisper shifts at higher engine speeds.

The contemporary styling of the SLK includes cues from a rich heritage of Mercedes-Benz racing and sports cars, such as the supercharged SLK of the 1920s and the 300SL of the 1950s and 1960s. Notable design elements linking the SLK with its

predecessors include the long hood, short deck proportions and the "power dome" on the hood, a tribute to the original 300SL.

The SLK design is one that looks toward the future, however, not the past. The taut wedge profile, short overhangs and wheels that fill the fender wells convey action and performance, even standing still. It's intended to be a timeless design, and it is unmistakably Mercedes-Benz.

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According to Dave Hill, Corvette Vehicle Line Executive and Chief Engineer, engineers and designers considered every aspect of the vehicle for potential improvement.

"We examined our weak points, and turned them into strengths," said Hill. "Things that were good, we made great. Things that were great are now even better."

Hill's team designed the '98 Corvette to appeal to a wide range of buyers. "Even those customers who are import intenders are going to take a long, hard look at Corvette. Make no mistake, it'll thrill our current owners. It provides more sports car for the money than anything in its market segment. It'll pull nearly 1 g, and it starts and stops quicker than you can think. It truly is the best. 'Vette yet."

John Middlebrook, Chevrolet General Manager, concurred with Hill, and paints a bright future for the Corvette.

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OnStar is the backbone of the future for today's Cadillac. In the event keys are locked in the vehicle, a call to a toll-free number connects the driver to a service representative who, after obtaining security information, can program your car to unlock itself at a specific time.

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Lincoln Navigator has standard trailer towing package, with 8,000-pound towing capacity hauled by a 5.4 liter V-8 engine.

Luxury is standard on Maxima

(Continued from Page 2) a large and luxurious interior. Another benefit of Maxima's design is a spacious trunk.

Maxima's independent front suspension uses MacPherson struts with coil springs and a 21.0 mm stabilizer bar to provide optimum control in a variety of driving conditions.

For added driver confidence and control, Maxima is equipped with standard power-assisted four-wheel disc brakes. An optional anti-lock braking system is available on all three trim levels.

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The freeholders continue in their quest to "help" you in almost every aspect of your life.

Tonight, they will appoint a "patient advocate." If you want to know what that means, turn the page and read Freeholder Linda Stender's monthly column. In it she says the state of the health-care business "has created a lot of confusion, disappointment, contradiction and, in some cases, abuse." That is the justification for creating another unnecessary government job for someone who knows the freeholders.

Now that the majority-holding Democrats on the board have solved the health-care crisis, it is time they tackle other many problems by creating the following positions:

Common Sense

By Joy Hochberg
Regional Editor

• **Supermarket mediator:** "If you're like me, you're always stuck in line behind some clerk who fumbles with expired coupons or prompts a call to the manager or simply has items in excess of the express lane limit."

After you've waited in confusion, as the clerk struggles to keep the line moving, a supermarket mediator would remove the offending customer and explain to him his responsibilities in the marketplace, leading to a less stressful shopping environment for all.

• **Chinese food champion:** "Obviously most people enjoy Chinese food, but how many of us know what we're ordering or the menu? Usually it is hard to ask questions of the waiter, whose English might be limited. An ill-thought order will lead to disappointment, so isn't it time someone helped out? Also, it wouldn't hurt to have a bilingual interpreter and relay phone orders for take-out. With federal and state aid, this could be expanded to cover foods of many cultures."

• **Car companion:** With so many automobile dealerships in Union County, everyone eventually will need guidance in buying and leasing.

Rather than serve as a complaint bureau, which does little good after the fact, the car-companion will be "pro-active" by accompanying the consumer and explaining everything from mechanics to extended warranties to taxes and registration fees. This interaction will help avoid confusion regarding what you think are the terms of your purchase and the actual terms.

• **Legal liaison:** How many of you have been wronged by lousy attorneys? Whether it's a divorce lawyer, a probate lawyer, a bankruptcy lawyer, etc., doesn't it seem the effort they show on your behalf relates directly to how much they can earn? Talk about the potential for abuse!

The legal liaison will be a lawyer too — but one of the good ones. I promise — who'll represent you before your own attorney. The liaison will sit the client with everything from the negotiation of a payment schedule to submitting the payments. Sure, it might sound like more government nonsense that will only benefit the legal profession, but it's not as if you'll have to pay the legal liaison. He'll be paid with tax dollars.

If you say these quality of life issues are trivial when compared to health, you're just forcing your values on others, and that's not nice. Considering that some people never even get sick, you're picking on a minority too, so knock it off. Let's just be grateful that the freeholders love us and want to take care of us.

Air Traffic board members complain of jet noise

By Tonia Antonelli
Staff Writer

The Federal Aviation Administration's plan to reduce airplane noise over Union County has had the opposite effect, officials said Monday.

During a public meeting of the Union County Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board in Kenilworth, representatives and residents from around Union County discussed the noise produced by air traffic. Representatives also cited various steps being taken by the FAA and residents in the areas to combat the problem.

County residents who attended the meeting said they have been disturbed for several years by noise produced by airplanes, saying the planes flying to and from Newark International Airport fly too low and are being heard at all hours of the day and night.

To remedy the problem, the FAA drafted a plan in 1995 known as the Solberg Mitigation. The plan developed new routes that were supposed to be dictated by controllers to the pilots to spread air traffic over a greater radius, reducing noise of the noise.

The purpose of Solberg Mitigation, which was implemented in April 1996, was to reduce airplane noise by shifting air traffic from some of the county's most heavily impacted areas such as Elizabeth, Cranford, Kenilworth, Rahway and Westfield.

According to Jerome Feder, chairman of the Union County Air Traffic Noise Advisory Group, although the routes prescribed by the FAA in the Solberg plan were used for a short time, they were not implemented by airlines. Controllers instead directed planes to fly along an alternate route which led to an increase, rather than a decrease, of noise, Feder said, adding that the routes being flown did not adhere to the guidelines set up before the Solberg plan.

"The Solberg Mitigation was a very

limited form of relief for Union County. The routes, especially over Elizabeth, were not being flown according to 2.0 nautical miles was suggested. Elizabeth officials objected to this, saying it would be an "environmental disaster" to residents. A final decision was made and adopted by the FAA and the Port Authority which suggested a 2.5 mile turn that would have no effects on Elizabeth. The city disagreed, however, claiming that there had not been

adequate testing done to determine the actual results of the turn. The testing used by the FAA was computerized, and Elizabeth asked that another formal on-site test be conducted. The city later took their case to the federal Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. The court maintained, however, that the city did not have proof that the computerized tests were flawed nor had they done any official tests of their own. As a result, their appeal of the use of the 2.5 mile turn was

denied, causing air noise over the city to increase.

Feder said the FAA has stated that before moving ahead with any plans, they will first respond to feedback from the public regarding the air noise issue. A number of letters have been sent by county residents as well as the Union County Freeholders. Efforts to deal with the problem are also being made by Congressman Bob Franks, R-Union, and a number of other political officials.

Air pollution bill is introduced; requires study by the state DEP

Legislation intended to reduce pollution created by air traffic from Newark Airport and others was introduced on the last day of the legislative session, Majority Conference Leader, Rich Bagger announced.

The Air Pollution Control Act, A-3151, also known as the "Bubble Bill," would direct the state Department of Environmental Protection to conduct a study of air pollution created by Newark International and Teaneck airports. The bill would require the department to submit its findings and recommendations to the Legislature within a year after the act becomes law.

The bill derives its name from a concept that treats the airport and the area within a certain radius around it as a single source of air pollution with several types of emitters contributing to that pollution. It seeks, by implementation of certain programs, to reduce the pollution.

A 1989 congressional report found that air emissions in New Jersey's 11 northern counties accounted for more than half of all the air pollutants in the tri-state region and for more than 80 percent of all the pollutants emitted in the state. Within a five-mile area around Turnpike Exit 13, which is adjacent to Newark Airport, more than 100,000 tons of air pollutants were released into the air each year.

A Natural Resources Defense Council report released in 1996 found that airports rival smokestack industries in the amount of pollution they release into the environment, yet are excluded from many of the

rules that industries must follow. The report found that Newark Airport is the fourth largest industrial source of smog-forming gases in northern New Jersey.

"New Jersey is mandated by the federal Clean Air Act to improve our state's air quality," said Bagger, R-Union. "Clean State motorists and employees are already required to take steps to reduce emissions. This bill would study how major airports could also contribute to reducing air pollution."

"The New Jersey Coalition Against Aircraft Noise wholeheartedly applauds the efforts of Assemblymen Bagger and Augustine to introduce legislation that would greatly contribute to a reduction in air pollution around Newark and Teaneck," said Pamela Baran, Brown, executive director of NJCAA. "Assembly Bill 3151 will provide cleaner air for thousands of children who are especially affected by New Jersey's very poor air quality."

Republican Assemblyman Alan Augustine is Bagger's legislative partner in the 22nd District.

In addition to the legislation, the coalition has received endorsements from 12 county boards of chosen representatives, including the governor, legislatures, Port Authority and Federal Aviation Administration to reduce airport air pollution, including Union's. Other endorsements include the NJ American Lung Association, NJ Sierra Club and the NJ environmental lobby's.

A warm reception



Union County Prosecutor Thomas Manahan, right, is greeted by Cranford Chief of Police Harry White and Ronald Poynton, of Smith Motors Co., in Elizabeth during a reception held in his honor Sept. 17 at L'Affaire in Mountaineer. Manahan was appointed by Gov. Christine Whitman earlier this year, succeeding Andrew Rucolo, who died two years ago.

New candidate chosen for 20th senate race

Rahway resident succeeds Hunt

Gene Andre of Rahway was chosen to be Republican state senate candidate for the 20th District during a recent convention of Union County Republican Committee members, announced County GOP Chairman Frank McDermott.

Andre was chosen to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation from the GOP senate candidacy by Richard Hunt of Linden. Andre will run against Democrat state Sen. Raymond Lesniak of Elizabeth.

"My decision to run for the state Senate was based primarily on my outrage with Sen. Lesniak's successful opposition to cost reducing insurance reform. Lesniak is one of the main reasons why we New Jersey drivers have the highest insurance rates in the nation. Lesniak's main concern is to make trial lawyers rich at the expense of the average New Jersey automobile driver," Andre said.

The "politics of greed" in which "politicians selfishly adopt laws that will enrich themselves" must be ended, he added.

Andre said that during his campaign, he will make proposals to take greed out of New Jersey politics.

McDermott said that if Andre is elected, with his 20th District running mates for the General Assembly Richard Revilla of Elizabeth and Daniel Levine of Linden, the balance in the state Legislature will shift in favor of cost cutting insurance reform. McDermott called Andre "an idealistic young man who will greatly improve the quality of representation in the 20th Legislative District" of Elizabeth, Linden, Roselle and Rahway.

Andre is the owner of Andre-Tronics, Inc., of New York City, president of the Franklin School PTA of Rahway, a member of the Board of Directors of the Rahway Day Care Center and a member of St. Mary's Church of Rahway. He is married to Joanne Andre and the father of three daughters, Tonia, Larne and Natasha.

State DOT to spend \$3.1M on road repairs in county

Gov. Christine Whitman and Transportation Commissioner John Haley announced the award of more than \$3 million to municipalities across the state for local street repair and resurfacing projects.

Almost all of Union County's 21 towns will receive such aid, totaling more than \$3.1 million. The statewide amount represents a portion of the \$140 million available for projects through the Department of Transportation's FY98 Local Aid program.

"The Local Aid program is one of the best examples of taxpayer dollars at work for the taxpayer," Whitman said. "It is one of the programs that fulfills my commitment to prudent spending that benefits the broadest number of people. Funds from this program are spent on fixing those local roads the majority of the public uses day in and day out."

Among the 19 municipalities in the county that will receive money are:

'This affords municipalities the ability to have the money to begin the project, rather than having to borrow.'

— Gov. Christine Whitman

Clark, which will receive \$60,000 to resurface a section of Westfield Avenue;

Elizabeth, which will receive \$63,000 to reconstruct South First Street;

Hillside, which will receive \$160,000 to reconstruct Revere Drive;

Kenilworth, which will receive \$120,000 to reconstruct Bloomingdale Avenue;

Linden, which will receive \$100,000 to resurface South Wood Avenue;

Mountainside, which will receive \$104,000 to reconstruct a section of New Providence Road;

Rahway, which will receive \$120,000 to reconstruct Leaning Street;

Roselle, which will receive \$130,000 to resurface streets;

local aid funding was increased from \$100 million to \$130 million per year. The Local Aid program was increased by \$10 million for a total of \$140 million, for FY98 through a special appropriation.

Whitman and Haley also said municipalities may receive 75 percent of the grant once a contract is awarded. The remaining 25 percent will be released upon completion of the project. In prior years, a municipality had to pay for the construction up front, then seek reimbursement from the state.

"This affords municipalities the ability to have the money in hand to begin the project, rather than having to go out and borrow and pay those associated costs. It's another way to help municipalities meet their road construction needs while at the same time not put an undue strain on their budgets," the governor said.

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in road projects results in 3,800 construction jobs," Haley said.

Municipal and county aid funding is based on a formula that takes population and road mileage into account. This type of work is selected for funding on a competitive basis by a panel of engineers who examine the condition of a roadway, the amount of traffic it carries and the role the road plays in the surrounding transportation network.

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