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## Regional Board adopts \$24 million budget

Thanks to a bill which was recently signed into law by Gov. Thomas H. Kean the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 Board of Education, which governs Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, was able March 5 to add \$500,000 to its 1985-1986 budget thus bringing the total gross budget to \$24,083,388, up from the \$23,551,240 figure set at the budget's introduction.

After the addition of the money, made in response to the elimination by the new law of the penalty for appropriating free balances, the school body adopted the amended figure. Of the total budget regional district voters on Tuesday, April 2 will be casting ballots on \$17,698,350 to be raised in taxes in support of current expense and \$274,500 to be raised in taxes in support of capital outlay.

The additions to the budget will be used mainly for repairs to the buildings and facilities, for buying and replacing equipment for insurance and for special education. According to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Donald Merachnik \$240,000 will be added to buy equipment such as computers, desks and reading instruments.

The school district is reportedly expecting to lose about 215 students next year and to decrease both its teaching staff by at least seven positions and its clerical and custodial staff by attrition.

The budget will translate into a tax increase for at least three of the six communities served by the four high schools in the district. Figures are not available from the county taxation office for Clark and Garwood because they are undergoing revaluation.

The municipalities' share of the cost to run the schools are calculated by the number of elementary school students in the communities divided by the number of high school students multiplied by tax dollars available.

Because of the addition of \$532,148 to the tab the current expense balance appropriated will go from \$967,852 to \$1,500,000. Total current expense will increase from \$22,560,063 to \$23,092,211, total funds available will jump from \$23,551,240 to \$24,083,388, appropriations for contracted services will get a boost from \$265,000 to \$397,148, appropriations for replacement of equipment will go from zero to \$240,000, appropriations for the purchase of new equipment will go from none to \$60,000, appropriations for insurance and judgments will jump from \$1,209,400 to \$1,269,400 and total appropriations will go from \$23,551,240 to \$24,083,388.

In other action, the Board: --Agreed to the employment of Sandra Parker to teach word processing in an in-service class on Thursdays, March 21 and 28, at Johnson for a total payment of \$40. She will give instructions on the Bank Street Writer.

--Okayed the hiring of John Maikos to teach in-service classes on the Apple Writer on Tuesdays, March 12, 19 and 26, and on Wednesdays, March 13, 20 and 27, at the Clark school for \$120 and the hiring of Michaela Komarow to teach the same classes at the township school on Tuesdays, March 12, 19 and 26, at a cost of \$60.

--Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Kathleen Jackowski as a teacher of special education at Johnson, effective immediately.

--Gave its okay for the appointment of Donna Hill as

a spring intramural aide at a \$400 stipend.

--Authorized the adjustment of the salary of John Christiano, the district's director of special services, from \$44,500 to \$44,800, effective as of Oct. 1 of last year, for completion of 20 years with the district.

--Agreed to the extension of the one-year child-rearing leave of absence of Mrs. Paula Burkhardt, a special education teacher at the Clark school, with Monday, Sept. 1, 1986 as her date of return.

--Okayed an increase in the salary of Joseph Hubert, a business education teacher at Johnson, from \$23,200 to \$24,000 for completing his master's degree.

--Authorized an increase in the salary of Carmine Vitolo, a member of the Johnson science depart-

ment, from \$31,900 to \$32,400 from Jan. 1 to Jan. 31 of this year and to \$33,800 as of Feb. 1 of this year for completing 30 credits beyond his master's degree.

--Approved Robert Wisniewski of Union County College to have his voluntary student field experience in English at the Clark school from March 6 to Tuesday, March 25 of this year.

--Authorized the acceptance of a special education student from New Providence to be enrolled in the trainable mentally retarded class at Johnson.

--Okayed the participation of Louis Peragallo, director of health, physical education, driver education and athletics at the township school in the annual workshop of the New Jersey Directors of Athletics from Sunday to

Wednesday, March 17 to 20, in Tannin, Pa.

--Gave its permission for the attendance of Douglas Felter, a faculty member,

and Margaret Greene, an advisor, at Johnson, and the following Clark students at the Columbia University Scholastic Press Conference yesterday and today: Bonnie Kartzman, Nancy Madden, Joyce Lim, Joseph Turillo, Jackie Koch, Sharon Margolis, Ellen Schlier and Judy Wyda.

--Authorized the participation of 16 students representing all four regional high schools and six vocational staff members, as chaperones, in vocational skill olympics to be held at Mercer County Vocational School in Trenton on Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27.



**TIME TO CELEBRATE...** Clark Post No. 328 American Legion past commander, Theodore Rudnicki, and past Auxiliary president, Josie Cox, together again for their last joint venture, cutting the cake. Both were honored by the membership, their families and friends for their service to the post during 1984. The dinner-dance was held on Feb. 18 at the post home in Clark.



**IN REMEMBRANCE...** Students in Otto Picard's social studies classes at the Carl Kumpf School in Clark prepared a "Tribute To Black Americans" during Black History Month. Their research reports focused on the significant roles of notable black leaders in education, science, history, sports and entertainment. To facilitate their research Kumpf School librarian, Mrs. Phyllis West, set up a special display of books and related materials. Exhibiting their work, shown, left to right, are: Jennifer Tobie, Deborah Kapsis and Jeannine Abruzzo.

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## Clark bowlers fall first state crown

By Ray Hoagland  
Clark's Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School Crusaders Bowling Team captured the first state championship in the 28-year history of the high school at Edison Lanes on March 9.

The Crusaders rolled 2,876, which included an impressive 980 in the critical third game.

"This is really something the entire school can be proud of," said veteran coach, Steve Shohfi, while holding the championship trophy. "The kids went out and did a tremendous job. It you were to talk to them you wouldn't be able to tell if they were in a state championship, that's how calm they were. Nothing fazed them."

Johnson, which was runner-up to Rahway in the Union County Tournament and took the honors of the Mountain Valley Conference this season, received consistent bowling from Vic Rispoli, John Taghirini, Rich Martucci, Mike Prohasek and Joe Venturilla. Rispoli and Taghirini each rolled better than 200 in the third game. Rispoli had a 220 game and Taghirini a 211.

"My personal feeling going into the tournament," remarked Shohfi, now in his second season as the bowling coach, "was we just had to keep our heads above water and not panic. I was really impressed with the way, the kids had a business-like attitude. They kept an even keel out there."

Johnson was trailing Shawnee 1,902-1,898 after two games. Shohfi's team finished the third game before the south Jersey school, and that enabled him to quietly walk down the other end of the alley

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## Anne Spiewak INSTEP abroad

A Clark student, Anne Spiewak, of 81 Macbelle Dr., is one of 61 students from 25 different colleges and universities participating in the spring INSTEP Semester, Institute of Political and Economic Studies in London sponsored by Beaver College of Glenside, Pa.'s study abroad program. The group left from Kennedy Airport on Jan. 20.

Upon arrival in England, the students had an orientation period before taking part in a short Homestay living with a British family for a week sharing daily experiences as a member of the family. Homestay is made by arrangement with the British Experiment in International Living. Following Homestay London-based students will live in program-arranged student houses located in quiet residential neighborhoods. INSTEP students have a choice of Beaver program housing, living with a

## DECA honors Clark students

The 24th Annual Distributive Education Clubs of America Conference was held March 4, and 6 at the Americana Great Gorge Resort in McAfee.

The following Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School of Clark DECA members won awards: Barry Gleitman, third-place trophy for "Sales Meeting Contest;" Bob Ball, honorable mention, service station retailing ME, Lewis, and J. Jamine Kobbe, honorable mention, display diorama, food industry.

This year's National DECA Conference will be held from Thursday to Monday, May 2 to 6 in San Francisco.

## Township begins census of dogs

Chief Anthony T. Smar of the Clark Police Dept. advises all Clark residents in compliance with the New Jersey state statutes, is presently underway.

Only police-authorized persons, properly identified will be making inquiries concerning unlicensed dogs for 1985. Residents are asked to please co-operate with the authorized census takers.

Chief Smar reminded all dog owners licenses must be renewed each year and are available at the Township Clerk's Office weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Failure to obtain a current dog license will subject the owner to a summons and court appearance and the penalties as provided by



**MAKING IT OFFICIAL...** Clark Mayor George G. Nucera, left, proclaims the week of March 10 to 16 as Girl Scout of the U.S.A. Week in Clark with the help of, left to right, Melissa Bishop and Christine and Karen Yelenovsky.



## Mayor proclaims Girl Scout Week

WHEREAS, the movement reaffirms its commitment to work for global understanding and world friendship among all people; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting helps girls enter new worlds and experiments with and explore a variety of different roles; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting today helps girls prepare for the world of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, since 1912 Girl Scouting has helped more than 47 million members discover new worlds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George G. Nucera, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Township of Clark, hereby proclaim March 10 to 17 as GIRL SCOUT WEEK.

I do further call upon all citizens of Clark Township to give continued interest, co-operation and support to the Clark-Winfield Girl Scout Assn. (Washington Rock Council) through 1985.

Given, under my hand and the Seal of the Mayor's Office of the Township of Clark, in the State of New Jersey this fourth day of March, in the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Five.

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## Hopefuls told release dates

ATTENTION: ALL CANDIDATES IN THE TUESDAY, APRIL 2, BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS.

The Rahway News-Record and The Clark Patriot will publish their pre-election advance issues on THURSDAY, MARCH 28.

All biographies and/or pictures of the candidates which they would like to appear in the advance issues should be in the hands of the editor at 219 Central Ave., Rahway, N.J. 07065 NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, MARCH 21 AT 5 P.M.

FURTHERMORE, ALL CANDIDATES OR THOSE WRITING ON ISSUES WILL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO ONE-AND-A-HALF-PAGE NEWS RELEASES TYPED AND TRIPLE



GIRL SCOUTS OF THE U.S.A. GIRL SCOUT WEEK MARCH 10-16