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## Issues resolved

### Cat licensing, noise, group home acted upon by Municipal Council

by Pat DiMaggio

The municipal council failed to make a motion to override Mayor George Nucera's veto of an ordinance calling for the licensing and inoculation of cats at the regular council meeting held on Nov. 17.

The ordinance, introduced by Councilwoman Ruth DeLuca, was vetoed by the mayor who called it "unenforceable" at last month's council meeting. It called for all cats in the township to be licensed and inoculated by their owners. Mrs. DeLuca tried to introduce a new ordinance under new business but was defeated by Councilmen William Caruso, Fred Eckel, Bernard Hayden, Joseph Poznak and Raymond Krov who voted against placing it on the agenda.

An ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled "Noise" was also defeated by the council with a vote of three in favor, with Councilmen Eckel, Poznak, Krov and Caruso opposed. Councilman Hayden said "assume the people of this town that they will be free from the pollution of noise."

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dent to continue the law out and it is the ordinance that such a "group home" is not an objectionable as originally anticipated in the neighborhood.

In other business, the council:

Appointed Richard Alan Davis, Dennis Michael Mahoney and Joseph Michael Sabba as members of the Clark Volunteer Fire Department.

Supported a resolution of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders with regard to disposal of solid waste.

Endorsed the participation of the Clark Municipal Court in the Computer Link System directly with Trenton, which will obviate the necessity for the extensive clerical and manual record keeping that is now maintained by the court personnel.

Awarded the contract for the purchase of various items of fire fighting equipment to Fire and Safety Services, Ltd., Prataway, in the total amount of \$14,663.89.

Authorized two vouchers in the amount of \$4,428 and \$1,964 in favor of Land and Revenue for services rendered in the matter of Arnold vs. Rezo and the Township of Clark.

Approved for final adoption an ordinance for the recycling of newspaper.

Approved for final adoption an ordinance establishing positions, salaries, and duties under the provisions of Civil Service.

## 1961-1986

### Library celebrates 25th anniversary with accolades to supporters

by Pat DiMaggio

Thanks to the interest and hard work by various people, groups, organizations and local government, the public library is alive and well in Clark.

In November the Clark Public Library, located at 301 Westfield Ave., celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary, and its history over the years includes the dreams and ambitions of many people.

The Hillcrest Women's Club began a lending program in the late 1950's for the children of their area. Interest in the program and its expansion led to the establishment of The Friends of the Library Society in Clark, numbering over 100 in membership.

Through their efforts, the question of a library was put on the ballot of the November 1960 election. It was approved by a vote of 3,765 to 978.

John O'Connor, then the mayor of Clark, appointed the first Board of Trustees, which consisted of Edward S. Ayers, Robert Dwyer, Virginia Robinson, Harry Street, Leo S. Caracciolo, and the Mayor.

The first library was opened on November 1, 1961 in a small store at 17 Lincoln Blvd. Immediately thereafter that this building was too small, the library moved in April, 1963, to larger quarters on Rawitan Road.

Earlier, in November of 1960, the Municipal Council had set aside a piece of land next to the Municipal Building for a permanent library and in 1962 an additional plot of land adjacent to the first was purchased. The council appropriated the necessary funds and with a federal grant of \$48,000 the library moved into its present building in August of 1966. At that time the library had a shelf capacity of 30,000 volumes and seating for 38 reference patrons.

Sandra Jones, Director and Head Librarian, said that the Clark Library presently holds more than 45,000 volumes and materials between 20 and 30 percent of residents as registered borrowers.

"The library, in general, is the public agency that serves the most people in a community," said Sandra. "Thirty percent of the people don't use the bus station or the police department in most elections, only eight percent come out to vote."

The majority of funds, between 85 and 90 percent, come through the township, according to Sandra. The rest comes through state aid, gifts and donations.

The current Board of Trustees include Charles J. McNulty, President; Mary Anne Sopko, Vice President; Theresa Marchese, Paul Hymanson, Mayor George Nucera and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul Ortenzio. Thelma Purdy is the President of the Friends of the Library.

Sandra is quick to point to the improvements made by the board. "Some of the things the board has done this year have really moved us forward," said Sandra. She listed newly installed ceiling fans, a book drop and a video cassette service as the most popular additions to the library. "We've added to our large print collection, we have a public electric typewriter, which is free, and a staff person who is a Notary Public," said Sandra, calling the board "a delight to work with."

Staff includes one full-time director, a part-time children's librarian, three full-time and three part-time assistants and volunteers and high school pages to help with shelving.

One area Sandra hopes to see an improvement in is the children's library. "Because we have only a part-time children's librarian, we have a part-time program. We hope to do more," said Sandra.

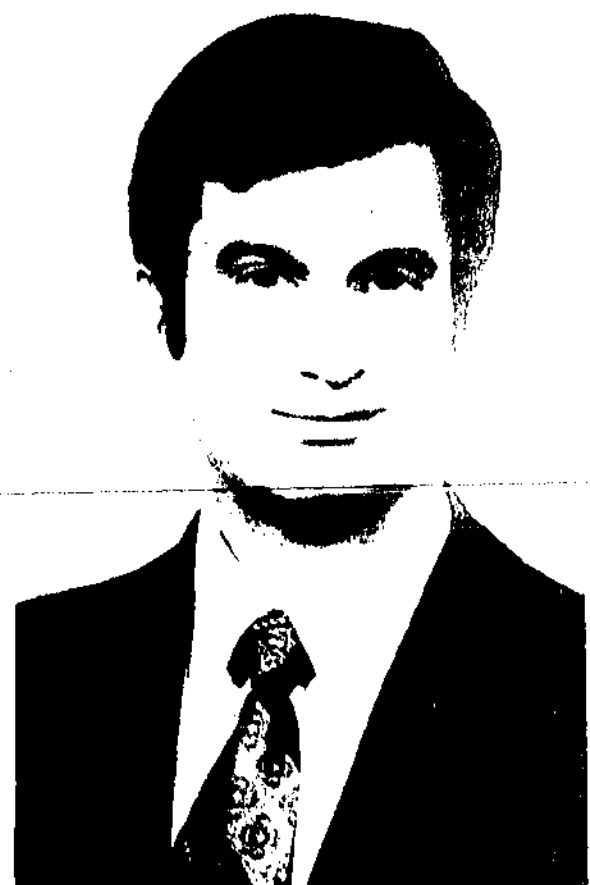
The library is presently waiting for news of a construction grant application submitted to the State Library for repair of a leaky ceiling and an out-of-date heating and air conditioning system.

The meeting room at the library is booked solid, according to Sandra, and plans are underway for a book sale to be held on Nov. 22 and 24. The library can a blood drive in November and also hosted the Roslyn Artists' String Quartet on Nov. 16. "One of the aims of the board is to improve the number of programs we can offer," explained Sandra.

To all the dedicated individuals and organizations who have worked to make the Clark Public Library a success, Happy Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.



Sandra Jones  
Director and Head Librarian



Captain Tsvi Grosswald

### B'nai B'rith to hear Captain Grosswald

Tsvi Grosswald, a Captain in the Israel Army Reserve, will speak at the monthly meeting of the B'nai B'rith on Sunday, November 23, at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth Or in Clark.

A lodge spokesman reports Grosswald, an expert on terrorism, was the lone Israel Army spokesman in

### Crusader Band plans craft, flea market

The A. L. Johnson Crusader Band will hold its annual Craft & Flea Market in the Johnson Regional High School cafeteria, located on Westfield Avenue in Clark on Saturday, November 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The kitchen will be open selling such foods as pizza, sausage sandwiches, hot dogs, barrels, donuts, and funnel cakes. Featured will be cake sales, food basket raffles, and 50/50's on sale in addition to the merchandise.



**A COMMENDED STUDENT** ... Mother Seton Regional High School has been notified by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation that Julia Irlhoff, seen left in photo, has been designated a Commended Student in the 1987 National Merit Scholarship Program and will receive a letter of commendation in recognition of outstanding academic promise. The principal, Sister Regina Martin, seen right in photo, announced that on the basis of performance on the test for the program, the honor placed in the top 50,000 of more than one million participants.

### Offices to close for Thanksgiving

Mayor George G. Nucera has announced that the Municipal Offices, and the Disposal and Recycling Center will be closed Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 27, 28, and 30 in observance of the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

### Thanksgiving is a time for remembering

Guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served.



**DUNN APPOINTED PATROLMAN**... Keith J. Dunn of Mahlen Drive, Clark, was appointed a patrolman by Clark Mayor George Nucera. Keith placed first on the Police Civil Service Examination conducted Nov. 15 at the swearing-in ceremony at 11 B. In. Father, Mr. Thomas Dunn, Keith, Mayor Nucera and Mrs. Patricia Dunn, his mother.



### Johnson beauticians serve the public

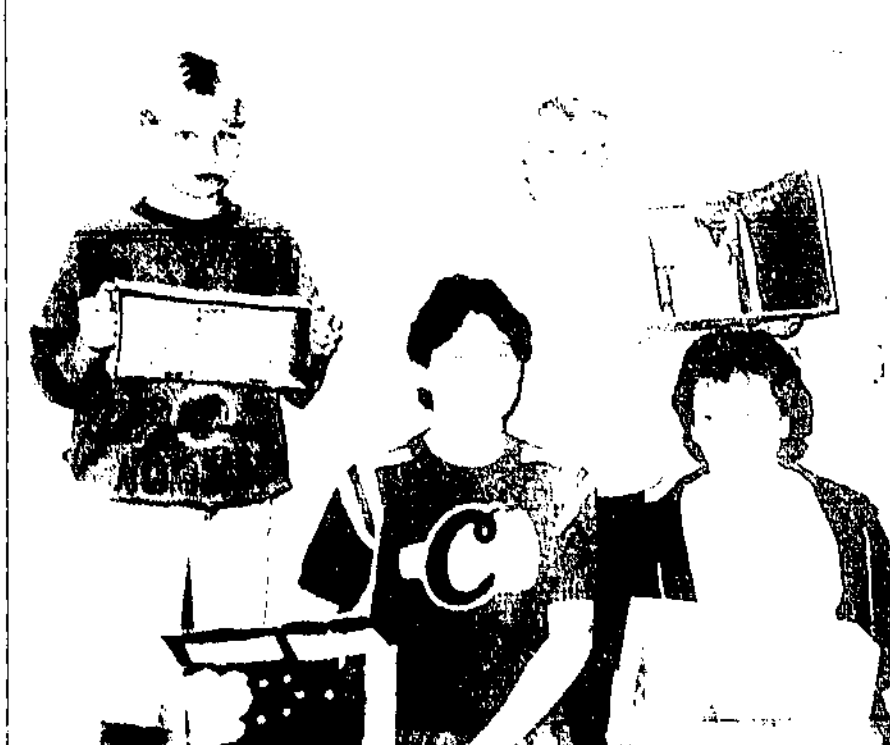
Low cost cosmetology services performed by high school seniors as part of the Union County Regional High School's Beauty Culture Program are available at the Arthur J. Johnson Regional High School, Westfield Avenue, Clark, according to instructor Emmalyn Williams.

Hairstyling and cutting at \$1 each and a complete permanent wave at \$5.50 are among two of the services available every Thursday and Friday at the school.

Also available at similar low prices are facials, manicures, pedicures, makeup and other beautician services.

Appointments are scheduled beginning at 1:15 p.m. and can be arranged by calling Mrs. Williams at the Arthur J. Johnson School at 852-0910, ext. 118.

Beautician services are provided Thursdays and Fridays, when school is open from 8:30 to 3:30 p.m.



### Historical Society plans movie-meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Clark Historical Society will be held Wednesday, December 3, at 8 p.m. in the Clark Public Library, 301 Westfield Ave., Clark.

A motion picture documentary, "Years to Remember" will be shown. This film covers, through original film and newsreels, the years 1903 to the present, including the roaring

30's, the Great Depression, Woodrow Wilson as power man, and the Prohibition rumrunners.

Guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

**Thanksgiving Dinner**

DINING GUIDE INSIDE

**VINCENT BRENNAN WINS \$5,000** ... Lottery Executive Director Jean Zelnick has announced that Vincent Brennan of Clark has won \$5,000 in the New Jersey Lottery's 7-11-21 instant game. The retired two years ago as a shift supervisor of America Cyanamid in Linden, where he had been employed for 39 years. Brennan purchased his ticket at this Super Deli in Clark. Seen presenting Brennan with the check is New Jersey Lottery Deputy Manager Jean Allard, Brennan's center, and Joyce Nizza, owner of this Super Deli.

**READING COMES TO LIFE AT KUMPF** ... In the classes of Mrs. Dorothy Shellenberger at the Carl H. Kumpf School in Clark, mystery stories came to life when the students created dioramas to illustrate their favorite books. Seen in front row (left to right) Maggie Nonne and Denise Perrell and in the back row (left to right) Steve Jordan and Samantha Barozzi show off the most interesting scenes from "The Unknown Fablem, The Harglot Nest Door, Footsteps on the Stairs at The Lumber House." These students' creations were on display in the Kumpf Cafeteria.