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DRUG DANGERS . . . Jamie Bierbaum, a student at Union's Connecticut Farms School, was awarded a trophy and certificate for winning third place in the "most original" category of the seventh annual Union County drug poster contest. Others, left to right, are Edward J. Stomkowiak, Union County Freeholder Vice

Chairman and contest sponsor, Board of Education member Anita Pestoso, and Dr. Vito J. Pappalardo, Union County Superintendent of Schools, a Clark resident. The drug poster contest is for fifth-grade students in the county, as a way to inform them of drug dangers and how to avoid them.

One million dollars at stake at Ramada

by Pat DiMaggio
There will be a millionaire in Clark today when someone's dream comes true at the Ramada Inn on Valley Road. The Ramada Inn has been chosen to host the New Jersey Lottery's Million Dollar Bonus Game grand prize drawing, and someone will be driving home \$1 million richer.

Today's top prize winner will also be crowned as the 300th millionaire since the lottery's inception.

Barbara Steele, Deputy Director of Planning and Research, supervises all televised and on-location drawings. She explained that the Ramada Inn was chosen for the January 29th drawing because of its accessibility. "We had written to various municipalities asking them if they would be interested in hosting us," said Barbara. "The Ramada Inn volunteered. They have enough space, availability

and access to roads. This also has the advantage of being right off the Garden State Parkway. We try to make it as easy as possible for finalists to get to the location. The Ramada Inn is one of the easiest locations in the state in case of a snowstorm."

The drawing is open to all finalists who have matched the five digit bonus number in New Jersey's lotto game. This is the second bonus drawing and prizes range from at least \$250 to one of ten top prizes including six \$2,500 awards, one \$10,000, \$25,000 and \$50,000 prize and the top \$1 million.

One Clark resident is in the running, Edward T. Grasse. Rahway residents vying for prizes are Willie T. Pennix, and Paul J. Leso and group.

The drawing will be hosted by Hela Young, the official New Jersey lottery hostess. The registration process will start at 11 a.m. when each finalist will put their entry form into a hollow, red plastic ball. The ball is then placed in a giant plexiglass sphere. The odds are 200 to 1 against winning top prize and even though the finalist doesn't have to be present to win, most people come because they want to be there, said Barbara.

"We try to rotate the drawings around the state," said Barbara. "We try to make them convenient to everyone throughout the year and bring them into the community. We used to use a tractor trailer and go into malls to do drawings during the week."

Even though the drawing itself is open only to the finalists and one guest each, the Ramada Inn is planning a day of celebration. Donna Ferrante, administrative assistant at the Ramada Inn said entertainment will start at 9 a.m. with a special buffet lunch to be available. "We are giving all ticket holders a complimentary brunch," said Donna, "and the winner will receive a complimentary suite for that night."



WHERE DREAMS COME TRUE...Former Miss New Jersey, Hela Young, will host a drawing for a top N.J. lottery prize of \$1 million at the Ramada Inn, Valley Rd., Clark, today.

Clark woman named to top position in N.J. Department of Labor

Mary Jane Meehan of Clark is the new State Labor Department Assistant Commissioner for Human Resources.

Commissioner Charles Sorraio said Assistant Commissioner Meehan's responsibilities include overseeing the Department's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Division of the Deaf, and Division of Disability Determinations.

Commissioner Sorraio said Meehan also continues as Director of the Division of Employment and Training. She was appointed to that post in April, 1984. She joined the Department of Labor in October, 1983, as special assistant to

the Commissioner. Before joining the Department of Labor, Meehan, a registered nurse, served as Education Administrator for Rahway Hospital.

As Director of the Division of Employment and Training, Meehan has been responsible for the overall implementation and coordination of policy and activity under the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA).

"I'm looking forward to the challenge of the added responsibility," said Assistant Commissioner Meehan. "I know the services these divisions provide are important to the citizens of our state and we will continue to improve not only the services but our delivery of them," Meehan said.



Mary Jane Meehan

Inside: Part 1 of 8 part series on staffer's attempt to 'kick the habit.'

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Tuition, transfers approved by Board

by Pat DiMaggio
The Regional Board of Education, governing Clark's Arthur L. Johnson High School, approved tuition rates, staff transfers and instructional personnel at their regular meeting held on January 20.

Tuition rates, based upon formulas from the New Jersey State Department of Education, were adopted for the 1987-88 school year. Regular tuition was set at \$8,000. Resource Room tuition, \$8,000. Trainable (Johnson), \$9,500 and Emotionally Disturbed (Johnson), \$10,000.

The board approved the following transfers: Henry Hassel, Industrial Arts, from Governor Livingston to Arthur Johnson; Jamie

Metzger, Art, from Arthur Johnson to Governor Livingston.

Also approved by the board were the following instructional personnel for second semester early-morning classes: Douglas Felner, SAT English, \$1,907.15; Herman Simmeth, SAT Math, \$1,489.29; John Aragona, Chem. Lab, \$1,025.72; Harry Cardinale, Chem. Lab, \$840; John Mattson, Bio Lab, \$1,102.86.

The board also approved the employment of Mark Maxemow, Clark, as a custodial assistant for a maximum of three hours per day, at a payment rate of \$4 per hour, effective on Jan. 21.

John J. Dillon, 52, dies after long illness; active in Clark affairs

John J. Dillon of Clark died at home Jan. 21 after a long illness. He was 52.

Mr. Dillon was active in Clark community affairs, as a member of the Board of Education, founder of the Clark Taxpayers Association and member of American Legion Post 328.

He was senior environmental representative for Public Service Electric and Gas Co. in Newark for 34 years. He retired last November. He headed administration and training for PSE&G's 100-member speakers bureau in the

public relations department. Dillon was in the third year of his first term on the board. Members spoke highly of him at last Tuesday's board meeting.

"He served the community well," said board President Thomas Faria. "Mr. Dillon was always open and forthright in his input to any and all issues that came before the board."

Born in Orange, he lived in Hamilton Square near Trenton and Linden before moving to Clark 12 years ago. Mr. Dillon taught



John J. Dillon

nuclear energy courses and spoke often at New Jersey colleges and universities. He also served on the committee of the National Atomic Industry Forum and the National American Nuclear Society.

Mr. Dillon attended Seton Hall University, South Orange.

He was a Korean War veteran, serving in the U.S. Army, and also served in Washington D.C. in the National Honor Guard.

Mr. Dillon was a communicant of St. Helen's R.C. Church, Westfield.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Suzanne Engelhardt Dillon; a daughter, Miss Kerry Dillon, at home; a sister, Mrs. Eleanor Westwood of Orange, and a brother, Robert, of Orange.

Sims makes Dean's List

Allison J. Sims of Jupiter St., Clark, has been named to the Dean's List of The University of Rhode Island for the fall semester.

Clark Council sets hearings on budget

The Clark Township Municipal Council has set a schedule of 16 hearings on the municipal budget.

They'll be held in the former Brewer School, 430 E. Westfield Ave. in Room 16.

Here's the schedule:
Saturday, Jan. 31
9:30 a.m., Assessment Department.
9:30 a.m., Revenue and Finance Department.
10 a.m., Public Safety.
11 a.m., Fire Bureau.
1 p.m., Recreation Department.
1:30 p.m., Senior Citizen Affairs Department.
2 p.m., Public Library.
2:30 p.m., Municipal Court.

3 p.m., Administration, Health and Welfare Department.

Sunday, Feb. 1

10 a.m., Public Works and Engineering Department.

11 a.m., Shade Tree Department.

1 p.m., Law Department.

1:30 p.m., Swimming Pool Utility.

2 p.m., Township Council, Township Clerk, Mayor, Board of Adjustment, Planning Board, Civil Defense and general budget discussions by Council.

Further discussions will be held at 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 7 and 10 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 8.



WHAT A LOTTA TALK . . . AT&T's Clark shop delivered its first Submarine Lightwave (SL) Repeater for its eighth Transatlantic Telephone System (TAT 8). These digital SL repeaters incorporate design improvements learned from Optican 1, an experimental lightwave system installed in the Canary Islands in 1985. The fiber optic system transmits light signals at 280 million

pulses per second, and can carry 40,000 simultaneous telephone conversations. The repeaters operate on the ocean floor and are designed for a 25-year life by AT&T-Bell Laboratories in Holmdel. Shown assembling the repeater, from left, are Tom Kelly, Joe Cusmano, Ken Hoffman, supervisor Joe Altsik, and Leo Bonkowski.