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**NEWCOMERS...**The Union County Regional High School District No. 1 recently welcomed new staff members to its four high schools during the annual New Teacher Orientation and Luncheon. Pictured here are new Regional District staff members, standing (from left, Mrs. Margaret Parmentier, Teacher Aide, Arthur L. Johnson R.H.S.; Mr. C. Paul Haase, Teacher of Instrumental Music, David Brarley R.H.S.; Mrs. Linda McCullough, Teacher of Special Education, Jonathan Dayton R.H.S.; Ms. Nancyanne Koop, Regional District Director of Adult and Continuing Education; Mrs. Barbara Narus, Teacher of Home Economics, David

Brarley R.H.S.; Mrs. Jacqueline Rezza, Teacher of Home Economics, Arthur L. Johnson and David Brarley R.H.S.; and Mrs. Linda Axelrad, Teacher of Spanish, David Brarley and Governor Livingston R.H.S. Seated: Ms. Jeanne Bury, Interpreter for the Hearing Impaired, Governor Livingston R.H.S.; Mrs. Anna Smith, Teacher of Hearing Impaired, Governor Livingston R.H.S.; Mrs. Marlene Moscovitz, Teacher of Spanish, Governor Livingston R.H.S.; Dr. Gregory Gallick, Physician, Governor Livingston R.H.S.; and Mrs. Susan Raviv, Teacher of Special Education, David Brarley R.H.S.

## Mayor's appointees to rent board rejected by municipal council

by Pat DiMaggio

An attempt by the mayor to make appointments to Clark's recently established Rent Monitoring Board was blocked by council members at a meeting held Monday night.

A Rent Monitoring Board was established by ordinance by the council in May to negotiate landlord and tenant disputes in the township. At the beginning of Monday's council meeting, Mayor George Nucera submitted a list of five appointments to the council for their approval.

The list contained names of both landlords and tenants, said Nucera, for various terms.

Councilman Carmine Cristiani said he would vote no on the appointments saying he had taken a stand "against rent control."

Councilman Bernard Hayden also said he would vote no. "I believe that several of the applicants are not representative to the thinking of the people in Clark," said Hayden. "They might make decisions that would lead this town into lawsuits."

"This is a classic example of those people who seek to deny members of our community an opportunity of representation," said Councilman William Caruso in response to Cristiani and Hayden's remarks.

Explaining that the township already approved the ordinance establishing a Rent Monitoring Board, Councilman Robert Ellenport said opposition "is a repudiation of each council member's responsibility to the people of this town."

"I believe (the Rent Monitoring Board) is an at-

tempt to put landlords and tenants on new ground," continued Ellenport. "I don't believe it provides any grounds for additional lawsuits."

Hayden said council members were "missing the point."

"It was the position of this administration three years ago to have a hands-off attitude on rent control," said Hayden.

"It is not rent control," interjected Council President Joseph Pozniak.

"Use any adjective you want," continued Hayden. "The only fair way is to put it back on referendum."

"It is a shame and a disgrace that (Hayden) continues to misconstrue this as rent control," said Ellenport. "The only reason I see for this is in order to put members of the community

against each other. We have the law in effect, the mayor filled his responsibility, now it is up to the council."

"This ordinance was put forth by the council," said Mayor Nucera. "The council makes the legislation here. When the council puts forth an ordinance, I must abide by that ordinance. This council passed an ordinance for a Rent Monitoring Board if we like it or not."

The appointments were defeated with a vote of three in favor, with Councilmembers Cristiani, Hayden and Carol Pluta opposed.

Nucera said that he would check with the Township Attorney to see if he could make the appointments for 90 days without council approval.

## Township will distribute food

The Township of Clark will distribute cheese, rice, honey, butter and skim milk in October to eligible residents, according to Mayor George C. Nucera.

Registration will be held Thursday, October 1, 10 a.m. to noon in the cafeteria of the Municipal Building (former Brewer School), 430 Westfield Ave.

Eligibility requirements include participation in Food Stamps, AFDC, General Assistance, SSI, Medicaid and WIC programs; or the following income guidelines: Family of one, monthly income, \$847.92; family of two, \$1,140.83; three, \$1,433.75;

four, \$1,726.67; five, \$2,019.58; and six, \$2,312.50.

Pre-registration is mandatory.

Lois Siesel is coordinator for the Commodity Distribution Program.

Distribution date will be announced shortly.

## Kumpf PTA to host Back to School Night

The Carl H. Kumpf School PTA of Clark will be sponsoring the annual Back to School Night on Wednesday, Sept. 30 beginning 7:30 p.m. at the school on Mildred Terrace.

Refreshments will be provided by the PTA following the classroom visitations. For further information phone Linda Montgomery, president, at 232-8225.

## Tickets available for Communion Breakfast

The St. Agnes Rosary Altar Society will hold the Annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, October 4. Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. at St. Agnes followed by breakfast at the Knights of Columbus, 27 Westfield Avenue, Clark. Guest speaker will be Father Nicholas Zitz, C.P.

who is presently serving on the Passionist Mission Advisory Board. Father Zitz has conducted many retreats and parish renewals throughout the years. Tickets are \$8.50. They may be purchased at Schieferstein's Market on Madison Hill Road until September 27.

## Library talk . . .

The Clark Public Library has obtained a piano which is available to groups three evenings per week in the large meeting room. Phone 388-5999 for reservations. Also, the library has tax amnesty forms available. The library is currently displaying model dinosaur

collections of Justin Gassman, a fifth grader at Valley Road School, and Brian Switek, 4, both of Clark.

Ann Weiner of Clark is displaying her miniature doll house furniture in the library through the end of September.

## Bids awarded for music supplies

by Pat DiMaggio

Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School is in line to receive new music supplies after approval of bids by the Regional Board of Education at a meeting last week.

The board approved bids in the amount of \$14,534.24 for various supplies to be shared with Governor Livingston Regional High School.

Awards were made to The Music Shop, for \$5,934.45; Frank Richards Music, \$3,966.04; West Manor Music, \$2,820.06; City Music Center for \$916.20; and Intermedia, Inc., \$897.50.

The following bedside instructors also gained approval: Arlene Della Ceria, Social Studies; Susan Dougherty, English; Sandra Hasselman, Art; Marie Rattel, Health; Carmine Vitolo, Science; Lorraine Obidin, certificated teacher of mathematics and science.

Michelle O'Brien was employed as a Basic Word Processing Instructor for the Adult School at a full stipend of \$280. Joanne Capizzano was appointed as a Computer Operator with

an adjusted salary of \$20,000 and the resignation of Kuthi Mahon as executive leader coach was accepted. Mahon has accepted a full-time teaching position in Cranford.

The board gave its approval to a student in Clark to attend the Union County Vocational Center for the 1987-88 school year at a tuition cost of \$840, and approved the placement of a classified student from Clark at the Holmstead School, Ridgewood at a tuition cost of \$11,308.

The board also approved the following: Intramurals Coach (fall), Alice Leschick, \$707; Intramurals Coach (winter), Catherine Hascher, \$550; Intramurals Aide (fall), Elaine Williams, \$550; Intramurals Aide (winter), Elaine Williams, \$550; Intramurals Aide (fall), Margaret Parmentier, \$550; Intramurals Aide (winter), Margaret Parmentier, \$550; Intramurals Coach (fall), John Redfern, \$707.



**OFFICERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION CLARK POST 328** hold plaques and trophy which were presented to the Post at the American Legion Department of New Jersey Convention in Wildwood. National Post of the Month Award for May 1987 was presented by National Commander John P. "Jake" Comer. Commander Don McArdle, left, is shown holding this award. Moving right, officers holding their newly-received awards are Theodore Lambach with the Combined Activities award representing Americanism - Rehabilitation - Membership - and Youth Activities; John Specht, Membership Chairman holds plaque presented for going over the top in membership for the 24th consecutive year; William Cox, finance officer, holds trophy in Recognition of Outstanding Children and Youth Activities; and Joseph Rybak, Trustee, with plaque that reads "For Performing the Most Outstanding Service to Its Community." All four awards were presented by New Jersey State Commander George Himmel.

## Clark employees' salaries OK'd

by Pat DiMaggio

The Clark Municipal Council approved a resolution establishing salaries for the township employees at their regular meeting held on Sept. 21.

The resolution established the salaries of Public Works Repairer James Stumbers of \$16,178.25; Administrative Clerk/Computer Operator Kathy Mathis at \$19,500; and Communications Operator Deborah Komlodi at \$13,156.

Councilman Bernard Hayden asked to sever the public works department salary from the other two to be voted on separately. Hayden said he was in favor of the Police Department salaries but was against the Public Works salary.

A heated discussion then followed debating the merits of the council's decision to hire two additional employees in the Public Works Department to deal with the state-mandated recycling program in the township.

"We provided a truck in the past to pick up newspapers at people's homes," said Hayden. "Now why, all of a sudden, are we hiring additional people?"

The legality of an August telephone vote agreeing to the hiring of two additional employees and an August 21 meeting setting salaries was also questioned. A motion by Hayden to divide the resolution into two

parts was defeated on a vote of three in favor, with Councilmembers William Caruso, Robert Ellenport and Council President Joseph Pozniak against. Councilman Fred Eckel was absent due to illness.

The resolution was then moved intact and approved with Hayden and Councilwoman Carol Pluta dissenting.

In other business the council:

Approved the bid of Fire and Safety Ltd., Piscataway, in the amount of \$13,114 for the purchase of certain fire fighting equipment.

Granted authorization for the installation of a new fire hydrant on Russell Court from Elizabethwater Water Company at an approximate annual charge to the Township of \$70.

Reappointed William W. Ryan as Constable for a three-year term.

Authorized the payment of \$577.50 to Precision Design Company, Clifton, for items relating to the traffic signal at Madison Hill Road and Raritan Road.

Authorized the mayor and clerk to execute an Administrative Agreement with Rasmussen Agency, Inc., East Orange, who administer the municipality's own partially self-insured insurance plan.

Approved a resolution commending Kentworth for the construction of a senior citizen building, which "should stand as an example to other municipalities."

Requested the mayor to continue negotiations for the purchase of additional flow rights with Garwood and any other member municipality of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority which may have such rights for sale.

## Unico Bowl at Nolan on Saturday

The fourth annual Unico Bowl Game between Jonathan Dayton Regional High School and Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School will be held on Saturday, 1 p.m., at Nolan Field.

A trophy, sponsored by the Clark and Springfield Chapters of Unico will be presented to the winning team.

## Taxpayers unite!

The Clark Taxpayers' Coalition invites civic-minded Clark residents to join their organization,

which meets the third Wednesday of each month,

8 p.m., at the Clark Public Library, Westfield Ave.

The Coalition is non-political.

For more information phone James E. Kchoe at 388-1486.



**KUMPF COUNTDOWN...**As a culminating activity in their unit on aerospace and space technology, students in Mrs. Marie Davey's science class at the Carl Kumpf School in Clark went to the launching pad to stage a hands-on experiment. All systems were "Go" as their precision rockets "took off" and parachuted safely to earth. It was another giant step for Kumpf's aspiring young scientists. On the launching pad are, front row, (left to right): Jeff Olson, Carly Kennedy, Rich Skalaski, Carol Haines, Michael Gerney, Curtis Gambin, and Richard Procopio. Back row, Mrs. Marie Davey, Natasha Brady, Abbie Feibush, Ed Dubroski, Vito Spina, Joe Caliero, Chris Monek, Chris Roberts, Thomas Toman, and Michael Pressman.



**CAMEL-LOT...**Chad Williams and his father, Art, prepare to fly a remote control glider in the desert of Saudi Arabia, being careful to avoid the curious camels. The Williams, previous Clark residents for eight years, plan to relocate to the U.S. next year. They have traveled to England, Germany, Greece, Bahrain, India and Kashmir, and plan a trip to Jordan in December. Chad is

currently at a boarding school in Athens, where his basketball team will travel to Frankfurt and Paris for tournament play. His address is The Caterina, 3 Myconou St., 145 62 Kifaleri, Kifissia, Greece. Mr. Williams' address is Caltex Overseas Ltd., P.O. Box 535, Jubail, Saudi Arabia 31951.