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Russo calls on Kean to veto proposed toll hikes

Senate President John F. Russo on Friday urged Gov. Thomas H. Kean to use his veto power to block the New Jersey Highway Authority's plans to double the tolls on the Garden State Parkway.

"It's time to put the brakes on all this post-election talk about taxes and toll increases," said Senate President Russo.

"A 100 percent toll hike on the Garden State Parkway seems terribly burdensome on drivers and many people are questioning the justification for it."

The New Jersey Highway Authority voted unanimously on Thursday to increase the basic toll from 25 cents to 50 cents on the Parkway and raise tolls on exit ramps as well. The

plan would raise the cost of a complete trip on the 173-mile road from \$2.75 to \$6 effective April 2.

Senator Russo pointed out that the toll increase can only be blocked by Governor Kean, who has the power to veto the minutes of the New Jersey Highway Authority's meeting that authorized the toll hikes.

"These tax and toll increase issues always seem to crop up after elections are over," said Senator Russo, who noted that two years ago following the 1985 gubernatorial election it was the New Jersey Turnpike Authority that proposed substantial 40 percent toll increases.

"If there is a legitimate need to raise revenues, I don't understand why it always seems to come to light after an election," Senator Russo said. "I hope Governor Kean shares my reservations about the timing of this proposal and stops this assault on commuters' wallets."

State Police prepare for holiday season traffic

In preparation for the long Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend, which begins the annual State Police Holiday Traffic Safety Program, Colonel Clinton L. Pagano, State Police Superintendent, has directed his troop commanders to have all available personnel assigned to traffic patrol duty.

State Police helicopters will patrol over the State's heavily traveled traffic corridors to assist ground patrols in spotting trouble areas and coordinating the free flow of traffic. Tactical Patrol Units will be active in high accident areas throughout the State.

Colonel Pagano said that troopers in marked and unmarked patrol cars will concentrate enforcement on the drinking driver, speeders, and other accident-producing violations. In addition to the mobile patrols, troopers will conduct dismounted sobriety checkpoints throughout the State with emphasis on removing the impaired driver from the roadway.

Last year 541 persons lost their lives on the nation's highways during the Thanksgiving Day weekend. Of that total, 12 deaths

occurred on New Jersey roadways.

Motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey from January 1 to November 18 of this year totaled 856.

This is 68 fatalities less than last year's total from the same period, representing a 7.4 percent decrease.

Colonel Pagano added, "Since there is no 'acceptable' number of highway fatalities every motorist should be working to help reduce this statistic to zero."

Clark man wins 10Gs

A Clark man has won a top cash prize of \$10,000 in the New Jersey Lottery's recently concluded Lucky 7's instant game.

Lottery Executive Director Barbara A. Marrow announced that the winner is Joseph J. Magda, 61.

The lucky ticket was purchased at O'Johnnie's Variety, Westfield Ave., Clark. Magda is retired on total

disability after an accident. He had worked for Elizabeth Motors Oldsmobile for 28 years as a mechanic and, for the last seven years, as a service manager. He and his wife, Helen, have a daughter.

He said he would give some of his winnings to local charities and let his wife decide how to use the rest.

Clark Library receives grant for concerts

Sandra K. Jones, Director of the Clark Public Library, has announced the Clark Library is the recipient of a grant of \$500 from the Union County Arts Grant Program.

The monies will be used to produce free outdoor concerts in Clark during the summer of 1988.

This program is supported in part by a grant from Union County Arts Grant Program, with funding made possible by the New Jersey State Council on Arts, Department of State.



DEDICATION AWARDED. James J. Fulcomer, Union County Freeholder and liaison to the Advisory Board on the Handicapped, presents a resolution to Florence Blume of Union, advisory board member, for her dedication to the board. Looking on is "Ronny," Florence's seeing-eye dog.

Holiday events at Valley Road School

On December 1, 2, and 3, the Valley Road School Parent-Teacher Association will have its annual Holiday Fantasy at the Valley Road School in Clark, giving the children an opportunity to do their holiday gift shopping. There will be many moderately priced items for the children to choose from, including low cost hand-crafted items.

The children will be given specific times to do their shopping during school hours. The PTA sales staff will be available to assist them with their purchases.

In addition, the second annual Photos With Santa is planned for Thursday and Friday, December 3 and 4, from 6:30-8 p.m. The photos will cost \$2 each and will be taken in front of a fireplace background in the school cafeteria.

A cake sale, including coffee, tea, and hot chocolate, will also take place at that time.

On Thursday evening only, the Holiday Fantasy gift shop will again be open in Room 10, but only if there are items left for sale.



THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS TO ALL.



OATH OF OFFICE. Walter E. Boright, of Scotch Plains, was sworn in recently as a Union County Freeholder to serve an unexpired one-year term. Boright, who received the most votes of any freeholder candidate this past election, received the oath of office from the Honorable John Pisanaky, Judge, Superior Court of New Jersey, at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth. Pictured, from left, are Judge Pisanaky, Boright and his family, children Christian, Amy and Peter, and his wife Pamela, a member of the Scotch Plains Council. "I am extremely pleased and excited that the voters saw fit to return me to office," Boright said. "I will do my best to see that the citizens of Union County are served in their best interests." Boright was first elected to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders in 1974, and served three terms. He is a teacher for the Clark Public School system.



OUT WITH THE OLD. The old print shop of the Union County Division of Printing and Duplicating was recently torn down as part of the construction for the new, 14-story Union County Correctional Facility, which is being erected adjacent to the administration building on Elizabethtown Plaza. The new print shop is located in Roselle.

Autumn leaves pose fire hazard

The heat from catalytic converters causes numerous fires every fall season from cars parking on leaf piles.

The resulting fire calls and property losses are in addition to those problems caused by open burning of leaves.

The State of New Jersey has determined that open burning is hazardous to health, and therefore banned in the state and punishable by fine.

The Clark Volunteer Fire Department is asking all residents to practice restraint, use caution as their guide, and refrain from open burning, as well as using caution when parking cars.

Historical society sets meeting date

"Life Without Supermarkets" will be the topic of a talk by Holly Hoffman, director of Trailside Museum and Science Center, Mountainside, at the regular monthly meeting of the Clark Historical Society on Wednesday, December 2, at 8 p.m. in the Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Avenue.

Ms. Hoffman will show slides and present a look at 18th and 19th century life, including the plants used for food, medicine, tools, clothing and other household needs.

Meetings of the Clark Historical Society are open to the public.

Dedicated to the preservation of Clark's history, the Society always welcomes new members.

Hehnlly School swings into action

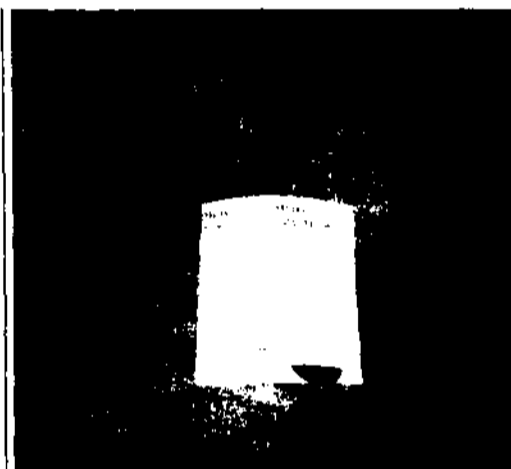
The Frank K. Hehnlly School on Raritan Road in Clark has started the ball rolling for the purchase of new outdoor playground equipment for the school's recreation area.

The Parent Teacher Association has formed a new committee, the Swing Fund. This committee was formed solely for the purpose of raising adequate funds for new playground equipment.

The PTA learned how costly such equipment is, therefore, every resource is being used to raise the necessary monies.

The committee has already embarked on fund raisers, which due to the support of parents and staff, have been a great success. Plans are also being made for future fund raisers throughout the school year.

Civic organizations in town have all been contacted for help. They have been asked to either sponsor a fund raiser within their group or make a donation. To date, the Swing Committee



SWINGING INTO ACTION. A "Swing Fund" is currently accepting donations from local citizens, groups and organizations for playground equipment at the F. K. Hehnlly School in Clark.

has received a favorable response.

However, due to the high cost of playground equipment, the road to the goal is a long one, and the committee is asking all local cor-

porations, businesses and private citizens for their support.

To make a donation, contact Mrs. Diane Angelo of the PTA at 382-0942.



COLLEGE NIGHT. Jane Derr (far left) describes the programs and opportunities available at the University of Scranton to Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School student Laura Wakstein (second from right) and her parents, David and Gladys, at the Union County Regional High School District's "College Night," held recently at A.L.J. Over 75 institutions of higher learning were represented.



CAPITAL VISIT. For the 16th consecutive school year, Mr. Carmine Vitolo's science classes at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark embarked on an educational field trip to Washington, D.C. Pictured before their early morning departure for the nation's capital are, from left, ALJ English teacher Mr. Kurt Epps, Tom Storza, Jinsuh Lee, Diana MacAvoy, David

Kuznet, Kelly Schindler, Jodi Favor, Nick Medvedich, Laura MacAvoy, Sue Paprocki, Stacy Mahon, Chris Flyut and Mr. Vitolo. They visited the Lincoln Memorial, Smithsonian Institution, Arlington National Cemetery, Jefferson Memorial and the National Zoo on the day-long excursion.