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## Drug pushers/users warned to stay away from schools

by Pat DiMaggio  
In accordance with the state attorney general's office, Rahway and Clark Police Departments have entered into a statewide Action-Plan for Narcotics Enforcement and are telling drug pushers to stay off school property - or else. Police Departments are now patrolling to institute drug free school safety zones. The Comprehensive Drug Reform Act of 1986 levels new, stricter drug enforcement laws on those found

distributing drugs on school property. The new drug law states that anyone who distributes, dispenses or possesses with intent to distribute a controlled, dangerous substance while on school property, within 1,000 feet of school property lines, on a school bus or within 1,000 feet of a school bus, will be guilty of a crime of the third degree. The ordinary term for a

third degree offense is three to five years of incarceration. This term will be in addition to the penalty for possessing or distributing the drug that would have been charged if the offense had occurred outside a school zone. The new drug law stipulates that 100 hours of community service will be required for those convicted of possessing even a minute amount of marijuana within 1,000 feet of the school safety zone, said Wohlman.

Conviction of distribution encompassing all the schools within the Township of Clark including Valley Road, Carl Kumpf and Hechly Schools, St. Agnes and St. John's Schools, Featherbed Lane and Mother Seton High School and Arthur L. Johnson High School. Chief Smar has promised vigorous enforcement, although no arrests have been made in school zones since inception of the program. Most drug arrests in Clark result from transients, he noted.

"We have a number of things going on towards drug reduction and enforcement," said Chief Smar. "The Juvenile Department is also involved. We have directed a lot more impetus towards it." It is important for juveniles as well as adults to know the penalties they will face if convicted of possessing or distributing drugs. If found with even a minute amount of drugs, within or outside a school zone, a person will face penalties including loss of their driver's license for six months, regardless of age. Mandatory drug reduction enforcement cost of \$500, laboratory analysis fee of \$50, \$30 in fines for the Violent Crimes Compensation Board and possible court costs and fees. If convicted with possession while behind the wheel of a motor vehicle, a two-year license suspension will be implemented.

Those who are involved in drugs, whether they use them or sell them, are warned to tread lightly in Rahway and Clark. The police are determined to provide around the clock safety for students, all day, all year.

### March 20-26 National Adult and Continuing Education Week



ORIGAMI OFFERING... Emma Lampariello (standing at left) answers a question during a class in the art of Origami, which is held at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark as one of 125 course offerings of the Union County Regional High School District's Adult School program. March 20-26 is National Adult and Continuing Education Week.



DECORATIVE CLASS... Marian Connolly is the instructor for the cake decorating class which is part of the Union County Regional High School District's Adult School program at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark.



DANCE FEVER... A group of active and attentive couples are pictured here listening to music and to the instructions of their teacher, Lois Allen, during the Dancing I class of the Union County Regional Adult School held at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark. March 20-26 is National Adult and Continuing Education Week.

### Regional Board of Ed approves event participants, athletic appointments

by Pat DiMaggio  
The Regional Board of Education, meeting last week, gave its approval to students from the Arthur L. Johnson High School to participate in vocational skill and state leadership competitions. Mark Vance will participate in a statewide Skill Olympic Competition in the machine shop program. The olympics will be held at the Camden County Vocational School on March 25 and 26. Linda Arivan and Abby Chaplowitz will take part in the State Leadership Conference of Future Homemakers of America. The conference will be held on April 14 and 15 in Asbury Park. Arivan and Chaplowitz are enrolled in the interior decorating program at Johnson. Robert Nadaszky, physical education instructor and tennis coach at Johnson, will participate in the Van Der Meer Tennis University Clinic to be held at Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar Virginia, on July 17-24. This clinic is noted as an exceptional tennis instruc-

tional program for teachers and coaches of the sport. Costs are \$720. The board also approved the following appointments: assistant track coach, Robert Raszczuk and Leslie Santa, \$2,086 each; assistant volleyball coach, Karen Hector, \$1,093; assistant lacrosse coach, Daniel Rosa, \$1,867; head volleyball coach, Thomas Murray, \$2,018. An additional 30 days sick leave was approved for Sandra Hazzelman, an art teacher at Johnson. Casino trip offered by Republican Club The Clark Republican Club is sponsoring a bus trip to Trump Castle Casino in Atlantic City on Saturday, March 26. The bus will be leaving from Broadway and Liberty Sts. at 10 a.m. and will return approximately 7:30 p.m. For further information call Bernie Yarusavage, 381-7270 or Carole Hayden, 388-7916.



CORDIAL EXCHANGE... The German Club and German Honor Society of the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark recently hosted a reception for Chief Barth of Dusseldorf, West Germany, an exchange student at the David Breatley Regional High School, and Anja Heil, a visitor from Kaiserslautern, West Germany. Pictured here are (L to R) A.L.J. German Club and Honor Society members Lisa O'Brien, Dana DeSanto and Laura MacAvoy; Anja Heil and Chief Barth; German Club and Honor Society members Angie Delvevo and Sigrid Stabenow; and Mrs. Kathryn Zigmont, teacher of the German language at Johnson Regional. Clai and Anja attended classes at A.L.J. during the day and discussed their experiences in Germany and America with the students in the German Club and Honor Society. The reception held for the two visitors at the end of the school day was attended by students and members of the faculty and administration of A.L.J.

### Solid Waste Committee meets with scavengers

by Pat DiMaggio  
Clark's Solid Waste Committee met last week with scavengers to gather their input and comments on the garbage situation in the township. Clark residents contract privately with collectors to remove their garbage twice weekly. The Solid Waste Committee was formed to study Mayor George Nucera's proposal for a town-wide garbage collector. Six of the seven scavengers who service Clark were present with their attorney at the meeting. Most of the meeting was spent discussing the problem of grass disposal, said Solid Waste Committee Chairman Robert Ellenport. "They were advised that it was unlikely that any new procedure would be in place before this spring and summer season," said Ellenport. "On an immediate level they have to address the problem of grass collection." The township dump, where grass clippings were previously stored, located in back of the Municipal Building/Police Station, was closed down last year by the Department of Environmental Protection. At the meeting, according to Ellenport, the scavengers said that it costs them 7 cents a pound to dump grass. The cost to be passed onto residents would be \$3.50 per 40-pound bag, including the collector's overhead and profit. Nucera and Ellenport asked the scavengers to notify their customers as soon as possible of this cost. The Solid Waste Committee also asked the scavengers to notify their customers of their charges for collecting bulk items, such as televisions, furniture and other household items. The Solid Waste Committee has recommended a town-wide garbage collector and suggested to the scavengers present at the meeting that they form a partnership to bid on the contract. Frank Navilla, of Dependable Disposal, said the group had discussed that

possibility, tentatively using the name "Clark Combine," which would represent a majority of the current haulers. Instead of a proposed three-year bond and contract, the scavengers suggested the township consider a one-year bond and contract which would allow them to react quickly to changes in the garbage disposal field. Another problem Clark is facing is the sharing of garbage by some residents. "It is one of the biggest problems we have," said Councilman William Caruso, also a member of the Solid Waste Committee. He said that some people, mainly seniors, have very little garbage because of recycling and that they are sharing garbage cans with neighbors. The township has on the books an ordinance that directs residents to make their own arrangements for garbage disposal, he said. Over 200 families have dropped their contracts, he noted, and are either sharing garbage cans with neighbors or are using their business's commercial dumpsters or

are just dropping their garbage wherever they can. "The garbage men are pressing the administration to find out where people are getting rid of their garbage," said Caruso. "The ordinance says garbage must be picked up twice a week by a vendor or scavenger. The scavengers say they will have to increase the cost of garbage collection because of these people who are dropping their services."

All meetings of the Historical Society are open to the public.

### CAA to host Prof. Doren

The Clark Art Association will host Henry J.T. Doren, Professor of Art, at its Thursday, April 7 meeting, 7 p.m., at the Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave. Prof. Doren will give a lecture-demonstration entitled "Structural Concept of Drawing in Present Day Painting." He received his M.F.A. from the Instituto Allende, Mexico, his MA degree from the University of Ottawa, his Bachelor of Science degree from New York University, and attended Art Students League of New York and Frank Reilly Art School, New York. He is also past publisher of NJ Artform Magazine. All programs of the Clark Art Association are free and open to the public.

ACADEMIC REVIEW... David Lampman (left), a senior at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, and Mr. David Carl, Principal of Johnson Regional, review the papers which indicate David's selection as a National Merit Scholarship Finalist for 1988. The Clark resident was recently chosen as one of just 13,500 Finalists nationwide who will continue in the competition for 6,000 Merit Scholarships for college. David's designation as a Finalist is based on his outstanding performance on last year's Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). The senior from Johnson Regional will now be required to fulfill additional academic requirements to be considered for these scholarships, which are administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation of Evanston, Illinois.

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