



**LAST OF THE 'MOUNTIES'**... Robert Stranzbach, Union County's only mounted police officer, will visit the Clark Public Library on Thursday, April 14, from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. to speak about his experience as a mounted officer. Boys and girls of elementary school age are invited to meet him. His hobby is Herpetology, and so he will also speak about snakes and bring some of those in his collection for the girls and boys to see. (The Clark Public Library Book Club will meet on Monday, April 11. "Prince of Tides" by author Pat Conroy will be discussed.)

## \$7.6M budget intro defeated

by Pat DiMaggio

An attempt to introduce Clark's \$7.6 million municipal budget was defeated at a special meeting held on Monday night when proposed increases and decreases failed to draw the required number of votes.

A resolution increasing the mayor's budget by \$98,154 was defeated on a vote of four in favor, with

Council members Carmine Cristiani, Bernard Hayden and Carol Pluta opposed. The resolution needed a five vote majority for adoption. Saying that Monday night was the first time he was able to see the budget, Hayden opposed the increases in the resolution. "We should have some time to take these numbers home and study them," he said. Calling opposition to the

resolution "blackmail and political shenanigans," Councilman Robert Ellenport defended the 1988 budget. "This council put a lot of time into this budget," said Ellenport. "It comes out to a one-and-a-half point increase which is the second lowest in the county. This budget accomplishes all we set out to do and more. It is an excellent and commendable budget."

"There is room for \$75,000 more worth of cuts in this budget," answered Hayden. "The town is not going to go to hell in a handbasket." "He is attempting to delay approval of this budget," said Councilman William Caruso. "It would be denying the citizens of Clark badly needed services. He's not too concerned with the taxpayers."

A resolution to decrease the mayor's budget by \$435,210.04 also met defeat with Council members Hayden, Caruso, Ellenport, Joseph Pozniak and Fred Eckel opposed. Council members Cristiani and Pluta were in favor of the decreases.

The council did agree on approving the following items of revenue to be included in the 1988 budget: Supplemental Safe Neighborhoods Program, \$37,287.04; Supplemental Fire Services Program, \$9,214.79; Driving While Intoxicated Program for \$2,457; Cable T.V. Franchise Fee, \$10,304.13; sale of municipal assets, \$45,500.

## Pressman, Dudek, Altman and Runyon capture Board of Education seats

by Pat DiMaggio

James Pressman defeated former Board Member James Kehoe for the unexpired two-year term. Pressman garnered a total of 721 votes to Kehoe's total of 647 votes. Pressman, a resident for 12 years, is a graduate of Rutgers University and served as a helicopter pilot with the First Air Cavalry Division in Vietnam. He has been employed as the manager of Rahway Lumber Company for 18 years. Garnering the top vote for a three-year term was incumbent Michael Dudek who will begin his thirteenth year on the board. Dudek totalled 841 votes from residents in Clark. A resident for 29 years, Dudek is retired from Exxon Company where he was

employed as a senior accountant. He has served on the Union County School Board Association and has been a member of the board's Policy, Finance, Buildings and Grounds, Personnel and Public Relations Committees. New candidate Laurie Runyon totalled 661 votes to win the second, three-year seat on the board. Runyon has been a resident of Clark for 15 years and is employed as a merchandiser for a major greeting card company. She has three children who all attend Clark schools. She is continuing her education by attending workshops and seminars on special education and American Sign Language. The third, three-year seat

on the board was won by Anita Altman who garnered 614 votes. Altman is employed as a substitute teacher at Arthur L. Johnson High School. She has been involved with the Frank Hehny and Carl Kumpf Schools P.T.A. and currently serves as the Johnson High School P.T.A. president. Following are the remaining candidates and the total number of votes they received: John Schroeck, 490; Incumbent John Fitzpatrick, 463; Incumbent Toby D'Ambola, Jr., 454; William Brittain, 195.

The Organization Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on April 12 at the administration offices on Schindler Road.



William Dreyfus

## Dreyfus receives ACE award

William Dreyfus of Aoom Drive, Clark was recently named a finalist in a nationwide student film editing competition sponsored by American Cinema Editors (ACE) of Los Angeles. Dreyfus, a senior at Penn State University majoring in film, attended ACE's 38th Annual Awards Dinner in Los Angeles in March, where he received an award for his project.

President of the student council at Penn State School of Communications. Dreyfus plans to pursue a career in the cinema or television industry upon graduation and relocating to Los Angeles. A graduate of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, he is the son of Elisa and Ed Dreyfus, with two sisters, Sharon, at home, and Rachel of Boston.

## Voters OK regional school tab

by Pat DiMaggio

The Regional Board of Education, governing policy at Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark, received the nod from voters on their \$30.2 million budget even though it was defeated in Clark. The 1988 budget was approved overall by a majority of votes from residents in Berkeley Heights, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountaintide and Springfield. The total vote was 2141 in

favor, with 1924 opposed. The budget funds program for four regional high schools. Voters in Clark defeated the budget with 720 in favor, and 820 opposed. Clark's increase in the budget totalled \$421,835.84 over last year's portion. A total of 1549 out of 9510 registered voters turned out for the election in Clark, or 16.3 percent. The ward and district breakdown is as follows:

Frank K. Hehny School, Ward 1, Districts 1, 3, 121 yes, 85 no; Carl H. Kumpf School, Ward 1, District 4, Ward 4, Districts 2, 3, 4, 162 yes, 209 no; Charles H. Brewer School, Ward 2, Districts 1-4, 149 yes, 233 no; Valley Road School, Ward 3, Districts 1-4, Ward 4, District 1, 227 yes, 277 no. Absentee ballots totalled 61 in favor with 25 opposed. The budget includes funding for two Social

Studies courses, European Civilization to 1550 and Revolution, an Advanced Placement Computer Science course, a World Literature program and courses entitled Television Production and Television Broadcasting at Arthur L. Johnson High School. Two rooms at Johnson will also be renovated and converted into rooms for weight training and conditioning.

### Library states Story Time & Fine-Free Week

On Tuesday, April 19, 1988 between 10:30 and 11 a.m. the Clark Public Library will have Story Time for preschoolers of all ages and their parents. On Thursday, April 21, at 7 p.m. a repeat of the above program will be held for working parents and those who cannot attend the morning program. National Library Week will be observed April 17-23. These dates will also be Fine-Free Week at the library.



**HONORED STUDENTS**... Rob Clifford (left) and Joe Danca (right), students enrolled in the Marketing Education program at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, were among those honored for their outstanding efforts at the 27th Annual State Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) Conference held recently at the Mountain View Resort Hotel in McAfee, New Jersey. Rob earned First Place honors on the written test for Display Diorama General Merchandising, while Joe took Third Place in the Display Diorama Food Industry competition. Thirteen Johnson Regional students participated in the State Conference, which attracted over 1,600 high school Marketing students from throughout New Jersey. Mr. Jack Ford is the teacher of Marketing and Distributive Education at Johnson Regional.

## Clark BPW states meeting

The Clark Business and Professional Women will hold their monthly dinner meeting at the Ramada Hotel in Clark on Tuesday, April 12, at 7 p.m. Roseanne McCatley, Associate Engineer for POEC's Telecommunications Department will speak about "Radiation Naturally." Clark BPW is a new organization of business and professional women in the Clark and Cranford area and is part of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women. Clark BPW is seeking new members and invites all interested women to attend. For reservations or information, contact Willie Canavan at 382-2500. Tickets are \$14.50.

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## Cub Scouts to hold signups

Scouting should bring their parents and they will see current scouts perform a "Gala Scout Circus." All boys entering 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades in September, are now eligible to join. For further information please telephone 925-7208.

## Voters say no to \$7.5M school tab

Clark's \$7.5 million elementary school budget was defeated by voters in Tuesday's school election. Sixteen percent of the township's 9660 registered voters turned down the 1988 spending plan by a margin of 138 votes for the current expense portion and 159 votes for the capital outlay portion. The current expense tax levy of \$6,294,327 garnered 381 votes in favor, with 719 opposed. The capital outlay tax levy of \$70,600 received 558 votes in favor, with 717 opposed.

The Board of Education budget will now go before Clark's Municipal Council for possible reduction. Results of ward and district votes are as follows: Frank K. Hehny School, Ward 1, Districts 1-3, current expense, 87 yes, 74 no, capital outlay, 87 yes, 71 no; Carl H. Kumpf School, Ward 1, District 4, Ward 4, Districts 2, 3, 4, current expense, 138 yes, 173 no, capital outlay, 127 yes, 180 no; Charles H. Brewer School, Ward 2, Districts 1-4, current expense, 122 yes, 203 no, capital outlay, 113 yes, 201 no; Valley Road School, Ward 3, District 1-4, Ward 4, District 1, current expense, 173 yes, 245 no, capital outlay, 165 yes, 246 no. Absentee ballots totalled 61 in favor of current expense with 24 opposed and 66 in favor of capital outlay with 19 opposed.

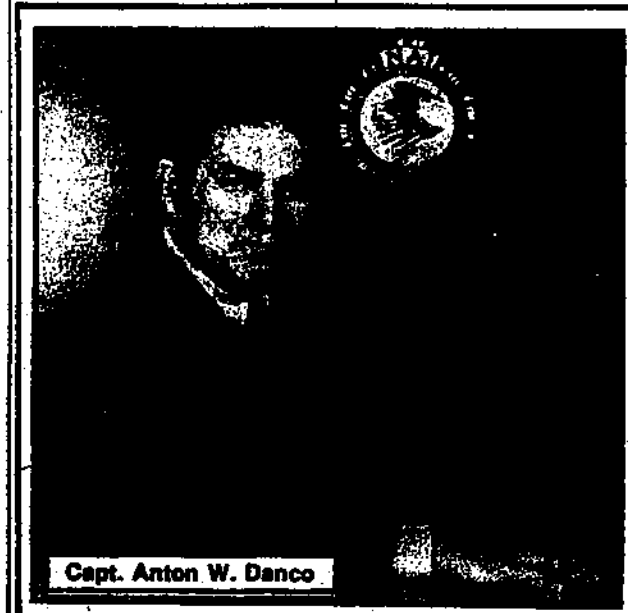
## UCC schedules legal services clinic

Union County College will sponsor a legal services clinic from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, at the Scotch Plains Campus. All students are offered the service free of charge. Hillside Municipal Judge Jeffrey Gachtman will be on hand to answer questions and to provide legal advice. The clinic will be sponsored by the Student Government Association. Those interested in further information, or who would like to call in a question during clinic hours, may call 889-8615.

## Clark Police Captain is FBI Academy grad

Anton W. Danco, a Captain in the Clark Police Department, was one of 199 law enforcement officers to be graduated from the FBI National Academy in Washington D.C. in ceremonies that took place March 25. Peter M. Imbert of New Scotland Yard, London, England, was the principal speaker. Capt. Danco was graduated from Roselle Park High School in 1960 and briefly attended Missouri State University and Union

College. He is married and the father of three daughters, the oldest of whom is 17. The FBINA was established in 1935 and has, to date, graduated a total of 21,334 students. The curriculum is designed to address the needs of contemporary law enforcement. Each class consists of representatives of virtually all 50 U.S. states, plus several foreign countries.



Capt. Anton W. Danco