

amount.

budget which will reduce the tax burden by that any way hamper the educational process," said Orten-

crease by the state, said, Ortenzio. The capital outlay portion of the budget re- monious preparation for graduation from high school, Lynda plans to study interior Design at Mount Ida College school's Instrumental mains at \$70.600.

by Pat DiMaggio improper preparation.

VOL. 22 NO. 20

members on May 9 to courseil members were asdiscuss reductions in the survit by members of the board's budget. The cound board that "there would be cil originally approved no problem in accepting \$145,000 in cuts, but the them." amount to \$110,000.

did not attend the meeting. She asked the board to in-Fink advised the council vestigate the art program by "This is a pathetic situa- reviewing requisition orders tion, said Caruso. The for the past five years, to voted the budget down and evaluate health and safety process in Trenton, they the Board of Education is measures and to evaluate literally thumbing their the curriculum. "would not go in there with

Fink. Clark's Board of Education | Road School saying there | and consultant. When the Board of Edu-At a special council meeting held on May 10, was poor supervision in the some to voice displeasure gymnasium and ineffective ools Dr. Paul Ortenzio also Paul Friedberg and Franover art and physical educa- safety standards and asked changed the time of the "We had a gentleman's School and others to defend problem. agreement," said Eckel. the programs.

by Pat DiMaggio

board voted against ac- Fink was directed to draft cepting the reductions. The original resolution After meeting with County | without explanations of the Superintendent Dr. Vito cuts by Councilman Robert Gagliardi, the council Ellenport and Council reduced the original | President Fred Eckel, said meeting held May 11, cation met later, they de-Councilman William Caru- cided to reject the proposed so made a motion to \$145,000 in reductions. withdraw the proposal and

parent, said the students at ment of a new Director of dance at the meeting. Valley Road School were Special Services to fill the In other business Andrea Twombley, a In spice of Fink's advice, Valley Road School were

esked for an across-theboard five percent reduce "Obviously, some of the

tion in the budget. "They | board members are not genare not bargaining in good tlemen." faith." said Caruso. "The 1 taxpayers should be outraged in the resolution reducing the being "short changed in board's budget by \$110,000 their education" especially in the area of art. She said that the count three in favor and Council that a 1986 supply list Township Attorney Stan-ley Fink said that the coun-cil could not approve a "blanket cut" because, by Four their must set an Pozniak onnosed. Coun-the classroom and also said there were health and safety the classroom in Perth Amboy Approved the calendar to bid for roof "blanket cut" because, by the classroom and also said there were health and safety the classroom in Perth Amboy Approved the calendar to bid for roof "blanket cut" because, by amount with a detailed ex- cilman Ellenport was ill and violations in the art room. planation of reductions. that if they voted against the resolution reducing the budget by \$110,000 and taxpayers of this town monitor lesson plans, to had to appear at an appeal

noses at us."

a great case."

ing the contributions of the next meeting, today, 1 p.m. and emotional problems or sharpness of vision and eye art teacher at Valley Road at the Brewer Senior Cen- conflicts and how to best pressure. **Board of Ed accepts** School to art education. ter, 430 Westfield Ave., cope with them. She will encompromise budget cuts "(The art program) gives Clark. our children an aspect to a Karen Mondrone, Exten- tion. Negotiations also included education," soin Home Economist of the total tax levy "up front," said Elanagen The total tax levy "up total tax levy " by Pat DiMaggio Clark's Board of Educa- the total tax levy "up Valley Road School." tion voted to accept the front," said Flanagan. The Municipal Council's reduc- remaining 80 percent of the tions in their 1988-89 budget would be received in

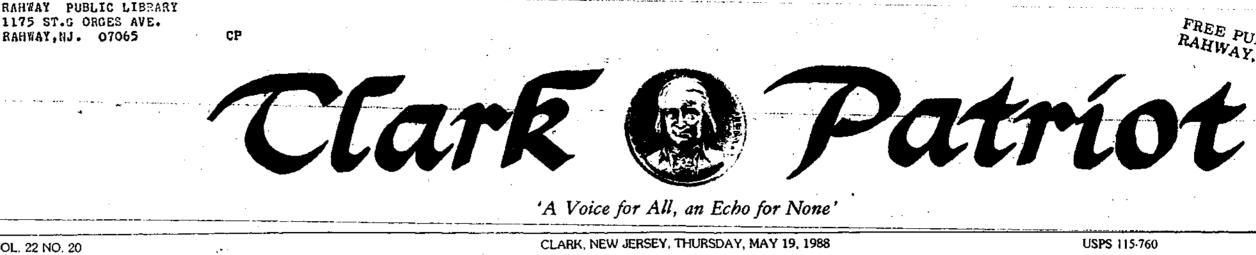
school year budget at a 11 parts of the first business meeting held on May 10. The board's \$7.5 million The \$110,000 reduction budget was defeated by in the budget also reduces voters on April 5. The the number of points to be budget then went before charged to taxpayers by Clark's Municipal Council 11/2. On a home assessed at for cuts. The council ap- \$114,000, homeowners will proved \$145,000 in reduc- pay an additional \$57 a year

jected by the board. Ident of Schools Dr. Paul Kazanowski and Business the meeting.

Administrator H. Edward "We passed a budget that Flanagan met with council left out a lot of new prorepresentatives and County grams many on this board Superintendent Dr. Vito [felt would be worthwhile." Gagliardi to negotiate re- said Board Member Dennis ductions. Board Members | Linken. "We were also decided to accept a reduc- cognizant of the tax burden; tion of \$110,000 in the cur- so we eliminated some of rent expense portion of the those programs and the budget was still defeated. We can't even pass a budget

that just maintains the "These cuts will not in school system we have now.' "We reached a compro-(FHA/HERO) State Leadership Conference held in Asbury Park. Given a dealign pro/ mise with town officials," The hudget is \$433,000 said Ortenzio. "I hope both blem and a client situation, Lynda designed an addition to a house as well as the decor under cap, the allowed in- groups will be able to live for the home, complete with samples, floor plans, furniture and accessory schedules I with this agreement. We and prices. She is a student in the Vocational Interior Decorating and Design course at gram at Johnson Regional, will work toward a har- Johnson Regional, which is taught by Mrs. Toth and Mr. Edward Bitenas. Upon her and Richard Charwin is the

next year's budget."



**Council reluctantly approves** compromise school budget

Clark's Municipal Coun when a resolution is pre- it, we lose it." cil finally approved reduc- pared cutting the budget it tions in the Board of Educa- must contain an explana-

tions, which were later re- for school purposes, a reduction from the original On May 9, Superinten- tax increase of \$68 a year. The board voted unani-Ortenzio and Board mously to accept the reduc-Members Michael Dudek, tions. Board Member F James Pressman, Lori Donald Paris did not attend

state statute demands that way," said Pluta. "If we lose the price of Ellenport's er-when a resolution is pre-it, we lose it." for we should accept the "I will vote yes only don't want to risk \$110,000. "This council is at fault | Trenton. I'd rather accept | was made on the reso- out if we're wrong."

Representatives of the \$145,000 did not include Bernard Hayden in voting meeting held May 13, the own investigation I am not favor with Councilman council met with board these explanations because to accept the reduction. council again discussed the convinced that this resolu- Caruso absent.

tion's budget after two tion of those cuts. The first because this resolution was three-quarters of the pic lution," said Councilwoman meetings and accusations of proposal by the council to not presented in the correct than lose the whole thing." Pluta. reduce the budget by manner," said Councilman At another special "After conducting my approved by a vote of six in

Fink explained that a | "I am willing to go all the | "The taxpayers have to pay | resolution reducing the | tion is flawed," said Coun-\$110,000 cut and not go to | because of the mistake that | of taxpayers' money to find The resolution was then

Parents claim students 'short changed' at Valley Road

Another parent question- | and is a graduate of City | for 12 month employees. ed the curriculum of the College in New York. She and teachers attended tion program at Valley | learning disabilities teacher Superintendent of Sch-

tion classes at Valley Road the board to look into the Kumpf School promotion exercises from 3 p.m. to 7 At the meeting, the board p.m. on June 23 after realso approved the appoint- quests by parents in atten-

courage audience participa-

STUDENT AWARDED ... Lynda Ariyan (left), a senior at the Arthur L. Johnson

Regional High School in Clark, and Mrs. Maureen Toth (right), a teacher at Johnson

Regional, proudly display the award which signifies Lynda's Second Place per-

in Newton Centre, Massachusetts.

-Approved Donna More than 50 parents health and physical educa- has been employed as a Sykes and Barbara Notchey as home instructors. -Approved Matthew Barbosa, Barbara Helfman,

> ces Russo as substitute teachers. -Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Robert Retcho, a custodian at

Valley Road School.

repairs at the Valley Road School.

## **Clark Senior Center** schedules speakers

the curriculum. Sue Lordi, also a parent, read a statement recogniz-d a guest speaker for their of our social, psychological, Sue Lordi, also a parent, scribe his free screening for

Regular meetings of the Clark Senior Center are held on the third Thursday of each month at 1 p.m., except during July and August. Refreshments are always served. Membership is free and open to Clark residents 55

years and over. Call 388-3600, Ext. 20, or 381-3823, for information. Spring-concert

## tonight at ALJ

The students from the Vocal and Instrumental programs at the Arthur L. ohnson Regional High School in Clark will present their annual Spring Concert tonight (May 19), at 8 p.m. in the school's Hough Auditorium. All students. parents and residents are cordially invited to attend, Admission is free.

This concert will feature performances by the Johnson Regional Choral Music groups and by the school's Jazz and Concert Bands. The Johnson Crusader Band is coming off an outstanding showing recently at the Quebec Music Festival in Quebec. Canada, where the group

formance statewide in the Contemporary Living with Design competition during the re-cent Future Homemakers of America/Home Economics Related Occupations and three Excellent ratings from judges at this event. Al Pendleton is the Director of the Vocal Music Pro-

Music Director.

and wrestling activities. Dayton to Johnson; Arthur Nancy Nelson who com-In other business the Balshan, Business Educa- pleted ten consecutive days ooard: —Accepted the retire- David Brearley; Jacqueline the Guidance Department board: ment resignation of Irving Rezza, Home Economics, to \$105 per day. Grandparents Day at Valley Road On Thursday, May 26, the PTA will sponsor

main gymnasium.

Grandparents Day at the Valley Road School in Clark. All grandparents are invited to visit the school and partake of refreshments. Children without grandparents are urged to "adopt" a grandparent-type relative or other senior citizen for the day.

#### **Register for**

summer programs Registration will be held today, Thursday, May 19, for the Clark Recreation summer programs. Children in grades 1-5 can register at the Brewer School cafeteria 6-9 p.m., or call Rich Donofrio at 574.9452.

### Correction

Due to a proofing error in last week's story about the den was incorrectly stated. Mr. Hayden proposed additional cuts in the budget training the airman studied Arthur L. Johnson Regiontotalling \$80,000.

and may be used for all Patricia Waldvogel, Mathe- \$105 per day. home football, basketball matics, from Jonathan

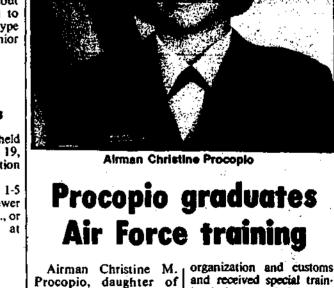
15

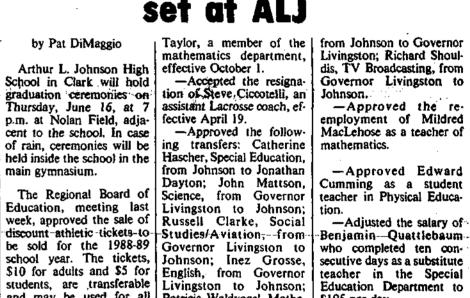
Airman Christine Procopio

# Air Force training

Diane M. Procopio of ing in human relations. Brookside Terrace, Clark, In addition, airmen who adoptio... of Clark's munici- and Richard D. Procopio of complete basic training earn pal budget, the amount of | Chatham, N.J., has grad- credits toward an associate reductions suggested by uated from Air Force basic degree through the com-Councilman Bernard Hay- training at Lackland Air munity college of the Air Force Base, Texas. During the six weeks of She is a 1986 graduate of

Force. the Air Force mission, al High School, Clark.





OUTSTANDING SENIOR . . . Angela Delnevo (right), a senior at the Arthur L. Johnso Regional High School in Clark, is congratulated by Johnson Regional Principal David Carl (left) upon her designation as the recipient of the Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate from the Elizabethtown Chapter No. 1 - New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Angela was chosen for this honor based on her status as the outstanding senior American History student at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School. The Clark resident was formally presented with this award during a ceremony on Sunday, May 15, at the Abraham Clark House, 101 West Ninth Avenue, Roselle

# **Graduation day**

set at ALJ by Pat DiMaggio

