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**MARINE TALK** . . . GySgt. Vito D'Anna, at left, of Clark, is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the 6th Motor Transport, Combat Service Support Detachment, 23rd Marine, 4th Marine Division. He and PFC Kristen Naylor are discussing their training at Camp Riley, Oregon, with Brigadier General Walt E. Boomer, the division's commanding general. PFC Naylor, 20, is from Belmar. She and D'Anna were among the 2,200 Marine and Navy reservists recently at Camp Riley for two weeks of intensive training. (Photo by GySgt. Becki Wass)

## Council OK's vehicle, sign purchases

by Pat DiMaggio  
Clark's Municipal Council called a special meeting last week to approve an ordinance authorizing the acquisition of new vehicles and to appropriate \$128,500 for the purchase.

Bonds will be issued to finance the appropriation for the purchase of two new dump trucks, a salt spreader and a sewer jet. "We are upgrading our equipment," said Councilman William Caruso. "We are purchasing equipment that is absolutely necessary to upgrade every department."

The council also voted to process a purchase order to Sign Ad, Neptune, for purchase of a double-faced illuminated marquee sign that will be placed in front of the

Municipal Building located on Westfield Avenue. The outdoor announcement board will cost the Township \$4,440.

Councilman Carmine Cristiani said he would vote against purchasing the sign because he feared it would be used for political purposes. "Install it after November and I'll vote yes," said Cristiani.

"There are no names on this sign," said Councilman Fred Eckel. "It will be for the benefit of the people in town."

The council voted to appropriate money from the budget to purchase the sign in 1985, more than four years ago, said Business Administrator Joseph Monaco. "And the vote was unanimous," he added.

"We used some method of public notice in town," said Councilman Robert Ellenport. "This is an important step to getting information across."

Council members Cristiani and Carol Pluta voted against acquisition of the sign. Councilman Bernard Hayden was on vacation and did not attend the meeting.

The council also approved a resolution awarding a contract to Schifano Construction Co., Middlesex, for road improvements on Evans Terrace, Kenneth Place, Coldevin Road and intersections of Fairview-Mountainview Roads and Hutchinson Street-Shading Place in the amount of \$50,500.

## Deutscher Club to hold Oktoberfest

The Deutscher Club of Clark will hold its annual Summer Oktoberfest by night on Saturday, August 6, 6-11 p.m., at the picnic grove on club house grounds.

German and American music for dancing will be

provided by the famous "Party Makers." German food and spirits will be served. The requested donation for attendance is \$3.

The Deutscher Club is located at 787 Featherbed Lane, Clark.



**WITENING FRAULEIN** — Cindy Zorn of Annette Drive, Edison, was elected "Miss Deutscher Club" by the Deutscher Club of Clark at its annual Waldfest on June 19. She will reign for the coming year.

## Mural on view

An outstanding mural depicting the history of New Jersey will be on display when the Dr. William Robinson Plantation opens to the public Sunday, August 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. The mural will be presented to the Clark Historical Society and is the work of the 4th grade students at Clark's Valley Road School under the supervision of Mrs. Georgann Downing.

Guided tours of the restored 17th Century farmhouse and grounds, at 593 Madison Hill Rd., Clark, will be conducted by members of the Historical Society.

The Museum Shop in the lean-to of the house offers a unique variety of hand-crafted articles.

Groups may visit the Plantation by appointment. There is never a charge. Call 388-8999.

## Free tennis clinic!

The Clark Recreation Department will offer a tennis clinic the week of August 22. Registration will be held Thursday, August 11 at the former Brewer School, 7:9 p.m.

The clinic is offered to children age 6 through high school (Clark residents only). There is no fee.

## New garbage collection plan proposed for township

by Pat DiMaggio  
Residents of Clark will be receiving a letter this week advising them of the Solid Waste Committee's final report on a proposed town-wide garbage collection plan.

The Solid Waste Committee, consisting of Councilmembers Robert Ellenport, William Caruso and Carmine Cristiani, have been studying a proposal made by Mayor George Nucera to institute town-

wide garbage collection in Clark. Residents presently contract privately with scavengers for twice-a-week, back yard pickup.

Residents' garbage collection bills have increased to \$400 per year due to sky-

rocketing collection and tipping fees in the past year.

The committee proposes to divide the Township into two separate garbage collection districts as allowed by state law. Each district will be defined according to the average assessed value of homes within that district.

The average assessed value of a home in district 1 is \$136,251, according to the letter to be sent to residents. To raise money for garbage collection, homes in that district would be taxed at the rate of .20 per \$100 of assessed value or approximately \$272.50 per home.

The average assessed value of a home in district 2 is \$101,258 and homes would be taxed at the rate of .30 per \$100 of assessed value or an additional \$303.77 for garbage collection. The committee feels that this district would actually end up paying less because the homes are spaced closer together and have less grass to be picked up.

Garbage district number 1 would consist of homes in the First and Fourth Wards. Garbage district number 2 would consist of the remainder of town.

Payments for garbage collection should be tax deductible under the plan, said Ellenport. A contract would be put out for bid for a one-year period.

The proposal will be submitted for approval to the Municipal Council in September.



**WELCOME GIFT** . . . The American Legion Clark Post 328 Commander Don McArdle presents a donation check to President Anthony Pannullo (center) and Terry Katz, former 1st Sergeant of the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad (left). President Pannullo stated that the donation from the Legion will go toward a "Baby Annie," a resuscitator for practicing CPR on infants, and that the balance will be used to purchase much needed blankets.



**THAT CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON** . . . Members of the Arthur L. Johnson High School Girls' Volleyball Team with a commendation presented to them by Clark's Municipal Council. Louis Peragallo, Johnson's Athletic Director, looks on.

## Johnson Girls' Volleyball Team honored as champs

by Pat DiMaggio  
The Arthur L. Johnson High School Girls' Volleyball Team was honored for their championship season by the Municipal Council at

a meeting held last week. The Girls' Volleyball Team finished the season with a 25-1 record. They suffered their only loss to Columbia High School on

June 7, but went on to avenge that loss with a win. It was the first time Columbia High School lost a regular season game in 13 years.

The Johnson team went on to win the Union County Girls' Volleyball Championship, the Metro Volleyball League Championship and the Dayton Regional Invitational Championship.

Members of the 1988 team included: Tracy Clark, captain; Debbie Newell, captain; Kelly Koch; Sue Joback; Linda Bianchi; Randi Sharp; Carrie Brennan; Eva Anisko; Karen Rostel; Chris Fiyat; and Kirsten Medvedich. Coaches for the team were Tom Murray and assistant Caren Hector.

Dr. Guarino is the son of Salvatore and Catherine Guarino of Clark.

Dr. Sid E. Williams, president and founder of Life Chiropractic College, at awards ceremonies held at Atlanta's World Congress Center.

Clark man gets chiropractic degree

## Former Clark official arrested for bribery

by Pat DiMaggio  
A Clark construction official, who resigned three weeks ago, has been arrested and accused of accepting more than \$7,000 in bribes.

Dominick Ciccone, 50, of Trenton, has been indicted after an investigation led to his arrest for accepting more than \$7,000 in bribes while employed as Carteret's

building inspector. If convicted, Ciccone faces sentences of up to 20 years and up to a \$200,000 fine.

Ciccone was employed as Clark's part-time building inspector from July 1987 to last month when he tendered his resignation citing health problems. He was arrested on July 26.

"We haven't been advised of anything," said Clark Council President Fred Eckel. "We feel that the Township is not involved."

Mayor George Nucera sent a letter to the State Attorney General last week asking him to insure Township officials that Clark is not under investigation in any way, according to Business Administrator Joseph Monaco.

## County opens 21st nutrition site

Union County recently opened its newest, federally-funded nutrition site, the 21st in the county, at the O'Donnell-Dempsey Senior Center, 622 Salem Ave., Elizabeth, the former Vail-Deane School site, announced William H. Eldridge, Union County Freholder and liaison to the Advisory Council on Aging.

"Any person 60-years-old or older, or married to a per-

son 60 or older, may take advantage of the Union County Nutrition Program," Eldridge said. "These well-balanced meals, served daily at noon, are planned by a nutritionist and are available Monday through Friday."

The Union County Nutrition Program, sponsored by the Division on Aging of the Department of Human Services, has four goals: health

maintenance through improved nutrition; fostering social interaction; providing access to other supportive services, and to satisfy emotional needs, especially for those who eat alone.

A suggested donation of \$1 is requested, and reservations must be made two days in advance by calling the Division on Aging at 527-4875/4876/4877.



**FINE ARTS** . . . Irene Paschenko (left) of Clark and Barbara Zitaner (right) of Mountaintop work on wood relief paintings and three-dimensional sculpture with balsa wood during a class of the Union County Regional Summer Fine Arts Workshop being conducted at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark.