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Council acts to curb 'fly-by-nights'

by Pat DiMaggio
Clark's Municipal Council approved an amendment to an ordinance that will limit transactions by outside vendors and transient merchants in the Township.

The ordinance, approved at last week's council meeting, seeks to regulate improper sales techniques by transient merchants who leave the Township before purchasers can return items or correct damages to items.

The term "transient merchant" includes merchants who transact business on a temporary, less-than-three-month basis within the Township. Merchants who temporarily rent or lease buildings or real estate will also be included in the regulations imposed by the ordinance.

The sale of ice cream by truck, garage sales and craft fairs and general sales, fairs, auctions or bazaars sponsored by any civic, fraternal, education or religious organization will not be affected. Also the sale of flowers, produce and plants will be allowed if the merchant owns or leases the land.

It will be unlawful for any transient merchant to transact business unless the merchant has first secured a license. If the merchant does not have the proper license, he or she will be considered a disorderly person and will be penalized as such.

Merchants must apply to the Township for a license at a cost of \$250. The application must include the merchant's name and permanent address, or the corporation's name and home addresses of the members of the firm or corporation. A statement showing the kind of business proposed, the length of time the business will be in operation and the location of the business must be included on the application.

A public hearing and possible final adoption of this ordinance will be held at the December 19 meeting of Clark's Municipal Council.



AT THEIR BEST... Nine students from the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark and David Brearley High School in Kenilworth were participants in the recent Union County Junior Miss Scholarship Pageant. Pictured here during a break in a rehearsal for the Pageant are (from left)

Sissy Stewart from Arthur L. Johnson; Lisa Faucher and Terri Londino from David Brearley; Christina Zavolos, Donna Miller, Jen Olszewski, winner of the pageant, Lisa Macera and Donna Blak from Arthur L. Johnson, and Adriana Chessa from David Brearley.

Jennifer Olszewski selected Junior Miss

At a pageant held at A-L Johnson Regional High School to select a representative from Union County, Jennifer Olszewski of Clark was named Union

County's Junior Miss for 1989. She will represent her county in the 1989 New Jersey Junior Miss Finals in January in Cherry Hill.

Johnson High School where she is treasurer of Student Council, Co-captain of the Rifle Squad, and a member of the Spanish Club and the Art Clubs. She plans to attend Virginia Commonwealth University and major in Interior Design.

She is the daughter of Linda and Tom Locher of Clark.



HOMECOMING QUEEN... Jen Burns was chosen Homecoming Queen for the 1988-89 school year at A.L.J. She is pictured at the Thanksgiving Day football game against Gov. Livingston, with a friend. A.L.J. won the contest, 36-12.

Rotary Club seeks food for needy

The Rotary Club of Clark has undertaken a project of collecting canned and dry food to be donated to the Salvation Army of Elizabeth for local distribution to the needy, during this Christmas season.

Collection areas have been established at most banks in the township, and all residents are asked to participate by donating to this worthy cause.

Super 50/50
The Arthur L. Johnson Athletic Booster Club is sponsoring a Super 50/50 Raffle to be held on Thursday, December 8. There are only 200 tickets being sold. If all tickets are sold, there will be two \$500 prizes awarded.

For tickets please call Joan Sabath at 815-0312.

Abe, where's NED?

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HSPT results reported; reactions mixed

by Pat DiMaggio
High School Proficiency Test (HSPT) results were the object of discussion at last week's Board of Education meeting in Clark.

Dr. Paul Ortenzio, Superintendent of Schools, released the results of the graduation requirement test given to 9th graders last April. The majority of the students taking the test at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School were 1987 graduates of the Kumpf Middle School, he said.

In the reading portion of the HSPT, 108 students took the test with 107 passing or a score of 99.1 percent. In math, 108 students took the test with 103 passing for a score of 95.4 percent and 108 students took the writing portion of the test with 96 passing for a score of 88.9 percent.

Even though we are satisfied with the results, we have earmarked various improvements in our programs," said Ortenzio. In the area of writing, Ortenzio said the district will continue to work on the Writing Across-the-Curriculum program. Students showed difficulty with decimals and percentages in the area of math, he said, and efforts will continue in developmental programs in reading for grades K-8.

Board Member Anita Altman said she was not satisfied with the test results, calling them the lowest or

second lowest scores of all the Regional High Schools. "I would like to have more accountability at the end of each grade," she said.

In other business
—Carried over funds in the amount of \$8,227.50 for the Education of All Handicapped Children Project.

—Carried over funds in the amount of \$107.03 for the Mathematics/Science Project.

—Approved Robert Henderson as the boys' basketball coach at a salary of \$1,741.

—Employed Jeffrey Bussick as a custodian at a salary of \$18,078.

—Added teachers Karen Krick, Virginia Apelian, Pamela Cheifer, Helen Hnat and Lois Kawut, clerks Patricia Pelton, Rita Hingos and Marie Bataille and aides Patricia Reiton, Marie Bataille and Victoria Gomes to the substitute list.

—Approved the following basketball and wrestling referees: David Blackman, James Carovillano, Chuck Davis, Arthur Embereny, Ralph Fraser, Brian Kane, Ronald Pecina, John Redfern, Edward Ward, William Wojniak, Theodore Zeigert.

—Approved Advanced Study Grants for Lee Cassidy in the amount of \$245.70 and Delia Gooney in the amount of \$491.40.

—Approved Eileen Quill as a home instructor at the rate of \$15 per hour.



WORTH THE TRIP... Four-year-old Bernardino Perez Contreras, center, is all smiles during a visit to Rahway Hospital just prior to his recent surgery. Contreras' trip from his native Westchester Indian village in Mexico to Rahway for relief of a birth defect was sponsored by Heal the Children/New Jersey, an affiliate of the National Heal the Children Organization based in Kenilworth. Standing with Contreras are Franklin Light, M.D., and his wife, Cathie, residents of Clark who are providing foster care for the child during his stay in the U.S. Dr. Light says Contreras is doing "exceptionally well" after his surgery.

Regional Board approves coaches; Booster donates backstop

by Pat DiMaggio
At their regular meeting last week, the Regional Board of Education accepted a donation from a member of the Arthur L. Johnson Athletic Booster Club and appointed coaches for winter sports.

The board, upon the request of Johnson High School Principal David Carl, approved the donation of a soccer/lacrosse practice backstop from James Pressman, Jr., a member of the Arthur L. Johnson Athletic Booster Club. The backstop will be used to improve shooting skills for both soccer and lacrosse players, according to Louis Peragallo, athletic director.

The board also approved the following appointments: head indoor track coach, Ralph Johnson, \$2,800; winter cheerleader coaches, Sandra Whiteford, Maria Soriano and Karen Kennedy, \$1,500 each; assistant boys basketball coach, John Bowen, \$2,600; assistant boys indoor track coach,

John Giannattasio, \$1,750; assistant girls basketball coach, Saralyn Smith, \$2,600; head girls indoor track coach, Robert Kowalski, \$2,800; assistant girls indoor track coach, Eric Rosenmeier, \$1,750.

The appointment of John Redfern as head wrestling coach was rescinded by the board. Redfern advised the board that he will be absent for an extended period of time due to illness. Dean Brown was approved for the position at a stipend of \$3,850.

The salary of John LeDonne was adjusted to \$117.50 after he served ten consecutive days as a substitute teacher for Chester Kropnicki in the Industrial Arts Department.

Like father, like son(s)

by Edw. J. Krok
Edward, the father, completed three N.Y. marathons (1981, '82, & '84) with a best of 4:22:30 in '82. Brother Douglas ran in '83, at the age of 17, with a time of 3:49:58. Dad dreams of the day all three can compete in the same race.

Gary graduated from Arthur L. Johnson Regional School in '86. He is a student at Seton Hall University, majoring in Communications. Douglas graduated from Johnson in '84, and is majoring in Mechanical Engineering Technology at N.J.I.T.

24 DAYS
TILL CHRISTMAS



THANKSGIVING DAY VICTORY... Dave Peterson, #21, helping A.L.J. rally to a 36-12 victory against Gov. Livingston last Thursday.