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**A GRATEFUL PATIENT**... Edward Damaskowitz (second from left) of Winfield Park, extends his appreciation to physicians and staff members for their excellent care: Michael Chen, M.D. (left), Cardiologist; David Chigurupati, M.D., Head of the Emergency and Trauma Center; and Judy Surko, R.N., Head Nurse of the

Surgical Intensive Care Unit. Mr. Damaskowitz, a frequent patient, recently celebrated his 75 birthday at the hospital. He expressed his admiration for the physicians and staff: "You deserve all the praise in the world." In the photo, he holds a prescription issued by the hospital 22 years ago!

## City park sold to 'offset fiscal crisis'

by Pat DiMaggio  
More than 45 residents turned out to witness the final approval for city-owned land at Monday night's municipal council meeting.

The three parcels of land were sold for more than \$1.4 million last week and the council had to approve the final sale to the high bidders.

One 75 x 100 foot lot on Tully Field, Princeton Avenue, was sold to Steven Okaly of Cornell Avenue for \$90,500; a parcel of land on Stein Field, Murray and Concord Streets, was sold to Fred Babish, St. Georges

Avenue, owner of McDermott's Paint, for \$800,000; and the land known as Library Park, Central Avenue and Pierpont Street, was sold to Sarno Tropeano, East Westfield Ave., Roselle Park, for \$585,000.

The majority of residents who attended the meeting spoke out against the sale of Library Park. Thomas Grayhill, president of The Rahway Savings Institution, Irving Street, reminded the council that in 1974 the land in back of the Rahway Public Library was designated as a park through a resolution ap-

proved by those council members sitting in 1974.

"Twelve years ago our neighborhood was very active and instrumental in bringing about the designation of that land as a park," said Grayhill. "That administration and those council members created a sham; we were misled. You made us feel we accomplished something. It was a deceptive, deceitful way to treat the citizens of this town."

Stephanie Cedervall, wife of former councilman Tor Cedervall, asked the council to reconsider their decision to approve the sale. "If this

administration had been in charge when the City of New York was low in funds, they might very well have been shortsighted enough to sell Central Park," said Cedervall. "What you do today will affect the future of the City of Rahway. Don't panic in your outward zeal to solve a financial problem by selling public lands that have more value than profit making by development."

Business Administrator Joseph Hartnett said the sale of land was necessary to offset a fiscal crisis in this year's municipal budget. The sale of Library Park was approved on a vote of five in favor, with Councilmen James Fulconer, John Marsh, George Wagenhoffer and Harvey Williams opposed.

"It's guaranteed that if this land is sold, there will be increased flooding in the area," said Fulconer. "This park not only enhances the neighborhood but also the library. People in 1974 were led to believe, through a resolution adopted at that time, that they had a park. This council has a moral obligation not to sell this land. It is a jewel."

"It's a disgusting, pathetic shame what we're doing to the City of Rahway," said Marsh. "It is the crossroads of the city, one of the few parks in that area where children can play. This administration is destroying and raping the community."

Councilman Wagenhoffer thanked the residents for coming to the meeting. "It has proved to me that the people of Rahway don't just sit back," said Wagenhoffer. "There is no doubt in my mind that this property is in a flood zone. This attitude of 'let the people be damned' lacks consideration and concern for the people in the City of Rahway. The bottom line is you still have a chance to redeem yourselves. Reconsider this resolution for the sale of Library Park. Let's do

something now for the City of Rahway," said Wagenhoffer before the vote.

Councilman Williams said he would vote against the resolution because he had not received a report from the engineer. "I have mixed emotions about this piece of property," said Williams. "One is flooding, the other is realizing the city needs this income to help offset a tax increase. I would like to see the stabilization of our taxes but I cannot vote for this resolution without having the engineer's report."

The sale of land on Tully Field was approved on a vote of eight in favor, with Councilman Wagenhoffer opposed.

The sale of the parcel of land on Stein Field was approved on a vote of seven in favor, with Councilmen Fulconer and Wagenhoffer opposed.

In other business, the council: —Approved a resolution authorizing the final payment for the Bond Street reconstruction.

—Approved a resolution appointing Anthony D. Deigo as Commissioner and Janice Buchanan as alternate to the Union County Environmental Health Commission.

—Approved the appointment of special officers for 1987.

—Approved the designation of Police Captain Barry Henderson as a supplemental Safe Neighborhoods Program municipal coordinator.

—Approved a resolution authorizing Rahway to apply for a recycling tonnage grant.

—Approved a resolution confirming the appointment of James Cadigan as the Rahway representative to the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.

—Approved a resolution designating Thomas Schimmel as the Clean Neighborhood Program municipal coordinator.

### Rahway First Aid Squad installs new officers

The Rahway First Aid Emergency Squad recently elected the following officers for 1987:

President, William Herzig; vice president, Timothy McDarby; treasurer, John Glenon; secretary, Mark Petrilla; asst. secy, treasurer, Susan Smith; trustees are Charles McGuire and Patrick Tortoriello; and Parliamentarian, Harold Sams.

Line officers are: captain, Edwin Palmer; night lieutenants, Jerry Kelly, Carl Gieger, Debbie O'Neil, Joseph Misita, and Richard Weakland; day lieutenants, John Kuhlman and John Rodger.

Also elected were: squad physicians, Drs. Verastro, Newman, Calabrese and Zintek.

Honorary members elected are Travis Corey, Ted Corey, John Kowal, Jim Daly, Thomas Grayhill, Red Vigilante, Joseph Hartnett, and Jack McGrath.

Elected to the Squad Cadet Corps were president, Scott Rodger; vice president, Tom Verastro; and secy./treas. Carl Barnhart.

### Seniors, disabled and needy offered food program

The Rahway Community Action Organization, Inc. will again resume the Emergency Food Distribution Program for the needy and disabled at the J.F.K. Center, located at 796 E. Hazelwood Ave.

Pre-registration for the program will be held on

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 17 and 18, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. each day at J.F.K. Center. Proof of income plus identification requirements must be met.

The Senior Citizens Food Program will resume on Monday, March 24, from 10 a.m. until noon.

### Fishinger reviews book

Prof. Sondra Fishinger, of Rahway, reviewed Willa Cather's "My Antonia" recently at the North Hunterdon Senior Center.

The book discussion series is sponsored by the New Jersey Committee for the Humanities. Prof. Fishinger is a member of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department at Union County College, Cranford/Elizabeth/Plainfield/Scotch Plains.

## Financing stage begins on resource recovery

With the appointment of a bond counsel and underwriter, the Union County Utilities Authority (CUA) last week laid the groundwork for the financing of several major solid waste projects currently in the planning stage, including the resource recovery facility to be constructed in Rahway.

Kraft & Hughes of Newark was appointed to serve as the CUA's bond counsel.

CUA Chairman Kenneth L. MacRitchie explained that the firm's responsibilities will include management of activities relating to the bond anticipation notes for temporary financing and the bonds for permanent financing of the CUA's solid waste management projects. These include landfill and recycling projects.

According to MacRitchie, the bond counsel is a municipal bond attorney responsible for issuing legal opinions to assure that bonds are lawfully issued and tax exempt. "Kraft & Hughes will participate in the preparation of Official Statements to prospective investors and in certain regulatory procedures before bonds are issued." The Official Statement is similar to what individual investors know as an "offering" or "prospectus," providing specifications and legally binding descriptions of a given issue.

The Authority also named First Fidelity Bank to serve as underwriter. The Newark-based financial institution will be responsible for obtaining temporary funds for the Authority's budget until the main issue of bonds, expected to be in excess of \$150 million, is made next year. The establishment of temporary financing is regarded as a standard procedure in the start-up phase of public authorities, which are ultimately responsible for overseeing projects involving large capital requirements.

MacRitchie, a Westfield lawyer and Wall Street financial executive, explained, "An underwriter is a securities broker who buys securities from an issuer and sells to investors. First Fidelity will issue bond anticipation notes for approximately \$12 million. These notes, which will mature in approximately one year, will be repaid from the main issue of bonds."

## Workshop to focus on growth and development in Rahway school system

Physical Education/Health teachers and school nurses from Rahway Intermediate School and the Rahway High School will meet for a half day workshop on Tuesday, March 17, at the high school to continue their work on the revision of the secondary health curriculum.

Last month the department developed curriculum objectives for substance education including drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. These curriculum objectives will serve as the basis for drug education in the secondary schools. Elementary teachers will be meeting to continue this work for an elementary curriculum. State law requires ten hours of instruction each year in substance use.

The focus of the March workshop will be on Human Growth and Development, the second of twelve areas under consideration for the new health curriculum.

Those who will be attending the workshop are high school staff members Annmarie Darton, John DiBlasio, William Dolan, Susan Kinsman, James Ladley, Fred Stueber, Veronica Zalinkanskas, and Miriam Sadowitz; from the Intermediate school are Nancy Luzur, Michael Punko and Jean Robertson. Robert Polhemus, Area Supervisor, will lead the meeting. Also attending will be parents of Rahway school children, Mrs. Linda Horvath, and Mrs. Ellen Sides. Parents are welcomed in the curriculum revision process.

Parents who wish to participate on this or other committees are asked to call Adele Magnolia, District Curriculum Supervisor, at 396-1017.



**BUILDER'S CLUB DONATION**... The Rahway Intermediate School Builder's Club made a donation of \$107 to the Rahway/Clark Unit of the American Heart Association. The check was accepted by Nick Quadrel, president of the Rahway/Clark Unit of the American Heart Association. Quadrel is also a member of the Kiwanis Club of Rahway, sponsors of the Builder's Club. The money was raised selling carnations on Valentine's Day. Shown above from the left: Robin Shipley, faculty advisor; Rahjan Shabazz, vice president; Donna Darrien, president; Allison Roedel, treasurer; Heidi Brainerd, secretary; and Quadrel. The check was presented at the last weekly meeting of the club held on Wednesday, March 4 at the Columbian Club in Rahway.

## NAACP to launch membership drive

Roosevelt Robinson, membership chairman of the NAACP-Rahway Branch, announced a membership drive will be held from March 15 to May 15 to solicit 1,000 new members. Individuals,

groups churches or organizations who solicit 25 or more persons for memberships will be given a goldtone wrist watch with the NAACP logo.

Anyone interested in participating in this campaign

should contact the NAACP-Rahway Branch office, daily from 10 a.m. to noon, and evenings from 4 to 6 p.m., by calling 815-1928.

The branch president,

John J. Robertson, stated that the National NAACP Organization has been in existence for 78 years. He said, "The NAACP is still great at 78 — but we will be better than ever with 1,000 more members in '87."



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BILL...** Bill Schultz, center, was honored on Feb. 17 by the Rahway Retired Men's Club on the occasion of his 85th birthday. He has been a member of the club since 1967 and was a leader in the drive to convert the old post office into the busy Senior

Citizens Center as it exists today. Bill was a driving force in the rehabilitation and performed a substantial portion of the work involved in the improvement at the center. He is pictured with Ed Cwirko, left, President of the club, and Al Wroldson, Program Director.

Merck and Rahway Hospital to host program for seniors

Rahway Hospital and Merck and Co., Inc. are co-sponsoring a free half-day program designed just for senior adults. The Golden Years: Fulfill the Promise will be held Saturday, April 4, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Rahway Intermediate School, and will offer informative sessions, a mini-health fair, health screenings, and refreshments.

K.I.S.S. campaign succeeding

Vincent J. Parlapiano, president of the Society's long time friends, the Rahway Savings Institution, is pleased to announce the successful completion of the K.I.S.S. (Keep It Standing Straight) campaign. The campaign, called K.I.S.S., has raised \$20,000 to the restoration of the historic Merchants and Drovers Tavern in Rahway.

RIF project launches reading campaign

What is one of the simplest, most effective ways to ensure that young people grow up reading? Reading for pleasure — just for the fun of it! That is one of the conclusions of 'What Works,' a recent report on research about reading and learning from the U.S. Department of Education.

Women's Rights Directory available

The 'Women's Rights Directory,' which contains the names of New Jersey State Bar Association members interested in representing clients in cases involving women's rights, is now available for charge from the New Jersey State Bar Association.

Radon testing

Large portions of central and northern New Jersey have the same geological strata associated with uranium, which has, in fact, been discovered in some areas. Unfortunately, though, we do not presently have a 'map' that can tell exactly where the high concentrations of this occur.

4-H summer camps aid in self-development

Summer is coming and that means going to 4-H camps for New Jersey youth, says Erika U. Fields, county 4-H agent. Kevin J. Mitchell, Director, Rutgers 4-H center for Outdoor Education, said the 4-H camping program includes four main elements — educational experiences for boys and girls, learning group skills or developing their social skills, developing self-reliance and the development of leadership skills.

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NEW POSITION...Stephanie Schiebel of Rahway has been appointed assistant director of retail marketing at Hartz Mountain Industries, the Secaucus, N.J.-based retail organization.

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SOCIAL SCENE

Brenda Brown to wed John Fortunato

Thomas and Sheelah Brown of Wyckoff announce the engagement of their daughter Brenda Mary Brown of New York City, to John Charles Fortunato of Rahway. The engagement was announced on December 25, 1986.

Jane Ann Murphy to wed John Chabak

Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Murphy of East Secaucus Ave., Rahway, announce the engagement of their daughter Jane Ann to John J. Chabak, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Chabak of West 12th St., Linden. The engagement was announced on February 14, 1987.

4-H Sewing Club organizing

Erika U. Fields, County 4-H Agent, announces the organizing of the 4-H Club under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Northrup and Mrs. Dorothy Stecher, 4-H Leaders.

Legion post plans St. Pat's dinner-dance

The Post meets every first and third Thursday at 8 p.m.

Holly Jones on Dean's List

Holly M. Jones, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Donald B. Jones of Rahway, has been named to the Dean's List of honor students for the fall semester at Shenandoah College and Conservatory, Winchester, Va.

Paratroopers and glidermen sought

The 82nd Airborne Division Association, composed of men and women who have served as paratroopers and glidermen in any Airborne unit during and since World War II, is conducting a national membership drive to locate troopers eligible for membership.

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CHRISTOPHER'S

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PLAY PREPARATIONS... 'How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying,' will be presented by the Westfield Community Players on March 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 and April 3 and 4. Rehearsing a scene from the play are, standing, (l-r) Bud Henry, David Joseph Refraro, Jack Paterson and David Nowinski.

Rahway AARP lists trip openings

Rahway Chapter 607 of the American Association of Retired Persons has openings for the following trips: March 16, St. Patrick's Day celebration at Platteau; March 17, Four-day trip to Thousand Islands, N.Y.; includes visit to Upper Canada Village, Lake Placid; three-hour cruise of the islands; lodging, dinner and gratuities, \$300.

AF TRAINING GRAD

Airman Isaac Scott III, son of Jeremiah L. Scott of Totian St., Rahway, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Brown to be feted

Charles P. Brown, founder and former Chairman of the Rahway Community Action Organization (RCAO), is being honored at a Sashy Dinner at the J.F.K. Center on March 28, at 7:30 p.m.

Did You Know?

It takes, on average, 37 seconds to deal a deck of 52 cards.

Let Everyone Know A New Baby Has Arrived...

Birth Announcements will appear in Wednesday's Atom Tabloid and Thursday's Rahway News Record/Clark Patriot.

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Baby's HAS ARRIVED

It's A Boy! Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Meier announce the birth of their son Joseph Thomas II, born February 12, 1987 in J.F. Kennedy Hospital, Atlantic City. Weight 7 lbs. 2 oz., and measured 19 1/2 inches. The paternal grandparents are James J. Meier and Mrs. Josephine Meier. The maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Meier of Perth Amboy.

It's A Boy! Mr. & Mrs. Robert Baroff announce the birth of their son Nicholas, born January 20, 1987 in J.F. Kennedy Hospital, Atlantic City. Weight 7 lbs. 2 oz., and measured 19 1/2 inches. The paternal grandparents are James J. Meier and Mrs. Josephine Meier. The maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Meier of Perth Amboy.

It's A Boy! Mr. & Mrs. Joseph L. Leone, Jr. announce the birth of their son Anthony Joseph, born February 25, 1987 in J.F. Kennedy Hospital, Atlantic City. Weight 7 lbs. 2 oz., and measured 19 1/2 inches. The paternal grandparents are James J. Meier and Mrs. Josephine Meier. The maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Meier of Perth Amboy.

It's A Boy! Richard & Anne Starck of Cranbury, N.J. announce the birth of their son, Matthew, born February 28, 1987 in Rahway Hospital. Weight 7 lbs. 2 oz., and measured 19 1/2 inches. The paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Starck of Cranbury. The maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Starck of Cranbury.

It's A Boy! Victor & Nancy Merlo of Menlo Park Terrace are proud to announce the birth of their son Brian Andrew, born February 28, 1987 in Rahway Hospital. Weight 7 lbs. 2 oz., and measured 19 1/2 inches. The paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Merlo of Cranbury. The maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Merlo of Cranbury.

It's A Boy! Mr. & Mrs. Joseph W. Raino of Linden are proud to announce the birth of their son Nicholas Alexander, born February 28, 1987 in Rahway Hospital. Weight 7 lbs. 2 oz., and measured 19 1/2 inches. The paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Raino of Linden. The maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Raino of Linden.

It's A Boy! Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cicora of South Plainfield are proud to announce the birth of their son Nicholas Alexander, born February 28, 1987 in Rahway Hospital. Weight 7 lbs. 2 oz., and measured 19 1/2 inches. The paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Cicora of South Plainfield. The maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Cicora of South Plainfield.

It's A Boy! Mr. & Mrs. George Stohrer of Scotch Plains are proud to announce the birth of their son Nicholas Alexander, born February 28, 1987 in Rahway Hospital. Weight 7 lbs. 2 oz., and measured 19 1/2 inches. The paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Stohrer of Scotch Plains. The maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Stohrer of Scotch Plains.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EDITOR'S NOTE: In order for us to adequately prepare the Community Calendar, all events for the following week should be submitted by 5 p.m. on the Friday before you would like them to appear.

Enough is enough . . .

The taxpayers of Clark extend a large round of applause to our Council representatives, Carmen Crisanti, Bernard Hayden and Carol Plata.

Welfare reform challenges recipients

Governor Thomas H. Kean and Human Services Commissioner Drew Altman have announced a new state program which will change the face of welfare in New Jersey.

Keep the spirit!!

It is now three months after Christmas — does anyone still have the Christmas Spirit left?

Homebuyer's Seminar slated in Clark

Schlitz Rentals is sponsoring a free Homebuyer's Seminar on Thursday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn on Valley Road and Walnut Avenue in Clark.

Fiorletti honored by freeholders

Armand A. Fiorletti, left, was honored recently by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders for completing his term as President of the New Jersey State Association of Engineers.



CARE DISCUSSED...Judy Seelbach, left, Director of the Nursing Home Advocacy Center of Essex County, discusses the selection, services and costs of nursing home care with Assemblywoman Maureen O'Connell on "New Jersey & You."

Nursing home costs and services explored on "N.J. & You" show

Have you been faced with the traumatic prospect of choosing a nursing home for a member of your family? It is often a decision fraught with guilt, uncertainty and serious financial concerns.

5K race planned by college

Union County College will sponsor its third annual Spring Ahead Run featuring a 5K race at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 5 at the Cranford Campus.

Pitch & Putt courses open

The Pitch and Putt courses begins March 14 at Union County's 9-hole pitch and putt courses located at Ash Brook Golf Course, Raritan Road.

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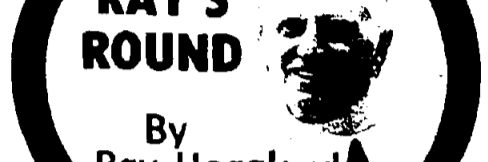
PICK-IT-NUMBERS table with columns for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Pick-It Numbers.

RIORLETTI HONORED BY FREEHOLDERS

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SPORTS

RAY'S ROUND



By Ray Hoagland

Baseball

The baseball team of Arthur L. Johnson was eliminated from the North Jersey Section II Group II Tournament by the Millburn Millers 7 to 1.

Wayne Strobe, who played his basketball for the Rahway Indians and has been the Columbia University varsity coach for three seasons, has been appointed the head man for the Monmouth College Hawks.

President Leticia Salerno of the Colonia Country Club has set the dates for Opening Day, Closing Day, Guest Days and Husband & Wife tournaments.

Ray Giacoble of the Green Committee reports that the automatic sprinkler system was installed and a retaining wall was held until the system was checked out.

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High Games: Mario Fucio, 212-201; Herb Hendrickson, 2000; John Querschecki, 204; and Tony DeBello, 204.

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Wallyball marathon to benefit AAMH

The Association for Advancement of the Mentally Handicapped (AAMH) will be holding its second annual Wallyball marathon on Raricot Club in New Providence.

ISLANDERS DONATE

New York Islanders Brent Sutter (left) and Mike Bosny (center) present an annual \$7,000 check to American Paralysis Association (APA) honorary chairman Henry G. Shull III.

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**Albanese named to spearhead arts campaign**



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Sandra Sweeney, President of Rahway Landmarks, Inc., which operates the Union County Arts Center, has announced the appointment of George Albanese, former Union County Manager and State Human Services Commissioner, as Chairman of the Arts Center's Capital Campaign. The campaign objective is to raise approximately \$1 million toward the estimated \$1.325 million needed for restoration of the elegant former vaudeville theatre on Irving Street.

In his capacity as Chairman, Albanese will head a committee whose members include Mrs. Sweeney; Alan Gardner, Civic & Community Affairs Manager for Merck & Co.; Joseph Hartnett, Business Administrator for the City of Rahway; Frank Lehr, former Union County Freeholder, and owner of Frank Lehr Associates, a professional engineering firm in East Orange; Betty List, former Westfield Councilwoman and presently Grants Writer for Charles H. Bentz Associates, Westfield; Eric Ricketts, a Merck biochemist active in civic affairs; Donald Streibig, Union County Arts Center Theater Manager; and Ellen Vigilante, of the Atom Tabloid newspapers, Rahway.

The committee has already begun to formulate a campaign strategy and to assemble an army of volunteers to solicit gifts from corporations, foundations, local businesses, members of the Union County professional community, and selected individuals.

Confident that the campaign will succeed, the new Chairman points to the fact that "funds totalling just under \$400,000 have already been raised."

"We're off to a roaring start, with substantive gifts from Merck & Co., Rahway Savings, the National State Bank, Quadrel Industries, Laminare, and several

**Auditions slated for 'Menagerie'**

The Westfield Community Players will hold auditions for their upcoming production of Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie" on Monday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. at their playhouse located at 1000 North Avenue West in Westfield.

This production will be directed by Hank Glass, well known for his moving interpretations of Williams' works.

The play will open on May 9.

The cast consists of four characters: Amanda, a woman in her fifties, Laura, late teens-early 20's, Tom, early 20's, and Jim, also in his early 20's.

other area businesses," states Mr. Albanese, adding that "Merck alone has pledged \$250,000."

The Chairman noted also that the Rahway Landmarks' 24-member Board of Directors has pledged its financial support and that an anonymous gift has been received to purchase permanent stage lighting for the facility and thus save high rental costs.

Albanese, who headed the largest department in State government from 1982-85, cited another big task, almost as formidable as that of raising the \$1 million still needed for restoration. "We've got to stimulate an awareness that this Rahway facility exists. The vast majority of people in Central Jersey including Union County, do not realize the treasure they have in this beautiful old building, which needs a large infusion of capital funds to put it into shape as a permanent local institution," the new Chairman asserts, adding that there is also ample room for volunteer involvement.

"Anyone wishing to help may phone the campaign office at 499-0441." Albanese resides in Scotch Plains with his wife Lois and son Anthony. He was County Manager from 1975-82, before accepting the State Cabinet post with the Keam administration. He is a partner in a land development firm Goldberger, Moore, Novick & Albanese based in Roselle and New York City.



**AMERICANS HAVE BEEN COUNTED** ... The three favorite female and male television performers as determined by a special Gallup Poll are from the top (l-r) Linda Evans, Phylcia Rashad and Cybill Shepard. From the bottom (l-r) Bill Cosby, Bruce Willis and Tom Selleck.

The number one favorite in each of these two categories, plus 19 others, will be announced on the 13TH Annual People's Choice Awards telecast live Sunday, March 15, from 9-11 p.m., on CBS-TV. Dick Van Dyke is the host.

**Kicking the habit**

The graduating members of the American Lung Association's Freedom From Smoking Clinic went out to lunch last week to celebrate. Some celebrated being smoke free, the first time in years, and others celebrated becoming more aware of their smoking habits and cutting down. I belong to the last category.

Peggy and Carol completed the course as non-smokers. They both said they still had urges for a cigarette and found it difficult to refrain from smoking. But they both also said they were determined to stay away from cigarettes, and as much as they could, from circumstances that promoted smoke and exercise when the going gets tough. They've learned alternate coping strategies to use in place of reaching for that cigarette — things like doodling, switching from coffee to tea, sitting in another room to read the paper, drinking a glass of water while talking on the phone. Carol said she would be interested in becoming an instructor, possibly for a hearing-impaired class.

Mary and Sheila are still struggling. They go for a few days without a cigarette, then start again. Peggy, our instructor, said that was O.K. Sooner or later, they would quit altogether. She said it was O.K. for me, too. I am still smoking under ten cigarettes a day, down from two and a half packs a day. She said that maybe it was just not my time, but there's still hope. She gave me literature to study at home, to keep reminding me that I can do it.

My family has been very supportive. They keep telling me I can do it and they tell me they are proud that I at least cut down. I also want to thank all of the readers of these columns for their kind words and support. The water meter man came over the other day and mentioned the articles. He said he had also quit smoking. I was walking in the park the other day and passed a fellow walker who said "Glad to see you don't have a cigarette in your hand." One of the girls at bowling said she showed these articles to her mother to try to get her to stop smoking. It has meant a lot to me, your concern, and I am confident that I will finally quit.

Pat DiMaggio

**Did you know?**

The month of June was named by the Romans for their goddess, Juno, queen of heaven and special patron of women and marriage.

**Nursing extern program enters seventh year at Rahway Hospital**

Nursing students concluding their junior year of school can spend this summer practicing at Rahway Hospital as participants in the Nursing Extern Program, which enters its seventh successful year.

The training program allows students to work in an acute care setting on a one-to-one basis with a registered nurse on the hospital staff, and gives them an opportunity to return to this familiar setting upon graduation.

"The program bridges the gap from student to profes-

sional status, preparing the student for practice upon graduation and reducing the stress and anxiety usually associated with this transition," said Kay MacVicar, R.N., Program Coordinator.

"The positive practical experience students receive working as externs translates into confidence when they start their first job," she said. The program also gives students the reassurance of having a job upon graduation, with the added bonus of being able to return to a familiar environment.

The student nurses selected to participate receive a salary and are expected to work for ten weeks during the summer. Applicants are screened with grade level, interest in a nursing career, and goals taken into account.

Participants will each be assigned to a nurse preceptor who they will work with following the same schedule.

For further information and an application, call Rahway Hospital's Nursing Education Office immediately at 499-6074.

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**STRESS MANAGEMENT**...Phil Prasser, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Rahway, presents a certificate of appreciation to guest speaker Kay MacVicar. At a recent meeting of the club, MacVicar, who is the Nurse Educator at Rahway Hospital, explained the many ways stress can affect you each day. She pointed out some simple ways to manage stress situations. The Kiwanis Club of Rahway meets on Wednesdays at 12:15 at the Columbian Club in Rahway.

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