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### City Highlights

#### Hydrants flushed

The city of Rahway Division of Water has started its Spring Hydrant Flushing Program. It is expected that the flushing procedures will take four weeks. Time of flushing will be from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily to minimize traffic interruptions and to prevent discolored water to customers during normal daily usage. Customers drawing water during the above time period can expect discolored water if they are in the flushing area. A tentative schedule of hydrant flushing is posted at City Hall and the public library.

#### Resident graduates

Mary Elizabeth Murphy of Rahway was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in psychology at the College of St. Elizabeth during the college's 93rd commencement exercises on May 13.

#### HIV testing

The Hyacinth AIDS Foundation conducts free HIV testing and counseling on the first and third Saturdays of every month in the lower level of Second Presbyterian Church, 1221 New Brunswick Ave., from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For an appointment or more information, call the foundation at 755-0021.

#### Grant offered

Teikyo Post University has announced the expansion of its middle income family grant program to include Union area students. These grants are for students to attend Teikyo Post full time for the fall 1995 term. Each grant could total \$20,000. Students who wish to apply for an MIF grant to attend Teikyo Post should contact the office of admission at (800) 345-2562.

#### Parks help needed

The Rahway Division of Parks and Recreation is looking for qualified people to supervise playgrounds throughout the city of Rahway during its six-week summer playground program to be held from June through August.

The division is also seeking to employ a certified lifeguard for its six-week special children's program. Applications may be obtained Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rahway Division of Parks and Recreation office, Claude Reed Center, 1670 Irving St.

#### Summer band offered

The Rahway Division of Parks and Recreation is once again offering its Rahway Summer Band School program. This year's term will begin on June 19, and end on July 12. Classes are held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., weekdays at Rahway Intermediate School. Officers Band is offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Advanced students may wish to participate in a select Jazz Ensemble each Tuesday and Thursday. At 10 or 10:30 a.m. each day, students may join in open volleyball in the gym. All students will receive a band school T-shirt, and perform in the Cooper Field at 7:30 p.m. on July 20. School will be closed July 3-4.

### Holobinko hurls heat



Photo by Norm Statte

Mike Holobinko struck out 11 and gave up five hits in Rahway's 2-1 victory over Mount Olive Thursday, but the Indians lost to Nutter 10-2 Tuesday in the North Jersey Section 2, Group 3 playoffs. See story Page 11.

### Teens clean up Rahway streets

By Donna Segal  
Managing Editor

Teens interested in law enforcement can get hands-on experience while helping the police department.

The Rahway Police Explorers program, designed for the ages of 14 and 21, is a chance to take part in law enforcement, said Detective John Grallit, who advises the group.

"Most kids come in and they don't realize how many endless aspects there are to law enforcement," Grallit said.

According to Grallit, the Explorers have the opportunity to participate in law enforcement as well as see firsthand all the job possibilities there are.

The department also offers the Explorers a ride-along program through which they get to accompany police officers, Grallit said.

"Through this program they get to observe law enforcement at work, but not participate," he added.

Grallit said many parents were concerned about having their children be in a police car when an emergency occurs. "In case something happens

and the police officers are called to an emergency situation, the kids are let out of the car," Grallit said.

Grallit also said that the program offers the children a chance to see police officers in parades or other events.

"They watch parking lots and things such as that so that they get a feel of the process," he said. "They wear different uniforms than the police officers do, so that they are not confused with the police, although I am always with them as well," he added, "and I wear my uniform."

The program has been in existence in Rahway since 1991, Grallit said, but the program in general has been around for years.

According to Grallit, starting at the beginning of the month, the Explorers will be cleaning up graffiti on private business buildings around town.

"If the business supplies the paint and equipment, we will remove the graffiti from the building," Grallit said.

Grallit said the program includes about 25 teens. "These are kids who really care about their community," he added.

### Vo-Tech schools honored

The Union County Vocational-Technical Schools were honored with a Commissioner's Citation during a recent ceremony held at the New Jersey Department of Labor in Trenton. The award for successful occupational training and job placement was presented by Labor Commissioner Peter J. Calderone to Dr. Thomas J. Bietkowski, UCVTS superintendent. The schools are participants in the state's Workforce Development Partnership Program.

### Vets seek to rename avenue for former Marine commandant

By Donna Segal  
Managing Editor

The Rahway Veterans Central Committee with the assistance of Mayor James J. Kennedy and Council President Sal Mione are in the process of trying to rename a portion of St. Georges Avenue, Route 27, after Gen. Alfred M. Gray, a Rahway native and retired commandant of the United States Marine Corps.

Gray, who was born in Point Pleasant Beach, spent most of his youth residing in Rahway. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1950 and held the rank of sergeant before being commissioned a second lieutenant in April 1952.

Gray, who served nearly four years in Vietnam, held the rank of brigadier general before he was promoted to general and commandant in 1987. In 1989, Gray served as the grand marshal of the city's annual Memorial Day Parade.

Early in April, the mayor received a request from the Veterans Central Committee, to name a portion of St. Georges Avenue after the general.

The mayor then requested that the New Jersey Department of Transportation agree to the renaming. In a letter dated May 5, Frank J. Wilson, commissioner of the DOT, informed the mayor that a joint or concurrent resolution is required from the Assembly or Senate designating the roadway in honor of the general.

Once the resolution is passed, DOT will act on it and install signs on the new street, said Wilson.

"Right now we are just waiting for the approval," said VCC member Robert Mullady.

According to Mullady, the request is backed by the VCC, Mayor Kennedy, and Council President Sal Mione.

"This is a man that climbed up the ranks and became commandant,"



James Kennedy

Mullady said. "He is a man's man and we will be honored to have a portion of the street named after him," he added.

### Mayor heads program to rehabilitate streets

By Donna Segal  
Managing Editor

Mayor James Kennedy recently announced that the Department of Public Works is in the process of conducting several park rehabilitation programs that were funded by a \$55,000 federal grant.

According to the mayor, this is the first major work ever done on the parks in over two decades.

The program will highlight the highest sign installed earlier this year by the Union County Arts Council.

According to the mayor, the program will bring more attention to the Arts Council, the historic Kennedy House, and the historic Kennedy House.

The mayor said, "Rehabilitating public property bolsters residents' property values and will hopefully encourage local residents to brighten up their own properties with flowers, trees and landscaping."

The program included the planting of 63 new trees such as redtip dog-

woods, white oaks, white birches, red-barked oaks and Japanese maples in parks.

Mayor Kennedy said that the program was initiated as a way to improve the appearance of the city and to provide a better environment for the residents.

The Union County Arts Council, which is a nonprofit organization, is the lead agency for the program.

The program is a part of the city's ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life for its residents.

The program is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

The program is a testament to the city's commitment to its residents and to the environment.

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### Letter carriers say dogs make mail delivery difficult

Whatever the reasons for those dog bites, they are a serious problem for letter carriers trying to deliver mail.

Nationwide, postal service workers suffered 2,902 bites last year—an average of 10 dog attacks every working day, and that figure does not include the number of threatening incidents that did not cause injury.

In Rahway, Clark and Columbia last year we had approximately five dog bites and many instances where dogs interfered with the delivery of mail.

Just last month one of our employees was bitten by a dog and required 10 stitches and was also out of work for a few days.

Nationally, the number of bites by dogs has dropped from more than 7,000 in 1983 to 2,902 in 1994.

This dramatic decrease has been attributed to greater cooperation between owners, stricter leash laws, and stepped up efforts to educate carriers and the public about the problem.

Although dog bites have decreased dramatically in the past few years, they are still a very real and dangerous incident.

One tool the Postal Service uses in controlling the dog problem is a policy of withholding delivery of mail

in areas where there are too many dogs.

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## High school board stops petition vote

By Mark Crudele  
Correspondent

When the Union County Regional High School Board of Education blocked a motion made by one of its members, it provoked an uproar.

After returning from executive session during the May 23 meeting, Berkeley Heights representative Thomas Foregger asked that the board vote to adopt a response to constituent towns' appeals to the state to examine the proposed dissolution of the district.

That response, drafted by board attorney Lawrence Schwartz, was a petition to state Commissioner of Education Leo Klagholz.

Knickerbocker representative Robert Knickerbocker seconded Foregger's motion. The support of a motion must be voiced by two members before a vote or action can be taken.

Clark representative Virginia Mustuso, who was presiding over that meeting, did not approve the motion on the advice of Schwartz.

That decision prompted a heated exchange of words among board members and from members of the audience.

## Athletic directors work year decreased

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Correspondent

The Union County Regional High School District cut its three athletic directors from 12 to 10-month employees last week.

The reduction, seen by many board members as a cost containment measure, will take effect in September.

"I had indicated to the Cost Containment Committee that I believed it would be impossible to go with one athletic director for the entire district," said Superintendent Donald Mercurio, who made the recommendation to reduce "11 positions."

Former athletic director Michael Sorrentino recalled that "years ago, there used to be a 10-month athletic director. They went to 12 because they found the job was too involved for a 10-month employee."

"At that time, there was a coordinator for health, physical education, and the school nurses. The AD only handled athletics. Since then, that job has been combined with the athletic director's, the number of sports have jumped from 27 to 46, and they go back to 10 months."

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the petition was not given to the board members until after the new business portion of the meeting; there was no opportunity during the new business portion to discuss it."

Foregger also denied any malice in making the motion.

"My motion, which was seconded, was intended to enable the board members to discuss and vote on the attorney's answer," he added. "There is nothing unethical about discussing and voting on a motion by a board member. A board member can always vote against his own motion if the discussion indicates approval is unlikely."

Superintendent of Schools Donald Mercurio said he doesn't believe the board was wrong in tabling the motion.

"The regional board held a conference meeting during which the opportunity for new business was raised and discussed with," he added. "Then, after executive session — out of the clear blue sky — the board member raised this new business."

"That is not the time for that kind of discussion," the board member had ample opportunity to make the motion earlier that night."

Other board members agreed with the move. "This plan is rational," Donald Paris said. "Going to one 10-month AD is drastic. To jump like that would drastically, adversely affect the program. Why not study how this works this year?"

Robert E. Jean, "The 12-month AD's already take five weeks vacation, so we are only gaining three weeks by keeping them on for a full year. The decision was purely economic, and it is more efficient this way."

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## Bill gives rental firms access to driving records

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee released legislation that would give car rental firms access to the driving records of persons to whom they rent or lease vehicles. The measure is sponsored by Senators Louis Bassano and Louis Kosco.

Bassano, R-Union, said the rental or leasing agency would be permitted to assess the driving record to determine a driver's risk of violating a motor vehicle law, causing or becoming involved in an accident, or damaging a rented or leased motor vehicle.

Under the terms of the bill, the Division of Motor Vehicles would be authorized to charge \$2 for each information request to defray its administrative costs. Any other use of the information would be punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000.

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Insurance companies will be required to offer coverage of bone-marrow cancer treatment under landmark legislation signed into law by Governor Whitman.

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## Red Cross teaches the public how to save lives

In an effort to save lives this summer, the Eastern Union County chapter of the American Red Cross is urging the public to learn precautions in and around the water and what to do in case of water emergencies.

This effort is sparked by the National Safety Council's 1994 Accident Facts report that shows drowning as the second leading cause of death for youth aged 1 to 24 and the seventh leading cause of death for adults over 24.

"Many of these deaths could be prevented if people used caution in and around the water and knew proper rescue techniques for drowning victims," said Anne Dashkevich, Health & Safety coordinator of the Eastern Union County Chapter.

American Red Cross' Water Safety Program highlights the need to know your swimming limits, how to avoid a back and neck injury when diving into the water, and signs to look for indicating an emergency. Drowning can occur in home or community pools, oceans, lakes, waterways or even bathtubs or large buckets.

"If you come upon a person in an emergency, remember Check - Call - Care. Check the scene to ensure it's safe and check the victim. Call 9-1-1 for medical help. Care for the person until help arrives."

In the event of a drowning:

1. Remove the person from the water.
2. Check consciousness and breathing.
3. If not breathing, open the airway and attempt rescue breathing.

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## Rahway YMCA plans slate of programs

The Rahway YMCA has announced registration is being accepted for its three day camps to begin on June 26 and run through Sept. 1. One can register for the season — two weeks — or all the seasons.

Camp Littlefoot is for boys and girls ages 3 to 5 years old who have not been to kindergarten and would like to participate in a camp experience. Camp runs from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with extended care available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Camp consists of swimming lessons, swimming, arts and crafts, games, recreation, tumbling, trips to local parks, barbecues, museums for children and more.

Camp Littlefoot takes place at the First Presbyterian Church on Church and Union Street in an air conditioned children's section of the building and a play area right out the back door.

Camp Fairweather is for children who have completed kindergarten up to the fifth grade. Camp is from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with extended care available. During the course of the camp, the campers have swimming, swimming lessons, travel to local parks to participate in arts and crafts, games, recreation, performing arts, karate and gymnastics. Weekly events include field trips, cookouts and special events.

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## Project supporters



From left, Ed Ringel, Jack Robinson, Vito Milici and Doug Brown of the Rahway Valley Jerseyans chapter. The chapter was founded in 1948 and helps raise funds for the society's national service project, HeartSpring, in Wichita, Kan. — a lifestyle learning center that deals with afflictions that inhibit normal speech in children and adults.

Rotary District 7510, which covers Union, Middlesex, Mercer, Hudson and Somerset counties is looking for individuals who would be interested in traveling to Spain in April 1996 as part of an ambassadorial exchange program, which is funded by the Rotary Foundation.

The Group Study Exchange program, now in its 30th year, strives to improve international understanding by enabling people from different countries to learn from each other. The award involves exchanging terms of business and professional persons, who live or work in the above geographic area and are U.S. citizens with a similar team from Spain.

While abroad, team leaders will observe their hosts' way of life as well as study Spain's economic, social and cultural characteristics through travel and discussions within the participating Rotary district. They also will have the opportunity to meet their professional counterparts in what is called vocational study.

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The Rotary Foundation is supported voluntarily by rotarians in 173 countries and geographical regions in which some 25,000 Rotary Clubs are located. The foundation's objective is "to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of the world through projects of an educational or charitable nature."

The geographical focus of this trip will be the South of Spain, and will take place in April 1996. The team will be composed of four young men or women and will be selected in September. Applications must be received by Sept. 1.

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# Student receives trophy



From left, exalted ruler Thomas Reilly; treasurer James Blankley; and Robert Kerekes, co-chairman of the Handicapped Children's Committee, present a trophy and \$50 savings bond to Franklin School first-place Elks poster contest winner Alex Fonseca, a student in Phyllis Taylor's class. A trophy was awarded to each of the following winners in the contest sponsored by Railway B.P.O.E. No. 1146: Taylor's class — Berlin Barillas, Eddie Hendrickson, Altawan Moore, Andre Scott, Anthony Smith, George Awkward, Twi Yah Criss, Astoria Dapene, Kamel Douglas, Jamel Johnson, Judith Perez, Markaya Sloan and David Taylor; and Susan Robinson's class — Robert Perrine, Jennifer Boone, Robert Fitzpatrick, Roy Gilbert, Norma Harris, Christian Lisowski, Nydzialz Negron, Stacey Romelus and Sean Watson.

## UCC receives \$1,000 grant

Union County College will be the beneficiary of a \$1,000 grant from the Exxon Corp., with those funds being earmarked for activities commemorating the 20th anniversary of the college's Institute for Intensive English. The grant, secured by Union County College Foundation President Richard F. Nebbett, was obtained from Exxon Co. U.S.A.'s Volunteer Involvement Fund. Nebbett is a member of the college's Board of Trustees and Governor.

The grant emanates from a fund that Nebbett was instrumental in creating during his employment with Exxon Corp., parent company of Exxon Co. U.S.A., having retired with the rank of manager, contributions coordinator.

The \$1,000 grant will be used to finance such projects as publication of an international cookbook, paid speaker engagements and "various activities including a Nov. 18 alumni reunion of students who successfully completed the institute's language program. The reunion will be held at Costa del Sol Restaurant, Union.

Many Exxon employees have attended and graduated from UCC, including those who have gone back to college for re-training to upgrade their skills.

# Morale survey results released

By Mark Crutcher

Employees in the Union County Regional High School District say their morale is average, according to a survey presented to the Regional Board of Education last week.

The Morale Issues Survey Report, administered by Quality Transformations, was conducted "to look for issues that are important to staff morale," said consultant Mary Jane Rainier. "It was not set up to look for good or bad things."

Both the Board of Education and Superintendent Donald Morachuk did not fare well in the anonymous survey of opinion. Out of 10 classification categories, respondents rated the board and superintendent as generating both a negative impact on morale and the least trust among employees.

The results of the survey also indicate that staff members have little confidence in the board and superintendent's ability to keep them informed of important issues.

"I am not surprised," Morachuk said. "Most boards rank low on morale surveys because of the edicts and regulations the board adopts and the superintendent must implement that angers staff members."

Regional High School Board of Education President Joan Tob of Garwood said she was "personally disappointed" by the way the staff interprets the board.

"I have always felt we are an open board. We have principal meetings with staff members that are very informative, and I believe, very open," she added. "I understand morale is very low now. I feel the same way some days I feel good about the district and some days I don't. It is not a reflection on the board, it is a reflection on the times."

"I feel that any board member can talk with any staff member openly," she said. "As for the superintendent, I cannot speak for him, although I'm disappointed that's the way they feel about him."

From their responses on the survey, Rainier calculated the five issues staff members use the least satisfaction with and are the most concerned about:

- The opportunity for involvement provided when changes are being planned, which will affect jobs.
- Management's understanding of the problems employees face on the job.
- Employees were concerned with the amount of professional respect they are given.
- Rainier said during her presentation to the board. "They feel they are treated like students and often ignored. There is also a real problem with administrative support of teachers in discipline matters."

She said lack of open lines of communication is a major reason for disharmony. "When you don't keep teachers informed, the rumors start flying around and morale goes down as teachers learn the truth from somewhere else."

Rainier noted that staffers demonstrated a fear of management during the survey process. "Responses indicated a feeling that there is management by intimidation," she said. "People were wary of filling out the demographic information because they were afraid someone would know who it was. People cut out the control numbers, because they thought we would know what number each person was. They were afraid to talk to me, afraid of being tape recorded, basically afraid of being tape recorded for what they said."

Board member Robert Jones asked Rainier if cutting out control numbers is "extreme." While Rainier said she had not conducted many surveys of this type before, she said she has never heard of a similar situation and that she does think it extreme.

The responses of Governor Livingston Regional High School employees reflect the best morale. Central office staffers had the second best. Arthur L. Johnson worked for third and Jonathan Dayton employees responses showed the lowest morale.

"The staff at Dayton has been here the longest and has seen the most change," said Dayton Principal Judith Wickline. "It is hard to see changes and deal with change. I think they are also concerned with deregionalization. Additionally, part of the student population that has been in school for

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— Michael Sorrentino, chairman Morale Committee

the last two years really doesn't want to be here, which is distressing to teachers."

Veteran Dayton mathematics teacher Arthur Krupp, a member of the committee which organized the survey, said there were other reasons. "We are a few years older," Krupp said of Wickline's theory, "but that's just one piece."

"They don't know how to treat teachers and to make them an integral part of the decision process at Dayton," he added. "Here's an example: we have two business teachers. One teaches four classes in Clark and one at Dayton, the other teaches four classes at Dayton and one at Clark. Why aren't each scheduled to teach all five at one school?"

Krupp also told of one Dayton teacher, who also has been a class advisor for three years. "Next year, he'll be transferred to Governor Livingston and will lose that position because they already have senior class advisors."

Krupp cited declining discipline as another factor. "While this is a district-wide problem, it certainly needs to be addressed at Dayton. Discipline in the school is nowhere near what we've come to expect. No particular person is at fault, but we need a new student-body attitude toward homework and school. This has always been a demanding academic school, and we are seeing a change in students at Dayton."

Another source of discontent, according to Krupp, is the management of athletics programs.

"There is a 'deemphasis' in this school on athletics," he said. "For example, many coaches have coached three sports for a long time. We have asked for the last period to be our free period, so we can set up for practice. We've repeatedly been denied that. It just seems that they do not want to help out."

"Here schedules are made for students, which is good, but there is no consideration for teachers," Krupp continued. "You have to think about the staff also."

"The Morale Committee is a sub-committee of the Communications Committee," said committee chairman Michael Sorrentino. "We were charged with finding out if there was a morale problem, and if so, what the issues teachers are concerned about. So an outside consultant was obtained."

"I have been working for a year and a half on a voluntary basis with the Morale Committee," Rainier said. "To find out what the important issues to teachers were, we held four focus groups. I visited the three schools, where between 12-15 teachers were randomly selected to attend each one. I talked with them and a fourth group of management," which included the curriculum director, other central office personnel, building administrators and district supervisors.

"During those meetings, I recorded the things that people said, were important to morale, both positive and negative. From that qualitative data, I noticed trends of similar issues. I used those trends to create the survey questions."

The consultant said that the surveys were distributed to all district personnel, and she had 173 returned. "That's around 45 percent, which is excellent," she said. "The more data you get back, the more valid it is."

Rainier also indicated that staff members had the opportunity to answer essay questions. While she was not presented to the board, she said the Communications Committee and Morale Committee members have seen them, and they will be used "during problem-solving sessions."

Those sessions are the next step in the morale process, according to Rainier, who explained how focus groups will be formed in September to address those issues mentioned in the essays.

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## Tipping the balance

There's a delicate balance between justice and tyranny. It's a balance which is tipped — one way or the other — every time a jury hands down a verdict, every time a police officer slaps handcuffs on a suspected criminal. But this balance is also tested in less obvious ways every time any action is taken by any governing body anywhere. Sometimes, they go too far, sometimes not far enough.

A case in point is the growing movement of residents wanting to do something about what they deem to be "unwanted influences" around the Triangle Inn on Monroe and Montgomery avenues. Residents have complained of people loitering, drug-dealing, fighting and making lewd and obnoxious comments in the vicinity of the bar.

First Ward Councilman Jerry Coleman, who represents the neighborhood on the City Council, has joined the residents in their fight. Partly due to his help, the city's Police Department has placed a car on patrol in front of the bar, a welcome sign for those concerned about the neighborhood's deterioration. If the residents get their way, a foot patrol also will be added, thus further limiting the likelihood that lawlessness will prevail.

But simply stepping up patrols may not be enough to satisfy some people's search for action, which is where the problem of justice comes into play. There has been a suggestion floated — which Coleman, to his credit, has not specifically endorsed — that in order to end the perceived problems, the city should purchase the bar's liquor license. While certainly more expedient than an ongoing police sting operation, such a move goes over the line and beyond the proper bounds of the City Council.

The Alcohol and Beverage Commission exists to determine whether or not any individual tavern should or should not be granted the privilege of selling alcohol. If the Triangle Inn is acting in a manner which breaks with the responsibilities that accompany such a privilege — such as selling alcohol to minors, then certainly, they should have their license revoked.

But unless or until such an illegal action is taken, they have the same right as anyone else to try to run a business. To force them out of business without first allowing them due process would be a tip of the delicate balance away from justice and toward tyranny.

No one wants a drug haven in their neighborhood, but by the same token, no one wants a government where the people are presumed guilty either.

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## When Devils leave, will they leave a legacy?

All right, at the risk of being publicly tarred and feathered, I'll admit it. I am a Devils fan.

For those among the readership who may not be particularly familiar with the world of sports, perhaps the implications of that statement didn't really hit you right off the bat, so I'll clarify. The Devils, you see, are the undisputed Rodney Dangerfields of the sports world. People may look at them with mild amusement, but they just can't get much respect.

Or, to put it another way, admitting to being a Devils fan is like, well, it's a lot like admitting to being from New Jersey. It's tantamount to the expectation of being the eternal butt of jokes, spending most of one's time trying to defend against the constant onslaught. Not that said onslaught is totally uncalled for, mind you. The sad fact is that the Devils are a team that, mostly through the good- gracing of principal owner John McMillen and the George Steinbrenner effect, went through a string of nine coaches in 10 years, most of whom were more noted for providing amusing banter from the bench than for coaching. Even in moments of apparent genius, the Devils have found ways to foul up everything. After years of compiling losing records and failing to win fans in the country's largest sports market, the team thought it had scored a major coup by being the first to break hockey's own iron curtain and lure longtime Russian National Team star defenceman Viacheslav Fetisov and Andrei Kolesnikov to the NHL.

As the many Russian stars who have followed them have shown, it was a good idea, but those were simply the wrong players. All thoughts of the much-needed chemistry that the two supposed to add quickly dissipated when it was revealed that, in addition to being unable to converse with either their teammates or coach in English, the two were bitter enemies and had refused to even speak to each other.

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## Mouths Of Babes

By Roy Lehmann  
Correspondent

Each other for more than a decade. With all of this in mind, it's easy to see why the Devils were once dubbed a "Mickey Mouse organization" by Wayne Gretzky, the greatest player of all time. It is also easy to see why, 10 years into their existence — at which point the team had yet to notch a single winning season — it had

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## news clips

### Pot luck supper

Women for Women of Union County will close its spring season with a final community workshop and pot luck supper in its new home in the Westfield Presbyterian Church Parish House, 140 Mountain Ave., on today at 6:30 p.m.

Hit or Miss will provide a fashion workshop after the pot luck supper. Featured will be the newest clothes and how to accessorize for the upcoming season. The store is located in the Valley Mall in Gillette. Information will be given on fashions to fit your body type.

Admission is free but registration is required. Each guest should bring a "pot" for six.

For more information call (908) 232-2787.

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The type of items for sale will be clothing, household items, linens, toys and furniture.

Donations are accepted every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Send donations to YWCA of Eastern Union County, 1131 East Jersey St., Elizabeth 07201.

### Joy of wellness

The Joy of Wellness — The Healthy Management of Recovery will be the topic of a June 2 seminar to be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County, Inc. at its office at 300 North Ave. East, Westfield.

The course will be taught by Patricia Giampino, prevention education coordinator for NCADD of Union County. Cost is \$45 in advance. To register, call NCADD of Union County at (908) 233-8810.

### Boosting business

"Growing Your Business Through Strategic Networking" will be the topic of a workshop sponsored by Kean College of New Jersey's Small Business Development Center on June 22 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Participants will have the opportunity to develop and practice their networking skills in a supportive environment. Owners and presidents of small businesses who want to develop networking skills and sharpen existing skills are encouraged to attend.

Workshop topics to be examined include: developing a networking awareness; making meaningful contacts; adapting your networking style to the situation and turning a networking contact into a mutually beneficial relationship.

Pamela S. Harper, president of Business Advancement Inc., Glen Rock, will conduct the workshop. The workshop will be held in Room 122 at the college's east campus. There is a registration fee of \$15. Pre-registration is required. Special arrangements for the handicapped will be made if requested two weeks in advance. For more information, contact Dalis Everett at (908) 527-2946.

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### Sharing the work

Home Share program of Union County is looking for volunteers to do light office work on a weekly or monthly basis.

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## COUNTY NEWS

## Echo Lake to close for repairs

Echo Lake Park, Westfield/Mountainside, will be closed to vehicular traffic on Sunday due to the construction of a new playground facility.

Saturn Corporation of Union has donated a new playground to the county, valued at about \$45,000, according to Freeholder Chairwoman Linda Di Giovanni. "One of the most exciting aspects of this project is the fact that Saturn employees will be volunteering their time to install the equipment," she said.

"Because of the nature of the project, and in the interest of safety, Echo Lake's Park Drive will have to be closed. Motorists are advised to plan an alternate route that day," added County Manager Ann M. Baran. "Although the park itself will technically be open, there will be restricted parking and access. Parents may want to consider using other county parks in the area such as Nomahegan in Cranford, the Watchung Reservation, or Unami in Garwood."

For more information, contact the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900.

## Ex-trustees honored; new members picked

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care affection and respect for the college and its mission. She has served as a board member since 1980 until her term expired last year.

Epstein, a Princeton resident, is a former vice president for the Educational Testing Service. A resolution of the State Board of Education for 11

years, she has devoted most of her life to various boards of education. Kalm, an outgoing board of trustee member at Kean College of New Jersey, was recently honored for his service to the college. He is a Westfield resident.

In a resolution by the Board of Trustees, Kalm was cited for his

## County Seat

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he was adamant in his feelings. Kurz inevitably abstained. All other freeholders present voted in favor of the resolution, with Freeholder Chairman Linda Di Giovanni signing on as a co-sponsor.

A Devil's fan who agrees with Kurz' sentiments, Ray Lehmann mentioned, something to me the other day about a column I had penned two weeks ago.

In light of this quantity about my feelings regarding a group mentioned in the column, I felt it necessary that the matter be clarified. Lehmann, a former managing editor at Worrall Newspapers, questioned whether a group known as the Constitutionists is an organization with which I have concerns.

In that column, I wrote of the Oklahoma City bombing and how authorities had been looking for a connection according to bomber

Timothy McVeigh may have had with militias. My column was not meant to imply that this group is dangerous. However, it should be noted that I do not believe all of their ideas would be best for the country either.

Let's go back to the freeholders for a second. What's with all of this "reso" baloney. This ridiculous term apparently was contagious last week.

County Manager Ann Baran first mentioned it and freeholders didn't seem to have a problem with it. It's not that difficult to say the word resolution, so please use it. The abbreviation "reso" can only be attributed to vocal laziness. If freeholders are trying to conserve time, perhaps they can eliminate the political rhetoric which seems to crop up on at least one issue during each of the board's meetings.

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Maudsley, who is the third generation of nursery operation in his family, says business is as good as ever this season, and more and more people are coming to Maplewood Nursery, located at 160 Springfield Ave., for a variety of items to make their homes and yards look fresh.

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## County won't commit to insurance funding

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attendance during the session, was shot down by GOP freeholders. She had proposed fronting the chief \$7,000 that could be used for insurance purposes. Remaining funds would be returned to the county.

Freeholders Henry Kurz and Vice Chairman Edwin Force adamantly opposed the measure, with Force suggesting the chiefs obtain the insurance with the \$60,000 with which the county was supplying them. Since freeholders anticipate the matter will be resolved within a two-week period, Force said the chiefs would not be in jeopardy of spending all of the money prior to a decision being made by the county as to where the premium funds will come.

Once the county has particulars worked out, said Force, the chiefs could be reimbursed.

Kurz, who noted that he "really" agreed with Force, said he thought Stender's amendment would create confusion. He suggested that the chiefs would consider the funding as one sum of \$67,000, and not realize the \$7,000 had been specifically earmarked for insurance. Also, Kurz said he believes insurance can be obtained for a lesser fee.

Freeholder Elmer Ertz, who supported Stender's amendment, said her suggestion would have been clearer than providing the chiefs the \$60,000 without providing a commitment to reimburse them.

Kurz, when pressed, did say the county would pay for the insurance. "I don't know how we'll do it, but we'll do it," he said.

Freeholders Daniel Sullivan and Frank Leir were not present during the meeting.

Freeholders stressed that the insurance funding commitment would only be for one year.

County Director of Finance Lawrence Caroselli told freeholders he would have "some research" before feeling comfortable enough to say if the additional funds are available in the county budget.

Ertz said he would prefer the funds came from an insurance account as opposed to reducing money allocated for the Office of Emergency Management.

Di Giovanni asked that freeholders hold off on passage of any resolution providing funds for insurance until Caroselli has given his OK.

Stender blasted freeholders, suggesting they were delaying the matter. This is not a "brand new issue," said Stender, who added that she would "stand by my resolution."

Freeholder Chairwoman Linda Di Giovanni said she would direct the county's insurance review board to review the matter "expeditiously." She directed County Manager Ann Baran to inform the insurance board that freeholders need an answer by today.

Kurz added that the county manager can contact freeholders once the insurance board has reviewed the matter, and "we can move forward."

Freeholders are awaiting word from the county's 21 municipalities regarding a request that trainees and instructors sent to the academy be insured by individual municipalities. Only two municipalities, LUTHER and HILLSIDE, thus far had agreed to insure those individuals sent by them to the academy, said Stender.

## Rescue squads gain through program

**'As National Emergency Medical Services Week winds down, it is fitting to recognize the efforts of so many rescue squad volunteers throughout the state.'**  
— Clayton Boulware

ter Emergency Squad, Fanwood Rescue Squad, Inc., Kean College Emergency Medical Service and Roselle Park First Aid Squad.

Launched in 1994, The Prudential Helping Hearts Program enabled 94 squads to purchase their first defibrillators last year. The Prudential stated that, according to hospital sources, at least six lives were saved by squads from Avon, Maywood, Middletown, Peapack, Union and Woodbridge.

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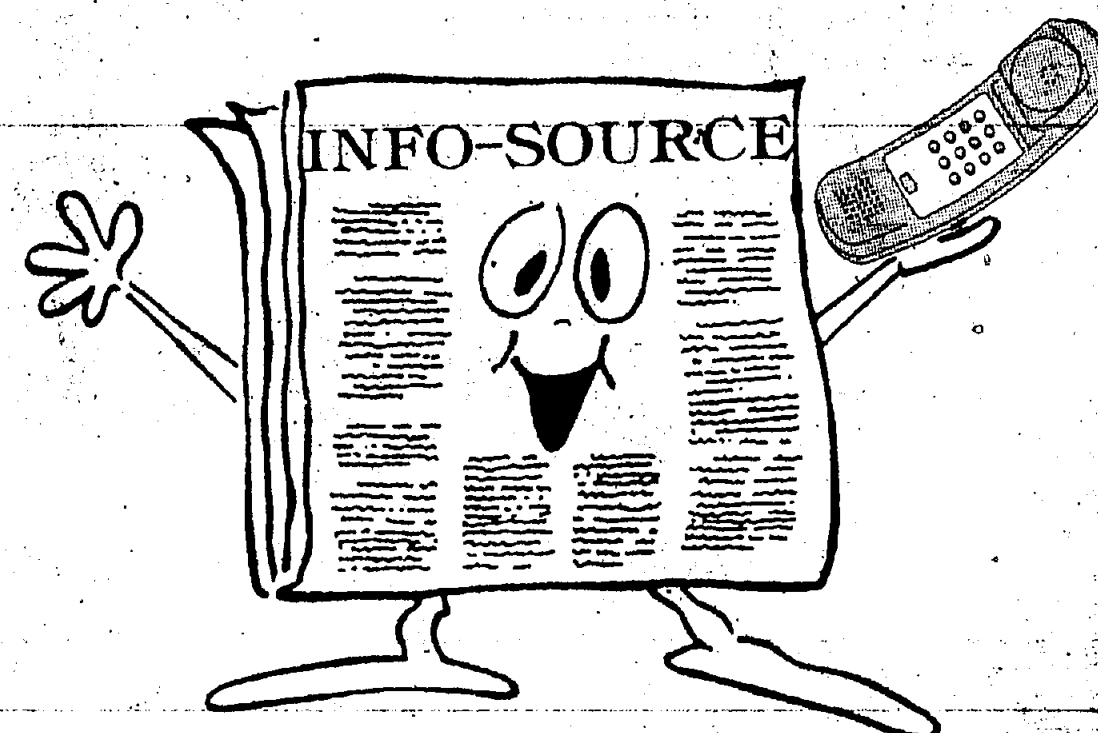
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## Teen poets featured

The Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs will host the first Teen Arts Poetry Reading at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West in Springfield on June 14 at 7:30 p.m.

The event will feature oral interpretations of poetry written and presented by Union County students. Selections are from the Union County Teen Arts Festival in Cranford.

Linda Lee Kelly, member of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board said, "We are pleased to celebrate the creative spirit and talent demonstrated by Union County students. The poetry reading gives young writers the opportunity to use presentation skills. Through participation in events like Teen Arts, students gain valuable skills that enable them to contribute to the community they will grow and work in."

The students selected for the poetry reading are:

- Clark — Victoria Heller, Mother Seton RHS;
- Elizabeth — Apeer Oudeh, Benedictine Academy;
- Roselle — Varnera Durham, Abraham Clark HS; Tiffany McGriff, Abraham Clark HS; Christine Ricardo, Roselle Catholic HS; Lauren Ziemski, Roselle Catholic HS;
- Summit — Alex Hardy, Summit MS; Elena McIntosh, Summit MS; Charlie Samuise, Summit MS; Kristin Murphy, Oak Knoll School; Jessica Radwill, Oak Knoll School; Nancy Trassande, Oak Knoll School.

For information about the Union County Teen Arts Program, contact the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 24-52 Highway Ave., Elizabeth, (908) 558-2550. TDD users call (800) 852-7899.

The NEA awards grants to orchestras through its music program, based on a process of peer review of applications from across the country. The primary criterion is artistic excellence, as evidenced by recordings of the orchestra in performance. A detailed written application outlining the organization's structure, programming, and budget plans is also required.

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The NEA's executive director, Edgar Cyrus, said, "The award of this grant confirms the achievements of our music director, board, volunteers and staff in building a first-rate orchestra. We are honored to have been selected once again for support by the NEA."

The Westfield Symphony is a fully professional orchestra, founded in 1983, performing a five-concert subscription series at sites in Westfield and Rahway. The New Jersey State Council on the Arts has named the Westfield Symphony a Distinguished Arts Organization three times, most recently for the just concluded 1994-95 Season of Favorites. Subscription information for the 1995-96 Season of Firsts is available by calling the symphony office at (908) 232-9400.

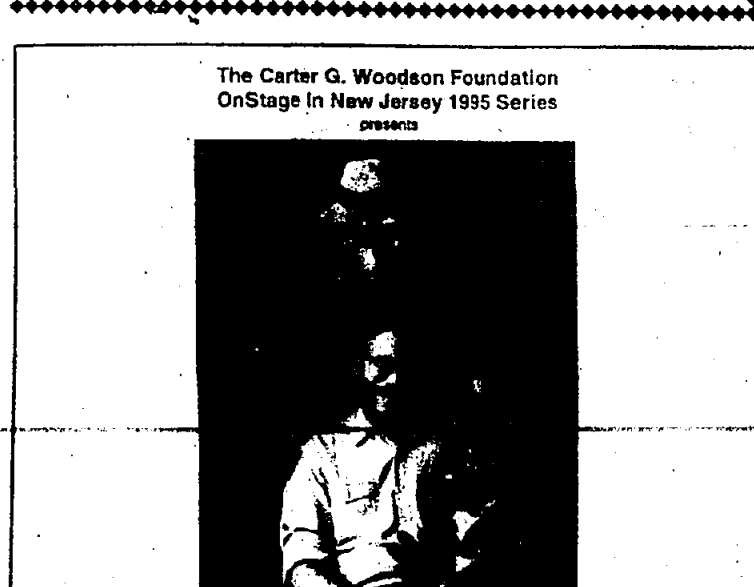


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- 2 Swordfish Steaks

**Coriander Sauce**

- 3 Tbsp. Chicken Broth
- 3 Tbsp. Soy Sauce
- 3 Tbsp. Sesame Oil
- 4 Tbsp. Rice Vinegar
- 1/4 Cup Chopped fresh Coriander

Stir together the marinade ingredients. Arrange the swordfish steaks in a shallow dish, pour the marinade over them and let the swordfish steaks marinate.

In a small bowl whisk together the broth, the soy sauce, the sesame oil, the rice wine and the chopped coriander.

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Four musicians make up the group. John Schuster on guitar and vocals is a player with an original jazz-finger picking style. He has more than 20 years of professional playing experience with club bands such as Elystan Fields to San Francisco jazz clubs like the Bridgeway Cafe. Schuster, a student of jazz great David Raney, plays a personal, mature jazz and blues style.

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# Automotive

## Indy 500: 60 years of auto thrills and progress

(NAPS)—In 1911, two years after it was built, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway hosted its first race. The winner, Ray Harroun, earned \$25,000 in prize money averaging the then-incredible speed of 74.6 miles per hour for 500 miles. In 1994, Al Unser, Jr. won the 76th running with a speed of 189.8 mph. Earnings were a lot higher: Unser's purse was \$2.8 million.

For more than 80 years, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway's 500-mile race has remained as the world's premier auto race. A less well known, but equally important fact, is that the Indy 500 race has given automakers a testing course and proving ground for innovations that have improved the average driver's performance, comfort, and safety.

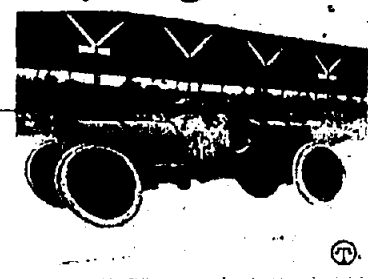
Today's Indianapolis Motor Speedway is a far cry from the 1909 version, with its tar and crushed stone surface. The remains of the original "Brickyard" were paved in 1961, repaired in 1977 and again in 1989.

Even with smoother paving, later-model high-speed vehicles suffered from the race's constant pounding and vibrations. In the early 1960s, mechanics often expressed amazement at the amount of debris left behind on the track. Scattered everywhere were nuts, bolts, and fasteners of all types that had been shaken off the vehicles.

But one Indy mechanic, remembering an interesting product he had seen in his local hardware store, had a bright idea. The products, called threadlockers, were made by a company aptly named Loctite.

He tried them on Indy cars, locking nuts and bolts together. They worked as he had hoped they would. It didn't take long for word of his success to circulate among the other mechanics looking for a solution to this problem. These unique new products performed the task of holding together Indy 500 race cars so well that the United States Auto Club recognized their importance. By 1971, USAC certified that every car in the race was assembled with the aid of Loctite threadlocking adhesives.

Threadlockers are anaerobic chemicals, meaning that as long as



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they are exposed to air, they remain liquid. Without air, as when a bolt coated with Loctite threadlocker is tightened—the compound becomes a tough bonding solid. Even with the threadlocker's tremendous holding power, should the bolt need loosening, ordinary tools will do the job.

Since teaming up with Indy 500 mechanics, Loctite has expanded its participation in the race. In 1995, when a mechanic calls for a new gasket, it may be a Loctite silicone. Loctite's formed-in-place gaskets conform to any shape—and are quick and easy to apply.

Loctite insiders watch the Indy 500 with a special pride in the contribution of their products. They remember the year that racer Dick Simon cracked an oil tank during his qualifying lap. He used a thin coating of Loctite sealant to stop the leak, and clocked 210 mph during the next lap. Or they may recall the time Scott Brayton was having problems with his silicone, which was, as mechanics say, "baking out" and causing oil fires. He switched to Loctite's Ultra Blue silicone, solved his problem and qualified.

Anecdotes aside, for millions of everyday drivers, the Indy 500 has been a laboratory for automotive advances and refinements. Loctite represents in classic example of the importance of the Indy 500. Loctite threadlockers, sealants, and gasketing materials are unseen but important contributors to the quality, comfort, and dependability of most modern cars.

## Finding a reliable car is just a report away

A car you can't count on — or one that's always in the shop — is more of a burden than a pleasure to own. Reliability is a key factor that Consumer Reports considers when evaluating both new and used cars.

In its April auto issue, Consumer Reports presents unique data collected from its subscribers. This year, information was gathered on 380,000 vehicles. Some highlights include:

- Among American nameplates, the reliability record of General Motors' Saturn stands out: it's been about par with high-end European cars — better than most models, but as good as the best Japanese makes.

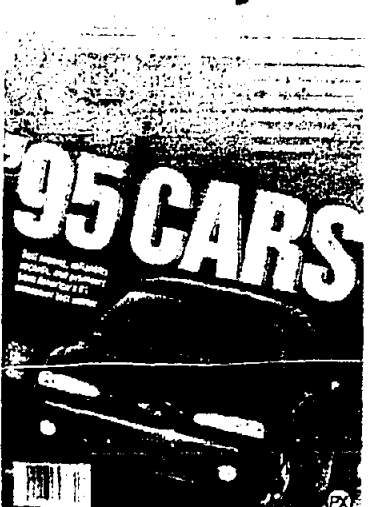
- Ford has the best overall reliability record among domestic makers.
- Cars with Japanese nameplates — especially Acura, Honda, Infiniti, Lexus, Subaru and Toyota — have generally been much more reliable than cars from other automakers. That's true of all those automakers' models, whether made in Japan or the United States.

- Not all Japanese cars are equal. Some models from Nissan, Mazda and Mitsubishi have been only average or even worse than average in reliability.

Reliability may be even more important when buying a used car. In this April's auto issue, Consumer Reports includes a list of "Reliable Used Cars," including 1987 through 1993 models, in prices that start from \$23,000 to \$4,000\* and go to \$30,000 and up.\* Also included is a list of the 10 most and 10 least reliable used cars.

The issue says that you'll find the best value from a used car. A one- or two-year-old car has most of its useful life ahead of it — and you'll pay far less for it than you would have for the same car when brand new. Also, if you can spend only \$10,000 or less, you have a much wider choice of models and sizes in the used-car market than the new-car market.

Considering Consumer Reports' performance tests on cars when new, along with reliability data on past models, the following late-model cars, listed alphabetically, are the 10 best used



IN ITS APRIL auto issue, Consumer Reports provides unique information about new and used vehicles.

sedans for \$10,000 or less: 1991 Acura Integra; 1992 Geo Prizm; 1991 Honda Accord; 1992 Honda Civic; 1991 Mitsubishi Galant; 1993 Nissan Maxima (automatic only); 1993 Saturn SL; 1991 Toyota Camry; 1992 Toyota Camry; 1993 Toyota Camry. Many older versions of these cars also have been reliable.

The April auto issue also covers new-car ratings, profiles of 1995 model-line cars, how to bargain for a new car, leasing versus financing and driving home a used-car bargain. In addition to reliability data, ratings are based on results of performance tests, during which each car tested is driven several thousand miles on public roads over a period of three to six months. Consumer Reports buys all its test cars from dealers, just as any consumer would.

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