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GMC Truck introduces the all-new 1996 Yukon SUV

Last year, GMC Truck threw the industry for a loop by introducing the ideal in between sporty utility vehicle and the Yukon 4 Door. That successful model and its two-door cousin are back for 1996 with a raft of worth while enhancements.

One of the truck industry's most revered engines — the Yukon's 5.7-liter V8 — has been reengineered and renamed Vector 5700 V8 for 1996. The key benefits come from new sequential central port fuel injection. Like central port injection used previously on GMC Truck's V6 engines, fuel is delivered to each port via small tubes. This is an advancement in a delivery schedule that synchronizes injector operation to each combustion cycle. With sequential central port fuel injection, there are six injectors located at the center of the intake manifold instead of just one. As each injector is activated by the powertrain control module, fuel is distributed to the proper intake port through a flexible transport tube. A poppet nozzle located at the end of each tube opens in response to fuel pressure then closes after the fuel is delivered to the air stream. Mileability, fuel economy, and drivability are all improved with sequential central port injection.

Another new feature for 1996 is a light-weight two-part intake manifold design. The bottom half is cast aluminum, as usual, but the upper half is molded composite material selected for weight savings, thermal insulation, noise attenuation, and improved air flow. This is the first such application of a composite intake manifold on any GM-built truck.

Cooling system improvements include standardized hose sizes — across the full range of GMC Truck models — a quieter composite cooling fan, a new centrifugal bypass thermostat, and a long-life water pump bearing. Ethylene-glycol-based coolant allows the change interval to be extended to five years or 100,000 miles. Noise reduction is more effective than ever thanks to more rigid accessory mounting.

All this adds up to a substantial performance gain of 50 horsepower to a peak of 250 horsepower at 4600 rpm. The torque improvement is 25-ft-lb to a peak of 345 ft-lb at 2400 rpm.

Due to the fact that the Vector V8 engine puts out more torque than its predecessor, the manual transmission backing it up had to be fortified. A lower first gear ratio is now along with wider input and fifth gears. These changes give the New Vector 3500 five-speed durability for 1996.

The Yukon 2-Door comes equipped with a manual transmission and has a new concentric slave cylinder design for lower pedal effort, shorter pedal travel, and greater durability. Most of the external clutch actuation hardware is eliminated.

A newly formulated ethylene-glycol-based coolant is specified for

all 1996 Yukon models. This coolant has a change interval of five years or 100,000 miles versus just one year for the coolant it replaces. In addition, water pump seal life is longer with this formulation.

New spring-biased doors now cover auxiliary power plugs. The nearby cigar lighter stays visible to the driver and passenger at all times. By keeping the headlamps lit at a low intensity, the visual profile of the Yukon is substantially raised, making it less susceptible to a multi-vehicle collision. No effort on the part of the driver is necessary as the headlamps are automatically illuminated at an appropriate intensity whenever the ignition switch is turned on. Dist lamps and tail lamps are not illuminated in the daytime mode. Operation of the vehicle's lighting system for nighttime use is unchanged.

To improve back-seat passenger comfort, the 1996 Yukons have new ducts near the drive shafts for passing heated air rearward. As a result, rear passenger comfort in cold conditions is now on par with front-seat passenger comfort.

To facilitate a more comfortable entry, the dome light now stays lit for 20 seconds — 40 seconds with the keyless entry option — after the last door is closed. Illumination is extinguished as soon as the ignition is turned on.

To improve passenger comfort, seat-belt designs are improved for 1996. The B-pillar-mounted D-ring for the shoulder belt is height adjustable to accommodate occupants of varying heights.

A new optional electronic shift mechanism for models equipped with automatic transmission and four-wheel drive allows the driver to move from one propulsion mode to another at the touch of two switches — one for two-wheel drive, another for the four-wheel drive high or low. Indicator lamps built into each switch light display the mode engaged. This option also eliminates the floor-mounted shift lever and increases the usable space in the front seat.

Yukons equipped with an up-level bench front seat are now fitted with an improved center armrest that doubles as a storage compartment. A hinged writing board is mounted to the outer surface of the armrest. Opening the lid of the armrest reveals a coin holder, a map net, and a holder for several cassette tapes.

Night-time glare in the driver's eyes is reduced by a new electronic dynamic inside rearview mirror. This device automatically senses incident light and adjusts its reflectivity to an appropriate level to maintain a clear vision. If the transmission is shifted to reverse, the mirror reverts to the high-reflectivity mode. In addition, an eight-point compass is built into the mirror face. Both mirror functions can be selectively switched off if the driver so desires.

GM Trucks mean business

Perhaps the best thing about GM's 1996 truck engine program is that you'll continue to discover its many benefits throughout your ownership experience.

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Recycling schedule, guidelines announced

The Department of Public Works recently announced the schedule and guidelines for yard waste collection for the year.

Beginning March 18, all yard waste will be removed on the first regular garbage collection day of the week only. Yard waste will not be collected on any other day. This collection program will end Oct. 30.

Grass must be placed in a sturdy reusable container, such as plastic or metal. A biodegradable paper bag also can be used. Absolutely no plastic bags will be accepted. Containers must weigh no more than 50 pounds. Branches must be cut into four-foot lengths and tied and bundled with string or wire only. Regular household waste cannot be mixed with yard waste. In addition, leaves can be mixed with grass clippings between March 18 and Oct. 30.

Holidays that affect yard waste collection during 1996 are as follows: May 27, Memorial Day, and Sept. 2, Labor Day. All yard waste removal scheduled for collection on these holidays will be removed on the following work day.

For more information call 827-2159.

The Department of Public Works Office of Recycling also has announced the expansion of the city's Residential Curbside Recycling Program effective January.

The expanded program will include the following:

- The ability of all residents to co-mingle paper products, such as newspapers, magazines and junk mail in tied bundles or paper bags.
- The addition of telephone books, hard cover books, wrapping paper, cereal boxes, gift boxes aluminum foil, aerosol cans, motor oil containers, antifreeze containers, milk cans, juice boxes and metal clothes hangers to the existing list of materials already being collected.
- If a scheduled recycling collection day falls on a holiday, the city will automatically receive a collection the following day.
- All schools will receive a recycling collection on a regular basis.

According to the city's recycling coordinator, Michael Smalling, "the additional materials added to the recycling program will enable the city to save on garbage disposal costs by diverting more recyclables from the waste stream. Rahway has become a leader in recycling in Union County by aggressively pursuing available avenues for diverting material from the city's waste stream, and we will continue to do so in the future, as reliable markets become available. The addition of the schools to the recycling program will make it easier for them to comply with State of New Jersey-mandated recycling requirements."

Facility converts millionth ton of trash

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"(Continued from Page 1) The facility, which is owned by the city, is a model for the rest of New Jersey and the country. In addition to the 1 million tons of garbage processed, 25,425 tons of

ferrous metals have been recovered and recycled, and 550,850,000 kilowatt hours of electricity have been produced. According to Time, this is enough electricity to supply 30,000 homes per year for two years and has eliminated the need for 1.1 million barrels of imported oil.

The RRF provides county residents with several benefits, including recycling for reduction from \$1.38 per ton to \$1.23 per ton. In addition, the county has an additional source of electricity production.

Scam artists pose as meter readers

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He added that the only other times employees of the division would show up at a residence unannounced would be in an emergency such as a fire.

Kozakiewicz said that if a consumer still has doubts about a person claiming to be a Division of Water employee, he/she should call either the Police Department at 827-2200 or the Division of Water at 388-0886. In case of an emergency, call 911.

Spring registration held

The Division of Parks and Recreation will hold registration for its spring programs on March 26-28. The pre-school, youth and senior programs are open to residents only and registration in person is required as well as proof of residency. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to register. Registration will take place at the

Claude Reel Center, 1670 Irving St. Most of the programs will run from the week of April 15 to the week of June 3.

For more information, contact the division at 827-2045 or stop by and pick up a copy of the program and events to be held by the division this spring. Registration hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.

Attorney resolution passed

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In answer to the resolution, Ron Gordon, a partner of Raimino who was on hand for Monday's meeting, said "I honestly don't have any reaction. If the council votes to petition to change the existing order, that's their choice. But that's all it does, it's petition the Legislature."

The resolution was popular with members of the public who attended the meeting. Kern Blanchard of the Concerned Citizens of Union County even accused Raimino of failing to adequately represent the township's interest in the financial agreement between the state and Rahway regarding the Resource Recovery Facility, he said.

Name change rejected

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al, and that mail would still reach the residents. Cohen admitted that he was not happy about the name change, but he realized his mistake. "I don't want to get into a disagreement with Coleman," Cohen said later. "I have great respect for Mr. Coleman. I just happen to disagree with him."

"I'm not trying to make this a racial issue," he added. "There are some people who would love to make a racial issue, because his mailers said that only West Milton Avenue is to have its name changed."

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Indians loose Group 3 championship

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he never say-die attitude couldn't overcome the Snyder team.

"It is a shame that we had to go out on that kind of note after having played so well late in the season," Pella said. "Back in November, if you asked me, I would have never guessed we would win the section."

"But as February rolled around," he added, "it became a realistic goal because we were playing our best basketball in the state tournament. I'm very proud of these kids and happy that all their hard work paid off with a sectional title."

But the Rahway High School boys' basketball team will not be remembered for losing to Snyder in the Group 3 semifinals. It will be remembered for its sectional crown — which it won in heroic fashion.

The team fought back all year, and when it looked to be headed for disaster with an early exit from the Union County Tournament, the team responded like the champion it was. Seniors refused to play in their final game and came back to beat Stabazz, and when it looked hopeless against Snyder, those same seniors gave every ounce they had.



Rich Macklin looks to turn the corner as Snyder's Kieran Johnson fights through Monte Wise's pick during the Indians' 71-47 loss in the Group 3 semifinals Saturday at Plainfield High School.

Dance team wins at twirling competition

On March 3 the Debutantes Dance Twirl team traveled to Somerville to participate in a National Baton Twirling Association (NBTA) Competition. The senior team placed third in the Advanced Senior Dance Twirl Division. The Junior Team placed third in Advanced Junior Small Dance Twirl. The Little team won first place in Advanced Juvenile Small Dance Twirl.

The Debutantes are directed by Glenys Juarez, assisted by Lisa Antroguio. Additional members include: Senior team: Lauren LaPela, Michelle Racelis, Cathy Romeo, Vanessa Rowe, Christine Sauer, Jamie Wronski, and Gillian Wynock. Junior team: Kristen Allen, Amy Cron, Jenny Jesus, Jamie McGuire, Patty Sauer, Ana Sousa, and Lisa Vasallo. Little team: Gina Berardinelli, Mikaela O'Toole, Leanne Pilot, Nicole Rosoffe, Krystal

Foundation supports school district

By Sean Daly
Staff Writer

To meet increasing costs of public education, city schools have turned to the Rahway Foundation for Excellence in Education, a non-profit organization that provides money to teachers for educational projects.

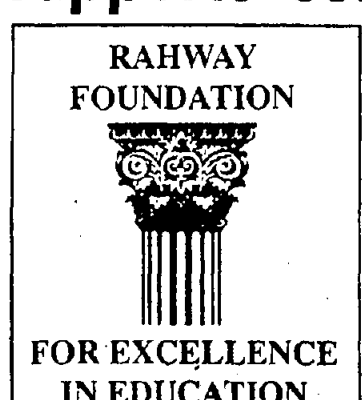
The foundation was started in 1993 with \$10,000 in seed money from Merck and Co. Since then, it has depended on donations from Rahway citizens and businesses.

According to board of trustees member James Ward, the foundation has an average annual budget of \$10,000, which goes to teachers who apply.

"It's really taken hold," he said. "We've gotten more teachers competing for these funds."

The funds are used for a variety of educational programs, some of them "quite interesting stuff" and preferably spanning more than one class, according to Ward.

Frank Maricello, principal of Madison School and vice president of the foundation, is also a member of



the board of trustees. His school has received around \$4,000 from the foundation.

"These funds are above and beyond what the Board of Education can give us," he said.

The funds have gone to a variety of projects, including seed money that was used to construct an ecosystem stocked with various animals, including fish and amphibians.

Many of the programs at Madison School are not quite as ambitious as this.

According to Maricello, the funds also have been used to supply paper-back books to his students, to invite author Robert Blake in the school and to build computer-controlled models out of Legos, among other projects. All of these are "educationally sound," he said.

"Through the efforts of the foundation, a lot of things are done that wouldn't be done without the foundation," he said.

Rahway's program is similar to other projects in other towns; in fact, the foundation is based on a program in Summit.

"As the state is cutting back, more and more towns are doing this," said Ward.

In addition to taking donations, the foundation organizes a number of fundraisers throughout the year.

"Just about all the dough goes to the teachers," said Ward.

Center to present 'Romeo and Juliet'

For the first time since its production of "The Nutcracker," the American Repertory Ballet will return to the stage of the Union County Arts Center, this time with Prokofiev's "Romeo and Juliet," March 30 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$19 and \$23, plus a special \$10 student rate, and are available at the Arts Center box office, 1601 Irving St. in Rahway.

Affiliated with the Princeton Ballet School, ARB is the resident dance company of the New Brunswick Cultural Center and Princeton's McCarter Theater. For two consecutive seasons, 1993 and 1994, the celebrated company filled nearly all 1,300 of the Union County Arts Center's seats

with its critically acclaimed "Nutcracker" productions.

For the staging of "Romeo and Juliet," ARB choreographer/artistic director Septine Wehre has returned to the role of Shakespeare's familiar tale of star-crossed lovers, focusing on what Wehre regards as the "real heart" of the story, namely "...a young couple whose love for each other is thwarted by misguided and overwhelming social structures of the times."

Campbell Board of Joffrey Ballet fame, Wehre's interpretation of the Prokofiev work has garnered high praise wherever it has been performed thus far in seven eastern states.

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EDUCATION



Board adopts equity plan

The Rahway Board of Education has adopted the Multi-Year Equity Plan required by state law.

Under this plan, the public is advised that the board has policies prohibiting bias, harassment, discrimination, and segregation. The district's affirmative action officer is Frank Lukaszewicz, vice principal of Roosevelt School. Lukaszewicz can be reached at 396-1057.

Based on a needs assessment, objectives involving two areas were identified. These areas were, equity in curriculum and equitable employment and contract practices.

By law the plan spans 1996-99. The employment objective seeks to ensure there is equal and bias-free access to all categories of employment. The curriculum objective involves the state mandate for instruction in the Holocaust and genocide.

Copies of the Multi-Year Equity Plan, annual reports of affirmative action, relevant policies and grievance procedures can be obtained from each principal or the affirmative action officer. Copies of the Multi-Year Equity Plan are also available in the public library.

Riding lessons offered

Openings exist for people interested in taking horsebackriding lessons. There is still an opportunity for children at the entry level and adult riders, beginners through advanced, to register for Spring Troop at the Watchung Stables, 1160 Summit Lane, Mountaintide.

The Junior Troop, for children 9 and up, will begin in mid-March and consists of 10 one-hour weekly lessons. Beginning students are classified as those who have never ridden. They will learn to control a horse at a walk and trot. The fee is \$180 for county residents; \$220 for out-of-county.

UCC offers assistance to prospective students

Three admissions workshops, designed to ease the enrollment process for prospective students, will be held March 19-21 at Union County College's campuses in Elizabeth, Cranford, and Plainfield.

The admissions workshops will provide information on procedures for fall semester enrollment, as well as background on the College Level Examination Program, through which students may obtain advance credit by scoring well on standardized tests in selected subject areas.

They will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on March 19 in room 402, Elizabeth campus; March 20 in the Main Lecture Hall, Nomahegan Building, Cranford campus; and March 21 in the Plainfield campus cafeteria. Participants may select one of these sessions to attend.

Rahway PTO to hold Project Graduation

Rahway High School PTO will be holding its annual Project Graduation June 19 at LeClub in Woodbridge. Project Graduation is held from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. the night of graduation. The graduates return to the high school at 10 p.m. and are then bused to the facility for a drug-and-alcohol-free party. Activities include food, swimming, dancing, air brushing T-shirts, games and prizes. All graduates are encouraged to attend at no charge. Funds for this event are raised by the PTO the cost is approximately \$16,000.

The PTO needs the community of Rahway's help with the following fund-raisers. Anyone wishing to make a donation can make checks payable to Rahway High School's Project Graduation c/o PTO Madison Ave., Rahway, N.J. 07065.

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STUDENT UPDATE

Savard wins first place

Adrienne Savard, a senior at Rahway High School, has won first place in the Union County Soroptimist International Youth Citizenship Award Competition. Savard will be awarded \$500 at a dinner honoring her at the Garden Restaurant on June 11, at 6 p.m.

Savard will use this monetary award to defray the costs of her freshman year at Siena College or Rutgers University which she plans to attend next fall.

The Youth Citizenship Award is a Soroptimist International of the Americas Program that recognizes contributions made by young people to their homes, schools, communities, countries and the world. This is a merit award that is not based on academic achievement. Savard is now eligible for the regional and federal competition.

The Union County Soroptimists chose Savard because of her attitude, commitment to her school and community, and the recommendations she received. Savard is a volunteer of her class, a member of the National Honors Society, French National Honor Society, Key Club, Student Government Association, Girl Scouts of America and president of the French Club.

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According to the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission Eastern Regional Center in New York, in 1992 there were 42 children under age 5 who died as a result of swallowing medicines or household chemicals. There is no better time than the present for you to begin following the CPSC's recommendations, especially considering Poison Prevention Week is March 17-23.

To prevent deaths from occurring as a result of the ingestion of household chemicals and medicines, the commission recommends taking several precautions. Some of those are as follows:

- Many children are poisoned each year by overdose of aspirin. If aspirin can poison, think of how many other potential poisons may be found in your medicine cabinet. All potentially hazardous products should have child-resistant closures. Most prescription drugs have child-resistant caps. Check to see if yours do.
- You should throw away all out-of-date prescriptions. As medicines get older, the chemicals inside them can change. So what was once a good medicine may now be ineffective or a dangerous poison. Flush all old drugs down the toilet. Rinse the container well, then discard it.
- Always give medicine only to the person for whom the doctor prescribed it.
- All medicines should be in their original containers with the original labels. Prescription medicines may or may not list ingredients. The prescription number on the label will, however, allow rapid identification by the pharmacist of the ingredients should they not be listed. Without the original label and container, you can't be sure of what drug you are taking.

When storing chemicals in a garage or storage area, you should be conscious of the following:

- Many things in your garage or storage area that can be swallowed are deadly poisons. Death may occur when people swallow everyday substances such as charcoal lighter, paint thinner and remover, antifreeze and kerosene. All of these containers should have child-resistant caps.
- Poisons should be stored in their original containers, and the original labels should be on all containers.
- No poisons should be stored in drinking glasses or beverage bottles.
- All of these harmful products should be locked up and out of sight and reach.

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Election coverage guidelines

In fairness to all school board candidates and to provide the best service to our readers, this newspaper has established guidelines and a schedule for coverage of Board of Education elections.

Under the guidelines, this newspaper is committed to specific elements of coverage. It will give background information about all known candidates, including stories on basic positions taken by each, and it will write news stories on the issues raised during the campaign.

We also will list important political events such as candidates' nights and fund-raising in news stories. We will aim to stimulate discussion of the issues during election campaigns through independent research and initiative stories.

If appropriate, editorial endorsements will be made. News releases and campaign position statements from candidates are welcome. They will be used at the editor's discretion and they will not necessarily be printed as such but may be used as material to develop news stories if the issues raised in them merit such treatment.

Story line, timing and treatment are entirely at the discretion of the editor.

We will strive to avoid the initial raising of controversial or sensational issues in the final edition before election.

We aim to focus on what the voter needs to know and not on what the candidates want to say.

Following is the schedule we will adhere to in the April 15 elections: Letters to the editor: Political letters, and those of endorsement, will be accepted up to and including the issue of April 4. Letters may be printed or appear as excerpts at the editor's discretion.

Letters containing more than 75 words will be edited for length. Letters without telephone numbers will not be considered for publication.

Candidate's Corner: Candidates running for office will be given the opportunity to speak to the readers on these pages as they present their backgrounds, platforms and goals. Their columns will appear April 4.

Our endorsements: Endorsement editorials will appear April 11. Staff-written round-up stories: A final look at the candidates, their platforms and goals, will appear April 11.

Election results: Look for complete election result coverage April 18.

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—Louis D. Brandeis
Supreme Court justice
1932

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OPINION

Megan's return St. Patrick's Day marks

Free Form

By Bob Rixon

Little people dancing on the roof? The dog lifted his head and growled, "I can't very well go on the roof on account of some tippy-tapping. Scratch my tummy for a while and wake me up if you see something worth barking at."

She went to her mother and said, "I think there are little people dancing on the roof. What can I do?"

Megan's mother replied, "Do your homework in the dining room, dear," and continued looking through her flower seed catalogue.

Megan went to her father and said, "There must be little people tippy-tapping on the roof, and I can't sleep." Her father answered, "If you tell your mother about it, I'll buy you an extra room come tomorrow." He smiled and opened his newspaper to the sports pages.

So Megan visited her dog, who was lying on the couch like he owned it, and she said to him, "You are my best friend. What will you do about the little people dancing on the roof?"

He looked like a little person might look only bigger, "Nanny," she said, "for that was her grandmother's name, not mine. There are little people tippy-tapping on my roof and I can't sleep or make pictures of rainbows for the noise."

In age of greed, there are no sportsmen

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

I hate the title phrase "the bottom line," but if I'm going to write about sports this week, it's as good a phrase as any. Today, it's the bottom line that makes sports what it is. The phrase means "What's in it for me?"

I don't know what sports writers on daily newspapers would write about if they city editors did not include stories about salary contracts, signing bonuses and free fees of color. Side per game. For weeks we were lured on the edge of our seats wondering what was going to happen to Wayne Gretzky, the hockey star. Would he stay with the Los Angeles Kings or would he be traded to the New York Rangers? We don't have to worry anymore. Gretzky is going to the St. Louis Blues. Why? That's a dumb question. It's money. The Blues had the biggest checkbook and Wayne was impressed.

Then we had the heart-pounding question of whether Neil O'Donnell would remain with the Pittsburgh Steelers or join the Jets football squad. Again, it all boiled down to who would pay more for O'Donnell. That was the Jets.

The word "sports" is a misnomer because most of those involved in "sports" are in it for the money, from the lowest rookie to the team's owner, and the league agents who seem to have taken over certain sports to the

LaRossa should be GOP choice for Senate

A column by Joe Orlando was recently published in this newspaper which accused Rep. Richard Zimmer, R-12, a candidate for United States Senate of not being "conservative" and betraying those voters who sent him to Washington.

I could not agree more. Zimmer has been more of a Democrat than a Republican in recent years, and probably would not be a formidable opponent for likely Democrat nominee Rep. Robert Torricelli.

Mr. Orlando feels that Passaic County Freeholder Richard Duffaine is the better choice. I disagree. State Senator Richard LaRossa, R-15, is a true Republican who has a grasp of the issues facing New Jersey residents.

Mr. Duffaine is an anti-choice zealot. Prohibiting abortion is the only issue he has displayed a keen interest in. Richard LaRossa has pledged to work to restrict a woman's freedom of choice.

Sen. Dick LaRossa is the first Republican to represent our state capital's Legislative District in a generation. Dick LaRossa was not elected and then returned to office two years later because he attempted to pretend to be a Democrat. LaRossa was chosen by the voters because of his unique grasp of the issues and problems which face Garden State residents.

Dick LaRossa serves on the Senate Budget Committee and has:

- Provided the necessary vote to override former Gov. Jim Florio's veto of the fiscal year 1993 budget.
- Co-sponsored the reduction of Florio's sales tax from 7 percent to 6 percent.
- Co-sponsored legislation to discontinue the corporation business tax surtax.
- Co-sponsored the repeal of the

"I know just what to do," said Nanny. "I'll meet you outside your house tonight at 10 o'clock, but tell your mother and father that we're counting the stars in the sky."

That night Megan and Nanny stood outside the house, and indeed, there were little people dancing on the roof. There were little men and little women, and little musicians playing little fiddles and little drums, and even little dogs and little cats, and they were all dancing around and around in a circle. They were having a grand time, and the moon was shining so brightly that you couldn't see the stars.

"If you want to count them, they are," said Nanny. "If you little people up there."

One of the little people, a tiny lady, peeked over the edge of the roof and said, "Oh, it's you again. Well, what do you want?"

Nanny put her hands on her hips and asked, "Why don't you dance somewhere else instead of bothering my granddaughter with your stentations?"

"Well, we have to dance on the roof," replied the little person. "Our favorite tree was here, but they came and cut it down to build this house, and now we have no other place to dance. So there!"

Now Megan is all grown up, and each St. Patrick's Day she and her old dog visit a big tree next to the house where she lived as a young girl, and they watch little people dancing tippy-tappy high in the branches. It happens to be walking by there myself last March 17, it was quite a sight.

Bob Rixon is a resident of Rahway and a weekly columnist for this publication.

As I See It

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Last week, A.C. Green, of the Phoenix Suns basketball team, lost two teeth when J.R. Reid of the Knicks delivered a vicious blow to the Sun player's mouth. The incident has resulted in a two-day suspension without pay, and a hefty fine for Reid, who, I think, got off easy.

Since Green is no longer a little boy, the lost teeth will not grow back. I wonder if Reid is forgiving.

Baseball has become increasingly physical, as has professional football. Many times during a game, in front of the television cameras, one player goes in for an extra whammy to the opponent by kicking his head, pushing him or hitting him harder than necessary.

We don't understand how sports has evolved into this thuggery and anarchy. At one time, to be called a "sportsman" was a compliment. They played by the rules, didn't do anything that would bring disgrace upon the game or injure the opponent on purpose.

How often do you read or hear that a star athlete is picked up for assault, rape, drunken driving, etc., enters a plea bargain and gets off with a slap on the wrist, if that? Some of these "top-notch" athletes seem to think

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No name calling

To the Editor:

I have read both Mayor Ellenport's and Mr. Nevargie's letters to the editor. I saw no name calling. If Ellenport can liken himself to Thomas Jefferson, why can't Nevargie refer to Ellenport as Karl Marx? If he had referred to him as Albe Lincoln, not a word would have been said, but that is not how he saw it, and that is called freedom of speech, not name-calling.

As for different papers printing the article different ways, if one did not have a problem, why should the others? Maybe Nevargie sent them out that way to reach all the people. That's diversity, and that's what we need in this town, not read all the people. That's diversity, and that's what we need in this town, not read all the people. That's diversity, and that's what we need in this town, not read all the people.

According to Skobo, we are not informed or smart enough to make a decision. In other words, there should never be a referendum, because to Skobo, we are little children. They were having a grand time, and the moon was shining so brightly that you couldn't see the stars.

Regarding your politics, and shaming the town, nothing shamed the town more than 1,000 signatures obtained and another 300-plus, who would not sign because of a legal loophole. I would say the recall was quite a feat, and a success. That, Mayor Ellenport, is a shame and an embarrassment to the town, not less. That, Mayor Ellenport, is a shame and an embarrassment to the town, not less.

We are suppressed at council meetings, while your council cohorts are allowed to break all the rules. I would like to know how you call that serving your neighbors and friends, or maybe that's all you serve.

Large all-coverspeople to attend council meetings and they will see and condemn the sickening behavior of our Democrat representatives, not Mr. Nevargie who had the courage to speak out for all the people of Clark.

You're right, Mayor Ellenport, you should never have responded to Mr. Nevargie's letter, at least until you were ready to put the townpeople's interests ahead of your own.

Marie McMahon
Clark

Don't miss Science and Math Night

To the Editor:

Our family had the pleasure of attending Science and Math Family Night at the Rahway Intermediate School on Feb. 29.

This most unique and fun event was sponsored by the Merck Institute for Science Education and the Middle Grades Project. All those who missed this event should be sure not to make the same mistake next year, when we had an opportunity to experience the Starlab, where we could see the night sky and learn about the constellations. Our family moved as a group to several different science and math experiences. The folks at Merck and the RIS teachers certainly know how to make learning fun. Our thanks to Merck and to RIS for a most enjoyable experience.

Gary, Eleanor, Greg
and Erica Campbell
Rahway

Peace process is killing process

To the Editor:

On Feb. 25, terrorists again attacked buses in Jerusalem and in Ashkelon, killing 28 and injuring many innocent people including two Americans. Six days later they attacked another bus in Jerusalem and killed 19 people. Yasser Arafat, in his speeches in Arabic, constantly incites his people to "violence for a 'Jihad' holy war against Israel."

Arafat called the Hamas murderer Ayatollah, also known as "the engineer." We cannot trust Arafat; he never kept his promises and he never will. Mr. Arafat is not interested in peace with Israel. His goal is to destroy Israel and make the life of Jews unbearable as they are already doing in Gaza, Jericho and Hebron.

These places have become safe havens for terrorists and criminals. These places have become safe havens for terrorists and criminals. These places have become safe havens for terrorists and criminals.

That's not a peace process; it is a killing process. Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres is a dreamer; he wants to build hotels on the Golan, instead of Israeli military observatories. He asked Germany to guarantee Israel's security. He asked Germany to guarantee Israel's security. He asked Germany to guarantee Israel's security.

Except for a few professional players, most of them today are greedy phonies and exhibitionists. Too bad.

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Historic houses and sites plentiful in county

The Way It Was

By William Frolich

order to sell some of the produce grown in the nearby fields of the farm. Until its acquisition by the Hillside Historical Society a few years ago, it had been owned by local descendants of the Woodruff family since it was built. In order to properly demonstrate to visitors and school classes the way of farm-life in the 1800s, a large barn was reconstructed on the land, using massive timbers and the mortise-and-tenon wooden-pegged joints typical of early building methods.

The store, which had been closed for many years and taken into disrepair, was restored to its original condition and re-opened as a museum, with its shelves stocked with most of the items sold in a general store of the 1920s.

In nearby Clark Township there is the Dr. William Robinson Plantation, whose small house, built in 1800, contains the restored office of one of the few medical doctors who lived in this area at that time.

In Roselle the Joust Mansion, part of which was built before the American Revolution as the home of Cavalier Joust, still stands on East Second Avenue. When the Village of Roselle was laid out, this house was found to be in the middle of the street, and later had to be moved back a short distance.

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About a block away from this historic church is the Cannonball House, so-called because of a cannon ball which struck it during the battle and was embedded in its western wall.

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OBITUARIES

John Penczak

John Penczak, 76, of Linden died March 5 in his home. Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Penczak lived in Linden for 35 years. He was a maintenance worker for the city of Linden for 19 years before retiring in 1994. Mr. Penczak served as an usher in St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church and was a member of the Catholic Golden Age Club, both of Linden. Surviving are his wife, Caroline, two sons, Gregory and Kenneth; a daughter, Lorraine Policastro; a brother, Joseph; three sisters, Mary Nalasky, Joanna Czarzak and Viola Cutter, and six grandchildren.

Edward Sanders Jr.

Edward L. Sanders Jr., 61, of Linden died March 4 in his home. Born in Plainfield, Mr. Sanders lived in Westfield before moving to Linden five years ago. He was an exterminator with Western Termite and Pest Control, Mountaintop, for the past 21 years. Mr. Sanders was a Navy veteran of the Korean War. Surviving are his wife, Margaret; a son, Jay Polisser; two daughters, Barbara Polisser and Katherine Sanders; a brother, Jack Peterman; a sister, Peg Clarke, and two grandchildren.

Angelina Gerardi

Angelina Gerardi, 87, of Linden died March 5 in Delaire Nursing Center, Linden. Mrs. Gerardi was an inspector for 25 years with Nanes Finishing, Newark, before retiring in 1982. Surviving are two daughters, Lena Wagner and Gardina Misernando; eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Hazel Timberlake

Hazel Timberlake, 85, of Pitman, formerly of Linden, died March 6 in Pitman Manor. Born in Trenton, Mrs. Timberlake lived in Linden before moving to Pitman 10 years ago. She was a life member of the United Methodist Women and a member of the administrative board and various committees, all of the United Methodist Church, Linden, where she also taught Sunday School and sang in the church choir. Mrs. Timberlake was a member of the Union County PTA, the Union County Extension Service and the League of Women Voters. She was a charter member of the Linden Adult Education Committee and served as its secretary for several years. Surviving are two sons, Robert D. and John R., and four grandchildren.

Katherine C. Fischer

Katherine C. Fischer, 94, of Linden died March 5 in the Ashbrook Convalescent Center, Scotch Plains.

Born in Jersey City, Mrs. Fischer lived in Linden for 41 years. She was an assembler with Western Electric Co., Kearny, for 23 years before retiring in 1966. Mrs. Fischer was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America. Surviving are two daughters, Lois Reing and June Oswald; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Ann B. Olesinski

Ann B. Olesinski, 78, of Linden died March 7 in Rahway Hospital. Born in Philadelphia, Mrs. Olesinski lived in Sayreville before moving to Linden in 1952. She was an assembler for 20 years with Airtone in Morris Plains before retiring in 1970. Surviving are two daughters, Carol Smith Hoefling and Nancy Klesar; three sisters, Stella Kapica, Pauline Dusko and Mary Trujowski; and six grandchildren.

Joseph Kamienski

Joseph A. Kamienski, 79, of Linden died March 6 in the Bentley Manor, Jackson. Mr. Kamienski was born in Newark. He was a custodian for the Linden Board of Education at Schools 2, 4 and 8 for 35 years before retiring in 1978. Mr. Kamienski was a member of the Linden Thursday Morning Senior Citizens and the Wednesday Night Social Bowling League of Linden. Surviving are two daughters, Doris Shaloub and Carol Jo Pucylowski; a brother, Stanley, and three grandchildren.

Leo Finkelstein

Leo Finkelstein, 87, of Coconut Creek, Fla., formerly of Linden, died March 7 in Northwest Medical Center, Margate, Fla. Born in the Bronx, Mr. Finkelstein lived in Linden and in Columbia, Md., before moving to Florida in 1979. He was vice president of Panty Pride in Linden, where he was employed for many years. Mr. Finkelstein retired in 1974. He was a member of the City of the Club of Congregation Anshe Chesed, Linden. Surviving are his wife, Mary; a daughter, Missy Zane; two sons, Bert and Elliot; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Cecilia Baumann

Cecilia Baumann, 86, of Linden died March 8 in her home. Born in Park, Kan., Mrs. Baumann moved to Linden 75 years ago. She was a machine operator for Hammer Manufacturing Co., Linden, for several years before retiring 21 years ago. Mrs. Baumann was a member of the Linden Senior Citizens. Surviving are a son, William Jr.; two brothers, George and Stephen; a daughter, Dorothy Wojewodzki; two sisters, Rose Gieske, Anna Jackowski and Julia Puzg.

Christine Butt

Christine Butt, 92, of Gilbert, Pa., formerly of Linden, died March 6 in the Brookmont Health Care Center, Effort, Pa. Born in Czechoslovakia, Mrs. Butt lived in Linden for 45 years before moving to Pennsylvania nine months ago. Surviving are a daughter, June Gorny Kemahan; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Horace A. Singer

Horace A. Singer, 78, of Robbinsville, formerly of Linden, died March 9 in the Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia. Born in the Bronx, Mr. Singer lived in Linden before moving to Robbinsville seven years ago. He was the owner of Singer and Singer Accountants and Auditors of Linden for 50 years. Mr. Singer was a member of the New Jersey Society of Public Accountants, Morristown. He served in the Navy with the Sea Bees during World War II in the Pacific Theater. Mr. Singer was a member of the Cornerstone Tynan Lodge 229 F.A.M., Linden, and the Confraternity De La Chaine Des Rotisseurs, Philadelphia Chapter. Surviving are his wife, Doris A., and two sons.

Felton Arline

Felton Arline, 77, of Linden died March 7 in Rahway Hospital. Born in Wrightsville, Ga., Mr. Arline lived in Linden for 35 years. He was a truck driver for the city of Linden for 18 years and retired in 1986. Mr. Arline was a member of the "Peaches of Georgia Club" of the Heard AME Church, Roselle. He served in the Army during World War II in the Middle Eastern Theater of Operations, Northern France, Normandy and Hawaii and received two victory medals, the American Service Medal and the Middle Eastern Service Medal with two bronze stars. Surviving are his wife, Bernice; a son, Raymond; a sister, Annie Gaines; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Loretta C. Kuenze

Loretta C. Kuenze, 76, of Rahway, formerly of Clark, died March 5 in the home of her son, John, in Iselin. Born in Susquehanna, Pa., Mrs. Kuenze lived in Clark before moving to Rahway in 1986. Also surviving are four sons, Robert E. Jr., Thomas, Gerard and Dennis; three daughters, Evelyn Pineda, Carol Kennedy and Patricia; a brother, Jerome Hurley; 13 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Margaret Crelin

Margaret Crelin, 98, of Clark died March 6 in Elizabeth General Medical Center, Elizabeth. Born in Newark, Mrs. Crelin moved to Clark 20 years ago. She was a member of the Clark Senior Citizens.

Surviving are a daughter, Evelyn Procke; a sister, Anna Recher; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Rose Hreha

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Harry Barna

Harry Barna, 86, of Roselle died March 6 in his home. Born in Austria, Mr. Barna lived in Jersey City before moving to Roselle in 1976. He was the owner of Harry's Tavern, Jersey City, for 24 years before retiring in 1976. Surviving are his wife, Mary; a son, John; two daughters, Anne Vey and Olga Richmond, and five grandchildren.

Ella Voigt

Ella Voigt, 95, of Roselle died March 8 in Elizabeth General Medical Center West, Elizabeth. Born in Germany, Mrs. Voigt lived in Roselle since 1925.

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Charles Kurutz

Charles Kurutz, 75, of Whiting, formerly of Rahway, died March 2 in his home.

Born in Rahway, Mr. Kurutz lived in Whiting for 10 years. He was an executive chauffeur for Merck and Co., Rahway, for 48 years and retired in 1989. Surviving are his wife, Yolanda; eight children, two brothers, four sisters, 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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Suliga appointed to coastal trust

Assembly Speaker Jack Collins today appointed Assemblyman Joseph Suliga, D-Union, to the Clean Ocean and Shore Trust, the statutory commission between the states of New Jersey and New York charged with examining bi-state marine resource issues. Suliga joins the 18-member bi-state COAST commission, which has nine representatives from each state.

The commission has targeted port dredging, shore protection and harbor pollution for action. Suliga said, "I am delighted to serve. The importance of this commission as a means to solve the dredging problem can't be overstated."

"The port region directly effects 166,000 jobs, nearly \$20 billion in sales, \$6 billion in wages, and half a billion dollars in income and sales taxes," Suliga said. "In terms of jobs, the regional economy, and contribution to the local tax base, the port has a greater effect on my district than any other immediate issue, and I look forward to attacking the dredging problem with COAST."

COAST, created by legislation passed in both states, has the board mandate to provide for the maximum enhancement, enjoyment, and conservation of bi-state marine resources. It derives its significance from the executive, legislative, and scientific character of its membership across the state boundaries, setting a regional level of dialogue for marine resource issues.

"There's no yellow stripe down the middle of the harbor along the state boundary," said Suliga. "New Jersey is affected many ways by New York state, like the floating garbage escaping from the Fresh Kills Landfill. We need to work as a region on problems like combined sewer overflows, non-point sources of pollution and of course dredging."

COAST was created to address such issues within the Hudson-Raritan estuary and the New York-New Jersey Bight from Montauk Point, N.Y. to Cape May Point. In effect, all areas reached by salt water up river within these bounds, out to the continental shelf, as well as areas related to coastal tourism issues.

Residents urged to call about potholes

Sen. Raymond Lesniak and Assemblymen Neil Cohen and Joseph Suliga, D-Union, today urged all drivers with complaints of potholes that are in need of repair to call (800) POTHOLE. The New Jersey Department of Transportation will fund a \$25 million program for pothole repair and prevention on state, county and local roads.

Lesniak said, "The state Department of Transportation recently established a special toll-free hotline for citizens to report pothole problems inundating state roadways. In addition, the DOT will spend a total of \$25 million on pothole repair — \$15 million for state roads and \$10 million in grants to towns and counties for the repair of local streets."

Legislative office offers summer work to residents

In an effort to provide increased job opportunities for area youth, 20th Legislative District representatives Sen. Raymond Lesniak and Assemblymen Neil M. Cohen and Joseph Suliga announced employment opportunities through a state-run summer jobs program.

Lesniak said, "I am pleased to announce the State of New Jersey has once again taken an active role in

employing our youth. Thousands of young men and women will have the opportunity to earn an income while gaining valuable job experience."

There are five categories of jobs available: seasonal park service, office/clerical, professional assistance, maintenance and inspection and outdoor recreation. Cohen said, "The deadline for seasonal park service jobs is March 29 while applications for all other job categories will be accepted until May 1," Suliga said. "I urge local youth to take advantage

of this opportunity as soon as possible."

Applications for the Governor's Summer Employment program may be obtained at Lesniak's, Cohen's and Suliga's District Office, located at 315 Elmora Ave., in Elizabeth.

Your abilities can earn extra income. Advertise them with a classified ad by calling 1-800-564-8911.

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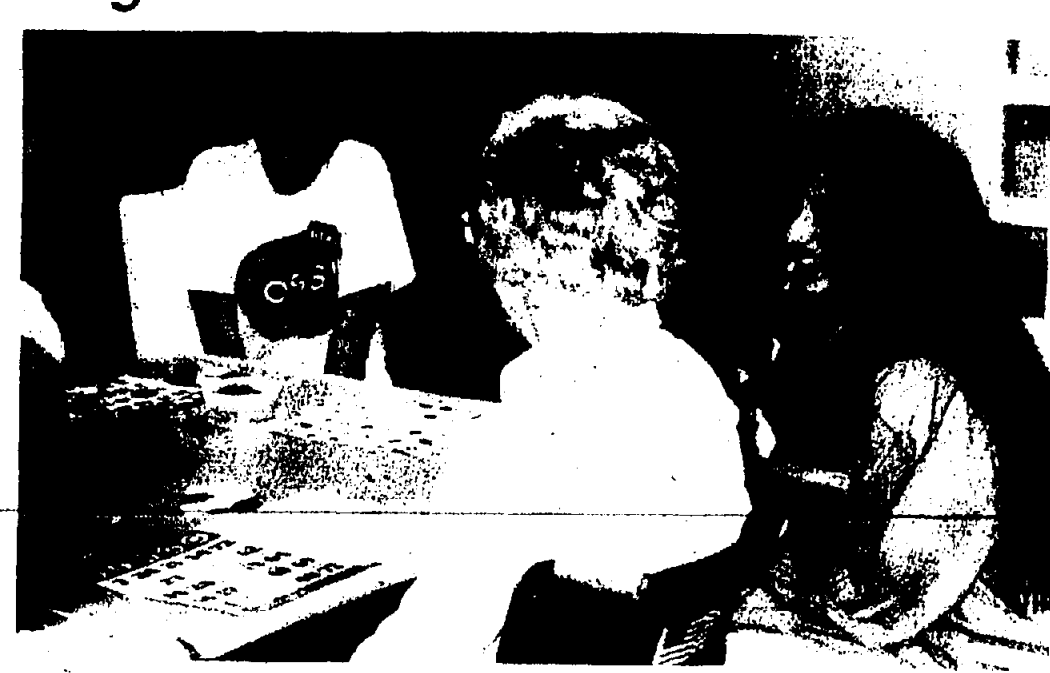
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Bingo!



Key Club members from Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, recently visited the Meridian Nursing Home as a community service. Pictured from left are Key Clubbers Josefa Silva, Florella Pavan and Martha Marques playing bingo with the residents while they snacked on cookies provided by the students.

UCC offers investment seminars

An eight-session series of seminars on financial planning, designed to give taxpayers an idea of how to invest, will be offered during the spring semester at Union County College's Cranford campus.

The non-credit seminars may be taken collectively or on an individual basis, depending upon interest. All seminars will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. on designated days.

"Financial Planning for the Retired" will help participants to review their investment goals and decisions, exploring pre-retirement planning and alternative retirement. It will be held April 1.

"Tax-Free and Tax-Advantaged Investments" will help participants discover many ways of minimizing taxes and obtaining the most of after-tax returns. It will be held April 10.

"Making Money for Your" will offer instruction on how to reduce the amount of tax participants pay. They will learn to identify and manage win-

Group to provide emotional support

Rahway Hospital Hospice is planning its Fall Bereavement Group to provide emotional support to those who have lost a spouse within the last year. The group will meet for seven consecutive Thursdays between 1:30 and 3 p.m. beginning today at Rahway Hospital.

Facing life after the loss of a loved one can be an overwhelming and difficult experience. Often men and women who have lost a spouse find solace sharing their thoughts and feelings with others who are going through the same ordeal. Learning to cope together can greatly aid the healing process and give a grieving spouse the foundation they need to go on with their life.

There is no fee for attending, but pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call Rahway Hospital Hospice.

Rahway Hospital Hospice is also accepting volunteers for its next volunteer training program. The training

ADA offers free diabetes screening

According to the American Diabetes Association, more than 500,000 New Jerseyans have diabetes, yet about half of these individuals are not aware they have the condition. Diabetes prevents the body from properly converting blood sugar to energy and is the leading cause of adult blindness and kidney failure in America. Identifying and treating the symptoms early is important.

In conjunction with the ADA's National Diabetes Alert Day, Jolita Center for Diabetes at Saint Barnabas — an affiliate of the world-renowned Jolita program in Boston — is offering free diabetes screenings by appointment at Multi-Care Health Center, located at 100 Commerce Place in Clark on March 27, from 9 a.m. to noon and 3-6 p.m. There is no fee for the screening, but an appointment is required. The screening is designed to identify persons who may be at risk for developing diabetes and would not benefit from those who have already been diagnosed. Anyone taking prescription medicine can continue to do so before coming to the screening. Those whose blood glucose results are above normal or to make an appointment, call 499-0606.

Jolita Center for Diabetes at Saint Barnabas is a comprehensive facility for diabetes care, education, support and research for adults and children, including a complete on-site Youth Division and Foot Care Program. Jolita at Saint Barnabas is also available at three new divisions in Toms River, Lakewood and Princeton. For more information, call (201) 325-6555.

COUNTY NEWS

'I Can Cope'

The American Cancer Society, in cooperation with Kean College of New Jersey Department of Nursing, are co-sponsoring an "I Can Cope" support group.

The group is an educationally oriented, support group series which provides individuals with ample opportunity for questions, discussion and sharing relating specifically to cancer.

The group is open to any individual, family member or friend coping with a cancer diagnosis. It will meet each Tuesday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. beginning March 19 and ending April 23. The group will be located at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield.

For more information, call the Union County Unit of the American Cancer Society at (908) 543-7373.

Flower power

From March 18-22, the Union County Unit of the American Cancer Society will celebrate spring with the biggest and brightest event — Daffodil Days.

Thousands of fresh-cut and potted flowers will blanket the county as a demonstration that there is hope in the fight against cancer. Daffodils are not only the first flower of spring, but a symbol of hope that cancer can and will be cured. Five dollars will buy 10 cut flowers, or donate \$7 and receive a pot of four mini-daffodils.

There are many other ways to get involved with the Daffodil Day Festival. Buy, sell, publicize or help deliver the flowers. For more information about Daffodil Days, or to place an order, call the Union County Unit, 354-7173.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives from cancer and eliminating suffering from cancer through research, education, and patient services.

'Miss Daffodil' contest

The American Cancer Society, Union County Unit, celebrates spring

SPORTS

Super 15 Girls' Basketball Team

Watson, Tate, Thomas, Sexton, Veronneau, Gramby, Banic selected

By J.R. Piracini and Michael Ziegler

In the early 1990s it was Linden Smith, an excellent floor leader, scored her 1,000th point in Elizabeth's UCT semifinal victory over Scotch Plains. She made the Union County Coaches' Top 15 Team for a third consecutive season.

JEN MARTEL, Rahway: This senior guard can be described as the playmaker. The offense starts with her and when the passing game is on, the Indians usually rack up a lot of points. Her on-court leadership was a driving force behind Rahway's success this season.

And, although Rahway head coach John Zwickel has pushed her to play better defense, Martel was always around the ball and put pressure on the opposition's ball-handlers in the open court.

OMEGA GREEN, Elizabeth: A hard worker whose aggressive style allows her to grab as many rebounds as anyone. She is a team player. If not more, then someone much taller. Elizabeth head coach Bob Fiesone called her, "the heart and soul of our team."

The senior forward made the county coaches' Top 15 Team for a second consecutive season and will represent Elizabeth in this year's North-South All-Star Game.

SHERRYIA FREEMAN, Hillsdale: This talented junior point guard might be the most undervalued player in North Jersey. Freeman scored 606 points in 20 of Hillsdale's 21 games this year (29.3 average), not counting what she scored in a UCT loss to Scotch Plains.

Freeman, who like Smith made the county coaches' Top 15 Team for a third straight year, will enter her senior season at Hillsdale with more than 1,400 points.

Freeman scored over 40 points four times, including a season-high 47-point effort in Hillsdale's first win over Roselle Catholic. She's on pace to score 2,000 points for the Comets.

LATICE GRAMBY, Rahway: The rangy senior forward was the foundation of Rahway's inside game and one of the reasons the Indians reached the UCT final and obtained a No. 1 seed in the state tournament (North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3) for the first time in school history.

CHYVONNE THOMAS, Roselle: The tallest player for the Minutemen at 5-10, this versatile junior center can hit the outside shot, drive to the basket and use her height to be an effective rebounder. She made the county coaches' Top 15 Team for the first time.

KIJUANA TATE, Linden: The Tigers' leading scorer and rebounder, the 5-10 senior forward was a force inside all season long. Tate averaged 17 points, 11 rebounds and two blocks.

Against seventh-seeded Plainfield in the first round of the UCT, Tate poured in a season-high 30 points to help the 10-seeded Tigers win on the road.

"As Kijuan, went, so did we," Linden head coach Steve Yesinko said. "She was our go-to girl inside and although teams double-teamed her most of the time, she was still able to be effective."

TRECILLA WATSON, Union: This three-year starter paced the Farmers in scoring again, this year averaging 15.3 points. The junior point guard scored 306 points, grabbed 89 rebounds and 51 steals, 35 assists and

named MVP of the Group 4 championship game for her 15-point performance in a 53-38 win over Toms River North.

Now the tide has turned to Elizabeth.

The Minutemen won their first Group 4 state championship last weekend and will be making their first Tournament of Champions appearance tomorrow night.

The top players from the area are honored today for their efforts on our 1995-96 Super 15 Girls' Basketball Team.

Elizabeth will enter tomorrow's TOC contest with a 26-2 record and 14-game winning streak. The Minutemen also won the Watchung Conference American Division and Union County Tournament titles for a second consecutive season.

Networking will begin at 6 p.m. at the New Jersey Association of School Superintendents' annual dinner-meeting March 21 at the Spring Tavern Restaurant on Route 22 East in Mountaintop.

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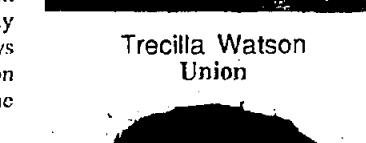
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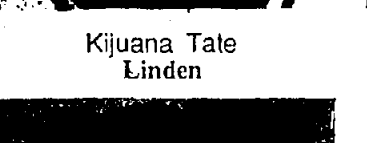
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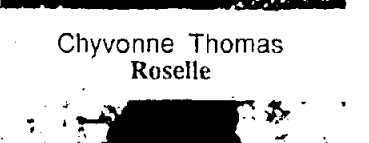
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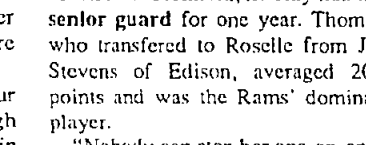
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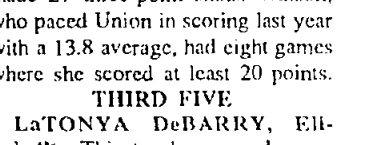
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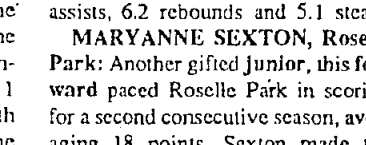
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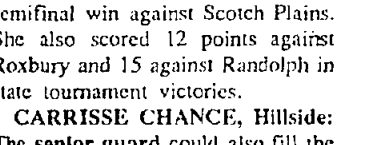
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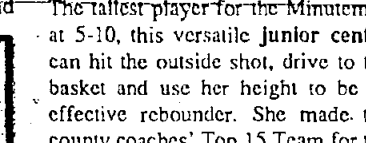
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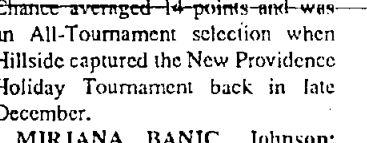
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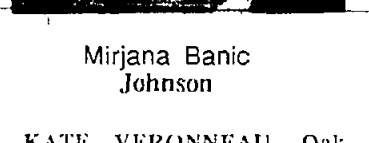
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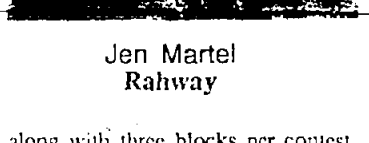
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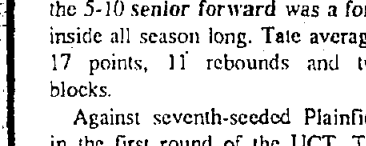
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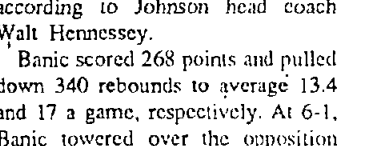
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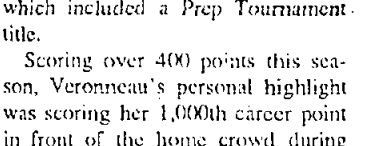
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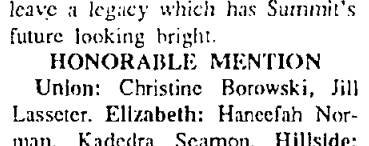
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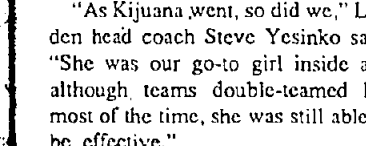
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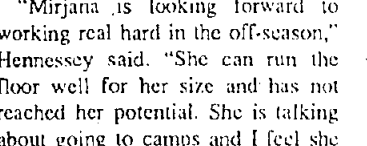
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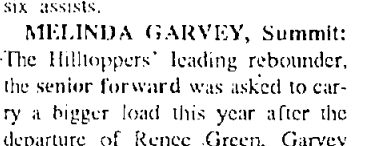
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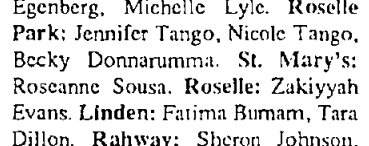
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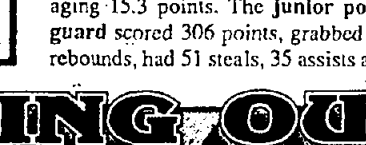
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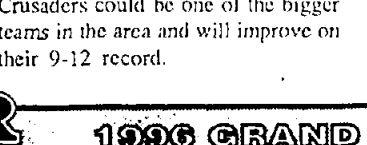
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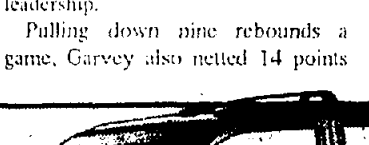
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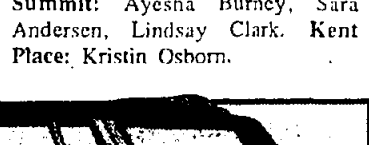
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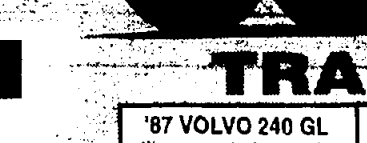
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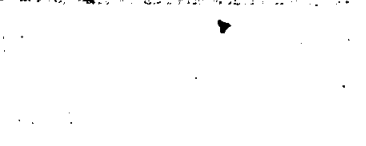
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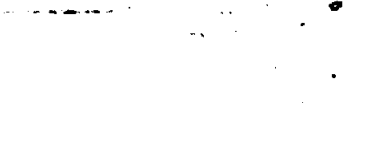
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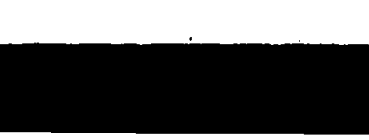
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From The Editor's Notebook
By Tom Canavan
Editor in Chief

A friend of mine recently questioned my driving habits after I told him I went through a red light simply because I was sick of always seeing the same light every time I approached the intersection.

An officer in a patrol car, who was about to make a left turn into the same intersection when the light turned red, watched me violate Motor Vehicle law. He quickly turned his vehicle around and stopped me a few hundred yards later.

"Do you know why I stopped you?" was his question. "Yes, I went through the light," I said, with no remorse, as I removed my wallet from a rear pocket.

The officer watched and, after I presented my license, registration and insurance card, asked me for the PBA card I inconspicuously display the minute I open the bifold. "Who's this?" he asked, looking at the signature on the back of the card. "A cousin," I said.

I won't say which town I was driving in because I don't want to leave the impression that if you drive in this town and have a PBA card, you will be let go with a warning, which is what I received: "Yellow means slow down. Red means stop," he said, referring to the colors in the traffic light.

I began thinking about my driving habits and how, lately, I've developed a zero tolerance for stupidity when it comes to the road.

Take the entrance to the Garden State Parkway South from Route 280 East. After you go through the toll, five lanes of traffic must merge into three lanes to get on the Parkway. Watch this at 4 p.m. any day of the week, and you'll understand stupidity.

There is always the driver who gives exact change to a toll collector at the Union Toll Plaza. He or she will look at you like you committed one of the worst motor vehicle violations in the book. Make it worse. Give the toll collector a token.

I've always believed that drivers should constantly look in their rearview mirrors. If more than two cars are following you as if they were attached like a train, you should recognize that perhaps you're going a little too slow.

If you want to park your car on the street, use the space. How many times have you seen people pull into a space, leaving the tail end of the car sticking out in the middle of the street, leaving little or no room for vehicles to pass unless they want to veer to the left and risk hitting oncoming traffic?

Double parking is another

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Franks backs immigration limits

Bill would allow political asylum seekers in, but only after being detained

By Chris Gatto
Regional Editor

Rep. Bob Franks, R-7, this week announced his support for a Republican-backed bill designed to put an end to all illegal immigration into the United States.

The Immigration in the National Interest Act, which includes a number of initiatives advanced by Franks, calls for "far-reaching" revisions that would not only clamp down on illegal aliens, but, for the first time in more than 70 years, would reduce the number of legal immigrants entering this country.

While it calls for a modest reduction in the number of immigrants who can legally enter the United States — from 880,000 a year now to 700,000 — the level of immigration will be higher than it has been for 65 of the last 70 years, said Franks during a Monday afternoon press conference at the Union Township Municipal Building.

"This reduction in immigration levels — the first since 1924 — will provide greater opportunity for new immigrants to more fully assimilate into American society," he said. "At the same time, our legislation seeks to close the popular back-door entrance to the United States that is currently being exploited by illegal aliens."

According to Franks, who was accompanied by freeholders from Union and Somerset counties as well as Union Township Committeeman Greg Muller, America's "generosity is being increasingly abused" by those who violate immigration laws by jumping ahead of the 3 million people waiting to come to this country via the legal route. An estimated 400,000 illegal immigrants enter the U.S. annually, according to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Bill's impact

When asked what he believed the result of the bill, which will be considered by Congress during the next two weeks, would be on illegal immigration, Franks said he would settle for nothing short of its end.

"Our goal obviously is to stop every effort by someone not entitled

under the law to be here, so we would have, I would hope, a zero tolerance policy. We're going to do all we can. We have a system of laws. People are breaking the law by coming here illegally. We should deter them from doing so and we should punish them, confine them and then return them to their homeland. So I would favor a zero tolerance policy as it relates to illegal aliens," he said.

One of those initiatives advanced by Franks is a proposal to crack down on bogus political-asylum claims used to gain illegal entry into this country. The bill's sponsor is Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas.

Franks said that in 1980 the "floodgates" were opened when "exchanges" were made in the criteria governing what constitutes political asylum. Calling the majority of those "unjustified," Franks noted that by 1995 political asylum had reached record numbers — almost 150,000 claims were filed.

Franks credited the Clinton administration with enacting some reforms, including the automatic issuance of work authorization papers to political-asylum seekers. Those initiatives "have dramatically reduced" the number of claims, but "they don't go far enough." The majority of those seeking political asylum are released into the general population pending a hearing, said Franks, but when it comes time for them to report for deportation, more than 90 percent "don't show up."

Taxpayers are subsidizing illegal immigrants for such social services as health care and welfare, said Franks, who noted that the bill would deny illegal alien ineligible for all benefits except for welfare benefits. He said that the bill would deny welfare and medical benefits, which the courts have ruled must be provided. Although illegal immigrants are not eligible for welfare benefits, he said they are often found on the welfare rolls because they have secured fraudulent documents. The bill would attempt to address this issue, said Franks.

Of those who come to the U.S. in search of political asylum, Franks said



Rep. Bob Franks speaks about illegal immigration during a press conference Monday at Somerset County Freshholder Fred Howlett, left, Union County Freshholder Chairman Edwin Force, Union Township Committeeman Greg Muller and Union County Freshholder Linda DiGiovanni look on.

Illegals may be swayed by detention

By Chris Gatto
Regional Editor

More detention facilities for illegal immigrants, including the conversion of closed military bases for this purpose, are being called for under the Immigration in the National Interest Act pending before Congress.

Rep. Bob Franks, R-Union, a proponent of the bill, said Monday that the "very limited" amount of detention space afforded the Immigration and Naturalization Service has negatively impacted on efforts to stop illegal immigration.

"The vast majority of asylum-seekers are set free shortly after they arrive in the United States and told to return for a hearing," said Franks. "It is the first step in a lengthy and cumbersome process that provides numerous opportunities for an individual with no legitimate claim to slip away and become part of America's illegal immigration problem."

Of those who come to the U.S. in search of political asylum, Franks said

only about 10 percent to 15 percent are found to be legitimate and are permitted to stay in the U.S. The others are ordered back to their homeland, but more than 90 percent never show when deportation time arrives, and, according to Franks, in "all likelihood are never found."

"The only way to guard against that is to detain them. Now, if someone is legitimately seeking political asylum, which means they have escaped from their homeland because they feared for their life or their property, feared they would be killed or put in jail, then as unfortunates as it might be to spend a week in a detention facility, if the reward will be to be granted political asylum in the United States for the rest of your life, I think that's a trade-off that legitimate asylum-seekers would be willing to take," said Franks.

According to Franks, the Immigration in the National Interest Act will increase the amount of detention

capacity now offered. In Elizabeth, immigrants missed at the Elmer detention facility last year in protest of overcrowded conditions and mistreatment by guards.

The bill would allow closed military facilities to be used for these purposes, said Franks.

The congressman said that when detention space was increased in Los Angeles several years ago a sudden decrease in those attempting to enter the U.S. claiming political asylum was realized. He envisions the same would happen elsewhere.

"In Los Angeles about four years ago," said Franks, "they built new, rather large detention facilities in order to accommodate the extraordinarily high number of people who were arriving from international flights and claiming political asylum. They built two large detention facilities approximately to LAX — Los Angeles International Airport — and the number of people arriving at LAX

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Police don't 'hate' new TV system

Using the latest in modern technology to host a training program on bias incidents and hate crimes, Union County officials on Tuesday hosted its first ever multi-state teleseminar.

White state Sen. Donald T. DiFrancesco, R-Union, delivered a keynote address on the importance of training for government and law enforcement at the John H. Starnes Police Academy in Scotch Plains, other officials were working in the bias unit at the courthouse complex in Elizabeth and at the Plainfield Police Division Headquarters.

Acting Union County Prosecutor Edward M. Neafsey said police chiefs decided to sponsor the seminar to take advantage of the county's new teleconference equipment that allows interaction at up to four different locations.

Neafsey said County Manager Ann Baran would be at the Elizabeth site on the sixth floor of the Administration Building to welcome more than 60 participants during the seminar.

"We're absolutely ecstatic to be

able to use this new setup to disseminate important training information to so many police chiefs, ranks and file officers and officials," Neafsey said. "Sadly, one of our primary missions is rooting out and trying to eradicate evil acts that are motivated by hatred based on race, religion or sexual preference."

DiFrancesco will address not only police chiefs, training officers and detectives who work in the bias unit at the courthouse, but county officials as well.

Cranford Police Chief Harry White, who is liaison to the academy, said the chiefs are interested in the instruction as well as the new technology being used in the training session.

"We totally embrace the concept of shared services with the county," White said. "We're talking about a five-way partnership here, one that includes the chiefs, the prosecutor's office, Union County College and the vo-tech school and municipal and county government."

First Assistant Prosecutor Michael

J. Lapolla, who chairs the county's Human Relations Commission, said the teleconference program saves tremendous amounts of travel, officer payroll and work time and ultimately taxpayers' funding by using multiple sites.

"This is very much needed," he said of the training, citing the recent report indicating an overall increase in bias incidents despite an increase in a few municipalities.

New statutes and upgraded training efforts have allowed police officers throughout the county to track cases of hate crime and prosecute offenders using provisions calling for more serious penalties.

Assistant Prosecutor Robert P. O'Leary said both juveniles and adults have been charged under the "enhancement" provisions of the law. The county's population, he added, reflects huge increases in persons from a variety of South American, Asian and European heritages. "This requires greater vigilance and enforcement," O'Leary said.

Committee OK's bill to eliminate register

The state Senate Community Affairs Committee has released legislation that would eliminate the county's office of register of deeds and mortgages.

The bill's sponsor, state Sen. C. Louis Bassano, R-Union, said that county clerks now have the responsibility of managing deeds and mortgages. "Property taxpayers should no longer have to foot the bill for a county office that is obsolete," said Bassano.

Union and Hudson counties are among four counties in New Jersey that still have a register of deeds.

Essex and Passaic counties are the only remaining counties with the office.

"Union County's register's office costs county taxpayers at least \$350,000 per year to maintain. Eliminating this expenditure is one way of putting a dent in rising prop-

erty taxes," Bassano said.

The bill, released from committee on March 7, would consolidate the powers, functions and duties of the office of register of deeds and mortgages within those of the county clerk.

"The recent state takeover of the county court system has freed county clerks to take on new duties. This consolidation will cost a fraction of what it does to maintain a register of deeds offices," Bassano said.

Under the terms of S-513, those who currently hold office will be permitted to continue until the expiration of their term, or until they vacate office. Officials in Union County, including the county clerk, and both the freeholder board and the county executive in Hudson County have expressed their support for the bill.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Despite pumping iron, one Union resident can still take to the air

By Anthony C. Venuto
Staff Writer

It's easy to tell that fitness expert Bill Grant loves what he does. Whether he's on the tube, riding the airwaves on his radio show, publishing on the Net or delving into his physical workouts, he exudes an honest love for what has become the core of his everyday existence.

This honest charm, his trademark of sorts, can be heard every Saturday at noon on WED 1050 AM on his radio program "Fit for Life."

Last weekend, the Union resident took his program on the road to Columbus, Ohio, at the Arnold Schwarzenegger Bodybuilding Classic, Fitness Expo and Martial Arts Festival. "A three-day physical fitness extravaganza attended by 80,000."

The mega-show encompassed a plethora of fitness-themed events that included competitions for the Mr. International Bodybuilding championship and the Arnold Schwarzenegger Bodybuilding Classic.

Martial arts were highlighted at the show with many experts demonstrating their art and receiving scores just like the vying athletes. There was also a professional tournament as Schwarzenegger handed out the trophies at the end of the show.

On the "expo" part, there were many different vendors in all areas of athletics, fitness and martial arts. Between the vitamin companies, the clothing, importers, medical practitioners and equipment manufacturers, Fitness Expo '96 was the place to be for anyone who's anyone in the world of fitness.

"This is always one of the best shows in the country. It was a great weekend," Grant said. "It was probably one of the best weekends I've ever had as far as bodybuilding was concerned. It kind of re-established who I am in this business."

This year, Schwarzenegger put extreme emphasis on martial arts in the expo. Of late, he's been preaching the benefits and discipline of it, and has really become a hands-on pupil.

"Arnold's daughter is involved in martial arts and in his new movie 'Fury,'" around 40-50 percent of the film involves martial arts which Arnold performs himself," Grant said.

Guests on Grant's show last weekend included James Linn, the former mayor of Columbus and a co-promoter of the event with Schwarzenegger since 1976. Guests included Linda Murray, five-time Mr. Olympia winner, and Lou "The Incredible Hulk" Ferrigno.

This road to mini-glory was fraught with a bevy of inconveniences that even aggravated the usually well-dispositioned Grant.

"We started off missing our flight. So we had to fly to Cincinnati, rent a truck and drive to Columbus. On the drive up, we got a speeding ticket. When we got to the airport, they didn't have our bags. Adding insult to injury, when we finally did get them, our equipment was broken. What's more, our truck was being towed away."

Only a guy with a positive mental attitude like Grant's would "put through" such a day. Still, even after all that, everything came off very, very good," he said.

Grant is excited about the resurgence of martial arts in the expo. "This was the first year it was highlighted and the turn-out was even greater. I'm sure next year will be even better. Arnold's involvement only helps it even more."

Grant's success as a bodybuilder in the earlier part of his life has allowed him to excel in areas of the media so he can inform the public by glowing from his experiences as Mr. America and Mr. World. Grant was also part of the genesis of modern-day bodybuilding back in the '70s, when Schwarzenegger, Grant and the rest of the Venice Beach crew set the pace and tone for what the sport is today as seen in the 1977 documentary "Pumping Iron."

Bill Grant can be found in cyberspace along the vast and winding roads of the information superhighway at a Web site dedicated to martial arts and physical fitness. The address is <http://www.virtualkarate.com>. There, an enthusiast from 8-40 can delve into the inside track to the mind of the martial artist, peruse different products and information, examine schools and organizations, access action video clips, study mental training and download action photos and much more. Check on "physical conditioning" to access Bill Grant and his upcoming events.

Yet another goal for Grant is syndication. His radio show is more listeners can benefit from the information his guests provide. Grant is attempting to syndicate his radio show to more TV shows, also titled "Fit for Life," on Comcast Cable's TV3.

In its infancy is a show for the Far East along the same lines as "Fit for Life" with a martial arts segment.

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Painter's impressions of Ireland on display

In 'Visions of the Emerald Isle,' a Union resident transfers scenes of Dublin and Cork onto canvas



Union resident Kathy Komish displays one of her oil paintings in the 'Visions of the Emerald Isle' exhibit at Seton Hall University's Walsh Library this month. The artist, who says she is mostly self-taught, relied on her memory and photographs of Ireland to transfer her impressions onto canvas.

An exhibit titled "Visions of the Emerald Isle" by Union resident Kathy Komish is on view in the window gallery of Walsh Library at Seton Hall University this month.

The exhibit consists of oil paintings Komish created based on her travels in Ireland and includes landscapes, character studies, and still life works inspired by areas such as Dublin, Blarney, Killarney, and Cork.

Impressed by what she described as the warmth of the people and the lushness of the country-side, Komish worked from photographs and memory to create her personal oil painting impressions of Ireland.

A local university graduate who considers herself to be mostly self-taught, Komish prefers to create the bulk of her formal art training to the wisdom of her artistic parents, especially her mother, an art school graduate who oversees every aspect of the artist's career.

"With 'Amadeus,' the Chatham Community Players are reaching new heights in every aspect of the production," said producer Debby Hennessy. "This is the most involved and intense show the players have ever done."

In the quest to recreate 18th century Vienna, coordinators Tish Lam and Dan McCulloch traveled to federal parlors, catering houses, hotels and antique shops to find Louis XVI chairs and chandeliers. The effort was part of director J. Randall Hagitt's effort to ensure all the elements, from the set to the music, be as authentic as possible.

For its production of "Amadeus," the Chatham Community Players have gathered the Chatham Players with a wide array of talent. Music supervisor Helen Gregory and consultant David Patterson have situated the speakers throughout the playhouse to deliver a fuller sound.

For costumes, Penn State University, the Juillard School, Mul-

'Romeo and Juliet' ballet coming to county center

The American Repertory Ballet returns to the County Center with a production of Prokofiev's "Romeo and Juliet," March 30 at 8 p.m.

Affiliated with the Princeton Ballet School, ARB is the resident dance company of the New Brunswick Cultural Center and Princeton's McCarter Theatre.

For the staging of "Romeo and Juliet," ARB choreographer and artist-

Union resident ascends to the Austrian throne

A Union resident will portray Austrian Emperor Joseph II in the Chatham Community Players' production of "Amadeus" tonight.

Glen Albright has taken the royal role in the story of the rivalry between Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the emperor's court composer Antonio Salieri.

Performances have been scheduled for today, tomorrow and Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$14 for adults and \$10 for students, and are available at the Chatham Playhouse, located at 23 N. Passaic Ave. in Chatham, one block from Route 124. More information, call (201) 635-7363.

lemburg College and a costume shop in Canada supplied clothing. Wig designer Paul Germaino of Millburn, who has worked with the Paper Mill Playhouse, has made more than 20 wigs custom for the production.

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Malamut continues 'New Small Works'

An exhibition of abstract art, "New Small Works," by Jim Fuess of Berkeley Heights continues its run at the Los Alamitos Gallery in the Union Public Library on Morris Avenue in Union through March 28.

Fuess is chairman of the board of directors of the New Art Group at the Los Alamitos Gallery.

The medium Fuess uses is liquid acrylic paint on canvas. The works are controlled, not random or abstract. He divides his work into several categories: "a search for grace and elegance; an attempt to find perfect gesture or form; paintings which involve solid constructive energy," he said. "Personal and psychological paintings from childhood that are an attempt to exercise demons, pure combinations of color because color is inherently beautiful, and paintings that are just plain fun."

He attended Goddard College where he received his bachelor of arts in English and a master's degree in comparative religions. At the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, he worked on his doctorate in comparative literature.

He lived for two years each in New Zealand, Africa and South America, as well as seven years in Italy.

Non-profit group gets funds
The Recreation and Education Program of Community Access recently received funding to run a visual arts program.

The funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

The program will enable individuals with disabilities the opportunity to explore and express their creativity through the visual arts. The project will introduce individuals to the forms and methods of artistic expression. Kean College art students are to be solicited to instruct and assist in all phases of this project.

The art program begins in February. This outreach effort will allow people from the community to learn more about Community Access and work directly with individuals with disabilities. An art exhibition will be held in May at Community Access Awards Night Celebration, with other exhibits to follow.

Community Access is a non-profit agency which offers support services to developmentally disabled teens and adults. Services offered include: recreation, employment, housing, skill training, and counseling.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information about the program should call Tara Romanowski, recreation director at 354-3040.

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County creates folk arts program

The Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs has announced its participation in an opportunity offered by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Advisory Board.

In recognition of the significance and value of traditional folk arts and crafts, the NJSCA has established a Folk Arts Program, which will provide support for both artists and apprentices.

In order to encourage communities to continue passing on their traditional arts, and to provide greater support for the folk artists who perform them for the community, the NJSCA, with the assistance of the National Endowment for the Arts, is offering grants for folk arts apprenticeships.

These grants provide stipends to apprentices so they can pay master folk artists to help them develop skills in traditional folk arts and crafts. The grants range from \$1,000-\$3,000.

"We are extremely pleased to see the continuation of Folk Arts Program

by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts," said Linda-Lee Kelly, member of the Union County Board of Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "This is a wonderful opportunity for the many cultural groups in Union County to further promote and teach the significance and value of their heritage."

Potential apprentices and the master folk artists, with whom they wish to work, apply as a team and complete a form giving information on their backgrounds, their plans to work together, and their art form. They also must provide support materials that show their level of skill.

Apprentices must be full-time residents of New Jersey and at least 15 years old. Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria: excellence of the master, preparation and commitment of the apprentices; shared cultural heritage of the team; traditionality and significance of the art-form within the community; adequacy of the work plan, and the funding request.

The deadline for applications is tomorrow. For information or an application, call the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 538-2550, or call Rita Mooney on the New Jersey State Council on the Arts at (609) 292-6130.

Housing needed for festival's actors, staff

The New Jersey Shakespeare Festival needs temporary housing for actors, stage managers, technicians and other artists working with the festival this summer. NJSF will rent houses, apartments or rooms on a long or short-term basis between April 21 and Sept. 8.

Those with housing available, or who would like additional information, should contact NJSF Managing Director Michael Stots at (201) 408-3278.

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PLACE: Women's Club of Maplewood, 60 Woodland Road, Maplewood, between Ridgeview Road and Maplewood Avenue
TIME: 10am-4pm 45 Quilts Display
PRICE: Free Admission. Bake table, 100% lunch available.
ORGANIZATION: The Women's Club of Maplewood, 201-762-9110

SATURDAY
MARCH 16, 1996 (Snow date March 23)
EVENT: Flea Market
PLACE: Redeemer Lutheran Church at 134 Highland Avenue, Irvington
TIME: 9am-3pm
PRICE: Free Admission. Now and used items. Stalls for rent \$15.00. Call 212-2394 or 753-3281
ORGANIZATION: Redeemer Lutheran Church of Irvington, 201-374-9377

SATURDAY
APRIL 20, 1996
EVENT: Outdoor Flea Market
PLACE: First Presbyterian Church of Roselle, 1000 Roselle Avenue, Roselle
TIME: 9am-3pm
PRICE: Free Admission. Vendors and customers welcome. For more information call 201-241-1600
ORGANIZATION: First Presbyterian Church of Roselle

SATURDAY
MARCH 23, 1996
EVENT: Indoor Flea Market
PLACE: Connecticut Farms Church, 3000 Connecticut Avenue, West Chester, NJ
TIME: 9am-3pm
PRICE: Free Admission
ORGANIZATION: Presbyterian Women of Connecticut Farms Church

RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY, SATURDAY
MARCH 22 AND MARCH 23, 1996
EVENT: Spring Rummage Sale
PLACE: The United Methodist Church in Union, Overlook Terrace at Berwyn Street, Union
TIME: Friday 9am-3pm, Saturday 10am-3pm
PRICE: Free Admission. Clothing, household and personal items. Saturday is Buy Day at \$2.00
ORGANIZATION: The Women of The United Methodist Church

'Letters' production continues local run

The Westfield Community Players' production of A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters" continues tomorrow at 8 p.m. at the group's theater, located at 1000 North Ave. West in Westfield.

Additional shows have been scheduled for Saturday, March 22 and 23 at 8 p.m.

Director Peter Clark has been working with John Redmond and Robbie Goodman in their portrayal of Andrew and Melissa, who first meet in the second grade and begin a life-long correspondence. From teenage years through college, the audience listens to their fears and passions as they read aloud the letters they write.

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For individual tickets, as well as group or benefit sales, call the box office at 232-1223.

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PRICE: Free Admission. Featuring over 50 crafters. Food, beverages and children's craft activities available.
ORGANIZATION: Jefferson School PTO

SATURDAY
MARCH 23, 1996
EVENT: 10th Annual Spring Flea Craft Show
PLACE: Township Presbyterian Church, Salem and Huguenot Avenues, Union
TIME: 9am-3pm
PRICE: Free Admission. Tables available for \$25 for an 8' foot space. Call Carole 964-3817 for information.
ORGANIZATION: Presbyterian Women's Association

ART

SUNDAY
MARCH 17, 1996
EVENT: Easter Art Show and Sale. Demonstrations in the art making of Ukrainian pysanky, ceramics and water colors. Refreshments will be served.
PLACE: Parkside Hotel, Route 10, East Hanover
TIME: 2pm-5pm
PRICE: \$5.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for Children
ORGANIZATION: The Mother's Club of St. John's Ukrainian Catholic School

AUCTION

THURSDAY EVENING
MARCH 28, 1996
EVENT: Annual Spring Fun Auction. Items include: The King of Spades, 397 Columbia Avenue, Hillsdale, NJ
TIME: 6-10 p.m.
PRICE: Admission \$5.00. Call 686-6740 or 686-0722 to arrange for tickets. Food and beverages will be available. There will be prizes and a \$50.00 No one under 18 will be admitted.
ORGANIZATION: Christ the King Home School Association

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Contest drawing



"Game of Chance," an etching by Springfield resident Helen Frank, will be among the works included in the Westfield Hadassah Art Show and Sale next month. The event, which will feature more than 1,000 sculptures, paintings and drawings, will be held at Temple Emanuel in Westfield Sunday from 1-5 p.m., Monday and Tuesday from noon to 5 p.m.; and Wednesday from noon to 5 p.m. The temple is located at 756 East Broad St. For more information, call 233-6531.

Arts Center offers seminar on business aspects of arts

The Watchung Arts Center is offering a seminar on the business aspects of a career in art.

"How to Start to Exhibit Your Art" will cover finding exhibit space, "alternative" spaces, preparing slides and resumes, approaching galleries, etc. There will also be tips on organizing, acquiring publicity and adopting an effective attitude.

Jim Fausst, the center's vice president for visual arts and a professional artist, will present the program. The seminar will run Saturday afternoon, starting at 1 p.m. The fee is \$10, \$8 for members of the center.

Places may be reserved by calling the Watchung Arts Center at 753-0190, leaving a message on the voice mail outside of office hours. The center serves all of central New Jersey from its location on the Watchung Circle, a mile from either Route 22 or Interstate 78.

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Springfield library to host March Teen Arts exhibit

The Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Division of Parks and Recreation, announced the Springfield Free Public Library at 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield will host the Union County Teen Arts Touring Exhibit for the month of March.

The exhibit consists of 23 pieces of art selected from the 500 visual art works shown at the Union County Teen Arts Festival held in March at Union County College.

The exhibiting students are: Barbara Kus, from Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark.

Melinda Siro, from Benedictine Academy and John Paul Congress, from T.C. Reilly Middle School in Elizabeth.

Ching-Ya Hsieh, from Hillside High School.

Monika Stadel, from Linden High School.

Christy Smider, from Deerfield School in Mountainside.

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HEALTH/FITNESS & MEDICINE

Philanthropy seminar planned

If you've always assumed that philanthropy was the domain of the wealthy, think again. An upcoming series of seminars, titled "You Can Be a Philanthropist," will introduce the process involved in making charitable gifts and demonstrate that one need not be wealthy to be a philanthropist.

The one-hour seminar, "First Things First: Why To Give To And What To Give," has been scheduled for Tuesday at Overlook Hospital Medical Arts Center at 33 Overlook Road in Summit.

This introductory seminar will focus on the primary steps of selecting the charities, potential philanthropists wish to support with a planned gift and deciding which assets would be most appropriate for the gift. It will also help answer such basic questions as:

- Why don't more people think of themselves as philanthropists?
- Does the IRS approve of your choices of charities?
- Will your wishes be carried out after the gift is made?
- Who should you contact as the charity for information about making a gift?
- What questions should you ask a charity?

Seminar materials will help participants gain a broad perspective on assets available for charitable gift planning.

Presented by the Overlook Hospital Foundation and David G. Clough of Planned Giving Specialists, Inc. in Brooklyn, N.Y., "You Can Be a Philanthropist" seminars are designed to help participants:

- select the charities they wish to support
- decide which assets will be contributed
- select the gift methods, or strategies, that meet their financial and philanthropic goals
- choose the right time to make the gift
- take positive steps toward implementing their charitable gift plan

Another seminar in the series is scheduled for May 21, The "You Can Be a Philanthropist" seminars are offered free of charge, but reservations are required. For more information, or to make a reservation, write for call the Overlook Hospital Foundation, 35 Upper Overlook Road, P.O. Box 220, Summit, NJ 07907-0220, 522-2840.

Aerosol may change treatment of CF

If a new research project proves successful, cystic fibrosis patients experiencing dangerous flare-ups of lung infection will be able to replace the cumbersome hood-up for nebulizer with an easy-to-use aerosol mist applicator.

Physicians at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey are enrolling CF patients in a study to determine whether administering the antibiotic Tobramycin by inhalation will reduce serious lung infection. The drug, a treatment for this infection, is administered through an intravenous tube for two or three weeks each time the infection flares up. The aerosol procedure being tested takes about 10 minutes twice a day.

UMDNJ is the only site in New Jersey and one of 30 sites nationwide participating in the clinical trial.

To be eligible for the six-month study, CF patients must be at least 6 years old with mild to moderate lung infection caused by the bacterial strain *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. All study-related tests are free.

Participants will take Tobramycin, or a placebo twice a day by aerosol, using a new, more effective nebulizer, a device that produces a fine mist. After the study is completed, participants will receive an additional six months of Tobramycin free of charge. For more information about joining the study, call Carol Miner at (201) 962-4815.

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But if you feel tired all the time, full of aches and pains, irritable, and grumpy, there's tension in your body that needs treatment to bring you welcome relief. A spine out of alignment, tight muscles and nerves in your back and other parts of your body create tension that can cause a lot of physical and mental discomfort.

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Dr. Ballaro is also fluent in Italian and Spanish. For an appointment or more information, contact the office in the "Millburn Mall."

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Doctor advises cold weather workouts

Cold, dark winters may dampen your spirit, but a Union Hospital physician said the thermometer shouldn't talk anyone out of a workout.

According to Michele Gilsenan, attending in Sports Medicine at Union Hospital, exercising in the cold air is physiologically safer than exercising in the heat, plus, doing so burns more calories and fat.

Before venturing into the cold, Gilsenan advised keeping the following items in mind:

- Layer your clothing. Start with an inner layer of polypropylene, then wool, or other breathable fabric. Top that with a middle layer of thicker wool, and finish with an outer jacket that protects from the wind, rain and snow. This should help you stay dry and warm on bitter winter days.

If you overexert yourself, perspiration will freeze and chill you to the bone. And don't forget about socks: Wear a layer of polypropylene underneath a thicker wool sock.

- Avoid frostbite. When dressing, pay attention to vulnerable areas — fingers, toes, ears and nose. Wear gloves or mittens and a facemask to protect the sensitive areas. Cover your head to minimize heat loss.

Warm-up is essential before venturing outside to exercise. Warm, flexible muscles are less prone to injury, and they also work faster if you hit a patch of ice.

- Drink plenty of fluids. Contrary to popular belief, dehydration is a concern during winter as well as the summer. You lose water without realizing it because perspiring in cold weather is not as noticeable as perspiring in hot weather.

If you get frostbitten, protect the frozen area with clothing and get indoors immediately," Gilsenan said. "Soak the affected area in warm water, and get to a physician as soon as possible."

It's a good idea to check extremities for frostbite, lightly rubbing them for warmth while exercising.

If you cannot bear to face the weather, do not despair," Gilsenan said. "There are many options for indoor workouts that will keep you in condition during the hibernation season, or until you can venture outside again."

If there is room in your budget for the membership fees, health clubs offer a variety of indoor fitness opportunities. But if you need a lower cost alternative, here are a few ideas Gilsenan recommended...

- **Mall walking.** Take your outside trails into the malls. Many shopping centers have formal programs for walkers, or you could establish your own route. Union Hospital's Senior Health program also sponsors a mall-walking program throughout the year, for more information, call 964-0444.

• **Stay at home.** Whether snowed in or snowed under, running in place or jumping rope is good exercise. It will not cost anything, and you don't have to bundle up.

If you have any other questions about how to safely and successfully turn your regular exercise program into a safe, healthy program for the cold weather, feel free to contact Gilsenan for more information. She is available during regular office hours: Monday and Thursday, 1-7 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.; and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon and 1-7 p.m. at 815-9872 or 388-7300.

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Dodge, Chrysler and Plymouth minivans set standards

An all-new family of Chrysler, Dodge and Plymouth minivans for worldwide markets was introduced today at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit. They will be sold in North America as the Dodge Caravan and Grand Caravan, Plymouth Voyager and Grand Voyager, and Chrysler Town and Country. In key international markets they will be named Chrysler Voyager and Grand Voyager.

Just as with the current lineup, these new vehicles will combine to make Chrysler the only manufacturer in the world offering a complete range of vehicles, from entry-level high value, all the way up to luxury.

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"With a worldwide customer base of close to five million, it's extremely rare for any manufacturer to introduce a new vehicle type and

remain a best-seller for 11 years running," said Chrysler Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Robert A. Luz. "Now, we are starting the cycle all over again, while others are just beginning to adapt some of the innovations we've established in the market. These all-new Chrysler minivans are representative of our philosophy in developing products for worldwide markets in the latter part of the decade. Quite simply, our goal is to continue to push the barriers and innovate, going beyond just replacing to reinventing."

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