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## City Highlights

### Free tax aid

The American Association of Retired Persons, with the cooperation of the Division of Parks and Recreation, will conduct a free income tax aid program for seniors living on limited incomes.

The program will be on an appointment-only basis, and will be held in the City Hall Emergency Management Room, bottom floor, on Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For an appointment, call the Division of Parks and Recreation at 827-2045.

### Trips available

The American Association of Retired Persons has announced that a number of travel packages are on sale for the fall. The packages include: May 13-17, "South Pacific," and five days and four nights in Cape Cod. For more information and reservations, call Betty Martin at 388-0292.

### Blood pressure

Blood-pressure screenings are held on the first Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Conference Room adjacent to the circulation desk in the public library, 1175 St. Georges Ave. For additional information call 388-0761.

### Impact on education

The Middle Grades Project is a group of parents working with the middle school faculty and administration to affect policy. Accomplishments include the initiation of parent-teacher conferences, the newsletter, the parent handbook and a more informative back-to-school night. Anyone interested in more information may contact Sondra Bailey at 499-0724 or Edward Yergolons at 396-1025.

### Talking recovery

Vitamins and Herbal Supplements in Recovery will be the topic of a class to be given on Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County, Inc., at its office at 300 North Ave. East in Westfield.

Taught by Kenneth Dickinson, director of marketing for the Keystone Center in Chester, Pa., the course is \$45 in advance, or \$50 at the door.

Scholarships are available. For scholarship information or to register, call NCADD of Union County, Inc. at (908) 233-8810.

### Board of appeals

Under the terms of the "Open Public Meetings Act," there will be a special meeting of the Union County Construction Board of Appeals on April 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Union County Administration Building, Second Floor Meeting Room, 300 North Ave. East, Westfield.

The purpose of the meeting is Construction Board of Appeals Hearings.

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These selections appear on a 24-hour voice information service provided by Worrall Community Newspapers. For more selections, see Page B2.

## Candidates' night

### Challengers criticize Board of Education

By Sean Daily  
Staff Writer

The four candidates vying for Board of Education seats discussed school board matters at Candidates' Night April 4.

The event was sponsored by the Rahway Democratic Committee. "It's a traditional community service we render," said Bob Simon, corresponding secretary for the organization. "It gives the candidates a good platform to reach the voters — usually."

About 50 residents, including City Council members, attended the event, which was not so much a debate as a chance for the candidates to make a pitch for themselves.

Featured were Sondra Bailey, Ronald Knox, Michael Staryk and David Stephens. Three of these candidates will be voted into three-year terms Tuesday.

All of the candidates were critical of the Board of Education, particularly its handling of the lawsuit by Superintendent of Schools Anthony Cavanna.

"It's adults arguing over who's bigger, and they're forgetting why they're here," said Knox.

The candidates all praised Cavanna. They said he has brought outside money into the school district and the Reading Recovery program.

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— Ronald Knox

"Wonderful things happened. People started talking about education" when Cavanna was hired, said Bailey. All of the candidates also criticized Board of Education Attorney Lloyd Fitzpatrick.

"I don't think an attorney should get rich representing the Rahway schools," Bailey said.

Knox and Staryk also recommended auditing Fitzpatrick's expenses and, if he had overcharged the Board of Education, making him repay any overcharges before dismissing him.

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## King might get a street after all

By Sean Daily  
Staff Writer

The city may name a street after Martin Luther King Jr.

The City Council introduced an ordinance Monday to change the name of Broad Street, located between Irving Street and Milton Avenue, to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza.

The portion of Broad Street to be renamed runs between the New Jersey Transit tracks and a small park where a bust of King is located. The effort is the work of the Martin Luther King Memorial Committee.

The ordinance was approved with one member abstaining and one disapproving. It will be voted on a second time in May at the council's next regular meeting.

Not all of the council members were happy with the ordinance. Council members estimated that renovations should be complete in about two years.

Councilman Sal Mione said he is for the name change, but will abstain, since a member of the Martin Luther King Memorial Committee, John Robinson, asked the council to postpone a vote on renaming that section.

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## Council again nixes mayor's appointment

By Sean Daily  
Staff Writer

In a battle over government appointments, the City Council postponed a mayoral appointment to the Board of Alcohol Beverage Control, that according to one councilman was due to the mayor's refusal to name a referendum-approved appointee to the Union County Utilities Authority.

The re-nomination of James Crowell to the municipal Alcohol Beverage Control, which was to take place at the governing body's meeting Tuesday, was postponed by the council.

According to Councilman Frank Janusz, this is because Mayor James Kennedy has held up the appointment of Robert Carson to the UCUA.

The appointment of Carson stems from a recent referendum in which Rahway residents voted to put two Vietnam veterans on the UCUA. Carson is a Vietnam War veteran and was chosen by the council. Crowell also is a veteran, though not of the Vietnam War, and his appointment was made by the mayor.

Council members blamed the hold-up of both appointments on Kennedy. "I would urge every veteran to go to the mayor and tell him to stop locking 12 at night to wait for us to finish business" in order to speak, he said.

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## Council reschedules public speaking times

By Sean Daily  
Staff Writer

An ordinance that was killed by a mayoral veto in February is back. A version of an ordinance introduced by Councilman Jerry Coleman, intended to reschedule public hearings for earlier in City Council meetings, was approved in the form of a resolution at the council's meeting Tuesday.

According to Councilman Frank Janusz, the resolution is almost a "mirror copy" of Coleman's. "I've had people speak to me who say they don't want to wait until 11 to 12 at night to wait for us to finish business" in order to speak, he said.

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Wendell Rogers (standing), founder of the Mister Rogers "Say No" Club, spoke to kids Saturday at the Rahway chapter of the club, at the John F. Kennedy Community Center.

## Club teaches kids to say 'no'

By Sean Daily  
Staff Writer

Ask Wendell Rogers his opinion of Magic Johnson, and you may be surprised.

"While he's making a lot of money, he made some bad mistakes," he said of the professional basketball star who contracted HIV. "He doesn't know whether he's going to wake up in the morning."

Now ask him his opinion of Rosa Parks, who was arrested for not sitting in the back of a bus in the south in the 1950s.

"I think her commitment to herself as a black person — because when she did that, she didn't know what was going to happen, she could have disappeared, she could have been

*'You can be war-dan at Rahway state prison. You can be an inmate at Rahway state prison. It's up to you.'*

— Wendell Rogers  
Founder  
'Say No' Club

killed — is what we need as African-Americans," he said.

One could say that's the point behind the Mister Rogers "Say No" Club, established at the John F. Kennedy Community Center.

The club was started in Michigan in 1989 by Rogers, now clinical director of the Essex Substance Abuse Treatment Center and a resident of Edison, N.J.

"Saying no is our biggest problem," Rogers said. "We don't know how to say no."

Rogers should know. He was with the Department of Corrections in Michigan when he started the club. "What I saw, was the kids became younger and younger," he said.

There are now at least 31 chapters of the "Say No" club, 29 in Michigan, one in Philadelphia and the first in New Jersey here in the city.

The club is for "at risk" minority youth. See CLUB, Page 2

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The preschool child with disabilities demonstrates delays in cognition, speech, language, vision, hearing,

motor or a social-emotional area which may inhibit normal educational development. Some of the characteristics that child with disabilities may have are: excessive clumsiness or poor coordination, delayed speech and language, poor responses to sound or visual materials, seems not to understand words, avoid play or is

unable to play, has serious behavior problems. A free Child Study Team screening will be available in the spring to determine if a child may be eligible for this special education program. Anyone who would like to take advantage of this screening may call 388-6200 by May 1.

## Library offers Internet program

The Clark Public Library and the American Computer Group will offer an Internet program. "What is the Internet, and Why should I be interested?" Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Axxis meeting room of the Clark Public Library.

Mary Rosenbloom, a member of the American Computer Group, will be the expert. She will provide an "armchair" tour of the Internet through the use of special equipment which will project the images from her computer monitor onto a movie screen. As part

of the lecture, Rosenbloom will visit increasing Internet sites from around the world and will also demonstrate how to locate information about New Jersey and Clark Township on the World Wide Web.

The program is designed to serve as an introduction for people who may have little or no experience with computers and who are unfamiliar with the Internet but would like to see what all the fuss is about. However, experienced Internet users will also have the opportunity to learn about sites on the World Wide Web with which they may not be familiar. A question and answer period will follow the formal presentation.

The program is free and open to members of the public. Due to the anticipated large turnout, advance registration is recommended and may be done either in person or by calling the library at 388-5999. The Clark Public Library offers all persons equal access and opportunities to participate in its services, programs and activities. If any individual needs special assistance or assistive technology, they may contact Dale Spindler at the library as far in advance of the program as possible if arrangements are to be made.

The library's lower level is accessible by means of a platform lift for individuals who cannot negotiate stairs. Contact the librarian on duty for assistance with the lift.

**Editorial deadlines**  
Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday noon.  
Entertainment - Friday noon.  
Sports - Monday noon.  
Letters to the Editor - Monday 9 a.m. General - Monday 5 p.m.

## A healthy smile



Franklin School Nurse Jane Moran, left, is pictured with Dr. Richard Olin, center, and his assistant Irene Fishco, right, who recently presented a special dental health program to pre-k and kindergarten students at Franklin School in Rahway. The use of certain instruments and techniques used in dentistry was explained to the students, among whom were, from left, John Royster, Adrienne Dzema, Deshaun Leonard, Megan Starnes and Brett Starnesky. The students are pictured holding "Bamey's toothbrush."

## By a landslide



At the annual Key Club elections held at the end of March, Nick Marcanonio became Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School's Key Club president. The sophomore, who was the club's co-secretary last year, went unchallenged in his run for the top leadership slot. The following slate of officers was announced by outgoing President Heather Allen: Jennifer Linken, vice president; Melissa Andrews, secretary; Leigh Anne Ruble, Kwanis Club liaison; Sapna Shah, newsletter editor; Faith Snyder, Publicist; Josella Silva, treasurer.

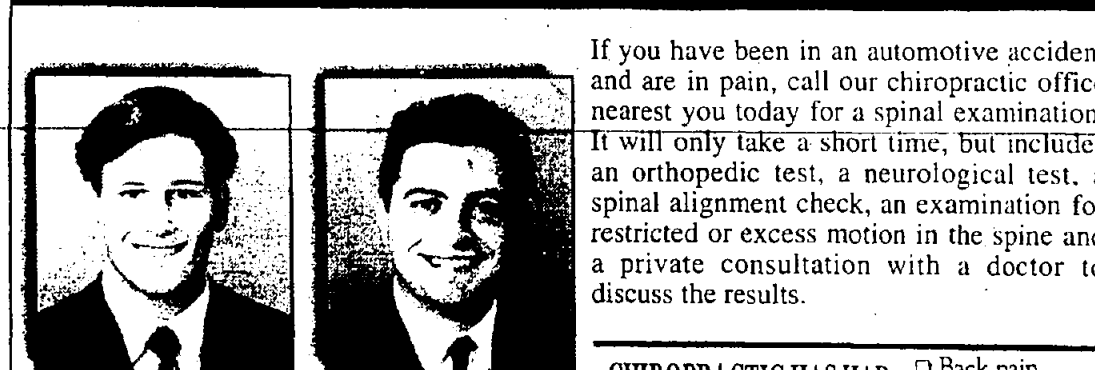
## Foundation announces spring grants

The Rahway Foundation for Excellence in Education has announced four spring 1996 grants to educators in the Rahway public schools. The foundation provides a supplemental source of funding that supports and encourages timely, innovative projects that enrich the educational process for students and teachers in the Rahway public schools.

Grant recipients include: • Maria De Christofano and Donna Villars of the Rahway Intermediate School, \$478 for Animals Alive! Traveling Life Science Center. • Mary Beth Stanton and Mary Christensen of Roosevelt School, \$480 for Science Under Glass. • Joan Miller, Sharon Pace and Christine Baykowski of Roosevelt School, \$462 for Wonders of Weather.

Since its inception in 1993, the foundation has awarded 10 grants. These recent awards, which have funded 67 exciting and innovative projects involving more than 3,000 students.

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Surviving are two sons, Adolph Jr. and Walter; a daughter, Bernice Lwowski; a sister, Bertha Danitzak; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Hugh Sullivan Jr.**

Mrs. Schlein and her late husband, Dr. David Schlein, were the founders of Temple Nekor Chaim in Linden. She also was one of the founders of the National Council of Jewish Women in the 1940s and was the first

Surviving are a daughter, Betsy Smith; two sons, Dr. Bruce Schlein and Dr. Martin Schlein; two brothers, Frederick and Bernard Golub, and five grandchildren.

Born in Pennsylvania, Mr. Marconi lived in Elizabeth before moving to Linden 42 years ago. He was the owner of Marconi Roofing Co. Inc., Linden, for 40 years and retired in 1992. Mr. Marconi was a former member and president of the Stallions Athletic Club, Elizabeth. He served in the

**Adele M. Florczak**  
Adele M. Florczak, 80, of Whitehouse Station, formerly of Elizabeth

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## Library meetings

The Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library has set the following

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### Library news

Hours for the Clark Public Library are as follows: Mondays, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.

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## Post office offers last minute tax tips

The Railway Post Office has released the following information for the tax season:

- With the deadline for filing income tax returns rapidly approaching, the U.S. Postal Service is bracing itself for the annual onslaught of last-minute tax filers. The following are several suggestions for speedier service:

- Postal customers can easily avoid a trip to the main post office by mailing their returns or extension requests early in the day at any of the post offices, stations, branches or collection boxes throughout New Jersey.
- Tax filers should double-check the pickup schedule if they elect to use a street-side collection box to ensure that their tax documents will be collected and postmarked before the deadline.

- Try to mail as early in the day as possible.
- Calculate the proper postage. Tax agencies will not pay postage due, so short-paid tax filings will be returned to you for additional postage.

- Hurdled taxpayers faced with the rapidly approaching midnight April 15 tax deadline can find solace with several customer convenience programs being offered by the Postal Service.

- When your tax return is complete, postage has been affixed and it is ready for mailing, the Postal Service will save you the trip to a collection box or to the post office. Simply place the return and/or outgoing letters in the special service slot in your mailbox. Your letter carrier will collect the letters, bring them back to the post office and mail them for you.

Customers are advised that often

income tax returns require more than the 32-cent postage. The current rates are up to two ounces, 55 cents, three ounces, 78 cents, four ounces, \$1.01 and five ounces, \$1.24. Need to purchase stamps so you can mail your tax returns? You can do it without ever leaving the comfort of your home. Stamps By Mail allow you to use an order form to select the number of stamps you need. When you have made your selection, simply mail the prepaid order form along with a check for the appropriate amount. Your stamps will be delivered to your home or business address, usually within three days. Order forms are available in all local post office lobbies or can be obtained from your letter carrier.

The Postal Service also offers stamps by phone. By dialing toll free 1-800-STAMP-24, you can use your VISA, Discover or Mastercard to

order stamps that will be promptly delivered to you by your letter carrier. A three dollar handling is added for orders up to \$85.

The Railway Post Office, located at 123 East Milton Ave., will keep its customer service windows and lobby open until midnight on Monday to accommodate last minute federal and state income tax filers.

Complimentary refreshments will be provided to all Railway, Clark and Colonia postal customers on Monday. The Postal Service also offers stamps by phone. By dialing toll free 1-800-STAMP-24, you can use your VISA, Discover or Mastercard to

order stamps that will be promptly delivered to you by your letter carrier. A three dollar handling is added for orders up to \$85.

## Lesniak urges testing of tap water

Senator Raymond J. Lesniak, D-Union, said it shouldn't have to take the desperate place of cancer victims to get the Whitman administration's agreement to explore the cause of a cancer cluster in Ocean County.

"It's an outrage that people with cancer have to show their personal battle scars with this disease before a daves on the Whitman administration that is too obligation to get to the bottom of this problem," Lesniak said.

Lesniak said it is unconscionable that it took 1,200 people protesting at a hearing in Toms River March 21 to get the Whitman administration to announce it would begin testing the drinking water in the area of the cancer cluster.

"It's unbelievable that after 18 months of silence about a problem it admitted knowing about, this administration is just getting around to testing the drinking water," he added.

Lesniak said he will call for a legislative inquiry to determine what steps are needed to ensure that this state action, highlighted by "18 months of the silent treatment," never happens again.

"We have to determine what it will take to render the priorities of this administration so it will be willing to respond immediately to seek the source of a cancer cluster — wherever it turns up," Lesniak said.

Meanwhile, the Whitman administration should be pressured to

restore the \$665,000 it plans to slash from the Department of Health's Office of Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health Services which is charged with monitoring incidents of disease clusters throughout New Jersey, he added.

The Department of Health is scheduled to appear before the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on April 10. But Lesniak said the issue is of such importance that a separate legislative hearing is warranted.

"If it takes legislative pressure to get this administration's priorities, then so be it," Lesniak said. "So far, the policies of this administration have been driven by a

national political agenda designed to make the governor look good."

The senator said he would also seek Republican support to convene a legislative inquiry by the Senate Health Committee in a forum with the Senate Jack Sirota, R-Middlesex, the panel's chairman.

"Apparently, a very clear point was made last night by the people of Ocean County that they don't like getting the cold shoulder from the state when it comes to the well being of their families," Lesniak said.

"Hopefully, we can examine this problem and get the administration to render its priorities from national politics to people who need help," he added.

## COUNTY NEWS

### Solicitations drive

The Ruth Estlin Goldberg Memorial for Cancer Research will hold its annual solicitations drive in Union, Essex and Middlesex counties from April 22 through May 5.

RJGM members will stand at various stores with canisters collecting money. To date, the organization has donated more than \$50,000 to research. Claire Risky of Livingston, Jennifer Weisenthal of Colonia and Adele Hirschhorn of Livingston can be contacted for more information.

### Board of appeals

Under the terms of the "Open Public Meetings Act," there will be special meeting of the Union County Construction Board of Appeals on April 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Union County Administration Building, Second Floor Meeting Room, 300 North Ave., East, Westfield.

The purpose of the meeting is Construction Board of Appeals Hearings.

### Fashion show

The Ruth Estlin Goldberg Memorial for Cancer Research will hold its annual fashion show on April 23 at Crystal Plaza at 6:30 p.m. Solicitations of Westfield will do the fashion. Cover is \$50. For more information, contact Myrna Abraham of Union, Joanne Crap, Sandy Traugott of Union, or Norma Weinstein of Union.

### CPR course

Anne Daschewsky, Health and Safety director, announces the Eastern Union County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor a CPR for the Professional Rescuer course on May 18 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### Candlelight ball

The Arc of Union County will hold its annual Candlelight Ball on May 18 at L'Affaire in Mountainside. The Arc is a non-profit organization that serves children and adults with developmental disabilities. The evening will begin with cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing at 7 p.m. The Arc will recognize several individuals for their support and personal achievement.

C.R. Bard Inc. of Murray Hill will be honored with The Arc's Community Service Award. Thanks to Bard's support, The Arc's Roselle Work Center acquired therapeutic equipment for its day program participants. Diana Cuthbertson of the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network will receive The Arc's Humanitarian Award for her advocacy and long-term work and advice for people with disabilities.

The late Dr. Elizabeth Boggs will be recognized with The Spirit of The Arc Award. Boggs was one of the original founders of the National Association for Retarded Citizens and was its first female president in 1958. She was also one of the founders of The Arc of New Jersey.

Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased by calling (908) 754-7826.

### Talking recovery

Vitamins and Herbal Supplements in Recovery will be the topic of a class to be given on Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County, Inc. at its office at 300 North Ave., East in Westfield.

Taught by Kenneth Dickinson, director of marketing for the Keystone Center in Chester, Pa., the course is \$45 in advance, or \$50 at the door.

Scholarships are available. For scholarship information or to register, call NCADD of Union County, Inc. at (908) 233-8810.

### Volunteers needed

The American Cancer Society, Union County Unit is seeking volunteers to defend its "Volley For A Cure" volleyball tournament to be held April 18.

The tournament is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Drim Sports Arena in Elizabeth. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Pam Ricigliano, program director, at 354-7373.

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### LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

#### Ros. Catholic hosts annual hoop camp

The 14th annual All County Basketball Camp will be held at Roselle Catholic High School the weeks of June 24-28 and July 8-12. The camp is for boys and girls ages 8-17.

The camp is co-directed by Roselle Catholic coach Pat Hagan and Scot Hall Prep coach Bob Farrell. The camp will stress fundamentals and the concepts of team play and sportsmanship.

The camp will run (Monday through Friday) from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuition is \$125 per child for one week, \$240 for two weeks and discounts are available for more than one camper per family. The price includes instruction by a professional staff, camp T-shirt and camp insurance.

More information may be obtained by calling Hagan at 908-241-3637 or Farrell at 201-276-6022.

The following are baseball schedules of area teams for the upcoming season:

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- April 12: Ros. Catholic, 4
- April 16: Roselle, 4
- April 19: at Newark Central, 4
- April 23: Dayton, 4
- April 25: at N. Plainfield, 4
- April 29: at Immaculate, 4
- April 30: GL, 4
- May 2: at Hillside, 4
- May 3: at Roselle Park, 7:30
- May 7: at Ros. Catholic, 4
- May 9: at Roselle, 4
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## Pitching, hitting hurt by indoor workouts

### H.S. Baseball

By Michael Ziegler  
Assistant Sports Editor

Coming off a 12-9 season which saw the Roselle Catholic baseball team reach the semifinals of the North Jersey Section 2, Group 3 playoffs, this year's team looks as promising — if only they could practice.

"This weather has put us further behind than most teams because we lack the indoor practice facilities that other teams have," Railway coach Bill Dolan said. "Everything is still up in the air as far as hitting and pitching because we haven't been able to get the work in."

The lack of practice has gotten the Indians off to a 1-2 start following an opening day 15-2 defeat of Shabazz, their losses of 8-4 and 13-3 to Irvington and Summit.

Tuition is \$125 per child for one week, \$240 for two weeks and discounts are available for more than one camper per family. The price includes instruction by a professional staff, camp T-shirt and camp insurance.

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Railway only earned three hits against Irvington, one on RBI double by Rafael Arroyo in the fifth inning. Dolan said the team cannot rely on opposing defenses giving them runs.

Against Shabazz, Railway managed just four hits and was helped by 10 batting errors and nine walks. The one bright spot was senior Ryan Page's five-inning one-hit performance with 11 strikeouts.

"I'm hoping Ryan can step up and become one of our top two starters," Dolan said. "It's the first time he's played since he was a sophomore so we're still not sure. We just need to get these guys throwing."

Dolan hopes his top three pitchers

will be Craig Hilyard, Page and Greg Ronkiewicz. Robert Lester, Felipe Mendez and Ryan Guesch are also fighting for spots in the rotation.

"We've got plenty of talented pitchers," he said, "but they haven't been able to throw. I'm also worried out conditioning because we haven't run much indoors for fear of developing shin splints when we move to the field outside. Pitchers cannot throw with shin splints."

The batting order is also up in the air.

"We haven't cut our bats loose yet and there are only four guys who've gotten hits," Dolan said. "There is only so much you can do hitting off a tee or soft tosses indoors."

Defense is crucial to the Indians early on as the hitting and pitching find its form. And with a young infield, Dolan is stressing defense in practice.

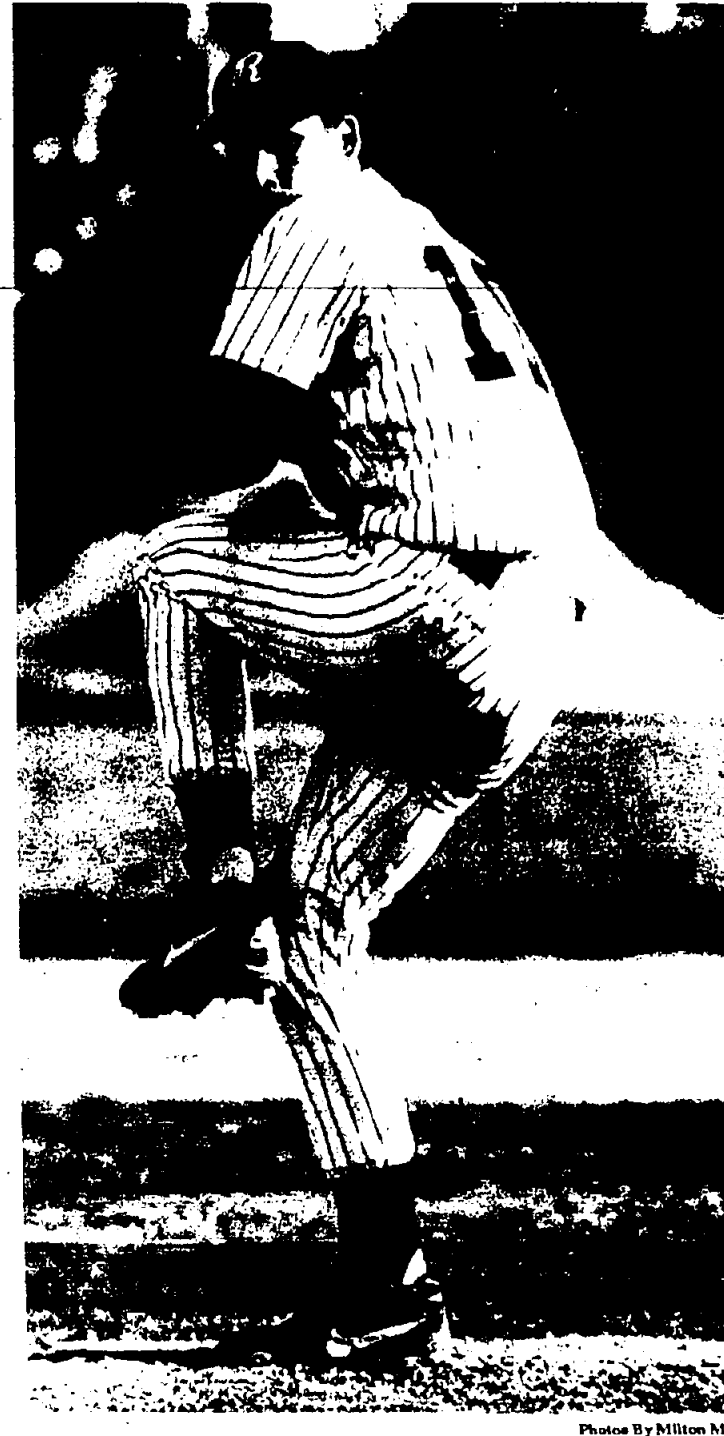
"I've hit over 200 ground balls during our workouts," he said. "We've made so many errors in our first few games and it takes time with the young players, but we've got to be strong defensively."

Bill Hilescak will be at first with either Ronkiewicz or Russ Marchica over at third. Tom Crowell returns to shortstop but senior base is up for grabs among Chris Kaban, Andy Hsu and Gersch. Arroyo will be behind the plate. There is speed in the outfield with Charlie Crowell roaming in center and Robert Lester and Ray Gacoble will play in left and right respectively.

Dolan hopes that speed will translate into stolen bases and aggressive base running.

"Our strengths, right now, I think are our deep pitching staff and our speed," Dolan said. "If we can put runners on base and move them around, our power hitters will be seeing a lot more fastballs."

Railway played at Scotch Plains yesterday and will host Cranford tomorrow at Veterans' Field.



Lead-off hitter Charlie Crowell is a base stealing threat and will track down fly balls in center field with his speed.

## Linden's success hinges on pitching, baserunners

By Michael Ziegler  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Linden High School baseball team earned its first win of the season in dramatic fashion last Thursday when second baseman Frank Paffrath blasted a two-run homer in the bottom of the seventh inning to give the Tigers an 8-7 win over Kearny at home.

After giving up a 4-1 lead in the top of the fifth inning, Linden scored three runs in its half of the fifth to claim a 7-6 advantage. But Kearny responded with two in the top of the seventh before Paffrath's heroics.

### H.S. Baseball

"This was a typical Linden-Kearny game," Linden coach Joe Mahan said. "I kept telling their coach that it would come down to who had the last at-bat and fortunately we were playing at home. I knew it would go down to the wire."

At 1-1, the Tigers are blessed with a strong defense, team speed and a talented, but untested, pitching staff.

Linden's ace hurler is Mike Virgilio. Earning a 7-2 record last year, the sophomore surprised hitters with his change of pace and location. But as a junior this year he will not be able to sneak up on anybody.

"There is all sorts of pitching in this league," Mahan said. "Everybody knows they will be facing tough pitching in every game so there will be no surprises." Rounding out the Linden pitching rotation are Randy Dominguez and Greg Honsenski. Dominguez also swings a steady bat, going two-for-three with two runs scored and two RBI against Kearny, and will be the number two starter. Honsenski, slated to be third in the rotation, will get most of his innings in relief, according to Mahan.

But the Tigers bite will come from its speed, especially at the top of the order. "We've got some kids who can fly," Mahan said. "They are very smart players who know the game, which combined with their baserunning, will allow us to run a lot. Unfortunately, we can't steal fast."

"I hope we can play 500 ball," he said, "especially in a league with East Side, and pitchers Pat Collins, Al Hawkins and Steve Schroeder. We'll face a power team every game."



Joe Mahan...Linden coach

## Roselle will win games behind diverse infield

By Michael Ziegler  
Assistant Sports Editor

This year's infield is one of the best and most diverse that Roselle High School baseball coach Stan Kokie has seen in years. Not only can each play his position well, but Kokie also has the luxury of using all but one as a pitcher — and they can hit.

"This infield is going to allow us to a lot of different things," Kokie said. "We've got several players to rotate around if we need a pitcher and won't lose much defensively."

### H.S. Baseball

Roselle is laden with juniors but has good senior experience and leadership at key positions. At shortstop, William Villalobos is the leader of the infield and also a potent pitcher. Villalobos and junior Josh Falcone at second base combine for a smooth but quick double-play duo.

"Josh is a natural player who plays the position well," Kokie said. "He turns two quickly and is real smooth hitting the ball."

Shane Walsh at third brings a strong arm and aggressive bat to the line up and will also far in the starting pitching rotation. Sophomore Jeff Bonilla plays first and is the only infielder without pitching experience. Andre Mitchell will carry out the duties behind the plate.

"We've got good ball players who can all put the ball into play," Kokie said. "I'm looking to do a lot with the whole infield with pitching, and hitting."

Once again there is speed and powerful arms in the outfield with John Dawy, Reggie McArthur, Chris Clemons and John Caver. And although last year's 7-12 Rams' team underachieved, Kokie is excited about this year's team.

"If we stay healthy we'll be in good shape because we've got a good bunch of players here who are all natural baseball players," Kokie said.

Despite starting 0-2, the pitching staff is still being formed. John Dobranski and Villalobos are currently one and two, while Walsh, Falcone, Reggie McArthur and Marcus McArthur will throw several innings for Roselle.

Offensively, the team will be able to put the ball in play consistently. And although they won't break any power hitting records, speed on the bases will enable Roselle to score a lot of runs.

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## Resident earns lead role in play

Gail Sweeney of Clark is a leading member of the cast of "Once Upon a Mattress" as presented by the Cranford Repertory Theatre in Cranford High School.

Opening night for the play is at 8 p.m., April 18, with evening performances on April 25 at 8 p.m. and on April 26 and 27 at 8:30 p.m. There will be a Sunday matinee at 3 p.m. on April 21 and 28.

"Once Upon a Mattress" is a Broadway musical based on Hans Christian Andersen's "The Princess and the Pea." Sweeney will play the part of Queen Aggravain. The queen, intent upon finding a sufficiently tall, like and sensitive bride for her son, Prince Dauntless the Dumb, tests the would-be princess by placing a pea under 20 mattresses. The results are hilarious. Sweeney has the largest speaking part in the show while her husband, King Seamus the Silent, is mute.

Sweeney said she has been in training for her role all her life, and as a child was called "Queen Aggravain." She started her acting career in second grade when she was Mother Nature, and appeared in her first musical, "The Pied Piper" in fourth grade. "Once Upon a Mattress" is her first musical in 30 years.

She did an industrial skit for ART

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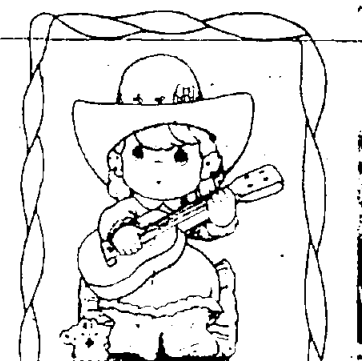
#### Julia Elizabeth Villari

A 7-pound, 9-ounce daughter named Julia Elizabeth, who measured 19.25 inches, was born March 12 in Overlook Hospital in Summit to Mr. and Mrs. John Villari of Clark. She joins two brothers, James, 5, and Andrew, 3.

Mrs. Villari, the former Jan Clunie, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clunie of Springfield. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Placido Villari of Palmyra.

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in September 1995. In November, she portrayed Renee in "The Old Couple, Female" for the TNT Theatre Group in Basking Ridge. Last May, she was Valerie Rogers in "TITBU" or "Fidelity to be Impassioned," with the Philadelphia of Fairwood, and in October 1994, she was in "Jake's Women" for the Westfield Community Players. She said her favorite role, though, was as Gertrude, a dizzy 84-year-old woman, in "Save Me a Place at Forest Lawn" presented by Act IV in Plainfield, when nobody recognized her.

When Sweeney is not on stage or in rehearsal, she is a wife, mother, and member of the Clark Planning Board.

Her husband, Charles, is in marketing. Sweeney has two stepsons, Brian, 18, and Danny, 24, and a daughter, Kate, 6.

Reserved seats are available at \$15 each, only at the Cranford United Methodist Church, sponsor of the Cranford Repertory Theatre. General admission tickets at \$10 for senior citizens and children, and at \$12 for adults also are available at the church in addition to the Cranford Book Store in Cranford, the Town Book Store in Westfield, and at the Cindy Smith Dance Studio in Garwood. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$14 for children and seniors and \$14 for adults.

## RELIGION

### Concert organist to play

St. Mary's Church, located at 232 Central Ave. in Rahway, will present concert organist C.J. Sanbach in performance June 9 at 4 p.m.

For additional information, call the church at 388-0082.

### Craft sale

St. Thomas the Apostle Church of Rahway will hold a craft sale and flea market on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will be held at the parish center at 1407 St. George's Ave. in Rahway. The kitchen will feature pieing, sauerkraut and Kielbasa sandwiches, homemade bread and much more. Everyone is welcome and vendors are needed. For additional information, call 574-0654 or 969-2796.

### Attention organizations

This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities. Releases should be typed, double-spaced, and include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day. Send information to: Donna Segal, managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

### Auction planned

St. Agnes School, 342 Madison Hill Road in Clark, will hold its final auction on April 27 at 6:45 p.m. in the school auditorium. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$5. For additional information, call the school at 381-0850.

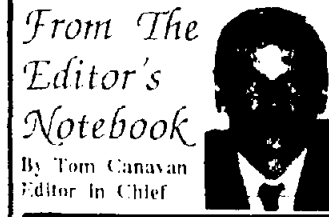
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SECTION B



From The Editor's Notebook

By Tom Cantanaro, Editor in Chief

Voters throughout the state will go to the polls Tuesday to elect candidates to serve on their local boards of education in addition to voting to approve or reject those districts' school budgets.

In examining some of the bottom-line budget numbers from school districts in Union County, one can find that many of the boards of education are holding the line on spending — at least, that's what they reflect in the tax levy, the figure that every taxpayer can understand because an increase in the tax levy means an increase in their property taxes.

When a board of education presents a budget that includes a zero point increase, board members and school administrators tout the spending package as if it were sent by God, that they're doing some kind of favor for the taxpayers.

But the educational plan they are presenting for the following school year does not result in additional money from the taxpayer's wallet.

In some, perhaps most, cases, voters still should reject the budget at the polls. Voters should accept that there may not be an increase in their taxes, but they should demand more from school administrators and board members. They should ask to see the salaries of the teachers in the district and, after they discover that the average teacher today earns a lot more than the average taxpayer today, they should demand that the administration implement salary freezes.

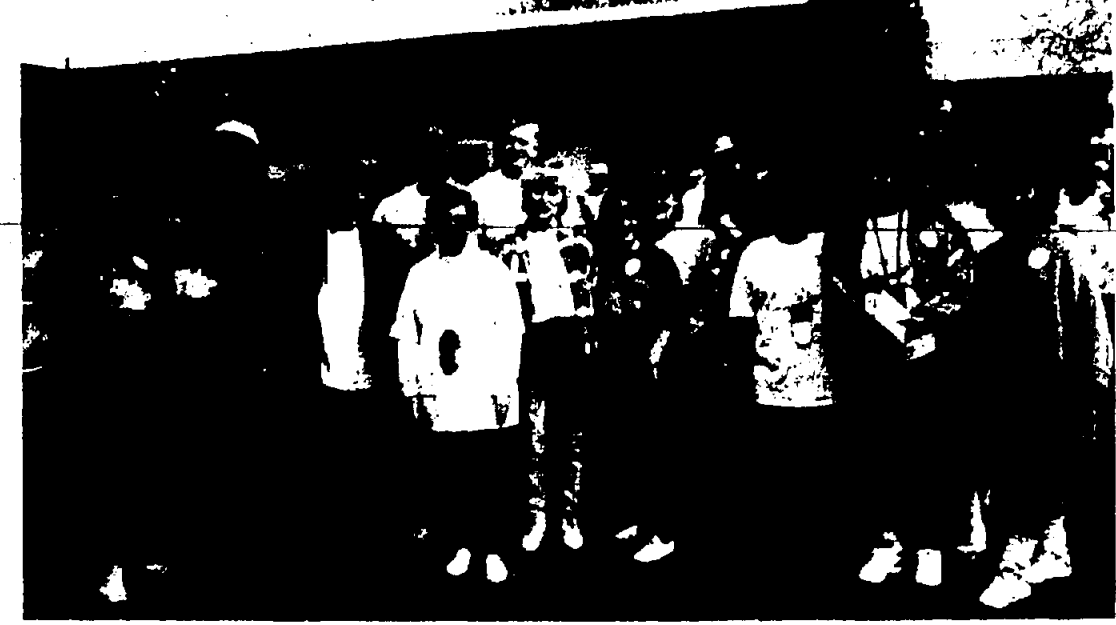
Administrators and board members would report that salaries are contractual and they cannot control them. Who is a part of the contract negotiations? It's at that time that the salaries can be controlled.

How about making salary negotiations open to the public? The taxpayers, better known as the employers, are not privy to the discussions that occur between education associations and administrators when they are the ones who pay the final tab. Perhaps if taxpayers participated from the beginning, information would be released sooner, not when the contract is signed, and they can have an impact on the contract agreement.

I challenge any school district in the county to come forth and be the first to experiment with this procedure.

This is not a knock against teachers, for the most part. It's a knock against a government that believes it can spend as much money as it wants because that money is pooled from thousands of taxpayers in the district.

When a district presents a budget with a zero point increase, residents should not be lulled into a false sense of security thinking that the district's administration did everything it could to hold the line on spending. In final budgets that range in the millions of dollars, there is always more that can be cut. How about reducing spending for a few years? Then tout the package as coming from God.



This is just part of the Union County employees team that walked and volunteered in the March of Dimes WalkAmerica, at Union County College in Cranford.

## Walk for healthy babies scheduled

Union County Freeholder Chairman Edward Forre, honorary chairman for this year's March of Dimes 15-kilometer walk for healthier babies, will kick off the event at 9 a.m. April 28 from Union County College in Cranford.

"It is my pleasure to be the Walk America honorary chair. It is such a wonderful cause, I want to help out in any way I can, and my fellow freeholders will join me at the college to cheer everyone on," said Forre.

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## On-line businesses to gain instruction

The Union County Alliance has invited county business leaders to a conference on using the Internet for international trade to be held Monday at the Liberty Hall Center, 1085 Morris Ave., Union, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The alliance's member organizations include the Union County Chamber of Commerce, the Camera de Comercio Latino de Elizabeth and the Elizabeth Portuguese American Trade Association.

The one-day conference, titled "Using the Internet to Conduct International Commerce and Global Trade," will instruct budding Internet business users on the following:

- About the Internet and how to get online;
- How to promote and market your company on the Internet;
- How global trade is conducted online and how the Internet is changing the way we do business;
- Hands-on "surfing the net";
- About the Internet Trade

This event reflects the county's high regard for using technology in dialogue with and learn from each other, so that we may build a brighter future together," said County Manager Ann Egan. "As we continue to embrace the capabilities offered by

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## County sheriff's office plans youth ID session

The Union County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with the Union County Commission on Child Abuse, will once again conduct free video taping and fingerprinting for children 12 and under at Bowcraft Amusement Park, Route 22 West, Scotch Plains, Sheriff Ralph Froehlich announced.

This program "Fingerprint Identification" was held at Barnes & Nobles in November. This year's event will take place today from noon to 3:30 p.m. According to Pat Witt, the project coordinator from the commission on Child Abuse, fingerprinting is recommended for children 12 and under. Video taping will be conducted for all children up to 12 as long as the videotape supply lasts. Participating children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

This program format provides parents and law-enforcement officials help in searching for a child who may become missing in the future. Froehlich noted that fingerprints are a technical tool that can be used by law-enforcement investigators to identify a child or verify that a missing child may have been at a particular location. The video tapes memorialize the physical features and speech patterns of the child. They may be displayed in the public media and used to inform the public of special characteristics of the missing youth.

"This type of special effort by members of the private and public sector that makes our community a safer place in which to live," said Froehlich. "Our children are our future, they are our most valuable possession and we as adults must continue to seek out ways to protect them from life's dangers. Bowcraft Amusement Park and the members of the Union County Commission on Child Abuse should be commended for their unselfish efforts to protect our children."

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## 'Tin Can Teddy' program a success

The response to the Union County Utilities Authority's "Tin Can Teddy Battery Recycling Collection Contest" has been overwhelming.

UCUA Chairman William Russo said "an enthusiastic quick and rewarding response" from county residents with a convenient way to recycle household batteries — vehicle batteries must be returned to a lead and battery retailer for recycling.

"Thirteen of the 21 municipalities are actively participating — in fact, some schools have already had multiple pickups and the competition is keen," said Russo. A three-tier prize structure allows for cash awards in the amount of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 for the three schools with the highest level of collected batteries — measured by weight and judged by the numbers of pounds per student in each school — until the conclusion of the contest on May 23. Parental and faculty involvement is encouraged to further educate, inform and reinforce battery recycling and usage standards.

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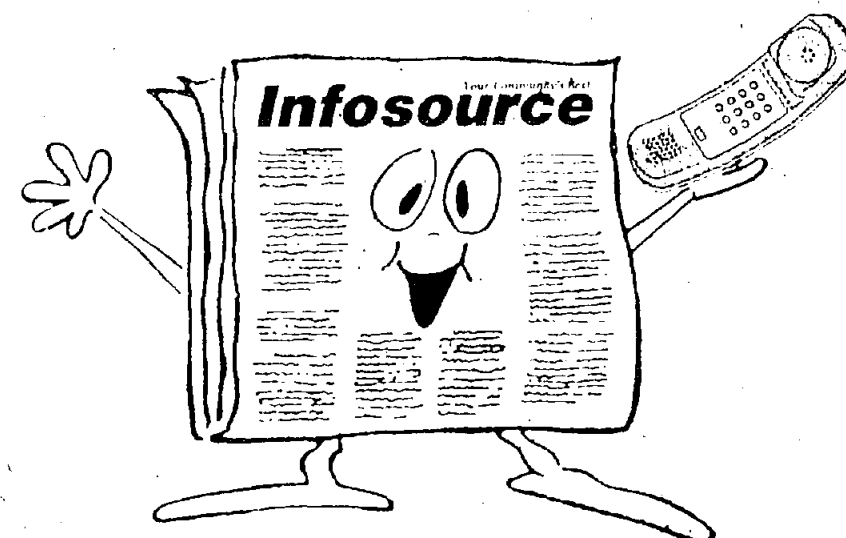


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## Children's social skills topic of weekend seminar

The Children's Institute will be holding a one-day seminar designed to promote and develop their children's essential social problem solving and social skills on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Parents and educators of Union County children with emotional and behavioral problems, Attention Deficit Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder or learning disabilities are invited to the seminar.

Supported by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and free to attendees, the "Learn-a-thon" seminar is part of the Parents-as-Partners in Education program. Several workshops will be presented throughout the day that will teach participants how to guide special education children toward the social problem solving and social skills they need to cope with everyday challenges in school, at home and in their communities.

According to Dr. Bruce Fritinger, executive director/retirement of the institute, said "we have scheduled a number of activities, developed specifically for parents and educators. Our participants will have an opportunity to learn and practice a variety of skills that will help them as they work with children who have emotional and behavioral problems."

Included in the day's activities are workshops that explain and demonstrate situations that can trigger emotional outbursts in children, strategies for problem-solving, interpersonal social skills, and "sharing circles." All sessions will be taught or facilitated by ITI faculty members.

The Children's Institute, a nonprofit school approved by the New Jersey State Board of Education, provides quality educational and therapeutic programs for emotionally disturbed, autistic and preschool handicapped children from local school districts in Essex, Morris, Union, Passaic, Hudson, Bergen and Middlesex counties. The school strives to enhance children's self-esteem and their ability to learn to resolve problems and express feelings in positive ways. It facilitates the successful return of children, based on their potential, to their local school districts through programs of specialized education, care and counseling in a nurturing environment.

To register for the April 13 program or for more information, contact The Children's Institute, 51 Old Road, Livingston, NJ 07039, or call the school at (201) 740-1663.

## Abuse unit taps Klaskin for honor

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new technologies such as intra-county interactive television and the Internet, the possibilities become limitless."

"As we approach the 21st Century, we truly are living in the Age of Information," said Frederick Darr Sullivan.

"With the power that new technology offers us, it is incumbent upon each and all of us to learn as much as we can about how it works and how we can use it to our advantage."

Detective Peter M. Klaskin became the fourth detective ever to receive the award, which was established by the late Prosecutor Andrew K. Ruitolo Jr. in 1993 in memory of Alphonse L. Pisano, a 16-year-old detective, who had died in March 1992, following an illness.

Pisano's parents, former Union County Republican Chairman Alphonse Pisano Sr. and his wife, Carol, presented Klaskin with the award to continue the tradition.

Asking Union County Prosecutor Edward M. Nafsey said Klaskin, 31, was cited for his work with young child abuse victims and his "total team effort approach" work ethic.

Nafsey said Klaskin, who worked in the grand jury, arson and juvenile units before coming to child abuse in 1991, takes pride not only in his own case investigations but in the work product of his unit as well.

First Assistant Prosecutor Michael J. Lapolla said the award "is given to an investigator whose work comes closest to exemplifying A's uniqueness and his capacity to treat crime victims with compassion and his ability to share himself with colleagues and for a commitment to fairness."

Klaskin's immediate supervisor, Lt. Michael Bussacchi, said he was very close with Pisano and that the award recipient has some of the same qualities.

"Not everyone has the ability to investigate abuses against children," Bussacchi said.

Assistant Prosecutor Harold C. Knox, supervisor of the unit, said Klaskin is "very talented" in his approach to his cases and is motivated, not threatened, by the excellence of others in the field.

"I'm really, really honored to be singled out for this among so many really talented detectives," said Klaskin, who lives in Union Township with his wife, Christine, and his 3-year-old son, Taylor.

For more information and sponsor sheets, call Luis Fleischnan at (908) 298-8200.

Registration fee for the walk is \$5 per person. Checks should be made payable to Coalition for Hunger Awareness and mailed to Luis Fleischnan, Coalition for Hunger Awareness, c/o Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey, 845 St. George Ave., Roselle, NJ 07068.

Hunger benefit slated

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group, "Jumbo" will entertain the children.

Last year, the coalition allocated \$7,00



## DINING/ENTERTAINMENT

# Kean professor's paintings displayed at The Gallery

Leonie Pierra's exhibition of paintings, "Lina Sana Unbroken Line: Ancestral Stirrings," continues at The Gallery of South Orange.

Pierra's work focuses on putting into visual form the age-old question "Who am I?" In the title, "Unbroken Line" represents the bond our ancestors have upon us and who we are.

"I am indeed a bridge. My mother on one side. My children on the other," he said. Although Pierra's art deals specifically with his heritage in using Sicilian words and images, he also said these questions and feelings are universal.

A history buff, Pierra has been intrigued by the history and culture of Sicily. In his paintings, he incorporates Greek and Roman architectural features, with Moorish designs in

Throughout Pierra's paintings is a double spiral he discovered on the tombstone doorway of a burial cave in Syracuse. He said it portrays the never-changing spirit of Sicilian culture.

express the peoples who came and lived there, each telling its own story. Throughout the paintings is a line, constant symbol, a sort of double spiral, that portrays the underlying, never-changing spirit of the culture. Pierra said he discovered this symbol while visiting Syracuse, on the tombstone doorway of a burial cave. Recognizing it as the same spiral design found in his family poetry recites, it has come to represent the "spirit" of

Sicily for him, and exemplifies the "unbroken line."

Another text Pierra uses in his series of paintings is words. His writings are translated into Sicilian by his mother, and represent part of the piece, as well as a device to describe the intent of the painting.

"No I do not speak it. I paint it. I draw. I assemble," he said. "This is how I communicate."

Pierra is a professor of fine arts at

Kean College in Union. His work has been included in numerous exhibitions including City Without Walls, Jersey City State College, Scheraga, Plough, Nabisco, Newark Museum, Trenton Museum, Philadelphia Museum, the Riverbank Museum and Lincoln Center.

Lina Sana Unbroken Line: Ancestral Stirrings will be at The Gallery of South Orange through May 14.

The Gallery's hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 4-6 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to noon and 7-9 p.m., and Saturday, Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Appointments can be made for special group visits.

The Gallery is located on the second floor of the Blaind Center, 5 Mead St., in South Orange. Call (201) 378-7784 for more information.



"The Mother of Her Twins," a 4-foot by 5-foot acrylic, is among the works of Kean College fine arts professor Leonie Pierra on display at The Gallery. The Gallery is located on the second floor of the Blaind Center, at 5 Mead St. in South Orange. The exhibit will continue through May 14.

## Playwrights Theatre marks its 10th season

The premises of two plays will highlight the celebration of the 10th anniversary of Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey.

Performed on an alternating schedule May 1-19, the plays written by prize-winning New Jersey writers are "Sister Calling My Name" by Buzz McLaughlin and "The Lower Center" by Robert Cerven.

Discounted rates of \$10 are available for advanced ticket orders through April 20. After that time, tickets will be \$15 for evening performances, \$15 for matinees. Reservations can be made by calling the box office at (201) 912-1242.

"Sister Calling My Name" tells the story of a woman who has been separated for nearly 18 years from her family. She is a descendant of a Sicilian family. The actress who plays her, a woman who has been separated from her family, is a descendant of a Sicilian family. The actress who plays her, a woman who has been separated from her family, is a descendant of a Sicilian family.

McLaughlin is a professor of literature at Drew University and a winner of the 1995 New Jersey State Council on the Arts Awarding Fellowship Award and three national awarding competitions.

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Named a distinguished arts organization for a second time by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Playwrights Theatre is the only professional theatre in the state dedicated solely to the development of new plays.

## Bank finances concert tickets for area seniors

The Westfield branch of Chemical Bank has joined the Westfield Symphony in providing free concert tickets to senior citizens.

A contribution from Chemical Bank will help underwrite the symphony's contribution of season concert tickets for 20 residents of the Westfield Senior Housing Center.

Branch Manager Larry Kaplow recently presented a check to Westfield Symphony Executive Director Pamela Cooper, who expressed the WSO's appreciation for the senior members of the symphony's audience.

"The tenants of the Westfield Senior Citizen Housing are very fortunate to have a thoughtful, generous group of benefactors from the symphony and Chemical Bank," said Joan Rose, the center's recreation director. "By providing our residents with free tickets to the concerts, they have given them a wonderful gift."

## Spicy exhibition



"Spice Box 1," a loom-woven piece made with glass beads and wire, is among the works of Mountside resident Ina Golub, included in "The Work of the Weaver in Colors" exhibition at the Yeshiva University Museum. The show will run to July 31. Yeshiva University Museum is located at 2520 Amsterdam Ave. at West 185th Street in Manhattan.

## Springfield resident directs comedy

Springfield resident Michael Goldberg is directing the Cranford Repertory Theatre's production of "Once Upon a Mattress," in the presence at Cranford High School.

Opening night will be April 18, at 8 p.m., with performances scheduled for April 20, at 8:30 p.m.; April 21, at 3 p.m.; April 25 at 8 p.m.; April 27 at 8:30 p.m.; and April 28 at 3 p.m.

Goldberg has directed more than 60 shows in Brown, Washington, Maryland and New Jersey, including all those presented by the Cranford Repertory Theatre.

She has been director of the drama program at a camp in the Red Bank for several years and teaches voice and drama locally. She and Cranford resident Cindy Smith, choreographer for the Cranford Repertory Theatre,

begin the Stagecoach Kids Performing Arts Camp, a day-camp program, last summer.

"Once Upon a Mattress" is a musical comedy based on the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale "The Princess and the Pea."

Tickets, for reserved seats, are priced at \$15 and are available at the Cranford United Methodist Church. General admission tickets are available for \$12, \$10 for children and seniors, at Town Book Store in Westfield, the Cranford Book Store, and the Cindy Smith Studio in Cranford. Tickets purchased at the door will cost an additional \$2.

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## DINING REVIEW

April 11, 1996

**Margie's Place**

Some of the tastiest dishes this side of Kiev

By Douglas Miller

If you believe, as we do that a wonderful Russian Ukrainian cuisine is a redundancy, there is really only one place in Union County you have to visit — Margie's Place on North Avenue in Cranford.

Margie's offers some of the tastiest and reasonably priced Eastern European dishes this side of Krakow. It is worth the trip.

Featuring a menu that includes an array of entrees — all priced at \$6.95 or less — you are guaranteed to please. Margie's is as far as the dining public will ever need to go.

And entering the establishment is like passing into another time and place. Although at first glance, Margie's seems like your typical family restaurant, there are booths, tables and a lunch counter — there is also a distinctively enjoyable European mood to the establishment. Could it be the eclectic music filtered in over the music? The friendly wait staff? Whatever, it results in an enjoyable dining experience.

We started out with soup. The chicken noodle was vegetable-heavy, which we liked, and the chicken was moist and fresh. The broth also was well seasoned. The vegetable soup was where the European trait became evident, because in addition to your typical chunks of carrots, beans and noodles, there were also hearty chunks of potatoes: just like Nana used to make. Make sure you ask about the availability of the potato soup.

A big seller at Margie's is a rice pudding that we highly recommend, but let us suggest the apple dumplings. Served with apple sauce, they are light and fluffy and never deep fried. We suggest you use them to build up to something bigger, something tangier.

Like the meat dumplings. Oh, the dumplings. Well cooked and served with a savory butter and pepper sauce, they are almost too good. The temptation exists to let them ruin your appetite, they are that good. Enjoy them — in moderation, if you can — but keep in mind that the entrees will eventually require your undivided attention.

We tried the kofty po-kievsky (chicken kiev), which comes served with your choice of potato side — do yourself a huge favor and have them mashed, soft and fluffy and smooth, and smothered in butter. The chicken was not the usual processed kind, but as good and fresh as was in the soup.

The beef stroganoff was another winner. Strips of beef in a sour cream and butter sauce with onions and mushrooms, it is served over your choice of noodles or rice. We went with the noodles, and found them fresh and tasty. The sauce did not have as much sour cream in it as my grandmother — the former Celia Laszkowski — used to make, but Margie's recipe is still as good as the one I remember. It was like visiting an old friend, and was for me the highlight of the evening.

For dessert, there is another wide variety of dishes, including a rice pudding that we highly recommend, but let us suggest the apple dumplings. Served with apple sauce, they are light and fluffy and never deep fried. We suggest you use them to build up to something bigger, something tangier.

This column is intended to inform our readers about dining opportunities in the area.

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### College concert



Kean College music department instructor Bob Yurochko, right, leads a rehearsal of Kean's Concert Band in preparation for its Wednesday performance. The band, with Kean's Jazz Band, will play at 8 p.m. in the college's Wilkins Theatre. Admission to the concert is free. For more information, call 257-2107.

### Paper Mill continues with 'Madam'

"Call Me Madam," starring Leslie Uggams, directed by Charles Repole, with an Irving Berlin score and a book by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse, continues its run at the Paper Mill Playhouse through May 26.

"Call Me Madam" is the musical inspired by socialite Pearl Mesta's exploits as European ambassador. In the musical, Pearl Mesta has become "hottest" with the most "Sally Adams," who is sent by President Harry Truman to the tiny European country of Lichtenburg. She plays matchmaker, confidante, and party giver, with just enough time left to call her old friend Harry.

The Berlin songs "You're Just in Love," "It's a Lovely Day Today," and "Something to Dance About" have assured "Call Me Madam" its place in the pantheon of classic Broadway musicals.

Uggams received the 1968 Tony Award for best actress in "Hallelujah, Baby!" Her portrayal of Kean's "Roses," the most watched dramatic show in television history, won her the Critics' Choice Award for best leading actress. Additionally, Uggams won an Emmy Award as co-host of the NBC-TV series "Fantasy."

Uggams made her national television debut at the age of six on the television series "Beverly Hills" and then followed with appearances on "Your Show of Shows," "The Milton Berle Show," "The Arthur Godfrey Show" and several children's programs. At 15, Leslie appeared on the CBS-TV series "Name That Tune," which led to a recording contract with Columbia Records. In 1970, Uggams had her own variety series on CBS-TV, "The Leslie Uggams Show," and she made her dramatic film debut in "Sky Jacked." "Roses" followed, as well as roles in the miniseries "Buckskins at the White House," the ABC-TV movie "Sizzle," and the HBO special "Christmas at Radio City Music Hall."

In addition to ongoing concert dates, Leslie returned to Broadway to star in the musical "Jerry's Girls." In 1987, she toured with Peter Nero and Mel Tormé in "The Great Gershwin Concert," and in 1988 starred as Reno Sweeney in the national company of "Annie Get Your Gun," reprising her role on Broadway in 1989. Recently, Uggams issued in "Stringbean," a new play with music based on Ethel Waters' rise to fame in the '20s and '30s.

A free-of-charge arts and humanities symposium, "The Music of Irving Berlin" will be held May 21 at 3:30 p.m., and will examine the life and work of Irving Berlin, one of America's most prolific and popular composers. For information, call (201) 379-6636, ext. 2773.

The Paper Mill Playhouse is located on Brookside Drive in Milburn. Performances of "Call Me Madam" have been scheduled for Wednesdays through Sundays at 8 p.m., Thursday matinees at 2 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Special added matinees will be May 8, 15 and 22 at 2 p.m.

Tickets range from \$11 to \$46. Visa and Mastercard are accepted, and \$10 student tickets may be available 15 minutes before curtain. For tickets and information, call (201) 376-4343. For groups of 20 or more, call (201) 379-6636, ext. 2438.

### Visual arts center presents juried show

The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts will present its International Juried Show '96 in the center's Palmer Gallery through April 23.

Second-year art works representing all media will be on view. Juror Thelma Golden, the associate curator and branch director of the Whitney Museum at Philip Morris in New York, has chosen many works of art

from all parts of the country. The exhibition is free and open to the public. Tours are available by appointment. The center is located at 68 Elm St. in Summit. Gallery hours: Monday-Friday 12-4 p.m., evenings: Thursday 7:30-9 p.m., including the center's Just About Art open forum. Sunday-Sunday 2-4 p.m. For further information call 273-9121.

### Astronomers host visitor

Joe Rao, a weatherman on WINS-AM and WPAT-FM radio, will be the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of Amateur Astronomers tomorrow.

The group will meet at 8 p.m. in the Roy W. Smith Theater in the Campus Center of Union County College's Cranford campus. Amateur Astronomers is a non-teaching organization, based at the college's Sperry Observatory, also on the Cranford campus.

Rao will deliver a speech titled "The Leonids Were Dead, They Said," dealing with meteor showers, specifically the Leonids. Following the meeting, visitors are invited to cross the campus to the observatory, where they will be able to view celestial phenomena through two, high-powered telescopes. For more information, call 276-5748.

## Shakespeare Festival is taking reservations

The New Jersey Shakespeare Festival is taking reservations for six student matinee performances of "Two Gentlemen of Verona."

Actress Dana Reeve will return to the festival, appearing in this musical version of Shakespeare's play, which won the 1971 Tony and Drama Critics' Award for best musical.

Tickets for these matinees have been priced at \$10, which includes admission, a post-show discussion and a study guide prepared by the festival's staff. Performances have been scheduled for May 28, 29, 30, 31, June 5 and 14; all performances will begin at 11 a.m.

"Two Gentlemen of Verona" tells the story of two men, best friends since childhood, who both fall in love with the same woman.

The play retains Shakespeare's original language and lyrics by John Guare, the author of "Six Degrees of Separation" and "The House of Blue Leaves." The music was written by Galt MacDermot, who composed "Hair."

"This is the perfect way to introduce students to Shakespeare in a thoroughly entertaining and exciting manner," said NSF Artistic Director Bonnie J. Moore. "The language is all Shakespeare, but the music adds an element that makes it extremely accessible for students."

"The show is great fun, the music is vibrant and alive, and we are gathering a very diverse group of actors and musicians. Dana Reeve is returning to NSF to play the lead role of Julia."

Reeve will be directed by longtime festival associate Robert Duke. School groups interested in scheduling performances should contact Mark Rosier at (201) 408-3278. The festival offers discounts to adult groups; those seeking information should also contact Rosier. The box office opens April 22 for individual ticket sales.

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# Disabled performers to be subject of talk

A conference, titled "Spotlight on Access: Integrating Performers with Disabilities into Community Theater," will be held April 13 at Villagers Theatre in Somerset, an accessible site.

The event, designed to meet the needs of theater administrators, directors, choreographers, and musical directors, will launch a one-year program focused on the integration of people with disabilities into community theater.

Community theater representatives who attend this conference will be eligible to apply for 10 competitive mini-grants of \$500 each in meeting a production that integrates actors with and without disabilities.

The conference features Kitty Lunn, a professional actress and dancer, as keynote speaker. In addition to serving as chair of the Access Equity Committee on Performers with Disabilities, Lunn has appeared in the role of Sally Horton on the television series "As the World Turns" and as Jill Rosenstem in the series "Loving".

In 1995, Lunn founded the Infinity Dance Theatre, a troupe based in New York City that integrates dancers with disabilities and non-disabled dancers over age 40.

The conference also will feature a performance by the Unlimited Potential Theater Company. Based in Middlesex County, UPTCo is the only community theater in New Jersey focused on the integration of actors with and without disabilities.

The speakers will discuss sensitivity and awareness issues; accommodations in auditions, rehearsals, and performances; assuring accessible facilities; outreach to people with disabilities; and inclusion of children with disabilities in the theater's educational programs.

Sign language interpreters will be provided for the morning sessions. Other accommodations are available for individuals with special needs upon advance notice. For further information on the program, contact Vera Schwartz at Very Special Arts New Jersey, 841 Georges Road, North Brunswick, NJ 08902, or call 745-3885.

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# Arts Center to open painter's solo exhibit

"I am interested in that moment before comprehension takes place," said Lisa Pressman, describing the motivation behind her artwork. "Consciousness is revealing passion. Frustration, joy, anger, transformation and communications are just some of the ideas that I hope to express in my paintings."

Pressman will have a solo exhibit at the Watching Arts Center's Lower Gallery through April 27. The award-winning artist will be on hand at a public reception Sunday to discuss her paintings and techniques. Reception hours are 1-4 p.m. The gallery is open weekdays and Saturdays during the show, also 1-4 p.m.

The East Orange artist has exhibited with City Without Walls, as well as other galleries in the region. A recent show was "Images, Marks, Dreams and Words" at the Meadowlands Center for the Arts. Her work blends private and corporate collections in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

"In the recent pieces," she said, "the concept of both letters and postcards brings a new framework to my conceptual and formal thinking about the nature of communication. They

depict a tension between the beauty of the print handling and the industrial, able suggestion of words. The addition of stamps and recycled old paintings bring new issues of collage." The Watching Arts Center is located at 100 West 11th Street, Suite 100, in the Westfield Center location. It is easily reached from Route 22 or Interstate 78.

The non-profit center has exhibits in two galleries, plus a full schedule of performances in the larger hall, bringing hundreds of people to view the work on display. Many visitors elect to become members, enjoying a monthly newsletter, discounts on certain events and classes, plus other benefits. Full information may be requested by calling 753-0190.

**Kean stages 'Wonderland'**

"Alice in Wonderland" will be performed at Kean College in Union April 28.

The production, to be held in the Wilkins Theatre, is part of Kean's Children's Hour, a series of children's programming suitable for ages 4-10. Performances are scheduled at 1 and 3 p.m. Single ticket prices for adults and children are \$5. For more information, call the box office at 527-2337.

**Jazz concert today**

The Latin Jazz Connection Band will perform at Union County College for a free performance at noon today in the Commons on the Cranford campus.

Vincent Calabrese, musical director, will conduct the seven-piece band, which will play Latin jazz, mainstream jazz, and blues numbers.

The concert will be presented through a grant awarded to Professor Paul Tse, the college's music program coordinator, that emanated from a recording companies' fund arranged by American Federation of Musicians Local 151, in Elizabeth.

For more information, call Tse at 709-7183.

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# Ringing resolution



Edward Ringel, president of the Rahway Valley Jerseyaires, Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, accepts a copy of Union's April 5 Harmony Month proclamation from Mayor Jerome Petti. The national organization celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. The Rahway Valley Jerseyaires was founded in 1948.

# Westfield symphony plans an all-Beethoven evening

Following a successful season opener in October, the Westfield Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Brad Keimach, will return to the Union County Arts Center April 27 for an all-Beethoven evening, starting at 8 p.m.

The orchestra has become a familiar presence at this venue, where it has not missed a season since first performing here four years ago.

At the April 27 concert, pianist Ji Yoon Im will be soloist for the orchestra's performance of Beethoven's "First Piano Concerto." The 15-year-old prodigy, an Edison resident, debuted at age 8 and has received many glowing reviews.

Tickets at the regular price of \$23, and senior citizen and student rates of \$19 and \$12 respectively, are available at the Arts Center box office adjoining the theater entrance at 1601 Irving St. in Rahway.

The Union County Arts Center is a vintage 1920s entertainment palace, the interior of which has been restored. The facade is undergoing restoration.

The theater is located at the junction of Central Avenue with Main and Irving streets in Rahway's historic downtown district.

For more information, call 499-8226.

**Union County Arts Center**

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# Entertainers at Kean offer music, dance

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• Kean Children's Hour ACME: Performing Arts presents "Charlotte's Web." May 19 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at Wilkins Theatre for the Performing Arts. A musical version of the classic story of Wilbur the pig and Charlotte the spider. Admission is \$5; contact the box office at 527-2337.

• New Jersey Ballet will perform April 20 at 8 p.m. and April 21 at 2 p.m. in Wilkins Theatre. Admission is \$17, \$15 for alumni and senior citizens for April 20, \$7 for April 21 performances. Contact the box office at 527-2337.

# Show of English and Scottish paintings continues at Swain

An exclusive gallery exhibit from a private New Jersey collection of 18th and 19th century English and Scottish paintings, a number by master painters continues through May 2 at Swain Galleries in Plainfield.

Although previously exhibited in part in museums and corporate centers, the collection is shown for the first time in an art gallery and almost in its entirety, said Ann Swain, proprietor, who added that all 25 oil paintings were purchased from Sotheby's in London and collected during the decade from the late 1950s through the 1960s.

The exhibit is open weekdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturdays to 9:30 a.m. at 4 p.m. at Swain Galleries, 703 Watchung Ave. For more information, call 756-1707.

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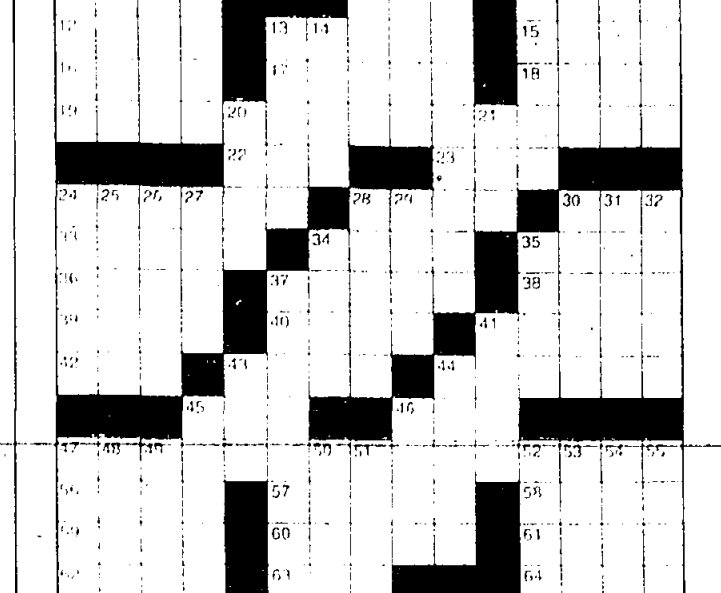
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**Black Maria film fest to feature 10 shorts**

The annual Black Maria Festival of Independent Film and Video will make its seventh triumphant trip to New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, located at 68 Elm St. in Summit, tonight at 7:30.

As independent films prove their commercial appeal, the Black Maria Festival, named after the world's first movie studio, managed by Thomas Edison, still provides one of the most accessible ways to see the classics of tomorrow.

This year, visitors will see 10 short films for less than the price of a single multiplex feature.

The many faces of the American family are explored in two films. "Mother Tongue" is a documentary about an Italian-American mother's expectations and her son's ambitions. "A Wild Horse Rider" is the story of a reunion of the film star and her estranged father.

Films which confront illness and disability include "When Billy Broke His Head," in which the title character narrates his life as a cross-country quest for some of his fellow 43 million disabled Americans. "Zed," about a heart cancer survivor, and "Zimbabwe Wheel," about two deaf craftsmen whose invention of affordable and efficient wheelchairs for themselves became a life's work for them.

Although her portraits are realistic and recognizable, Kiehl's work involves careful consideration of abstract properties. At first, she checks the drawing and placement of all objects in the painting, and then becomes more attentive to smaller elements of the piece. In all her paintings, she conveys ease, yet accuracy, as reminiscent of such masters as Velasquez, Sargent, and Serov.

Ghenov's works are characterized by fine, full figures that are more metaphorical than narrative. Labeling himself as a realist artist who was born in the high years of abstract expressionism, he combines historical and modern concerns in his works, with a great interest in contemporary, formal issues of the canvas surface, paint quality, and gestural expression. Ghenov bases his artwork content on his observations of the environment and people with the discrimination of a traditionally trained artist.

Gallery hours are 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 1-4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, call the gallery at 709-7183 and leave a message in the voice mail.

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For The Week of April 14-20

**ARIES** March 21-April 20  
Don't seek to avoid difficulty; you could miss out on a lesson you really need to learn. There has to be a lesson, but don't forget: the more you study, the more you learn. You may be feeling pretty handsome.

**TAURUS** April 21-May 21  
Working for a promotion is something, but difficult, so allow yourself to be pampered if you have enough to create an art. Romance blossoms as the weather grows lovelier.

**GEMINI** May 22-June 21  
Treats bubble at the end of a deadline opportunity. But in the extra time and fresh ideas could lead to some startling insights.

**CANCER** June 22-July 22  
A rat in person gets the week off to a slow start. Ignore treatment before it can be possible. There could be more involved than meets the eye. Invest a little time to participate in an important meeting.

**LEO** July 23-August 23  
If something has been bothering you lately, it's sitting down at a quiet time and thinking your way to the heart of the matter. It would be worth it, you may find the answer to something that will help you.

**VIRGO** August 24-September 22  
Spring cleaning could mean a new look in your wardrobe. You may find a new look in your wardrobe. You may find a new look in your wardrobe.

**LIBRA** September 23-October 23  
An emphasis on nature allows you to make a decision and be happy with your choice. Seek advice from someone with experience. Follow the advice of a trusted friend or mentor. It may be a good idea.

**SCORPIO** October 24-November 22  
Your energy focuses on friends, so go ahead and make that long drive. If you look it down into smaller chunks, you could make your next destination more enjoyable. To show romantic undertones.

**SAGITTARIUS** November 23-December 21  
Although it's tempting to offer unsolicited advice, it may not be productive. Rather, you may have to work on convincing others and perhaps another person handles the task a few times.

**CAPRICORN** December 22-January 20  
Work towards completing a large assignment early in the week. Double-check your work to make sure you have the best of it. If you have your skills at drawing up companies, it will not be lost. A gift for your worthy in order.

**AQUARIUS** January 21-February 18  
Although it feels as though you're getting nothing at all, you're taking the time to look for an important project. A new look in your wardrobe. You may find a new look in your wardrobe.

**PISCES** February 19-March 20  
You may be feeling impatient this week. You may find a new look in your wardrobe. You may find a new look in your wardrobe.

# Flea Market

**SUNDAY**  
APRIL 14, 1996  
EVENT: Flea Market  
PLACE: Belleville High School, 100 Passaic Avenue (off Jaraman Street), Belleville  
TIME: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
PRICE: Free Admission. Over 100 quality vendors. For information call 201-997-9237.  
ORGANIZATION: Fundraiser for Belleville High School Seniors.

**FRIDAY**  
APRIL 12, 1996  
EVENT: Flea Market  
PLACE: Red Bank, Lutheran Church, 154 Prospect Avenue, Irvington  
TIME: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
PRICE: Free Admission  
ORGANIZATION: Red Bank Lutheran Church

**SATURDAY**  
APRIL 20, 1996  
EVENT: Flea Market. New sample of wedding and formal gowns. Great bags on Spring and Summer clothes, jewelry, housewares, records, books, etc. Home made cakes and lunch.  
PLACE: Red Bank, Lutheran Church, 154 Prospect Avenue, Irvington  
TIME: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
PRICE: Free Admission. Tables available to dealers for \$15. Call 372-0084 or 703-3289.  
ORGANIZATION: Red Bank Lutheran Church

**SATURDAY**  
APRIL 20, 1996  
EVENT: Outdoor Flea Market and Craft Show  
PLACE: Abundant Life Workshop Center, 340 Washington Avenue, Nutley, NJ  
TIME: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
PRICE: Free Admission. Over 100 quality vendors. For information call 709-7183.  
ORGANIZATION: Fundraiser for youth program.

**SATURDAY**  
APRIL 19-21, 1996  
EVENT: Theatrical Production of "Electra"  
PLACE: Theatrical Production of "Electra"  
PRICE: Free Admission. Tickets \$20 for adults, \$10 for seniors, children, alumni, and \$3 for Salton Hall students. Discount subscriptions and group rates are available.  
ORGANIZATION: Salton Hall University Theatre Group

# Arts Calendar

The Arts Calendar, prepared by Worral Community Newspapers, is a list of upcoming theatrical and musical performances, art exhibitions and other cultural events in the area. To contribute to the calendar, forward all relevant information to Arts and Entertainment section, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, NJ 07083, or fax to (201) 686-4169.

**Tomorrow**

• Kean Dance Theatre will hold its Spring Dance Concert—a variety of songs and dances celebrating world rhythms and cultures—tomorrow and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. in Wilkins Theatre at the college.

Admission will cost \$6, \$5 for alumni and senior citizens, and \$4 for children. Contact the box office 527-2337 for more information.

**Wednesday**

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**April 18**

• The Kean College Choir will perform April 18 at 8 p.m. in Wilkins Theatre at Kean.

The choir's final concert of the year will feature choral works on both a large and small scale, as well as selected soloists. Admission is free.

**April 21**

• New Jersey Ballet will perform April 20 at 8 p.m. and April 21, at 2 p.m. at Kean College's Wilkins Theatre.

Admission for the public is \$17; alumni, senior citizens, \$15 for April 20, \$7 for April 21 performances. Contact the box office at 527-2337 for more information.

**April 24**

• Women's Chorus/Chamber Ensemble will perform April 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre in College Center. The chorus performs works for voice, piano, in traditional and contemporary idioms. The ensemble presents compositions for a small group of instrumentalists. There is no admission fee; contact Kean College's Music Department at 527-2107 for more information.

**April 28**

• Kean College's Children's Hour Bits & Pieces Theatre will present "Alice in Wonderland" April 28 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Wilkins Theatre.

The show will feature gnomes and gnomes, costumed characters and children from the audience on a magical fantasy tour. Admission is \$5; for more information, call the box office 527-2337.

**Permanent tours**

• Miller Cory House. A restored 18th century farmhouse, where demonstrations in colonial-era crafts and cooking are held Sundays from 2-5 p.m. Admission is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children. The house is located at 614 Mountain Ave. in Westfield. For more information, call 232-1776.

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## New Acura flagship at NYAS



Acura is redesigning their entire automotive line and they spared no expense with the all-new 1996 Acura 3.5R. It has been called the most refined, sophisticated luxury Acura sedan ever. Check it out at the 1996 New York International Auto Show this week at the Jacob Javits Convention center.

## Tech and auto innovations to be showcased at NYAS

The first motorcar, built 111 years ago, was little more than a tricycle with an internal combustion engine. Yet it was a marvel of invention by joining two existing Victorian technologies—the carriage and the gasoline engine—a worldwide industry was born.

This spirit of invention continues today as engineers push the envelope to build better performing, safer vehicles of even 20 years ago seem like dinosaurs. With the widespread use of advanced electronic systems, today's cars are smart cars—cars that can "think" for themselves.

In the blink of an eye—or less—complicated functions are carried out, the likes of which were not even imagined 50 years ago.

Visitors to the 1996 New York International Automobile Show at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, April 6-14, will have the opportunity to see many of these advances first hand.

"Many visitors don't realize the advances that have been made," said John LaSorsa, President of the Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association, who put on the New York Auto Show, "because everything is located under hood and sheet metal, and is controlled by computer chips. But the progress in electronics and on-board microprocessing have made cars safer and more efficient ever before."

Today, computers govern the overall performance of an automobile. The engine, automatic transmission, anti-lock brakes, ABS, traction control, and in some cases, four-wheel drive, are all controlled by complex electronic nerve centers that optimize performance and react to driver and car input. In some cases, the communication between systems can save a life, in others it improves the environment.

Vehicles in 1996 have OBD II, the second generation on-board diagnostics system. This system continuously monitors critical engine-related equipment on vehicles to detect deterioration. Once deterioration or failure is detected, the information is stored in the powertrain control module along with specific powertrain and operating information.

The advantage to this system, over the previous generation, is that the technician has more comprehensive information available to affect repairs. Early

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## Sedans make splash at this year's NYAS

Sedans, the staple vehicle of the automotive marketplace, are capturing public excitement as they rarely have before. With the rush of truly great sedans hitting the market in recent years, the image of these vehicles as simple utilitarian transport has vanished. And never have the offerings in the segment been as stylish, technologically advanced and exciting as they are this year.

At the New York International Automobile Show, April 6-14, at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, visitors will have an opportunity to see the newest sedans from every manufacturer.

Ford and Mercury Ford offers a completely fresh look for the 1996 Taurus and Mercury Sable. Both have strong elliptical design themes with a low hood and reduced wheel and fender height. Two 1996 Taurus sedans and wagon models are available—the GL and LX. The Sable also sports two models in sedan and wagon—the GS and LS. What separates the models are the power windows, the Taurus LX and Sable LX are loaded with the new, high performance 3.0-liter, 24-valve DOHC 200-horsepower Duratec V6. Plymouth, Dodge and Chrysler Plymouth is forging ahead in 1996 with its new mid-size sedan, the Plymouth Stratus. The front-wheel drive Stratus shares its platform with the Dodge Stratus and Chrysler Cirrus, and one model is available. It's powered by a 2.0-liter, 160-horsepower V6, while the LS receives a 3.4-liter, 210-horsepower V6 engine. Both are matched with a four-speed automatic transmission.

Buick offers three models to satisfy family needs. The LeSabre combines room for six in a full-size car package with standard 205-horsepower V6 engine. The mid-sized Regal sedan and coupe also boast V6 power. Also featured will be the all-new 1997 Buick Park Avenue Ultra.

Chevrolet Chevrolet's recently redesigned Lumina has a number of standard features including dual air bags, air conditioning, power door locks. Two models are available: the Lumina sedan and Lumina LS. The standard sedan is powered by a 3.1-liter, 160-horsepower V6, while the LS receives a 3.4-liter, 210-horsepower V6 engine. Both are matched with a four-speed automatic transmission.

Honda New front and rear bumpers and bigger taillights give Honda's Accord a different look for 1996. Accord can be had in two power flavors—the standard 2.2-liter 130-horsepower inline four and the Accord V6 with a 2.7-liter, 24-valve, multi-point programmed fuel injection engine that produces 174 horsepower.

Pontiac Improvements last year, Pontiac continues to refine the Grand Prix sedan and coupe models with such additions as variable effort power steering and a new four console.

The Bonneville has a new 3900 Series II SFI V6 engine standard on both the SE and SSE models. The new engine delivers more horsepower than last year's engine, even though it's the same 2.4-liter, 150-horsepower four cylinder.

Featuring Chrysler's cab forward design treatment, the Chrysler Cirrus and Dodge Stratus are new generation sedans. This year, the Cirrus gets the same 2.4-liter, 150-horsepower four

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## City Highlights

**Hydrant flushing**  
Mayor James J. Kennedy announced this week that the City of Rahway's Division of Hydrant Flushing Program on April 28.

It is expected that the flushing procedures will take approximately four weeks. Time of flushing will be from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily to minimize traffic interruptions and to prevent discolored water to customers during normal daily usage. Customers drawing water during the above time period can expect discolored water if they are in the flushing area. A tentative schedule of the hydrant flushing area is posted at City Hall and the Public Library.

**Trips available**  
The American Association of Retired Persons has announced tickets are on sale for the following trips: May 13-17, "South Pacific," and five days and four nights in Cape Cod. For more information and reservations, call Betty Martin at 388-0202.

**Blood pressure**  
Blood pressure screenings are held on the first Tuesday of each month from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Conference Room adjacent to the circulation desk in the public library, 1175 St. Georges Ave. For additional information, call 388-0701.

**Impact on education**  
The Middle Grades Project is a group of parents working with the middle school faculty and administration to effect policy. Accomplishments include the initiation of parent-teacher conferences, the newsletter, the parent handbook and a more informative back-to-school night. Anyone interested in more information may contact Sandra Barenton at 499-0724 or Richard Vangelanton at 396-1025.

## Election time

**Bailey, Stryak, Stephens win**  
By Donna Segal  
Managing Editor

Rahway has three new Board of Education members.

By an overwhelming majority, Sandra Bailey, Michael Stryak and David Stephens, were clearly the voters' choice this election.

The three victors defeated Ronald Knox, a firefighter at the Rahway Fire Department who received 893 of the votes. Bailey received 1,483 of the votes, Stryak got 1,283 and Stephens, 1,275.

"We're very pleased with the results," said Stryak, a sales manager for Palwin Plastics of Linden. "We're looking to move things back the way they should be."

Stryak, a graduate of the city's school system, holds a bachelor's degree in marketing management from Ken College of New Jersey. He said he was hopeful in terms of this election but admitted that "it could have gone either way. You never know until it finally comes out."

"I'm looking forward to the next three years and keeping the positive trends going in the district," Stryak said.

"I'm going to Disney World," said Bailey. "I'm just so excited. My numbers are so high and I'm so excited that this many people believe in me."

Bailey said she was not expecting such a turnout. "I was hoping to win and I think that I touched enough people in the community that they would vote for me."

Bailey is a Rahway native and is employed by Union County Department of Human Services. She is active in the community in organizations such as the Rahway YMCA, the PTA-PTO-the Rahway section of the

## Voters reject \$29-M budget

By Donna Segal  
Managing Editor

The voters here rejected a \$29.5 million budget, proposed by Mayor James J. Kennedy, Tuesday.

If passed, the 1996-97 school budget would have raised a tax levy of \$21.194,330, an increase of \$1,237,850 from this year's budget.

The increase in the tax levy would have raised property taxes in Rahway by seven cents per \$100 of assessed value. The owners of an average home in Rahway, assessed at \$300,000, would have had to pay an additional 96 cents in property taxes.

The "tax and fee" budget, also rejected, would have raised property taxes by seven cents per \$100 of assessed value.

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## Wards up for grabs

By Donna Segal  
Managing Editor

It seems the November elections are shaping up to be quite a battle with all six city ward seats being up for grabs.

However, before the November elections, Democrats might have to play survival of the fittest.

The GOP race is simple. None of the chairs of the Republican Party are contested. On the slate are Robert E. Vesey for election in the 1st Ward, Councilman Francis Janusz for re-election in the 2nd Ward; Councilman William P. Wnuck for re-election in the 3rd Ward; Dirk B. Weber for election in the 4th Ward; Councilman Jeffrey Cohen for re-election in the 5th Ward and Kenneth P. Scur for election in the 6th Ward.

Scur will replace Councilman James Fulcomer on the Republican slate, since Fulcomer has decided not to run for re-election. Fulcomer is also chair-See WARD, Page 2

## Storeowners disturbed

By Sean Dally  
Staff Writer

One storeowner said she often sees seven or eight youths in the alcove next to her business, smoking marijuana and urinating — sometimes through the mail slot in her door.

At least that's what Theresa Grant said she does every day when the schools let out.

During her daily walks on Irving Street, the senior citizen has seen something that has disturbed some storeowners in the downtown business district: youths loitering in front of the stores.

To some, this may not sound like much of a problem, but to the merchants who have counted heads, an appeal to the city was considered in order.

Pasquale Megaro, owner of Gino's Pizzeria, attended a recent City Council meeting with Grant and a number of fellow storeowners and supporters and asked the governing body for help.

The downtown merchants said they fear that the presence of the youths in front of their businesses will scare away customers.

"No one wants to go to our pizza restaurant because of people sitting on the stoop of the Masonic Temple," Grant said.

But according to some business owners, hanging out is not all these youths do.

One storeowner said the often seen seven or eight youths in the alcove next to her business, smoking marijuana and urinating — sometimes through the mail slot in her door.

Council members and residents agreed a problem exists, but neither group could find a solution.

Megaro has called the police when the youths hang out in front of his store. The police come, and the kids run. "But five minutes later, they return," he said.

He added that he has never seen a police foot-patrol in front of his store after 7 p.m., and he never sees the patrol on some days.

Councilman Jeffrey Cohen said he'd asked Mayor James Kennedy to look into the problem during the last council meeting.

"I believe that if they're loitering, harass the hell out of them," he said. "Lock them up on any little charge and maybe they'll get the message."

Business Administrator Peter Petisier said he was also "tully aware" of the problem, but did not see an easy solution to it.

"If they're just standing there, I don't know if the police can go up and tell them to move," he said.

Cohen also said neither the council See STOREOWNERS, Page 2

## Hard at work

By Sean Dally  
Staff Writer

City resident Rose G. Henderson, first executive director of the Rahway Chamber of Commerce, center, updates the Rahway Business Directory in the chamber's new office, shared with the Rahway Center Partnership. The office is located on Main Street. Also pictured are Frank Regan, left, economic development coordinator, and Joseph Renna, president of the Rahway Chamber of Commerce. To find out more about the chamber, see our special insert in this week's newspaper.

## Local goes above and beyond

By Sean Dally  
Staff Writer

According to Rahway Police Captain Edward Tilton, some things that Rahway residents do are commendable.

Some, however, said Tilton, go "above and beyond."

Allen Chenoweth, a 36-year-old Rahway resident, was one of those who went above and beyond last year, enough to earn him a commendation from the City Council and an award from the Rahway Police Department.

Chenoweth, who does auto body work, earned the commendation because he helped an officer at a tavern on St. George Avenue.

According to Tilton, a patron of the tavern was acting in a disorderly and "combative" way. An off-duty police officer, who was also at the tavern, recognized that there was a problem and stepped in to try to calm him down.

The officer, whose name was not released, was able to lead the man outside. Once they were outside, however, the man struck the officer and "really dived him to a point" where he was not in control of the situation.

"With the actions of Chenoweth, we felt assured that the officer wouldn't be hurt," said Tilton, "but it also takes a tremendous amount of courage when someone is obviously combative and wants to do harm."

Chenoweth did not have much to say about the commendation, saying only that he was "honored."

"He did well and I commend you for doing it," said Mione.

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