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1996 Earth Week Community Projects

Monday, April 22: Roosevelt School Project

Merck Institute for Science Education volunteers & Roosevelt School students will beautify school courtyard while learning through hands-on science activities.

Tuesday, April 23: Union County Vo-Tech

UCVT will sponsor after-school activities for JFK Center/Rahway Housing Tenants Assoc. students & Merck volunteers will assist children with fun activities. Students are invited back to Merck for hands-on planting experience in May.

Wednesday, April 24: Union County Vo-Tech

UCVT will sponsor after-school activities for Rahway Girl/Boy Scouts & Merck volunteers will assist children with fun activities. Students are invited back to Merck for hands-on planting experience in May.

Thursday, April 25: Rahway Elementary School Flagpole Projects

Merck volunteers, Rahway Girl/Boy Scouts & JFK Center/Rahway Housing Tenants Assoc. students will mulch grounds, replace shrubs, & plant annual flowers around flagpoles at Rahway Elementary schools as a safety measure for children who play in these areas.

Friday, April 26: Rahway Library Park Beautification Project

Merck volunteers, Rahway Girl/Boy Scouts & JFK Center/Rahway Housing Tenants Assoc. students will mulch grounds, replace shrubs, & plant annual flowers in Library Park.

Saturday, May 4: Park Clean-Up & Beautification Projects

Merck volunteers, Rahway Girl/Boy Scouts & JFK Center/Rahway Housing Tenants Assoc. students will perform clean-up efforts, mulching, shrub replacement, & plant annual flowers at Brennan & Tully Parks. Picnic lunches will be provided.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL MERCK RAHWAY PUBLIC AFFAIRS, 594-6427.

A county merger

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Earth Day

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Open art house

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City Highlights

Free clinic

The city will hold its annual free anti-rabies clinic for dogs and cats May 14-15 at the Main Street firehouse and May 16 at the Maple Avenue firehouse. The hours will be 6-7 p.m. Dogs must be on leashes and cats must be brought in carriers. A donation of \$1 for each animal is requested.

Flea market

Boy Scout Troop 47 will hold a craft/market May 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a rain date of May 19. The event will be held at Roosevelt School, St. George's Avenue. For more information call 381-8692 or 388-7268.

Hydrant flushing

Mayor James J. Kennedy announced that the Division of Water will start its spring hydrant flushing program on Sunday.

It is expected that the flushing 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 time period can expect discolored water if they are in the flushing area. A tentative schedule of the hydrant flushing areas 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 3-6 p.m. at the conference room adjacent to the circulation desk in the public library, 1175 St. Georges Ave. For additional information, call 388-0761.

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 Bailey at 499-0724 or Edward Yergolins at 396-1025.

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Mayor vs. board member

Hartnett complains of Kennedy's 'attack'

By Donna Segal
Managing Editor

Is it animosity or simply a difference of opinion? Well, whatever it is, both parties have had enough. Following the distribution of campaign literature by Mayor James Kennedy, board member Joseph Hartnett said he'd had enough of the mayor's "personal attacks" against him. In a letter, paid for and distributed by Kennedy before the elections April 16, the mayor said, "In just three years, school taxes have increased by over \$1.5 million! Part of that has been caused by state aid cuts and fixed contractual obligations, but some is due only to poor priorities and failed leadership." It goes on to say, "The responsibility for this rests with just one person: Joe Hartnett. As city business administrator, Hartnett caused financial problems that took me years to clean up when I became mayor. Just as we were making real progress to stabilize taxes, Hartnett took over the school board. Hartnett, the city's former business administrator, said he is requesting that the mayor "lay down his sword and try to work with all people for the good of the community."

Hartnett said that the personal animosity exhibited toward him by the mayor "has reached the point of being ridiculous." He added, "It seems that the mayor has spend much of his nearly six years in office attacking me, either directly or through surrogates and family members."

Hartnett added, "I have and will work with Jimmy Kennedy or anyone else on anything for the good of the community. I appeal to the mayor to adopt the same cooperative attitude. Kennedy, however, said all his accusations are backed by facts. "I am holding him accountable for his action, that's what I'm doing," Kennedy said. "For instance, had budget practicing. It took him 14 years to get the city into the position where it was devastating for the city; he's accomplished that in two years on the school board."

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Board of Education may be re-elected

The Board of Education may be re-elected in the upcoming election. The board is currently composed of seven members, with three terms expiring in 1996. The board is responsible for the management of the city's public schools.

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Train station rehabilitation starts rebirth of downtown

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Author visits library

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

It's really something to watch a storyteller who knows what she's doing. "It's a real testament to her skills that they were listening and enthralled," said Mary Pritting, the Children's Librarian at the Rahway Public Library.

Pritting was talking about her friend of 18 years, Yvonne Ceaser of Franklin Township. Ceaser, who also is a children's librarian in Franklin, entertained 19 children, all under 6, and 14 adults on Tuesday with stories like "Rainbow Crow," by Nancy Van Lan, "Gunny-will," by Wilmina Harper and "Baby Rattlemaker," by Te Ata.

Ceaser's visit was part of the library's celebration of Rahway's Discovery Week. "I like telling stories," said Ceaser. See AUTHOR, Page 3

Debate continues over street name

Coleman noted at the press conference that businesses, which have been among those opposed to the name change, have benefited the most from the Civil Rights movement.

The movement, he said, let black people buy houses where they wanted to, improving the real estate industry, and gave them better access to jobs, which increased their spending power.

The council had approved a name change for a small part of Broad Street at its last meeting. This section, by the recently erected bust of King and the NJ Transit railroad station, is to be named Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza.

"I have problems with that," he said. "That doesn't represent Rahway. That's just one space." The roads that have been selected by Coleman in the past were chosen because they include a cross-section of residents and businesses, he said.

A number of councilmen, including Coleman, have wanted to delay the official renaming of Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza. Coleman said he wants to make it significant by waiting until renovations are completed in the train station, which should take about two years.

Other councilmen, including Sal Moore, have wanted to hold off passing any ordinance changing the street name until John Robinson of the Martin Luther King Memorial Society has had a chance to speak to the City Council. Coleman said he'd talked to Robinson after the meeting. "He had no objection to renaming the street," he said.

City youth to get mentors

'Men in the Hood' members to teach responsibility to teens

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

A new community group is to be formed for teenagers in Rahway. Called Men in the Hood, its formation was announced by Councilman Jerry Coleman at a press conference on Tuesday.

According to Coleman, the group is to be based on the Big Brother program at Second Baptist Church in Perth Amboy, of which he is a member. Coleman described the program as a "continuation of the Mister Rogers Program." The Mister Rogers "Say No" Club is a program for minority boys up to age 10 and has a branch at

the John F. Kennedy Community Center. The club helps young people with their schoolwork and promotes citizenship by using volunteers, mostly men, to serve as role models. "Men are in charge of the household. They should take responsibility," he said.

"That doesn't mean that men shouldn't wash dishes and do laundry," he added. "I did and I still do." The first program is to be based in the neighborhood around Grover Cleveland School and to take in the teenagers that hang out there as its first members. Youth hanging out

have been a complaint of local businesses, who say they scare away customers, and residents.

The first meeting is to take place at the school on May 20 at 7 p.m. Coleman said that the strategy of the program is to team one man with one teenager. The man would then devote at least three hours a week to his teenager.

"Three hours isn't a lot to take out of your schedule to make a better man or woman in the community," he said. "All kids don't need a major crisis," he added. "They just need someone to talk to."

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Mayor, board member agree to disagree

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He added that after Hartnett left his position as business administrator, "I had run against the mayor that he had served under for many years, and when we came into office, the financial situation of the city was devastating."

"Mr. Hartnett seems to be more concerned about criticism," Kennedy said. "What I'm concerned about is the present financial condition of the schools."

"By city resolutions, the last two years and then in 1991, which was another year when the budget was defeated, there were specific recommendations that were made," Kennedy said, "and in these cases they were not made strictly by the city but with input from the school's administration. And we worked very hard in putting those specific items in there. To my knowledge none of those were acted on."

"It's not for severe financial trouble," Kennedy said. "They were a \$1 million over the cap before their administration. Kennedy said he attributes the problems of the last two years to Hartnett."

"As for the school budget and taxes," Hartnett said, "I don't understand the mayor's position." He said, "He distributed campaign literature and press releases deprecating the size of the school budget, yet he supports the superintendent, the same superintendent who wanted a budget with \$1 million more in taxes than the school board approved. This is a mixed message from the mayor."

"The level of spending and political involvement by the mayor's forces in the school election is outrageous," he added. "Here we are in agreement on two of three candidates, and instead of trying to build on what we have in common, the

mayor poured thousands of dollars into a campaign over the third seat, and his partisans even brought in a professional political consultant from outside of Rahway to run the campaign. Why all of this money and effort? It just doesn't make any sense."

In response, Kennedy said the three candidates he had supported for election — Sonda Bailey, David Stephens and Michael Staryak — ran as a team. He added that he did not understand why Hartnett decided not to support Staryak.

In addition, Kennedy said legal fees spent by the board for litigation with Superintendent of Schools Anthony Cavanna were unnecessary. "He said that if we had a D.B. in the district, among other changes, to Cavanna."

Hartnett then brought in another friend as a consultant last year," Kennedy said, "to look at the financial needs of the district. That report, at a cost of, I believe, \$30,000, brought not one — but I'm aware of — implemented item. It was a waste of taxpayer's dollars."

"What we, the administration, are encouraging the board to do, is to finalize this ridiculous litigation against the superintendent," Kennedy said. "This city does not have the money to be wasting on his buddy the attorney, when in fact we should be spending this money toward the children."

Hartnett said, "Let's be realistic and truthful about the city budget and the school budget. I'm the only one

involved with experience in both. The fact is, the city budget has really gone up in recent years as much or more than the school budget. However, the city receives \$2 million plus from the resource recovery plant to reduce its share of taxes, and schools don't."

"The mayor also seems to forget that we are the board members who put an end to the superintendent's \$77 per month editorial phone bills, his credit card lunches with the mayor, and other spending excesses, and that a major portion of the school tax increase is payments for the new school gym as approved by the prior board without a vote of the public."

"I accept the fact that criticism goes with being in public life," Hartnett said, "but denigration like Jimmy Kennedy and his family and surrogate are practicing against me is out of line and hurts the community."

"The simple truth is this: Jimmy Kennedy has his supporters in the community and I have mine. He ought to face that fact, move on, and work with people to make our city a better community. It's time to stop the hatred, to stop the paranoia, and to stop the politics of fear in Rahway."

As far as the campaign literature he has distributed, Kennedy said, "I think it is not a waste of money to encourage what I consider good candidates to run for the Board of Education."

"I think the new members are very focused," Kennedy said, "and I think you're going to start to see several free-thinking board members once there are other members on that board."

"If in fact, Hartnett doesn't stop this nonsense with spending these ridiculous dollars on this superintendent's contract thing, I will ask the community to consider a recall of his position," Kennedy added.

Mentor program to assist teen boys

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As anyone who has or has been a teenager can attest, teenagers don't often go to their parents with their problems.

"You can't go out and say that you want them to go to a facility," he said. "You have to go to them."

The program will at first take in only teenage boys and will only encompass the neighborhood around Grover Cleveland School.

Coleman said that this is so the club can start small and with a better chance at success. He added that teenagers could be included in the membership in the future.

Coleman further stated that as the boys in the program improve, they will treat the girls in the area better.

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Ground-breaking celebrated

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of the RCP, Bob Maskey. However, he said, the downtown is undergoing a healthy change.

"We see today, a downtown that is still rough around the edges in some parts," Maskey said, "but a downtown that is coming back."

RCP has taken an active role in the project. The RCP is a 30-member board of public and private sector leaders whose goal is to transform the city into a commercial, transportation and cultural center.

Transportation is a major focus of the RCP. In fact, it is represented as one of four RCP committees. The other three include maintenance and security, business recruitment and business development.

Prior to the ground-breaking at the station, the Union County Arts Center sponsored a luncheon ceremony. At the ceremony, Kennedy said, "I really may have off to all the members of the partnership."

He thanked the RCP for its involvement in the revitalization of downtown.

The train station renovations, performed by Hall Construction of Wall Township, include demolition of the existing station and platforms and construction of a new station building, high-level platforms with canopies, a pedestrian tunnel and stairwells. It also will offer a 1,100-square-foot waiting room, two accessible restrooms, concessions and two elevators. The project is being funded by the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund.

"We believe NJ Transit's plan to improve Rahway Train Station is one of the driving forces behind the recent increase in downtown business growth," Maskey said.

"We believe rail stations are as much a part of the community as the

City seeks summer supervisors

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The Recreation Division of Parks and Recreation is looking for qualified persons to supervise playgrounds throughout the city during the six week summer playground program to

Author visits kids library

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"I like telling tales, because it keeps the oral tradition alive," he said. "It's like radio," added Pritting. "You have to use your imagination."

Unlike the slam-bang cartoons that the children are probably more used to, the stories that Caesar told were slow and imaginative. Caesar said that this helps develop patience and learning skills.

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City robbery may be linked to others

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

The reported robbery of Sunshine Nails on North Wood Avenue in Linden April 18 could be linked to several others throughout Union and Essex counties, authorities said.

Shortly before 7:30 p.m., witnesses said a man came in and announced he was holding up the store. He claimed to have a gun in his pocket, cash registers and safe \$600 in cash and personal checks. He also took the pocketbooks from the customers in the store, who he ordered against the back wall.

The suspect got away with a total of \$1,700, which he stuffed into a black or brown plastic bag, officials said.

The suspect was described as a man, approximately 35-40 years old, 5-foot-7 inches, slender, clean-shaven, short black hair and wearing a navy blue ski jacket with grey sweatpants.

Similar robberies which have taken place throughout Union and Essex counties are suspected to have been perpetrated by the same man, according to the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

The most recent of the other robberies reportedly took place in Rahway on April 12. In this instance, a suspect named Haat We Are on St. George Avenue around 1 p.m., waving a large knife and stole the patron's pocketbooks and took cash from the store register. No one was hurt during the robbery and the suspect was seen running from the store.

The Rahway suspect was described as a black man 35-40 years old, 5-foot-7 inches, medium build, with a receding hairline. He was wearing a grey shirt and blue pants.

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Composite sketch

The same perpetrator is suspected in four other robberies. The earliest was in March. With the exception of the Linden robbery, the suspect was armed with a large knife each time.

A salon reportedly was held up in Kenilworth April 4 and another in Union Township the previous week. In Essex County, robberies were committed at a nail salon in South Orange on April 8 and at a dry cleaners March 30.

The suspects from the robberies in Kenilworth and in Essex County were similarly dressed, officials said.

According to the Rahway police, the police departments of the respective towns are working together to solve the cases. The Union County Prosecutor's Office is offering assistance through its Crime Stopper program.

Anyone with information on the robberies is asked to call the Crime Stopper's Office at 654-TIPS. Callers do not have to give their names, and all calls will be kept confidential. Information which leads to an arrest and indictment may be eligible for a reward.

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Merck helps celebrate Earth Day

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

Merck & Co. observed Earth Day by awarding a \$2,500 grant to Roosevelt School's Eco-Kids program.

Called the Merck Environmental Champions Award, the grant is given annually to groups that promote ecology.

"Well, I'm thrilled. It's making a dream come of a reality," said Pitylis Leonard, a teacher at Roosevelt School who co-founded the Eco-Kids program.

"We're targeting this school because they have been very active with their Eco-Kids, and we think we should start them at an early age and that we should recognize them for this," said Althea Tolentino, manager of outreach and education programs for the Merck Science Partnership.

Along with Lawrence J. Naldi, the director of the Rahway facility, and Donna Nethery of Merck, she was responsible for Roosevelt School getting the grant.

It was no accident that the festivities quickly moved into the school courtyard. In addition to plant studies and having guest speakers, much of what Eco-Kids has done has been in the courtyard.

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Representatives from Merck & Co. visited Roosevelt School Monday to celebrate Earth Day. Pictured is 8-year-old Jennifer Sevedio planting in the school's courtyard.

Eco-Kids co-founder Patty Bradshaw. "Our ideal dream for this is to be another classroom, a living classroom," said Leonard. Right now, the fourth-grade is using the greenhouse to grow potatoes.

What got Roosevelt School the grant, however, was how the entire community got involved.

"Anything I could say would be less important than what happened today," said Principal Art Land

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City Council to decide fate of budget

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the procedure for cutting the budget would be changed this year.

According to Coleman, the board and council agreed on cuts of about \$500,000 one year that budget staff was defeated. The board said that it could make the cuts without cutting staff, but then terminated an employee after the council gave verbal approval of the budget. His dismissal sparked anger among Rahway parents.

Coleman said that he would want to get a written document with all the cuts to the budget and signed by the board before approving any cuts.

Coleman added that some of the cuts could be saved by using the school budget reserve fund. According to the school budget released by the Board of Education, however, there is no money left in the reserve fund.

According to Kennedy, the council will probably find itself in a bind with the budget.

"If the council votes down cuts, they won't hear the end of it," he said. "They have held me hostage. Now it's my turn."

Kennedy said that one area he wanted the council to examine was teacher contracts. Staff salaries, which include teacher's salaries, make up about 75 percent of the current budget.

Kennedy said he wanted salaries to be spent more fairly, however, with less going to the "upper echelons" and more to the teachers "out in the trenches." He also wants to take a look at the school administration.

This is the opposite position of board member Joseph Hartnett, who according to Kennedy, said teachers weren't entitled to raises and opened the board up to charges of unfair business practices.

Hartnett could not be reached for comment.

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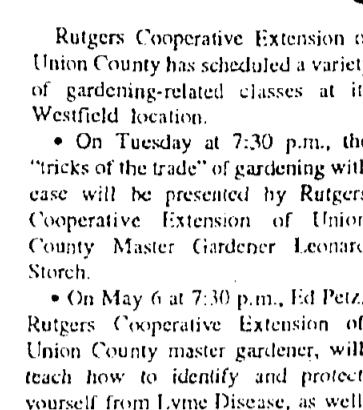
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OBITUARIES

Russell Kripaitis

Russell Kripaitis, 80, of Rahway died April 15 in his home. Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Kripaitis lived in Rahway for 42 years. He was a technician with Exxon Corp., Linden, for 40 years before his retirement in 1981. Mr. Kripaitis was a member of the Quarter Century Club. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1146 and was a color guard and fourth degree member of Father John P. Washington Council and was president of the Holy Name Society in St. Mark's Church, all in Rahway. Surviving are his wife, Mary, two sons, Robert and William, a daughter, Diane Iugan, two brothers, Robert and William, and three grandchildren.

Howard Brantley Sr.

Howard Brantley Sr., 81, of Rahway died April 12 in the East Orange Veterans Medical Center. Born in Cedar Springs, Ga., Mr. Brantley lived in Rahway for many years. He was a clerk and then a truck driver and a clerk for the Benjamin Keshong Hunt Store, Elizabeth, where he worked for 16 years before retiring in 1992. Mr. Brantley served in the Army during World War II. Surviving are two sons, Howard Jr. and Herman, five daughters, Barbara, Dorothy, Jacqueline, Hawkins, Susan, and Barbara, three brothers, James, Eugene, and Morris, 32 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Amelia Martino

Amelia Martino of Rahway died April 17 in Rahway Hospital. Born in New York, Mrs. Martino moved to Newark before moving to Rahway 30 years ago. She was a seamstress for Jan's Fashions, Rahway, for more than 10 years and retired in 1971. Surviving are a son, Patrick Jr., a daughter, Anne Garlin, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Horney H. Ross

Horney H. Ross, 87, of Rahway died April 20 in his home. Born in Gloucester, Pa., Mr. Ross lived in Westchester and Perth Amboy before moving to Rahway 50 years ago.

DEATH NOTICES

MORTON James R., of Roselle, on Sunday, Apr. 21, 1996, beloved husband of the late Mrs. Mary A. (Bertine) Morton, devoted father of Ruth Ann Morton of Roselle, Mrs. Mary Ann Morton of Roselle, and Mrs. Mary Ann Morton of Roselle, also survived by five grand-children, and one great-grandchild. Burial services at St. John's Church, 2000 Springfield Ave., Roselle, N.J. on Thursday, April 25, at 10 a.m. Interment in the St. John's Cemetery, Roselle, N.J. Second Ave. Roselle, N.J. 07068. Funeral Home: The Roselle Funeral Home, Roselle, N.J. 07068.

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Louis Ciechacki

Louis Ciechacki, 86, of Cranford, formerly of Rahway, died April 21 in Union Hospital. Born in Bayonne, Mr. Ciechacki lived in Rahway before moving to Cranford a year ago. He was a warehouseman for Korvettes department store, Cranford, for 10 years and retired in 1976. Earlier, Mr. Ciechacki was a home deliveryman for the White House Dairy Co., Jersey City, for 17 years. Surviving are two daughters, Emily Kaulfers and Louise Keegan, and five grandchildren.

Eleanor O. Kuriskin

Eleanor O. Kuriskin, 76, a life-long resident of Rahway, died April 20 in Rahway Hospital. Mrs. Kuriskin was employed by Grier Brothers Co., Rahway, as an assembler for 11 years and retired in 1974. Earlier, she worked as an assembler for Security Steel Co. Avenel, and as a riveter during World War II. Surviving are two brothers, Walter W. and Joseph J., and a sister, Sophie A. Sals.

Lillian Srolowitz

Lillian Srolowitz, 80, of Rahway, a retired school teacher, died April 18 in Bayshore Health Care Center, Holmdel. Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Srolowitz lived in Cranford before moving to Rahway 40 years ago. She was an English as a Second Language teacher with the Rahway Board of Education for 22 years before retiring in 1989. Mrs. Srolowitz graduated from Kean College of New Jersey, Union. She was a former member of the Sisterhood of St. Ann's, both of Temple

Lillian Kurek

Lillian Kurek, 80, of Brick, formerly of Linden, died April 18 in her home. Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Kurek lived in Linden and Manhattan before moving to Brick last year. She was a member of St. Theresa's Ladies Auxiliary of Linden and the Polish Women's Alliance of Linden. Surviving are a daughter, Loretta Norheim; a son, Kenneth; a brother, Anthony Rykewski; a sister, Jean Szpakowski; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Walter R. Brandt

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Adam J. Lutz

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County students with gift of gab

Six Union County College students are conveying a telemarketing sales pitch with the pose of veterans in the industry despite their lack of previous, related experience.

Their voices are resonant; their delivery is articulate — and these students enrolled in the college's marketing programs gain increased success weekly as they garner solid promotional leads through semester-long internships at the Holiday Inn-North Newark.

The students are embarking on the training effort to get a bird's-eye view of what it's like to sell a service amid a competitive hotel environment. Each Thursday, they spend half the day applying sales techniques learned in the classroom to the practical workplace setting. Participating in two-member teams, they eventually learn an approach is refined continually while feeling their way through the telemarketing process.

At day's end, they all join for lunch to discuss their day's results in a brainstorming session. They talk about promising leads and "bad leads" when prospects reject their contacts. They discuss how to pinpoint the appropriate contact within a company but to circumvent secretaries, and what to do when there's no choice but to work with voice mail.

Those participating in the internship from UCC are as follows: Michael Gargola of Westfield; Lamont Freeman of Summit; Mark de Los Reyes and Michele Panara, both of Elizabeth; Mark Kumpinsky of Clark; and Alyson Wolff of Scotch Plains. These students are learning under the tutelage of Richard Seider, the Holiday Inn North's senior sales manager, and under the overall direction of the college's marketing program coordinator, Dr. Toby Grodner.

"It's hands-on training, which is the only way to really teach marketing skills," said Grodner of the internship's concept. "It reinforces what they do in the classroom as a partnership in learning."

AAA warns about scam artists

After the harsh winter, travelers may be easy targets for scam artists promising luxurious, warm-weather getaways at bargain prices or even free of charge, the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club warns.

Consumers should ask for detailed, written information, compare that to what the salesperson promised, then contact the airline, hotel or cruise line directly to see what kind of deal they're offering, Parente said.

AAA's Parente recommends these additional consumer tips to avoid being a travel scam victim: Be skeptical if the offer sounds too good to be true. When in doubt, book your vacation through a travel agency.

Use extreme caution when giving your credit card or checking account number over the phone. Exceptions are when you initiate the transaction or when you are faxed, online to verify if funds have been received and reservations are confirmed.

Ask for a full disclosure of the cancellation policy, including timing and special conditions during the sales pitch.

Ask about extra charges, including port taxes, service charges or single supplements.

Insist upon receiving written verification of all aspects of the travel package before you book. Read the

Nicola Trimarco

Nicola Trimarco, 72, of Clark died April 13 in Newark. Born in Newark, Mr. Trimarco lived in Perth Amboy before moving to Clark 33 years ago. He was the owner of Nick Trimarco and Son Jewelry Store, Maplewood, for more than 45 years. Mr. Trimarco served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a member of the Union County Jewellers Bowling League.

Mary E. Adams

Mary E. Adams, 66, of Clark died April 12 in Rahway Hospital. Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Adams lived in Clark for 30 years. She was a personnel director and secretary of the board of directors for E.W. Saybolt Inc. of Kenilworth, where she worked for 40 years. Mrs. Adams retired in 1993.

Helen Cygler

Helen Cygler, 88, of Clark died April 13 in the Holly Manor Nursing Home, Mendham. Born in Roselle, Mrs. Cygler lived in Clark for many years. She was a member of the Senior Citizens and American Association of Retired Persons, both in Clark. Surviving are a sister, Marie Satek; a grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Alexander Babich

Alexander Babich, 75, of Clark died April 12 in the Palms of Pasadena Hospital, Pasadena, Pa.

Walter S. Himpel

Walter S. Himpel, 79, of Clark died April 17 in Rahway Hospital. Born in Newark, Mr. Himpel lived in Irvington before moving to Clark 40 years ago. He was a supervisor for Bristol-Myers, Hightstown, where he worked for 40 years before retiring in 1982. Mr. Himpel served in the Army during World War II and was a charter member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7343-Clark. He was a member of the American Association of Retired Persons, Clark.

Louis Stern

Louis Stern, 86, of Washington, formerly of Clark, died April 19 in the Capital Hill Nursing Center, Washington. Born in Newark, Mr. Stern lived in Irvington, Clark, Plantation, Fla., and Brandegee before moving to Washington. He was a vice president and consumer lending officer for Midland Bank in Bloomfield for more than 30 years and retired in 1974. Mr. Stern graduated from the American Institute of Banking, Newark, in 1941 with an associate's degree. He was a 32nd degree member of the Springfield F&AM.

Surviving are two sons, Morris and Larry, and four grandchildren.

Students have become more aggressive

Grodner selected the participating students based on their overall grade-point average, level of demonstrated maturity, conscientious study approach, and interest in exploring marketing as a prospective career field.

At the end of the internship, students must submit a 10-page paper relating their experience, which will be co-evaluated by Grodner and Seider.

Kienpity, who is employed currently in customer service at Elizabethtown Gas Co., Union, bears while reporting a promising partnership with a South Carolina businessman who requested information on the hotel, where he would stay while visiting his son. The latter attends college in New Jersey, and the businessman thought that the Holiday Inn North's accessible location to major highways could be a personal attraction.

"I've learned to feel people out," said Kienpity. "I can tell early on in the conversation who needs to be talked to, and who needs to be talked to." I am across the hall, Gargola and De los Reyes, both of whom are 18 years old, made the trip to the hotel, where they would stay while visiting his son. The latter attends college in New Jersey, and the businessman thought that the Holiday Inn North's accessible location to major highways could be a personal attraction.

Freeman says his experience: "It helps me to understand the purpose of marketing," to which his female counterparts, Panara and Wolff agree. "The internship prepares you to speak with presidents and chief executive officers of companies," said Wolff.

Locals win at poster contest

Union County Dental Society, working with the public grammar schools in Union County, ran a county-wide poster contest to celebrate February as Children's Dental Health Month.

The idea of the contest is to promote dental health and dental awareness through the submission of posters made by children in the fourth grades throughout the grammar schools in Union County.

Overall, nearly 2,000 children participated in the contest. These participating fourth-graders used the theme for children's Dental Health Month: "Discover the Clues to a Healthy Smile" which they incorporated into their posters. They were then judged throughout the county and 50 individuals representing 25 different schools were invited to an awards night at John's Restaurant in Union.

Through the sponsorship of Union County Dental Society and Colgate Palmolive, these 50 individuals received ribbons, gift certificates and an evening of fun d'ware and soft drinks at John's Restaurant. The 50 winners were accompanied by parents, grandparents, siblings, friends and teachers, leading to a gathering of more than 200 people.

Winners of the county-wide Children's Dental Health Month Poster Contest sponsored and coordinated by the Union County Dental Society from James Caldwell School in Springfield were the following: Joelle Centommi, first prize, and Michael Rizzolo, second prize, and from Sandriene School were Laura Johnson, first prize, and Marc Cecicini, second prize. Aside from these winners, two grand prizes were awarded: one to a boy and one to a girl chosen from the 50 winners.

This year's grand prize winners were Amanda Strahan from Summit School in Roselle Park and Joshua Jeney from M.K. Hehny School in Clark. These grand prize winners represented the two best done posters in the entire county.

They will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bonds, special grand prize ribbons, and four tickets each to see Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus on a special day sponsored by the New Jersey Dental Association. The poster contest and the awards ceremony were both an unqualified success.

Interviews slated

The Union County Rape Crisis Center is interviewing for the following groups:

Job search on the Internet

Wouldn't it be great if job listings, employment data, or labor market information were simply and easily accessible on your home or office computer? Or you can find social services without having to visit five or six state agencies.

All of that information and more is available online for workers, students, employers and job seekers who check out the Workforce New Jersey Public Information Network on the Internet.

WNJIN is the New Jersey Department of Labor's web site, an on-line information source for job seekers as well as employers. The public can now access department's

Little League season kicks off with parade

The Clark Little League announced the 1996 season will kick off Saturday with a parade.

All 292 children and approximately 120 managers, coaches and team mothers will line up at Johnson High School at 8:30 a.m. The parade will begin at approximately 9:30 a.m.

The parade will march down Westfield Avenue, then turn left down Raritan Road to Ruddy Street and into the Little League complex. The parade will be followed by opening day ceremonies at Breeze Field. Immediately following the ceremonies the season will start at 11 a.m. with games in all divisions.

LA Jimmy Zizza from the Clark Police Department will be the parade chairman organizing all traffic control, the parade line up and sponsor co-operation. The Little League invited all Clark residents to come out and line up the streets to watch the children march. It is sure to be a great event for all several teams are building floats to be in the parade.

In other news, league president Rudy Danno has set the date for the annual Little League Golf Classic. The outing which will be held June 3 at Colonia Country Club in Colonia is open to all. The outing is being held for the purpose of raising money for the construction of a tee ball field at the league complex.

The outing includes lunch, day of golf, a cocktail hour followed by an awards dinner where prizes will be handed out to the tournament winners. The cost is set at \$150 per person. Those who plan to attend should contact Rudy Danno at 272-3071.

This year the hall age children — the 5 and 6 year olds — will be sent to Valley School to play some of their games because of lack of space. Hole sponsorships are available at a cost of \$100 per hole to any person, organization or business interested in helping.

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Resident visits governor at Drumthwacket

Gov. Christine Todd Whitman and Secretary of State Leon R. Hicks hosted a special reception for the Ethnic Advisory Council and Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission on March 15 at Drumthwacket, the governor's mansion in Princeton.

Clark resident Virginia Apellan was an invited guest to this reception. Apellan is a member of the Governor's Ethnic Advisory Council representing all the Armenian communities in New Jersey.

Apellan, a community leader in many facets, also being a history enthusiast, and the past president of the Clark Historical Society, said Drumthwacket has a long connection with New Jersey's history. The first governor to live in the central portion was Charles Smith Olden. He built it in 1835 and became New Jersey's 28th chief executive in 1860.

Olden was inspired by the architecture of New Orleans, where he had been in business for nine years before returning to New Jersey in 1834.

This mansion was one of the most elegant in Princeton. Olden's vision resulted in the "Colonial" portico that surrounds the full heights and width of the original mansion and features the six massive pillars topped by Ionic capitals. Olden died at age 77 in 1876 at age of 77. During his life, he was a state senator, a judge, a member of the commission that planned the State House. He was also treasurer and a trustee of the College of New Jersey, which became Princeton University in 1896, and he was the president of the Electoral College which re-elected Ulysses S. Grant in 1872.

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Clark resident Virginia Apellan, right, was a guest at Gov. Christine Whitman's special reception for the Ethnic Advisory Council and Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission on March 15, at Drumthwacket.

Drumthwacket was bought by the state in 1966 with money from the Green Acres Fund and the New Jersey Tertiary Commission. The mansion was used occasionally for fundraising and similar events. In 1981, Drumthwacket was designated the official residence of the governor of New Jersey. In a historical vein, Apellan, who was purchased by the company that created the golf course. Then, the company sold it to Union County in 1973.

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SPORTS

Despite 8-0 start, team still untested

LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Basketball team crowned champs

The Clark fifth grade travelling basketball team became the undefeated champions of the Garden State Basketball League by defeating St. Helen's of Westfield 34-27 in the championship game.

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By Michael Ziegler Assistant Sports Editor

There hasn't been much that the Johnson Regional High School softball team has done wrong this season, jumping out to an 8-0 start as of Tuesday, but then it hasn't been asked to do a whole lot either.

"Our pitching has been so dominant that our defense has not been challenged much," Johnson coach Steve Peimazzoli said. "We're still trying to secure starting positions in the outfield simply because we have not seen them have to make that many plays."

But that will all change next week when the Crusaders face conference rival Governor Livingston Tuesday and Friday and a much improved Raritan week Wednesday.

"We'll find out where we are defensively after next week," Peimazzoli said. "The way things have shaped up, next week should also decide who's in command of the conference."

As of Tuesday, Janet Evans had worked her way into the starting lineup and Sherry Dauster has looked solid in practice. Unfortunately, Dauster hasn't had a ball hit her way while she's been in the game.

Although Johnson is trying to replace all of last year's outfield, the pitching staff has been even more impressive than a year ago. Karen Kolmos, in her sophomore campaign, has improved the little things in her pitching. She knows how to use the count to her advantage more, especially when she is ahead of a batter.

Johnson's success has come from their ability to stay focused in every game and by playing to their potential.

"We've tried to keep the theme of treating every game as an important one," Peimazzoli said. "The big totals we've been putting up have not hurt our performance and we haven't formed any bad habits against teams we've dominated."

Against New Providence Monday, Kolmos struck out 12 and allowed no walks in five innings of work. Tara Tumminello doubled, singled and had knocked in three while scoring twice. Erica Russo went 3-for-3 with a double and two singles while Nicole Dempsey drove in three runs on two hits to continue Johnson's solid performance from the plate.

"Although we've put up some big numbers so far," Peimazzoli said, "we haven't faced the toughest pitchers we expect to in the next couple of weeks."

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By Michael Ziegler Assistant Sports Editor

There hasn't been much that the Johnson Regional High School softball team has done wrong this season, jumping out to an 8-0 start as of Tuesday, but then it hasn't been asked to do a whole lot either.

Clark-based health-care store expands

The first health-care superstore in the East, Take Good Care, based in Clark, will open today in Springfield. Take Good Care will offer health and wellness products and services with an emphasis on customer service.

Never before have consumers found their health-care needs met so completely in a single retail location," said Joyce Greenberg, chairman of Take Good Care. "Consumers will find the products they need, the information they want and the service they deserve as they make choices regarding the care of their health and well-being."

Customers will be people of all ages, those who are recuperating from injury or illness, those seeking solutions for issues related to aging or chronic conditions, those with special needs, such as nursing mothers, and those interested in non-traditional wellness measures and preventative health care.

"Whether it's walkers, wheelchairs, skin care products, nutrition or homeopathy, we will provide full-service health-care products and services for our shoppers," said Greenberg. "We take a holistic approach to health care, looking at lifestyle issues behind medical needs so we can provide complete solutions to health-care needs."

"We also see our role as enhancing the quality of our customers' lives, whether nurturing them with products that help them live independently or simply introducing them to the benefits of aromatherapy, for example." The layout of Take Good Care was designed with the consumers' needs in mind, as well as to create a pleasant environment.

"Take Good Care will transform the experience of shopping for health-care needs into an enjoyable one," said Greenberg.

The physical environment of the 20,000-square-foot store will be in sharp contrast to traditional surgical supply stores.

"The image that comes to most people's minds when they think about shopping for their medical needs is a small, dark shop with limited choices, high prices and lots of confusion — pretty depressing, really," said Greenberg.

"We've created an entirely new approach at Take Good Care. The superstore design is bright, attractive and roomy. Our customers will have plenty of space to try out mechanical and shop in comfort. They can expect fair pricing and generous return policies on all merchandise," she added.

At Take Good Care, consumers will be able to step into model rooms, including a bathroom, bedroom and

kitchen, so that staff members can demonstrate how to use the equipment and products.

An example of our commitment to services is the room dedicated to the use of community education and seminars. Daily seminars on subjects such as stroke prevention and living with diabetes will be provided by local chapters of associations and health-care organizations, health-care experts and Take Good Care staff members and suppliers. "We envision Take Good Care as a community resource," said Greenberg.

A trained sales staff will provide personal attention and expertise to consumers. Sales associates will act as floor consultants who offer advice to consumers on their medical products and lifestyle needs.

Among the services offered will be a fleet of vans that will deliver equipment on a scheduled basis six days a week; emergency oxygen delivery seven days a week.

"In today's managed care environment, consumers have more responsibility for decisions about their own well-being than ever before. As they find their way through the confusing maze of change in health-care policies and procedures, Take Good Care meets the needs for informed guidance and a full-service shopping," Greenberg said.

Area blood drives scheduled

The Blood Center of New Jersey, formerly the North Jersey Blood Center, has scheduled several blood drives at area locations and is asking healthy adults to call and sign up to donate.

Donors must be 18 years of age. Seventeen-year-olds may donate with parental permission. There is no upper age limit for donors provided they have not donated within the last two years, or have a doctor's note.

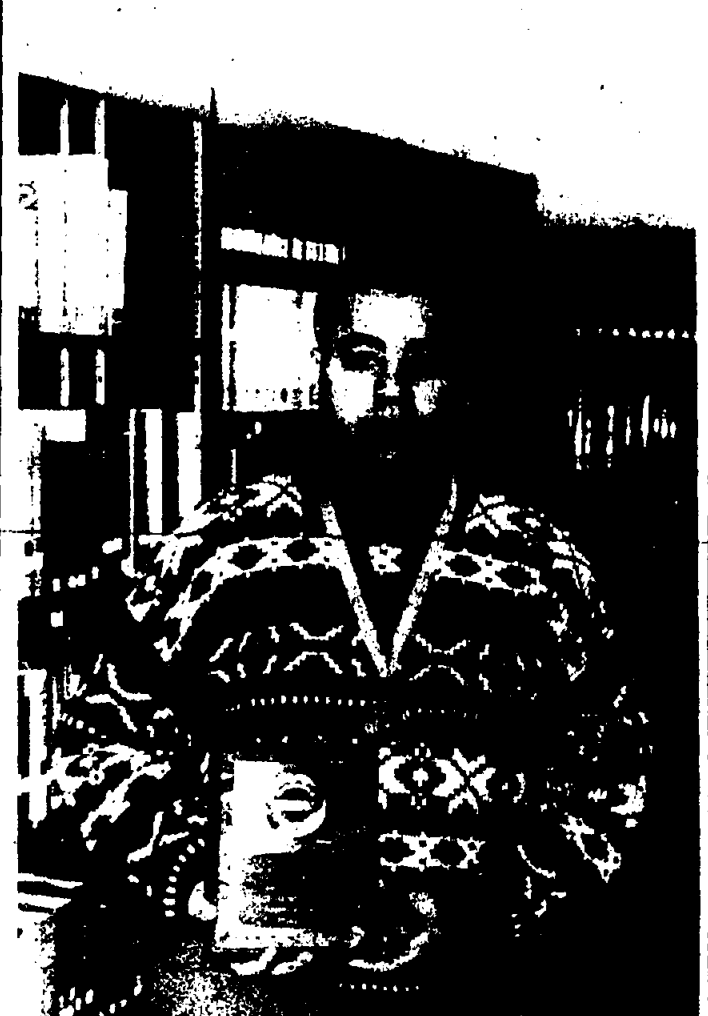
People with cold or flu symptoms should wait until they are feeling better before donating, and there is a 72-hour deferral for dental work, including routine teeth cleaning.

Dates and time of blood drives planned around the county are as follows: May 1, Arthur Johnson High School, Westfield Avenue, Clark, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Governor Livingston High School, 175 Washington Ave., Berkeley Heights, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Westfield Rendon Realty, Quimby and Elm streets, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Union Hospital, 1000 Guttinger Hill Road, Union, 3 to 7 p.m.

May 3, Rahway High School, 1012 Madison Ave., 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; May 5, Summit Jewish Community Center, 67 Kent Place Blvd., 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; May 10, Overlook Hospital, Morris Avenue, Summit, 5 to 8:30 p.m.; Union County Courthouse, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabethtown, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; May 11, Moose Lodge 913, 42115 Luitgen Road, Linden, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Knights of Columbus 3946, 112 West 1st Avenue, Roselle, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; May 12, Mulmberg Regional Medical Center, Park and Randolph roads, Plainfield, 4 to 8 p.m.; Trinity Episcopal Church, North and Forest avenues, Cranford, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; May 14, Lincoln Technical Institute, 2299 Vauxhall Road, Union, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and May 15, Elizabethtown Sports Club, 1135 Springfield Road, Union, 4:30 to 8 p.m.

For more information or to sign up to donate, call (800) BLOOD NJ.

An honors student



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ricky Walsh

Ricky Walsh, son of Raymond and Lori Walsh, who reside on Whittier Street in Rahway, will celebrate his fifth birthday on May 3. Joining in the celebration are brother, Danny, grandmother, Jeanne, and aunts, Lisa, Amanda and Nicole of Lincoln Park.

We want your news

Your organization should be getting the publicity it deserves and we would like to help. We have a publicity handbook which explains how to tell your story. We would like to publish your club, church, sports school news, etc.

David Bolous of Clark, a senior at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, earned two awards during the State Leadership Conference of Distributive Education Clubs of America, held recently at the Seasons Resort in Vernon. Bolous earned first place honors statewide in the finance and credit contest's role play 1 competition and received an honorable mention for his overall performance in the finance and credit contest. Bolous is a student in the marketing education course taught by Jack Ford at Johnson Regional.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

CONGREGATIONAL
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
1240 Clinton Ave., Irvington
274-8833 Sunday 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Worship and Church School
Monday 8:00 AM Food Pantry, 7:00 PM Girl Scout
Tuesday 5:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 3:00 PM Senior
Wednesday 6:30 PM Club Social Pack 216, Wednesday 6:00 PM Youth Fellowship, 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 216 and Adult Fellowship, Thursday 9:00 AM Food Pantry.

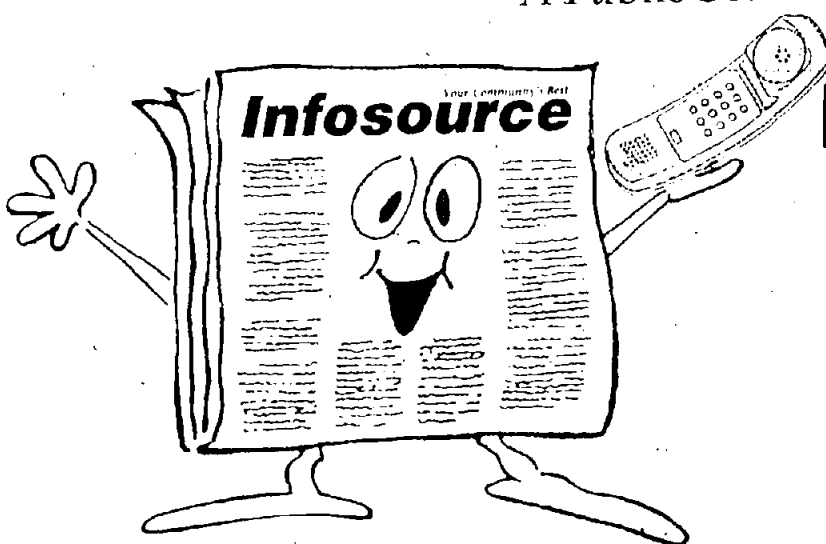
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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH 134
Dodge Ave., Pomona, 274-9177 Rev. Henry
J. Dierckx, Pastor, 274-9177
School for all ages 9:15-10:15 am. Worship
services 8:30 and 10:30 am. Choir Practice
9:15 am. Boy Scouts, Monday 7 p.m., Senior
Fellowship, 1st Wednesday and 3rd Thurs-
day, Church Council 8 p.m., AA Study, Wednes-
day 8 p.m., AA Study 8 p.m., A.A.R.D.
Irvington Chapter 279 Third Tuesday 1 p.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC
ST. LEON'S CHURCH 101 Myrtle Ave.,
Irvington, 272-1272 Rev. Dennis A. McKee,
Pastor. School for Masses: Saturday Eve.
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From left are Bob Tobe, from left, of Roselle Park, Chris Scaturro of Roselle, Jay Flanagan of Cranford, Freeholder Linda DiGiorgio, Freeholder Chairman Edwin Force, Rich McCutcheon of Clark, county Emergency Management Coordinator Ben Laganga of Elizabeth, William J. Wishart of Union and County Manager Ann Baran. Freeholders honored these individuals as employees of the month for January.

County workers honored for winter detail

Union County began this year with some pretty rough conditions, but also with some pretty good staff members. From 9 a.m. on Jan. 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 8 — the time of "The Blizzard of '96" — the Emergency Management Office was named by Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Jay Flanagan, Hazmat Chief Bob Tobe, Hazmat Technician Chris Scaturro, Shelter Coordinator Bill Wishart, and Meteorological Coordinator Rich McCutcheon. Despite snow that totaled up to 32 inches, they transported medical personnel to work, assisted the municipalities and the state with needed resources and kept estimated totals of county costs which resulted in the county receiving disaster assistance funding in the amount of \$26,349. Their outstanding job performance cannot go unnoticed or unpraised, therefore they were presented with congratulatory resolutions from the Board of Freeholders and certificates of appreciation from the county manager as they were named Employees of the Month for January, according to the county.

March of Dimes walk planned for healthy babies

With March of Dimes WalkAmerica scheduled for Sunday, Union County WalkAmerica at Union County College is expected to close to 1,000 people to step out for healthier babies. More than 30,000 walkers and volunteers from throughout New Jersey are expected to participate during the 26th annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica, the biggest and most successful walking event of its kind in the country. WalkAmerica helped March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation fund more than \$500,000 in national research and chapter community grants throughout the state during 1995. Helping walkers and volunteers make WalkAmerica 1996 in New Jersey a success are the many businesses supporting one of the country's largest community health events. Local Union County WalkAmerica sponsors include Blue Cross Blue Shield, Citi State Bank, Elizabeth Town Gas Company, IKEA-Elizabeth, the BOC Group, Worrall Community Newspapers and WJHM 1530 AM.

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Cycling event funds study of diabetes

The American Diabetes Association New Jersey Affiliate, North Central Regional Chapter, will hold one of the largest cycling events in the nation on June 2. ADP in Roseland, will be one of more than 150 sites participating in Tour De Cure '96. The event will benefit the more than 506,000 New Jersey residents who have diabetes — the fourth leading cause of death by disease in the United States.

"From additional fully-entitled rest stops and readily available support personnel along the routes to the fine-tuned festive atmosphere, lunch celebration, Tour De Cure '96 is the one event you will not want to miss this year," said Greg McGinley, one of the Tour De Cure chairpeople. "This action-packed bicycle tour event will be a great day of fun, fitness and fund-raising."

McGinley noted that the new, improved Tour De Cure '96 route is designed with three loops of 16, 20 and 40 miles, making the event eligible to novice as well as avid cyclists. "Diabetes means disease, disability and potentially death for thousands of residents in our area," said McGinley. "The monies raised through Tour De Cure will go toward research to find a cure and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes in New Jersey."

Diabetes is a disease that affects the body's ability to produce or process insulin, a hormone that changes food into sugar used for energy. According to the ADA, more than half of those affected by diabetes do not know they have the incurable disease. This year more than 650,000 people will be diagnosed with diabetes and 160,000 will die from diabetes complications.

To register, sponsor a cyclist or join the Tour De Cure Volunteer Team, call (201) 791-7179 or (800) TOUR-888.

High-tech member joins squad

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The combined purchase price of the truck and the robot was more than \$100,000, according to First Assistant Prosecutor Michael J. Lapolla, but the monies were allocated from the county's law enforcement trust fund last year. "It's impossible to put any price on even one person's safety or well-being, but there are many of us in this business who already feel better just knowing we have it," he said.

Secretly, officials say, the device will be instantly worth the effort and expense the very first time it gets utilized. For security reasons, the equipment will be stored in an undisclosed location but the team can be reached in an emergency by calling the county police or Moyle.

He said that last year the unit responded to 41 calls for assistance and the requests have been rising steadily about 8 percent each year since 1993.

Moyle said Lapolla responded to a few incidents involving the bomb squad and "quickly saw the imperative need to bring the team up to standard" with the latest state-of-the-art technology available.

Recycling proves successful

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Beside procedures for operating the robot, which has not been issued a badge or police identification, the squad members have been working on a series of bomb protocols for law enforcement officers and school officials. Later this month, Moyle said, he will be reviewing a proposed bomb protocol during an April 26 meeting of the police chiefs and school superintendents, according to Executive Assistant Prosecutor Robert P. O'Leary. "The need for a new truck had gotten to the desperate stage," Moyle said. "The replaced vehicle was old, too small for the required equipment and unable to transport the trailer and the robot together."

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New Jersey Ballet's principal dancer-choreographer
Elie Lazar flies through the air during a performance
April 20 at Kean College of New Jersey in Union.

With dazzling debuts, Ballet closes season

There was much excitement Saturday night on the stage of Wilkins Theatre at Kean College, when the New Jersey Ballet performed at the final show of the 10th annual Saturday Evening Series. The company's principal, Elie Lazar, entranced the audience with performances in two ballets and also made his debut as a choreographer of a full-length ballet.

Additionally, choreographer Robert Weiss had a world premiere in an original pas de deux, plus offering a second pas de deux. The extremely talented dancers performed in a collection of pas de deux selected by the remarkable director and former ballet dancer Carolyn Clark.

Isachson Lazar, an exceptional dancer, and now a marvellously innovative choreographer, received an appreciative outburst of bravos from the audience after performing brilliantly in "Two Moons" and "Silent Venice."

"Two Moons" was intricately choreographed by Weiss to music by Tchaikovsky, and brought forth the very physical man's innocent stature. The art and intuition in his partner, the elegant Rosemary Sabovick-Bleich, a first-rate dancer.

Sabovick-Bleich complemented Lazar in his commanding leaps and turns. He stared adoringly at her but then he stares adoringly at all his female partners and admiringly at his male counterparts. Actually, Lazar is very gracious and doesn't dominate the stage.

"Silent Venice" means "quiet the winds" and was created for the New Jersey Ballet by Belgian dancer-choreographer Luk de Lathau. It is a lyrical piece in the neoclassical style and had been premiered at Kean College in February of 1995.

The beautiful moves and turns are of the neoclassical style with Baroque music. Monroe looks gorgeous on stage and is excellent during her performance. Lazar, in his intense involvement, appears to be an extension of her.

The other productions in the first and second parts of the ballet are equally exciting. There is "La Vivandiere," which was choreographed by Arthur Saint-Leon, staged by Leonid Kolobov, with music by Cesare Pugni and costumes by A. Christina Giannini. In this, a more traditional ballet, with a light, rather ethereal piece of music, the featured dancers are Deborah Sayles, Yoon Qing Guo, Jacqueline Lorenzi, Era Korovaeva, Melissa Shults, and Monroe. Sales is charming and light with Guo, powerful in its technically demanding role.

"Poco Adagio," choreographed by George Tomai, with music from Saint-Saens' "Symphony No. 3," and costumes by Yana Beutis, has Jennifer Banks and Eldar Valiev as its principal dancers. This work reportedly was choreographed in 1986 for New

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Two premieres will mark start of season

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

Performed on an alternating schedule, May 2-19, the plays written by prize-winning New Jersey writers are "Sister Calling My Name," by Burr McLaughlin, Playwrights Theatre founding director, and "The Lower Cortex," by Robert Clyman.

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"Sister Calling My Name" is a story of a man who has been to the separated for nearly 18 years from

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Clyman's plays have been performed off-Broadway and in regional theaters around the country. He also has been awarded a number of national prizes, such as the Eugene O'Neill Summer Conference Fellowship, New Jersey State Arts Council Award, and the Theatre in the Works Fellowship. He is a practicing clinical psychologist in Oldwick.

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Arts Center to hold open house today

By Susan Dally
Staff Writer

Do you have a young actor in your family? Does your child love the smell of glue-stick and the roar of the audience? If you do, then come to the Union County Arts Center's Open House today.

The open house, which is part of the center's Discovery Week, will be open between 3-5 p.m. and feature a number of workshops for aspiring actors.

"The center is open to the community," the community," said Sharon Surber, center business administrator.

The center held a similar event at the precursor to Discovery Week — last year, called Discovery Day — last year, said Surber.

One of the features of the open house will be a preview of two of the center's summer programs for children, Summerstage and the Missoula Children's Theater.

Summerstage will begin its second year at the center on July 1. It is a program of voice, dance and acting

workshops for children 8-18 years old, from beginners to the very experienced.

Missoula Children's Theater is a nationally recognized theater workshop for children. Begun in Montana, the program will swing by the center on July 15 for the first time.

A company of directors will work with local children or five days on creative, dramatic and improvisational workshops. The program will culminate in a production of the musical "Cinderella."

"It is our obligation as a community arts association to reach out to children," said Artistic Director Martha Watson. "I think it's our obligation as a community arts center to build future audiences and future artists."

The open house also will feature demonstrations of and free workshops in jazz, tap and ballet dance. It also will feature a demonstration of the center's Worlitzer theater pipe organ, a vintage musical instrument.

Worlitzer organ, designed in the 19th century, are some of the most beautiful musical instruments ever made.

This year is the 10th anniversary of the center's facility and the fourth anniversary of its official reopening. A 1,300-seat cultural center in Union

County, it is supported by zoning orders, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, the New Jersey Urban Development Corporation and the New Jersey Historic Trust.

The center also has received funds from Merck & Co., Rahway Savings Institution and the city and county governments.

Its shows, including concerts, plays, one-man shows and musicals, reportedly have drawn patrons from as far as Manhattan; shows have sold out repeatedly at the center.

The center is also a home for children's theater and shows vintage films. The center also has a talent show and puts on workshops, like Summerstage and the Missoula Children's Theater, and a variety of other programs.

On April 25, people will get a glimpse — and an earful — of the Worlitzer organ and all the other programs offered at the center.

"It's an ongoing effort on our part to have an educational side to our theater," said Surber.

Union resident's art show to close

An exhibit titled "Visions of the Emerald Isle" by Union resident Kathy Kornish will remain on view in the window gallery of Walsh Library at Seton Hall University through Tuesday.

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

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

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

Kornish has exhibited at Temple B'nai Abraham in Livingston, South Orange Art Show, Union's Festival on the Green, the Washington Square Art Exhibit, the Springfield Public Library and New Artists' Presentations at Madison Square Garden.

Her work has been featured at several local galleries, such as the Les



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Malheur Gallery, in Union; Celtic Imports, in Westfield; Gallery des Artistes, in Madison; Gallery Art Nail and Marino Galleries, Inc., both of Milburn.

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production of "Lend Me a Tenor" will open Saturday.

Directed by Naomi Yablonsky, "Tenor" is a farce involving a case of mistaken identity during opening night in 1934 at the Cleveland Grand Opera Company.

Renowned tenor Tito Morelli (Frank Leiera, of Westfield) is scheduled to appear. The soprano Diana (Lynn Langone, of Cranford) is after Tito while wife Maria (Galen Ponton Cantalano, of Bloomington) tries to keep her away. When Tito is indisposed, assistant manager Max (Ed Maher, of Plainfield) and his girlfriend Maggie (Patti Valokovic, of Cranford) need to find a tenor before General Manager Saunders (Clark Glass, of Westfield) cancels the show.

Rounding out the cast are Janette Gould as Julia and Scott Lieb as a bellhop who wants to get into show business.

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Back for Beethoven

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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 concert Saturday, pianist Ji Yoon Im will be the soloist for the orchestra's performance of Beethoven's "First Piano Concerto." The 15-year-old prodigy, an Edison resident, debuted at age 9 and has received many glowing reviews.

Tickets at the regular price of \$23, and special senior citizen and student rates of \$19 and \$12 respectively, are available at the Arts Center box office.

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Professional black female, age 30. I am very attractive, 5'6", and weigh 130 pounds. Seeking a non-smoking, professional white male, age 31 to 37. Must be active and working for a possible long term relationship. BOX 14221

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Attractive white female, in early 60's, 5'5" and weigh 120 pounds. Seeking a white male. Enjoy concerts and walks, reading, and fun. BOX 37117

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Buick Riviera for 1996 now offers a supercharged V6

Buick's Riviera, dramatically redesigned for the 1996 model year, has a more powerful optional supercharged engine among a number of significant improvements for 1996.

New for 1996, the optional supercharged 3800 Series II V6 delivers 240 horsepower and 280 lb-ft of torque compared with 225 horsepower and 275 lb-ft of torque for last year's supercharged 3800 V6. Riviera with the new engine has been clocked from zero to 60 mph in 8 seconds.

A new lockout protection feature prevents the power door lock from activating while the key is in the ignition. The driver doesn't become locked out.

Convenience Plus also features warning chimes for leaving on the parking brake, turn signal or headlamps and for leaving keys in the ignition while exiting.

On the subject of durability, Riviera, like all '96 Buicks, is equipped with such long-life features as a new engine coolant with a recommended change interval of five years or 100,000 miles, platinum-tipped spark plugs with the first recommended service at 100,000 miles and transmission fluid that requires no change under normal operating conditions.

Also new is a sophisticated new on-board diagnostic system called OBD designed to reduce exhaust emissions by alerting the driver to malfunctions that might cause emissions to rise.

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New for 1996 is a battery rundown protection feature. If an interior or trunk light is accidentally left on for more than 10 minutes after the ignition is turned off, the car shuts down the electrical system automatically to keep from draining the battery.

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Riviera features Buick's new climate controls and a radio which is one of Buick's new family of radios. Both have large, back-lit controls and easy-to-read graphics and displays. A new dual-playback system, which includes both a cassette deck and a convenient in-dash CD player, is standard. Also standard are Concert Sound II speakers, a power antenna and steering-wheel-mounted controls for key radio and temperature functions.

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Saab has a broad range of improvements slated for '96

Saab has always been recognized for its ability to engineer a broad range of variants, each distinguished by a unique personality. From a small number of base platforms, the Saab 900 is perhaps the best example of this expertise. While every Saab 900 applies the same advanced level of intelligent solutions to today's driving demands, three different powerplant options infuse distinctive character into their respective variants.

The 1996 Saab 900 5-door leads the lineup with its solid combination of family values. Equipped with features that most competitors either offer as extra-cost options or simply not at all, the 900 5 is a remarkable value.

Saab's naturally aspirated 2.3 L 130-hp four-cylinder powerplant, with center-cooling balanced shafts for smoothness, dual overhead cams and 16 valves, ensures smooth, strong performance, whether the task is transporting an antique armory or a pack of children. The 900 5 includes such standard features as CFC-free air conditioning, heated front seats, luxury vinyl upholstery, telescopic steering wheel, power windows and door locks, remote locking and alarm system, cruise control, 80-watt AM/FM/cassette stereo with six speakers, front and rear fog lights, 15-inch alloy wheels and Michelin all-season performance tires.

For buyers who prefer six instead of four cylinders under the hood of their Saab 900 5-door, Saab offers the 900 5 SE. The naturally aspirated 2.3 L V6 engine, matched exclusively with an electronically controlled 4-speed automatic transmission for 1996, is optional on the 900 5 SE. The 170-hp V6 features four overhead cams, 24 valves and a narrow cylinder angle of 54 degrees between banks. An electronic Tracitor Control System, TCS, is standard with the V6 engine.

Six-cylinder Saab 900 SE 5-doors emphasize driving comfort and refinement. Like all Saab engines, the V6 provides a high level of low-end torque for maximum flexibility and responsive passing ability.

The exciting 900 SE Turbo package, introduced last year in the Saab 900 SE and Convertible, transforms the popular family hatchback into an aggressive performance vehicle on demand. The 185-hp 2.0L Saab four-cylinder Turbo engine delivers a potent match of torque and horsepower, while a standard rear spoiler, sport chassis and 16-inch high-performance Michelin tires mounted on "Hiking Aero" three-spoke alloy wheels spell out performance visually. The 1996 Saab 900 SE Turbo arrives with a manual five-speed transmission, and an electronically controlled four-wheel automatic will be available later in the model year. The automatic gearbox will feature three driver-controlled shift modes: sport, normal and winter.

The 2.0L Turbo engine utilizes Saab's Espomax technology to achieve both high performance and high fuel economy—hallmarks of all Saab turbocharged engines. Espomax engines feature four valves per cylinder with center-located spark plug and direct ignition, intercooled turbocharger, Saab Trionic electronic engine management preheated oxygen sensor and a catalytic converter moved closer to the engine for quick warm-up. The 32-bit processor of the award-winning Saab Trionic system helps keep the exhaust emissions clean enough to fall below California's TLEV (Transitional Low Emission Vehicle) limits.

The low-inertia, full-bore turbocharger ensures an aggressive torque curve and strong acceleration, with boost pressure monitored by Saab's Automatic Performance Control (APC). Saab turbochargers, with water-cooled bearings and maintenance-free operation, are an integrated part of the engine, and can be expected to last the life of the vehicle.

Standard features on the Saab 900 SE, either turbocharged or V6-powered, include power front seats with three-position driver's memory, leather upholstery, power sliding glass sunroof, Automatic Climate Control, ACC, a 160-watt stereo system with eight speakers and a multi-function trip computer that, at the push of a button, calculates distance-to-empty, average fuel use, average speed and additional information.

The lightweight treatment on all 1996 Saab 900s gets a fresh look with the addition of a reflective deer panel between the rear light clusters. Saab 900 models with leather interiors and manual transmissions also integrate a black leather shift knob and hand-serve shift boot. A new adjustable lumbar support in the driver's seat further enhances driver comfort.

A stunning new Sky Blue metallic paint color debuts in 1996. Sky Blue is a medium blue with silver undertones and a hint of purple, and it is the brightest color on the 900 5 SE color palette.

The 1996 Saab 900 5-door is designated a "Mid-size" car by the EPA, which gives it an advantage in interior room over its compact-sized competitors. And while spaciousness is crucial to Saab enthusiasts, it is safety that every Saab 900 5-door includes a lengthy list of standard safety features, such as dual air bags, daytime running lights, anti-lock brakes, ABS, lap and shoulder safety belts and head restraints in all five seating positions. Optional rear seat center head restraint, industry-leading 5 mph self-restoring bumpers, 1997 side impact protection, the innovative rear "Saab Safeset" and Saab's renowned safety cage construction with front and rear crumple zones.

Another key Saab commitment is to optimize utility. While some buyers simply want to haul, most Saab enthusiasts consider cargo capacity one of the 900's most appreciated assets. The 400/60/16-inch folding rear seat has a pass-through opening behind the center armrest which handsily accommodates even the longest skis. With a push of a release button, the rear seat crossbeam folds down with the seatbacks to fully open the rear area for a maximum carrying capacity of 40 cubic feet.

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Lack of sleep plays role in auto wrecks

Did you know that sleep plays a role in up to 10 percent of the 20 million U.S. automobile accidents?

According to the New Jersey Automobile Club Foundation for Safety, experts agree that lack of sleep and subsequent lack of alertness frequently lead to tragedy, especially on the highway. In fact, most people have taken the wheel at least once when they were too tired to drive. In one study, fully half the drivers admitted to having had near-miss accidents because of sleepiness, and one-fifth said they'd actually fallen asleep while driving.

Fatigue impairs judgment, reduces the ability to concentrate and delays reaction time — all essential of safe driving. Paul Kishicki, AAA's safety manager of the Fluminense Park-based Club, says you can drive more safely by following these suggestions:

Travel rested. Get a good night's rest before you start the trip. Wear a good quality pair of sunglasses in bright sunshine to prevent fatigue.

Exercise during your breaks. Stop periodically for rest and light exercise. Drive for two hours, then take a 10 to 15 minute break outside your vehicle. Run or walk briskly, even if it's around the edge of a rest stop.

Follow your clock. Most people feel sleepy in the mid-afternoon and between midnight and 7 a.m. If you must drive at those times, don't wait until the first wave of sleep hits. Instead, pull off the road and nap.

Share the driving. The most mentally rested person is normally the person sitting in the back seat, not the front. So share the driving with your passengers.

Monitor your medications. Some medications, particularly cold and allergy pills, increase drowsiness so don't use them before you drive. Caffeine, on the other hand, keeps some people alert.

Don't drink. Alcohol doesn't suffice unless you have a sleep debt. But, many alcohol-related mishaps involve a driver who is sleepy as well as drunk.

Look for signs of a sleep disorder. If you are slowly, feel tired when you wake up and fall asleep at inappropriate times, you may have a sleep disorder known as sleep apnea. If you suspect a problem, see your doctor.

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City Highlights

Job placement

A Job Placement Session sponsored by the NAACP, Rahway Branch Job Bank will be held on Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Lower Auditorium of the Second Baptist Church, 378 East Milton Ave.

Golden Gloves

The Rahway Police Athletic League and the Linden Little Tigers, in conjunction with the Merck & Co. Volunteer Focus Group, will be holding an acknowledgment luncheon for all of the local citizens who helped make the 1996 Semi-Final Golden Gloves a success, on April 30.

Special guests will include Jake "The Ragin' Bull" LaMotta, former middleweight champion of the world and Mayor John T. Gregorio.

The luncheon will be held at Merck & Co., Rahway plant, and it is scheduled to start at noon.

Register to vote

The last day to register to vote, or to make any name or address changes for the June 4 primary election will be Monday, May 13. The City Clerk's Office, in City Hall, will be open for evening voter registration until 9 p.m. on Monday.

Free clinic

The city will hold its annual free anti-rabies clinic for dogs and cats May 14-15 at the Main Street firehouse and May 16 at the Maple Avenue firehouse.

The hours will be 6-7 p.m. Dogs must be on leashes and cats must be brought in carriers. A donation of \$1 for each animal is requested.

Flea market

Boy Scout Troop 47 will hold a craft/flea market May 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a rain date of May 19.

The event will be held at Roosevelt School, St. George's Avenue. For more information call 381-8692 or 388-7268.

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 3-6 p.m. at the conference room adjacent to the circulation desk in the public library, 1175 St. Georges Ave. For additional information, call 388-0761.

The next scheduled screening is Tuesday.

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 Bailey at 499-0724 or Edward Veronakis at 396-1025.

A fight to the death

Stabbing victim succumbs

By Sean Dally Staff Writer

A Rahway man has been charged in the stabbing death of a Linden resident.

Stephen M. Roseberry of Linden died at 12:50 a.m. Monday after being stabbed by Sylvester McDaniel, a Rahway resident and cab driver for Station Cab in Rahway, police said.

According to Rahway police Lt. Robert Disto, McDaniel was dispatched to pick up Roseberry at the White Castle restaurant at Route 1 and Paterson Street at around 5:21 a.m. on Saturday. Rahway police do not know how Roseberry got to the restaurant or why he was there.

According to the Union County Prosecutor's Office, Roseberry asked if his girlfriend also could be picked up.

Roseberry and McDaniel began arguing when Roseberry refused to pay his fare up front, an argument that may have included name-calling. The argument escalated into a fight, said Rahway police.

The fight left the cab and continued into the parking lot and into the restaurant. Rahway police said they believe that Roseberry was stabbed in the parking lot.

Officer Joseph Simonetti and Officer James Long were sent to the restaurant on a call of a stabbing. The two were still fighting when he got to the restaurant. Upon breaking up the



The White Castle restaurant, located at Route 1 and Paterson Street, where Stephen M. Roseberry of Linden was stabbed.

fight, he reported that he saw both men covered in blood and determined that Roseberry had been stabbed in the chest.

Simonetti recovered a knife with a seven-inch blade from McDaniel while Long administered first aid to Roseberry. Roseberry was reportedly conscious at the time.

Roseberry was transported to University Hospital in Newark, where he was admitted at 6:03 p.m. and taken to surgery there.

A spokesperson for the hospital said that Roseberry remained in critical condition until dying at 12:50 a.m. on Monday. The spokesperson added the

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Board won't tolerate weapons in schools

By Sean Dally Staff Writer

The Board of Education has passed a resolution in an effort to clarify the schools' policy toward weapons.

The resolution, which was passed during the board's regular meeting last week, is an amendment to the district's "Zero Tolerance for Weapons Policy."

The policy, which was passed by the board in 1993, defines the steps the board must take if a student is found on school grounds with a weapon. It can expel a student from the school system for a year or more and has consequences for parents.

The amendment passed during the meeting, according to board President

Edward Henderson, gives "a little more power and discretion to the administration."

The board used to, and still does, have sole authority over whether a student is expelled. The amendment, however, brings school administrators and the superintendent of schools more into the process.

According to Henderson, the school principal is the first administrator to become involved in the process. He refers the case to the superintendent. The case is then heard before the board's Student Relations Committee before being heard before the full board.

"There was a lot of concern that the board would not be able to handle this," Henderson said.

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Parents, students rally for Cavanna

By Sean Dally Staff Writer

Parents and students staged a demonstration at Rahway Intermediate School to support Superintendent of Schools Anthony Cavanna last week.

The demonstration, which was held before the Board of Education's reorganization meeting on Tuesday, had about 100 protesters, many carrying signs saying "Spend on Education Not Lawyers" and "Rahway Needs Cavanna."

"It's not on the right path," said Mandy Boydman at the demonstration. Boydman is a life-long Rahway resident and has two children in the city schools.

She was protesting "because I'm a concerned parent and I don't want the children's education to suffer. And it will if they get rid of Cavanna."

"They're firing teachers but they have enough money for this," said Marilyn Pulavicz of Citizens Aligned for Rahway Education. Pulavicz is also a life-long resident and has two children in Madison School.

Cavanna is currently locked in a contract dispute with the Board of Education. At issue are the length of his contract and certain spending

items, such as \$500 a month in cellular phone charges.

The demonstration was sponsored by CARE, a group that also backed the successful election campaigns of recently elected board members Sandra Bailey, Michael Staryak and David Stephens.

"I think that there are a lot of parents who have children in Rahway schools who think there's

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School contract talks filled with ups, downs

By Sean Dally Staff Writer

Contract negotiations in the school system have become a roller-coaster this year. The latest twist in the talks came at the Board of Education's April 25 meeting.

The board has sent out Rice notices, which are letters school personnel must receive if their positions are being reviewed for any reason, to all school personnel, both tenured and non-tenured.

The Rahway Educational Association called the action, which came the day after the first negotiation between the board and REA, "despicable."

"We believe that they are defunctive legally," said New Jersey Education Association field representative Ron Harvey, who is on the REA negotiating team. "They were not addressed to individuals and they do not give individuals the

right to decide if the discussion will be public or private."

"We also believe that it is ridiculous and totally unnecessary to give every employee a notice that their jobs could be terminated," said Harvey.

"We were told at the end of the meeting, 'Oh yeah, you're all getting Rice notices,'" said REA President Donald Pennell. "Talk about political posturing."

Both Harvey and Pennell agreed that such blanket notices have never before happened.

Normally, Rice notices are sent and addressed to individuals. The notices this time were identical copies of the same letter and without individual addresses.

The board has said that this does not make them invalid since "there's no past practice in the sending of a letter."

According to Board President



Brian O'Donnell

Authority chooses O'Donnell

By Sean Dally Staff Writer

Two local residents have been elected to top positions on the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.

Brian O'Donnell, an architect from Rahway and a four-year member of the authority, has been elected chairman. Frank Mazzarella of Clark, who is director of the Bridgewater Sewer Utility and a five-year member of the authority, has been elected vice chairman.

Both positions are for one-year terms.

"I feel very good," said O'Donnell. "We have a very good group of commissioners at the authority. I think we work very good for the good of the community."

O'Donnell is a partner in the New York-based firm of Matter and O'Donnell Architects, a position that has given him "relevant experience and previous experience" with sewer workings.

He has been chairman of the authority's engineering committee for the past three years and has served on the sludge management and personnel committees.

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Teen show raises funds for Negro council

By Sean Dally Staff Writer

It was almost a homecoming for Roger Jones of Plainfield. Jones was in the auditorium at Rahway High School on Friday. The last time he was there was 25 years ago, performing as Rajah the Magician.

"I imagine a lot of fun came off of this particular stage," he said.

This time, however, he was there to perform. He was passing the torch on to his four grandsons, who were performing in the Bethune National Recognition Program.

The program is a talent show held by the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. The contestants, all five to 17 years old, are of Rahway, East Orange, Neptune, Plainfield and all across New Jersey.

According to Mary McLeod of the Rahway section of the council, the show is part of the legacy that Mary McLeod Bethune, one of the founders of the council, left in her last will and testament.

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Plainfield resident Akbar Nasir, second from left, won an award for playing "Phantom of the Opera" tunes on the piano during the talent show held by the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Nasir, third from left, Sadru-Din and Muhammad Nasir, all of Plainfield, of The Nasir Brothers received an award for tap dancing. Joining them are their father, Rajah, and grandfather, Roger Jones.