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Tourney scheduled

The Rahway Youth Soccer Association will host its third annual soccer tournament Nov. 29 and 30. Last year, 135 traveling teams from ages 7 through 18 participated from the tri-state area in this weekend of soccer. Anyone interested in information or an application from this year's event can contact Tony Deiga at 837-2081.

Blood pressure

A free blood pressure screening is being offered for Rahway residents at the Rahway Public Library on the first Tuesday of every month. The next scheduled screening will be held Sept. 3 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Farmer's market

A little bit of the country has come to the city, as the Saturday Farmer's Market returns to the downtown to provide shoppers with the chance to buy produce fresh from New Jersey farms. Produce is picked fresh from the fields just hours before its arrival downtown.

The market is one of 25 Jersey Fresh markets within the region and this marks the second season of the city's affiliation with the North Jersey Farmer's Market Council.

This season, the marketplace has been expanded to include quality home cooked meals for hungry shoppers as well as an assortment of vendors selling new and used merchandise.

The market has slowly begun and will run Saturdays through Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Its new location is on Irving Street in Municipal Parking Lot F at the corner of Broad Street, opposite the Rahway Parking Authority.

Vendors needed

Vendors are needed for Boy Scouts Troop 47's annual flea market and crafts show, to be held Sept. 28.

A rain date of Oct. 5 has been scheduled. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 381-8092 or 388-7268.

Waste days planned

UCUA Chairman William Ruocco announced that the Union County Utilities Authority will sponsor fall household special waste disposal days in Rahway, Springfield and Cranford.

The first event for the fall will be Sept. 7 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rahway City Hall parking lot on the corner of West Milton Avenue and Main Street.

The second fall event will be held in Springfield at the municipal swimming pool at Municipal Road on Sept. 28 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The final event for the fall will be at the Cranford municipal swimming pool on Memorial Drive on Oct. 19 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Paul Connet, right, with Freeholders Ed Force and Linda DiGiovanni, center, and residents at the incinerator protest on Saturday.

Incinerator sparks protest

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

Paul Connet came to City Hall on Saturday and, when he did, the sparks flew.

"Dr. Connet is probably one of the most knowledgeable people on incineration, in my opinion, in the world, and in my opinion the politicians and the industry are afraid of him," said Joanne East of Rahway. East is treasurer for the Concerned Citizens of Union County, a group opposed to the UCUA incinerator that is based in Rahway; both the Concerned Citizens and a group called Grass Roots Environmental Organization brought Connet to Rahway.

Connet was at City Hall to speak out against the incinerator. He spoke on the building's steps to a small number of people, including groups opposed to various incinerators in New Jersey and two Union County freeholders. It quickly became a speech against the UCUA incinerator.

"I find it symbolic that our hostess today went into the police station here and asked to use a public toilet. They didn't have one and she had to go down the street looking for one," he said. "There are no funds for public toilets because they're going into this giant toilet behind us."

Connet is a chemistry professor at St. Lawrence University in Canton,

N.Y., and the co-editor of a periodical on the waste and garbage industry, "Waste Net." He is also involved in waste management research and has lectured at three international symposiums on "dioxin," a "hazardous chemical."

Connet has been involved with incinerators ever since he found out that one was to be built in Canton. It took public groups in New York, of which he was a part, five years to defeat that incinerator, during which he made contacts across the world with people who were against incinerators. Since then, Connet has made over a thousand public presentations such as the one on Sunday.

Connet said that he was there to "validate the common sense" of local residents against the incinerator will his professional credentials. But the meeting quickly became a rally against the incinerator.

"It may be a surprise, but New Jersey has been a victory for us around the world," said Connet. Currently there are five garbage incinerators in New Jersey and a sixth is to be built in the near future in Mercer County. "If you go back to 1985, they wanted to build 22," he said. "You've defeated 17. And you've educated citizens and increased recycling rates."

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Council Republicans stop budget introduction

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

The municipal budget, which was to have been introduced by the City Council on Tuesday, was stopped by the Republican minority.

The vote for introducing the budget was 4-3 and was along party lines. The budget needed five votes to be introduced.

Both councilmembers Frank Janusz and Jerry Coleman were absent at Tuesday's meeting. If introduced, the budget, which was prepared by the city administrator, would have gone up for public comment and final approval early in October. This vote would have come after public meetings with the department heads of the city government to make adjustments.

The budget for FY 1996-97 as presented by the mayor is worth \$23,960,544. This is an increase of \$426,597 from last year's budget. This is an increase of 1.7 percent, which is under a state-imposed cap of 3 percent.

"You have to understand that budgets are always going up because of increases in contracts," said Democratic Mayor James Kennedy. Contracts went up about 3 percent this year.

He added, "In terms of spending -- and that's something that I have control of -- it's less than last year's spending."

This budget carries a tax levy of \$13,520,995, up \$59,860 from last year. This increase means an increase of 4.9 cents per \$100 assessed value for property taxes. The average home in Rahway, assessed at \$135,500, would pay an additional \$66 in taxes.

According to Kennedy, taxes are increasing partly because of a loss in state aid. Much of this is a cut in Density-Related City Aid, which was eliminated completely this year.

According to Kennedy, the Density-Related City Aid was cut over a course of three years by Republican Governor Christine Whitman. This aid was originally worth about \$500,000 and was meant to fund the increased services that towns with high populations must deliver.

"I certainly don't have control over her cuts, which relate directly to the city," he said, adding that Rahway has consistently lost state aid over the past three years.

According to Dieter Lerch of Lerch, Vinci and Higgins, the city's auditor, much of this loss in state aid comes from the state losing utilities revenues from deregulation.

The state has also mandated an increase in pension costs of \$273,087, and the city has lost \$6,403,274 in estates.

"We have maintained a responsible spending process where we're delivering better services at a slightly reduced rate," said Kennedy.

But according to Republican councilman James Fulcomer and William Wnuck, Kennedy's budget is too large by \$1 million. Fellow Republican Jeffrey Cohen added that each of the city government's departments "could live with a 5 percent cut without laying people off."

According to Business Administrator Peter Pelissier, this means that the adoption of the budget will be extended into October. Further, the temporary municipal budget that was adopted in July will need to be extended by an emergency temporary appropriation.

"Isn't it interesting that the council has been slandering the mayor for not having the budget on time and they now have chance to pass the budget and they didn't?" said Pelissier.

But Fulcomer, the Republican party chairman, said that the Republicans did not want to introduce the budget on Tuesday because they do not have the votes to make amendments to it.

Incinerator to pay debt New York trash under consideration

By Emilio Prisco
Managing Editor

The Union County incinerator housed in Rahway may be used to work out a deal to take New York City's garbage, the county freeholder chairman said.

The deal would help the county handle the cost and the debt the incinerator has generated. All this could happen if the Supreme Court's verdict on flow rights holds up against the appeals. During the Florio administration flow rights were established in order to minimize the state's high standards of dealing with garbage. Now with the new decision on the flow rights, garbage has been deemed an interstate commerce and can be exchanged from state to state.

"The Supreme Court's ruling on the flow rights changes the game," Kennedy said.

Freeholder Chairman Edwin Force said he believes that Union County Utilities Authority officials have contacted New York officials for locations to dispose of garbage once the Fresh Kills Landfill in Staten Island is filled. This deal would assist the county in their attempt to climb out of the quarter billion dollar debt the incinerator has caused.

"It's the closest facility that has the

potential to take it," Force said. "I am not averse to importing garbage from out of state if it means keeping the county incinerator operating and able to pay its bills."

This will, however, cause some environmental problems for the state.

Since the laws of NJ are some of the most stringent in the country, lawmakers may want to rethink their environmental policy. The laws of the state may have to take a back seat to getting the garbage so that the county can climb out of debt. Kennedy also believes that the Supreme Court Decision will be a setback to the environmental laws. "This takes you back a few steps on the environmental laws," Kennedy said.

Kennedy does believe that importing garbage will enable Union County to climb out of the debt caused by the incinerator, and that both parties would benefit from this deal. "It would be cheaper for New York to come here instead of somewhere else in the country," Kennedy said. He does admit that the city will not reap any benefits from this supposed agreement. "I'm not so sure that it would benefit Rahway," Kennedy said.

Kennedy also believes that the incinerator itself will not be affected.

GOP names student as council candidate

By Emilio Prisco
Managing Editor

The city's Republican Chairman James J. Fulcomer announced the Republican candidate for the Third Ward City Council seat Monday.

Erik Wnuck, the youngest son of current Third Ward Councilman William Wnuck, will be the Republican's candidate. Erik is 21 years old and a student at Rutgers University. If elected, Wnuck will be the youngest councilman in the city. The young age of the candidate has been of some concern.

"That's the main concern because people may think I'm a kid. I've been involved in this ward for years, and if they don't take me seriously that's their problem," Wnuck said. "I don't think they'll see me differently because of my age, especially if I know what I'm doing."

"He is far more mature than most of

the councilman that I have met," Fulcomer said.

Fulcomer believes that Wnuck will be able to do the job. "Council candidate Wnuck's chairman of our Rahway Young Republican Committee and represents a new age of Rahway political leaders. He's been active in Rahway Republican campaigns for the past 12 years and is one of Rahway's outstanding scholars and athletes," Fulcomer said.

The other issue that Wnuck must face is having enough time to devote to his studies and his council. "He doesn't work at night and the meetings are at night, and so is the campaigning," Fulcomer said.

"I don't think it will affect my school because most people on the council have jobs, so I don't see school hindering me," Wnuck said. Fulcomer is very confident that

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cut about \$300,000 from the municipal budget. These cuts come from less-than-expected cuts in the defeated 1996-97 Board of Education budget.

He had wanted to cut \$350,000 from the budget, but the council reduced this amount at the last minute to \$300,000. Kennedy accuses board member Joseph Hartnett of "cutting a deal" with the Republican members of the council to reduce the cuts.

Kennedy had already cut three positions from the budget because of this. A further three have been cut as well: a recreation maintenance worker and a retiring secretary in the Department of Engineering.

The third is the City Engineer's office; future engineering services will be contracted out. The engineer has had 80 percent of his salary cut, said Pelissier, and will now be working for and be paid out of the Water Department.

But, according to Wnuck, "the administration wanted to cut the school budget but they don't want to cut the municipal budget."

"We're not running," added Fulcomer, "so we have nothing to gain." Both Wnuck and Fulcomer have announced that they will not be running for re-election in November.

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Letter sparks a problem at DPW

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

According to Deirdre Greevy, there is one worker in the Department of Public Works who is, in her words, a "time bomb."
But, she charges, not only has this employee not been properly disciplined, he has been promoted.
These charges are in a letter that Greevy, the wife of a DPW foreman, has written against the current Provisional Shade Tree Foreman, which the DPW has identified as James Lynch. Greevy was reluctant to identify Lynch other than by his title.

"If I put this person's name in the paper, then I think there may be retaliation, not only to myself but to my husband who works in the DPW," said Greevy. Her husband, Jerry, has been Supervisor of Streets in the Rahway DPW for five years and was Lynch's supervisor.
Lynch is a three-year employee of the DPW. According to Mayor James Kennedy, who, along with the City Council, received a copy of Greevy's letter, Lynch had been brought into the DPW in order to consolidate the Shade Tree and Open Space departments.

Greevy described Lynch as someone who has "an ongoing reputation as a very volatile and insubordinate employee." J. Peter Ross, the director of the Rahway DPW, said he had no comments on personnel matters in the DPW, explaining that the files of employees are confidential.
According to Greevy, Lynch had been involved in two fights and had walked off his job once during his 90-day probationary period with the DPW. Yet was kept on as an employee. During this time and up to his promotion, he was a tree climber for the DPW.

But Lynch's wife said that other workers in the DPW resented his employment because of his experience with trees. He said that he had 20 years experience in working with trees and had worked for the county.
"It was really atrocious, the state of the trees in Rahway," said Lynch, adding, "The level of incompetence in the Shade Tree department was such that the state of the trees would have been in much worse shape had I not come."

"Most people in that position (tree climber) — including her husband — could tell one tree from another," said Kennedy.
Greevy also described an incident in her letter where Lynch had walked off a job that had been given to him by higher management in the DPW and went to Kennedy's house to complain. Lynch did not deny this, but added that he did when Greevy went and cut down a healthy tree. Lynch said that, in Rahway, no healthy trees are to be cut down without permission.

Kennedy added, "Jim is a very normal individual and he's had, as other employees, been reprimanded for other actions."
Greevy also said that Lynch has "misplaced many Rahway citizens while on the job," and was so verbally abusive that she had to leave the house.

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Freeholders hear residents protest

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Connert offered an alternative recycling and reclaiming resources, an alternative that would not only decrease garbage but would increase community involvement.
"If you see garbage as 'Uck! Uck! Get rid of this!' and then we go back to our lives, that's not a paradigm shift," he said. He added that "our communities have been fragmented into billions of fragments, all of us watching this TV, and that's why we don't feel that we can do anything."
"You know the old saying: 'Think globally, act locally.' That gives you the big picture," he said. But what angered some of the members of the crowd was Connert's statement that "the more corrupt your state, the more corrupt your country, the more polluted your country."

"I was not here when this was formed. Neither was Frecholder Giovanni, and I repeat this," said Frecholder Chairman Edwin Force. "All we can say is that we came here to hear what he had to say... and we're here to listen to you and your concerns."

Both Deirdre and Jerry Greevy did not fault the abilities of Lynch. "I can't talk about him because he's a great worker," said Jerry Greevy, adding that Lynch's abilities are not questioned.
"But you do not promote someone with a short fuse like that," he added. That prompted Lynch to leave the room. Lynch said he did not want to be involved in two fights and had walked off his job once during his 90-day probationary period with the DPW. Yet was kept on as an employee. During this time and up to his promotion, he was a tree climber for the DPW.

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Jazz concerts hits big; citizens enjoy the show

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

"I wonder if these people know that they're listening to a world-class jazz musician," said Councilman Jim Jones last Thursday.
Jones was at the latest installment of the Mayor's Concert Series, which took place by the Union County Arts Center on Irving Street.
The band that week was the Synchronic Seven. Their forte was jazz but, unlike Jesse Morrison & Company, who played three weeks ago, their was an older band of jazz which included Duke Ellington tunes, dixieland and some songs that went back as far as 1895.

They were led by Warren Vache, Sr., who has been playing jazz with other Rahway residents since before World War II.
"We were all like, high school kids," said his friend Joseph Harling of Rahway. "We played together. We had a lot of good times then. That was before the war."
"This is the American music that everyone should play," said Vache.

When asked why so many people knew him, he said, "Why not? I've lived here all my life."
Harling gave up music after the war, but not Vache. Vache has since gone on to play with a number of famous jazz musicians, including Buddy Hackett, with Bill Davidson and Pee Wee Erwin.
"I've played with them all," he said.
When asked how Vache sounded now, Harling said with a laugh, "He's a professional now."

For Dolce, the music teacher for his son, Warren, Jr., at Rahway High School, was also at the concert.
"He's a very good bass player," said Dolce, who was sporting a T-shirt with a picture of jazz musician Dizzy Gillespie on the front. "I've heard him play in different places. It turns out that his children are just as talented as their father. Warren Jr., at Rahway High School, was also at the concert."

Polissier has said in the past that Ruggiero is qualified for the position of CFO. Ruggiero took over after Bernard Re, his predecessor, left for a municipal CFO job in Delaware, which is closer to his home in Hackensack.
But Henderson said that Ruggiero was not qualified for the position of CFO or Board Treasurer, so it was a "common sense" choice to pick DiRini.

"As I understand it, this person doesn't have the qualifications," said Henderson. "I know that some of the board members would like to make this a political issue." He added that Ruggiero's relationship with Polissier "doesn't really concern me."

Questions about Ruggiero's qualifications were raised by Board member Joseph Hartnett. Hartnett was Business Administrator under Democratic Mayor Dan Martin, but Mayor James Kennedy, also a Democrat, has accused Hartnett of "cutting a deal" with the Republican members of the council to decrease cuts in the budgeted 1996-97 budget. Hartnett could not be reached for comment.

The Rahway Board of Education can appoint either the city CFO or Tax Collector to be treasurer. Normally, this is done at the board's reorganization meeting in April, said Henderson, but it was done last week because of Re leaving his job.
Ruggiero was made Acting Chief Financial Officer after Re's replacement.

He added, "In theory, I think having said in an advisory program is good, but I'm not an elitist. I think that our students should have a chance to learn at their own level."

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Wnuck to follow in his father's council footsteps

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Wnuck's age will not be a detriment. "I think it's good to start young. I think it's an asset, because he'll be in office longer and he'll gain experience," Fulcomer said.
Despite his age, Wnuck has already made some strong statements concerning the city's politics — in particular, the staff under Mayor James Kennedy.
"We have mayors and council members-at-large who were put on office by out-of-town political boss Senator Raymond Lesniak. We have a business administrator who refuses to move into our town. Instead of fighting for Rahway, they fight for out-of-town politicians. As a Rahway native I think it's time to put Rahway first," Wnuck said.

"I came last week and it's very nice, nice atmosphere," she said. "I think it's interesting that I'm sitting at the end of the street eating Chinese food and listening to jazz," she added.

over the place," said Pecorele, a Vietnam Veteran. "These are hard to get." Pecorele's jeep, which had been in this year's concert, placed third in the antique car show that ran along with the concert.
Pecorele was listening to the concert while sitting in his jeep. When asked why he was there, he said, "Ah, you know, live half-a-mile away. No big deal."
"I thought it was like '40's music,' he added. "Is this '40's music? I guess it is."

Audrey Dzema had come to the concert with her three children, including Kimberly in a stroller. She was eating some sesame chicken from the Sakaliba concession stand.
"And it's delicious," she said, and her son was holding a half-eaten eggroll.

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ment, James Testa, quit at the beginning of July after one week on the job. Kennedy said that Testa left because there was "too strong a hostility among the council for the working of the government."

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Rain, rain go away, come back another day. Those were the words of many children across Rahway playgrounds this summer. For the most part they got their wish with the first four weeks of the six week program. Even though there was frequent rainfall the last two weeks of the program the staff and children were still able to have summer fun and competition at all 10 playground locations.

Many activities took place under the new format which entailed children participating in quiet table games, active field game play, plus arts and crafts. These activities were organized by implementing on site contests and tournaments which developed a sense of sportsmanship, competitiveness, creativity, friendship, teamwork, and community among our children.

Children were recognized weekly for their outstanding performance in the above activities. In addition to these activities counselors and playgrounds were recognized each week for outstanding performance for encouraging children and managing their assigned playgrounds in a safe, fun, and productive manner.

Some playgrounds (Roosevelt, Madden, and Stein) had inter-playground competition as a result of collaboration between playground counselors.

Playground Olympics produced 90 winners who placed either first, second or third in their event. Of the 90 winners 49 boys won in their respective events and 41 girls won in their events.

As a result of the 90 winners 25 first and second place winners got the opportunity to participate in New Jersey State Olympics held in Middle town New Jersey. Seventy-five percent of the children came back with medals they won in various events ranging from first through fifth place.

If game activity was the main course Arts and Crafts was the highly desired appetizer and dessert to top of each days activities. Each playground received excellent instruction from Arts and Crafts instructors. Counselors and children organized on-site contests and the instructors collected those artifacts that were most impressive for the culminating Arts and Crafts exhibit presented at our Rahway Library Building.

The Annual Fishing Derby was an overwhelming success. Two hundred and seventy-five children participated along with parents and relatives. Awards were presented to 16 winners in 4 age categories. Eight awards went to girls and 8 awards went to boys for the biggest catch of fish caught in the derby.

Over a six week period the average weekly attendance rate was 100 children per playground. Twenty-five counselors worked in playgrounds. Overall there were 4,051 contacts made with children in the parks this summer. Each counselor averaged about 30 contacts per week. These figures indicate a busy playground with busy counselors.

The initial registration for all the playgrounds was 283 children. By the sixth week the number of children registered in the playgrounds was 382. These additional children all participated in a friendly, safe and fun environment.

Williams, Tully, Shoggett, Madison and Library playgrounds had the highest counselor/children contact numbers in the 4 and 5 hundred range over six weeks. At mid-range were Roosevelt, Brennan, Madden, and Cleveland at the 300 to 400 range. Stein playground was at the high 200's over the 6 week period.

Best Counselors and Playground Of The Year went to Tully. The counselor names are Barbara Lombardi, Brian Burnett, and Erin Devaney. This is a difficult task to reach among the 25 counselors that worked with us.

Lending a hand



Pictured below are the members of the Rahway Division of Parks and Recreation summer playground 1996 staff. Summer Playground Supervisor Ron Williams is pictured bottom row, far right and Assistant Supervisor Terri Rosky is pictured bottom row, far left.

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YOUTH ENJOY PROGRAM MERCHANTS SUCCEED IN REVIVING RAHWAY

Local merchants participating in the revitalization of Rahway seem to feel positive about the city, and confident about the time, effort, and money they are willing to spend to make sure their message reaches others. New owners as well as existing expand upon their impression of the town as a honey, friendly place to live and work.

Ray Smith and wife Denise, Woodbridge residents, opened their craft store, Niece's Pieces, in 1995. The couple found owning a business in Rahway more affordable than other areas, and discovered an unexpected feeling of belonging.

"Coming to it like a Mayberry," said Ray Smith, a Woodbridge police officer, Smith stated, "I walk the streets, go into other stores, look at the stores for safety, and just let people know that I'm around." The Smiths often recommend stores in town to customers.

Life-long resident and business owner Robin Guina of Kitchen Cupboard on Main St. echoes this sentiment. "Long-time customers call and ask if there is any place in town where they can get an item," she said.

"We want people to get to know the town, and realize that this isn't a bad town, that they can come into this town and feel safe. The police are now on bike patrol, walking patrol, and everybody looks out for everybody," Smith said.

Guina expressed hope that the current spirit of involvement in the downtown area is a sign of history repeating itself. "I remember what it was, how it was alive, all the stores filled and you could find anything when you came to Rahway."

Other long-time residents share Guina's memories of a once-vibrant downtown. Rahway firefighter Ronny Kone remembered, "As a kid, I went Christmas shopping in town."

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OPINION

Address the issues

The City Council last week rescinded a residency waiver for Business Administrator Peter Pelissier that requires him to either move into Rahway or resign from his position. This action is another example of how the council refuses to work with Mayor James Kennedy and his administration on behalf of the citizens of Rahway. The politics behind the move is even more blatant because Kennedy is trying to get elected, and his opponents need to create issues to become part of the campaign.

According to Republicans, the waiver, granted in 1991, was valid only for one year and that Pelissier would have to move into Rahway by the expiration date. Pelissier contends that he was never asked to move into the city at the time the waiver was granted.

With the kickoff of the campaign season right around the corner, it seems as if the local politicians are up to their usual mudslinging fun and games. Republicans are directing this issue at incumbent Democratic Mayor James Kennedy, leaving the mayor looking as though he gave the business administrator position to one of his buddies. However, one fundamental question must be answered by the Republicans. Why did it take four years for the residency issue to be challenged when the council had the power to enforce it at any time during that period?

The answer is obvious. Make a non-issue an issue during the campaign season and let your opponent look like he has done something wrong.

That is what the council is doing by addressing the residency waiver granted to Pelissier at this point. And nobody has had the fairness of reflecting on Rahway's financial picture during the last five years when Pelissier was appointed. Questions that must be addressed are Pelissier's performance as business administrator and who his successor would be if he is forced to resign from his position. We would hate to think that the council would want the mayor to appoint one of its cronies to the position. Another issue that must be addressed is the number of appointments made by the council and/or mayor during the last five years of people who may or may not be residents of the city. Is the council prepared to address every non resident appointment to avoid a discrimination lawsuit?

While the action by the council was taken to fulfill some political revenge against the mayor, the governing body could have been doing what they were elected to do — serve on behalf of the people and address the more important needs of the city, such as crime and revitalization of the downtown business district.

While we understand that a business administrator who lives in the town where he works may give him a better attitude toward the running of the city, we don't believe that Pelissier acts as if he has a no-show job given to him by a political buddy. He has been held accountable by the City Council for the last five years, and there is a concern for his work performance now, then it's only fair to blame the City Council for not addressing their responsibility sooner.

Rahway is faced with many more issues that must be addressed before the council plays games with a man's livelihood. If this is the kickoff of the campaign season, it's going to be a misleading ride for the voters of the city during the next two months.

Chamber champions

The "new" Rahway Chamber of Commerce is off to a great start.

We say new because the chamber hired its first executive director, Rose Henderson, who has been aggressive in her first three months on the job.

With a revitalized chamber of commerce to support the revitalization of the business district, merchants should start to see some progress, especially around the train station.

Merchants took advantage of the street fair, where Main Street was converted into a shopping mall and amusement park two weeks ago, and merchants were able to offer their products to more and more people than usually shop in the downtown.

It was Henderson who spearheaded the event with the assistance of the city's merchants. Normally an event of this magnitude would take a long time to organize. At Henderson's guidance, the task was completed within a month. Henderson has been addressing the merchants' concerns about teen-age loitering in the business district. The chamber, in cooperation with the Police Department, has been effective in getting the teens out of the area and making the streets somewhat safer for the citizens.

We look forward to many more ideas to come from the chamber that will inspire business owners to remain in Rahway, and lure other businesses to set up shop in the city.

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—Joseph Lewis
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Wrestling registration



Pictured are some of the wrestlers who'd participated in the Division of Parks and Recreation's Summer Wrestling Clinic at the Rahway High School wrestling room, under the supervision of Tony Garay. The fall program will begin next month, and registration will be held Sept. 10 and 11 at the Claudio Reed Center, 1670 Irving St. For more information contact the division at 627-2045.

Smarts in movies, theater often do not pass the test of real life

When I was growing up in the '40s and '50s, I was amazed and intimidated at how much smarter movie actors were than I was, or anyone I knew was. The slightest hint or clue was enough for them to have instant understanding of a whole, complicated plot. The tilted picture on the wall meant that the murdered millionaire's illegitimate son had searched for the hidden safe containing the papers of the real estate transaction which proved that the hearing accident which had made his mother an amnesiac was caused by the scheming widow. And the detective knew it all instantly.

I never realized anything instantly. I still don't. I wake up two nights after the party and realize I've been insulted. When I was young and single, nine out of 10 times, a girl's interest in me went completely over my head, even at times when the clues were rather intense. I see this all now with hindsight. Lord knows how many things have gone past me which I don't have even a glimmer were there in the first place. I love witty comebacks! I usually think of them 24 hours after the need for them has passed. I admire courtroom lawyers precisely because they always seem to respond appropriately with exactly the right question and understanding. I like debates and stand up comic handling hecklers. But none of these, no lawyers nor comes handling hecklers, nor quick wit can compare to actors in a tenth of a second, and instant comprehension of complicated situations has always made me breathless with admiration.

There's a trick to it. I've been in the professional theater for over 30 years and met many hundreds of actors. I've met magnificent performers who would come in second in their SATs to a door knob. I've met actors who could out-think the brainiest of geniuses of a vegetable, and not even one of the higher vegetables. The trick to it is recognizing "theatrical time" as opposed to real time.

The real time, in real life, is events almost never stir comprehension. They may stir action or panic or anger or joy but rarely comprehension. It is

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By Marlow Ferguson

our thinking about the events in our lives that gives us the understanding of what has happened and the impulse to respond to change our lives. But comprehensive takes time. My insight profession in college told me that in an argument, A may logically lead to B and hence to C and hence to D, but there is no time in logic. A may lead to B, but you might be dead a thousand years by the time it does. It doesn't mean that your logic is wrong. But an audience awaiting the outcome of such a sequence might grow a tad bored. In the theater, there is compression of time. Between the event, the thinking, the comprehension and the reaction, what might take anywhere from an hour to a thousand years is compressed into a tenth of a second.

The acceptance of this compression into theater time is inbred in the human animal in all times and places in history that we know of. It is now, and has always been, part of the art of storytelling. It is what makes a theatrical piece so much more intense than life. And when this convention is abused, theater becomes a disaster. Zola, a French writer of the last century, wanted ultimate "real life" reality on stage. He put a butcher shop on stage, a real one, with the carcasses of dead animals hanging everywhere and butchers, their aprons bled in blood, hacking up and selling meat, to a series of actors playing customers. He put the audience in the audience (found this exercise not only repulsive, but rather undignified. Many in the audience commented that it seemed to them no different than the life. If I won't even go into the details of the flies or the odor). The impulse of the human brain to accept theatrical time, that is, compressed time, for the sake of the story line is a given. It's the way we are wired. Story telling does not give us every detail. It takes us from crisis to crisis. It's like the

Dole and GOP can't be revived

The Republican National Convention has left the building, and it ended with a whimper, not a bang. Although polls may show the convention to be a boost for Bob Dole and his newly chosen running mate Jack Kemp, it is difficult to see how any life can be breathed into a failing bid for the big house on Pennsylvania Avenue.

The convention offered no solutions to the problems facing most Americans, problems too numerous to mention, but the high-gloss infomercial that was the convention looked like a religious camp for upper-class white guys who were looking for ways to cut their already low taxes. The party of "inclusion" had to be the biggest joke perpetrated on the American public as we watched the event; the only inclusion the Republican Party is interested in is one of drives into marlinas, not people with opposing viewpoints into their party. Pictures the KKK inviting the NAACP for dinner. It just won't happen and neither will the Republican Party become a party of inclusion.

The parade of speakers that graced the podium were straining not to let their real feelings show through as they took the fake tolerance line that the Republican Party was trying to force-feed the American people. I was at least hoping that Pat Buchanan would make the convention somewhat interesting, but even he was muzzled from his fire and brimstone that he is used to spewing at events like this. If the Republican Party is going to lie to us for a week straight on national television, the least it could do is try to make it convincing. Maybe the fact that Jerry Falwell and Ralph Reed were in attendance at the convention was an indication of the party's true feelings, although the

religious right must have felt like they took a wrong turn somewhere and wound up at Tolerance-Fest '96. Watching Ralph Reed's face while Susan Morfari spoke briefly about her pro-choice stance did provide some comic relief.

Speaking of comic relief, the convention did provide some real gems, and not just from Comedy Central's coverage of the convention, which I felt was the best of the entire week.

Elizabeth Dole stepping down off the grandstand and mingling with the common people looked like a bad episode of Phil Donahue meets Oprah to discuss the plights of the brain-dead.

Overall, all of the substance of the Republican National Convention could not fill Tom Thumb's shamble. As Dole and Kemp plug away at their bid for the White House, it will be interesting to see just what solutions they come up with to change the minds of the voters and try to get them to go in their way and not the way of incumbent Bill Clinton.

Deer hunt incurred other costs

I read with great interest the "Deer Management Program for Union County," and from what I've read, I see where it is flawed and will need amending.

So, I am offering to the board my suggestions and comments of the report. I will be waiting for the board's response in writing, as I feel

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By Vincent Lehotsky

that the public has a vested interest in this report.

The three hunts held were paid for through county tax dollars. Why is it that the report is available only in the public libraries surrounding the Watchung Reservation? I feel that this practice serves no purpose whatsoever, other than bordering on a violation of the community's right to know laws. I say this because this report is not available in the County Library in Elizabeth. I suggest a report in each main library in all 21 municipalities.

The County Police overtime is listed at double zeros. I find that this is misleading, due to the presence of County Police in the reservation during this year's hunt, and their actions in performing activities that were deer-related, such as closing roads for carcass removal and keeping out park visitors when the hunt was in progress.

I do believe that funds were expended on behalf of the County Police, because of my regular attendance at board meetings, and especially the budget hearings. Whereupon, the County Police budget for overtime was cut from \$170,000 to \$140,000.

When asked by a board member what is the purpose of the money, the officer's reply was "for special events such as the deer hunt in the park and the deer hunt."

I was there, and I will always remember it. But what I would request is the information on this county-budgeted item and what was used so far this year.

None to board members of one hunt-related, non-patrolling activity is mentioned on page 16 of the report. "An officer stood by at the (hunt's) headquarters area whenever deer were being processed."

I have nothing against County Police. In fact I think highly of them. All I want is the proper figures of the hunt to be given to the public, and I will get them no matter what. And if it takes an election or two to get the figures, so be it.

And speaking of overtime, why is it that a county employee was allowed to hunt deer on the county's expense at time-and-a-half? I feel that this practice is wrong. And that there should be no place for this type of overtime in the county budget. I cannot afford it and neither can my fellow county residents.

What steps will the board take to stop this practice, or will this be a business-as-usual item in the future? I have no doubt that the budget hearings was that the board could not come up with any extra money for the Ryan White HIV Fund, but was pulling dollars out of a hat when it was time to give raises. It just doesn't add up.

Such as the chart indications on page 29 of the report, it's a five-year hunt starting in 1995. Why is it that the chart shows that hunting will be occurring until 2002? It just doesn't add up.

I'm surprised to trust this board with my tax dollars and they put their trust in advisors who say 1995 plus five equals 2002.

All I can do is inform the board that I believe its own advisors are misleading them — whether intentionally, or unknowingly. Something must be done, and maybe that is why this book needs to be made available in all 21 towns, with amendments.

If the public is interested they may either go to the meetings or watch news on cable public access. Or, the Reading/Viewing Public can ask the Board of Chosen Freeholders their own questions, in person. Whether on the deer hunt report, budget indicators, Green Brook Flood Plan or on any county-related matter, you will be with the three regular attendees: Mr. Jerry Schector, of Summit; Mr. Jerry Goldman, of Elizabeth; and me.

Vincent Lehotsky is a resident of Linden.

OPINION

Pelissier should not be reappointed

To the Editor:

In addition to what was stated at the August City Council meeting, another reason why the Rahway City Council should reject the re-appointment of Peter H. Pelissier as Rahway County business administrator is that he either lacks the ability to fully handle labor negotiations or is too lazy to negotiate labor contracts.

Previous Rahway business administrators used to do the labor negotiations, but not Pelissier. Instead, the Kennedy administration has spent many thousands of tax dollars on a lawyer to negotiate the city's contracts. What makes this particularly reprehensible is that Mayor James Kennedy promised that Pelissier, not an expensive lawyer, would do the labor negotiations when Kennedy first appointed Pelissier. When Kennedy ran for reelection he made the same promise, as a candidate might Kennedy broke both promises. The Rahway Republican councilmen and Republican Council candidates in contrast, are fighting to keep their promises. We need a business administrator who lives in Rahway and will save the taxpayers' money by doing all the labor negotiations. Let's put Rahway first by requiring a Rahway business administrator to live in Rahway and do the labor negotiating.

Erk Wank
Third Ward Republican Council candidate

Danelson was inaccurate

To the Editor:

In response to Stephanie A. Danelson's recent "Letter to the Editor" that appeared in this newspaper, I wish to comment on her inaccuracies. Being the mayor's favorite so-called witness in his slander lawsuit and former local newspaper reporter covering Clark's council meetings and township news, I suggest that she should report the truth regarding our meeting in the park.

If you would review the testimony of the depositions, Mrs. Danelson, you will find that your friends in the park testified they never heard the conversation, as you stated it. Even my wife, whom you claim was in the park, also disagreed with your remarks.

So, your comments that you heard those statements, "with your very own ears in front of witnesses" was your version only — and was groundless and without substance. As a newspaper reporter, your "ears" were often closed to the truth because your coverage often reflected a laudable, complimentary and overprotective attitude toward the mayor during the recall.

Danelson, I never said the mayor was "dishonest." What I have said in the past was, "Many Clark citizens have questioned me, when I was the councilperson, that the mayor was presumably not practicing law since he was spending most days in his town hall office." I further said, that Robert S. Ellenport was listed as an ineligible attorney in the Sept. 20, 1993 New Jersey Law Journal section titled "Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection: Ineligible Attorneys." Also, he was not listed with other lawyers in the 1994 New Jersey Lawyers Directory and Manual.

Other "misquotes" you accused me of saying were also false. Why did the mayor settle the suit without receiving any money for compensatory or punitive damages if he had such a great case or had such a great witness like you? One has to wonder where you prepared the information for your "Scarlet Letter." Was it discussed with Mayor Bob at your daily morning breakfast meetings in the local diner? Will you now be using Township property to help write Mayor Bob's campaign propaganda and attack at the expense of the taxpayer?

I suggest that you, Ellenport and all his misleading writers now blating the Media to "practice what you preach." Stick to the issues, run a clean campaign, tell the truth and stop continually attacking me and my family personally, since I'm not a candidate running for election in November. Remember Clark residents, if taxpayers are unable, out of fear, to question those in power, what we have, in effect, is a Dictatorship which will do as it pleases — and be accountable to no one.

Can Clark, or any town, afford to have such an administration whose motto is "We Will Not Hesitate to Lie?" I don't think so.

William Caruso
Former Second Ward Councilman
Clark

Democrats to abide by pledge

To the Editor:

In March 21 edition of your paper, you openly asked the candidates running for City Council in Rahway to embrace the concepts of a fair campaign and a code of ethics.

You offered an example of the Ethics Code developed by the West Orange League of Women Voters.

As evidenced by the signatures on the attached Pledge, the Democratic Candidates running for City Council this November openly support these concepts and are proud to sign the "Pledge."

The Pledge
We pledge to conduct our campaign for public office openly and fairly. We will discuss the issues and participate in fair public debates with respect to our views and qualifications. We will not engage in, nor permit defamatory attacks upon the character of our opponents; Nor shall we engage in unwarranted invasions of personal privacy unrelated to campaign issues.

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This we pledge to the citizens of Rahway.

The Democratic candidate slate for City Council

First Ward: Robert Rachlin

Second Ward: Robert Simons

Third Ward: Jerome Santos

Fourth Ward: David Brown

Fifth Ward: Deanna Tulon

Sixth Ward: Donald Anderson

I'll debate the boss instead

To the Editor:

Debate? Yes, Mr. Kuchar, I'll debate, but not with you.

Your "yes" vote for the rezoning of Hyatt was rewarded by being hand-picked to fill the seat of former Councilman Skoko. So how can I possibly debate a sell-out? Who knows what you'll do or say to win a council seat in November? And with your running under the banner "We won't hesitate to litigate" along with your mentor, Ellenport, I could very well end up in court after a debate.

No, instead, I would like a "shot at the title." As a challenger for a council seat in November, I call for a debate, no holds barred, one on one, with Council President Ruggiero. As the "top guy" on council, there are many, many unanswered questions that I have for Mr. Ruggiero. At the council meetings, either Ellenport or Skoko or Labella or even you, Mr. Kuchar, always seem to answer for Mr. Ruggiero. For once I would like my questions answered by Ruggiero.

One more thing, Mr. Kuchar, since you keep attacking Bill Caruso in the newspapers, may I remind you that he is not seeking political office. Maybe you can convince your mentor, Ellenport, to take Bill up on his public challenge of a debate, citizen to mayor.

Course sponsors tourney

Oak Ridge Golf Course, a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation will sponsor a club championship, open to all golfers Sept. 21.

"Men and women of all ages are welcome to participate in the tournament," announced Freshford Chairman Ed Force. "We are looking for a great turnout and some great competition."

Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Sept. 2. The entry fee of \$10 covers a scheduled tee time for the qualifying rounds for flights on Sept. 7 and the first round of play on Sept. 8. Green fees must be paid at the time of play.

Relevant dates for the tournament are as follows:

Sept. 2 — Entries close at 5 p.m. at Oak Ridge Golf Course

Sept. 7 — Qualifier for flights

Sept. 8 — First Round

Sept. 14 — Second Round

Sept. 19 — Semi-Finals

Sept. 21 — Finals

Sept. 22 — Raindate for finals

All entrants must be available on all of the above dates in order to be considered for the club championship.

For further information on the Oak Ridge Open, contact the golf course at (908) 574-0137 or stop by the Pro Shop at Oak Ridge Golf Course, Oak Ridge Road, Clark.

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Born in Baltimore, Md., Mr. Umholtz lived in Rahway for many

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For many, telemarketing is an ideal summer job

It may not be as blissful a job as being a lifeguard at the Jersey Shore, but for many students attending northern New Jersey colleges and universities, telemarketing is providing the above-average income and flexible hours that allow them to continue their education while gaining valuable sales experience in a corporate environment.

"Flexibility and money are the main reasons I took a job in telemarketing," said Matt Marino, 19, who just completed his second year at Union County College. "But it's also giving me the chance to fine-tune my interpersonal and communication skills, two things that will help me in my career."

Marino is one of more than 140 part-time telephone sales representatives in the Springfield call center of DialAmerica Marketing Inc., one of the nation's largest telemarketing service organizations. The \$100 million company, based in Mahwah, regularly recruits students from Rutgers, Seton Hall, Montclair State and Kean Colleges.

According to the Springfield call center's staffing requirements, each agent must work no more than 15 hours a week. The company runs two shifts, one from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the other from 5 to 10 p.m., every day except Sunday, selling subscriptions to major magazines with part of the proceeds going to non-profit organizations like the New Jersey Special Olympics.

The number of hours that the reps work each week is largely up to them, ranging from a minimum of 15 to a maximum of 35. During the summer, students want as many hours as possible. "We don't help them pay for their education. While in school, most work only evening shifts, which allows them time for classes, studying and even exercising before work."

"DialAmerica allows you to fit work into your schedule and is very flexible as far as your time constraints," said Marino, who learned of DialAmerica through a friend. "In another job, I'd be working longer hours and making less money."

Part-time employees at DialAmerica, a diverse group that also includes housewives, retirees and those seeking a seasonal job, earn \$7.50 an hour plus a commission on each magazine subscription they sell. Average earnings can go from \$10 to \$100 a week, with top performers making as much as \$14. Base salary is increased periodically after a certain number of hours has been worked.

Besides flexibility and excellent pay, many students find that a job at DialAmerica provides valuable sales experience and instruction. As part of

its standard training regimen, the company covers basic sales techniques, tactics for overcoming rejection and telemarketing ethics. In addition, the firm conducts role playing and provides additional training tailored to the specific needs of its new employees.

After two weeks, employees are fully trained in the basics of the occupation, although close, one-on-one supervision continues into the sixth week, with periodic monitoring after that. With 14 months of experience, Michael Platt, a sales supervisor who attends school at night, now coaches less-experienced reps on establishing a conventional rapport and assists with quality assurance. "The skills necessary for success in this job are skills that can be applied to life after school," said Platt. "It's a valuable entry into the corporate world."

The duties of DialAmerica telephone sales representatives are fairly straightforward: calling prospects, explaining the reason for the call and answering questions regarding the product or service being offered, whether it be consumer magazine subscriptions, as in the call center, or credit cards, online services, computer software or other goods, which the company's 39 other services market.

While overcoming rejection and closing the sale is important, the reps also go through a series of hard-core sales tactics. Instead, it encourages its employees to explain the benefits of its offer in a friendly, pleasant manner.

The environment in the company's call center is not a requirement of the job. Instead, the company looks for people who are friendly, confident, can have fun and still meet their goals," said Ricciardi, who began his DialAmerica career eight years ago. "We use contests and motivational statements to keep morale and interest high and ultimately help the reps be successful."

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County announces fall recreation

Recreation opportunities for the family in the Union County Park System in September and October.

• **Union County Senior Public Links Tournament** — Men's and women's entries accepted through Sept. 1, for ages 50 and up. The tournament will be held Sept. 13 at Oak Ridge Golf Course, Oak Ridge Park, Clark. A Sept. 20 rain date is scheduled. There is a registration fee. For information, call 374-0139.

• **Harpies and Campfire** — Tickets go on sale Sept. 2 at Trailside Nature and Science Center, located on Coles Avenue and New Providence Road in Mountaineer. Choose from six dates — Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 11, 18, 25 and Nov. 8. All rides begin at 6:30 p.m. Following, marshmallows and hot chocolate are included in admission. County residents pay \$3, those from out-of-county will be charged \$4. A limit of 25 tickets will be sold to any one person. Information on private rentals is available. For information, call 327-4900.

• **Fishing Derby** for people with disabilities begins Sept. 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A Sept. 22 rain date is scheduled. The derby is sponsored by the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation in conjunction with the Newark-Bell & Pleasant Club. Fishing, prizes, entertainment and lunch will be included in the day's activities in Warranboro Park, Elizabeth/Roselle. Pre-registration is required. For information, call 327-4900.

• **Harvest Festival** — On Sept. 29, from 10 to 5 p.m., Trailside Nature and Science Center, located on Coles Avenue and New Providence Road in Mountaineer, will have colonial

demonstrations, exhibits, food, entertainment and vendors. Suggested admission is \$3 per person. For information, call 780-3670.

• **Arts and Crafts Fair** — On Oct. 5 and 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., a joint arts and crafts fair will be held with more than 120 artists. Exhibits of all price ranges will be featured. For information, call 780-3665.

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They're all heart



The Rahway Division of Parks and Recreation Special Children's Summer Program is pictured at the Hart Street Park in Rahway. The group participated in swimming and other events throughout the program.

Elizabethtown gives customers 20 percent reduction in rates

Elizabethtown Water Company received its first monthly rebate check from Public Service Electric and Gas for its participation in a power conservation plan, which has reduced the electricity needs of the Elizabethtown's water treatment plant.

The electric utility's rebate and the reduced energy costs are expected to generate an annual savings of approximately \$1.3 million for Elizabethtown customers.

In the spring of 1995, Elizabethtown conducted an energy audit looking at equipment and operating procedures at its Raritan-Malvern Water Treatment Plant in Bridgewater to determine if there were ways to optimize the use of energy at the plant.

As a result of the study, Elizabethtown replaced two electric motors in the high-lift pumping station with natural-gas burning, internal combustion engines. The high-lift pumps are used to move treated water from the R-M plant into the Elizabethtown water distribution system.

By replacing the motors, Elizabethtown expects to reduce its power costs by 20 percent.

The project, which cost Elizabethtown \$2 million, is now completed and is expected to save customers \$1.3 million annually, based upon a combination of energy savings and a rebate program currently in effect from the local electric utility. The rebate will increase in future years.

These savings are reflected in the rates approved by the Board of Public Utilities last quarter, which will take effect in the fall.

Elizabethtown Water Company serves more than 181,000 business and residential customers in 46 municipalities in Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Somerset and Union counties.

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Assemblyman works to ban alien benefits

Legislation to bar illegal aliens from receiving state temporary disability or workers' compensation benefits is picking up support.

Assemblyman Kevin J. O'Toole, R-Union, has signed on as a co-sponsor of A-1013 to ban state temporary disability and workers' compensation benefits to illegal aliens. A-1013 is jointly sponsored by Assembly members Moran and Connors, both R-Ocean, while the companion bill, S-212, is sponsored by Senator Leonard T. Conner.

"We are encouraged to have Assemblyman O'Toole on board to help fight this bill to put New Jersey taxpayers first," said Connors. "This is an uphill battle. Assemblyman O'Toole's support helps build momentum for our drive to protect American taxpayers and American citizens from the financial impact of illegal aliens."

S-212 was passed by the full Senate by a 23-6 vote earlier this year. The bill is now in the Assembly Labor Committee with A-1013. According to Moran and Connors, a 1991 court decision, *Mateo Coria v. Board of Review and National Fence Systems*, held that since the law was silent in the area of temporary disability payment to illegal aliens, the benefits should be paid.

Department of Labor officials estimated that taxpayers would be paying \$1.7 million and \$1.8 million each year for the next three years by the time the bill is passed. The bill would also allow the state to recover the cost of the temporary disability benefits from the Temporary Disability Trust Fund. The Republican lawmakers said current regulations of the temporary disability and workers' compensation programs do not prohibit the payment of benefits to the illegal undocumented alien.

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SPORTS

LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders have announced that the 23rd annual Union County Senior Men's and Women's Public Links Tournament will be held Sept. 13 at Oak Ridge Golf Course, Oak Ridge Park, Clark.

The tournament, open to those age 50 and over, will be 18 holes, stroke play — no handicaps, low gross. Participants must be residents of Union County and must be a member of a private club. There is an entry fee of \$10 per person, with regular gross fees to be paid on the day of play. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 1.

Entry forms are available at all three County courses: Ash Brook Golf Course, Scotch Plains; Gallop Hill Golf Course, Kenilworth; and Oak Ridge Golf Course, Clark. For more information, call 908-574-0139.

The Westfield Y swim team 1996-97 season will commence with practice Sept. 16.

Tryouts for placement into one of the team's five practice groups will be held on the following dates: Sept. 6, 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Sept. 7, 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Sept. 7, 7:30-9:30 p.m.; Sept. 8, 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Sept. 8, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Each new team member will be required to participate in one tryout session only.

Placement into the team's practice groups will be based on age, experience and ability levels. All new applicants should report to the Wallace Pool at the Westfield YMCA, located on Clarke Street in Westfield, during one of the two tryout sessions.

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Sportsmen's Day full of items

Linden Rec finishes off productive youth summer

The New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, along with the NJ Division of Fish and Game and Wildlife and the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation, are proud to present the Fourth Annual Sportsmen's Field Day.

This hands-on weekend experience, sponsored by the Fort Dix and Oak Club, will be held Sept. 7-8 and promises to be a fun-filled weekend for all outdoor enthusiasts. In addition to offering sportsmen and women an opportunity to sharpen their hunting and shooting skills, the event will showcase the 1996 Garden State Deer Classic, featuring more than 50 of the outstanding deer harvested in the 1995-96 deer season.

This is a great opportunity to get a start on pre-season practice. Hunters and shooters should dust off their favorite scattergun, smokepot and bow, gather the family together and head out to the Sportsmen's Field Day. Sportsmen's groups will be conducting various shooting events, including trap, steel, muzzleloader, rifle and pistol shoots, and bow and arrow 3-D targets. There is a nominal charge for the shooting activities.

This year marks the eighth year of a division is conducting the Garden State Deer Classic, which recognizes the quality of the deer herd and the excellence of the deer management program in New Jersey. The primary objective of the Garden State Deer Classic is to educate both hunters and non-hunters on the positive values of a healthy and productive deer herd.

The Fort Dix and Oak Club grounds are located at Range 14, Browns Mills Cookout Road, Fort Dix, Burlington County. For more information, contact the Fort Dix Recreation Office at 609-562-4210.

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REUNIONS

Class reunions are being organized for the following:

- Bloomfield 1986, Sept. 21.
- West Orange 1986, Oct. 19.
- Columbia Senior 1987, Nov. 28, 1997.
- Livingston 1976, Nov. 29.
- Livingston 1986, Nov. 29.
- Nutley 1966, Nov. 29.
- Westfield 1986, Nov. 29.
- West Orange 1976, Nov. 29.
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- Union 1986, Nov. 29.
- Columbia Senior 1986, Nov. 30.
- Bloomfield 1977, 1997.
- Bloomfield 1987, 1997.
- Columbia Senior 1977, 1997.
- Livingston 1987, 1997.
- Summit 1977, 1997.
- Union 1987, 1997.

If you are a member of one of these classes, write to Reunions Unlimited, Inc., P.O. Box 150, Englishtown, NJ 07726, or call 780-8364.

The search is on for the reunion committee of Linden High School class of 1956 seeking classmates for a reunion to be held the weekend of Sept. 27, 28 and 29. Write to Linden High School class of 1956.

Box 1616, Linden, NJ 07036.

- Jonathan Dayton Regional High School class of 1946 search committee is seeking classmates for its 50th reunion, the date of which has not been determined. To contact the committee, contact Rose Culmone Tabor at 530 Fourth Ave., Garwood, NJ 07027 or Arno Graziano at P.O. Box 251, Springfield, NJ 07081.
- Ston Hall Preparatory School in West Orange seeks alumni from classes of 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991 for reunions in November. Call the Alumni Office at (800) 311-PRIP.
- Hillside High School class of 1981 will hold its 15-year reunion in November at the Holiday Inn in Springfield.

whereabouts of former classmates, should contact Dawn Mayo-Moore at 953-8553, or write to: 6 Roschill Place, Irvington, NJ 07111.

All Hillside High School alumni should call (800) 827-4045 to be registered in the class reunion directory.

Ferris High School, Jersey City, class of 1946. Call 229-3773, or write Andrew Canalesi, 19 Wesley St., Monmouth Beach, NJ 07750.

For additional information on the following, call 845-5200.

- South Side High School, class of June 1946, and Bergen Street School class of June 1942 are seeking classmates for a 50th reunion. Contact Sam Sporn, 8 Crescent Dr., Parsippany, NJ 07054, or call (201) 335-6611.
- The search is on for members of the Batlin and Jefferson High School of Elizabeth class of 1975 for a reunion to take place in September. Former classmates are asked to write to Susette McDaniel-Harris, P.O. Box 3374, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07207 or call 353-7488.

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The class of 1986 of East Orange High School is planning a reunion for Nov. 16. Alumni or anyone knowing the whereabouts of former classmates should send their names and addresses to: East Orange High School, Class of 1986 Reunion, P.O. Box 1032, East Orange, NJ 07019, or call (201) 673-5748.

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

Cigar-making family rolls into Summit

By Jay Hochberg
Regional Editor

It's taken the Flores family decades to get to Summit—they've come via Cuba, Miami, and Hoboken, among other points—but they have arrived.

The family that manufactures the increasingly popular Flor de Flores brand of handmade cigars has set up Flor de Flores Cigars on Maple Street in the city, opening their fourth retail outlet there earlier this month.

"It was either Princeton or Summit," said Carlos Flores, Jr., the chief executive officer of the family-owned company. "We liked Summit because it has the demographic ideal: affluent people, the best mall around and the train station."

It's Summit's population of professionals that Flor de Flores—the "Spanish for, 'flower's blossom'—has come to serve. Rather than offer only retail sales or retail with a smoking lounge, the family built their new store with an exclusive clientele in mind.

A club membership, not just off-the-shelf cigars, is their objective. Inside the 300 square foot walk-in humidor are more than five dozen private lockers that are available to those willing to pay the \$500 annual membership fee. Each locker, complete with ventilators to allow in the moist air, is large enough to contain 12 boxes of cigars and bottles of liquor.

These cigars and spirits have been retrieved, members may retire to the smoking lounge, a climate-controlled room furnished with comfortable chairs, televisions and enclosed behind glass doors. To provide additional attractions, the Flores family plans to use a satellite dish to tune in all NFL games this season.

While Flor de Flores cigars have been open for more than two weeks, the brothers who work there intend to throw a grand opening party sometime next month, featuring Cuban cuisine, Cuban music—and, of course, Flor de Flores cigars.

When asked which competitors he'd observed before opening Flor de Flores, Flores said he "didn't copy me. They copy me."

"I'm a manufacturer, there's no problem getting supplies. And I'm a retailer. With the club membership, I

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want to combine both of them and give people an option."

The production end of the business involves the family's three factories in Miami, Honduras and Nicaragua.

"We want to be different from the others," he added. "We'll be more personal and not open to all the public so much. These people are used to a country club life."

He went on to say he plans to help his customers select a variety of smokes, according to their preferences, the food and drink they'll have with the cigar, their sense of adventure and even the time of day they'll smoke.

Inside the humidor are dozens of different brands of cigars, each represented in many sizes, shapes and blends. Among the non-Flores brands are Dunhill, Montecristo, The Grifone, No. 1, Romeo y Julieta, CAO, Pacha and Hoyo de Monterrey.

"Only Hoboken has a better selection," Flores said, referring to his family's store. The Smoke Shop, on Hudson Street near the train station, their other shops are The Cigar Room in Fort Lee and Eastside Cigars at Third Avenue and 57th Street in Manhattan.

It was as a manufacturer that Flor de Flores got its start. Carlos Flores, Sr., a native of Cuba, has been hand-rolling cigars for most of his life. He spent years in Miami, where he developed the blend of tobacco that now is known as the Flor de Flores with the white and blue band: the Miami Selection.

This line of cigar, which was intended for sale only in the family's stores, has earned the company a nationwide reputation as a purveyor of incomparable premium cigars. An ironic turn of events led "Snake" magazine to favorably review one of the Miami Selection, when its panel was supposed to have sampled Flores's Honduran line, which is distinguished by an orange band.



William, Abel and Carlos Flores, Jr.—and friend—sweeten the Summit air with a few samples of the Flor de Flores Miami Selection. The Flores family's newest cigar shop is located at 34 Maple St. The family has tentative plans to throw a grand opening party in mid September.

"I don't know how they got them," said Flores, Jr. "I didn't send them."

Once the word got out, retailers around the country contacted the company to place orders to satisfy their own customers. Flores told of another irony resulting from this mix-up, recalling how distributors and retailers didn't have time to work with Flor de Flores in its early years, but now seek out the family and request exclusive contracts.

"It's a nice feeling to have the big guys coming to me. It's good to be recognized," he added.

To chart Flor de Flores's growth is to look to the future. The company will work with Chicago entrepreneur Steve Silvers, who owns her own cigar store and markets a line of premium handmade smokes bearing her name, to reach customers nationwide at a frisky pace.

In addition, Flores had just returned from the Retail Tobacco Dealers Association trade show, where he said he'd taken orders for a half-million cigars. The CEO does a lot of traveling, crossing the country to secure his "products" place at a variety of cigar events, including smoking evenings sponsored by "Cigar Aficionado" and "Smoke" magazines.

A new line of Flor de Flores cigars was introduced at the RTDA trade show. Called the Cabot Selection, the cigars are made at the factory in Nicaragua. They are aged 18 months, feature a dark wrapper, a full body and a frisky taste.

Flores said the line should be available for sale by spring '97, but he has his eye on the distant future.

The Flores family has many relatives in Cuba, where they once had owned much land. Awaiting the

demise of the Castro government, Flores, Jr. said his family plans one day to reclaim their land and expand the manufacturing base to the island, making cigars not only exclusively of Havana tobacco, but also of blends—part Cuban.

In the meantime, the stateside Flores family includes Flores, Jr.'s wife Kim, the president, who runs the distribution; his brother William, the vice president who co-manages production and product development; brothers Abel and Gilbert, who manage the other retail shops; and the patriarch, who oversees production of the Miami Selection.

Flores Tobaccoist is located at 34 Maple St. in Summit, near the intersection of Springfield Avenue and around the corner from the New Jersey Transit train station. The Flores brothers can be reached at (908) 998-1000.

UCUA announces the start of demanufacturing effort

By Jay Hochberg

Demanufacturing, a process by which used electronic equipment, household appliances and other goods are disassembled to permit the recycling of valuable components, is coming to Union County.

Acting Union County Utilities Authority Chairman Blanche Banasiak said a contract the UCUA signed last week with Electric Processing Associates Inc. of Lowell, Mass., will bring the firm to Union County where it'll accept and process materials with reusable components.

Possible sites are being considered and an announcement of the location selected is expected.

The plan calls for materials, TV sets, radios, microwave ovens and other home and business equipment and appliances to be received at locations set up for the purpose by participating municipalities and then forwarded to the EPA processing facility.

Collection and transportation costs incurred by the municipalities will be covered by a \$200,000 grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Banasiak, who initiated the UCUA's involvement with the demanufacturing concept, has worked with Board of Chosen Freeholders Vice Chairman Henry Krus, County Manager Ann Baran and other county officials to bring the plan to fruition.

"I'm delighted to see this important one to the authority because it will make a substantial contribution to our effort to minimize environmentally dangerous materials in our waste stream. It will help us to protect the environment and, at the same time, lower the costs involved, with environmental control devices. One of the surest ways to control pollution is to have

less pollution to control," she said. Kurz said the program is the result of the ingenuity and determination of county and UCUA representatives.

"Demanufacturing is a sensible practical concept that serves both our environmental and economic interests," he added. "Throughout this century, we've been disposing of unwanted volumes of valuable component parts, while they're still in the prime of their useful lives."

"Worse yet, by burning them or throwing them into landfills, we've been using them to pollute our environment. Demanufacturing makes it possible for us to address both of these problems. It's a win for both the environment and the economy—and that means it's a win for the people of Union County."

Baran said the new facility is "another step forward in the county's" demanufacturing effort.

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Union plans its annual Festival on the Green

By Jay Hochberg

Several thousand enthusiasts and their families are expected to attend Union Township's arts and crafts show, "Festival on the Green," Sept. 21 at Fibberger Park.

More than 100 artists, crafters and photographers will participate in the juried show, while residents also revel in music, dance, ethnic entertainment, and a variety of festive foods.

For art buyers, or casual admirers, the 23rd annual festival will feature fine arts, oils, water colors, photography, glassware, and clothing produced by professional and nonprofessional artists and crafters of all ages.

The show, which extends from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., will be judged this year by Natalie Becker and Gladys Reimers.

Proceeds from the event will support two scholarships to be given to local high school students who plan to pursue careers in art. To accompany the art show, entertainment will be provided throughout the day by the Union High School Band, the ROTC Drill Team, a barbershop quartet, ethnic dancers, a country band, the YMCA fitness and karate demonstrators from Ninja University.

Fibberger Park is behind the Union Township Municipal Building. Arts and crafts displays will be set up in the upper level parking lot behind the library, while the lower parking lot in front of the municipal building, will be reserved for local non-profit groups providing food, vendors and service clubs.

Admission to the festival is free. In case of rain, the alternate date will be Sept. 22. For information call (908) 688-2777.

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As summer ends, Trenton weighs school reform bills

By Kevin Singer

While children across the state prepare to return to school, the Legislature has been working on a plan that would revolutionize the curriculum and funding of public school education. The pending legislation, known as the Comprehensive Plan for Educational Improvement and School Financing, calls for the establishment of a core curriculum and introduces a formula to determine spending levels for each district in the state. In 1994, the state Supreme Court ordered Trenton to provide a quality of education similar among all school districts to what it called a disparity in the quality among the districts.

The core curriculum standards, which have been in development since 1992, are intended to provide a description of "what students should know and be able to do in specific academic areas and across disciplines."

The standards encompass the areas of visual and performing arts, comprehensive health and physical education, language arts literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, world languages, and cross-content workplace readiness. Also required are cumulative progress tests at grades four, eight, and 12.

The visual and performing arts standards should enable students to develop ideas, increase problem-solving skills, and interact in partnerships. Students would be required to produce artistic products and performances, and identify historical, social, and cultural influences in the arts.

The goal of the health standards is to "develop citizens who are both health literate and physically educated." Students will be instructed on health promotion and disease prevention, fitness, the effects of drug and alcohol abuse, and sexuality.

Language arts literacy is said to provide "ways of thinking that develop through reading, writing, speaking, listening, and viewing."

The mathematics standards would require students to pose and solve mathematical problems, develop reasoning ability, numbers sense, and spatial sense, and understand statistics, algebra, and simple calculus. The standards also focus on technology, such as computers and calculators, as an integral part of school mathematics curricula at every grade level.

With the science standards, the legislation stresses the instruction of broad scientific areas and investigation processes. The standards cover life sciences, physics, and technology. For social studies, students will have studied major periods of American and world history, including European, Asian, and African cultures. In addition, they will learn about the democratic system of the U.S. government, and will acquire a geographical understanding of the world, the environment, and human systems.

Cross-content workplace readiness is designed to foster career development through instruction in the use of technology, and development of critical thinking and planning skills.

Regarding language instruction, students would be required to learn to communicate in a language other than English. The legislation recommends "world languages start in kindergarten and continue uninterrupted through grade 12."

As the bills are still pending, some educators have questioned aspects of them. Michael Knowlton, superintendent of schools for Summit, raised questions concerning funding from his recent testimony before a joint session of the Assembly and Senate.

"My biggest concern is whether the Department of Education has carefully thought through the fiscal ramifications," he told this newspaper. "Is the state prepared to pick up any extra costs?"

Funding has been a point of debate throughout discussion of the proposed legislation. The state Supreme Court's mandate is rooted in the state constitution's promise to provide a "thorough and efficient" education to each child. Gov. Christine Whitman's plan to meet that demand includes establishing a dollar amount each school district may spend on each child.

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UCUA announces start of manufacturing plan

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economic development initiatives. Companies now located here and those considering a Union County location will be very pleased to know that we have a sound, modern, efficient way for them to get rid of obsolete equipment. They'll also be glad to find that economical materials ready for reuse are right here at their doorstep."

The search for a qualified manufacturer began in early 1995, when Banastak, Baran and Union County Department of Policy and Planning Director Mauro Checchio met with Rutgers University representatives to discuss the county's manufacturing plan.

After meeting with representatives of American, European, and Japanese electronics companies already involved with the concept and with organizations in the manufacturing field, UCUA and county officials gave the nod to Electronic Processing Associates. The program is expected to begin operation in September or early October.

In the meantime, she has invited companies or residents considering disposal of electronic appliances or equipment to contact UCUA Program Coordinator Steve Stansback at UCUA headquarters, (908) 382-9400.

The Italian Music Festival, a rare and joyous event, got underway on Aug. 22 in Frisberg Park behind the Union Library, where music and dancing were rampant.

Thanks to Dominick Fagnoli, superintendent of the Recreation Department, Ray Master's band, and a lively, enthusiastic audience seated on folding chairs, the adventure under the stars was a huge success.

Masters, who resides in Elizabeth, and who also plays the drums, introduced his band members: Pat Canterella, accordion; Charlie Barbone, trumpet; flugel horn and French horn; Tony Pascerino, saxophone and clarinet; and Masters' charming wife and soloist Fran, who, despite a bout with laryngitis and a sore throat, nevertheless bravely sang old time Italian favorites. Their grandson, Anthony Mastapeter, served as the band boy.

"Twenty-five years I'm playing here," said Masters. "We started small, and look how many people we're now attracting. We will be playing a medley of Italian songs and familiar tunes, and at half time, because I feel so grateful to the men and women of the armed services, we will play a medley of Armed Forces songs. We will end the program with a patriotic salute with such songs as 'Over There,' 'The Stars and Stripes Forever' and 'God Bless America.'"

After the National Anthem, the audience was offered a rare treat with such music as "Isle of Capri," and "That's Amore," an Italian polka, where members of the audience began to dance in a large wide circle. One could hear "Aahs" and "Ohhs" throughout the evening, when a favorite tune was about to be offered.

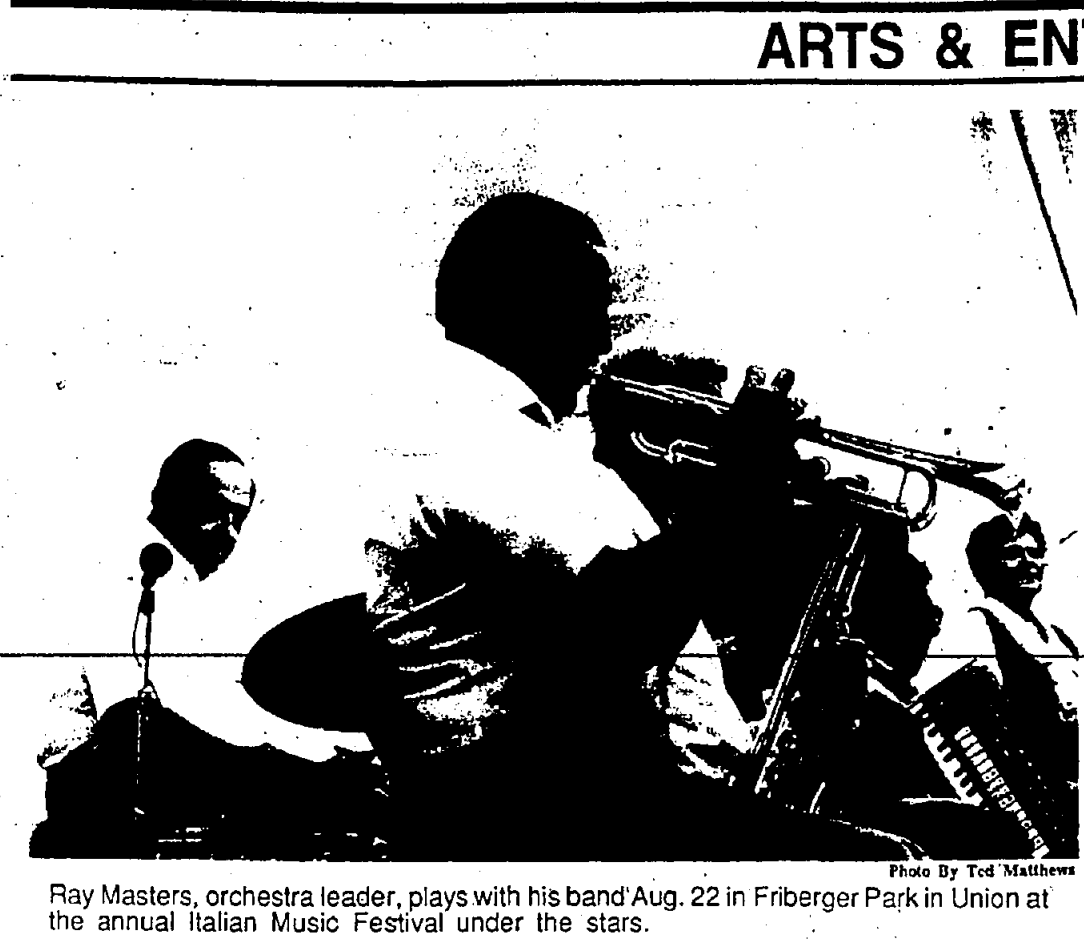
The highlight of the festival was the guest appearance of Jackie Ventura, a singer-comedian, who took time out of his tour with Wayne Newton to entertain an appreciative audience. His most memorable number was "O Sole Mio," and when the audience howled with pleasure, Ventura grinned. "This is turning out to be a fun evening," and proceeded to sing "Tata a Giglio" and some old country Italian favorites.

The latest dance music, line music and Italian line music were highlighted, and members of the audience, from age 5 to age 85, participated in the dances. There were also polkas and tangos; memorable songs such as "The Woodpecker Song," "Marie Elita," and the memorable "Summer Time," from the movie with Katherine Hepburn and Rossano Brazzi.

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Ray Masters, orchestra leader, plays with his band Aug. 22 in Frisberg Park in Union at the annual Italian Music Festival under the stars.

Music, dancing make festival a success

By Bea Smith

The Italian Music Festival, a rare and joyous event, got underway on Aug. 22 in Frisberg Park behind the Union Library, where music and dancing were rampant.

Thanks to Dominick Fagnoli, superintendent of the Recreation Department, Ray Master's band, and a lively, enthusiastic audience seated on folding chairs, the adventure under the stars was a huge success.

Masters, who resides in Elizabeth, and who also plays the drums, introduced his band members: Pat Canterella, accordion; Charlie Barbone, trumpet; flugel horn and French horn; Tony Pascerino, saxophone and clarinet; and Masters' charming wife and soloist Fran, who, despite a bout with laryngitis and a sore throat, nevertheless bravely sang old time Italian favorites. Their grandson, Anthony Mastapeter, served as the band boy.

"Twenty-five years I'm playing here," said Masters. "We started small, and look how many people we're now attracting. We will be playing a medley of Italian songs and familiar tunes, and at half time, because I feel so grateful to the men and women of the armed services, we will play a medley of Armed Forces songs. We will end the program with a patriotic salute with such songs as 'Over There,' 'The Stars and Stripes Forever' and 'God Bless America.'"

After the National Anthem, the audience was offered a rare treat with such music as "Isle of Capri," and "That's Amore," an Italian polka, where members of the audience began to dance in a large wide circle. One could hear "Aahs" and "Ohhs" throughout the evening, when a favorite tune was about to be offered.

The highlight of the festival was the guest appearance of Jackie Ventura, a singer-comedian, who took time out of his tour with Wayne Newton to entertain an appreciative audience. His most memorable number was "O Sole Mio," and when the audience howled with pleasure, Ventura grinned. "This is turning out to be a fun evening," and proceeded to sing "Tata a Giglio" and some old country Italian favorites.

The latest dance music, line music and Italian line music were highlighted, and members of the audience, from age 5 to age 85, participated in the dances. There were also polkas and tangos; memorable songs such as "The Woodpecker Song," "Marie Elita," and the memorable "Summer Time," from the movie with Katherine Hepburn and Rossano Brazzi.

It just goes to show that one doesn't have to be Italian to appreciate Italian music and dancing. This reporter can't wait until next year, the 26th year, and more wonderful Italian music — much more of the same.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Teen Arts moves to Linden

The Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs' Division of Parks and Recreation announced that the Linden Free Public Library, Sunnyside Branch at 110 Edgewater Road, will host the Union County Teen Arts Touring Exhibit starting Monday through Sept. 16.

The exhibit consists of 26 pieces of art selected from the 113 visual artworks shown at the 1996 Union County Teen Arts Festival in March at Union County College. The annual event is sponsored by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs' Division of Parks and Recreation.

Linden-Lee Kelly, member of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Board, said, "We encourage everyone to visit the exhibit and enjoy the talents of our young Union County Artists."

The Plentiful Symphony Society Auxiliary will start its 44th year by sponsoring the annual showcase for the orchestra. This will be held on Saturday, September 7 at the home of Kevin and Cynthia Johnson, 932 Cedarbrook Rd., Plainfield, from 6 - 9 p.m. Members of the orchestra will play and a light supper will be served. This is the Plentiful Symphony Society's 77th year. It is the oldest community orchestra in NJ.

Members of the committee are: Roscham Galatin, President of the Auxiliary; Katherine Mann, Mary Chmura, Brenda Anderson, Bernice Swam, Robin Osborne, Rayette Mason, Roy Aves, Leslie Pears, Richard Goldenberg, Elizabeth Shea and Kevin and Cynthia Johnson.

For more information call Roscham Galatin at (908) 753-1389.

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DINING REVIEW
August 29, 1996

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For on the side, the garlic bread is served hot, and not too spicy. Also, side orders of meatballs and sausage are available.

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Doria's does not deliver, but to enter a pie for pick-up, call (908) 277-0909.

It is located at 432 Springfield Ave. in Summit, near Maple Street. Curbside parking is available outside, and

The exhibiting students are:
• Clark: Mary Callahan, Mother Seton Regional High School; Shannon Hall, C. Kumpf Middle School; Elizabeth: Sakina Miles, Benedictine Academy;
• Hillside: Sherriya Freeman, Hillside High School;
• Linden: Goshia Smerdel, Linden High School;
• Mountainside: Christina Ferraz, Deerfield Middle School;
• Rahway: Corinna LaBarra, Rahway High School; Kenneth Clary, Rahway Middle School;
• Springfield: Lisa Noville, F.M. Gaudinier Middle School; Jerry Kim, Jonathan Dayton Regional High School;
• Summit: Neil Conway, Summit Middle School;
• Union: Lawrence Q. Wong, Burnett Middle School; Chonika Henderson, Kawamuch Middle School; Erin Cook, Union High School.
The Union County Teen Arts Program is supported by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders; Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Division of Parks and Recreation; Union County College; Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board; New Jersey State Council on the Arts; Department of State; Elizabeth Board of Education; Friends of Teen Arts through a grant from the New Jersey Department of Education; New Jersey Center for Visual Arts; Alliance for Arts Education, New Jersey and participating schools.

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

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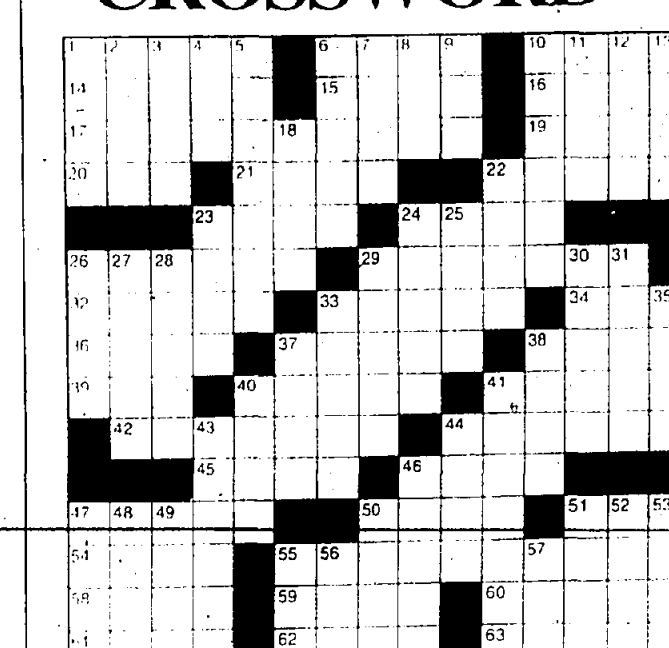
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One need not be an artist to enjoy membership in the Watchung Arts Center. Members get a monthly newsletter, discounts on certain events, plus other benefits. But those members who are artists are rewarded with an additional dividend: participation in a members-only juried show.

Artist-Members will be submitting work in various media: drawing, painting, photography and even three-dimensional art. This makes for a diverse and interesting show, awarded by non-exhibiting members and the public alike.

Accepted work will be exhibited from September 4 to 28, with gallery hours Monday through Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. The juried Members Art Show will have its public reception on Sunday, September 8, from 1 to 4 p.m. This is an opportunity for visitors to see the work, meet the artists, and enjoy light refreshments too. There is no admission charge for the reception of the exhibit.

Not just any member work is accepted. It must be selected from among submitted work as being worthy of exhibit. Award-winning artists and talented amateurs are found among the Center's members, and their work will fill the both Upper and Lower Galleries for this show. The displayed pieces are available for purchase from the artists.

Douma Brion, Director of the Artist's Showcase in Chester, will be the distinguished juror for the show. She will select first, second and third place winners, with ribbons to be awarded at the reception.

At month end, the exhibit will travel to the Somerset County Building in Somerville, where it will be displayed in the public entry lobby. Ample parking is available adjacent to the Center's historic building on the Watchung Circle. It is easily reached from Interstate 78, exit 40, or Route 22, Plainfield express.

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DINING/ENTERTAINMENT

'Restoration' is a comedy which is ahead of its 'age'

In the late 1600's Oliver Cromwell's Puritan rule on England came to an end and King Charles the 2nd reclaimed the throne. The mood of the country underwent a complete change, and their new beginning rang throughout the world. It was a time of discovery, a time when anything could happen. Historically, it is known as the Age of Restoration. The film "Restoration" follows a young physician, Marivel, played by Robert Downey, Jr., and the effect this time has on him.

At the beginning he is treated with Puritan, played by David Thewlis, as the two tend to patients and work on cures for new diseases. Though Pearce feels strongly about his profession, Marivel would rather converse with wine, women and song.

One afternoon, Marivel's life is changed when he and a group of physicians are introduced to a man with a "defect". The man has a large hole in his chest, allowing a full view of his beating heart. He is, otherwise, perfectly normal, able to walk and talk like anyone else. As the physicians stare in amazement, he asks if they would like to touch his heart. Marivel is the only doctor who can bring himself to do it. When the king hears of this deed, he believes Marivel has special powers and orders him to the castle to cure his dying dog, Marivel has no extraordinary powers, but when the dog recovers the king gives the physician a position within the throne and lavish excesses in Marivel's three favorite areas: wine, women and song.

Though Pearce tries to sway him back after a few months of fun, Marivel is ordered to find another position. It seems the king has a mistress, Celia, whom he needs to keep in a castle out of town, meeting her every week or two for their special pleasures. It would seem less suspicious if the mistress was, in fact, moving to the castle after being married. Marivel is ordered by the king to marry her and live with her, but not fall in love with her or even touch her. It's at this point in the film that the story relies less on plot and more on character study, mainly of Marivel.

It is easy to predict that he falls in

love with Celia. What's not predictable is what happens next. And then what happens after that. "Restoration" is just one of many films that, year after year, are ignored or overlooked. Robert Downey, Jr. gives an Academy Award-caliber performance, as does Sam Neill as King Charles. The script is excellent and, even if you're not a fan of period pieces, the film will fly by. The supporting cast of Hugh Grant as a painter and Meg Ryan as a dowdier peasant Marivel cares for, are great. The film is based on the novel of the same name by Rose Tremain.

Robert Downey, Jr. Facts: Downey was born in New York City on April 5, 1965. He moved to Los Angeles when he was 15 and when he was 6 dropped out of Santa Monica High School. He moved back to New York City, took odd jobs, and auditioned for movie and television roles. He became a cast member of Saturday Night Live for the 85-86 season, and landed roles in films like "Back to School" in 1985, "Less Than Zero" in 1987, and "Air America" in 1990. His father is film director Robert Downey, responsible for such pictures as "Paddy's Day" in 1969, and "Up the Academy" in 1980. Robert Downey, Jr. has his acting debut at age five in his dad's movie, "Paddy's Day", playing a dog.

Video Detective Trivia: Who was the biggest box office draw of 1990? a) Mel Gibson b) Arnold Schwarzenegger c) Julia Roberts. Answer: b) Arnold Schwarzenegger. Also just out on video: "Down Periscope", a comedy. "Girl Six", a comedy, and "Executive Decision", action.

A resident of Mountaineer, Jim Riffla is the author of "The Video Detective's Guide to the Top 100 Films of All Time."

Philathalians of Fanwood receive A.C.T. nominations

The Philathalians' production of Jack Poppelwell's "Busbody" has garnered two nominations from The A.C.T. Awards. Westfield resident Carole McGee is nominated for Outstanding Performance by a Lead Actress in a Play for her depiction of the volatile Mrs. Lily Piper, the title's "busbody." Fanwood resident Bernie Buehler is nominated for Outstanding Set Design. "Busbody," a typical British mystery-comedy, was performed by The Philathalians from February 23 through March 16, 1996, at The Carriage House in Fanwood, and was directed by veteran Philathalian Deborah Dreyer.

The A.C.T. Achievement in Community Theater, Awards, is a private organization seeking to nurture and promote community theater throughout New Jersey. The annual nominations are one way the organization seeks to recognize excellence and highlight the vitality of community theater in New Jersey. Nominations for awards are made from among participants in plays and musicals produced by the more than fifty New Jersey member theaters that are reviewed by The A.C.T. Awards during the prior twelve-month season. Presentations of The A.C.T. Award statues to winning nominees took place following cocktails and dinner at the Second Annual A.C.T. Awards Ceremony on August 25, at The Hatterick Hills Playhouse in Hampton, N.J.

The Philathalians, a community theater club based in Fanwood's historic Carriage House and participating member of the A.C.T. organization, celebrate its 65th season this fall. The season opens in November with Tina Howe's loving and humorous play, "Painting Churches" — winner of the 1983 Obie Award. Larry Gelbart's rollicking comedy "Sly Fox" and Rick Johnson's murder farce "Cahoots" round out the schedule for 1996-97.

The Philathalians invite all those interested in participating to attend the season-opening meeting on Friday, September 20th at 7:30 p.m. at The Carriage House, 129 Watson Road in Fanwood, beside the Fanwood Police Station. Contact The Philathalians by phone at (908) 322-8686.

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EVENT: Nutsy Street Fair (Outdoors)
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CRAFT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 1996

EVENT: 23rd Annual Festival-in-the-Park
PLACE: Memorial Park, between Chestnut Street and Westland Avenue, Nutley
TIME: 10am-5pm
PRICE: Admission from more than 200 vendors and exhibitors vendors, Nutley Historical Society
ORGANIZATION: Kingsland Trust and Nutley Historical Society

GARAGE/YARD SALE SATURDAY OCTOBER 5, 1996

EVENT: Community Garage Sale
PLACE: South Orange Duck Pond, South Orange
TIME: 10am-4pm
PRICE: The Club will be selling tables to members and other local purveyors of fine wares (and maybe some not so fine). Please save the date. For details, or to sign up for a table call 201-378-3365.
ORGANIZATION: The Newcomers' Club of South Orange

FLEA MARKET SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 1996

EVENT: Flea Market
PLACE: First Presbyterian Church of Roselle, First and Chestnut, Roselle
TIME: 10am-1pm
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ORGANIZATION: First Presbyterian Church of Roselle

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 1996

EVENT: Place Market
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TIME: 10am-1pm
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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 1996

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FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 8, 1996

EVENT: Greek Festival
PLACE: St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 721 Rahway Avenue, Union, (off Morris Avenue)
TIME: Friday, 6pm-midnight; Saturday, 11:30am-2:30pm; Sunday, 11:30am-4pm
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Saint Mary's opens second computer center

Saint Mary's of the Assumption High School will begin its 67th year, when it opens its doors on Wednesday for a freshmen orientation program. Regular classes will start Sept. 5.

The four-year co-educational, Catholic high school, located at 237 St. Broad St. in Elizabeth, offers its 375 students a college preparatory curriculum with business options. The school is accessible by public transportation from all communities in the county.

"When the students return in September, they will find many changes and improvements," said Janet Malko, principal. "Our renovation program is moving ahead with all classrooms now having new tile floors and virtually all of our desks are new. In addition, workers are putting the finishing touches on the school's second computer center. Although this was a very costly project, we felt that it was very necessary as our students must have the resources to be prepared for the future."

In addition, a landscaping contractor is busy preparing our grounds for a complete renovation. Flower gardens, shrubs, and pathways are in the works to give our students a campus-like atmosphere."

Success of the school's academic program is shown in the nearly 90 percent college-acceptance rate among its graduates. In addition, the class of '96 — 83 students — received in excess of \$1.2 million in scholarships, financial grants, and awards.

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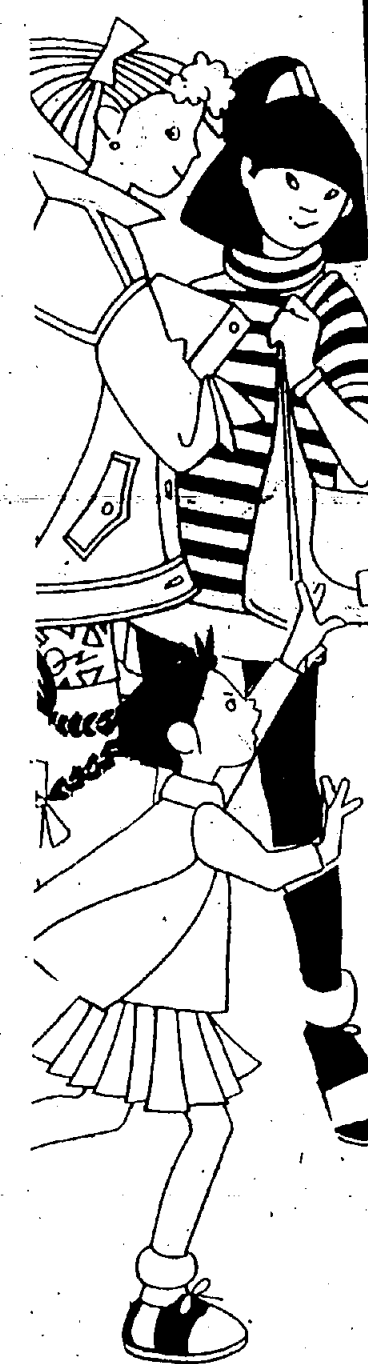
The fall semester will begin Wednesday, with day classes. The Division of Continuing Education's evening classes will start Sept. 16, with the exception of manicuring/nails technology and cosmetology which will open Sept. 10.

Patrick Mauro, director of admissions, said the day session provides students with the opportunity to learn about the school's curriculum and the hands-on training in technical occupations. He stated the auto technology program, with its automotive service excellence certificate, and the business trades cluster are highly regarded. The culinary arts and baking programs have won numerous awards and garnered praise throughout the years. Other popular courses, Mauro added, are graphic communications, horticulture, masonry, machine technology and welding, plus many more. A supermarket institute, a child care and development program, law enforcement technology and twilight culinary arts are also in place. The latter is for adults above high school age who seek training in the food service area.

Daytime classes are available to tuition participants as well as high school students who wish to attend UCVS on a shared-time basis. This method affords them the opportunity of learning a trade in addition to earning a secondary school diploma.

According to Thomas B. Higginbotham, director of Adult Education, many popular offerings will be repeated and included among the

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A group of younger Turning Point Dance Center students show the poise and grace learned in dance classes. Front, from left: Dana Baldassarre, Lauren Fischer and Cassandra Mendez. Rear, from left: Samantha Panagos, Nicole Pastore and Alexandra Colalunas.

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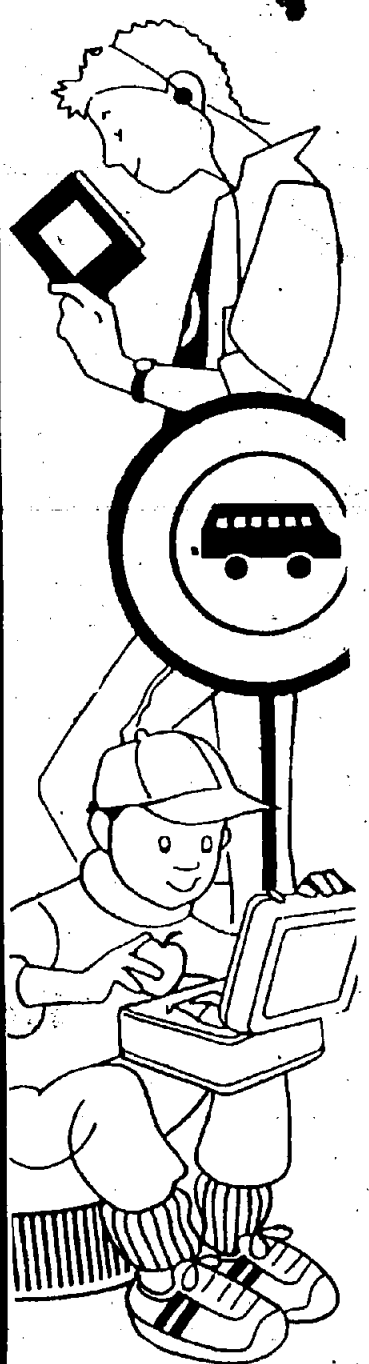
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"Thanks to great innovations which have taken place in the hearing aid industry in recent years such as smaller and more effective hearing aids with more advanced circuitries, the public's attitude towards hearing aids has improved. However, there is still a long way to go."

Kleinman feels that continued education on the part of health care professionals is essential so that people with hearing and related problems will better understand the problems and the best solutions for them.

"In line with this philosophy, he has just returned from Chicago, where he attended Beltone Corporation's Annual Convention, where he was able to attend and participate in seminars designed to continue his desire to continually stay abreast of the latest technologies and philosophies in the hearing field."

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