

SENIOR LIFESTYLE

Students give thanks by helping seniors

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

All of Roosevelt School smelled like baking bread the day before Thanksgiving.

The smell came from the Resource Room, the room of teacher Beth Gott. About 15 students and two parents were helping her bake bread that was destined for the Rahway Geriatric Center.

"I've always baked and cooked and I thought the kids would like it," she said.

Gott and her assistants baked from 7:30 a.m. to about noon last week, mixing, kneading and baking a total of 32 loaves. Admittedly, not all of them reached the Geriatric Center.

"We cut it up and sent samples to the other teachers because they were going crazy with the smell," she said.

Principal Art Landgren summed up the event, saying "It was a real nice event. The bread was delicious."

"A good time was had by all," Gott said.

Originally, the loaves had been intended for a school-wide project: food baskets that everyone in the school helps make at this time of the year. But the baskets had already gone out last Tuesday and had been prepared two days before, on Monday.

Still and all, they went out to some people who needed a little holiday cheer.

"I encouraged her to do it," Landgren said. "She's really good at doing special projects. I know it would be a success because she's done it before. When someone comes to you with an idea like that, you have to encourage it."

Actually, this is the first time that Gott has baked bread at school, though she has woven food and its preparation into other projects. Sometimes it's peanut butter at Harwick, or fried potato at Passover or high tea two years ago during a project on the Titanic.

Believe it or not, there is a lot to be learned from the baking of bread — what yeast is, how it makes the bread rise and such.

Each loaf also went out with a note printed out on the class computer, so there was technology involved.

"It also gives the special education kids a chance to interact with their classes," Gott said. Each of her seven children was allowed to bring up to two friends to the baking.

Legal advice for seniors offered. Benjamin D. Eckman, a local elder law attorney, will conduct free seminars to discuss the new Medicaid law which goes into effect Jan. 1.

The new law calls for criminal penalties if one gives away his assets to qualify for government assisted nursing home care. Many senior citizens and their families could find themselves guilty of a crime and possibly face jail time after Dec. 31.

The free seminars will be held on Tuesday, at the Kenilworth Inn from 10 a.m. to noon in Kenilworth, and Dec. 12, at the Holiday Inn Select in Clark from 10 a.m. to noon.

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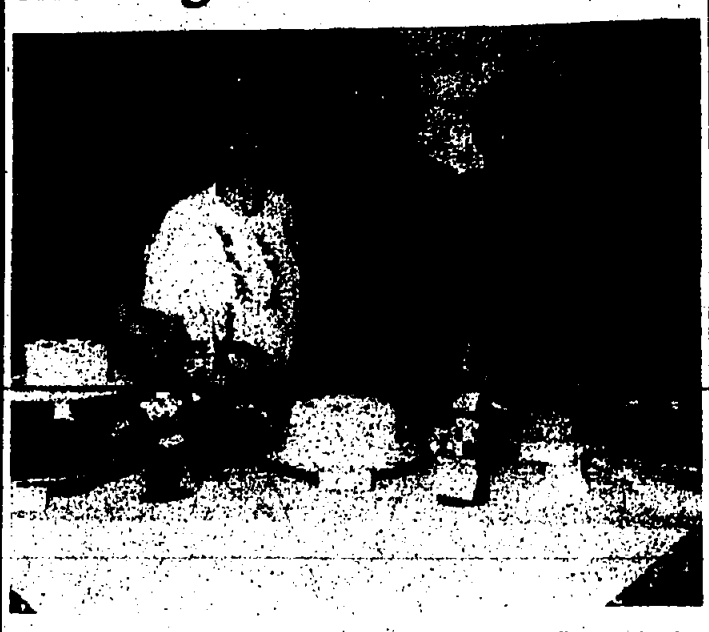


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Making it count



Seniors gather for a successful bake sale at last month's meeting of the Clark Chapter of AARP for the support of community activities. From left: Marian Connolly, W. Louis Seach, and Lorraine Huzar.

NEWS CLIPS

Senior meeting

The Clark Senior hold monthly meetings at the cafeteria of the Senior Center, 430 Westfield Ave., Clark. Director Olie Jones. House of the Union County Division of Consumer Affairs will speak on scams perpetrated on consumers and speak on how to avoid being "scored" by these con-men.

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Bus trip

A fall bus trip for Rahway Senior Citizens is planned for Dec. 17 to the Drive Duke Estate Gardens in Somerville. The trip will include a guided walking tour of the eleven individual gardens under an acre of glass.

The tickets are \$5 per person with the bus leaving from Rahway City Hall parking lot at 12:45 p.m. and returning at approximately 4:45 p.m.

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Another bill, proposed by John

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Proposal would repay trash debt

By Rande Bayer-Spittell
Staff Writer

Shortly after the voters struck down the state's waste flow laws in the Carbone decision, the debate about how to pay for the debt incurred by those mandates began.

There are three proposals being discussed. One calls for a \$10 per ton surcharge on all garbage, and two others call for the municipalities to continue to pay for company-run facilities.

Assemblyman John Rooney, who as the mayor of the Bergen County community North Vale was also one of the plaintiffs in the Carbone suit, proposed a package of bills to deal with the problems in the waste-flow laws two years ago.

His bills, A-85 through A-89, would put the responsibility for handling trash into the hands of the municipalities, with the exception of recycling, which would still be handled by the county.

"There is a way that this should be a top-down decision," he said. "The state and the county don't know what the needs of my town are."

He said the fact that the waste-flow measures were top-down is what caused the problems in the first place. He said that the state has made "all kinds of ridiculous" regulations, which have cost the counties and municipalities millions.

His bills would end rate regulation by public utilities authorities such as the Union County Utilities Authority.

He proposes to pay for the debts incurred by those counties who built incinerators or spent money to try to build an incinerator with a dedicated fund.

The State Solid Waste Facility Debt Retirement Fund would get revenue from a \$10 per ton surcharge on all trash in the state.

That fund would be used to pay off the bonded debt incurred by the trash disposal laws, including the debt for the UCUA. The fund would be able to pay off all of the debt, which Rooney said totals about \$1.2 billion, in about 10 years, he said.

The state mandated this and the state should pay for it, Rooney said. Another bill, proposed by John

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Gibson, R-Cape May, would allow the counties to pass the debt incurred by the incinerator directly to the taxpayer.

It would also continue to have county-run disposal facilities, for which each municipality must continue to pay whether they use the facility or not.

Rooney said the Gibson bill is nothing more than maintaining the status quo and is probably just as illegal as the original regulations.

"This bill changes nothing," he said. "It maintains flow control and mandates towns to continue to pay for these facilities."

Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage agrees. He said that he and many mayors support Rooney's bills. "The state is responsible for this debt," he said. "This proposal allows all of that debt to be paid for."

Bollwage said that the proposal would allow the incinerator to separate its debt and lower the tipping fees.

Rooney added that even with a \$10 surcharge on each ton of garbage the end price would still be far lower than they are right now.

"We are still going to save money," he said. "Maybe not as much, but still a lot of money will be saved."

However, Assemblyman Joseph Suliga disagreed. He said he does not support the bill at all.

"I represent Union County and our problem is the UCUA," he said. "The bonds they have are not general obli-

gation bonds so why would the state pay that debt off?"

He said the incinerator was built with revenue bonds, which the government is not liable for. Revenue bonds have a higher rate of return than general obligation bonds because they are riskier.

"The investors knew that there was risk involved," he said. "If Ogden-Martin wants this facility to succeed, then they have to lower their operating costs and the investors have to take lower rates of return on the bonds."

He said in Union County's case, he does not believe the bill is a good idea.

"We should not have to pay these bonds off at all," he said. "It is time that private industry understands that the government won't bail them out."

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He added that he would consider supporting the bill if it was amended only to include the general obligation bonds, or the portion of the revenue bond which the county is responsible for, which is about \$30 million.

The disposal cost for trash in the Jersey runs about \$87 a ton compared with a national average of \$36 a ton.

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By J.R. Parashinski

Sports Editor

Giving no quarter on defense was the name of the game for several area teams last week as 10 of our 11 elite Division schools wrapped up the 1996 season.

Roselle, Dayton Regional, Hillside and Summit were shutout victors on Thanksgiving.

It was another very respectable year for teams in our area as eight finished with winning seasons and another just missed getting the necessary fifth victory.

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WEEK ELEVEN

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North 11, Section 2, Group 4 Championship game.

at Giants Stadium, 8:00

(4) Union vs. (2) Montclair

J.R.'s pick

Union 12, Montclair 7

Last week: 6-2

Season: 6-22 (NAT)

Keith's pick

Montclair 22, Union 20

Last week: 4-4

Season: 58-29 (667)

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Kean College Soccer School accepting applications

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The sessions will meet every Friday beginning Jan. 24 and end on March 4.

There will be a makeup date on March 21 if necessary.

Ryan Kean College head men's soccer coach Tony Ochrimenko, one of the most successful coaches in the country, is looking for boys and girls ages 6-17.

There will be numerous guest speakers including some of the top high school and college coaches in the state.

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Roselle throttled by unsung Roselle Park air attack

Neely, Clay and company held at bay in 90th Turkey Day meeting

By Andrew W. Campbell

Staff Writer

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Center reaches out to the elderly

By Sean Daily

Staff Writer

They come from all over Union County to Clark just to eat lunch. It's not a fancy restaurant, just an all-purpose room at the Temple Beth Or on Valley Road. But senior citizens, age 60 and over, Jewish or not, come every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for a hot kosher lunch.

They eat as much for the company as for the food.

"Many people consider this a home away from home," said Tina Jacobs, director of the Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey in Scotch Plains. "They've made friends here. Many are widowers or widows, many live alone."

Jacobs is director of the Senior Adult Department at the JCC and runs the senior lunch program at Temple Beth Or with Assistant Director Lola Roth. This is the 14th year that the program has been running, first at the temple and then at the JCC in Scotch Plains. It has recently come back to Clark because of renovations to the JCC building.

Lunch is not the only thing that is served during the program. Only a few of the people come strictly for the meal; many come early and stay a little later for the workshops that are offered by the program.

Every day includes a different language — Jewish literature on Mondays, Spanish on Tuesdays, English as a Second Language on Wednesdays. There is also an exercise class every day of the program, a monthly lecture by the program's director, and other events. Robin Bruns, the Youth and Camp director at the JCC, was helping a number of the women make chocolate bunnies — dreidels, menorahs, the Ten Commandments — on Tuesday.

"We feel that, though their bodies are failing them, their minds need to be stimulated," said Jacobs.

Maia Mandelbaum of Hillside was ecstatic over the program. "I feel like it's a gift that I can do this," said Jacobs. "My grandparents have passed away, so they're like my surrogate grandparents."

Lunches begin at noon on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, but the JCC asks that participants call before 10 a.m. so they can determine how much food should be served. Anyone, no matter what their religion, may attend the program.

The program is subsidized by the Union County Division on Aging.

Different brush strokes



Children learn the aspects of creating works of art during painting classes taught by Janice DiGiorgio. The art painting classes are held at the Claude Reed Center on Mondays as the supplies are provided by the Highway Division of Parks and Recreation. For registration information, call the division at 827-2045.

Women sew the seeds of history in pioneer program

Bibbe Thews Quilt Blocks were shown by Marion M. Coates when she presented an informative program for members of the Highway Women's Club. The program was held at the club's recent meeting in the club's new room at the Scotch Plains Church, New Brunswick Avenue, Scotch Plains.

A retired nurse with a hobby of quilting, she researched patterns used by pioneer women. She explained how geometric designs were made to symbolize certain Bible verses and actually read excerpts from the Bible to reflect the meaning. Sewing was a main task of pioneer women who not only sewed clothing but made all their bedding to include quilts, which were very important. From left: Fran Rasmussen, Keith McCoy, and Doris Bachman.

The business portion of the meeting was conducted by Fran Rasmussen, president. Hostesses for the noon luncheon were members of the Literature Department. A collection of funds for the Highway "Food for Friends" program was conducted by members of the club's Social Service Department. The Highway Women's Club is a non-profit organization that provides food and clothing to the needy.

AT THE LIBRARY

Holiday gifts

According to the Highway Public Library, "You can count on the Highway Public Library to have the books you need for your holiday gifts. The library has a large collection of books, tapes, and videos. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. The library is located at 111 Valley Road, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076. For more information, call 827-2045.

Culture series schedules concert event

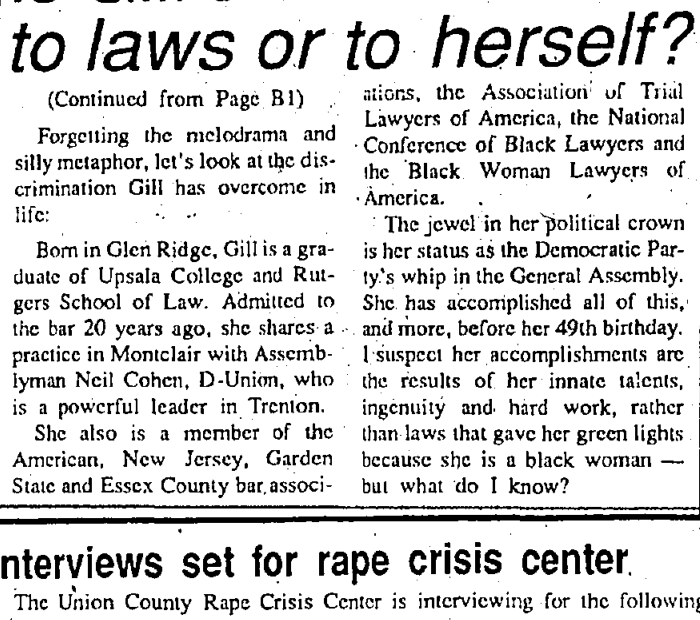
A performance by the widely-acclaimed West End Klezmer Band on Dec. 14 will launch the 1996-97 Combined Cultural Series sponsored by four area synagogues.

Open to the public, "A Taste of Klezmer" will begin at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth Or, 111 Valley Road, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076. The series is a joint venture of the four synagogues: Temple Beth Or, Temple Beth Shalom, Temple Beth El, and Temple Beth Haim.

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A dream comes true for the Elizabeth Playhouse

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Audiences may not find out what it means to dream of Maypyles and church steeples, but they will find themselves extraordinarily entertained. "Dreaming" is the season's show of the season at the Elizabeth Playhouse. The most technically complicated production ever attempted by Elizabeth resident theatre company comes off like a dream.

Theater View

By Jacquie McCarthy Associate Editor

realization—about what Georgiana

All actors were wonderful and fun to watch. Many played a few different roles as people from Georgiana's normal life found themselves playing unusual roles in her life. Jacqueline Georgiana's mother is abysmally portrayed by Jack Sweeney, who expertly swears her way around her line. (Katie K. was calm and patient as Georgiana's father. Jason Trencik played George, the married love interest. Geor-

The play centers around the days and nights of Georgia (Anne) and her husband, John (John), as they reach the end of their lives. Georgia is a woman of early intentions without too many stories to tell—except, of course, in her daydreams. She has a few tales to tell, but they are mostly of her being attracted to married men, of whom is her brother-in-law, and dealing with rejection as publisher after publisher.

The play is cleverly constructed and well-acted, with the actors obviously enjoying their roles: Each daydream is set apart from the rest of the play by a melismatic, melodic line and ridiculous situations. Each time we see Jim Lucas, Georgia's brother-in-law and her lifelong love interest, his state is presented in a way that is "The Lone Ranger."

Hand with a death wagner and a young eye. Kim Valkner was in the play. The play was written by Mifflin and later bowdly came to Georgia. Hand's theater company.

Tom Gallone, who played Jim Lucas, charged actors to play Georgia. He charged actors to play Georgia from herself.

Best of all, however, were James

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the meantime, she lives at home with her cranky mother and misquoting father, who dreams of better days.

And better days include having twins with brother-in-law Jim, when Georgia's tacky sister Miriam announces her pregnancy, and when her mother's suffices take a turn for the worse, while Georgia deals with the murder of her mother in the bestselling novel. While Georgia and the audience fully enjoy these reverses, the novel's plot is a series of coincidences in the air not so far from the real life—a truly spontaneous piece of fiction that is as much a dream as a story.

When Georgia dreams of murdering the book reviewer, the mirages to come are as much a part of her life as in committing the crime.

“My Car, Cents”—Bollwack reads a short story about a car that is the 25-cent-for-a-benefit performance for the Center for Hope Hospice. “Peeping Tom” is a story about a man caught looking into Georgia’s window in Act 1. The mayor and his wife are the main characters in Act 2. **“My Car, Cents”** Bollwack cofirsted Georgia, a lady-of-the-night in the “Joyland” scene, and asked her how she would like to be a prostitute. The mayor is stammering out answers. Both appearances were absolutely brilliant and brought the house down.

As in mocking: look reviewer. Clark Ruffell and Lisa Patterson. The story is a parody of a Southern drawl around quite a few quickly spoken lines. The story is a parody, moving smoothly from “scene to scene, fantasy scene while biting his eyelashes.

This is the most technically complex of the three plays. The Elizabethan changes, due to myriads of changes for daylight scenes. The changes were handled efficiently and expertly by the crew. Kudos go to those managing the changes. The changes were kept the scenes flowing.

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'Bottle Rocket' is a killer comedy with a lack of killer instinct

Once every few years an independent film comes along that showcases the amazing talent of a new actor or director. "Bottle Rocket" is the 1996 version of this phenomenon and the actor in question is Owen C. Wilson.

Wilson, who also co-wrote the screenplay, plays Dignan, an eternal optimist who has recently been fired from his landscaping job and is looking for a new career. When Dignan's friend Anthony is released from a mental institution, the two decide to become professional thieves. Dignan, who prides himself on his attention to detail, draws up blueprints and maps for their first job, a large Barnes and Noble-type bookstore. Their friend Bob, who is the only one of the three who owns a car, hooks up as the getaway driver.

The robbery, which takes place while the employees are closing up after hours, is comically brilliant. Dignan pulls a gun and, in the soliloquy of the bookstore, he reads calmly, always as if Dignan was asking where the Biography section was. "Oh, ok, um, let me take you back to the manager's office, it's right here," says the clerk. The manager, who grabs a stapler to stuff the money in, and Dignan's patience is tried. "Don't you have any bigger bags, you idiot?" he yells. The manager, in his 50's and not amused, snaps back, "You're kidding me, you little punk." Dignan is surprised. "Oh, he says sincerely, 'I'm sorry, do you have any bigger bags, like the ones you put encyclopedias or atlases in?'"

Dignan clearly doesn't have the killer instinct to be a career criminal, but the thieves make a clean break and get a motel from about 50 miles out of town. The cops are not on their trail, but Dignan, now liking the Bonnie and Clyde lifestyle, demands they all get haircuts to hide their identities. Anthony is against the idea since he's now in line with the chambermaid, who only speaks Spanish. And Bob, who drove the getaway car, has a family emergency and wants to go home. "You can't," says Dignan. "We're a gang."

The next day Dignan runs out of the room to the parking lot, screams, and runs back to Anthony, to tell him that

The Video Detective

Bob has stolen the car. A while later he tries to get himself and Anthony back into a positive frame of mind. "What's to say that we need Bob to have an adventure?"

Unlike many of the crass and hard Hollywood blockbusters, this film relies heavily on dialogue and character to keep the audience interested, and some of the dry comic dialogue is the best of the year. When Anthony talks to his 10-year-old sister Grace, she asks why he had a mental breakdown. "It wasn't a mental breakdown, I was just exhausted," he explains. "How could you be exhausted?" she asks. "You never worked a day in your life," Anthony feels she thinks he is a loser and shares his fear with her. "So what?" says Dignan. "What has she done with her life? She's a great!" says Anthony. "Dignan tries to convince Anthony to take part in another crime by making it seem exciting. "It's an adventure," he says. "This one includes dynamite, pole vaulting, laughing gas, motorcycles and firing glowing."

All the comedy in the film is dry, kind of like "Easy Rider" meets early David Letterman. And, as a member, if for nothing else, you should see this film just for the performance of Owen C. Wilson. He could easily hold his own with Robert DeNiro or Jack Nicholson if he got the chance.

Trivia Question: What was the name of the nervous drama Sylvester Stallone wrote and starred in in 1978 which dealt with worker's union struggles and violence?

Answer: "F.I.S.T.": It was his first film after the incredible success of "Rocky," 1976.

New on video: "The Search for One-eyed Jimmy," comedy. "Two Deaths," drama.

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

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An encore is in order for Union Municipal Band

By Ben Smith
Staff Writer

Some lively and marvelous holiday sounds erupted from the auditorium of Barnes Middle School in Union Monday evening when the Union Municipal Band presented its annual Concert of Holiday Melodies.

Harry Flumer, standing in for assistant director Casey Bork, did an outstanding job of conducting about 50 musicians, men and women alike, who offered an exciting medley of holiday music.

With a strong brass section and wonderfully soaring reed and woodwind, with an appropriate drum in the background, the first part of the concert opened with Edwin Franko Goldman's well-known "Christmas March." This was followed by the "Festival of Lights," a four-part series arranged by Emily I. Schiller especially for the Jewish members of the audience.

Harold L. Walters' interesting arrangement of George Prokofiev's Russian Christmas music, "Trotka," from "Lieutenant Kijie Suite," was offered. When Alfred Road's arrangement of "Greensleeves" filled the auditorium, the audience appeared entranced. There was a particularly fine arrangement of Caesar Giavannini's "Silver Slough" by Wayne Rubino.

No really. The concert, sponsored by the Union Recreation Department, will be presented on Monday at the Short Hills Mall. This reviewer plans to enjoy the whole program all over again.

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Arts & Entertainment

Stony Hill Players' opera nourishes body and soul

Drama fans typically can find plenty of well-performed local plays to fill their calendars, but don't have as many opportunities to add a magnificently produced opera to the schedule. Theatre-goers definitely should pencil in time to see Stony Hill Players' "Hansel and Gretel," a light and touching version of composer Engelbert Humperdinck's opera. Children of all ages are guaranteed to have as much fun at this show as the performers.

Convincing with a food drive to benefit Summit Homeless Intervention Program, which shares space with the Players at Oakes Memorial Outreach Center in Summit, the message of the familiar fairy tale is hunger. In Act I, Hansel and Gretel engage in a playful romp in an attempt to distract themselves from their growing turmoil. When Mother arrives home to find their chests undone, her empty stomach overrides her patience and she chases her offspring into the woods to pick berries. Of course they get lost, and their journey back home teaches a lesson about love and life.

Speaking of the wicked one, Regan McNamara becomes the role fearfully well. She is hysterically hilarious as she goes to great pains to lure the wayward children into her home, with an aria which literally sends chills down the spine.

All performers have lovely operatic voices complemented by the excellent accompaniment of pianist and Musical Director Steven Yafet and violinist Elinor Yafet. Humperdinck's score is challenging, ranging from very sad violin strains to rapid, angry piano. Stony Hill also has done a lovely job with scenery and costumes, both of which are colorful and the staging is concise and clever.

"Hansel and Gretel" will continue with alternating casts through Dec. 15. Tomorrow and Saturday's shows will begin at 8 p.m., with remaining Saturday and Sunday performances beginning at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15. 50 for children 12 and under, and non-perishable food items are gratefully accepted. For reservations, call (908) 464-7716. Oakes Memorial Outreach Center is located at 120 Morris Ave., Summit.

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Resistance is futile 'First Contact' is worth the trek to the theater

Former President George Bush has nothing on Jean-Luc Picard. The captain of the beloved Enterprise Eaves a line in the stars and declares war on his mortal enemy, the subhuman Borg, in "Star Trek: The First Contact," which opened in theaters on Nov. 22. Although it is unfair to assume all "First Contact" movie patrons are Trekkers, it is difficult to follow Star Trek bibles without knowing the television history. Star Trek producers obviously had this fact in mind when they wrote the script, and have attempted to produce a film which will entertain both uninitiated and hard-core fans alike.

Movie-goers are obviously enjoying this big-screen episode a lot more than the first one, judging from the \$3.0 million "First Contact" grossed the first weekend. If any hard-core fans are there, they're looking for the "First Contact" movie to be a sequel to the first, not only to see the next generation of Star Trek Academy graduates make the jump to the big screen, but also to see the original crew members, symbolized by the demise of venerable Captain Kirk. This second attempt at cinematic sci-fi is a lot closer to what STNG was all about, even if it's still a bit of a feature.

During the television journey of the Next Generation crew, Captain Jean-Luc Picard assumed (no pun intended) the persona of one of the most colorful in crisis situations. Viewers may wonder if the spirit of Kirk made it into Picard's role, as they watch him display direct orders from Starfleet, now down a slew of Borgs with a 23rd century hand-held weapon, and place the sparkling-new Enterprise in jeopardy in order to escape a pack of flesh from the Borg. But I am getting ahead of myself, which, as good as this film is, is an unfortunate drawback to "First Contact."

The over-the-top captain appears to the untrained eye to have enough his television encounters with the Borg with great aplomb, bearing a few signifiers: military, the experience and now again. For the uninitiated, the Borg are an army of formerly sentient automata ruled by one mind, a queen who wants to "rescue" imperfect humans by assimilating them into literal killing machines — essential parts of the anatomy are replaced with metal organs, and personality becomes a fond memory. Picard has escaped from where no man has gone before — he was

assimilated by the Borg, and later rescued. So when the Borg reappear, wrecking their usual havoc on an Earth colony, Starfleet orders the Enterprise away from the ensuing conflict. It seems the captain has been classified as an "unstable element" due to his recent engagement with the matters of disaster, and Starfleet feels they would be better served by keeping Picard in the clearing session. The Borg, played by Brent Spiner, also take on the neutral zone, while the Borg discovers, however, that the Borg is still in the clearing session. The Borg, played by Brent Spiner, also take on the neutral zone, while the Borg discovers, however, that the Borg is still in the clearing session.

Fade In:
By Jacquelyn McConathy
Staff Writer

Star Trek: First Contact stars Patrick Stewart and is directed by Jonathan Frakes. It is being released through Paramount Pictures and is rated PG-13 for mild violence.

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Artwork reflects Chinese cultural revolution

Artwork by Chinese artist Sun Janning will be featured in the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library through Dec. 12. Sun's parents, his mother one of few physicians in China trained in western ways, and his father, the Chairman of the Mathematics Department at the University of Beijing, raised him in an atmosphere of both Chinese and Western cultures. During the "cultural revolution," when Chairman Mao started a revolution against intellectuals, Sun was forced to work on farms with his mother and his father was imprisoned. Although a difficult period in his life, his work in the mountain region during this period greatly influenced his art.

After Mao's death, Sun surprised his family by studying fine arts at the

university. Even more unexpected was his desire to return to the spirit world where he had suffered to paint the mountains in those shadowed, he had looked to each new young man in 1990, he was invited to Paris as one of only three visiting professors from Asia, to teach in the Art and Design University. The Parisian art community was entranced by his huge ink and wash drawings of mountains, mountains men and old trees.

The work on display in the Palmer Museum is of a more abstract nature than his earlier work. The bold, strong black ink brush strokes traverse the huge canvases and are at once conforming to the eye and evocative to the mind. Sun brings us into a special atmosphere of "his" 3.30 p.m.

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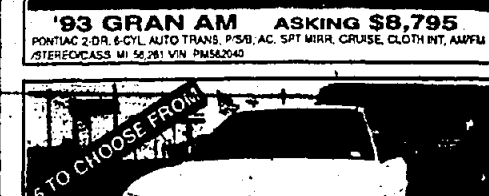
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Vo-tech raises concern

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

Could a high-technology magnet school attract or intimidate other students in the City of Rahway? That is the fear of at least one Rahway Board of Education member, Theresa Mikajlo. Her concerns are directed toward a proposed magnet school at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, a school focused solely on high technology education for Union County high school students and entered into through application.

"Should it come to fruition, it will cost this district in terms of dollars and in terms of time," she said during Tuesday's board meeting.

Tuition to the school would cost \$6,000 per student per year "and we would have to pay it," added Mikajlo.

This is despite what she called a "duplication of effort" with programs such as the Carl Sagan wing in the Rahway School District covering technology education.

At least one other member of the board, Keith Singer, agreed with Mikajlo. Singer said, "Leave the high-tech stuff to us. We want to be doing good with that stuff."

Jessica Simpson, a member of the South Plain-Farmwood Board of Education, also added her voice to Mikajlo's.

In a letter sent to the Rahway Board of Education, Simpson said, "The curriculum, which they have not written as of yet, may parallel programs you already are offering. Even if you are currently unable to provide such a program, wouldn't you prefer that your district receive such funds toward improving and expanding your own technology needs, rather than benefiting only two or three students in your district?"

"That's what you agree that the Union County Vo-Tech is stepping from its mission of providing an education for those who are not college bound? The Vo-Tech is not targeting any particular students. It is expected to begin by the end of this year and take approximately three years to complete. Located south of the Mullica Hill area, it will be a mechanical penitentiary at the top."

City provides compensation for employees

By Chris Susval
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It was the final meeting of the Rahway City Council — and it had plenty of debate.

Republican Councilman James Fulconer, who served 16 years on the council, made several attempts to amend Ordinance 55-96. This legislation amended Ordinance 64-95 which said, "An ordinance establishing the City of Rahway as a City of Rahway and providing for compensation for officers and other employees of the City of Rahway and providing for compensation for officers and other employees of the City of Rahway and providing for compensation for officers and other employees of the City of Rahway."

The ordinance passed by a vote of 5-4.

Science research center and parking approved

By Jason Giffin
Staff Writer

Merck received approval from the Planning Board Dec. 2 to begin construction on a new Multi-Science Research Center and six-level parking garage.

According to the company's plans, the 322,000 square foot facility, known as Building 800, will be housing 325 employees from Merck's chemistry divisions. Although most of the researchers who will be working in the building will be transferring from other locations at the site, the company will also be hiring approximately 80-90 individuals from outside the corporation.

Thomas Cerverly, vice chairman of Rahway's Planning Board, said project organizers estimate the expansion will bring 800 construction jobs to the area over a three-year period. The facility will be located next to Building 800 and support nearby 680 automobiles.

To further alleviate congestion caused by traffic Merck will construct a second parking lot on Rutherford Street that will hold 74 cars, and make modifications to entrance gates and visitor parking. Among the changes: 14 parking spaces will be added to the garage to provide access to guests, and new landscaping and lighting will be installed.

To furnish the new center with a air conditioning, Merck will also construct a new chiller facility on the premises to supply both Building 800 and these other existing facilities with chilled water.

Test results follow county's slight drop

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

The State Department of Education has released the most recent test scores for New Jersey school districts. Included in these were the most recent Early Warning Test and High School Proficiency Test scores for Rahway.

According to the figures released last week, Rahway followed Union County with slightly lower test scores than last year's figures.

The EWT is a test given in the eighth grade to assess whether a student meets the minimum level of proficiency in reading, writing and mathematics. A total of 202 students in Rahway took this test in 1996, with only 200 taking the writing composite section, the state requires 75 percent of these students to meet the minimum level of proficiency in each.

The HSPT is given in the 11th grade to assess whether a student meets the minimum level of proficiency in reading, mathematics and writing. A total of 169 took the reading section while 170 took the mathematics and writing sections in 1995. The state requires 85 percent of these students to meet the minimum level of proficiency.

According to the report, the percentage of eighth-grade students passing each section of the test were: 74.3 percent in math, 84.6 in reading and 48.0 percent for writing composite. Only 64.9 percent of Rahway's students passed the EWT, down from 67.4 percent in 1995.

The average in Union County for these sections were: 74.8 percent passing in math and 88.1 percent passing in reading. The average for New Jersey towns with similar socioeconomic factors as Rahway, similar towns in Union County that surpassed Rahway were Garwood and Kenilworth, according to the report.

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