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The Community Calendar is prepared by the Rahway Progress to inform residents of various community activities and governmental meetings. To give you community events the publicity they deserve, mail your schedule to Rahway Progress, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Pre-school registration
• Registration for preschool and kindergarten for the 1998-99 school year is now open. Parents may contact any school for registration information. Registration will be conducted daily between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Today
• Rahway Chapter 607 of the AARP will meet at 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 1305 Eastbrook Ave., Rahway. The club will host a guest speaker from the Rahway Historical Society. The next city to Atlantic City will be April 2. Cost is \$15. For information about parking in the running track and the pool, there will be an executive board meeting at 11 a.m.

• The Rahway Environmental Commission will meet at 7 p.m. in the second floor conference room of City Hall.

Monday
• The Rahway City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall.

Coming events
April 17
• The fourth annual spring dinner fashion show sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of Drexel University will be held at the Holiday Inn in Camden at 6 p.m. A donation of \$35 is required. Fashions will be by Le



A tour of the Rahway downtown area will be conducted next week. See gritty under April 19.

Divas Fashions for Men and Women

• The Downtown Rahway Historic Buildings Tour is scheduled for 1 and 3 p.m. A \$5 contribution is requested. The tour will start at the city hall at 90 Lewis St. Parking will be available in the public parking lot across the street. Books to be sold are "Ladies of the Past," \$35, and the "Line's Club Walking Tour of Rahway," \$5. Both books will be available for sale.

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April 22
• The Rahway Board of Education will hold a caucus meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Intermediate School.

April 24
• The Rahway PAL will host its third annual Golden Gloves Finals at 8 p.m. at Rahway High School, 1012 Madison Ave., Rahway. Proceeds will support the athletic and educational programs for the youth of Rahway.

RECREATION

Openings in programs

The Rahway Division of Parks and Recreation announced that there are still limited openings for its spring preschool, youth and adult programs. The programs are open to Rahway residents only, and registration in person is required as well as proof of residency. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to register.

Registration can be done Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Recreation Office, second floor of City Hall.

Bocce teams sought

The Rahway Division of Parks and Recreation is looking for additional bocce teams to play in its spring leagues. Games are played weekdays. Teams must consist of Rahway residents, associations or businesses. Anyone interested should contact the Recreation Office at 827-2045.

Bowling for seniors

The Rahway Senior Citizen Center and Linden Lakes are sponsoring a free "Senior Social" bowling party for Rahway seniors at Linden Lakes, 741 Siles St., Linden, on April 22 at 10 a.m. and ending at noon.

The party will include bowling, use of all equipment, instructional help and light refreshments. Any Rahway senior citizen is invited, beginners as well as experienced bowlers.

Registration is required and forms can be picked up at the Rahway Senior Center, 1306 Eastbrook Ave., Rahway, or by calling 827-2016.

Any senior interested in participating in a weekly bowling program or any Rahway Senior Citizen Program should contact the center.

Gardening is topic

The Rahway Senior Center, 1306 Eastbrook Ave., will present a special guest speaker from the Township of Rahway on April 16 from 1 to 2 p.m. The program will be "Butterfly Gardening," which will include a slide show followed by a question and answer period. The events are open to Rahway seniors.

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For more information, call the Children's Department of the Rahway Public Library at 381-4110.

Mayor threatens veto of ordinance

By Sean Daily Staff Writer

The controversy over a municipal parking lot may change the system of checks and balances in the Clark municipal government.

During Tuesday's council meeting, Mayor Robert Ellertson said he would veto an ordinance sponsored by Councilman Sal Bonaccorso.

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Winning actress

Denise Lack and Kerenda Hunter, representing the Rahway branch of the NAACP, won medals in the New Jersey State ACT-50 competition, held at Piscataway High School on Saturday.

ACT-50 is an acronym for Afro-American, Cultural, Technical and Scientific. Competitions are held at the local and state level, and the winners are then eligible to compete at the national convention, to be held this July in Atlanta, Ga.

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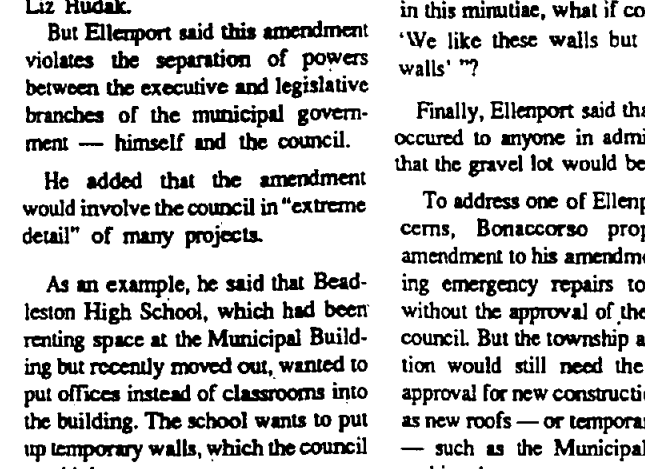
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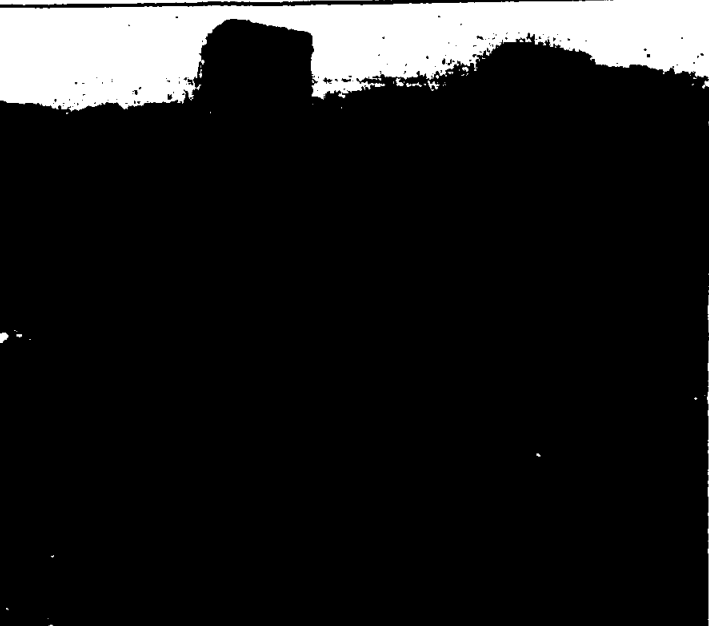


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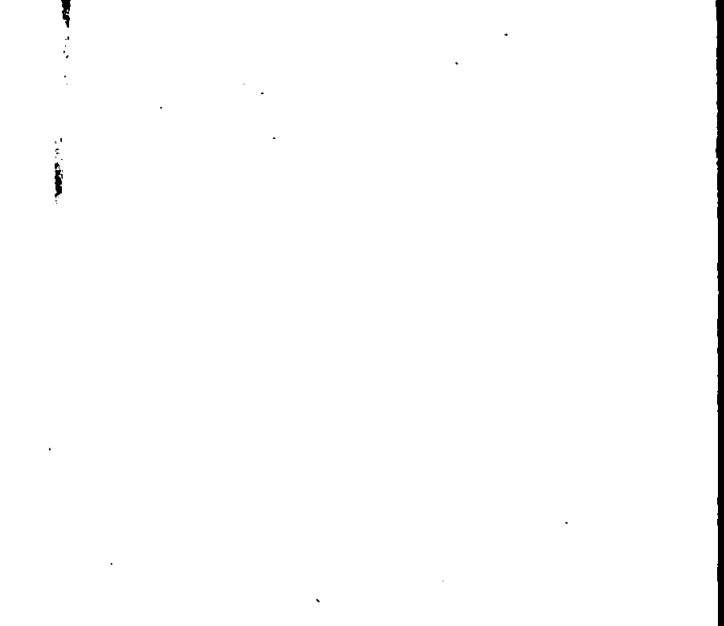


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COMMUNITY FORUM

Congratulations, Henderson, Tilton

After 34 years in the Railway Police Department, Chief Barry Henderson retired last week and has begun his tenure as superintendent of the city's newly formed Division of Solid Waste and Recycling.

We congratulate Henderson for his years of service to the Police Department. Thirty-four years in one place of employment is an accomplishment anywhere, but when it involves a job in which a person puts his or her life on the line every time they begin their shift, that says a lot more about the person.

We wish Capt. Ed Tilton luck in his new position as police chief.

Tilton has been in the Railway Police Department for 30 years and has been police captain since 1988. Called a "very capable individual" by Henderson, Tilton has a difficult task. Railway has changed a great deal during the last decade, and one of the biggest challenges of an urban community is fighting crime.

Tilton said he will continue some of the programs instituted during the Henderson era, including gang resistance education and awareness, which targets Railway High School. While the program has not begun yet, an officer has already been trained to handle the subject. The department will expand the unit responsible for community policing. The department also will continue its affiliation with the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, known as DARE, which is taught to sixth-graders.

Police departments in urban settings must be proactive, as Tilton acknowledged last week during an interview with the *Progress*. With these initiatives under way, the citizens of Railway can be assured that their police force will be left in capable hands under the direction of Police Chief Tilton.

Let paving begin

If you haven't noticed, most places where you have been driving during the last couple weeks are showing signs of activity on the roads.

Spring is here, and so are the road departments, preparing to repave some of the worst potholed roads imaginable.

In Railway, 11 city streets are expected to undergo repaving. Some delays in travel along city streets means headaches and nightmares. To others, though, it means a better quality of life for the neighborhood in which they live.

During the next several months, residents should be aware that repaving projects will take place on Westcott Drive, East Inman Avenue, Main Street, Charlotte Place, Central Avenue, Plainfield Avenue, Morton Street, Waite Avenue, Hamilton Street, Pierpont Street and Maple Avenue. Work already began last week on Westcott Drive and Main Street, and work on Charlotte Place is expected to begin this week.

We encourage residents not to let the inconveniences of road work bother them. When it's all done and our roads are smooth and bump-free, it will have been worth the wait.

Optimism

As the holidays of Easter and Passover approach us once more, we believe it to be an appropriate time for everyone to remember the suffering around the world and in the corner of history — from the death of Jesus Christ, which Good Friday commemorates, to the Jews in bondage under the Pharaoh of Egypt, to the modern-day atrocities such as child abuse, world hunger, disease and human rights abuses.

Some people, like the Jews who escaped Egypt, have had the strength to overcome such great adversity. Unfortunately, not all can triumph over tragedy. As we sit down to the Easter dinners or Passover Seders with all their symbolism this weekend, let's remember how lucky we are. We don't have to wait until Thanksgiving to remember just how fortunate we have been.

And along with suffering and pain, there also comes optimism — optimism for the future of not only our lives but of mankind. As Jesus rose from the grave and the Jews reached the Promised Land, these two holidays represent a sense of optimism for the future as well as they remind us of the calamities that have been overcome.

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Do some of our youth hold life so cheaply?

Children killing children has become as all too familiar and chilling cry that is going on an ominous sign that something is very wrong.

The recent massacre in Arkansas where four little girls and a teacher were shot to death and dozens or more were allegedly wounded by two boys, 11 and 13, shows all too graphically that our young people can murder just as cold bloodedly as their older peers do.

We are told that, if the boys committed this obscenity, they should be forgiven because they are so young as not to know what they had committed. There might be some who would forgive, but I don't think there are many, especially in the light that the boys' act destroyed five families and possibly two others, those of the two boys.

Some will say that the two children should not be held responsible because of their youth and did not really know what they were doing. I cannot agree with that theory since both knew enough to don camouflage clothing, wear able to amound up a virtual arsenal of guns and ammunition and were savvy enough to pull a fire

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher
Correspondent

It seems incredible to me that two boys, one not even a teen-ager and the other barely into his teens, could embark on such a nightmarish mission as to destroy their lives and any future they might have had.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for the donations

The residents and Recreation staff of the Railway Generatics Center would like to extend their appreciation and gratitude to businesses in Railway for their generous donations.

The center offered and hosted a social bango for seniors at the community, and plans for future events are being scheduled.

Robert Schneider, Activity Director
Railway Generatics Center
Railway

Vote yes on the budget

To the Editor:

The other day, my 4-year-old son came from school with the story of The Little Red Hen. If you recall, the little red hen asked everyone to help her plant the grain of wheat, and to eat it when it grew, and eventually, to make it into a loaf of bread. Everyone was too busy to help, but they all wanted to eat the bread when it was done.

The lesson in this story really struck me. The Railway school board election is fast approaching. Will you help the children by talking about the budget — encouraging people to vote for it? Or will you say that you are too busy to support it — too busy to come out and vote on April 21?

This year's budget includes some very important items, one being the hiring of six teachers to help alleviate overcrowded classrooms to our growing student population. Also, the Intermediate School is in need of a computer lab that will bring it into the new millennium. Our schools are in need of repairs and updating which are also being addressed by this budget. We cannot afford to neglect our buildings. We'll pay dearly down the road.

Bridges would make a difference

To the Editor:

There are three vacant spots to be filled on Railway's Board of Education. These are vacancies that should be filled with extreme care, since the decisions of these persons will reflect on the education of Railway's youngsters for years to come.

A candidate for one of these positions is Deborah Bridges, a sincere and dedicated young woman. Ms. Bridges, a Railway native, has lived in Railway for practically all of her life.

After graduating from Railway High School, Deborah attended Fairleigh Dickinson University on the Rutherford campus. Deborah has been a member of the Railway Chapter of Commerce for five years. She is a responsible member of the Railway-Clark Partnership, where she reviews its expenditures and is involved in its other areas of finance.

Ms. Bridges has been employed by the Railway Post Office for the past 14 years.

Placing Ms. Bridges on the Board of Education would be a very positive step in helping to bring a reasonable, sound, economic and concerned outlook to this very important part of Railway's present and future.

Ann C. Parker
Railway

Take your chance on this installment of Railway trivia

Prepared by Tony Giacobbe

The Railway Trivia Quiz is based on research from the book "Rediscovery of Railway" by Alan Shipley. Answers to this week's quiz can be found on Page 11-23.

Questions:

1. Can you name some of the firms found along St. George Avenue in the 1700s?
2. Can you name some of the families living in Railway by 1606?
3. What year was the Rotch Marsh house built on St. George Avenue?
4. Where is the Bramhall House, built in 1709?
5. What type of early construction is the Anderson House at 593 W. Hazelwood Avenue?

Answers:

1. The firms were The Merchants & Drovers Tavern on St. George and Westfield avenues — still in existence; Terrill Tavern on St. George Avenue and Stone Street — moved to the back of the Merchants and Drovers in 1900; Randolph's Tavern, corner of St. George and Milton avenues; The Milton Inn, corner of St. George and Hazelwood avenues; and Scott Drake's Tavern, opposite the old Milton Inn. Page 11.

2. The families of Robert Morris, Samuel Morris, Thomas Moore, James Wood, William Leta, William Johnson, Simon Rouse, Benjamin Wade, William Robinson, William Oliver, Robert Vaughan, and John Page. Pages 12-13.

3. 1599. It was moved to the rear of the property off Maurice Avenue by 1709. It was a direct descendant, in the 1900s. Page 14.

4. On Bramhall Road, which was the early road from Railway to Plainfield. Page 16.

5. Salt box. Page 17.

Tony Giacobbe is a member of the Railway Historical Society.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Give 'em credit for the big mess

To the Editor:

Recently, there was an article in your letters to the editor section that needs to be clarified. It seems to me that the Republicans are patting themselves on the back for their trip to Trenton. I would like to point out that the Democratic majority on the council and the mayor were not asked to attend or give any input. It has been my understanding when dealing with the school board that it should be a bipartisan effort. Clearly this was not the case. It is called grandstanding. If credit is what they want, they should get it.

The Republicans should get the credit for creating this mess. It was Republican Bigger who sponsored the Budget Bill in the Legislature that changed the regional school district dissolving vote from a unanimous vote to a simple majority. Garwood and Clark were the only two towns that wanted to keep the regional school district intact and were outvoted. And guess who got stuck holding the bag.

In another newspaper article, the headline read, "Extra state school aid spurs big tax hike for Clark." A tax reduction from \$900 to \$700 per household in my book is still a big tax hike!

All the articles written so far about the school budget's pending tax increase. With the Republicans in control of the council, there is another tax hike pending with the town budget. The Republicans are not talking about the municipal budget. I wonder why. Or will they rely on the state for another bailout?

Clark, when you go down to the tax collector's office to pay your new tax hike, count your money and instead of one dollar, two dollars, say one Republican, two Republican, three Republican. Four Republican. Now that's something to remember in November.

Rich Kazanowski
Third Ward Democratic Candidate
Clark

Clark, we are on your side

To the Editor:

Demagogical has become a dirty word in Clark because of the fear of rising taxes. But that was never the intention of any of the teachers or support personnel who chose to transfer to Clark. I know I am one of the former region residents who chose to transfer to Clark to continue my career in Clark. I am also on the negotiating team for the Clark Federation of School Employees, which has been working without a new contract since September. So I have some insight into the problems we all face. I would like to emphasize two points.

First, all of the teachers I have spoken to who chose the Clark school system fell as I did when we made choices during desegregation. I was number

We're asking

Residents differ in opinions of school budgets

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

School budgets don't have a very good record in either Clark or Rahway.

The Clark school budget has been approved by voters less than 50 percent of the time in the past 13 years. And the passage rate for Rahway is no better. It has been rejected every year since 1993.

The 1994-95 school year budget for both towns will have increases when voters go to the polls April 21.

Rahway's \$33,043,165 budget for next year has a tax levy of \$13.30 per year in taxes. Broken down, it amounts to less than 4 cents per day. Let's all help do our part in the education of our children. We can't sit back and wait for someone else, a "little red hen," to do all the work and expect to reap the rewards of a good education for the youth of our city. Vote "yes" to the budget on April 21. It's an important step toward the end result of having that "loaf of bread."

Barbara A. Fortunato
Railway

Clark's tax increase is much higher. Most of next year's \$24,841,328 budget in Clark will be paid through taxes — \$21,135,412. Next year's tax levy is not much higher — \$144.195 — than this year's tax levy.

But taxpayers will have to pay for about \$5 million in deferred taxes from 1997. Clark became a K-12 district — with a high school building in need of repairs and a number of highly paid, high school teachers

of Education about the problems in the school system. We had before turning the building over to Clark. "I've lived here 40 years and I've seen the schools and, quite frankly, the teachers here have high salaries and they don't have any problems."

"But in a sane citizen's thought, they don't."

"I live in an apartment and we're going to get a raise, but I believe in education," she said. "Anything for education should be approved, but I think they should try another system."

When asked about taxes, Bob Henderson, a custodian for the Railway school system, said, "No, not as long as the money's put in the right place."

Evelyn Smith of Rahway said, "I think they're high all over, but until they find another way to pay them."

She said she did not have children. "If I had children, someone's got to pay for it."

One Clark mother, who has five children in the public school system, did not like the budget. "I think it stinks, because I think they get plenty of money."

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Resident arrested for stealing lottery tickets

Rahway

On April 6, police arrested a Rahway resident for allegedly stealing 55 instant lottery tickets at 9:40 a.m. The tickets, worth a total of \$275, were taken off the counter of Mary's Kitchen, an Irving Street restaurant. The suspect, a Main Street resident, was not identified.

On April 2, police investigated a motor vehicle theft from a Washington Street residence at 12:17 p.m.

On April 3, a report was taken of criminal mischief in the parking lot of Clark Lanes at 7:41 p.m. Police say that a rock was thrown at a car parked there.

Also on April 3, police investigated a theft from the Central Avenue Exxon Station at 4:12 p.m. A motorist allegedly asked for gasoline and then left without paying.

On April 2, police recovered a Woodbridge motor vehicle on Madison Hill Road at 5:31 p.m.

Also on April 3, police investigated a motor vehicle theft from a Lexington Boulevard home at 1:27 p.m.

On March 30, police investigated a hit-and-run motor vehicle accident in the Central Avenue Shopping at 2:13 p.m.

Also on March 30, police arrested a Linden resident on an outstanding motor vehicle warrant at 8:55 a.m. He is being held in the Clark jail pending bail.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Clark

Police investigated a major incident of criminal mischief on Featherbed Lane at 11:53 a.m. on April 2. Someone reportedly drove a vehicle into a yard, uprooting a tree.

On April 5, an Irvington resident was arrested on an outstanding motor vehicle warrant at 9:05 p.m. He is

Clark to participate in emergency drill

The Township of Clark, in conjunction with the Union County Office of Emergency Management, will be participating in a Federal Emergency Management Agency drill titled "Hurricane Janet 1998" which will be conducted from April 20 to April 23.

This drill is for Clark's participation will be April 20 between 5 and 10 p.m., which is the time period when the simulated "hurricane" will hit Union County.

This will be a "Table Top" type drill. There will not be any actual movement of equipment or people but officials will be testing many aspects of the Township Emergency Management Plan through meetings, broadcast on TV 35, and simulated events during the entire time period of this drill.

Beginning Monday, as part of the township's communications effort, officials will be providing information on TV 35 on various topics such as evacuations, shelters,

Senior center marks birthdays

Rahway Mayor James J. Kennedy has announced the formation of the Railway Senior Citizens Birthday Breakfast Club.

The new program is open to all Railway senior citizens and will meet at the Railway Senior Center, 1306 Eatenbrook Ave.

Once a month, all registered Railway seniors whose birthdays fall in the same month may meet at the Railway Senior Center for a birthday breakfast celebration.

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CANDIDATES

Rayway voters will go to the polls April 21 to elect three candidates to the Board of Education. The following are statements by five of the eight candidates running for the board. These platforms are available to aid voters in their decision-making.

George Becker

My name is George Becker. I reside at 555 Hamilton St. in Rayway. I am currently running for a seat on the Rayway Board of Education. First, let me say that I am not a politician of any sort. What I am is a concerned parent of three young children in the Rayway school system. I have lived in Rayway for 31 of my 35 years. I have attended grammar school in Rayway, married my wife, Gina, who she grew up in Rayway, and now I have decided to raise my family in Rayway.

First and foremost is my dedication to my children and all of the children of this town who are being educated in our school system, the Rayway school system. On a whole, from the outside looking in, I do not see a great problem other than the test scores. I believe that our children are far more capable of a higher percentage on the statewide testing. Reason why the scores are what they are? I don't know.

Deborah Bridges

I was born and raised in Rayway, as was my mother, Eva Jenkins Bridges, and my father, Chester Bridges, who is originally from Chattanooga, Tenn. spent his teenage years in New Jersey. He is now retired from the county office's post of the Rayway Municipal Court.

I have three sisters: Yvonne Padilla of New York City and Renee Thrash and Rebecca Bridges, both of Rayway.

My vision for current students are many. I envision changing our educational process in Rayway for the best

experience in education. A Rayway student could wish for. Determination and integrity are the two main ingredients needed for this change. Efficiency, quality and cost will be the three factors to base all policy decisions making on.

I believe in letting progress take its rightful place in our community. The community of Rayway will be going through a renaissance. Look at the progress of the new "Train Station," soon to be equipped with elevators for citizens in need. The "State of the Art Recreational Center," to mold strong bodies. The Living Street "Art District," for aspiring artists. Let us also develop and take our school system through a renaissance too.

• Create an effective and diverse school board, optimally reflective of the student body.

• Provide and maintain a safe school environment.

• Parents and guardians being involved with the teachers, instructing our students.

• Send school news to every home-owner in the community.

• Support public education — ask for standards of excellence and not mediocrity.

• Carry your vote to take the Rayway School District into the 21st century.

• Embrace change, to assist fulfilling educational goals and standards for every child.

• Investing 300 degrees of proper education, in all students, will reflect and impact positively on our community.

• Teachers professionally teaching, and students earnestly learning equals success.

• All decision making will bear the above mentioned to proactively and creatively make the right choice.

Let us position ourselves in a win-win situation and cast your vote for the right choice — exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, April 21.

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Frank J. Ciccarelli

I, along with most of the present members of the Rayway Board of Education, believe every youngster in the Rayway public schools has a right to a quality education. Each and every student in our public schools must be given the opportunity to learn and achieve to his or her maximum potential.

Many of your readers are well aware of the questionable test scores in Rayway and throughout the state of New Jersey. The present Early Warning Test for mathematics, writing and reading is being renamed (GEA) — Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment — and will test the same subject areas for all New Jersey students in the eighth grade.

In order for Rayway students to improve test scores, it is essential that we establish a framework for improvement. All administrators, teachers, parents, students and the community as a whole must work together in the following areas:

• Develop and maintain high standards and expectations for all students, with the establishment of a strong academic curriculum.

• Establish a system of accountability for members of the Board of Education, all administrators, teachers and parents.

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Savings may result from choice of utilities

By Sean Daily
Union County and its 21 towns have not had a choice as to where they buy their natural gas and electricity. Until now.

Legislation has been passed de-regulating "unbundling" the electrical and natural gas utilities. This means that customers will be able to pick and choose their utilities. They can even pick which company generates and then which company transmits their power to their homes; something not possible under previous utility regulation.

This could lead to savings in utility bills, because now all the utilities will have to compete for business in an open market.

The question is: who's going to get the county's business?

"I worked in the phone company and I went through deregulation," said Freeholder Lewis Mingo Jr. "It seemed like a good idea — people like choices — until they realized that they can't make good choices."

Enter NUI Energy Solutions of Union, an affiliate of Elizabeth Gas Co. NUI officials came before the county Board of Chosen Freeholders last week offering a possible \$2.5 million in savings on the county government's utility bills.

Tom Kuster, General Manager of NUI, offered his company's services — for a price — to help the county government, and possibly the county's individual towns, save money. NUI would analyze the county government's utility bills and come up with money-saving measures, everything from putting weatherstripping on windows to raising fees with variable-speed motors.

There was also talk of "aggregation" — the county and town governments putting together to bid for utilities. This measure would create a big block of bidders with more clout when the time comes to bid for utilities.

According to Kuster, such county/town partnerships would create a large enough "utility load" to make savings efforts "attractive."

The county has 377 natural gas and electricity accounts and, according to NUI, could save \$350,000 annually and a total of \$2.5 million with their help.

According to Kuster, county cities can join the county government in this process, as can Union County College and the county Vocational-Technical School in Scotch Plains. These would see similar savings, he said.

There are 1,650 gas and electricity accounts between the county and city governments. This would result in total annual savings of \$1.4 million, with savings of \$9 million between the county and cities. City governments would see savings similar to that of the county, Kuster said.

In return, NUI would be paid a fee based on the savings the county realizes — about 20 percent of utilities bill savings. If there are no savings, said Kuster, NUI will not be paid. According to Kuster, these savings

"maybe aren't obvious" and will probably be discovered by analyzing the county's utility bills.

NUI specializes in energy utilities and probably would not become involved with examining the county's other utilities, such as telephone and water services.

When asked if other counties have similar programs, Kuster said, "Other counties may have done aggregate natural gas bids, let us say, but none have had a comprehensive plan."

NUI's proposal was generally welcomed by the freeholders.

According to Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan, the freeholders and NUI will be working together "relatively quickly" — within the next month.

"They've worked a great deal with

Judge upholds freeholders

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

A Superior Court judge has upheld a change in the structure of the Union County Improvement Authority. Last Thursday, Assigned Judge Edward Beglin Jr. upheld a Feb. 26 ordinance by the Democratic-controlled Board of Chosen Freeholders that changed the number of members on the Republican-controlled UCIA from five to nine.

This means that the UCIA, in charge of the county's economic development, is now a Democratic-controlled body.

Before the Feb. 26 meeting of the UCIA, the authority had five Republicans and only one Democratic member. When one of the Republicans left the board, the freeholders named a Democratic replacement.

The freeholders' ordinance added four more members and shifted the balance of power to the Democrats, 6-3.

The freeholders' action violates the original charter of the UCIA, which called for five members, according to UCIA Financial Administrator Bruce Linger.

Linger said the UCIA brought the suit against the freeholders because the authority questions the freeholders' power to make fundamental changes to an autonomous agency like the UCIA.

Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan said the change in the number of authority members was made "because we were very dissatisfied with the performance of the Improvement Authority."

Both Sullivan and Carol Cohen, County Counsel and a former freeholder, have said that the UCIA has not performed as well as improvement authorities in other counties.

When asked if there were any projects that the freeholders wanted the UCIA to work on, Sullivan said, "It's not that there's a specific project that we want them to do. It's that we want them to become a responsive agency."

Both Sullivan and Cohen said the UCIA has done only one capital improvement project in two years: renovations at Plainfield High School in 1997.

"It was a little disappointing," said Chairman Greg McDermott.

McDermott said that the hearing was an order to show cause — an attempt by the UCIA to get Beglin's opinion on the matter — "and it seems to have become more than that."

McDermott said he took "a little offense" to Sullivan's criticism because, he said, the UCIA has approached the freeholders with a number of proposed projects that went unapproved.

Linger said that the UCIA proposed four projects to the freeholders since last year. One of them was the Plainfield High School renovations, but the other three were not approved by the freeholders.

These projects included a project in January that would have financed educational facility services in Westfield to give students needed space and bonds so that Westfield could take out longer-term loans, which would not impact county-wide taxes.

They also included a BAA pool to help towns reference bonds and a follow-up on a 1996 lease pool program.

Linger said that a decision to appeal would have to be made by the entire UCIA.

This situation is reminiscent of a similar power struggle last year, this time in the UCIA.

Urban school districts at risk

By Liane Stone-Ingalls
Staff Writer

Members of a panel on urban education discuss problems facing the state's inner-city school districts Monday during a press conference at Kean University in Union Township. From left, Assemblyman Craig A. Stanley, Congressman Donald M. Payne, Sal Pizzuto, chairman of the New Jersey Coalition for the Study of School Reform and Ronald L. Appibbaum, president of Kean University.

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The event was hosted by Kean University and sponsored by the New Jersey Coalition for the Study of School Reform which includes the New Jersey Reading Association, the New Jersey Association of Learning Consultants, the New Jersey Science Teachers Association, the New Jersey Council for Social Studies and the New Jersey Correctional Education Association.

The press conference was organized to discuss some of the difficulties involved with changing the often negative treatment of special needs children in the Newark School District and in other urban districts throughout the state. The Newark School District was chosen for discussion primarily due to the state takeover and the recently downward spiral of opportunities for and treatment of its special needs children.

Payne, the first African-American elected to Congress from New Jersey, began his address by pointing out his long relationship with education in the state as well as his extensive relationship with the Newark schools.

"As a former teacher and former student of the Newark School District, I can say that I have a great concern for the students there. But first, I want to commend our teachers and administrators involved with the education of our students in Newark. There are many critics and many who would like to point fingers and blame our education, but we have a number of outstanding professionals who've put much time and effort into giving our students the best education possible," Payne said.

He said that the press conference was held to air the community's concern about the education of students in urban districts.

"Many times, the kids who need the most attention and help are the ones most overlooked by the system," he said. "We must make a concerted effort to involve parents more because teachers cannot do it all alone. But, at the same time, we must make the atmosphere conducive to parental participation."

Payne cited one of the reasons special needs kids are short-changed is due to the lack of proper and timely testing of the youngsters. He said it's imperative that students be tested early enough for disabilities to be detected and treated before they have a detrimental effect on the child's education.

Stanley, in his second term, briefly stated that "there's a problem when the state is put in charge of a school district. The state, as we know, is a political entity, and that can't be good for our children."

Other speakers criticized the care that many special needs students in Newark, and other districts, receive in the hands of the state.

Joseph Del Grosso, president of the Newark Teachers Union, said he was "appalled to find out the horrible way in which special needs children have been treated."

"These students are discriminated against every day and their disabilities range from autism to often even more severe disabilities. These children have the right to equal opportunity to participate in all activities just like other children," Del Grosso said.

House, Senate brew ISTEA plan

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

A joint Congressional subcommittee is trying to resolve differences in separate Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act renewal bills recently passed by the House and Senate.

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- \$30 million to upgrade the Interstate 76 Garden State Parkway interchange in Hillside.
- A provision by Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., to link ISTEIA funding to a national 0.8 percent drunk driving limit.

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New Jersey and other northeastern states have been ISTEIA beneficiaries. Congressional delegations from the south and west, however, balked at renewing ISTEIA last fall and wanted a funding formula change from which their states would benefit. Both houses extended ISTEIA's expiration date to May 1 and worked on their own versions.

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I will readily admit it — I am bringing when I say I am a product of Teen Arts. My teenage efforts at prose and poetry were recognized as a student in the Middlesex County school system, and I was privileged to not only attend each year a function which celebrated and perpetuated fledgling artists and artists, but to also merit an award for poetry and then read my work aloud to an audience of proud parents and teachers. Teen Arts, ambitious in my day, has come a long way since then.

State of the Arts

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

It was a pleasure to discover the Union County Teen Arts Festival, much facilitated by the devotion of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and all of its generous supporters. So, as a teenager, I requested a day from work in order to volunteer for the festival on March 19.

But nostalgia isn't the most accurate way to record history, as I found when, naively enough, I arrived at Union County College's Christian campus with pad and pen in hand, certain that my duties in chairing the church and exhorting group warm-up acts would leave ample opportunity to speak to students, teachers, parents and other volunteers, in order to compile a story about the cumulative experience.

The teachers of the world are laughing right now. Buses were late, small groups were relatively so, and both students and teachers were cranky and impatient. The corridor was a sea of black trousers and shiny white blouses garnished with red accents. I found time to grab some lunch, and was grateful for it.

Ah, youth. Contrary to the cliché, it is not wanted on the young. Only the young in heart and mind, and those who love them, will allow themselves to be herded into a small hallway, and then another, bunched for a new arrival, and hustled by well-meaning chaperones until they get their chance. Their chance to be heard.

It is not an easy thing to schedule performance and critique for a cross-section of school systems, a budding performance and visual artists — 300 students from 47 schools — over the course of two days, in narrow hallways and less-than-soundproof auditoriums, and much less simple to implement (as with workshops and displays and lectures — yet every teen has a festival do all of this and more. Workshops, on everything from Bach to rock, are led by volunteers such as open singer Tom Devaney and Paper Mill Playhouse Director of Education Susan Spedick. UCC opens its doors

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By Renee Ilan
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Since my craving was to try their pancakes, I decided to have breakfast and to go back for dinner. The menu gave an array of choices of pancakes such as chocolate chip, blueberry, strawberry, apple, cherry, raisin, ham and french apple. I ordered the good old original

buttermilk short stack priced at \$2.75. They arrived and was pleasantly surprised. These over sized wonders were about eight inches in diameter. Light fluffy and yummy. To balance out the meal I ordered a vegetable omelet which was just as large and over sized as the pancakes, a hearty breakfast fit for a King or Queen.

After such a breakfast I was looking forward to dinner. An impressive selection of Triple-decker sandwiches, hamburgers, seafood, steak and Italian specialties made quite a choice. There are complete nightly dinner specials starting at \$7.95 that include: Soup, salad, baked potato, rolls, dessert and coffee. I chose the rotisserie chicken (good for eat in or take out) and started with a hearty cup of chicken soup and rice

with chunks of chicken and vegetables, accompanied with warm crusty rolls. Next a small salad and entrée. Plump juicy rotisserie chicken with french fries, baked potato, rolls, dessert and coffee. I chose the rotisserie chicken (good for eat in or take out) and started with a hearty cup of chicken soup and rice

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By Lane Stone-Ingalls
Staff Writer
For a wonderful atmosphere that's appropriate for families and business meetings, go to Lisboa Nova restaurant in Linden. The newly established home of Portuguese and Spanish cuisine boasts an extensive selection of entrees with reasonable prices that fit any pocketbook.
Located at 1601 S. Wood Ave. in Linden, the establishment can accommodate small and large parties of people. The restaurant also caters for all occasions and accepts major credit cards.
The menu offers the standard soup, salad and appetizer, along with a choice of chicken, beef or fish entrees. The prices range from a mere \$7.75 for the roast chicken entree to \$22.50 for the broiled twin lobster. The food is tasty and plentiful so go on an empty stomach.
While dining there, my companion and I sampled the first calamari for our appetizer. We found it to be unusually tender and flavorful, not at all chewy. The menu also caters to the accompaniment of the calamari complemented the flavor of the squid rather than smothering it.
For my entree, I parroted of the stuffed steak. It consisted of a tender piece of tenderloin stuffed with garlic shrimps, drizzled with a thick brown made with garlic and butter. The plate was garnished with steamed broccoli and carrots which were packed with sweet flavor.
My companion dined on the recommended mackerel, a seafood combination accompanied by yellow rice and sweet red peppers. The seafood was drizzled with the restaurant green sauce. There is also the choice of a red sauce. The green sauce was made of garlic, parsley and butter and it complemented the seafood quite well.
Dessert consisted of a light and airy tiramisu. It was sweet but not overbearing. It was a nice complement to a delicious meal.
The decor at Lisboa Nova is very appealing to the eye. With a color scheme of blue and peach, it's a very calm and comforting environment to dine in.
Lisboa Nova has an extensive wine list that includes wines from all over Europe including Spain, Portugal, Chile, Italy and France just to name a few. They provide these wines in white or red and also have a selection of blush and rose wines, and champagnes and sparkling wines.
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On The Arts

By Jon Plaut

Recently I have experienced some professional disappointment and discontent, mainly with myself. The relentless introspection had led me to thinking about how more significant thoughts or sensations with the world are managed in a number of recent literary efforts.

Nobel Prize-winning author Isaac Bashevis Singer makes doubt about a benevolent God among Jewish Holocaust survivors in New York City the very essence of his posthumous novel, "Shadows on the Hudson." The lead male character, a Pole transported to New York who has lost family and all else to the Nazis, says, "Before the war I believed that there were laws in life and that human conduct was subject to a little order... but after September 1939 I became aware that there was absolutely no rationale that people would not perjure."

Later, Singer adds, "They had only one desire, to kill, to kill... they lined us up in a row and shot every third person. Others had to dig their own graves... I raised my eyes to the heavens, but they were blue and the sun shone... the Master of the Universe was silent."

Clearly there is no silver lining to Singer's doubts or ally his monumental disappointment with his God. "I don't expect Jews to forget so quickly," Singer wrote, and indeed many among us haven't.

There is a no silver lining to the Last. Singer, by Jeanne D'Hamm, reminding her that as a Peace Corps volunteer 30 years ago in Somalia, she contradicted the established stereotype of the impoverished country by finding the character of the stateless refugees, portrayed by Patti Lupone, Mame! despite the emotional content of the struggle with self in discontented lives, much as the great sociologist David Riesman did in his seminal work several decades ago on urban American life, "The Lonely Crowd."

A gift of culture



To benefit educational programs at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit, American Airlines donated Business Class roundtrip air transportation for two from New York to Paris to be awarded at Images '98, the Art Center's 17th annual gala. Shown are: from left, Lisa Burdette, District Sales Manager, American Airlines, and Sally Abbott, board member of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts.

Art association welcomes new members

Westfield Art Association President Barbara Schwinn extends an invitation to artists and members of the community interested in fine art to join the group and enter their exhibitions.

General meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at the Westfield Community Room, 425 East Broad St., Westfield at 8 p.m. Programs focus on artist demonstrations, speakers and workshops. A wide range of topics and media, including photography, are covered. One need not be an artist to participate.

Three member exhibitions are presented to the public annually. The featured categories in the Fall Exhibition are oil, pastel, sculpture and mixed media. The exhibition held in early spring includes watercolor, graphics, photography and mixed media. The shows are judged and awards are presented at an opening reception where you may meet the artists.

In early June the Sidewalk Show around Meadowlark Park is a popular all-day Saturday affair. Loan shows of art by the artists include Children's Specialized Hospital and Special Tavern.

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The Q45 offers infinite possibilities

The Q45 flagship luxury performance sedan continues Infiniti's renowned tradition of offering customers vehicles that are well appointed, providing nearly all features as standard equipment.

Two models of the luxury sedan are available, the Q45 and a performance-oriented Q45 Touring Model. The Q45 was designed to appeal to the premium luxury buyer, with a refined ride and elegant dash-style alloy wheels. The Q45 is equipped with a sport-tuned suspension, performance-cast aluminum alloy wheels and an all-terrain rear spoiler designed to add a hint of athleticism to the vehicle's styling.

Both models of Q45 are equipped with a long list of standard equipment and features, surrounding the driver and passengers with comfort, convenience and security.

Leather seating surfaces, available in Beige, Stone Beige and Black, and 10-way power front seats with driver and passenger air bags are included in the Q45's elegant interior. The driver's seat includes

two-setting exit and entry memory system that enables the seat, as well as the power-assist telescopic and height-adjustable steering column, to move to fully "relaxed" positions for ease of driver entry and exit when the driver's door is opened. The seat and steering column return to one of two pre-programmed positions when the driver's door has been closed.

One second, occupants will find a custom-designed eight-speaker Bose audio system with AM/FM/cassette/CD player, a two-way power-operated sunroof with tilt feature, an integrated HomeLink Transceiver for remote opening of gates and garage doors, and an automatic climate control system with CPC-free air conditioning system.

Also standard are rear seat heating and air conditioning vents, an innovative three-way opening center console, full complement of analog gauges, and wood-tone accents throughout the interior.

The Q45 Touring Model adds as standard interior equipment two-setting heated front seats and a sport-tuned steering wheel with ergonomically-designed "grips" for added driver control.

Both Q45 models are powered by a new 4.1-liter DOHC 32-valve V8 engine that produces 266-horsepower at 5,600 rpm and 278 lb-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm. This technically advanced engine features aluminum alloy block and heads, multi-valve combustion ports and Nissan's Variable Timing Control System.

Also standard on both models is a 4-wheel independent suspension system with front MacPherson struts and a rear multi-link design. A 34.0 mm stabilizer bar is used on the front suspension in conjunction with sub-frame mounted coil springs and a strut tower bar. The Q45 uses a 242-mm rear stabilizer bar. Q45 is equipped with a larger 19.1 stabilizer bar.

Vehicle-speed sensitive steering is standard on both models, to provide the driver with more power assistance at lower speeds and more feedback from the road as speed increases.

Standard electronically controlled 4-speed automatic overdrive transmission produces smooth, controlled shifts that are responsive to driver input via the throttle. Both Q45 models also feature standard traction control system and viscous limited-slip rear differential.

Stopping power for the flagship Q45 models is provided by a 4-wheel disc brake with large ventilated front and rear brake rotors and a standard 3-channel/4 sensor anti-lock braking system.

The elegant styling of Q45 features a strong horizontal-chassis-line which runs from the slanted aerodynamic front of the car to the distinctive styled inverse curve of the C-pillar. The Q45 takes the look a step further, adding a unique grill with front and a body-color rear decklid spoiler with integrated center high mounted stop lamp at the rear of the car. Unique "Y" badging further distinguishes the glossy Touring Model from the Q45 standard.

The standard dish-type alloy wheels of the Q45 are replaced by performance cast spoke-style alloy wheels on Q45 models, in keeping with the sporting nature of this model.

The new Q45 is available in eight exterior colors: Black Obsidian, Beige Pearl, Cabernet Pearl, Cypress Pearl, Espresso, Ivory Quartz, Pewter and Silver Crystal.

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