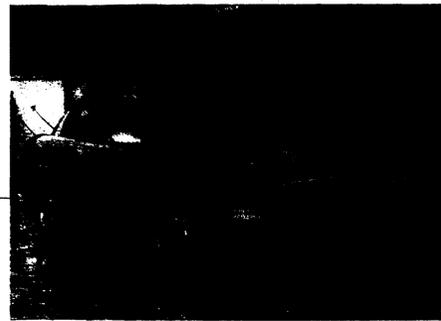


# Automotive



1998 Buick Park Avenue Ultra

## Buick updates lineup for 1998

Buick enters its 95th anniversary year in 1998 with "the strongest lineup we have ever offered," according to Buick General Manager Robert E. Colotta. "Across the board, our models offer fresh styling, high levels of safety, strength and performance, and are rated by "Ward's Auto World" magazine as one of the "10 Best Engines," three consecutive years for the naturally aspirated version, and two consecutive years for the supercharged version.

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Park Avenue Ultra, Riviera and Regal GS are powered by the supercharged 3800 Series II V6 engine that produces 240 horsepower at 5200 rpm and 280 lb-ft of torque at 3600 rpm.

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## Class of '98 bids farewell to high school

By Linda Koenig

The onset of rain could not dampen the spirit of the Rahway High School Class of 1998 on June 18, although gloomy skies caused the ceremony to be postponed a bit.

The ceremony began with the playing of the traditional Pomp and Circumstance, as the graduates filed onto the field, followed by the flag salute and the singing of the national anthem, led by Rahway's award-winning ROTC color guard.

The invocation was given by class treasurer Shakra Johnson and class secretary Nyree Peterson. Rahway High School Principal, Edward Yergaloni, acknowledged the dreary weather, saying he was going to cut his remarks short in the hope of wrapping up the exercises before it rains.

Yergaloni told the graduates that they should look for "the extraordinary in something ordinary" as they go through life. He then thanked class advisors Tamara Liles-Snowden and Deborah Alford for their work with this year's graduates before moving on to the academic awards.

Graduating in the top 10 percent of their class were Paul Klusiewicz, Rich Caruso, Christine Bringer, Berdette Lark, Hector Mendez, Patrick Santiago, Kasey Perzick, Karen Wagonhoff, Yvanna Guidi, and Kelly Perzick. The class valedictorian was Kelly Perzick and the salutatorian was Yvanna Guidi and Karen Wagonhoff. Kelly Ann Rider

received a special award for having perfect attendance since the fifth grade.

After the presentation of the Class of 1998 by Rahway School Superintendent William Ferraro, School Board President Michael Stryak stepped up to the podium to present the diploma. Stryak spoke of change, saying that "it doesn't come overnight and it's not easy. It comes only with hard work."

How the ceremony ended before anyone was thoroughly through the evening.

## Constructive activities scarce for kids

By Sean Dally

They say idle hands are the devil's workshop. The city is trying to make it hard for the devil to get any work done this summer.

But some residents say that the city does not have enough recreational programs. Critics say there is a need for more recreational programs.

There will also be a Co-Ed Basketball Camp for 7- to 13-year-olds and a Three on Three Basketball Tournament on August 12. The deadline for registering for the tournament is June 29.

Junior Girls' and Senior Girls' Volleyball Camps for grades 6 to 8 and 9 to 12 from July 6 to 10. There will also be Junior Outdoor, Senior and Open Volleyball for 6- to 9-year-olds, 10- to 13-year-olds and 14- to 17-year-olds on Thursdays from June 25 to August 6.

Midweek, Junior and Soccer Camps from July 6 to 10 for 8- to 10-year-olds. All three programs will be held on Wednesdays, from June 24 to August 5 at Hart Street Park.

Junior Boys' and Girls' Basketball Clinics for grades 3 to 8 and Senior Boys' and Girls' Basketball Clinics for grades 9 to 12. These will run on Tuesdays from June 22 to August 4.

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## Suspect sought in teen shooting

By Sean Dally

A 17-year-old Rahway resident was shot in the shoulder on Monday in what seems like a random act of violence.

The shooting occurred in the 800 block of Madison Avenue at 1 a.m.

The victim, who was not identified because of her age, was hit in the upper left shoulder by a single shot. Police say her injuries are not life-threatening. Police have no motive at this time.

The victim was shot at close range, from a distance of about three to five feet, said police. The type or caliber of the weapon used was not known.

The victim told police she was coming home from watching movies with her girlfriend. She was alone at the time of the attack.

The suspect reportedly approached her, said "How you doing, sweetie?" fired the shot, then jumped into a silver compact, possibly driven by someone else. Police say the car containing the gunman fled north on Madison Avenue.

The victim staggered up her front steps and summoned her parents. She was transported to University Hospital by the Rahway Fire Aid Squad.

The suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 25 years old and weighing between 140 and 150 pounds. Police are still interviewing neighbors and other potential witnesses.

## Republican council candidate withdraws from race

By Sean Dally

A. Allen Gilcrest recently withdrew his name from November's council race.

Gilcrest, a Post Office employee, had been withdrawn because his candidacy may have been in violation of the Hatch Act of 1939.

The Hatch Act restricts the activities of federal employees and individuals who work for federally funded programs.

"It's true," said Councilman Frank Janusz, who is running for mayor this year. "He didn't violate the law."

His withdrawal came in late May. Gilcrest could not be reached for comment.

The Rahway Republican Committee still has to meet to select a replacement for Gilcrest on the November ballot.

He works under Rahway Postmaster Joseph Rafello but in an office in Clark. His union told him that, as long as the race is not in the town in which he works, he could run.

Janusz did not find anything wrong. But when Rafello looked into the matter, he advised Gilcrest that he couldn't run. Rafello said he did not order Gilcrest to stop his run for the council.

## Breaking silence

An attorney writes a book about his dog, and in the story, the dog is as close to a human as possible.

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**Seniors unite for picnic**

By Sean Daily  
Staff Writer

There are a lot of things you can do on a rainy day. A picnic usually isn't one of them.

But that's exactly what the Housing Authorities from Rahway and Linden decided to have on Tuesday. No that it was planned that way that's just how it happened.

The picnic was held at the senior housing complex on West Milton Road. Eighteen senior citizens from Linden were invited to join a slightly larger number of Rahway residents for lunch at the Pat Dec bend picked out the strains to "My Blue Heaven."

The rain that day threatened to wash out the picnic, but the Housing Authority was obviously determined to put it on — one tent sprung up in the small yard behind the apartment complex.

"A little wet today," said the caterer, Donald Kazan of Elmer's Catering Service. "We're going to keep everyone dry today under the tents by serving under the tents."

The people at the picnic had enough to eat. There were hamburgers, sausage and pepper and meat-



An accordionist played for senior citizens during a combined Rahway-Linden seniors picnic.

**Time hangs heavy with nothing to do**

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For the more creatively inclined, the city will hold ceramics classes for 7- to 17-year-olds, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from June 23 to August 5. Drawing and painting for 5- to 17-year-olds is scheduled for Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays, from June 22 to August 3.

The city's 10 parks and the municipal tennis courts will be open from 9 a.m. to dusk during the summer. The parks have facilities for a variety of sports, including soccer, softball, tennis, volleyball, bocce ball and basketball, plus picnic areas and playgrounds.

For those over 18, or who have completed high school, the city is offering Cool Outdoor Volleyball and Horseshoes from June 23 to August 6 at Hart Street Park.

Three other city organizations will also be offering sports programs. The Citizens' Youth Recreation Committee will have football and cheerleading programs. The Police Department's Community Policing unit will be checking city playgrounds more actively over the summer, Diako said.

However, there will not be an increased enforcement of loitering laws during the summer, Diako said. "I think we're rather consistent with it all year around," he said. "Some residents don't think that the city is doing enough with its recreation program."

"We need a pool hall or some kind of recreational hall," said a 19-year-old resident of the housing project on Capobianco Plaza, who did not want his name printed. He was interviewed while he was hanging out with a friend near one of the buildings.

He also didn't think that the police could reasonably enforce loitering ordinances more strictly.

"How can they enforce loitering? We can just hang out here unless we get a recreational room," he said.

For more information on summer activities, call the Recreation Department at (732) 827-2085.

**Over \$6,000 stolen from apartment**

Rahway Police investigated a theft June 20 at 1533 Elizabeth Ave. around 3:55 a.m. Through an interpreter, the victim said that \$6,750 was taken from his apartment between 4:40 p.m. on June 19 and 2:30 a.m. that day. The residence is shared by three other males, none of whom were present.

On June 22, police investigated a bicycle theft at 315 Murray St. at 9:33 p.m. The victim said that his bike was stolen from Stein Field while he was playing basketball. The bike is a chrome Royal Union with red and black stickers, a broken pedal and a gel seat. There are no suspects.

On June 22, police investigated a theft at a party at 920 Randolph St. at 2:07 a.m. The 19-year-old victim said that her tan leather wallet was taken between the hours of 11 p.m. on June 19 and 2:07 a.m. that morning. The three cards were from American Express, MasterCard and Macy's. There are no suspects at this time.

On June 21, police investigated a bicycle theft at 706 West Lake Ave. at 10:07 p.m. The bicycle, a black and green Guffy, was stolen between 8 p.m. and 12 p.m. that day, while leaving up the garage. The bicycle is worth about \$175.

On June 21, police investigated a burglary at 315 Hamilton St. between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. that day. A gold and diamond bracelet, worth about \$4,000, was taken, along with 2000 "Honor" worth about \$200. There are no suspects at this time.

On June 20, police investigated a theft of money orders from an apartment at 386 West Grand Ave. at 4:49 p.m. Three money orders, in amounts of \$60, \$20 and \$10 and worth a total

**Four bomb threats in two days**

Rahway A building at 1600 St. Georges Ave. was hit with four bomb threats in two days last week. None of which were real.

Three of the threats were phoned in on June 17. The first one was at 10:35 a.m. and was apparently phoned into the office of Infoblog.

The building was evacuated while fire officials stood by. The office managers, along with police and dogs from the Sheriff's 8.6 unit, searched the building without finding anything.

The second was at 1:51 p.m. Again, the building was evacuated and searched with dogs and police, but nothing was found.

Someone must have gotten sick of the threats the third time, as at 3:24 p.m. The building was not evacuated, but was searched. Nothing was found this either.

The next day, the building received another threat at 1:46 p.m. The building was searched by office managers only, fire and police officers just stood by the scene and the building was not evacuated.

On June 18, firefighters responded to 312 East Grand Ave. on a report of a fire. A single-story resident of the building had caught fire; it was extinguished by the police. No damage was reported.

Also on June 18, firefighters responded to a car fire at 65 Grove St. The fire was in a 1984 Dodge belonging to resident John Brown and caused \$4,000 worth of damage. Fire officials do not know how the fire started.

On June 17, firefighters responded to an electrical fire at a car on Jacques and West Hazelwood avenues at 2:58 p.m. According to fire officials, it was a gas leak that caught fire; it was extinguished by the police. No damage was reported.

On June 17, police investigated a theft of a bicycle at 1157 Kline Place at 10:57. The victim said that he had chained his bicycle, a green 24-inch Magnum mountain bike, to the fence outside the school. When he checked on it, the chain was broken and the bicycle gone.

Also on June 17, police investigated a death to a van at 1000 Roosevelt at 11:32 a.m. A window was smashed and power tools worth \$1,055 were taken. There are no suspects.

On June 17, police arrested a shoplifter at St. George Avenue Parkhurst at 9:07 p.m. The suspect allegedly took 6 cartons of Marlboro cigarettes with a total of \$151.68.

On June 17, police investigated a theft at 953 East Hazelwood Ave. at 9:46 a.m. \$1,700 worth of snack food were taken and not paid for in last April.

On June 16, police responded to an activated burglar alarm at the Enterprise retail car agency at 1314 Lawrence St. at 2:14 a.m.

**Three arrested for drugs after stop**

By Sean Daily  
Staff Writer

A turn signal led to the arrest of three Rahway residents on drug possession charges last Tuesday.

Li Bob Diako said that Cavan Shine, 27, of Maple Terrace, Eric Mitchell, 27, of Montgomery Street and Leslie Proctor, 27, of Whelan Place, were arrested for possession of cocaine at 1:10 p.m.

They were arrested following a traffic stop at Monroe and Montgomery Streets by Officer Richard Leung, who was out on routine patrol in a marked car, had pulled over their black 1994 Marauder because of a malfunctioning turn signal.

Long before they pulled over, White noticed three clear vials on the rear seat floor, which contained a white powdery substance. Police seized this substance was cocaine.

Firefighters were called to the scene at 10:55 a.m. on a report of a small smoke. The smoke was coming from a gas leak on a car in the driveway. The firefighters turned off the circuit breaker to supply it with water.

On June 21, firefighters responded to an activated fire alarm at School at 1:55 p.m. The fire turned out to be false; a pull box there had been activated by the homeowner.

On June 20, the Clark Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at a Dawns Drive home at 3:09 p.m. on a report of a gas leak. A gas smell was coming from the ceiling fan. The firefighters turned off the circuit breaker to supply it with water.

On June 16, firefighters responded to a fire alarm at Valley Road School at 1:55 p.m. The fire turned out to be false; a pull box there had been activated by the homeowner.

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Pictured are members of the Rahway Division of Parks and Recreation cooking classes with their instructor Donna Stone after their spring dinner.

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of \$600, were stolen. There is no evidence of burglary in the apartment and there are no suspects at this time.

Also on June 20, police investigated a burglary at 958 Randolph Ave. at 11:46 a.m. Nothing was taken, but cookies in the basement were cut. Eony was gained through a basement window.

Also on June 20, police investigated a burglary at an apartment at 317 East Grand Ave. at 7:39 a.m. Unidentified property was taken from the apartment.

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On June 19, police investigated a theft of a bicycle at 3:50 p.m. at 1695 Essex Street. The victim said that his green 21-speed Mongoose bicycle, value unknown, was stolen from his porch. He did not know the serial number, so the bicycle could not be entered in the Police Department's computers. There are no suspects or evidence.

On June 18, police investigated a burglary at 4:54 p.m. at 1505 Jefferson Ave. A window was damaged through a first floor window. A Sony TRV camcorder, worth \$1,200 in a black nylon bag was taken.

Also on June 18, police investigated a theft at Rahway Hospital at 8:56 South St. at 12:51 p.m. The victim, a hospital employee, said that

**Tree to be dedicated to Robertson**

By Sean Daily  
Staff Writer

John Robertson helped build Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park. Now there will be a memorial to him in the park as well.

On July 25, the city will dedicate a tree in the park in memory of Robertson, former president of the Rahway Branch of the NAACP. It was Robertson who was pushed for the construction of the park, which is near the NJ Transit station on Campbell and East Cherry streets.

Soon after Robertson's death, Mayor James Kennedy said, "Obviously, this is a great loss to the city. He was a unique man. If I had to summarize his main goals, I would say the two issues that he really spent his life on were fairness and harmony."

Robertson was 56 when he died Dec. 21 after a long illness.

A lifelong member of the NAACP, one of his last acts was to attend a state meeting of the organization. Robertson was born in Crawa, Va., in 1941. He moved to Rahway in 1972.

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**Over \$6,000 stolen from apartment**

Rahway Police investigated a theft June 20 at 1533 Elizabeth Ave. around 3:55 a.m. Through an interpreter, the victim said that \$6,750 was taken from his apartment between 4:40 p.m. on June 19 and 2:30 a.m. that day. The residence is shared by three other males, none of whom were present.

On June 22, police investigated a bicycle theft at 315 Murray St. at 9:33 p.m. The victim said that his bike was stolen from Stein Field while he was playing basketball. The bike is a chrome Royal Union with red and black stickers, a broken pedal and a gel seat. There are no suspects.

On June 22, police investigated a theft at a party at 920 Randolph St. at 2:07 a.m. The 19-year-old victim said that her tan leather wallet was taken between the hours of 11 p.m. on June 19 and 2:07 a.m. that morning. The three cards were from American Express, MasterCard and Macy's. There are no suspects at this time.

On June 21, police investigated a bicycle theft at 706 West Lake Ave. at 10:07 p.m. The bicycle, a black and green Guffy, was stolen between 8 p.m. and 12 p.m. that day, while leaving up the garage. The bicycle is worth about \$175.

On June 21, police investigated a burglary at 315 Hamilton St. between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. that day. A gold and diamond bracelet, worth about \$4,000, was taken, along with 2000 "Honor" worth about \$200. There are no suspects at this time.

On June 20, police investigated a theft of money orders from an apartment at 386 West Grand Ave. at 4:49 p.m. Three money orders, in amounts of \$60, \$20 and \$10 and worth a total

**Police blotter**

of \$600, were stolen. There is no evidence of burglary in the apartment and there are no suspects at this time.

Also on June 20, police investigated a burglary at 958 Randolph Ave. at 11:46 a.m. Nothing was taken, but cookies in the basement were cut. Eony was gained through a basement window.

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On June 19, police investigated a theft of a bicycle at 3:50 p.m. at 1695 Essex Street. The victim said that his green 21-speed Mongoose bicycle, value unknown, was stolen from his porch. He did not know the serial number, so the bicycle could not be entered in the Police Department's computers. There are no suspects or evidence.

On June 18, police investigated a burglary at 4:54 p.m. at 1505 Jefferson Ave. A window was damaged through a first floor window. A Sony TRV camcorder, worth \$1,200 in a black nylon bag was taken.

Also on June 18, police investigated a theft at Rahway Hospital at 8:56 South St. at 12:51 p.m. The victim, a hospital employee, said that

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OBITUARIES

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Susanne Oberschewen of Clark died June 11 in University Medical Center, Newark.

Edward DeVita
Edward DeVita, 84, of Clark died June 14 in Warren Hospital, Phillipsburg.

Rose M. Reilly
Rose M. Reilly, 69, of Clark died June 16 in Rahway Hospital.

Flag kit available
Show your patriotism with an American Flag kit. The kit includes a tricolor, pole with an eagle and an American flag.

Galliki exhibited
The Shkabit Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation is presenting an exhibition of paintings by Canadian artist Andre Galliki through July 3.

graduated from the Warsaw Polytechnic, he had been painting since 1970 and has participated in many exhibitions in Poland from 1970-80 in Montreal, his art is represented by "Art-Depot" gallery.

He is a member of the association "Le Cercle des Amateurs Peintres et Sculpteurs du Quebec." In New York, his paintings are represented by "Wald-Nase" of SoHo Art Gallery.

Galliki's works are mostly acrylic paintings on canvas, and also of pastel and crayon drawings. Overall, they are fantasy images that are a product of the artist's imagination related to certain aspects of everyday life.

The Polish Cultural Foundation, a non-profit organization, is located at 177 Broadway, Clark, just off exit 113 from the Garden State Parkway. The

second prize in the Clark Art Show and had many of her works displayed at the Clark Library. She was a member of the Clark Art Association of the Federated Art Association of New Jersey.

Surviving are her husband, George C., four sons, Mark, Kevin, George and Dean; a daughter, Rose Mary; two sisters, Theresa Gonolaka and Helen Spood, and 10 grandchildren.

Surviving are her parents, Bernice and William Oberschewen, and a brother, Mark.

Louise A. Ehler
Louise A. Ehler, 87, of Clark died June 16 at home.

Born in Bloomfield, Mrs. Ehler lived in Clark for 17 years. She was a secretary for 42 years with Westinghouse, Bloomfield, and retired in 1973.

Surviving are a daughter, Nancy Fickel, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Elva Pellinger
Elva Pellinger, 91, of Rahway died June 17 in the Genesis Elder Care, Westfield.

Born in Belmar, Mrs. Pellinger moved to Rahway in 1930. She was employed by The Sewing Kite, Rahway, for many years before retiring.

Surviving are a daughter, Lorenza Doyle; two sons, Urban and Elvin; six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Andrew T. Lovas
Andrew T. Lovas, 75, of Toms River, formerly of Clark, died June 16 in the Community Medical Center, Toms River.

Born in Clark, Mr. Lovas lived in Rahway and Clark before moving to Toms River 11 years ago. He owned T. Lovas and Sons, a window door and decorating company in Berlin for 45 years and retired in 1987. Mr. Lovas served in the Army Air Corps during World War II in the 48th Bombardier Squadron. He flew 33 missions and was awarded the Bronze Star with clusters and an Air Medal. Mr. Lovas was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 328.

Surviving are his wife, Clara, two daughters, Joan Szaryk and Jeanette; two sons, Joseph and Michael; three sisters, Anna, Stella, Marie Healy and Teresa Johnson, and five grandchildren.

Mary Patricia Price
Mary Patricia Price, 74, of Clark died June 19 at home.

Born in Baltimore, Mrs. Price lived in Synapse and Maplewood before moving to Clark. She was active with the Girl Scouts for many years and served as a national delegate, a district manager for Maplewood and a troop leader at the Our Lady of Sorrows Church, South Orange. Mrs. Price also was a member of the All Saints Society of Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

Surviving are her mother, Mary M. Malloy; two sons, Jim and John M.; three daughters, Julianne Rome, Jean Khan and Joyce; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Emil Oldfield
Emil Oldfield, 71, of Rahway died June 20 in John F. Kennedy Medical Center, Edison.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Oldfield graduated from Appalachian College, Boone, N.C. He was a baseball player at Appalachian and maintained a 5.00 batting average during his senior year.

Surviving are a son, David; two daughters, Deirdre Alves and Diane McCarthy; a sister, Madeline Rich, and four grandchildren.

Senior Peer Leaders Kelly Dunn, second from left, and Gina Diannell, right, held their luncheon for Jonathan Wojcik, center, at Arthur L. Johnson High School.

At the recent eighth-grade orientation at the high school, students like Louis Siorza, left, from Kumpf Middle School and Lincoln/Franklin School students in Garwood were welcomed and taken on a tour of the building by the 11th and 12th grade Peer Leaders.

Under the direction of Peer Mediation and Peer Leadership Adviser Ellen Spingler, the organization's outgoing members traditionally help familiarize the incoming seniors to their duties as next year's Peer Leaders.

Commissioner Mel Getz announced that the U.S. Department of Labor has approved a petition which allows employees and former employees of Kodak Polychemie Graphics (formerly Sun Chemical), of Clark, to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance. Kodak Polychemie Graphics engages in the production of graphic arts film and chemical products.

Trade Adjustment Assistance is available to workers who lose their jobs or whose hours of work and wages are reduced as a result of increased imports. Trade Adjustment Assistance provides for a wide range of services and benefits to help workers adjust to their new employment situation. Such services include: training, testing, counseling and job search and relocation allowances. In addition, Trade Adjustment Assistance may be payable to eligible workers following exhaustion of all Unemployment Insurance entitlement.

To apply for TAA benefits, an eligible worker must report to the Unemployment Office nearest his/her home where a TAA claim will be taken. Additional information may be obtained by calling the New Jersey Division of Programs, Collateral Claims at (609) 984-2284.

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SPORTS

Governor's Bowl will be big game for Johnson's Derillo
Calls his selection a great honor

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

PISCATAWAY — Everything about Jerry Derillo is big.

His size is big — 6-5, 310.

He's going to continue his football career in the Big 10 Conference at the University of Illinois, a setting where some 33 years ago a team named Dick Butkus put some people down.

And in two weeks he will be playing in one of the biggest high school games of his career, and his last.

Derillo is the best of being the first Johnson High School football player to participate in a new All-Star Game.

Derillo will represent the Crusaders in the inaugural Governor's Bowl, scheduled for Monday night, July 9 at Rutgers Stadium, a 7:30 kickoff.

The top 50 high school senior football players from New Jersey and New York are preparing to do battle for the first time.

"This is a great honor," said Derillo at Media Day which was held at Rutgers' Hale Center June 13.

The game will feature some top national college football prospects in a matchup that organizers expect will rival other well-known interstate games.

"There are a great group of athletes here and after a full week of contact, we'll really shake things up during the game," Derillo said.

Derillo is one of six players from the Western Connecticut Newspapers' readership area on the New Jersey roster. The others include Elizabeth Johnson in the game in stationary line backer Brian Drake (Pennsylvania).

Other Johnson standouts running back Eric Gerster (Princeton) and quarterback Dennis Bowden (John Hopkins) — will represent the Crusaders in Scapple Bowl 5, set to take place Thursday night, July 16 at Union High School at 7:30.

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Picking up where he left off last month after an excellent performance at the New Jersey Masters Outdoor Championships, Linden resident Jonas Cowles, competing in the age 60-69 group, won a gold medal in the shot put at the New Jersey Senior Sports Classic held earlier this month in Fort Monmouth. Cowles, who will turn 67 on July 12, credits his workout regimen for his ability to stay in shape for the three and sometimes four major competitions he takes part in annually.

Linden's Cowles strikes gold with Classic shot put effort
Captures another medal in Seniors competition

Placement in all four of these events is counted toward New Jersey Amateur Track and Field Division Grand Prix points, which Cowles has accumulated the most of in the age 60-69 group for four years running.

Excelling athletically is nothing new for Cowles, a 1949 graduate of Gorton High School in Vauxhall, New York.

As a high schooler, Cowles garnered All-City and All-New Jersey Senior Sports Classic on June 13 in Fort Monmouth.

The perennial shot put state champion in senior competition, Cowles' first-place finish marked the seventh consecutive season he captured a gold medal in the event at the Classic, which commenced with action on June 11.

An all-around athlete, Cowles also excelled in the doubles billiards tournament where he and Charles Corvino of Far Hills were awarded silver medals for their second-place finish.

The two old friends bumped into each other accidentally earlier in the day when taking cover inside during a passing thunderstorm when they decided to give the pool tournament a go.

The Senior Citizens Activities Network (SCAN) revived the Classic four-day weekend program this year for its one-year absence.

Cowles, who will turn 67 on July 12, credits his workout regimen for his ability to stay in shape for the three or four weeks major competitions he takes part in annually.

The exercise regimen that has been so instrumental in Cowles' noted success consists of a two-mile walk through Wernano Park in Roselle Park every day, 2-3 times a week to the health room at the Gregorio Center in Linden where he walks on the tread mill, lifts weights and rides the stationary bike, and 2-3 days a week of bowling.

Aside from the New Jersey Masters Indoor and Outdoor Championships and the New Jersey Senior Sports Classic, Cowles also annually participates in the Garden State Meet in July and often takes part in the International Meet in Randolph.

This past March, Rivers captured first place in the spring division of the Girls 15-18 red belt field at the 18th New Jersey State USU Taekwondo Championships in the Dunn Sports Center in Elizabeth.

In 1997, she also placed second in the spring division of the Girls 15-18 blue belt field at the New Jersey State Taekwondo Championships.

Rivers began studying taekwondo at the age of 15 at Y's Family Karate in Edison.

Rivers is two belts away from achieving black belt status.

Her next belt will be a half-black belt and then the one after that a black belt.

Last year, she transferred to the Above and Beyond Taekwondo Center in Plainfield.

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## Workplace drug abuse topic of floating seminar

By Sean Daily  
Staff Writer

Like the caseways in "Gilligan's Island," members of the Union County Chamber of Commerce recently set sail on a three-hour tour. Well, two-and-a-half hours, to be accurate.

About 100 chamber members boarded the Amberjack V at the Elizabeth Marina on June 17. The Amberjack V cast off at 12:30 p.m., sailed up the Arthur Kill as far as the Brooklyn Bridge, then turned around and headed back to Elizabeth, docking at about 3 p.m.

It was a perfect day for a cruise to nowhere — hot, sunny and, on the return trip, breezy. But this wasn't a pleasure trip, the cruise to nowhere had a serious purpose — to inform chamber members about a problem that costs business thousands of dollars each year: substance abuse.

According to Nicole Koroghlian of the Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse, business owners have two choices: they can help substance-abusing employees get treatment, or they can ignore the problem and pay the price in the form of on-the-job accidents, theft, and absenteeism.

Substance abuse is rampant in the workplace, Koroghlian said. It is estimated that 90 percent of the alcoholics and 70 percent of the drug abusers in the U.S. are employed. According to statistics compiled by the Governor's Council for a Drug-Free Workplace Inc., one in every 23 employees is a substance abuser.

Council member Deborah Johnson said substance abuse costs American businesses a total of \$60 billion a year. Employees who abuse substances have workers compensation costs five times higher than average; medical insurance costs for substance abusers are three times that of sober employees.

Substance-abusing workers are 30 percent less productive than employees who don't get intoxicated on the job, according to Johnson. She said substance abusers are responsible for a high percentage of accidents, theft and violence on the job.

An employer's first impulse might be to fire substance abusers. That may solve the short-term problem, but usually, employees who are let go from large companies with drug testing and substance abuse policies just move on to smaller companies where there is no drug testing, according to Johnson.

According to Koroghlian, the answer to creating a drug-free working environment is twofold: A drug-free workplace policy; drug testing, education and prevention; training for supervisors on "reasonable suspicion" or how to detect alcohol or drug abuse and, for those who need it, an Employee Assistance Program, or EAP.

An EAP counselor provides referrals for an "occupational therapist." The counselor also acts as a neutral third party between the employer and the employee.

NI Transit has had an EAP for 14 years, ever since drug testing was federally mandated for commercial drivers.

According to Elizabeth Schneider, the company's medical director, NI Transit has seen its percentage of positive drug tests drop from 25 percent to two percent. It has also been declared the nation's safest railroad for the third consecutive year.

Alan Martin of St. Barnabas Behavioral Health Network added that those caught in drug tests are often just starting to abuse substances. Martin said this is the best time to intervene, when the employee's habit is easiest to treat.

Jim Coyne, president of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, agreed.

"Substance abuse prevention is a very important issue," he said. "What you find is early intervention is the best form of prevention and the best place for early intervention is the workplace."

Coyne said the Chamber of Commerce does not keep statistics on how much substance abuse costs county businesses each year.

Amy Hoyt of the human resources department at Schering-Plough said she came on the cruise, "because we believe a drug-free, alcohol-free workplace."

Hoyt described Schering-Plough's drug policy: "If employees are found to have substance abuse problems or they tell health services that they have substance abuse problems, we refer them to an assistance program. Health services and the assistance program find the best treatment for the employee to ensure."

The passengers on the cruise included former Philip Dinkus Nolas and representatives from NI Transit and the Governor's Council for a Drug-Free Workplace Inc. The cruise was sponsored by the Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse and was part of a statewide Drug-Free Workplace Week. The coalition is a part of the St. Barnabas Behavioral Health Network.

## Kanka speaks on Linden shooting

Wants improved victim services, better training for judges

By Jill Lerner  
Staff Writer

The mother of the late Megan Kanka, for whom the sex offender notification and registration laws were named, denounced the June 16 incident in which three were first seen in the Linden home of a convicted sex offender.

At a June 17 conference on investigation and prosecution of child abuse and sex crimes sponsored by the Essex County Prosecutor's Office at the Essex County Police Academy in Cedar Grove, Maureen Kanka discussed the shooting, and the current state of the law's enforcement.

Although Kanka said she hoped the person who fired at the paroled sex offender would be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, she maintained the premise of the legislation to be a good one, and noted "It was still in its early stages of implementation."

In the early morning hours of June 16, five boys were found in the Linden home of a paroled "high-risk" sex offender who was not injured. The shooting followed neighborhood notification of his residency in accordance with the mandates of Megan's Law.

"We must develop programs to effectively look at what we can do in New Jersey to make it safer for our kids," said Kanka. She stressed the importance of law enforcement officials working with communities not only to enforce the law, but to "effectively change the problem."

Although Kanka thought the tiered system was "one of the best systems out there," she said the total approach to safeguarding children needs to be re-evaluated.

Among the improvements she hoped to see was better information for judges regarding the nature of sexual assaults. Though she noted there were many wonderful judges in New Jersey she said they could benefit from more education regarding sexual offenders.

Kanka also identified victim services as a target for improvement. Not enough money is guaranteed to cover all the victims, she said, and cited as an example the counseling needs of her own children. She said such services could be prohibitively expensive.

"We need to provide not just for families for counseling," she said. "Other initiatives already are being pursued by the Megan Nicole Kanka Foundation, Inc. Kanka said her foundation hopes to fund background checks in an effort to "make it as difficult as possible" for sex offenders to gain access to children. She said under state law, private entities can do individual background checks with permission.

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## ESL among summer offerings at UCC

Union County College's Division of Continuing Education and Community Services will expand its English-as-a-Second Language course offerings to include an assessment ranging from newly introduced pronunciation and writing workshops, to more traditional grammar and conversation courses that have proven to be popular.

Additionally, the college will begin a new cycle of General Educational Development or GED preparation classes in late July, with sessions conducted in English and also in Spanish. These courses are designed to assist members of the public who wish to take the GED high school equivalency examination.

In ESL, the college will introduce "American English Pronunciation for the Foreign Born." This course is designed for foreign-born individuals who already have a strong command of English but who still require a foreign accent that they wish to reduce. The course will familiarize students with the sound system and intonation patterns of American English.

Presented from 8:10 to 10:10 p.m., students can choose to take the course either on Mondays and Wednesdays, July 20 through August 12 at the Cranford Campus, or on Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 21 through August 13 at the Elizabeth Campus.

Another new course, "ESL Writing Workshops," will afford ESL students the opportunity to practice their writing skills. Designed for advanced level students, the course will explore how to write clear, organized thoughts in American English. Presented from 6 to 8 p.m., students can choose to take the course either on Mondays and Wednesdays, July 20 through August 12 at the Cranford Campus, or on Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 21 through August 13 at the Elizabeth Campus.

Students can also select from "Beginning ESL Grammar," which affords practice in basic grammar and simple instructions. Offered from 6 to 8 p.m., participants can choose to take the course on Mondays and Wednesdays, July 20 through August 12 at the Elizabeth Campus, or on Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 21 through August 13 at the Elizabeth Campus or Plainfield Campus.

"Beginning ESL Conversation" will afford practice of conversational skills in English, while also improving one's listening skills. Presented from 8:10 to 10:10 p.m., the course is offered simultaneously to the Grammar course, with a time frame choice available on the same dates as above.

"Intermediate ESL Grammar" will continue with practice of grammar and simple instructions on a higher level from the beginning class. Presented from 6 to 8 p.m., participants can choose to take the course either on Mondays and Wednesdays, July 20 through August 12 at either the Cranford Campus or Plainfield Campus, or on Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 21 through August 13 at the Elizabeth Campus.

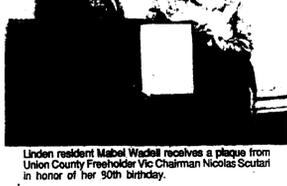
"Intermediate ESL Conversation" will continue with practice of conversational and listening skills at a higher level than that of the beginning class. Presented from 8:10 to 10:10 p.m., the course will be conducted on the same dates as the Intermediate "ESL Grammar" course so that students can take both classes simultaneously.

For ESL students with a good working knowledge of English, "Advanced ESL" will offer training in English grammar and conversation and improving one's listening skills, all on an advanced level. Presented from 6 to 8 p.m., students can choose to take the course either on Mondays and Wednesdays, July 20 through August 12 at the Cranford Campus, or on Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 21 through August 13 at the Elizabeth Campus.

The college will also conduct GED preparation classes in Spanish from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 21 through August 27 at the Elizabeth Campus only.

## Freeholders thank longtime employee

Mabel Waddell, who has worked in the records room of the Union County Prosecutor's Office for the last 27 years, was recognized by the Board of Freeholders last week in celebration of her 80th birthday.



Linden resident Mabel Waddell receives a plaque from Union County Freeholder Vice Chairman Nicholas Scaturri in honor of her 80th birthday.

Union County Freeholder Vice Chairman Nicholas Scaturri of Linden presented a resolution extending the sincere birthday wishes of the board to Waddell, a resident of Linden.

"I believe it's important that the county acknowledges appreciation for her many years of dedicated service in addition to the fact that Mabel just celebrated her 80th birthday and is still a valued employee of the county," Scaturri said.

He noted that Waddell, who has lived in Linden for more than 50 years, has been an active member of the Reformed Church in Linden and has participated in a group that supports her Norwegian heritage.

"We are fortunate that in addition to being known for her bright and cheery disposition, and her concern for others, Mabel is an inspiration to all who work with her in the county," Scaturri said.

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#### \$1.3 M for seniors

The NJ Transit Board of Directors on June 17 authorized the distribution of more than \$26 million to help New Jersey's 21 counties provide local transportation services for senior citizens, people with disabilities and residents in rural areas.

Of the \$22.5 million allocated for the state's Senior Citizen and Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program, \$1.3 million is to go to Union County.

Funding for the program is provided by the state Census Revenue Tax Fund, the Federal Transit Administration, the counties and NJ Transit. The money will be used during Fiscal Year 1999, which begins July 1.

Prospective members are encouraged to meet the group at this informal meeting. For more information about "Vintage Views," or to comment on programming, call Lou Covello at (908) 527-4872.

#### Group for moms

F.E.M.A.L.E., Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge is a County-wide support group for all women who have decided to temporarily leave the work force to stay at home with their young children. The North-Central New Jersey Chapter offers evening discussion groups, presentations with outside guest speakers, and mother's night out, as well as weekly daytime play groups.

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#### Renaissance troupe visits Kean University

By Ed Fildes  
Staff Writer

They maintained perfect poise and elegance throughout the performance.

Other performers worth mentioning were Lou Masoro, who played King Pappas, and David Wierzbicki, who played the boss. Masoro captured all of Pappas' idiosyncrasies while maintaining a steady flow of comic relief, while Wierzbicki held a Hamlet-like air about him as he fitly entrapped by his inability to relate to Beauty despite his love for her.

The players are currently performing "Beauty and the Beast" with about 250 other performers at the tenth annual New Jersey Renaissance Kings and Queens in Somerset, on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., on weekends through June 28. Masoro directed the event in "Disney Land in New Jersey." Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$6 for children. For more information, call (732) 271-1119.

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Judy Collins graces the Paper Mill stage

By Ben Smith
Staff Writer
From the moment the slightly built, serious-faced, long-haired singer-writer Judy Collins walked on stage in concert at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn on the evening of June 16, she had the audience enraptured and in the palm of her hand.

Many folks remember Collins, whose career has spanned more than 30 years, and many of them were in the audience that night, when strumming her guitar, she sang in a soft, near-Whitman style, "Amazing Grace," accompanied by James Russell. Collins, whose many record albums and recordings, have, through the years, achieved her feelings about life, love and war, can sing about every one of these emotions, and transfer the emotions to a receptive audience.

Collins' rendition of "America, the Beautiful," reached into the hearts of every member of the audience. Then in a single spotlight, with shadows playing around her, she strummed her ever faithful guitar and sang some of the most beautiful Irish melodies ever to be performed, including "Danny Boy." Collins also demonstrated her ability to hold a note for an extraordinarily long time.

Now moving along to a portable keyboard, Collins offered the classic "Chaise longue" which, interestingly, influenced President and Mrs. Bill Clinton so significantly that they named their daughter, Chelsea, after that song.

She sang her impressions of the work of such artists as Bob Dylan, Pete Seeger and Tom Paxton. Collins moved the audience to happiness and tears as she offered songs from "Forever, The Judy Collins Anthology," which is a culmination of a musical legacy including 19 albums that had been released by Elektra, during which time she received gold and platinum awards.

And when she sang "Send in the Clowns," she brought the house down. Other songs included "Ridgeway and Hammerstein's controversial 'You've Got to Be Tough,' from "South Pacific," Leonard Cohen's "Suzanne" and "Bird on a Wire," and her famous "Colorado." Collins sang some of the songs she had written and at times, her voice had a subtle quality, at times, an upbeat sound.

In the first part of the concert, Collins wore a beautiful white gown, which seemed to accentuate her mood. After a brief intermission, she wore a sparkling black gown, and sang "songs with stories," such as "I Dream of Peace," she had been an activist during the 1960s — and "The Forgetful War," a powerfully emotional number. When the veteran singer introduced her granddaughter, Holly, who was in the audience "being very critical," one became aware of the fact that this extraordinary, by attractive woman is a grandmother, not only trying to please an audience, but her granddaughter as well. It gave another meaning to "Amazing Grace," which had opened and now closed the show.

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By Michelle Range
Staff Writer
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view him, drunken and disheveled, on the edge of the Hudson River with a cardboard box on his lap. But his madcap attempt is interrupted by some confused thugs who would rather beat him, down him with some gasoline and have a bonfire.

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Dining Review
June 25, 1988

Sphinx Restaurant
Just like family, and home cooking, too.

By Liane Stone-Ingalls
Staff Writer
Do you ever want to go somewhere to eat and the people are like family, but they're not your family? Well, that kind of atmosphere exists at the Sphinx Restaurant and Bar, quiet Hill in Roselle.

Located on Second Avenue, the Sphinx offers a tasty array of delicious meals that will make your wallet wobble with delight! I dined on the shrimp scampi over rice and vermicelli. The portions were generous and the flavor was exquisite. The shrimp were so big I almost offered them a chair. And the vermicelli mixed in with the rice was a nice change from the run-of-the-mill white rice offered on most menus.

Some of Amy and Max's house specialties include anything on the seafood menu, and that includes clam, mussel, shrimp and flounder, the hot antipasto, chicken, shrimp or veal parmigiana.

Any one can put together a gorgeous wedding package for as low as \$20 per person. And the Sphinx has a banquet hall in the back and Max at the Sphinx for a hearty meal at a reasonable price.

So, if you want to go somewhere where everybody knows your name, then stop by and see Amy and Max at the Sphinx for a hearty meal at a reasonable price.

### Stars of the show



Participating in the recent Overlook's Stars are, from left, Jack Palmieri, executive director, Anthony Servino, and David Frosel, president...

### Massage therapy courses may earn college credit

Courses offered by Somerset College of Massage Therapy are now recommended for college credit by the American Council on Education College Credit Recommendation Service.

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As a result of the approval by the ACE evaluation team, Somerset School of Massage Therapy will be listed in the prestigious National Guide to Educational Centers for Training Programs.

### Hospital, school team up on research

A joint research collaboration has been announced by Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston and the Lausberg Center for General and Tumor Immunology at the Hebrew University and Hadassah Medical School of Jerusalem.

"I anticipate our joint efforts to be most productive," states Professor Eitan Yefenof, Ph.D., chairman of the Lausberg Center for General and Tumor Immunology.

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### St. Barnabas symposium held to discuss cancer development, detection

"The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves," said the panel discussion, moderated by Dr. Ann Graham Zauber.

Lausberg Center in Jerusalem, moderated the panel discussion. New information has emerged recently regarding gene mutations, which are believed to play a major role in triggering cancer.

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# Hospital focuses on prevention of strokes

Did you know that stroke is our nation's third leading single cause of death, killing more than 150,000 Americans annually? Or that about a third of all strokes happen to people under the age of 65? Did you also know that up to 50 percent of strokes are preventable? Union Hospital, an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System, wants you to know that there are ways to help prevent strokes from occurring.

A stroke, or brain attack, occurs when blood flow to an area of the brain is interrupted by a blocked or broken blood vessel. When a stroke occurs, it kills brain cells in the immediate area. When these brain cells die, they release chemicals that set off a chain reaction, endangering brain cells in a larger, surrounding area of brain tissue. Without prompt medical treatment, this larger area of brain cells will die.

While some people recover completely from less serious strokes, others will lose their lives to very severe ones. Strokes that occur in the right side of the brain affect movement of the left side of the body and analytical and perceptual tasks, while strokes that occur on the left side of the brain can affect movement of the right side of the body and speech and language abilities.

There are two different kinds of strokes: ischemic strokes and hemorrhagic strokes. In the ischemic stroke, a clot blocks a blood vessel in the brain, it may form in a blood vessel in the brain or leading to the brain, or may form in another part of the body such as the heart and travel to the brain. This type of stroke can also occur as a result of unhealthy blood vessels clogged with a buildup of fatty deposits and cholesterol in the wall of an artery. Approximately 80 percent of all strokes are ischemic.

In hemorrhagic strokes, a blood vessel in the brain ruptures. This can be caused by a number of disorders which affect the blood vessel, including long-standing high blood pressure and cerebral aneurysms. An aneurysm is a weak or thin spot on a blood vessel wall. Hemorrhagic strokes account for 20 percent of strokes.

Stroke is one of the most preventable of all life-threatening health problems. While some risk factors are not controllable such as age, gender, race, family history of stroke or personal history of diabetes, many others can be controlled such as:

- High blood pressure — increases stroke risk four to six times and is the single most important controllable risk factor.
- Atrial fibrillation and other heart diseases — Having heart disease increases stroke risk up to six times. Fifteen percent of all stroke patients have heart disease.
- High cholesterol — can directly increase risk of stroke by putting people at greater risk of heart disease.
- Smoking — doubles the risk of stroke by damaging blood vessels and speeding up the clotting of arteries, which in turn raises blood pressure and makes the heart work harder. When someone stops smoking, the stroke risk after five years will be the same as someone who never smoked.
- Alcohol — excessive consumption of alcohol is associated with stroke in a number of research studies. Its specific role has not yet been determined.
- Weight — excess weight makes people more likely to have other stroke risk factors such as high cholesterol, high blood pressure and diabetes.
- Carotid artery disease — one of the major contributors to ischemic stroke is a build-up of fatty deposits in one of the two main arteries in the neck supplying blood to the brain. Surgery to remove the blockage is often necessary and quite successful.
- Even among those who recognize brain attack as a medical emergency, many are unable to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. The most typical symptoms include:
  - Weak, numb or paralyzed in the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
  - Sudden blurry vision or loss of vision in one or both eyes.

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June 1998, followed by another Arden Courts in Wayne in October 1998. They will be opening Springhouse facilities in West Orange in August 1998, Wayne in October 1998 and Emerson in November 1998.

The new Jersey openings are part of ManorCare Health Services' aggressive, multi-million dollar growth plan, which will see hundreds of similar facilities constructed throughout the country over the next five years. On average, the cost to build Arden Courts and Springhouse facilities are in excess of \$3 million and \$7 million, respectively.

Arden Courts was designed by Law/Kingdon Inc. of Wichita, Kansas and Springhouse was designed by Lenz-Boggio of Englewood, Colorado.

The new West Orange and Wayne Arden Courts facilities are one-floor, 36-bed facilities, each containing 27,000 square feet of living space. The new West Orange Springhouse is a two-story, 67,000 square-foot building containing 116 beds, while the Wayne and Emerson Springhouse facilities are three-story, 66,000 square-foot buildings containing 105 beds. In West Orange and Wayne, both an Arden Courts and Springhouse will share the same 15-acre campus. The Emerson Springhouse is five-stories and sits on 3.8 acres. Ground was broken for the West Orange and Wayne campuses in June and September 1997, respectively, while ground was broken for the Emerson Springhouse November 1997.

"Everything is on schedule for our openings to begin in the next few months," said Patrick Collins, director of operations ManorCare Health Services Northeast District. "A great deal has already been invested into the local market during the past phases of these projects, and we are now gearing up to hire the many local residents — nurses, caregivers, maintenance staff, food service personnel — we will need to properly staff our new facilities and provide residents the high quality, personal care long associated with ManorCare Health Services."

Arden Courts enhances residents' quality of life by enabling them to maintain as much independence as possible while continuing their daily routines. The residential facility's architecture is specifically designed to provide an environment in which residents can safely and securely exercise a large degree of personal freedom. Four separate houses are joined by a common area where residents are encouraged to socialize with one another and engage in ongoing and meaningful activities to keep them interested and involved. Visual cues throughout the facility help residents stay oriented. "Home-like" living areas provide a stay and visiting atmosphere; specially trained staff are on hand 24-hours-a-day to meet resident personal care needs, and ongoing programs and services encourage family members to enjoy time together with their loved ones and actively participate in his or her care as desired.

Springhouse is assisted living for seniors who want to maintain their privacy and independence in a homelike setting and require some supervision and support, but who do not need the more intensive services provided as a skilled nursing center. Residents receive, and only pay for, exactly the amount of assistance they need with such activities of daily living as bathing, medication management, dressing and grooming. Although Springhouse apartments are furnished, residents are encouraged to incorporate their own furniture and other personal belongings into their Springhouse apartments. This often facilitates their transition from private residences to assisted living.

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**St. Elizabeth Hospital's New Inpatient Pediatric Unit**

St. Elizabeth Hospital is proud to announce that its new inpatient Pediatric Unit opened on May 4, 1998. Located on the seventh floor of the North Wing, the six bed unit has secure doors where visitors to the unit are buzzed onto the floor.

The Pediatric Unit has been designed for a child's point-of-view with a play area located in full observation from the nurses' station. Low walls, designed so that little ones can easily see into an area, are used around the nurse's station. Also, all pediatric patients receive free television service.

A colorful and cheerful aquarium theme graces the Unit's decor of boarders and wall prints. The corridors and rooms are furnished with light-colored woods and highly decorated accessories pleasing to children. Room furniture includes cribs, youth beds and nightstands with flexible soft handles to prevent injury. The rooms' ceiling tiles are gently embossed with moon and star shapes. And all of the rooms have "grip strips" for displaying the children's artwork and cards!

St. Elizabeth Hospital is a partner in the *Healing Through Happiness* Program, sponsored by the McDonald's Corporation and Medline Industries Inc., a hospital supply company. The program is intended to help make a child's hospital stay more pleasant through special activities, colorful special admission kits full of high quality fun and useful items that will be used during the child's hospital stay, and Ronald McDonald liners and sleepwear featuring Ronald McDonald and the McDonaldland characters kids love so much.

The Pediatric Unit is staffed with nurses trained in pediatric care," states Catherine Sheedy, RN, BC, BSN, Nurse Manager of the Maternal/Child Division at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

The unit is also equipped with a treatment room where any type of invasive exam or procedure is done, even the simple starting of an intravenous medication. "This is so that the child does not associate his or her room with unpleasantness or pain," explains Sheedy.

In order to lessen the child's anxiety of separation, parents are allowed 24 hour access to the Pediatric Unit and are encouraged to "sleep over" if they, or the child, so desire; comfortable lounge chairs that fold out into a single bed are provided for this purpose.

According to Paula Nadig, MD, the Hospital's Chairman of Pediatrics, the Pediatric Unit was planned in response to the community's needs and bed size for the unit was determined based on trends in bed utilization and length of stay for pediatric patients in the Hospital's demographic area. St. Elizabeth Hospital also responded to the current trends in hospital insurance plans when they planned for the Pediatric Unit.

Current managed care plans look more favorably at hospitals where clients can receive full health care services for all family members," Dr. Nadig explains. "And based on the utilization of the Hospital's Pediatric Health Center, more and more community members are looking toward St. Elizabeth Hospital for their family's health care needs."

Pediatric surgical services will be expanding to include general and orthopedic surgery that requires a stay of overnight or more. Currently, only same-day surgery is available for pediatric patients.



Paula Nadig, MD, St. Elizabeth Hospital's Chairman of Pediatrics (left) and Catherine Sheedy, RN, BC, BSN, the Hospital's Nurse Manager of the Maternal-Child Division (right) look over some of the "Ronald McDonald" sleepwear in one of the private rooms, set up with a small crib, on the new Pediatric Unit.



For the older child, the new Pediatric Unit offers youth beds as seen here in a semi-private room.

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# Real Estate



Weichert Realtors' Union office raised nearly \$1,500 during a recent telepledge campaign for the American Heart Association. Community services director Nicole Hodge, left, presented Union branch manager Jon Elkund with the plaque awarded to the top fund-raising office in the region.

**Weichert in Union raises dollars**  
Volunteers in the Union office of Weichert Realtors raised nearly \$1,500 for the American Heart Association during a recent telepledge campaign.

The Union office was recognized as the top office in the sales region encompassing Morris, Union and Essex counties. It was the second consecutive year that Weichert teamed with AHA to support the ongoing research and public health education efforts in the battle against heart disease and stroke.

**Total funds raised by Weichert reaches \$38,000 for heart group**  
Volunteers in Weichert Realtors' sales offices throughout New Jersey raised \$38,000 for the American Heart Association during a recent telepledge campaign, announced James M. Weichert, president.

It was the second year that Weichert and the AHA joined forces to raise money for the battle against heart disease and stroke. New Jersey's number one and number three killers. This year, the American Heart Association is celebrating its 50th anniversary and launching a program focusing on women's heart health.

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# Automotive

## Cadillac introduces the newly redesigned 1998 Seville

Seville, Cadillac's prestige luxury sedan, has been completely redesigned for 1998. Building on its strength of style, technical innovation and performance, the Seville is a no-compromise vehicle that will lead Cadillac into the global market.

From the beginning of the 1998 Seville program, Cadillac was committed to a car that would meet the needs and wants of customers in more than 40 countries throughout the world. The result is a Seville that is truly a world offering.

After benchmarking prestige-luxury competitors, as well as gathering feedback from customers around the world, designers were convinced that the 1998 Seville should evolve its distinctive styling. This evolutionary approach allowed for many improvements and enhancements while maintaining the Seville's popular and enduring look.

Although the Seville exterior established a new world reference standard for mobile mass, the Seville 4.9L V8 engine is the result of a "lean about" collaborative approach between Bow associates and Cadillac engineers. The result is a technological showcase that evolved from the corporation's ongoing leading research into aerodynamics, psychodynamics and electronics.

The 1998 Seville is the first car in the world to offer adaptive seating, an innovation that adapts conventional adjustable seats with impressive control, especially on long trips, and range of adjustment.

Adaptive seating technology uses a network of 10 air cells, located between the standard leather upholstery and foam in the seat cushion and

back. Every four minutes, sensors attached to these air cells measure internal pressure and supply that information to a control module, which compares the measurements to an optimal pressure pattern stored in its memory. If a discrepancy exists, pressure inside the air cells is adjusted.

Seville features a choice of 4.6 liter Northstar V8 powerplant, application dual-overhead-camshaft aluminum engine that are smooth, powerful and efficient. A 300-horsepower Northstar V8, engineered for ultimate performance, is standard for the STS, while a 275-horsepower version, tuned for enhanced mid-range torque, is standard for the SL5.

## Special features are standard equipment at Infiniti

The Q45 flagship luxury performance sedan continues Infiniti's renowned tradition of offering customers vehicles that are well appointed, providing ready-to-go 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 design style.

Both models of Q45 are equipped with a sport-tuned suspension, performance-tuned aluminum alloy wheels and an attractive rear spoiler designed to add a hint of athleticism to the vehicle's styling.

Leather seating surfaces, available in beige, Stone Beige and Black, and 10-way power front seats with driver and passenger side air are Q45's elegant interior. The driver's seat includes a two-position and easy memory system that enables the seat to automatically adjust to the driver's preferred position.

Once seated, occupants will find a custom-design eight-speaker Bose audio system with AM/FM/cassette/CD player, a two-way power operated sunroof with tilt feature, an integrated HomeLink Transmitter for remote opening of garage doors, and an automatic climate control system with CFC-free conditioning system.

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

The Q45 Touring Model adds standard interior equipment two-seating heated front seats and a sportier steering wheel with ergonomically-designed "grip" for added driver control.

Both Q45 models are powered by a new 4.1-liter DOHC 32-valve V8 engine that produces 265 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-bolted coil springs and a rear transverse bar.

## AAA supports deactivation of air bags

AAA said it supports the decision by the government to allow the installation of switches to temporarily deactivate airbags.

"This will enhance the safety of all drivers and their passengers," said Fred Olson, president and chief executive officer for AAA New Jersey Automobile Club in Flemington Park.

"Airbags save lives when drivers and passengers are properly positioned and restrained," said Gruel. "The overwhelming majority of motorists should never deactivate their airbags."

Before the switches can be installed, motorists must receive an authorization letter from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. To get authorization, motorists must send a form to NHTSA stating they meet at least one of four criteria:

• Unable to sit 10 inches from the airbag; • At risk from airbags due to a medical condition; • Must transport children in a vehicle without a car seat; • Must transport more children than can be accommodated in the rear seat.

AAA also reminds motorists that the safest place for children to ride is in the back seat, even in vehicles not equipped with airbags.

"For children, the key to airbag safety is to be properly restrained in the back seat," said Gruel. "For adults, the key is to properly restrain with a safety zone of at least 10 inches between their chest and the airbags."

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