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Schiffer admits to cop killing

By Robert Coakley
Staff Writer

More than 40 years after taking an oath of secrecy to his family and living in fear, Ted Schiffer admitted his role in the shooting death of Rahway Police Officer Charles Bernoskie in Superior Court Friday before a full courtroom that included co-defendant Robert Zarinsky, formerly of Linden, and the family of the victim.

Schiffer, who was arrested in August in Pockville, Pa., appeared before Superior Court Judge John Triani handcuffed and in an olive-green jail uniform. He told the story of how Bernoskie had interrupted a burglary of a Miller-Pentecost dealership in Rahway on Nov. 28, 1958, being perpetrated by Schiffer, who was 19 at the time, and his cousin Zarinsky, who was 17.

Shots were exchanged between Bernoskie and Zarinsky. Bernoskie was fatally wounded, and crawled into the kitchen of a nearby residence where he died. The case remained unresolved for 41 years.

Schiffer and Zarinsky were wound up by Bernoskie, made their way to Zarinsky's home in Linden. There, Zarinsky's mother, Veronica, removed the bullets from Zarinsky and treated their wounds, according to Schiffer. Schiffer's wound was a "through-and-through," where a bullet entered and exited.

Veronica Zarinsky swore everyone in the family to secrecy about the crime. Schiffer said he learned that Bernoskie, a 29-year-old father of six, had died the next day.

Information about this night was given to police last year by Zarinsky's younger sister, Judith Sapa, whose husband, Peter, is being brought up on fraud charges for allegedly taking \$170,000 from Zarinsky's trust fund set up by his mother when she died five years ago. Sapa gave the information after her husband was arrested.

Schiffer had kept quiet about his role in the robbery for so long due to fear of Zarinsky, who has been incarcerated since 1975 as part of a 98-year sentence for the murder of Rosemary Calandrello, a 47-year-old Atlantic Highlands girl.

Schiffer said he had discussed the matter in full with his attorney, Hassan Adellah and Joseph D'Andrea, and understood the consequences of his guilty plea for felony murder and aiding and abetting Zarinsky. Triani said Schiffer would not be sentenced until after he had testified against Zarinsky, who had been charged and pled not guilty to Bernoskie's murder.

Triani said Schiffer could be sentenced for 15 years, but serve the time at the Lakawana County Prison in Pennsylvania near his home and family. Under the sentencing laws of 1958, Schiffer could be free on parole in two years.

D'Andrea gave some additional information outside the courtroom after Schiffer was taken back into custody. According to D'Andrea, Schiffer and Zarinsky were out "cruising" in Schiffer's 1951 convertible when Zarinsky showed his gun and suggested they hold up the auto dealership and steal various parts. Bernoskie surprised the two, and that is when the shooting started, according to Schiffer's attorney.

The gun that Zarinsky used has not yet been found, but was apparently disposed in a body of water, D'Andrea said.

Schiffer waited every night for a knock on his door by police officers, and also was afraid of Zarinsky, D'Andrea said. Schiffer and Zarinsky only met one time again after the robbery, where Zarinsky asked Schiffer if he had told Schiffer's new wife about the crime, D'Andrea said.

D'Andrea hoped that since Schiffer had never been arrested, he might be out earlier than two years on a hearing or work release program. Part of the deal made with authorities was serving the time until Zarinsky's trial at a Pennsylvania jail closer to his family, instead of in the Union County Jail. Zarinsky was described by D'Andrea as a "veteran jailhouse lawyer" who would try to make the case as long and drawn-out as possible after it finally went to trial.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Rahway Progress to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community event the public it deserves, mail your schedule to P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Today
• The Board of Education will hold its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the intermediate school cafeteria, Kline Plaza. The meeting has been postponed from Jan. 18.

Upcoming
Jan. 31 to Feb. 4
• St. Mary's School will have registration and an open house during Catholic Schools Week. The open house will be from 9 a.m. to noon each day, and 4 to 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 31. The school is located at 244 Cape May Ave. Call 382-0011 for more information.

Feb. 2
• The Rahway Senior Citizens Center and Elder's Center is sponsoring a free ladies' senior social from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the bowling alley, 741 N. Sales St. Ladies are invited to register, call 827-2016.

Feb. 12
• St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Rahway will sponsor a flea market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1407 W. St. George's Ave. Vendors are needed along with new and used items. Call 382-7411 for more information.

Feb. 25
• The Rahway Senior Citizens Center is sponsoring a bus trip to the N.J. Flower and Patio Show at the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset.

The trip is open to city seniors only. The cost is \$7. The bus leaves at 10 a.m. from the center on Esterbrook Avenue and returns at 1:15 p.m. The show includes a dozen landscaped gardens, a maze, and a "wood" concert. Call 827-2016 for more information.

March 25
• The Rahway Retired Men's Club is looking for members. The club is interested in being part of a friendly organization. The club was organized in 1961, meets every Monday at 10 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center at 1306 Esterbrook Ave. Activities include Atlantic City trips, various bus trips, dances and shows, four to five day trips, card playing, pool, annual Christmas dinner and dance, annual picnic and professionally guest speakers. For more information call Nick Corra at 888-2416 or the Senior Citizens Center at 827-2016.

March 29
• Rahway Hospital, in conjunction with the American Association of Retired Persons, is offering three sessions of its 55 Alive Mature Driving Course. The eight-hour course will be held Feb. 22-23 and March 28-29 in the hospital's Education Center, 865 Stone St.

March 30
• The hospital is hosting the classroom refresher course to help community members ages 55 or older revitalize their driving skills and help prevent accidents. The fee for the course is \$8. Light refreshments and snacks will be offered. The registration deadline for the first session is Feb. 18, and March 24 for the second session. For more information or to register, call 499-6183.

March 31
• The American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 607 is planning a trip to New Orleans and Biloxi, Miss., from March 31 to April 8. The cost is \$259. For more information call (908) 534-1947 or 388-0022.

April 1
• The Rahway Health Department has scheduled free blood pressure testing dates for 2000. They will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Feb. 16, March 15, April 19, May 17 and June 21 at the Senior Citizens Building, 1306 Esterbrook Ave.

Screenings also will be from 3 to 6 p.m. on Feb. 1, March 7, April 4, May 2 and June 6 at the Rahway Recreation Center at Main Street near City Hall. For more information, call 827-2016.

The Rahway City Council has announced its schedule of meetings for the upcoming year. All meetings are at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. Pre-meeting conferences will be held on Feb. 8, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 7, July 5, Aug. 8, Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 6 and Dec. 5. Regular meetings will be held Feb. 14, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 14, July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 10, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11.

An exhibit titled "Industrial Legacy," a display of artwork by Michael McGinley and Tim Gaydos, will be now through Feb. 9 at The Gallery at The Arts Guild of Rahway, 1670 Irving St. Admission is free. The exhibit includes images of factories and industrial plants. Regular gallery hours are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m., and Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.

The Rahway Police Department is recruiting police officers. Applications for the state Department of Personnel's 1999-2000 Law Enforcement Examination are available until Feb. 25. The test will be administered between May and June. Applications are available at police headquarters. The department's Community Assistance Team will once again offer a free informational seminar to applicants before the test date. For more information call 827-2179.

The city Board of Education is scheduling meetings for the first four months of 2000. Causus meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Pizzoni Pizzeria Meeting Room, Room 105, of the intermediate school. School Board meetings are Feb. 8, March 14 and April 19. Regular meetings are at 7:30 p.m. in the intermediate school cafeteria. Dates are today, Feb. 15 and March 29. The board will hold its organization meeting, April 26 at 7 p.m.

Eight cats killed in Rahway house fire
A house fire Sunday caused extensive damage and killed eight family cats, said Rahway fire officials. The blaze was reported at 7:38 p.m. along the 400 block of Sherman Street. The family dog was removed from the house by the occupant.

Police Officer Herbert Glass arrived and saw flames and smoke coming from a bedroom window. At that time, Paul and Julia Travis and their 14-year-old daughter Rebecca, were outside the house and suffered no injuries.

Due to the intensity of the fire and the extensive damage to the home, the Union County Animal Squad was called. They determined the fire was caused by an electrical problem. Firefighters and the Animal Squad both responded and cut off power to the house. The Rahway Fire Aid Squad also stood by at the scene.

Charles St. Martin responded to remove the dead cats. The family is staying with relatives in town. In other city fire reports:

• The Rahway Fire Department and Police Officer William Moran were dispatched to a possible hazardous materials condition Sunday at 8:14 a.m. along the 200 block of Hamilton Street.

They discovered an oil slick on the Rahway River when they arrived. An oil tank had been removed from the 1000 block of Sherman Street. The fire department and some of the oil had been pushed up by groundwater from runoff and leaked into the river.

A pontoon was set up across the river by members of the Fire Department to soak up the oil. The Coast Guard and Union County Hazmat both responded to the scene since the slick occurred in tidal waters. All units cleared at 10:57 a.m.

• The Fire Department responded to a motor-vehicle accident Jan. 8 at 11:48 a.m. at St. George's and New Brunswick avenues.

Firefighters responded to a smell of smoke in the house Jan. 10 at 7:45 a.m. along the 1700 block of St. Georges Avenue. It was caused by a defective light ballast on the second floor.

There was smoke in the basement that turned out to be furnace blowback Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. along the 800 block of New Brunswick Avenue.

• A child was locked in his house Jan. 12 at 9:38 a.m. at the 1400 block of Washington Street. The fire department forced entry into the residence.

• The Fire Department was the first on the scene for a medical call Jan. 9 at 11:28 a.m. at the 500 block of Washington Street. The fire department administered oxygen, stood by for medical and helped transport the victim to the hospital.

• On Jan. 13 at 3:51 p.m., at the 100 block of East Lincoln Avenue, there was a chemical spill of Hydrogen Bromide which evaporated.

Power tools are stolen
About \$1,200 in power tools were reported stolen from a company vehicle between Jan. 11 at 3 a.m. and Jan. 13 at 6:54 p.m., according to Rahway police.

The location of the theft was not given. The vehicle, a 1990 Ford, was a very secure locking system, which was still locked. No force or tampering was observed.

In other city police reports:

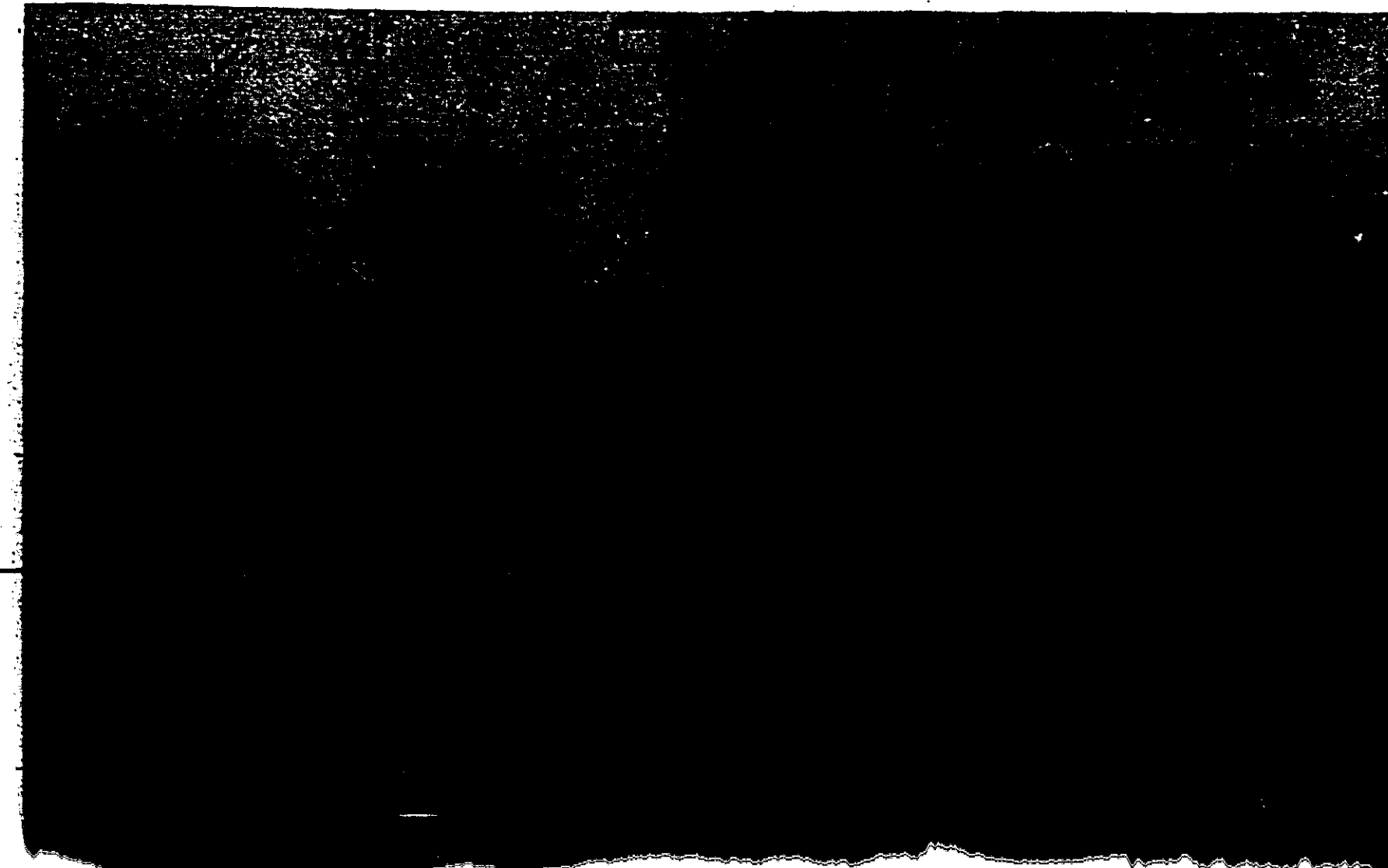
• A theft of \$752 in cash was reported Saturday at 9:29 p.m. along the 1200 block of Main Street. The wallet contained a New Jersey driver's license, \$8 in cash and a credit card.

• An attempted theft of cigarettes was reported Monday at 10:17 a.m. along the 400 block of Main Street. The suspect was seen running from the store along the 400 block of St. George's Avenue.

• A 1986 brown C-Box type container trailer was stolen on Tuesday between 12:30 a.m. and 3 a.m. from the corner of Route 1 and Lafayette Street. The victim stated the theft happened while he was trying to warm up the tractor at another location.

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Marchers pay tribute to King

(Continued from Page 1)
Event organizer Deborah Thomas said she would like to have a full-fledged parade through downtown Rahway next year on a Sunday morning for the holiday.

Other events held in Rahway to celebrate the Martin Luther King holiday were a gospel program Friday at the Agape Family Worship Center and an ecumenical service Sunday at the Second Baptist Church.

NEWS CLIPS
families through the advanced stages of the patient's illness, with emphasis on keeping the patient at home until death.

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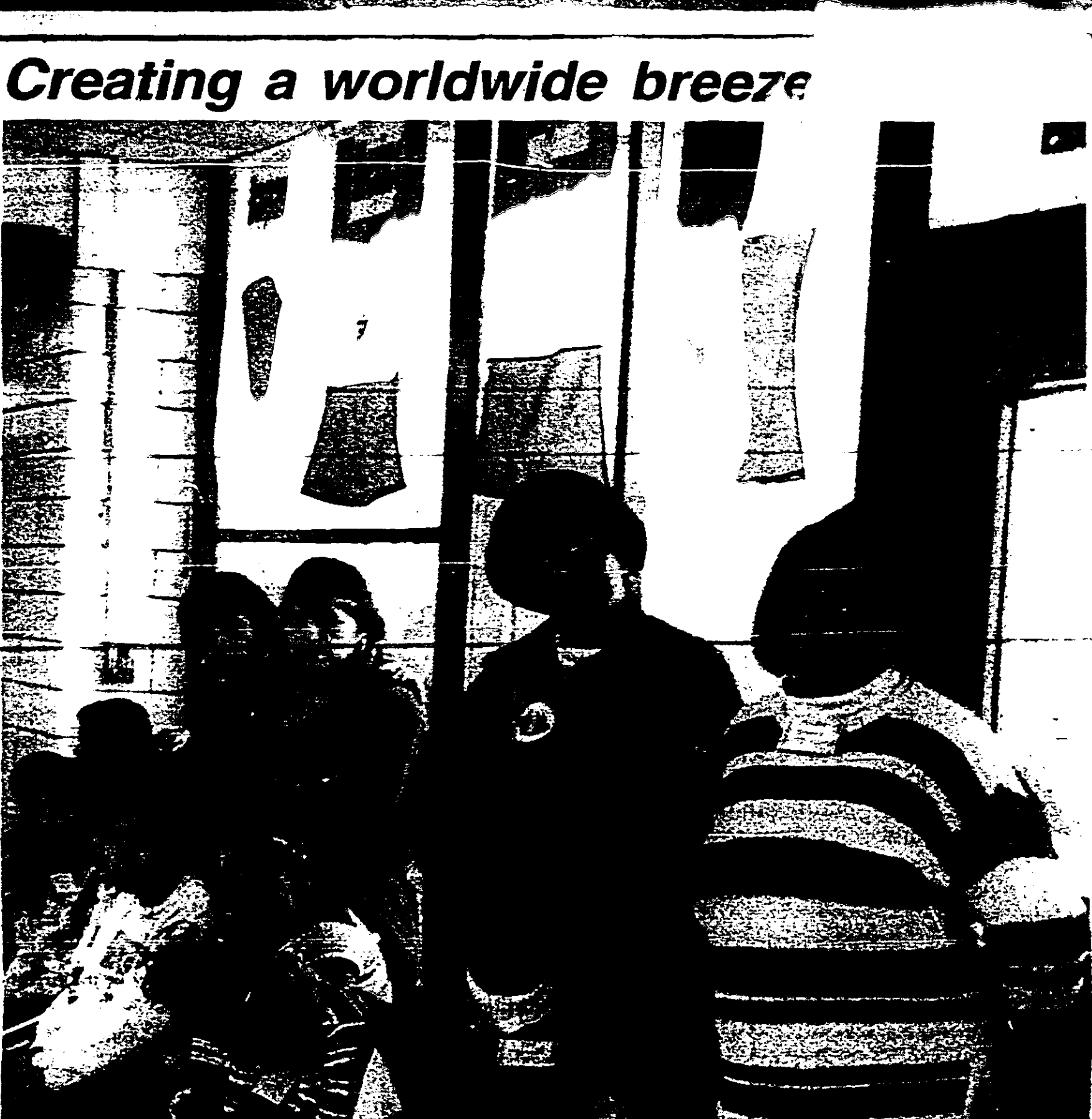
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Top right, Event chairperson Deborah Thomas compares the marchers Monday in Rahway. Top left, youths bundled up for the walk Monday to the King memorial. Left, Council President David Brown joins Kenny Bolton, 12, of the Mr. Rogers' Young Men program at the podium.

The Martin Luther King Jr. observance included a march, songs, prayers, remarks by city officials and civil-rights group representatives, and prayers. Approximately 50 people marched through downtown Rahway to lay a wreath at the King memorial near the train station.

Roosevelt School students and teachers gather Friday for the opening of the International Breezeway, with flags and signs from their countries of origin. Another photo is on Page 10.

Photo by Barbara Kaskala

Rose Martel

Gospel spirit

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Knordle, Claudett Keisha, Sonjirey and Tracie; two brothers, Leslie Knordle and Roy McCadden; a sister,

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Photo By Jeff Grant

Denise McEachin claps and dances Friday during a gospel service to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Agape Family Worship Center in Rahway.

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By Frank Capece

For the first time he can remember, Lapolla said, the tax levy comprises less than half of the budget. Seven years ago, property taxes were responsible for more than 57 percent of the county budget.

Union County Budget

Year	Total Budget	Tax Levies
1990	\$203.5	\$37.9
1991	\$216.7	\$41.9
1992	\$231.5	\$38.2
1993	\$244.9	\$43.1
1994	\$264.1	\$48.1
1995	\$272.6	\$48.6
1996	\$271.4	\$48.5
1997	\$278.7	\$51.7
1998*	\$288.2	\$50.2
1999	\$288.2	\$50.1
2000	\$302.0	\$50.1

Legend:
 ■ Total Budget
 ■ Tax Levies

*Executive budget presented by county manager. Subject to change.

The authority is a 20-member group including a representative from each of the 13 northern counties, one each from Newark and Jersey City, and five appointees from the governor's office which includes a citizen appointment. Port Authority, NJ Transit and the Department of Transportation.

Women's Po

Executive budget presented by county manager. Subject to change.

The big loser in the battle may have been Essex County Executive James Treffinger who lobbied hard for his fellow Republican Narozanick.



Being installed by Wforn

awarded a \$600,000 professional services contract to Joseph Tognoli & Son Inc., of Lafayetteville, for "information management/hazardous waste investigative services" for the "schematic design development phase" of the proposed Union County Juvenile Detention Center under the Goethals Bridge.

...The county purchased more than

Janiszewski struck a serious tone on the authority's work in saying, "The future of transportation in an urban state like New Jersey is not in asphalt and roadway."

Final phase

three acres of land for \$2.185 million last May from Olympia Trails. The site, at 200 Bayview Ave. in Elizabeth, has a two-story, 19,000-square-foot building with offices and a shop used by Olympia Trails bus company.

Funds to purchase the property were part of a \$40-million bond ordinance approved by freeholders in

of the Vanneri Complex in Westfield, which houses the County Police and other offices.

The firm also appears prominently in the Union County Democratic Committee's filings with the Election Law Enforcement Commission. Joseph J. Ingulli contributed \$1,000 last year while Michael Jiganti made four

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On signage program initiated

The implementation phase of the "image building campaign" for the Union County.

The implementation phase will complete the planned signage throughout the county in addition to expanding the signage and theme into the county's printed materials, such as letterhead and brochures, and adding directional signs for various offices, parks and facilities.

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house Annex at Caldwell Place and Elizabethbeth in Elizabeth, has been in operation since 1984. The current center has a capacity for 180 youths, but the average enrollment is above 30, and considered inadequate.

Several years ago, freshworkers were contemplating a new juvenile detention center.

Chaimon Daniel Sullivan at the next luncheon meeting on Wednesday at noon at L'Affaire, Room 22 Express Mountrail.

Sullivan will give an update on the county's efforts in instituting their program for 1991.

For 2000, the open space areas and economic development within the county.

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NJPAC announces its lineup for 2000 appearances

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center welcomes the dawn of a new century, heralding the success of its third season which has already seen nearly 40 sold-out performances in the Prudential Hall and the Victoria Theater, including appearances by Krystina Zimmerman, Sarah Brightman, Sting, Pato de Lucía, Sonny Rollins, Savion Glover and two nights of "Monstrous on Ice," among more than 100 NJPAC FamilyTime presentations.

The second half of the 1999-2000 season features more of the richly diverse programming that audiences have come to expect from the Arts Center. Tickets for Arts Center performances may be obtained at the NJPAC box office, 1 Center St., Newark, or by calling (888) 466-5722.

Among those making their NJPAC debut during the first six months of the 21st century are acclaimed South African choral group Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Jan. 29; English beloved Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Feb. 4; charismatic dancer/choreographer Bill T. Jones, Feb. 18 to 19; German violinist Anne Sophie Meyer, Feb. 20; and

conductor Michael Tilson Thomas with the San Francisco Symphony, Feb. 25.

Also on tap are first-time visits by Grammy-nominated singer and pianist Diana Krall, March 3; contemporary music master Philip Glass, performing with Gambian boys player Foday Musa Suso and Brazilian vocalist Virginia Rodrigues, March 30 and 31; Irish pop sensation Mary Black, April 1; legendary sitar Ravi Shankar, with daughter Anoushka, April 28; and opera diva Renee Fleming, April 15; pianist Awadagin Pratt, April 16; female a capella group The Roots, April 17; and the New York City Opera, April 18.

Return engagements include Urban Bush Women and National Song and Dance Company of Mozambique, March 24 to 26; the Boston Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Seiji Ozawa, April 7; the New York City Opera National Company, with its exquisite production of "The Barber of Seville," April 15; pianist Awadagin Pratt, April 16; female a capella group The Roots, April 17; and the New York City Opera, April 18.

May 6, the beloved Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, May 12 to 14; and conductor James Levine with The Met Opera, May 19.

Many Award-winning musicals return to NJPAC with Richard Chamberlain in the national tour of "The Sound of Music," Feb. 8 to 13, and the story of Anna and the King of Siam with all of its memorable Rodgers and Hammerstein music in "The King and I," March 21 to 26.

Plans are already underway for NJPAC's 2000-2001 season, promising both exciting premieres and return engagements by past season sell-outs. Subscription tickets will be in the mail in early March.

NJPAC's 1999-2000 season sponsors include AT&T, Amica U.S. Healthcare, American Express, Bell Atlantic, Chase, The CITI Group, Continental Airlines, Fleet Bank, March, Pepsi, Pfizer, Target Stores and Warner Lambert. Funding for the New Jersey Performing Arts Center has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State and the National Endowment for the Arts.

'Magnolia' is full of astonishment

"Strange things happen... and so it goes, and so it goes," proclaims the disinterested narrative voice in the prologue for writer-director Paul Thomas Anderson's third film, "Magnolia," which, at three hours and 10 minutes, certainly has sufficient time to illustrate its point.

Indeed, one of the strangest things of all is the prologue itself, which deals with, among other things, a boy's suicide attempt in 1958. After sitting through about 20 minutes of preview trailers, and then seeing this, I began to get that sinking feeling that I was sitting in the wrong movie theater. Finally, at the conclusion of the rather lengthy prologue, an opening credit boldly appeared on the screen, reassuring me that I was indeed watching a "P.T. Anderson Picture."

Tom Cruise is outstanding as Frank Mackey, aka Jack Partridge, a man who is seen here to be the new messiah of actual pop psychology. He carries on like an evangelist on his television program, "Seduce and Destroy," allegedly designed as a self-help program to help men overcome their shyness toward women and to become winners, not losers, in the battle between the sexes. This is Anderson's one true attempt at satire in the film, and Cruise, who is very convincing, manages to make the most of it. Despite his confident outward demeanor, however, Cruise reveals an inner pain and hostility which wells up inside of him in more private moments among colleagues and friends, but especially when being interviewed by a hapless television reporter named Owenwiler, played by April Grace, who simply manages to

go too far. Cruise displays a lot of emotional depth here, and I was just as impressed with his work in this film as in Kubrick's "Eyes Wide Shut."

Jason Roberts gives a touching performance as the dying Earl Partridge, a television producer whose one last wish is to be reunited with his estranged son, Frank, when he walked out on when Frank was still a boy. Earl's visiting nurse, Phil Parma, played by Philip Seymour Hoffman — who is so adored and compassionate it's truly astonishing — is suddenly called upon to locate Frank; and, in a fairly comical scene vaguely reminiscent of Woody Allen, Anderson has some fun by having Phil purchase several giant magazines in order to look up Frank's 800 number.

Julianne Moore gives a manic performance as Linda, Earl Partridge's grief-stricken wife, who is so guilty over having married for money that she arranges with her disbelieving lawyer, played by Michael Murphy, to have her name removed entirely from Earl's will.

William H. Macy is poignant as Donnie Smith, a former child prodigy who, on April 28, 1968, was \$100,000 on a quiz show for children but whose life ever since has been one of disaster after another. He now spends his time longing after a bartender named Brad, played by Craig Knafland, while being tormented by a sadistic barfly played by Henry Gibson. Donnie is perhaps the consciousness of the film, who at one point blurts out, "I've got a lot of love to give — I just don't know where to put it." His child counterpart in the film is a boy named Stanley, played by Jeremy Blackman, who is in a new child quiz show genre, and is at one point being seen escorted through the

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Students' artwork tours area schools

Have residents been wondering where their children's artwork is? The Springfield School District is hosting a touring art show of student work. The compiled work is a sample of the best painting, printing, drawing, computer graphics, and multimedia within a variety of classes per each grade level. The show includes work from Pre-K to high school and will be touring all of the schools and the board offices. The schedule is as follows:

- Saxmire Elementary School, Tuesday to Feb. 4.
- Walton Elementary School, Feb. 14 to 25.
- Springfield Public Library, March 1 to 31.
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FIORINO RISTORANTE

By Tim Hayes

Immediately upon entering Fiorino Restaurant one is struck by the feeling that this is a special place. This comes partly as a result of the warm and elegant surroundings inside. Comfortably spaced tables fill the room while the surrounding walls are adorned with an array of richly painted works of original art.

Just behind the bar, a private art collection is so extensive that they are in the habit of regularly replacing the paintings with something new and different each month. The purpose of this abundance of art is twofold: explains the owner John Bizio. Not only do these painted canvases please the eye, but they also provide for perfect acoustics allowing you to speak intimately with the person you are with.

Even more impressive than the physical surroundings is the fact that Mr. Bizio greets each patron much like you would expect a good friend to welcome you into his home. He does not merely greet you, but rather he ensures your comfort and appears to hold a vested interest in making the time you spend in his restaurant to be as pleasurable as possible.

The real excitement, however, doesn't start until the food begins to arrive. While the expertly prepared food at Fiorino is based on the traditional dishes found in the Tuscany region of Northern Italy, they have undoubtedly succeeded in making each dish uniquely their own. Starting with the antipasto I would recommend the Marinated Gilled Prawns with White Bean Crostini and Mint (\$8.50). This is an especially difficult dish to prepare for the simple reason that most prawns on the market today are much tougher than many of the smaller and sweeter shrimp. Fiorino's overcomes this obstacle by spending no expense on each and every ingredient that goes into the food that they prepare. The gilled prawns were handpicked and arranged on the plate and they hold up to my highest expectations. Even from the start it was easy to see why the American Academy of Hospitality Science recently awarded Fiorino's with the coveted 5-Diamond rating for outstanding food and service.

For many, no evening in a fine Italian restaurant is complete without the requisite dish of pasta and if Fiorino were to just make it fresh each day, their patrons would surely be happy. Mr. Bizio, however, knows that he can do better than that. At Fiorino each dish of pasta is hand made and served with fresh Tomatoes, Shalloots and a touch of Cream (\$14) it became instantly clear that the pasta dough hadn't even been rolled out or cut until just moments before.

If you happen to favor entrees such as fish, chicken, lamb or steak (\$15 to \$26) these too can be found in the rather select yet diverse menu which always changes with the seasons. Master chef Carlo Bizio has a complete command of his art and the results are quite impressive. That may also be why Fiorino's is a favorite to diners who demand only the best.

Not to be overlooked is the rather small but inviting bar which opens out into the main dining room. Here you can enjoy a glass of wine from their extensive collection of the world's finest vintages from around the globe. Fiorino Restaurant is located at 38 Maple Street in Summit. For reservations call (908) 277-1900.

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Overlook is first N.J. hospital in Beth Israel 'revolution'

It doesn't involve a miracle drug or a new advance in medical technology. Nevertheless, a revolution is occurring in American medicine. Hospitals are beginning to look beyond their roles as providers of medical services to include all aspects of a patient's well-being in their care and treatment. At Overlook Hospital's Palliative Care Program, this "new" way of thinking is already well under way.

In recognition of Overlook's pioneering work in the field of palliative care, the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey has awarded the hospital a \$124,000 grant to formalize its "PAPE 2000" and the training of its staff. The grant is part of a new "model" program.

The leading hospital in the field, New York's Beth Israel Medical Center, supported the grant application and is collaborating with Overlook in developing its training program and research.

Hospitals and health care workers are good at addressing the physical needs of our patients, and we need to get stronger in these areas. The grant will help us to really sensitive our staff about what palliative care means," explains Patty Colligan, Overlook's Social Work Manager.

Overlook Hospital is also the only New Jersey hospital invited to participate in a study conducted by the Palliative Care Outcomes Consortium, a group of eight hospitals, led by the Beth Israel, that are collaborating on the research and development of palliative care programs.

Palliative care traditionally refers to the kind of attention given to patients with serious, progressive, far-advanced disease for whom the prognosis is limited. The focus is on helping the patient and family, so that dying is as comfortable and meaningful as possible.

Building on its history of leadership in caring for the dying, Overlook Hospital has taken the palliative approach a giant step further. Overlook has developed the philosophy that palliative care is a model of good practice for all health care sectors, and that all patients at all stages of health can benefit from this approach.

The training program at Overlook is designed to honor the principles of palliative care, which include: the discipline, and apply to the benefit of every patient. Physicians, nurses and all staff members who have direct contact with patients take special classes. The training emphasizes "simple yet essential" communication skills that enable health workers to know their patients more intimately and address staff's own fears and feelings about illness and death. The goal is to build a more accurate assessment of physical symptoms along with a heightened awareness of the patient's feelings and situation. It also means fostering a close relationship between the network's staff and a patient's family and caregivers.

A major feature of Overlook's Palliative Care Program is an in-house team of experts to advise physicians and to assist in providing palliative services for all patients, especially those nearing the end of life. Another critical goal of Overlook's program is providing patients with seamless care as their needs change, for example in transferring out of the hospital to hospice, nursing facility or home. This includes the obvious, such as ensuring that the appropriate course of medical treatment is understood and followed. It also includes the not-so-obvious, such as respecting the wishes of dying patients and their families, and the goals of care.

making those desires clear to emergency medical service teams and other caregivers outside of Overlook. Pain management has been described as the essence of palliative care. In 1997, Overlook established its Pain Management Service to coordinate procedures and train its staff. Physicians and nurses at Overlook Hospital routinely treat pain as a "fifth vital sign" in all patients. Unlike the other vital signs, pain cannot be assessed with instruments and numbers. Pain assessment relies primarily on the patient's subjective sense of distress and their own statements and responses. The accurate measurement of pain, therefore, depends crucially on staff sensitivity and communication, and on the patient's ability to express their pain.

A national survey of patients satisfaction already points to the success of Overlook's pain management efforts. To help bring the entire field of palliative care into the future, Overlook Hospital is participating in a pilot study of the Palliative Care Outcomes Consortium about the impact these programs have on patients' quality of life, and their satisfaction with the care they receive. Relatives, friends, and caregivers are also part of the study.

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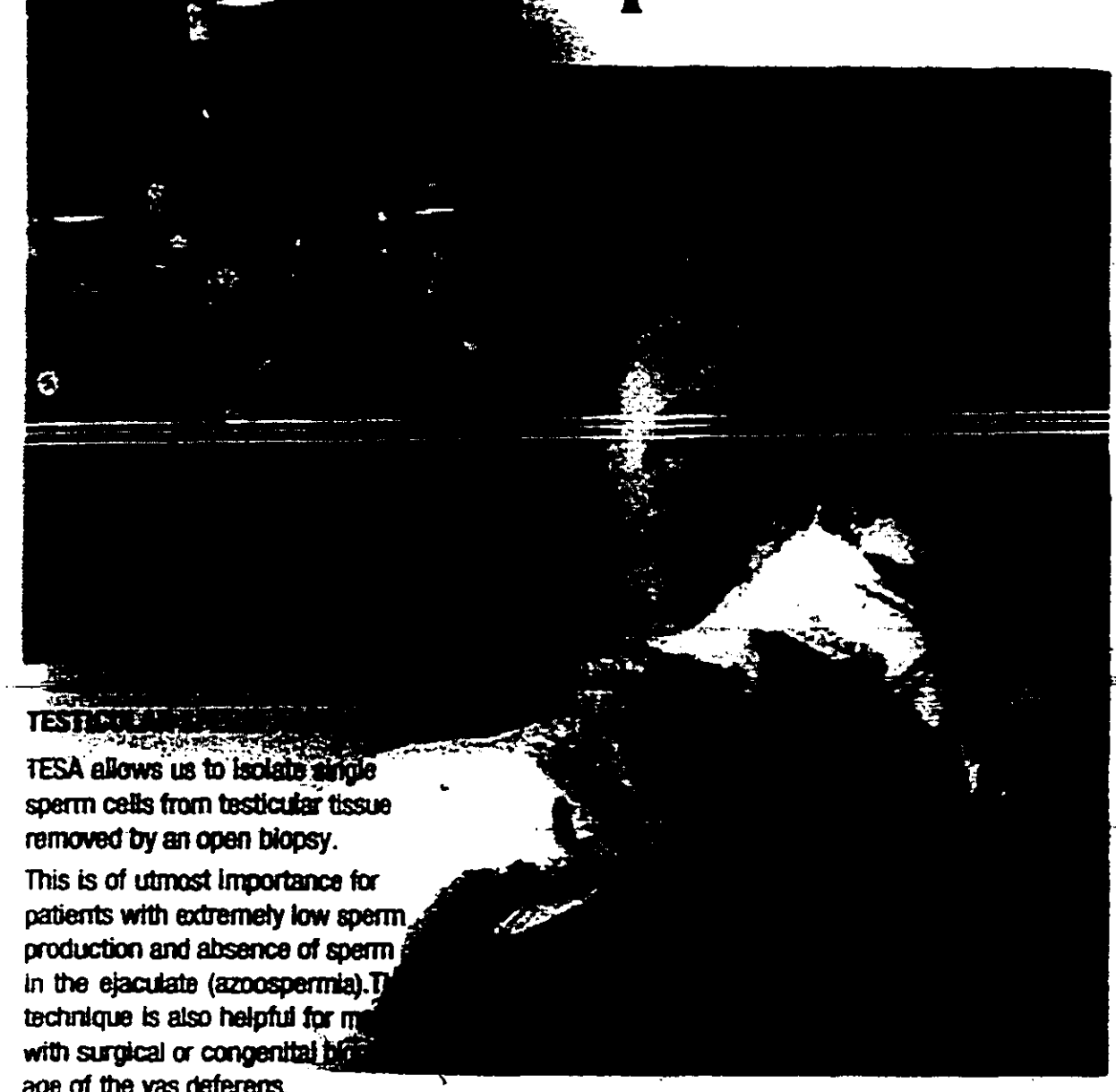
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Plaintiff: **CRANFORD TOWNSHIP**
Defendant: **JOHN J. VAN SANT**
Court: **Superior Court of Essex County, New Jersey**
Judge: **Hon. Judge Robert J. Berman**
Date: **February 3, 2000**
Time: **10:00 a.m.**
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AGENT of the Month

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1999 Award Winner

Susanna Palmaffy
Susanna Palmaffy has done it again — another winner in real estate. For the 12th year in a row, she has received the N.J.A.R. \$10 Million Dollar Award. Susan's attention to detail, advice, reassurance and supportive ways have gained her continuous referrals. Thanks to all those in the Maplewood-South Orange Area for making this another great year.

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CONGRATULATION BARBARA LOZAN
Barbara achieved the N.J.A.R. Million Dollar Sales Club for the year 1999. She is a licensed Broker/Associate. Truly dedicated to serve her clients, always there when they need her. Barbara takes her job very seriously. Offering her services with experience, honesty and professional service. If you are thinking of buying or selling a house be sure to call Barbara today. She can help you with all your Real Estate needs.

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SAIDY AND IRVING SCHRAGER
DID IT AGAIN
Saidy and Irving Schrage are top real estate professionals in the South Orange area. They have been named "Top Sales Agents" for the month of December. They are dedicated to serving their clients with honesty and integrity.

TONY D'AGOSTINO
BROKER/OWNER
Tony established Village Green Realty located in Clark in 1972. Eight years later and expanding then he decided to improve consumer products and services. Tony chose to franchise with ERA Real Estate. He will be recognized the first of the ERA business Conference to be held in Miami Beach for his 25 years of commitment to ERA. Tony is a graduate of the Realtors Institute and holds a Senior Graduate Appraiser designation. Tony's staff is a balanced blend of both experienced and recent newcomers to the Real Estate business.

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Agent of the Month
Our agent of the month for December is Arlyne Harriet Mirro. A consistent "Top Producer" Arlyne is once again a leader in the Company. Arlyne's success not only comes from her outstanding referral business from her loyal customers but her tremendous knowledge of the business. If you want one of the most outstanding Real Estate professionals today working for you, call Arlyne Harriet Mirro at 688-3000.

John Eklund
Sales Manager
Office 908-687-4800

Marianne Chamberlin
Marianne Chamberlin is a longtime Maplewood resident. Before joining Weichert in 1996, she worked as an adjuster for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for 22 years. Chamberlin is a member of Weichert's Million Dollar Sales Club and in 1998 the NJ Million Dollar Club.

BMW's 2000 X5 are expected to go fast

By Mark Maynard
Copy News Service

The 2000 BMW X5 goes on sale this month, but suppliers will be limited. Only about 2,000 were expected to be shipped from the Spartanburg, S.C., factory through the end of 1999.

Don't expect those to linger long on dealer lots, even with a starting price of \$49,970.

The X5 — which BMW calls a Sports Activity Vehicle, not an SUV — is pure, V-8-powered Bimmer. It will climb the muddy truck trails at your local fish and game club, but it also scales the heights of BMW's "luxury and luxury amenities."

BMW won't say exactly how many X5s it will build in a year, but the firm will be slow until the final production run in company standards.

If you don't mind waiting a couple of months, you can still get a specific limited-edition 2001 X5 as being offered, with deliveries beginning in late May and June.

This limited edition X5 is painted in a special color called "Alpine White" and features a special "Alpine White" leather interior. It also has a special "Alpine White" paint package.

You can get more information on the X5 by calling (800) 301-48MW or by visiting the BMW website at www.bmwusa.com. The website also has a special "Alpine White" package for the X5.

Time Keepers
Hemmings Motor News now publishes a "Time Keepers" section, including information on the latest in timekeeping technology.

Oldsmobile Alero outshines all others in class

When you compare the new Oldsmobile Alero with others in its class, it shines as a nice little car. It is smart, sensible and reasonably priced.

Alero is a new compact-class model for Oldsmobile. It comes in four trim choices: GLS, GLS, GLS and GLS. The GLS is the top of the line, with a starting price of \$18,745. The GLS is the most popular, with a starting price of \$17,495. The GLS is the most popular, with a starting price of \$17,495. The GLS is the most popular, with a starting price of \$17,495.

The base GLS coupe and sedan have a starting price of \$16,850, which is clearly a price leader that comes with many features — but also some significant extras.

Every Alero comes with four-wheel disc brakes with ABS, power rack and pinion steering, variable speed wipers, rear window defogger, air conditioning, 10 speakers, electric trunk release and a four-speaker AM-FM radio. The GLS sedan starts at \$18,745 and the GLS coupe is \$17,495. The top line GLS coupe is the most popular, with a starting price of \$17,495.

The standard engine is General Motors' 150-horsepower 2.4-liter four-cylinder. It has strong power away from the traffic light and easily will tote a carload of people. The GLS Model has the option of a 170-hp 3.4-liter V-6, which is the standard motor for the GLS. The only transmission offered is a four-speed automatic, which is another considerable perk for the base model.

Among the interesting mechanical features is a Tire Inflation Monitoring System, which uses the ABS wheel speed sensors to detect a tire rotating at a different speed than the other tires. The system will alert the driver via warning lights and chime to a variance of 12 psi or greater.

Other notable extras include:

- Enhanced Traction System, which automatically limits front wheel slippage in low-traction situations.
- One-touch window-up/down power windows.
- Stainless-steel exhaust.
- Breakaway rearview mirror.
- Five-year/100,000-mile coolant, long-life brake fluid and transmission fluid.

The architecture is a efficient with conveniently placed switches and controls. The cabin is modern-looking and attractive, with a sporty feel. The steering column is adjustable, and the instrument panel is easy to read. The electric trunk and hood releases are within easy reach for the driver and the rotary-style controls for fenders/doors are simple and effective. On the road, Alero is just as handy to drive. The top-line GLS coupe is a car which also has the sport package, accelerates with enthusiasm, and the shifter was right there for quick down-shifts and smooth upshifts.

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<p>1998 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE</p> <p>4-cyl., auto, p/s, air, v/h, abs, int. wps, BSM, pwr, AM/FM, cassette, tilt, cruise, BSW, rds., styled white. SK #PC0303 VIN JN010302 82,310 mi.</p> <p>\$3,466</p>	<p>1995 SATURN SL</p> <p>4-cyl., auto, p/s, air, v/h, abs, int. wps, BSM, pwr, AM/FM, cassette, tilt, cruise, BSW, rds., styled white. SK #PC0105 VIN S2210609 51,663 mi.</p> <p>\$5,863</p>	<p>1996 NISSAN SENTRA GXE</p> <p>4-cyl., auto, p/s, air, v/h, abs, int. wps, BSM, pwr, AM/FM, cassette, tilt, cruise, BSW, rds., styled white. SK #PC0303 VIN T017766 41,591 mi.</p> <p>\$6,852</p>
<p>1995 PONTIAC GRAND AM SE</p> <p>4-cyl., auto, p/s, air, v/h, abs, int. wps, BSM, pwr, AM/FM, cassette, tilt, cruise, BSW, rds., styled white. SK #PC0107 VIN SC785668 73,962 mi.</p> <p>\$4,926</p>	<p>1995 MERCURY XJ7</p> <p>2-cyl., 6-cyl., auto, p/s, air, v/h, abs, int. wps, BSM, pwr, AM/FM, cassette, tilt, cruise, BSW, rds., styled white. SK #PC0188 VIN P0687762 71,476 mi.</p> <p>\$6,350</p>	<p>1996 TOYOTA COROLLA GX</p> <p>4-cyl., auto, p/s, air, v/h, abs, int. wps, BSM, pwr, AM/FM, cassette, tilt, cruise, BSW, rds., styled white. SK #PC0301 VIN T0171282 43,519 mi.</p> <p>\$9,167</p>
<p>1997 TOYOTA COROLLA</p> <p>4-cyl., auto, p/s, air, v/h, abs, int. wps, BSM, pwr, AM/FM, cassette, tilt, cruise, BSW, rds., styled white. SK #PC0305 VIN T0182277</p> <p>\$9,574</p>	<p>1997 NISSAN MAXIMA GXE</p> <p>4-cyl., auto, p/s, air, v/h, abs, int. wps, BSM, pwr, AM/FM, cassette, tilt, cruise, BSW, rds., styled white. SK #PC0306 VIN T030683 65,411 mi.</p> <p>\$12,937</p>	<p>1996 TOYOTA RAV4 4X4</p> <p>4-cyl., 5-sp, auto, p/s, air, v/h, abs, int. wps, BSM, pwr, AM/FM, cassette, tilt, cruise, BSW, rds., styled white. SK #PC0308 VIN T0080067 22,226 mi.</p> <p>\$13,747</p>
<p>1998 OLDSMOBILE BRUNNEN 4X4</p> <p>4-cyl., auto, p/s, air, v/h, abs, int. wps, BSM, pwr, AM/FM, cassette, tilt, cruise, BSW, rds., styled white. SK #PC0309 VIN T0202427 43,601 mi.</p> <p>\$15,555</p>	<p>1997 BUICK REGAL GS</p> <p>4-cyl., auto, p/s, air, v/h, abs, int. wps, BSM, pwr, AM/FM, cassette, tilt, cruise, BSW, rds., styled white. SK #PC0120 VIN 1421330 31,586 mi.</p> <p>\$15,085</p>	<p>1998 CADILLAC BRYWOOD ROSEHORN</p> <p>4-cyl., auto, p/s, air, v/h, abs, int. wps, BSM, pwr, AM/FM, cassette, tilt, cruise, BSW, rds., styled white. SK #PC0374 VIN R7038710 61,263 mi.</p> <p>\$15,800</p>

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School board asked to acquire furniture store

By Robert Coakley
Staff Writer

City Councilman Frank Janusz last week suggested that the Board of Education acquire an adjacent furniture store for a proposed expansion project after the Zoning Board of Adjustment rejected a senior complex at the site.

Janusz spoke Jan. 20 at the school board meeting about the Hoffman Koon building next to Franklin School on St. Georges Avenue. The building was under consideration to be converted into a senior citizens apartment complex, but the Zoning Board voted the proposal down last week.

The developers may appeal, but Janusz said he doubts it would go in their favor.

Since school officials are considering acquiring homes on Hamilton Street to tear them down and expand the school to make room for the state-mandated full-day kindergarten classes for Franklin School, Janusz believes the board should "explore" obtaining the store.

"I would like to see the board possibly consider moving over to the Hoffman Koon area, and not taking those homes off the tax levy," Janusz said. "I've heard that the intermediate school might also have to be expanded, so maybe by moving into Hoffman Koon, you could save some money."

His wife, Mary Ann, said that this would be a perfect time for the school board to look at obtaining the Hoffman Koon property. The board could possibly work out a joint venture with the city and develop a proper drop-off/pick-up area for the Franklin School, she said.

With the school board in control of the Hoffman Koon property, homes would not have to be torn down where it wasn't needed, and maybe excess property could be sold to a developer to make more single-family homes for the area, said Mary Ann Janusz.

Opponents of the senior complex said the four-story structure was too large for that section of the city, and the additional traffic would worsen conditions on the side street and for parents trying to drop off and pick up students at the elementary school.

Developer Ralph Mucci had proposed a 168-unit complex at the site of the existing furniture store.

In other business, Shirley Palmer, the president of the Rahway branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, expressed concerns about a statement regarding the separation of the predominantly white Winfield school from Rahway High School.

Minority students would question why "all the white students are leaving" in response to the Winfield students getting phased out of Rahway, according to Palmer.

Alan Schimman, a member of the school board, made the comment in reference to a study done that said a question of inferiority would be raised psychologically among the minority students. "I am not saying it is my opinion, but I did refer to the study," Schimman said.

Palmer said that she knew the remark was made without any malice or derogatory intent. "But there is a problem with other people speaking for us," Palmer said. "Concerning some of the white students leaving, some of the minorities don't even notice. I don't feel the students worry about color as much as the adults do. The students just want to know if they have something in common with the other students."

A state administrative law judge last week ruled that Winfield could terminate its relationship with Rahway and enter into a new one with Kenilworth. Winfield school officials maintain that their students would be better served in a smaller school district like Kenilworth.

Due to the snowy weather, the board allowed members of the general public to speak right away before going into private session.

Fred Russell spoke to the board about Veterans' Field, and how nothing has been done to properly maintain it. There is no pitcher's mound, and two-thirds of the field does not have grass, Russell said.

"We would like to present a good appearance at the field," Russell. The infield grass not being cut and other facility field conditions have caused some baseball games to be cancelled in the past without being rescheduled.

Russell said the baseball team could be behind other teams when practice begins in March due to a lack of indoor batting cages.

The board suggested that Russell present his concerns to them in writing, so they will be able to do what they can about the baseball field and team.

The baseball team has made a lot of progress, Russell said, and he would like to see something positive happen for them.

Also, Don Andersen asked about the situation between the school board and the teachers union and the contracts, including the impasse that was declared and the request for a state mediator.

"The teachers that are advisors to clubs that are non-paid have withdrawn their participation," Andersen said.

The board said they have to comment about their situation with contract negotiations, but that their first meeting with the state mediator was scheduled for Monday. Due to schools closing for inclement weather Tuesday, no comment could be reached from the school board about the meeting by press time.

Pelissier fined for net euthanasia drug

Nearly \$19,000 in citations

By Robert Coakley
Staff Writer

City Business Administrator Peter Pelissier, the owner of Garden State Kennels in Long Hill, was fined more than \$18,700 last week by the state after health officials said the kennel used an illegal drug to euthanize over 600 animals in 1998.

The action comes a month after the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals filed charges in Long Hill Municipal Court alleging that the kennel used the banned drug, a neuro-muscular blocking agent called succinylcholine chloride, to euthanize 272 animals in 1999.

The drug has been banned in New Jersey since 1988 and is considered an unacceptable method to euthanize domestic animals by many animal rights groups. The activists claim that the use of succinylcholine chloride is cruel and painful to the animals.

The drug was found on the premises of the facility by state Department of Health and Senior Services investigators. The owner stated it was being used on the animals during euthanasia on an ongoing basis, according to the DHSS.

In 1998, 673 animals were euthanized, according to a report from Garden State Kennel given to the state. At \$25 per offense, the total fine is \$15,325.

Injecting the drug into the heart was consistently used to kill 309 cats in 1998, according to the report. This is an unacceptable method of euthanasia, according to the DHSS, and the \$10 fine per offense comes to a total of \$3,090.

There were 15 offenses documented between Jan. 12, 1999 and Dec. 28, 1999 of stray animals being euthanized prior to the seven-day stray animal holding period required by law. At \$10 per offense, the fine totalled \$150.

A dog with a fractured leg was not provided with veterinary care for three days between Dec. 18 and Dec. 21, 1999, which carries a \$250 fine.

Pelissier must pay by Feb. 3, within 10 days of Jan. 24, the receiving date of the letter, or request a conference to discuss the fine. Officials from the health department have ordered Pelissier to correct all the problems noted.

If the problems are not corrected, the department may take steps to have the kennel's license suspended or revoked, according to officials.

The charges filed against the kennel by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Long Hill Municipal Court are still pending.

Pelissier was appointed the Rahway business administrator in 1991, and has municipal animal contracts with 11 towns in Union, Middlesex and Morris counties for the collection, treatment and holding of stray cats and dogs.

The towns that send strays to Garden State Kennels are Berkeley Heights, Clark, Fanwood, Garwood, Plainfield, Rahway and Scotch Plains in Union County; Long Hill and Marlinton in Morris County; Bound Brook in Somerset County and Woodbridge in Middlesex County.

Neither Pelissier nor his attorney could be reached for comment on the fines from the state health officials by press time Tuesday.

In an earlier interview, Pelissier defended the treatment methods used at his kennel when the charges were filed last month.

"My only comment is that all animals euthanized have been euthanized with a proper drug under the direction of a licensed veterinarian," Pelissier said last month.



The first snowfall of the winter struck the area last week. For some residents it was a chore, while others took advantage of the snow to enjoy some winter activities. Above: Donna and Jay Joroff shovel a downtown sidewalk Friday while, left, Daryl Martin, 14, and Danice Martin, 7, take to the slopes in a sled at Rahway River Park. The area was pummeled with more snow on Tuesday.

Brown addresses Black finances

By Robert Coakley
Staff Writer

Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "We refuse to believe there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. So we have come to cash this check — a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice."

Jesse Brown, a financial expert and president of Chicago-based Krystal Investment Management, came to the Arts Guild of Rahway Friday to share how African-Americans can use the philosophy of King to take control of their finances and invest in America's lucrative stock market.

Brown was brought to Rahway and introduced to the audience by The Rev. Edward Allen, head of the Rahway Community Action Organization. There were about 50 people who braved the 10-degree weather to hear Brown speak.

Brown's appearance was to promote his new book, "Investing in the Dream: Personal Wealth Building Strategies for African-Americans in Search of Financial Freedom." The book, Brown's second, examines the history of African-Americans' finances and lays out plans for getting out of debt and planning for the future.

Brown said the importance of his book was so African-Americans could continue the progress and advances they have made over many obstacles, such as slavery, segregation and equality. The movement of African-Americans into public policy, politics and social influence meant to Brown that there should be great financial freedom.

Thirty years ago, who would have known the mayor of Chicago or Newark or Birmingham would have been black? Brown said. "To still be poor as a race of people is really unconscionable. The final step is really access to true wealth. That is why I wanted to write the book. That is why I want to give the strategies, the outlines, the portfolio and ideas are so critical and timely."

"I think it is absolutely critical that we as a group of people, especially African-Americans, have over \$400 billion in consumer spending in society, and unfortunately are only saving and investing 1 percent of that," Brown said.

"There's a reason for that. The financial service community seem to ignore all middle-class Americans, not just black Americans. They seem to go after the rich and the famous. The real wealth of this country is in the middle class."

The real key, said Brown, is knowledge and trust. The more people know, the better they would do financially. Brown said the stock market boom was passing people by and inflation is going to catch up with them.

"I am excited about this," Brown said. "I consider this a mission. People have got to get involved in the economic system. You cannot sit on the sidelines and hope. They have to actually do it."

The book was launched Jan. 14 at the New York Stock Exchange. Brown had the honor of being the first African-American non-listed company person to ring the bell and open the Exchange. Just as an individual, no one had ever had that opportunity, and it was done in honor of Martin Luther King's birthday on Jan. 15, he said.

Brown spoke in New York City, and also spoke in Chicago on Jan. 19, where he had a chance to ring the bell to open the stock exchange there as well. Then he spoke in Washington on Friday, before coming directly to Rahway to speak for Rahway Community Action.

He plans to continue his book tour in Dallas-Fort Worth, Atlanta, Detroit, Philadelphia and other cities.

Jesse Brown signs a copy of his book, "Investing in the Dream," at his presentation Friday at the Arts Guild of Rahway.