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RAHWAY PROGRESS

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RAHWAY, N.J., VOL. 10, NO. 54 THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2000 TWO SECTIONS

Innovations planned for library

By Robert Conkley Staff Writer

The Rahway Public Library board of trustees have discussed several improvements for the new facility, according to interim Library Director Ed Beckerman.

The new library is set to be located behind City Hall, after the old facility on Central Avenue was heavily flooded by Tropical Storm Floyd and shut down.

According to Beckerman, the most important aspect of this new library will be about 27 stations wired to the Internet, with desktop computers at those stations. Patrons will be able to bring in their laptop computers and hook them up to the Internet as well, Beckerman said.

"The potential is for a great many additional computers, as they are needed," Beckerman said. "We're looking forward to the future. As time passes, you will see more and more of these stations develop. It's designed to be a flexible arrangement."

The architects from the Biber Partnership in Summit reviewed what they were doing with the design. There will be three levels to the building: two building levels and ground level for parking. The first level, about 32,000 square feet, will be the library.

There will be another level on top of the library, the office level which SDI will rent out. Beckerman did not know the exact square footage, but it will be a little smaller than the library.

"There is an intent to develop a plaza and some civic space in front of the library," Beckerman said. "There'll be an canopyway to the building. The site will face inward, so the entrance will face the parking area."

There will be a suitable lobby space up on the second level. Off to the right, there is going to be a meeting room the public can use. That will be approximately 1,600 square feet and will seat about 150 people.

"As you go directly into the building, straight ahead there is a central charging desk where you borrow and discharge books," Beckerman said. "As you go forward, a bulk of the library is really on the main level there. And that will include a child's room on the first level. A reference area will be in the back."

Another feature the first floor will have is a small cafe. This is not as uncommon as might think. The Portland, Oregon library has a Starbucks cafe inside and an adjacent area for parking. The main



Summer slowdown at center

By Robert Conkley Staff Writer

The Rahway Recreation Center is preparing for the summer months as Rahway Director of Recreation Anthony Diege counters charges that the center is not putting its weight financially.

Diege explained that since the gym that takes up so much of the center's space is not air conditioned, the summer months will be a slowdown.

"We really won't be using the gym, plus everything moved outside," Diege said. "We have a playground where programs move outside all day. And the only thing we will probably do in the rec center is some indoor camps."

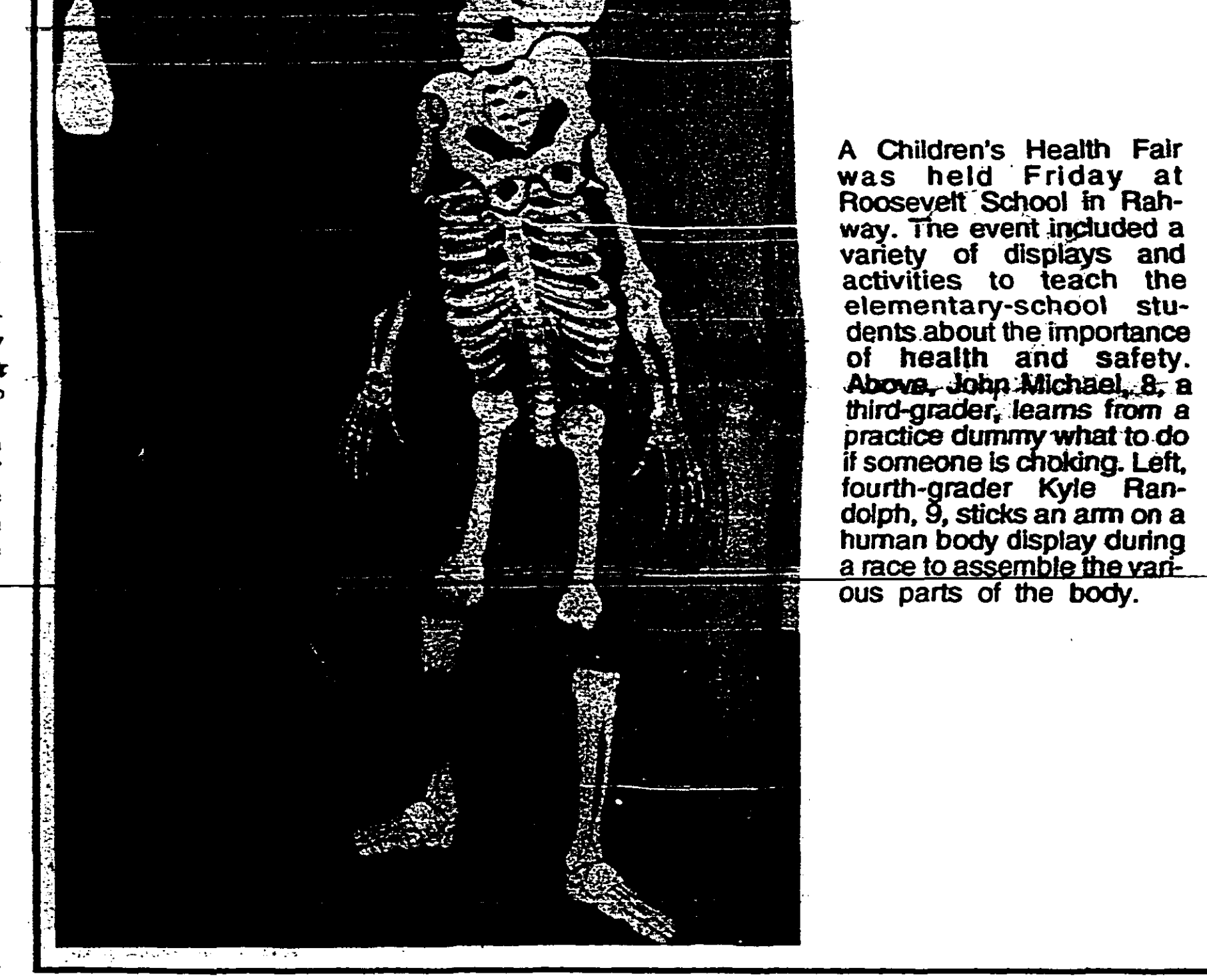
Diege said the center will try two-week camps where people can work on arts and crafts, as well as ceramics. The center is looking into running a day care center, some kind of a morning and afternoon fun time for pre-school children, as well as children up to the third or fourth grade, Diege said.

But people have wondered since the center opened if the building is paying for itself, or is an unnecessary burden on the city and taxpayers. These concerns have been brought up at Rahway City Council meetings by members of the public.

"There's a figure that said the center cost \$250,000 a year to run. That's the recreation budget. There's a little confusion over that, how much it costs to operate this building."

"Rahway Recreation had a building and had employees. They all just moved here. Now obviously because of the availability of more things, we've added more."

As far as the building paying for itself, Diege said people would have to look at what the building is costing in



A Children's Health Fair was held Friday at Roosevelt School in Rahway. The event included a variety of displays and activities to teach the elementary-school students about the importance of health and safety. Above, John Michael, a third-grader, learns from a practice dummy what to do if someone is choking. Left, fourth-grader Kyle Randolph, 9, sticks an arm on a human body display during a race to assemble the various parts of the body.

Bedside manner for canines

By Robert Conkley Staff Writer

A rabies clinic was held May 16 at the Rahway Fire Department headquarters on Main Street. Abimael and Sindy Hernandez watch as Animal Control Officer John Weber, Dr. G.N. Roy of the Rahway Animal Hospital can administer a shot. Many residents brought their dogs and cats to the city-sponsored clinic to be vaccinated.

Memorial to firefighters restored

By Robert Conkley Staff Writer

Efforts are under way to restore a monument dedicated to the deceased members of the Rahway Fire Department.

The Fire Department, the Rahway Exempt Firemen's Association and a downtown Rahway business are joining forces to accomplish this goal.

The monument, created in 1913, was originally scheduled to be placed in the firemen's plot of the Rahway Cemetery. The statue never made it to the cemetery, and for the most part resided in the spot behind the train station where the Martin Luther King Jr. memorial now is located. The monument was then moved to its current location on Main Street beside of the Fire Department.

The original monument portrays the figure of a turn-of-the-century fireman holding a fire hose and looking vigilantly over the community. The life-size statue of the fireman sits on a six-foot pedestal of Quincy granite. The statue itself was sculpted in Italy out of stone that was a unique blend of Carrera marble and sandstone.

The elements have taken their toll on the statue's heroic figure over the years. The helmet lost most of its crisp line and the hands and facial features had eroded. The statue of the rescuer needed to be rescued.

Under the guidance of the local Exempt Firemen's Association chapter, the statue was removed from its pedestal last summer. The statue was then moved to the Cherry Street studio of Royal Treasures Antiques,



which is owned by Rahway art restoration expert Robert Buczynski. There the restoration process began. According to Buczynski, the statue had to be allowed to dry first. "The blend of sandstone and Carrera marble is fairly porous and over the years a great deal of moisture had seeped into the statue," Buczynski said. "Mold had started to form and the statue needed an extended drying out period before the actual restoration could begin."

Now that the drying period has been completed, the actual restoration is under way. The work began with the removal of the mold and a thorough cleaning of the statue. Various compounds were used to kill the remaining mold and to neutralize any remnants of acid remaining in the pores. Next, all the damaged pieces of the statue had to be removed.

Buczynski has now begun the painstaking process of retooling all of the lost details in the helmet, the hands, and the face with clay. These molds will then be used to create replacement pieces made out of resin and sandstone.

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Motorcyclists drive their point home

By Robert Conkley Staff Writer

Approximately 35 motorcyclists went 15 miles out of their way through Union County Sunday afternoon to make a point about motorcycle safety.

The bikers took part in the annual United American Bikers Allied Town and Education of New Jersey Ten Town Run through Union and Middlesex counties. Organizers Gary Introse, Joe Grimaldi and Steve Kizma revved the run through four new central county municipalities.

"Previous runs have basically started here at Liberty Harley-Davidson in Rahway, gone up Routes 1&9 to the Elmore Circle, across local streets in Elizabeth and back by St. Georges Avenue," said Introse. "This

time, we've added a loop through Cranford, Kenilworth, Roselle Park and Roselle."

"It is a great feeling to ride with a group like ABATE through your own town," said Kizma, a Roselle Park resident.

"The route will go past my house on Route 140 Street," said Grimaldi of Kenilworth. "I'm sure some of my neighbors will wonder where all these motorcycles came from. That's the point of the run — their becoming aware of cyclists."

The point of the rally is to make the general public aware of the fact that, due to the warming weather and the impending arrival of summer, motorcycles are out now in force, Grimaldi said. It is the better riding season now, See MOTORCYCLISTS, Page 3

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Toaster causes fire

The Rahway Fire Department responded to a kitchen fire caused by an electrical short to a toaster oven May 10 at 7:32 a.m. along the 1200 block of Main Street. The fire was extinguished and the smoke vented.

FIRE BLOTTER

A car was leaking gas May 11 at 9:44 a.m. along the 800 block of Stone Street. The leak was sealed, the car removed, and the gas cleaned up.

The Fire Department assisted the First Aid Squad with a transport May 12 at 5:05 a.m. along the 300 block of West Scott Avenue.

There was a medical assistance call May 12 at 7:26 a.m. along the 200 block of Linden Avenue. The Fire Department collected and backboarded the patient, and the First Aid Squad transported her.

There was a motor vehicle accident May 13 at 1:45 a.m. at the corner of Route 1 and Lawrence Street. Nightsticks and backboards were applied, and the Fire Department drove the ambulance for the squad.

The Fire Department assisted the First Aid Squad with transporting a patient and driving the ambulance May 13 at 4 a.m. along the 1100 block of Pierce Street.

There was a fire reported May 13 at 11:21 a.m. along the 300 block of West Lincoln Avenue. Elizabeth Gas took care of the problem.

There was a motor vehicle accident May 13 at 12:26 p.m. at the corner of New Brunswick and East Main avenues. One of the cars was leaking gas. Union County HazMat was notified, but was then cancelled. The Fire Department used foam and Speedy Dry to clean up the gas.

There was a medical call for a lift and carry May 13 at 2:35 p.m. at the 800 block of Nicholas Place.

A fire was reported May 13 at 7:30 p.m. underneath the field house at Tully Field on Grove Avenue. The Fire Department forced the door and found evidence of burnt newspaper and twigs.

There was a call of an odor of smoke on May 14 at 8:30 p.m. along the 500 block of Union Street. Nothing was found by the Fire Department.

There was a call of flames from behind a house on May 13 at 9:44 p.m. along the 600 block of West Grand Avenue. There was no fire found, but evidence of fireworks being shot off.

There was a car fire May 14 at 7 a.m. at the corner of St. Georges and Lake avenues. The fire was extinguished and a tow truck removed the vehicle.

The Fire Department helped give oxygen and take the vital signs of a patient until the First Aid Squad arrived May 14 at 5:31 a.m. along the 1400 block of Eastbrook Avenue.

The Fire Department assisted the First Aid Squad with a transport May 14 at 12:36 p.m. along the 2200 block of St. Georges Avenue.

There was a medical assist May 16 at 5:48 a.m. along the 400 block of Hamilton Street. The Fire Department helped transport a patient.

A brush fire was reported May 16 at 3:51 p.m. at the 800 block of New Brunswick Avenue. The fire was extinguished.

The department responded to a brush fire May 16 at 5:29 p.m. at the corner of Inman Avenue and Broad Street. The fire was extinguished.

There was a motor vehicle accident May 16 at 9:05 p.m. at the corner of St. Georges and West Meadow avenues. The Fire Department cleaned up antifreeze and fluids with Speedy Dry.

A motor vehicle accident occurred May 17 at 2:34 p.m. at the junction of Route 1 and East Hazelwood Avenue. The Fire Department cleaned up antifreeze and fluids with Speedy Dry.

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 publicity it deserves, send your notice to P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Sunday

The Rahway Veterans Central Committee will sponsor the Memorial Day Parade. Bob Mulhally, commander of the Catholic War Veterans Post 361, will be the honorary grand marshal in recognition of his many years of service for veterans affairs.

The parade will start at 1:30 p.m. at the City Hall Complex, Main Street and East Millon Avenue. All units that plan to participate are requested to assemble there at 12:45 p.m. There will be a parade marshalling available to direct units to the point of assembly.

Immediately following the parade there will be open houses at the American Legion Post 5 on Maple Avenue, VFW Post 681 on Campbell Street, American Legion Post 439 on West Main Street and the Catholic War Veterans Post 361 Knights of Columbus at 1000 1/2 St. Nicholas Avenue.

Upcoming

June 1
The Rahway American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 697 will sponsor a trip to Atlantic City. Departure is at 8:30 a.m. from the Rahway Public Library for a day of fun and relaxation. Call 699-7740 and 389-2477 for more information.

June 7
The Rahway Division of Parks and Recreation is accepting applications for individuals to work as playground counselors for the playground program.

June 7
The program is held for seven weeks from late June until mid-August. The division also is seeking individuals for the following summer positions: playground general supervisor, certified lifeguard and swim instructor. Contact 699-3300 for more information.

June 8
The Rahway Senior Center is looking for men older than 55 who are interested in playing pool. The center is located at 1306 Eastbrook Avenue. The club was organized in 1961, and meets every Monday at 7 p.m. Activities include: American pool, card playing, pool, annual Christmas dinner, annual picnic and, periodically, guest speakers. For more information, call 699-3300 or 389-2477. The center is located at 1306 Eastbrook Avenue. Call 699-3300.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

Better access

Two bills in the Legislature would give New Jersey residents better access to public records, but they are being stalled from a vote in the Assembly and Senate by Attorney General John Farmer Jr., who feels approval of the bills would give too much power to residents and the media. Assembly bill 1309 and Senate bill 866 would amend the Open Public Records Law, a law that hasn't been updated in 37 years and one that is considered one of the weakest access laws in the nation. Since the new bills are supported by Gov. Christine Whitman, Assembly Speaker Jack Collins and Senate President Donald DiFrancesco, we urge the three most powerful people in New Jersey government to light a fire under our attorney general and get him to realize that "telling tactics will do more harm to this law than good."

The bill would make all government records public, except those that are exempted by law, executive order or a court ruling. There would be added strength in the proposed law in that an official who wrongly denies someone access to any records could be fined up to \$1,000.

Sadly, this has become known as the "newspaper bill" because the New Jersey Press Association and most newspapers in the state support A1309 and S866. That leaves a negative connotation because it makes us in the newspaper business sound like we're all tabloid journalists trying to find out as much private information as possible. In reality, newspapers are supporting the bills on behalf of the residents of the state. These bills would give us the power to examine records more freely and stop government officials from using loopholes to deny us access to public records. We're supporting these bills in an effort to keep government open to the people. Just as the state newspaper association is lobbying to get these bills passed, we ask our readers to write to the governor, Senate president and Assembly speaker voicing their concerns.

If the Legislature does not act on these bills in June before its summer hiatus begins, chances are these bills would lose strength come September. If that happens, we would have the strength of strengthening a terribly weak law.

Can we get some honor here?

It's Memorial Day again, and we could all look forward to a three-day weekend, or four, if we take off Friday. After all, isn't that what Memorial Day has come to mean to so many Americans across the country?

Every year, there are fewer people attending Memorial Day parades or simply paying respect to those who served another — to war veterans, and more and more people looking at the national holiday as a vacation day.

A large portion of our younger generation goes to the shore for the weekend. Others spend the day sleeping and relaxing, or catching up on work around the house without giving a moment's thought to our war dead.

This is wrong. We have all heard the message before, but it's worth repeating: Men and women have died for this country and the freedoms we have, and we must show our respect to them because they preserved that freedom by paying the ultimate price.

Even if you work Monday or are planning to go away for the weekend, we urge our readers to take some time out of their day to honor the men and women who died in war. Say a prayer, sit in silence or at least appreciate the sacrifice our soldiers made.

Most people do not realize how fortunate we are to live in America and have rights no one can take away from us. Most people don't realize what life is like in countries such as Cuba or North Korea, where you can't practice certain religions or even voice an opinion against the government. Granted, this country has its problems — corruption, growing immorality and a larger class distinction, to name a few — but American soldiers have died for that intangible concept we all know America could be.

Our founding fathers risked their lives for that same concept by taking a stand against Great Britain and stating in the Constitution, "In support of the Declaration of Independence with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honors."

Since the Revolution, American soldiers have sacrificed their lives and fortunes, but for Memorial Day, all we are asked to do is pledge our honor.

It is only one day out of the entire year. Is that too much to ask?

"Much like the gingham dog and the calico cat of poetic fame, the press and the politicians eat each other up until public trust for both disappears."
—Elaine Povich, journalist 1996

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QUIET WORK — Members of the Fannell and Ragland families show off their "Silent Structure," a free-standing construction created without the benefit of verbal communication. This was just one activity done by 12 families who recently participated in four evenings of Family Science at Grover Cleveland School in Rahway. From left are, Dianne Fannell, Michi Ragland and John Fannell.

Liberty Hall Museum site has rich history

A couple of weeks ago, quite a number of people had the opportunity to be present at the opening of the Liberty Hall Museum on the former Keen estate in Union Township.

To some of us who were long familiar with the area, the change was amazing. Where once had been farm land and cornfields was now parking areas, a visitor's center, refurbished stables and paths. The star attraction of course, was the 228-year-old mansion, built in 1772 for William Livingston, a New York lawyer who had expected to live there in quiet retirement.

As it happened, the American Revolution came along a few years later. His dream of peaceful farm life was ended when the colony of New Jersey declared itself a sovereign state and elected him to be its first state governor, an office he held into 1790. Some of the opening day visitors could recall to mind the appearance of this area nearly a century ago, when there was no automobile traffic and Morris Avenue was a narrow roadway that passed straight through the middle of the Green Lane Farm, as it was known in those days.

Long before the university was built, the land between it and the growing land for the prize herd of Golden Guernsey cows that could often be seen wandering about, enclosed by a sturdy fence. A part of that enclosure was made of high stuccoed walls behind which only the upper portion of the little white house could be seen. The house is still there, but it seems to be larger than it used to be, now that the walls of the fence are gone.

The little brook that flows through the western edge of the campus has been there for centuries, and is shown

The Way It Was

By William Frutch

Up until just a couple of years ago, most of the brook was visible in the field, but a flood control project has enclosed that part near Morris Avenue. A small brick arched tunnel once allowed the water to pass under the road and appear again in the triangle of land between Morris Avenue, Cherry Street and Trotter's Lane. From there the brook disappeared again into another brick tunnel that led the water under Trotter's Lane to where it joined the Elizabeth River under the bridge near the dam.

Both of these tunnels were more than adequate for the normal amount of water in the brook, but during a heavy rainstorm, the brook overflowed its banks and flooded across Morris Avenue, making the road impassable. Until the triangle of land was filled in about 1950 that area also was covered with water, that ran into the lower parts of the barn and house that stood on the triangle.

The house stood near the narrow point of Morris Avenue and Cherry Street, and quite possibly was the

smallest house in Elizabeth. It was rectangular, about 10 to 15 feet, and only a single story, with a peaked roof forming an attic.

The doorway faced the point of land, and anyone of gone than average height had to bend down to enter. A deliveryman with a block of ice on his shoulder had to twist and bend in order to go inside. The house and barn have been gone for more than 50 years, and the triangle was filled in for them to become a used car lot, which it still is.

In the newly-opened Liberty Hall Museum, the parking lot is adjacent to the visitor's center. It needed a new roof and much interior repainting. In one of the inside walls there is a section of plaster that has been removed in order to show the brick masonry that acts as a form of insulation in old houses.

The house has been known as the "Blue House" as long as anyone can remember, and it is still a blue house with a new coat of paint.

William Frutch is a member of the Union County Historical Society.

Our policy on letters and columns

The Rahway Progress welcomes submissions from its readers. Letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages.

This opportunity also is open to all officials and employees of the city and Union County.

The Progress reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

For publication, all letters and essays must be received before 9 a.m. Monday. The address is WCN22@localsource.com.

The Progress also accepts letters to the editor and guest columns via e-mail. The address is WCN22@localsource.com.

Letters and guest columns must be received by 9 a.m. on Mondays to be considered for publication in Thursday's edition.

We're asking Is there a need for train minibuses?



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"It'll be all right since a lot of people don't have cars."

"Minibuses should be used by the senior citizens. Who is going to pay for this minibuses?"

"I would be all right with it. It sounds like a good idea."

"There is a need for some type of public transportation since cars are too expensive."

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Hopefully, balance and wisdom will arrive

"All of us are well overpaid," he really said that. "He happens to be Mark McGwire, baseball's reigning home run champion. Just about everybody realizes that athletes are paid ridiculous amounts of money for playing children's games, but when one of the sporting world's superstars says that, it fits" into the man-bites-dog category.

The cynics among us might say that it's easy for the muscular McGwire to talk like that when he's standing on a pile of thousand-dollar bills. But the fact is that, to Mark's money, he's not earning, he could be earning that much more.

A little hard-nosed bargaining by him or his agent could have gotten him even more millions. If the Citi-bank has refused to renegotiate the fees in St. Louis, McGwire would have to be a much better negotiator than he is.

We have no problem with players extracting as much as they can from club owners. They're working off just like everybody else. The owner, the traffic cop and the reporter on this paper all want to make the best living they can. Unfortunately, however, their leverage is correspondingly diminished since they can't win a

world championship for their employer. The problem lies with the team owners. First they get the taxpayers to build them shiny new ballparks. Then they rush to dole out those hefty signing bonuses to every able-bodied male they can find.

If he had a bad year, would he be asking his boss that anyone he might be a teeny-bit overpaid and ought to be doctored just a little? Yeah, right. But it is just barely possible that McGwire's wisdom may yet prevail!

And if, by chance, a sense of sanity should overtake the world of professional sports, who knows where it might end. Movie stars might be willing to be paid less than \$40 million a year, and a program, maybe a covenant or two and \$20 for parking, and there you are. You even get hit when all you want to do is fill a couple of life hours watching the game on TV. More likely than not, now, now have to pay for what used to be a disinterested fan's home.

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Those who need a senior identification card can obtain one on the first Tuesday of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the center.

For more information call (908) 474-8627.

Exercise room is open at recreation center

The Linden Recreation Department offers all Linden adults daily use of a fully equipped exercise room at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 430 Helen St.

It is equipped with stationary bicycles, treadmills, step climbers, rowers, a four-station universal and a locker area with showers.


There is a \$5 registration fee for the

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Shield Medicare Forum.	Seniors participating in this program	senity serves approximately 150 area residents.
June 8: "Flower Match" trivia.	are required to present their Linden senior citizen identification card to participating merchants to receive the discount.	Anyone with a friend, neighbor or relative in Linden who could benefit from having his or her own LERS unit should contact her organizer.
June 9: Social dancing.		
June 12: Bingo.		
June 13: Cards and games.		
June 14: Linden Emergency Medi-	Those interested in obtaining the	should contact the LERS unit

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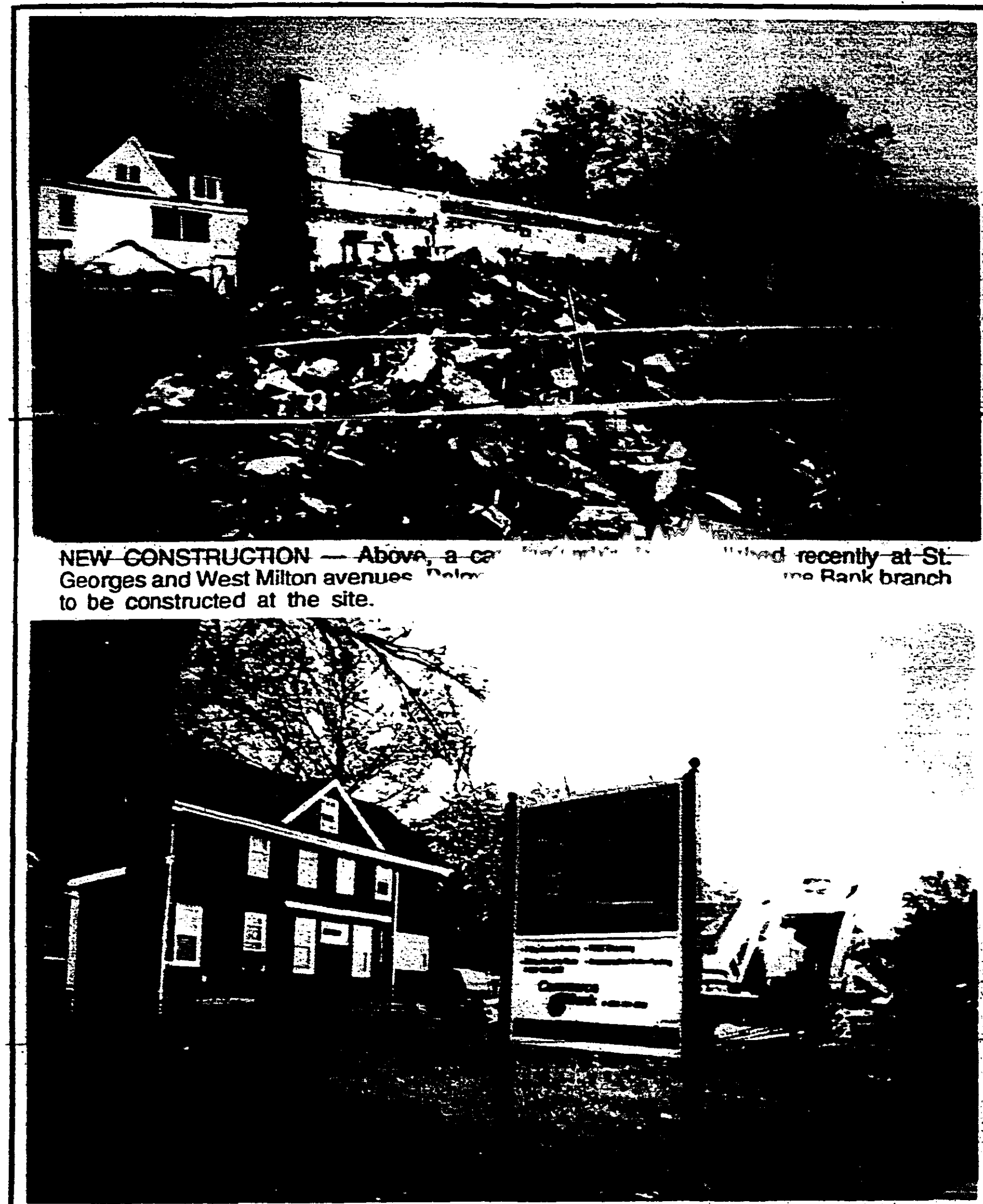
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NEW CONSTRUCTION — Above, a new building recently at St. George's and West Mill avenues to be constructed at the site.

(Continued from Page 1) the building, similar to a large brick house, Beckerman said. "We will probably use some of the shelving devices to give more attractive displays of books than we traditionally find in a library," Beckerman said.

"What libraries usually have is straight up-and-down shelving with the spines out, and it really doesn't display the attractiveness of bookcases today," Beckerman said. "They're designed to be attractive and stimulate interest, yet then libraries traditionally shelve them, they only show that back spine. So we're going to be going to try to get a little more attractive display, so it'll be more attractive for people using the library."

As mentioned, very space in the new library is going to be designed so it can be used very quickly. The future of the library is going to be connected with technology, and there is an additional interest in making technology available for people, Beckerman said.

"I think that's particularly true in a place like Rahway where some people are not going to have ready access to their own computers and are not going to have Internet access at home," Beckerman said. "But the can have it at the library. And we intend to see that they do."

Social notices are sought for residents

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the lifestyle editor. Announcements should be typed, double spaced or lightly handwritten and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification or if questions arise. Information requested for engagements are parents' names; high school name and town; college name, town and degree; name of employer and town where located; job title, and the date of marriage. Information requested for weddings are parents' names; date of wedding; where the wedding took place; who officiated; who attended the bride and groom; high school name and town; college name, town and degree; name of employer and town where located; job title; and where the couple honeymooned and will reside.

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AGE SPOTS

The face is the most common area referred to as "liver spots" has nothing to do with the liver. These medical name solar lentigo, gives a better indication as to their origin. "Solar" refers to the sun, while "lentigo" refers to a lens-like shape. And, indeed, these spots result from years of sun exposure. They are larger than freckles and appear in fair-skinned people on sun-exposed areas such as the face, hands, and arms. Age spots, as they are also known, are more of a cosmetic concern than a medical one. If treatment is desired, the dermatologist may lightly freeze them for several seconds.

Elizabeth Capozzi
Elizabeth Capozzi, 83, of Rahway died May 15 at home.
Born in Irvington, Mrs. Capozzi lived in Rahway for three years. She was a line inspector with Lionel Trains for 10 years before retiring. Surviving are her husband of 45 years, George; a son, Ronald; three daughters, Harry and Arthur; and two grandchildren.

Donald Dudley Sr.
Donald R. Dudley Sr., 68, of Rahway died May 17 at home.
Born in Newark, Mr. Dudley lived in Rahway for 40 years. He was a custodian at the Sun Chemical Corp., Fort Lee, for 10 years and retired in 1990. Mr. Dudley served in the Army during the Korean War. He was a member of the Rahway American Legion Post 5.
Surviving are two sons, Donald Jr. and Allen; three daughters, Terry

OBITUARIES

Albert Miller
Albert F. Miller, 78, of Toms River, formerly of Rahway, died May 16 in the Holiday Care Center, Toms River. Born in Newark, Mr. Miller lived in Rahway before moving to Toms River 13 years ago. He was a chemical operator with U.S. Steel, Linden, for 35 years and retired in 1985. Mr. Miller was an Army veteran of World War II and served in the Normandy D-Day invasion.
Surviving are his wife, Ellen; a son, Donald; a daughter, Mary; and three grandchildren.

Catherine Bader
Catherine E. Bader, 90, a lifelong resident of Rahway, died May 15 in the Bartley Health Care Center, Jackson.
Mrs. Bader was a senior clerk at the Rahway Water Department, where she worked for 19 years before retiring in 1975.
She was a member of the Altar Rosary Society of St. Mary's Church, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and the Young at Heart Club, all of Rahway.
Surviving are two daughters, Geraldine Samson and Veronica; three sisters, Grace Dunn, Ruth Altman and Margaret Wehr; two grandchildren, Deborah and Troy Johnson; and five great-grandchildren.

Jesse Brys
Jesse A. Brys, 44, of Rahway died May 19 at home.
Born in Poland, Mr. Brys lived in Newark before moving to Rahway 17 years ago.
Surviving are his wife, Jennie; two daughters, Michelle and Amy; his parents, Adda and Tereza Brys; and two sisters, Halina and Grace Gadowski.

Events

Community Day at hospital June 25
Rahway Hospital will host its annual Community Day June 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 1, 865 State St.
The event features a health fair with free blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol screenings, free health information on a variety of issues and information booths regarding N.J. KidCare, insurance coverage, volunteer opportunities and more.
The Pharmacy Department will sponsor a Brown Bag Day to help participants clean out their medicine cabinets of old, unused or expired medications. Don't forget to bring prescriptions.
All residents are invited to attend. Light refreshments and entertainment will be included. For more information or to RSVP, call the Community Outreach Office at 499-6193.

City AARP to install new officers June 8
The Rahway American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 607 will hold its installation of officers luncheon June 8 at 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, 1306 E. Broad St. The cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for guests. For information, call 382-4094. The executive board meets at 11:30 a.m.

Memorial Day parade
The Rahway Veterans Central Committee will host the Memorial Day Parade Sunday, May 28, at 10 a.m. The parade will start at the intersection of Broad and Main streets and will travel east on Broad to the intersection of Broad and Main streets. The parade will be held on a rain or shine basis. For more information, call 382-4094.

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1 Pet 4:11

PERVERTED RELIGION is running rampant in every direction today.

The Bible is being butchered today as it was when King Jehoiakin had the Prophecy of Jeremiah cut into pieces and burned. (Jer. 36:23)

Hypocrites (men) are cutting out what they do not like and substituting their own opinions, their own will and way which God forbade under extreme penalty. (Rev. 22:18-19)

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SPORTS

LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

The following are Linden Recreation Department Junior Spring Soccer League results:

MAY 13
Sharks 6, Wizards 2: Moises Oliveira scored twice and Joe Gaba, Jonathan Ferrell, Mike Mikolajczyk and five great-grandchildren.

MAY 14
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Basketball champions



Notre Dame captured the Linden Police Athletic League Senior League basketball championship. From left, are Donnie Merricks, Brandon Johnson, Darfus Evans, Michael Mayes and Xavier Freeman. Standing, from left, are coach Dennis Mayes, Eric Doss, Kevin Jackson, Joe Wleworski, Erik McClellan, Robert Shipman, Clayton Carothers and coach Ken Freeman.

Summer and fall baseball available

The Union County Baseball Association invites young athletes — boys and girls — to register for its Summer and Fall Youth League baseball teams.

The leagues are sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation and the Union County Baseball Association.

All games will be played in Wanaquo Park in Roselle.

Signups for the Summer and Fall leagues will take place on Saturdays June 3, 10 and 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wanaquo Park Box House.

Participants may also register on Mondays, June 5 and 12 from 4-6 p.m. at the Wanaquo Park Box House.

Each player is expected to bring a \$25 registration fee and a copy of their birth certificate to sign up.

The Summer League is divided into three divisions: a Minor League for ages 8-10, a Major League for ages 11-12 and a Teen League for ages 13-15. It plays from June 25 through Aug. 3.

There will be baseball clinics and practices during the week of June 19-23. An awards picnic will be held on Friday, Aug. 4 at the end of the Summer League.

Fall League teams are divided into two divisions: ages 13-15 and ages 16-18. Registration for the Fall League is \$35 and the league plays from Aug. 28 through Oct. 21. All games are played in Wanaquo Park.

More information about the summer and fall leagues may be obtained by calling 908-527-4910.

Indians seeking to scalp the Cougars

Rahway eyes county crown

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

Last champion of the 1990s? That's the scenario that unfolded this year as the first Union County Tournament baseball championship game of the century will pit eighth-seeded Rahway, the 1990 champion, against second-seeded Cranford on Saturday night at 8 p.m. in Memorial Field.

Rahway last appeared in the first round of the tournament in 1990 when it upset top-seeded Cranford 2-0.

Cranford is appearing in its third consecutive final. The Cougars lost to Summit 5-4 in the 1998 title game and then defeated New Providence 6-5 in last year's championship encounter in Memorial Field.

The pitching matchup will be senior right-hander Steve Brown (6-2) for Rahway vs. junior right-hander Tom Polito (9-0) for Cranford.

Polito beat Dayton 12-2, Roselle Park 10-1 and then blanked Union 5-0, while Brown stopped New Providence 5-1, top-seeded Elizabeth 15-6 and Scotch Plains 7-1.

Polito, who best New Providence in last year's final, has won 15 consecutive decisions dating back to last year's final in three-year victory performer.

Because Rahway moved out of the Wanaquo Conference and into the Mountain Valley Conference this year, the teams did not face each other in regular-season play.

However, the two were scheduled to play each other yesterday in Cranford in the 5-a.m. North Jersey Section 2, Group 3 quarterfinal.

Last year, when both were members of the National Division of the Wanaquo Conference, Cranford defeated Rahway 13-2 in Cranford and then 10-2 in Rahway.

Rahway entered Tuesday's scheduled game at Roselle Catholic with a 13-8 record, while Cranford slipped to 20-5 after falling at Elizabeth 11-4 on Monday.

Rahway head coach Bill Dehn, in his 29th season at the helm, was to have Andy Russell, Chris Petrocki and Bill Brown — all three-time state champions — on the mound.

"I feel confident no matter who's on the mound for us," Dehn said. "I'd have to say that Cranford is probably the best team in the county right now, but if we play an error-free game and Steve pitches well, we can beat them."

Tom Moran had a key hit in last Sunday's semifinal win over Scotch Plains, a bases-loaded two-run single in the top of the sixth when Rahway

UCT Baseball final:
Rahway vs. Cranford

For the first time in 10 years the Rahway High School baseball team is in the Union County Tournament "championship game."

And, like 10 years ago, the Indians are the underdogs once again.

"I don't mind one bit," veteran Rahway head coach Bill Dehn said. "We were the underdogs in our other three games against New Providence, Elizabeth and Scotch Plains available to the public."

Rahway last won the UCT when right-hander Pat Jackson blanked top-seeded Elizabeth 6-0 in the 1990 final. Elizabeth was 22-0 at the time and ranked among the top teams in the country.

Seeded eighth, the Indians will look to snap Cranford's seven-game UCT winning streak. The second-seeded Cougars are defending champions, having won the crown last year after beating top-seeded New Providence 6-5 in the final.

Top eight seeds: 1-Elizabeth, 2-Cranford, 3-Union, 4-Scotch Plains, 5-Elizabeth, 6-Roselle, 7-New Providence, 8-Rahway.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29
Preliminary Round:
Brentley 3, Union Cath. 2
Dayton 12, St. Patrick's 0
Gov. L. 28, St. Mary's 0
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3
First Round:
Rahway 4, New Providence 1
Elizabeth 4, Brentley 1
Scotch Plains 12, Westfield 6
Plainfield 6, Linden 1
Union 1, Gov. Livingston 0
Johanna 1, Roselle Catholic 1
SATURDAY, MAY 13
Quarterfinals:
Rahway 4, Elizabeth 6
Scotch Plains 4, Plainfield 6
Cranford 10, Roselle Park 1
Union 2, John 1
SUNDAY, MAY 13
Semifinals:
At Williams Field, Elizabeth
Cranford 2, Union 0
Rahway 7, Scotch Plains 1
SATURDAY, MAY 27
Final:
At Memorial Field, Linden
8-Rahway vs. 2-Cranford, 8 p.m.



Rahway High School standout senior pitcher Steve Brown, a three-year varsity letterman in baseball, will be on the mound for the Indians in Saturday's game against Cranford. Rahway faces defending champion Cranford in the Union County Tournament championship game at Linden Catholic. The game will be broadcast on Wanaquo radio on 94.1 FM. The game will be broadcast on Wanaquo radio on 94.1 FM. The game will be broadcast on Wanaquo radio on 94.1 FM.

Rahway star Bauer is a record-setter

Sets county mark in javelin

Rahway High School junior track and field standout Megan Bauer is not only a winner.

She's also a record-setter.

After finishing first in the javelin throw at the Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division meet, Bauer not only placed first in the event at last week's 25th Union County Girls' Relay at Elizabeth, but she also set the county record with her throw of 134-11.

Bauer's effort bested the former county mark of 134-4 set last year by DNJ Parker of Elizabeth, who is a senior this year. The previous-best UC Girls' Relay mark was 123-0 set in 1983 by Dayton's Elina Sedin.

H.S. Girls' Track and Field

Bauer finished first in the MVC-Mountain meet with a javelin toss of 119-3. Elizabeth Bauer of Rahway was second with a 99-7 throw.

Theresa Ellis also excelled for Rahway in the conference meet as she captured the 100 and 200.

Ellis was first in the 100 in 13.4 and finished ahead of the group in the 200 at 27.4. Samantha Carolina of Rahway was third in the 100 in 13.7.

Theresa Ellis of Rahway captured the shot put throw with a mark of 33-5 and was third in the discus event at 90-7.

Rahway finished third in the team standings with 69 points as Governor Livingston was first with 113 and Ridge second with 101.

Erin Herits of Roselle Catholic was second in the 800 in 2:25.2.

Linden will be site of baseball camp

Baseball New Jersey will hold summer baseball camps for youngsters ages 6-12 in Springfield, Mountaineer, Scotch Plains, Middletown, Linden, Merrill Park and Union.

New York Yankee draft pick Rick Stolt will be the guest speaker. More information may be obtained by calling Paul Reddick at 908-686-6057.

Also ...

Pitching expert Tom House and Paul Reddick will hold pitching clinics in Scotch Plains and Bridgewater on July 1 and 2.

More information may be obtained by calling Paul Reddick at 908-686-6057.

Baseball New Jersey announces the start of a summer baseball league for youngsters 12-and-under and 8-and-under. The league opens in June. Call 908-686-6057.



City woman robbed by gunman

A woman was robbed at gunpoint Friday at 8:39 a.m. at the corner of East Milton and Eastbrook avenues, according to Rahway police.

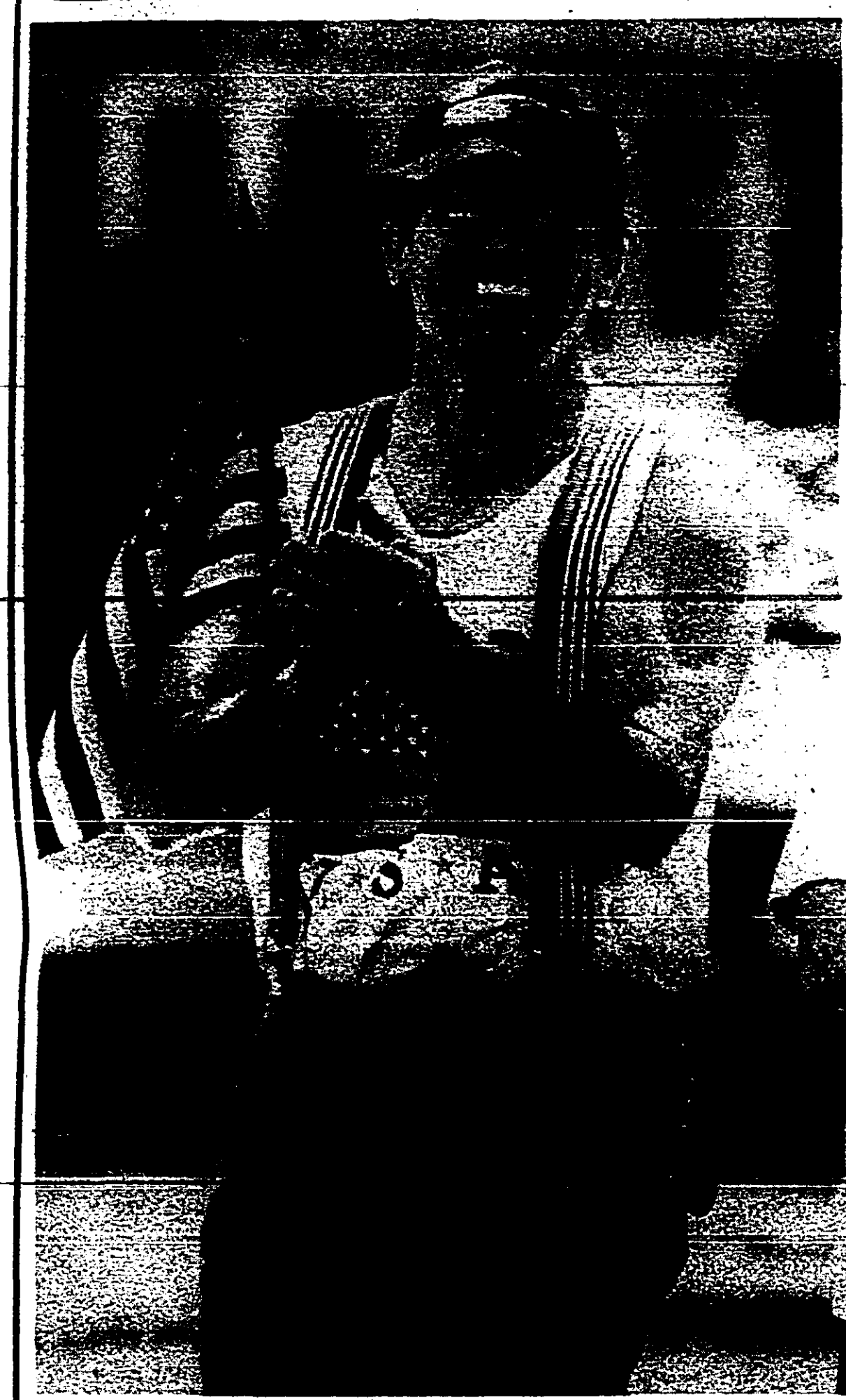
The victim, a 33-year-old Rahway resident, was walking along Eastbrook Avenue. As she approached West Milton Avenue, the suspect came up behind her, put a gun to her head, and tried to pull her knapsack from her. The suspect was described as a black male, short, with a thin build and a silver automatic handgun. The suspect wore a long coat, possibly a raincoat, colored dark green or brown.

The victim resisted and the suspect pulled her into a yard of a nearby residence. At that point, she gave up the knapsack and the suspect fled on foot toward West Street, going through backyards.

Reported missing was a victim's truck and personal items. No cash was taken. The victim fled the scene and ran to the Rahway police station where she called the police. The victim was not injured and the knapsack was not recovered. The entire area was searched, but the suspect was not located.

Approximately \$2,300 was reported stolen May 15 at 12:23 p.m. by a man with a handgun.

A robbery was reported May 17 at 8:12 p.m. along the 1500 block of Irving Street. The 31-year-old victim stated she was in her apartment when a suspect kicked in the apartment door, threw a blanket over her head and took her pocketbook and knapsack. Personal items and a book worth a total of \$50 were taken, but no cash. The victim was not injured. The suspect, a 5-foot-10-inch, heavy-set black male, fled on foot in an unknown direction. The suspect is located.



The Rahway Veterans Central Committee will host the Memorial Day Parade Sunday, Bob Mullady, commander of the Catholic War Veterans Post 361, will be the honorary grand marshal in recognition of his many years of service for veterans affairs. The parade will start at 1:30 p.m. at the City Hall Complex, Main Street and East Milton Avenue. All units that plan to participate are requested to assemble there at 12:45 p.m. There will be a parade marshal available to direct units to the point of assembly. Immediately following the parade there will be open houses at the American Legion Post 5 on Maple Avenue, VFW Post 581 on Campbell Street, American Legion Post 499 on West Main Street and the Catholic War Veterans Post 361 Knights of Columbus Hall, Jacques and Minn avenues. Scenes from last year's parade includes, top, James DiGiovanni, 10, at a 50-caliber machine gun and, left, Bernard Pretz displaying a flag.

Updates are sought on local military members

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RAHWAY PROGRESS

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1600 block of Route 1 May 17 at 6:56 a.m. The victim stated he may not have shut the door to his room properly.

• The related theft of a wedding ring worth \$345 was reported Friday at 12:59 p.m. from along the 1400 block of Witherspoon Street.

• A car was broken into, various items were removed from the interior and trunk, and the driver's side rear door was kicked causing a dent Saturday at 12:35 p.m. along the 800 block of Hart Street.

• A purse was stolen from a house along the 600 block of Japan Avenue on Saturday in the afternoon. Two white males and one white female entered the victim's home under the pretense of renting an apartment.

• The rear and front license plates were reported missing from a 1988 blue Ford Taurus Sunday at 1:45 p.m. along the 1400 block of Hart Street.

• Approximately \$4,600 worth of computer equipment was taken from a vehicle between 4 a.m. and 11 a.m. Monday along the 1600 block of Hart Street.

• A \$50 cell phone was stolen from room 215 of the Executive Inn on the

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Union County

Annual cameo

Republicans made their annual cameo appearance at a freeholder meeting earlier this month for the public hearing on the county budget. Wally Shackelford, who will be running for freeholder this year with Al Dill and Esther Guzman-Malcolm, was the only member of his ticket in attendance. Albeit Republicans would not miss much if they attended freeholder meetings, at the very least they would have some kind of presence, which currently seems almost nonexistent in Union County.

Completely shut out on the freeholder board, 9-0, the GOP is now seeking to gain a seat via legislation in Assembly bill 2536, sponsored by Joel Weingarten, R-Union. The measure would create district freeholder seats versus the current at large process.

My Two Cents

By Mark Hyman
Regional Editor

It makes sense and seems fair to have at least a portion of the freeholder board elected by district. Regardless whether Republicans win big in the small western towns, the heavily Democratic cities in the east district election outcome.

Neighboring Essex County has a combination of at-large and district seats. A Republican candidate can carry nearly all of the towns in a countywide Essex election yet still lose if a Democrat manages the urban core of Newark and the Oranges.

Similarly in Union, Democrats need to carry Elizabeth, Linden and Plainfield and they're in good shape. If more than offices any GOP wins in hamlets such as Garwood, Mountainside and New Providence.

The legislation, however, would be a little easier to swallow if Republicans managed to win a seat or two. As it stands, they've lost five consecutive county elections and it looks like they are simply trying to grab a seat in any way they can.

It would be nice if the GOP could at least give the Democrats a run for their money in freeholder races. In this, a presidential year, one would think they would pull out all the stops and run an active campaign and even a stronger ticket.

There are three things that would help the GOP win a freeholder seat this year:

- Congressman Bob Franks wins the nomination for U.S. Senate, which would bring out the Republican voters in his home county of Union.
- Former Gov. Jim Florio wins the Democratic nomination, setting up a battle against Franks. Republicans would love nothing more than to hammer at the easy target of Florio's tax hikes of 10 years ago to bring out the anti-Florino voters.
- A long shot, but if Gov. Christine Whitman ever got the nod as George W.'s vice presidential running mate, it would compel the effects to get out the GOP voters.

The mud is getting deep in the 7th Congressional District race. The campaign press releases coming through the fax machine are fast and furious these days, with only weeks before the election. Whether Republican or Democrat, candidates are heaving the accusations as fast as they can find something. Funny how each signed clean campaign pledges months ago. Why bother with them? We all know they're worthless.

Every candidate, in some form or another, has gone the tired, expected route while others have even made it seem as if it's their platform. I'll give credit to Republican candidate Patrick Morrisey. Relative to other candidates, he's been the least negative while actually stating his positions and saying what he would like to see.

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County continues focus on seniors

By Mark Hyman
Regional Editor

All 21 towns in Union County will share in the Board of Freeholders' latest grant program, Senior Focus, designed to aid in the construction or renovation of senior citizen centers. The county announced the Senior Focus grants Tuesday afternoon in the shadow of the nearly-complete senior center being built near Union Center. Senior Focus is one of the board's senior initiatives announced at the beginning of the year. Seniors in Madison will provide municipalities with vehicles for senior transportation. Seniors Scholars offers free classes at Union County College to non-matriculated seniors.

The grant was dependent on the number of residents above age 60, according to the 1990 Census. There are three levels of funding: up to \$250,000 for those with 3,000 to 4,999 seniors, and up to \$100,000 for those with fewer than 3,000 seniors. One out of every five Union County residents is over the age of 60, and it is expected the number will increase to one in four according to county officials.

Population data show that seniors tend to stay in Union County, rather than move to senior centers.

A community center under construction on Walnut Avenue in Cranford will receive building upgrades, furniture and recreation equipment with \$150,000 from the county grant.

Garwood will use the \$100,000 grant to relocate a donated building from North Avenue to land acquired at 32 Willow Ave. In Plainfield, the funds will identify and renovate a downtown location for a new senior center as well as furniture and fixtures. In Clark, officials plan to acquire and renovate the American

Union rejects opinion of fact finder

By Mark Hyman
Regional Editor

Members of a union representing employees within the Department of Parks and Recreation last month overwhelmingly rejected a fact finder's recommendation in its ongoing negotiations with the county.

United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Local 494, which represents 109 employees, including laborers, carpenters and electricians, has been without a contract since the last one expired at the end of 1997.

Director of Administrative Services Joseph Salamone said he has reported the fact finder's recommendation as well as the union's position to the freeholder board which will now weigh its options.

The fact-finder's recommendation, issued last month, was similar to the county's last offer which the union rejected in December. Union members voted down the recommendation by a 55-3 vote, according to union president Joseph Perosky.

The recommendation included a \$500 bonus for employees at the maximum on the salary guide rather than the union's pleasure of a \$250 bonus for all employees.

The County Prosecutors Association of New Jersey Foundation, a non-profit corporation created by the prosecutors association to award scholarships, is accepting applications for the Rittenhouse Scholarship, the Ruotolo Scholarship and the Cotton Scholarship.

The Oscar W. Rittenhouse Memorial Scholarship is also a \$2,500 annual grant paid directly to the recipient. It is open to any New Jersey resident who has been accepted for admission to an accredited law school and who has a special interest in law enforcement.

Those who have been awarded the scholarship in the past may reapply for the award. It is awarded annually in memory of Oscar "Bill" Rittenhouse, Hunterdon County's first full-time prosecutor.

The Andrew K. Ruotolo Jr. Memorial Scholarship is also a \$2,500 annual grant paid directly to the recipient. It is open to former award recipients and to state residents who have been accepted by an accredited law school or graduate school.

Applicants must show an interest in enhancing the rights and well-being of children through advocacy programs. The scholarship is awarded in memory of former Union County Prosecutor Andrew "Drew" Ruotolo Jr., who established the Union County Child Advocacy Center.

The Harris Y. Cotton Memorial Scholarship is also a one-year \$2,500 award paid directly to the recipient. Those who receive the scholarship may reapply in succeeding years.

Those interested in any of the scholarships must demonstrate a financial need for the scholarship. Applicants for any of the scholarships available for the 2000-2001 school year must be received no later than June 15. Applicants will be notified of the trustees' decision in August and the scholarships will be awarded at the Conference of County Prosecutors Association on Sept. 7.

Applications may be obtained by calling (609) 984-0001 or by writing to: Oscar W. Rittenhouse Memorial Scholarship, Andrew K. Ruotolo Memorial Scholarship or Harris Y. Cotton Memorial Scholarship, c/o New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, Prosecutors and Police Bureau, Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 985, Trenton, 08625.

County prosecutors offer scholarships

The County Prosecutors Association of New Jersey Foundation, a non-profit corporation created by the prosecutors association to award scholarships, is accepting applications for the Rittenhouse Scholarship, the Ruotolo Scholarship and the Cotton Scholarship.

The Oscar W. Rittenhouse Memorial Scholarship is also a \$2,500 annual grant paid directly to the recipient. It is open to any New Jersey resident who has been accepted for admission to an accredited law school and who has a special interest in law enforcement.

Those who have been awarded the scholarship in the past may reapply for the award. It is awarded annually in memory of Oscar "Bill" Rittenhouse, Hunterdon County's first full-time prosecutor.

The Andrew K. Ruotolo Jr. Memorial Scholarship is also a \$2,500 annual grant paid directly to the recipient. It is open to former award recipients and to state residents who have been accepted by an accredited law school or graduate school.

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Sheriff's Office mourns passing of K-9

Union County Sheriff Ralph Froelich announced May 16 the passing of K-9 Jodi, a 12-year-old bloodhound was a highly-decorated member of the Sheriff's Search & Rescue Unit. She had a very even disposition and was fond of children. Jodi had multiple handlers because of her pleasant disposition. Sheriff's officers would bring Jodi to schools and street fairs for demonstrations.

Jodi's last two jobs were representative of her career. On May 12, she was taken to Berkeley Heights to help track a suicidal teen-ager. On May 17, she went to the Cranford Police Department where she performed a tracking demonstration. A short time later Jodi died.

Froelich, an animal lover and activist, can recall one of Jodi's most impressive jobs. Sgt. Mark Bank and Jodi were called to Westfield to help search for a kidnapped baby.

The baby was removed from the home by the non-qualified parent. Jodi tracked a scent trail left by the non-custodial parent for one mile to the house of an acquaintance. The baby and parent were found hiding in the basement. Jodi was sadly missed, and Froelich, "She was pleasant and playful. The handlers gave an emotional attachment to their K-9 partners. It's like we lost a member of our family."

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Listening to County Manager Michael Lapolla announce Senior Focus grants on Tuesday in Union are, from left, Lou and Ann Roman, vice president and president of the Garwood Seniors, respectively, and Bill Davis of Tracton Park.

Hungarian Club on Raritan Road for senior activities.

Improvements and renovations are planned at senior centers in Kenilworth, which received \$99,850; three sites in Rahway, \$150,000; Roselle, \$150,000; and Springfield, \$150,000. The \$150,000 for Scotch Plains will be used to upgrade the clubhouse, making it ADA accessible, and build a new pro shop/clubhouse.

Several towns will utilize the grants to provide seniors with computers and Internet access. In Roselle Park, an Internet-ready computer room will be built at the Casano Center on Chestnut Street, in addition to indoor and outdoor facilities. In Scotch Plains, the \$150,000 grant for Westfield will be used to upgrade the clubhouse, making it ADA accessible, and build a new pro shop/clubhouse.

Dredging project continues

By Mark Hyman
Regional Editor

Lake Surprise in the Watchung Reservation could be ready for public use as early as this summer. With the lake dredging phase of project complete, the second phase involves erosion control measures on the slopes that feed to the lake and the drying out of two sedimentation basins.

The county will clean debris and silt accumulation from the shoreline of the lake this summer and new picnic areas will be constructed at various points along the shore. Also in the works is an area for unloading and launching canoes or rowboats, with the appropriate county deal, for fishing and boating. County officials hope the state Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife will resack the lake with fish by next spring.

Had the lake dredging not been completed by April 1, it would have had to stop until July 31 because of aquatic life.

The two basins constructed uphill from the lake along Glenside Avenue contain the dredged sediment. After several months, the sediment will be dried out and wildflowers will be planted.

F.X. Browne Inc. of Landsdale, Penn., was awarded the \$1.33-million contract to dredge the lake. The firm will complete the development of plans and specifications for the second phase of the project.

The same firm has been hired to begin engineering and consulting services for the county at Upper Echo Lake, Moxon Pond, and along a stream which connects the two, in Mountainside. The county will fund \$12,000 for the engineering and consulting while about \$55,000 will come from the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Approximately 53,000 cubic yards of sediment was expected to be removed from the bottom of the lake but county officials anticipate less. After drying out, approximately 6,000 yards will be placed in the clay pits at the Deserted Village to refill an area "ecologically barren."

Dredging of Lake Surprise began in November. The lake has not been dredged since the construction of Route 78 was started almost 25 years ago. Freeholders approved funding for the project in 1998 but ran into some road blocks, such as state restrictions on when dredging can take place and initial bids coming in too high.

Lake Surprise runs parallel to Glenside Avenue and borders Ne Providence, Summit and Mountainside in the northeastern part of the 2,000-acre reservation.

Let it ride

Volunteer Charles Klegman of Berkeley Heights, left, acts as roulette croupier at the annual Monte Carlo Casino Day for residents and patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights. Looking over the action are, from left, resident Hildegard Gehr, Freeholder Angel Estrada, and residents Carol Bovine and Bernard Bonavita.

All towns share in senior grant funds

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and printers for senior citizen conveyer classes will be purchased in Mountaintop.

The Senior Focus grant will provide a third of the funding for \$485,000 in improvements at the Summit Recreation Center on Morris Avenue.

Plainfield's \$2.9-million project that will more than double the space at the East Plains Center is one of 10.

receive \$250,000 from the county. Attendance has increased 82 percent, from 74 to 135, at the center during the past 11 years. In New Providence, the \$99,720 grant will create a multi-purpose room in addition to other improvements at the senior center.

The freeholders will bond for the Senior Focus funds, similar to what has been done in previous years with grant programs. Last year, the \$1-million Devonshire Union County

and \$1-million Project Pocket Parks grants were funded through bonding. The county will cover a 5 percent downpayment on the \$3 million Senior Focus grants this year. About \$105,000 is included in this year's capital budget in addition to existing, unused capital funds, with the remaining \$2 million as debt to be authorized.

County Manager Michael Lapolla said the county's debt ratio is very

low, approximately 40 percent of debt capacity. "We're as close to pay as you go as government can have." The county, he said, plays almost all of its debt off in 10 years.

Applications for the county's Senior Focus initiative are anticipated in the next month. The county will purchase 10 senior citizen vans which will be leased for \$1 to municipalities to replace or create their fleets.

COUNTY NEWS

Gun forum tonight in Scotch Plains

A program entitled "Who is calling the shots? A Society Armed: A forum against gun violence," moderated by former Gov. Tom Kean will take place tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Will Jewish Community Center, 1301 Mariner Ave. Scotch Plains. Admission is free.

This event aims at generating a forum for public debate where all the views could be heard so that people could have an opportunity to learn and also to express their views. Public officials and decision makers are welcome to attend.

The program will feature Bryan Miller, executive director of Crasefire New Jersey and Nancy Ross, spokeswoman for the Association of "Very Rifle & Pistol Clubs." Crasefire NJ advocates for strict gun control laws at the state and federal levels. Most recently Crasefire has been instrumental in bringing a new initiative in the Legislature which would ensure that childproof handgun laws are sold within a short period of time.

The Association of New Jersey Rifle and Pistol Clubs has been outspoken in advocating for the right to

own guns and has claimed that gun violence is rather a social problem that needs to be solved by means other than by tough gun control measures. The problem of gun violence and gun control has become an increasing subject of local and national debate. Several states recently approved gun control laws particularly affecting children.

The program is sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey and the B'nai B'rith Center for Public Policy. Among the co-sponsors of the program are the New Jersey Council of Churches, the Archdiocese of Newark, the Community Relations Committee of Marrowest, Crasefire New Jersey, American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the Hispanic Executive Directors Association. Other sponsors are welcome to join.

For more information call 1-800-753-3333 or Wendy Van Why at (973) 762-1100.

'Who's afraid of a tobacco-free' state?
The National Council on Alcoholism

and Drug Dependence of Union County Inc. and Trinity Hospital will sponsor a statewide conference on coalition building and tobacco treatment on Wednesday at The Westwood in Garwood. The conference is planned for "World No Tobacco Day" and is funded by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services and is entitled "Huff and Puff — Who's Afraid of a Tobacco-Free New Jersey?"

"Huff and Puff" was developed to offer participants a chance to learn, collaborate and build their connections. Among those supporters of the "Huff and Puff" conference is Assemblyman Richard Baggett, R-22, who will welcome conference attendees.

The event will focus on two main themes: "The Challenge of Treating Tobacco Users" and "How to Build and Strengthen Coalitions." Tobacco treatment forums will help participants gain both knowledge and skills in treating tobacco using adults and children. In addition, coalition forums will help participants learn the building blocks necessary to create and strengthen coalitions to effectively implement community-based prevention efforts. Registration fee is \$5.

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Interested in creating a tobacco-free New Jersey? Call the NCADD at (908) 233-8810 — TTY at (908) 233-8893 — to register for this event.

Linen sale at Runnells

The Volunteer Guild of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County will sponsor a linen sale today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the facility, 40 Westchase Way, Berkeley Heights.

N&N Linens, the vendor, will offer brand name, domestic table linens, including tablecloths, napkins, napkin rings, runners, place mats, and throw sets, at wholesale prices.

"The public is always welcome to attend our monthly vendor sales, free of charge, thanks to the efforts of our Volunteer Guild," said Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, liaison to the hospital's Advisory Board of Managers.

All the income the Volunteer Guild receives from vendor sales is used to purchase items for our residents and patients, such as televisions, VCR's, and prizes for the bingo games. The Guild also sponsors an annual summer picnic and a Christmas party gift distribution, in cooperation with the Berkeley Heights Lions Club.

On June 14, the Volunteer Guild will have its annual Flea Market and Bake Sale. A limited number of tables are available to the public. Call the Office of Volunteer Services at (908) 771-5858 for information.

The Volunteer Guild and the Office of Volunteer Services are always interested in recruiting volunteers. Flexible hours and a variety of opportunities exist when residents contact us.

For more information, call the Office of Volunteer Services at (908) 771-5847.

Monroe places second

Olana Monroe of Westfield, vice president of the Union County Vocational Technical Schools Chapter of Health Occupations Students of America, represented the schools at Expo 2000. This was a series of events recently at Union County College in Cranford which highlighted students' technical and business-related skills.

Monroe was awarded second place in the public-speaking competition. Her topic was "Planning Your Career." She is a student in the Allied Health program at UCCTS where Donna Powers serves as instructor and as advisor to the HOSA Chapter. For more information about Allied Health and all other programs at the Vo-Tech Schools call the Admissions Office at (908) 889-2999 or -2911. The schools are located at 1776 Raritan Road.



Volunteers team up with Sheriff's Office to ID kids

Eighty-seven youngsters and several senior citizens went home with free laminated photo identification cards and videotapes from the Atlas Pythagoras Masonic Lodge in Westfield May 6. Members and their wives volunteered for various administrative tasks.

Participants were photographed and fingerprinted by Sgt. George Valladares and Officer Robert McLaughlin of the Union County Sheriff's Office, and videotaped by volunteers at the lodge. The three-minute videotapes documented each child's physical characteristics in face, profile, ear details, teeth and voice. The fingerprint cards, identification cards and tapes were presented to each parent for safekeeping.

Westfield Police Detective Matthew Cassidy assisted. Refreshments and safety-oriented coloring books were distributed. The concept of the program is to record identifiable features of the children to ensure swift action by law enforcement agencies in the case of a missing child. It is hoped that these records will never be needed for this purpose.

Members of Atlas Pythagoras have invested in the security of the community's children with their Children's ID Program, which has grown considerably since its inception in 1991. The program is offered free in the area by the Masonic Lodge.

The mudslinging 7th District

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accomplish. Whether you agree with him or not, he has made his stance on certain issues clear.

The Democrats seem to be narrowing the field to County Manager Michael Lapolla and former Fairwood mayor Maryanne Connelly. It's the organization versus the organization. It seems too close to call at this point, which really could be viewed as a victory for the Connelly campaign considering they're now classified as insurgents.

As for the Republicans, word has been that Michael Ferguson of Warren and Assemblyman Joel Weingarten of Millburn lead the pack. I still can't understand why Ferguson is considered a front-runner as he moved to the district

simply to run and spent tons of money in 1998 to get pummeled in the 6th district by incumbent Frank Pallone.

Thomas Kean Jr.'s campaign must be considered a disappointment at this point after getting endorsements from big-time county leaders and getting shut out of the organization lines. Nice guy, people say, but just too green for Congress. Some have him running for Assembly in the 22nd district next year.

As an unaffiliated voter and amateur prognosticator, on the Republican side I'm going with Weingarten to win, after that it seems there are too many variables. Ferguson has the money, Kean has the name and Mortyrie is the wild card.

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Local police officers learn the basics



Five police officers recently completed the Crash Investigation course sponsored by the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club Foundation for Safety and Education and the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety. The 40-hour course consisted of classroom instruction and practical field exercises designed to provide officers with the basic skills needed to investigate traffic crashes. From left, seated are, Sean McGuire of the Plainfield Police Department and Jennifer Schneider, manager of Public Relations & Safety for the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club in Florham Park; standing, Kevin O'Keefe of the Westfield Police Department; Jeffrey Searies of the Linden Police Department; Michael Wielgus of the Roselle Park Police Department; and Mac Gottlieb of the Fairwood Police Department.

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fighting at Pearl Harbor," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan. "We respect the brave men and women of our armed forces and we hope that this memorial will help inspire that same sense of duty and the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom."

The Westfield Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Music Director John Nesch, will perform a program of favorite patriotic songs and marches including Morton Gould's "American Salute," based on the familiar song "When Johnny Comes Home Marching," and "The Star-Spangled Banner." The program will also include Alfred A. Kieffer's "The Star-Spangled Banner." The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, at the Westfield High School, 100 Westfield Ave., Westfield, N.J. Tickets are \$5.00 and \$2.50. For more information, call (609) 261-1234.

March," also known as the theme from the movie "The Bridge on the River Kwai," and John Philip Sousa's marches "Semper Paratus" and "Sons of the American Revolution." The special lighting of the concert will be provided by the Westfield High School's Elana B. Bick, performing "Glee." The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, at the Westfield High School, 100 Westfield Ave., Westfield, N.J. Tickets are \$5.00 and \$2.50. For more information, call (609) 261-1234.

*Union County is fortunate to have a number of forward-looking and active members on its Board of County Freeholders. One of these is James Kelly, former president of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra. Under David Wade's leadership, the Westfield Symphony Orchestra has achieved a number of milestones. It is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the members of the orchestra, and to the support of the community.

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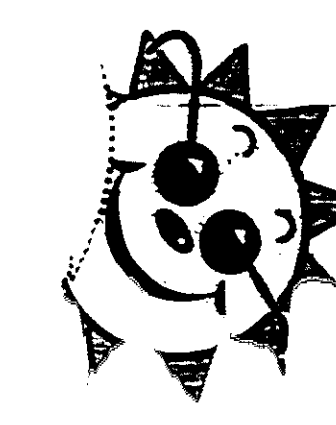
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Memorial Day is the day we remember and honor those who lost their lives fighting for our nation. The men and women we remember on Memorial Day demonstrated the highest form of faith in the triumph of good over evil, just as they had a mission, we too, have a mission: To teach the young people of today to respect America's values.

History teaches us that our faith in freedom... readily backed up by our resolve to defend freedom... has made America... and the world... a better place. Today, 179 of the world's 193 sovereign states elect their lawmakers. That means the earth is covered by democracy in greater proportion than water; it's covered by 93 percent democracy. Clearly, those who made the Supreme Sacrifice for freedom did so for a victorious cause.

**"Soldier, rest! Thy warfare o'er,
'Tis sleep that knows not breaking;
Dream of battle fields no more,
Days of danger, nights of waking**

St. Walter Scott

**"Your silent tents of green
We deck with fragrant flowers;
Yours has the suffering been,
The memory shall be ours."**

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Funeral for a Veteran

I am not stand at my grave and weep
I am the diamond glint on snow
I am the sunlight on ripened grain
I am the gentle autumn rain
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight
I am the soft stars that shine at night
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there, I did not die.

Author Unknown

American War Deaths

More Americans lost their lives in the Civil War than in any other American wars. The Civil War claimed the lives of 2 percent of the nation's population. Unlike other wars, all the casualties of the Civil War were Americans. Of total Union forces, more than 41 percent were casualties and nearly 23 percent died. About 43 percent of the Confederate forces were casualties and almost 74 percent died.

Year of War	War	Americans Dead	Estimated Cost of War
1773-1783	American Revolution	4,425	\$101,100,000
1812-1815	War of 1912	2,260	\$90,000,000
1846-1848	Mexican War	13,283	\$71,400,000
1861-1865	Civil War	538,052	\$3,183,000,000
1898	Spanish American War	2,446	\$283,200,000
1914-1918	World War I	116,708	\$18,676,000,000
1939-1945	World War II	407,316	\$262,259,000,000
1950-1953	Korean Conflict	33,651	\$67,386,000,000
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What's Going On?

FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY
June 25, 2000
EVENT: Garage Sale/Flea Market
PLACE: St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
655 South Broad St., Elizabeth, NJ
TIME: 9:00am-5:00pm
PRICE: Used clothes, shoes, books, household items, etc. Food and beverages available.
ORGANIZATION: St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

SUNDAY

SUNDAY
June 26, 2000
EVENT: Outdoor/Indoor only flea market
PLACE: Belleville High School, 100 Passaic Avenue (Off Jonsson Church) Belleville
TIME: 9:00am-5:00pm
PRICE: Over 100 quality dealers at 10¢ a variety of unique merchandise
Information call 201-997-9303
ORGANIZATION: Students

FRIDAY

FRIDAY
June 2nd, 2000
EVENT: Flea Market
PLACE: Redwood Lutheran Church
134 Prospect Avenue, Irvington, NJ
TIME: 9:00am-12:00pm
PRICE: New and used clothes, toys, records, housewares, etc.
Further information call 973-746-7400
ORGANIZATION: The Lutheran Church of Northern New Jersey (P.C.N.)

THURSDAY

THURSDAY
June 2nd, 2000
EVENT: Free Open House/Clinical Presentation
TOPIC: Inoperable Pancreas
How We Live With Them and How We Work With Them
PLACE: The Psychosomatic Center of Northern New Jersey (P.C.N.)
134 Prospect Avenue, Irvington, NJ
TIME: 7:30 to 8:30pm
PRICE: Free. For reservations call 973-746-7400
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REUNIONS

St. Joseph's School in Roselle Class of 1950 reunion is planned for May 2000. Contact Jane O'Connell at (732) 388-7363, At Home at (203) 744-7896 or George Schmitt at (908) 432-0210.
Union High School Class of 1900 reunion is scheduled for June 10. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.
Jefferson High School Class of 1940 reunion is scheduled for June 24 at the Jefferson Performing Arts House in Elizabeth High School. For information, call Patrick Gargano at (908) 272-5485, or write to him at 322 North Ave. East, Cranford, NJ 07016-2435.
Union High School Class of 1940 reunion is scheduled for July 13.

THEATRE-PLAY

FRIDAY-SUNDAY
June 23rd, 24th, 25th, 2000
EVENT: "They Got What They Want" an Irish comedy by Louis L'Amour
PLACE: St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 655 South Broad St., Elizabeth, NJ
TIME: Friday, 4:00pm-midnight; Saturday, 3:00pm-midnight; Sunday, noon-8:00pm
PRICE: Donation \$1. Live music, Greek dancing, full dinner menu and outdoor games for children. Indoor air conditioned, outside under tent. Free parking.
ORGANIZATION: St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

OTHER

FRIDAY-SUNDAY
June 23rd, 24th, 25th, 2000
EVENT: International Masonic Job Grand Lodge, Princess Mother Chapter
PLACE: Newark International Masonic Temple, 973-622-7618
TIME: Friday, 7:00pm-10:00pm; Saturday, 7:00pm-10:00pm; Sunday, 7:00pm-10:00pm
PRICE: \$20.00 per person. Includes dinner, entertainment, and a chance to win a prize.
ORGANIZATION: Newark International Masonic Temple

WORKSHOPS EDUCATIONAL

WEDNESDAY
June 28, 2000
EVENT: Free Open House/Clinical Presentation
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Freeholders invite residents to 'connect'

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced the Union County Calendar of Events, "Cultural Connections," is available on the county's website. The Cultural Connections calendar is an instant link to the county's broad range of arts, musical, educational and historical programs. Freeholder Mary P. Rucolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board, "It not only highlights our talented county organizations and individuals, but also makes it easy to plan ahead so you don't miss any special events."

Union County is rich in culture, history and arts activities. The calendar reflects this representation with a wide variety of events from concerts to lectures, from children's programs to theatrical performances and dance. The Union County Museum and Historical Sites schedule contains regular operating hours and special program information. Also available on the web page is the Cultural Connections Information Form, which can be printed out, completed and mailed in by any individual or group that wishes to include events in the calendar.

To access the Union County website, simply type "www.unioncounty.org." When the homepage is downloaded, notice the department listing on the left side of the page. Click on "County Museum."

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