

# Senior Lifestyles

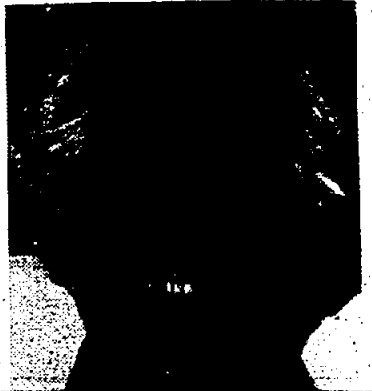
## Department chooses outstanding citizens

Sylvia Barr, a 77-year resident of Linden, and John Zakutansky, a 46-year resident of Linden, have been chosen as the 21st Outstanding Senior Citizens of the Year.

Barr and Zakutansky were selected by a committee of representatives from community service organizations. This award is given annually by the Linden Recreation Department in recognition of senior citizens who have displayed exceptional service to the community and fellow senior citizens.

Barr nominated as the Outstanding Senior Citizen by the Deerfield School PTA in Linden. Barr volunteers weekly at the school, as well as with the Senior Reading Program. As part of the program, she works one-on-one with a second-grade student assisting with reading skills. Barr also volunteers her time, with this program on weekend and holidays to ensure that her students learn how to read more efficiently.

Barr is also a very active member in many civic, charitable, and religious organizations, and has received certificates of appreciation for her participation in the Suburban Jewish Center, Women's League for Conservative



Sylvia Barr Senior of the year

Judahim, Deborah Hospital Foundation, Temple Mako Chayim, American National Red Cross, and the U.S. Treasury Department. Zakutansky graduated from the Boyette Courthouse Academy in May of 1951 and shortly thereafter became an active volunteer with the Linden Auxiliary Police, becoming the Auxiliary Police Chief approximately 30 years ago. As an Auxiliary Police Officer, for the City of Linden,



Linden police officers gather with John Zakutansky, Linden Recreation Department 1997 Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year. From left: Sgt. Bujona, officers John Babincak and John Zakutansky, Police Chief John Miliano and Sgt. Ted Demcovitz.

Zakutansky is also a member of the Retired Men's Club in Linden, St. Nicholas Parish in Elizabeth, and the 1st Ward Democratic Club in Linden. He is also a veteran of the Army, having served in World War II.

## Seniors make plans for summer trips

The Clark Seniors' meeting will be held monthly in the cafeteria of the Senior Center, 430 Westfield Ave., Clark. Information on senior trips will be described and sheets distributed.

June 5 — NY Botanical Gardens — Conservatory, tram tour and box lunch. \$42 per person.

July 16 — '97 Polka Fest at the Inn at Houns Landing, PA, buffet feed and polka instruction and dancing. \$40 per person.

Aug. 26 — Wallington Exchange — Slavic Food Festival with gypsy, folk music. \$25 per person.

Oct. 15 — West Point and Historic Hudson River Winery and lunch. \$27 per person.

Nov. 5 — Culinary Institute, PDR's Library and Samuel Morse's home, Union to the American Bounty Room. \$52 per person.

Dec. — Plaza Brunches, Panama, NY, dinner, menu choice, music, dancing and visit by Sanga. \$53 per person.

Refreshments will be served.

Prof. William Duncombe, of U.C.C., will conduct his final class on nutrition today in Room 17 of the Senior Center from 10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

For information on meeting time, call Lillian Kovat at (908) 381-3823.

## SENIOR NEWS

### Linden AARP meets

Linden Chapter No. 1894 of the American Association of Retired Persons will hold their installation luncheon at Galloping Hill Inn on June 15, from noon to 4 p.m.

The youngsters from the LaDance Studio in Linden will be the featured entertainment. Music will be provided for dancing. The event is open to the public. For information, call Ann Leitman at 925-0240.

### Rahway AARP meets

The next meeting of the Rahway AARP Chapter No. 607 will be June 12. This will be the Installation of Officers Luncheon at the Senior Citizen Center, 1306, Essexbrook Ave., Rahway, starting at 12:30 p.m. at a cost of \$10 per member.

There will be an Executive Board meeting at 11 a.m. For further information about the luncheon call (908) 383-4094.

"Trips to Atlantic City's Taj Mahal will be on the first Thursday of each month. Leaving from Rahway City Hall Parking Lot at 8:30 a.m. For more information call (908) 383-1856."

### Program completed

On May 8, the American Association of Retired Persons Chapter No. 607 hosted the Rahway Fire Department's Fire Safety Program at the Rahway Senior Citizen's Building on Essexbrook Ave. The Fire Department presented a video "Survive" Fire in Your Home" on a wide screen television which was donated by the Senior Citizen Center.

In the second phase of the presentation the Fire Department gave a demonstration on the new "First Response Program."

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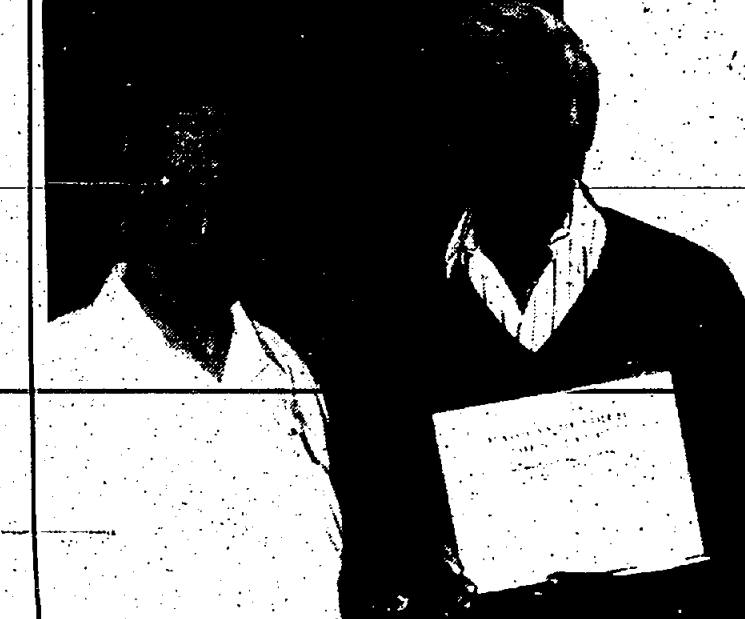
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## Lifetime achievement



At a recent meeting of the Rahway Retired Men's Club held at the Rahway Senior Center on Essexbrook Avenue, John Botti is presented with the Member of the Month Award by President Peter Hnat as Alf Wroldsen, former club president, looks on. From left: Hnat, Botti and Wroldsen.

## Department plans seniors annual picnic

The annual Linden Recreation Department's Senior Citizen Picnic will be held June 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Memorial Park, South Wood Avenue, for Linden Residents over 60 years of age.

Grills, charcoal, non-alcoholic beverages and condiments will be provided by the Linden Recreation Department.

Seniors have been requested to bring their own picnic food and cooking utensils.

Afternoon activities include horseshoes, cards, table games, and dancing.

Live music will be provided by the Federation of Musicians.

In the event of rain, the picnic will be held indoors at the John T. Gregorio Center, 330 Helen Street.

For more information, call the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center at 474-8627.

## NEWS CLIPS

### Course scheduled

Rahway Hospital, with the American Association of Retired Persons, offers its 55-Alive Mature Driving Course. The eight-hour course will be held in the hospital's main conference room, on June 23 and 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Rahway Hospital is hosting the classroom refreshment course to help community members 55 years of age or older realize their driving skills and help prevent accidents. The course covers age-related physical changes, declining perceptual skills, rules of the road, local driving problems, and license renewal requirements.

Volunteer instructors, recruited and trained by AARP, conduct the course, which includes a video presentation and group discussion.

### Help wanted

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Union County, RSVP, a program of Catholic Community Services, is accepting applications for volunteers who wish to serve with Travelers Aid of New Jersey.

Travelers Aid has been operating at the International Terminal B of Newark Airport since 1992. New volunteers will be assigned to Terminal C handling domestic flights.

Training and parking are provided by Newark Airport and Travelers Aid. For more information, call Jo-Ann Crocena, RSVP director, at (908) 709-2152 or 709-2150.

### Summer Craft Classes

The Linden Recreation Department announces free summer senior citizen craft classes.

Classes will be held Wednesday mornings at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Classes will run from July 9 through Aug. 22.

Call the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center at 474-8627 to register. Class size is limited.

### Peace-keepers

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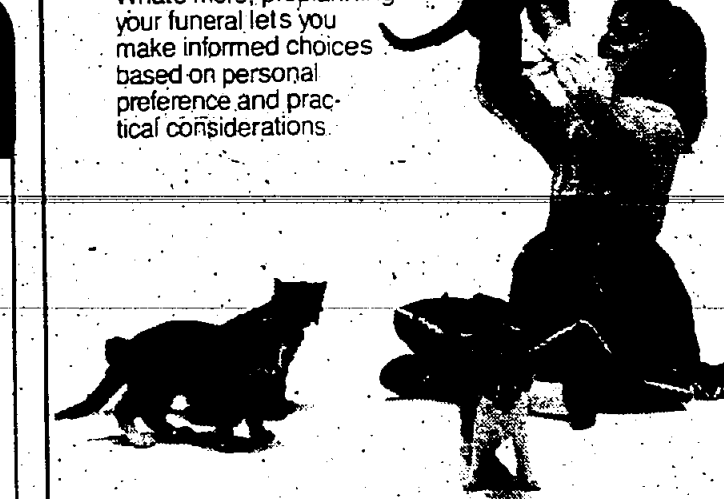
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# UNION COUNTY NEWS

## Protestors will be on the march

This space is usually reserved for "news-on-the-beat" items, but at the moment — issues, people and events, but something we'll be faced with sometimes so abrupt a break from tradition to sound an alarm.

In this case, a march protesting welfare reform is being called. This isn't just any march; it's unlike anything you've seen in documentaries on Civil Rights films in the South. This fascist-to-be will begin in Philadelphia on June 21, will pass through New Jersey, and will culminate in Manhattan on July 1.

Organized by something called the Kensington Welfare Rights Union, a group self-described as "an organization of poor and homeless women, men and children from all races struggling to end poverty," this march is intended to call attention to what the organizers called "violations of human rights."

"These rights aren't what most people think of — freedom to speak and assemble and practice religion, freely trial by jury, etc. — when the issue is raised. Instead, the group's definition of human rights includes the "right" to "have a job at a living wage."

## Alliance hears the good news and the bad news

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage and Freeholder Chairman Linda Stender provided optimism and caution during the fourth annual Union County Alliance Breakfast Meeting in Mountaintop May 28.

"Elizabeth was looked upon two years ago as having a high crime rate, a striking tax base and little progress with long-range plans," said Bollwage before an audience of 400. "Now we're becoming New Jersey's fastest turnaround city."

Bollwage outlined a roster of accomplishments — and upcoming economic and transportation plans for the county in concert with various groups.

Stender warned the assembly, however, that the county has to improve its share of highway spending. After bestowing three Board of Freeholder Awards for Excellence in Export, she produced a chart titled "Highway Spending Per Capita By County, 1996-2000."

"As you can see, we're at or near the bottom when it comes to highway spending per person," Stender said. "This is based on projections of the state Department of Transportation Budget of March 25, 1997."

A Union County resident's share, according to the chart is about \$25 and \$7 in federal and state appropriations respectively. Union County is one of seven counties falling under the \$100 per capita level, Atlantic, Mercer and Somerset counties, by contrast, are to get more than \$600 per person from Trenton.

The audience also was urged to support the renewal of the Interstate Surface Transportation Efficiency Act before Congress by Bollwage and Rep. Bob Franks, R-7. While the process follows speaker Chairman Baran announced a probe of her own.

"The next time I'll meet before you, it will not be as Union County manager," said Baran. "Instead, I will be working for the New Jersey Gateway Regional Center for Regional Development."

Baran announced her resignation May 6, leaving the freeholders to appoint Michael Lapolla as her successor effective June 16. Kean Col-

## Franks predicts fund fight

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

Congressman Bob Franks brought his message to preserve the Interstate Surface Transportation Efficiency Act before the Union County Alliance May 28 morning.

"Union County is among the first to invest in the infrastructure used for corporate success," said Franks before some 400 business, governmental and education leaders. "ISTEA is important to Union County and the Northeast."

After speaking at the annual Alliance meeting at L'Affaire, Franks stopped at another official breakfast at the Clark Holiday Inn on May 29.

Franks said he intends to take his "save ISTEA" message to the Transportation Policy Summit in Atlantic City and again elsewhere until Congress votes on the act's renewal by Sept. 30.

"ISTEA is a \$15 billion transportation fund Congress passed in 1991 to improve the nation's infrastructure. New Jersey depends on \$870 million for about half of its annual capital project budget."

"ISTEA is one of the few bargains New Jersey gets from the federal government," Franks said. "We're usually by the bottom of the return of our taxes from Washington, getting 62 cents back for every tax dollar we send back. For every dollar we put in in gas taxes is generated, we get \$1.10 back for highways and more for mass transit."

Franks said that ISTEA's renewal is facing opposition by a group called Step 21. Step 21, made up of members of Congress from the south and west, wants to change the funding formula.

"What we're trying to do against Step 21 is show that ISTEA isn't a land favoring the Northeast," said Franks. "We've legislators from 18 states, including Illinois, Colorado and Oregon, who've agreed to support ISTEA. In California, 48 of its 50 representatives have signed on."

Franks is concerned that restricting or stopping ISTEA would prolong or halt various transportation projects in the region, including the Newark to Elizabeth Light Rail Airport Line. He is willing, however, to consider a formula change.

"There will be a formula change," said Franks. "It has been using census data from 1970 in its calculations."

Franks' approval had a favorable response from audience members who have pending transit projects.

"I came from the recent United States Conference of Mayors, where they supported the continuation of ISTEA," said Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage. "Shifting the funding level will undermine our current and future projects."

Bollwage later said he was among a delegation which persuaded NJ Transit to include a Cranford-Elizabeth link to the airport rail line. Another project which would be affected by ISTEA changes would be Union's Towleway Station project on the Rahway Valley Line.

"The members of the Alliance have made Towleway Station a priority to complete," said Union Mayor Greg Muller. "Any funding change would delay the station's completion."

The Alliance is a bipartisan coalition seeking to implement long-range transportation, education and economic goals.

## Common Sense

By Jay Hochberg  
Regional Editor

Pay attention here: They present the passage of laws that eliminated the federal entitlement parts of welfare, and they argue that with the alleged denial of their "right" to "have a job at a living wage."

Get it? They want their free money back, and to justify their demands, they call "receiving welfare a job. These people are so thick and skilled at manipulating language that they should be on one of President Clinton's legal defense teams.

In the group's propaganda, it is said that such welfare-to-workfare laws deny all Americans their "right to feed, clothe and house" themselves and their children, and that the government does not "have enough jobs at living wages."

These are lofty ideas I could repeat to make these people look foolish, but I trust our readers to recognize something foul when they smell it.

It doesn't look as though the result of this march has been determined yet, but to bulk support along the way, the KWRU threatens to visit schools, labor unions, and religious congregations.

The unions deserve it, and the congressmen can endure it by showing charity, but it's the schools I'm worried about. In another age, school children were taught a science called civics. The lessons taught, being a good citizen involved many responsibilities, including being able to support oneself to not burden others.

Today these lessons are forgotten, and a good citizen is one who keeps his mouth shut when he's told to pay whatever taxes the government wants and then donate his spare time to paint over graffiti in slums. The taxes are called "contributions," and the free labor is called "volunteering."

For decades, the U.S. government has favored groups of Americans over others, using race, ethnicity and sex as boundaries. For a country founded on the principle that all are equal under the law, America certainly has strayed. The price for that is heavy "progressive" taxation, multiculturalism, immigration laws that impact poverty and discriminatory affirmative action laws are a few examples.

In the face of this disgusting "progress," I have just one more thing to say: Workers of the world unite. You have nothing to lose but your earnings — to those of the KWRU and others like them.



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## Summer camp offers 'stable-ity'

Has your child wanted to try the sport of horseback riding? The opportunity to learn to ride horse exists this summer at the county's Equine Camp.

Equine Camp is open to boys and girls ages nine to 17.

Enrollment is limited to a maximum of two weeks per child. Scheduled sessions will be held beginning the week of June 24 and ending the week of Aug. 19. Sessions are held Tuesdays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., except for the week of June 30-July 3, when the camp will be held Monday through Thursday.

Wauchung Stables, at 1160 Summit Lane in Mountaintop, is the site for this opportunity for fun, fitness and learning. Camp is open to boys and girls ages nine to 17.

The fee is \$220 per session for Union County residents; \$260 for out-of-county. All registration must be performed in-person. Proof of residency and a birth certificate will be required.

For further information contact the Wauchung Stables at (908) 789-3665.

## 18 holes available at courses

Golfers again can enjoy playing 18 holes at each of the county's three golf courses, with no temporary greens or an on-going construction on any of the open holes.

The nine holes reconstructed in phase one of the three-phase plan to renovate Galloping Hill Golf Course, located on the Boulevard in Union, are open for play, Galloping Hill now has 18 of its 27 holes open. The new holes that golfers can play are 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 and on the front nine; with 3 and 4 from the regular 18-hole course.

Work will continue on the other nine holes during the season, and it is anticipated that the work on all 27 holes will be completed by the end of 1998.

All holes should be open for play in the spring of 1999.

Ash Brook Golf Course, on Scotch Plains, now has all greens open. "In mid-August we will begin rebuilding the remainder of the greens on the front nine," said Freeholder Dan Sullivan. As with Galloping Hill, it is anticipated that work at Ash Brook Golf Course will be finished in late 1998, with all greens being open in the spring of 1999.

The three golf courses require all golfers play without metal spikes. Spikeless alternatives are available at the pro shops.

Anyone interested in purchasing an identification card must send an application to the Parks and Recreation office before going to a golf course to purchase the card.

In addition, the county has new golf carts that are available for rental at all three courses.

## 3 firms praised for trade

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

Three local manufacturers were honored for their entrepreneurial progress by the Board of Freeholders during the Union County Alliance Breakfast May 28.

Hillside Metal Ware, of Union; Rotec Company, of Hillside; and Universal Valve Company, of Elizabeth, received the inaugural Freeholders Award of Excellence in Export before some 400 business, governmental and education leaders at L'Affaire in Mountaintop. Each representative received a plaque from Freeholder Chairman Linda Stender.

"These three Union County companies have displayed excellence in international trade with products or services," she said.

Cultural connections

Hillside Metal Ware President Bill Franklin accepted the first award. The company specializes in manufacturing aluminum baking pans for industrial and home consumers.

"We've been in business over 40 years," said Franklin. "We have a good product which we first marketed in Canada and now have customers in Finland, Japan and South America. It's satisfying for a small company like us to produce something which is well received worldwide."

Rotec's Martin Pensch accepted the award. The company provides a range of products, from the unskilled to the highly skilled, and we put value into it to follow the monetary exchanges. Union County provides a range of employees, from clients' languages or to follow the monetary exchanges. Union County provides a range of employees, from clients' languages or to follow the monetary exchanges. Union County provides a range of employees, from clients' languages or to follow the monetary exchanges.