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A Liberty Tree grows in Clifton



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Clifton was designated as a Liberty Tree Memorial site in a program sponsored by the nonprofit Elm Research Institute. Three disease-resistant American Liberty Elms were delivered to Clifton and planted to coincide with Arbor Day and Clifton's 90th anniversary on April 27. The tree now stands at Main Memorial Park. The tree symbolizes the birth of freedom in America. A plaque from the Institute stands next to the tree. Pictured above at the planting ceremony were Councilman Joe Cupoli, Barbara Watterstone of the Beautification Committee, Councilwoman Gloria Kolodziej, (also a member of the Beautification Committee,) Environmental Commissioner Mary Rogers, City Manager Al Greco, Mayor James Anzaldi, and Environmental Coordinator Al DuBois.



Officer shoots man holding machete

Man remains in 'guarded' condition

By **Albina Sportelli**
Editor

CLIFTON – City Patrolman Thomas Buell shot a man once in the chest on Saturday night when the man refused to comply with orders to drop the machete he was holding in one hand and the metal pipe he was holding in the other, said detective Lt. Richard Berdnik.

The officer, Berdnik said, appears to have acted properly, but the incident still requires an investigation by the Passaic County Prosecutor's office, as it is procedure when an officer discharges his weapon.

This is the first time Buell has fired his service weapon in the line of duty, Berdnik said, adding Buell is a "seasoned officer" who went out on leave following the shooting. Berdnik said he was not required to take time off, rather chose to do so.

"It's definitely a stressful situation for the officer who has to fire his weapon," Berdnik said, adding, "No one wants to shoot anybody."

The man who was shot, Aleksander Malek, 50, a resident of

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