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# Kilimanjaro is next challenge



Artie Elefant, front, works out with Julius Wilson, a fellow member of the Achilles Track Club.

Nearly blind man, 56, from Rockaway Twp. to climb African peak

> **BY JANE HAVSY** DAILY RECORD

NEW YORK --- Artie Elemountain. He's never been interested in hiking. In his first pair of hiking boots last week.

But in less than a month, slowly degenerates.

Elefant will be trekking up Mount Kilimaniaro in Tan-

It's a daunting first effort, particularly at 56 years of age. And beyond the temperamental weather and high altitude is a factor that will make fant has never climbed a things even more difficult for Elefant. Elefant is nearly blind. He lost his sight to fact, Elefant only tried on retinitis pigmentosa, a rare disease-in which the lightsensitive retina of the eye



Artie

White Meadow Lake for 27 years, Elefant is well known Morris County. He cofounded the Morris Coun-

ty Striders, one of the area's largest running clubs. He, his wife Susan, and their children, Matthew and Debbie — both graduates of Morris Hills High School -

A resident have participated in numer- abilities to exercise alongous races throughout the state both as runners and course-side volunteers.

Elefant ran the New York across 36 countries. City Marathon in 1979 and mountain."

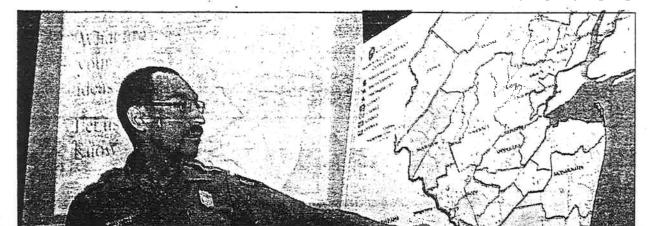
Club, an international non-"going to be new." profit that encourages people with all kinds of dis-

side the general public. Achilles has 10,000 members in 126 chapters spread

"This is totally different 1981 and joked that in honor from anything I've done," of his 20th anniversary, said Hoboken resident "instead of doing a Eddie Montanez, who ran marathon, I'm climbing a, the New York City ... Marathon in 1992. "The dif-He will hike Kilimanjaro ferent exercises, the prepawith the Achilles Track ration, even the gear is

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ia Pappas, a former u pair who now esidents with au 1 au pair agency, had up seeking clients. Is have the best rela-They come back to amilies, she said. titude of activities, with cool, gentle id a bright evening for a fine day. great," said Reggie of Piscataway.

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# Climb

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The "Mount Kili Team" includes a deaf asthmatic actress, a cancer survivor who has had an arm amputated, and five blind people ranging in age from 19 to Elefant at 56. They have been working out since April, hills on Tuesdays and circuit training with Fabian St. Rose at a New York Sports Club in midtown on Thursdays.

St. Rose has already climbed Kilimanjaro, and will be one of 18 able-bodied guides accompanying the Achilles athletes.

St. Rose led a mini-workout at the ExtraVertical Climbing Center in midtown Manhattan Tuesday.

"I wish I were still living back in Morris County," said Elefant, who moved to Manhattan in 1998, when he was no longer able to drive.

"I wish I had those hills today."

Guides from Park East, a travel company specializing in African tours, will assist the group on its trek up the Rongai Route to Kilimaniaro's summit, 19,433 feet above sea level. They will follow a series of switchbacks as they hike up

the mountainside.

"It's not technical at all, in regard to ropes hanging and people swinging," said Elefant. "It's a long, steady hill that never ends.'

While in Tanzania, the Achilles athletes will visit a school for blind children. They will donate a computer equipped with JAWS software, Braille books, and school supplies as part of Park East's "Bring a Book Foundation." They are also planning to explore several national parks.

> The ambitious adventure originally was inspired by blind South African athlete Geoff Hilton-Butler. climbed Mount Kilimanjaro himself summer.

"It wasn't even a big thing at the time," said Ivonne Mosquera, a Stanford graduate with electric blue fingernail' polish and six-pack abs who has been blind since she was a toddler.

"I didn't think it'd be serious, but two weeks later they were saying, 'Let's get it together,' and I said, 'I guess I'm going. No turning back now.' It's definitely taken on a life of its own."

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ar the state had about on in home heating uid human services helped 80 families last year, paying for an average of \$2,065 in repairs.

The program will pay up to \$4,000 to replace a furnace, she

Covered repairs include weather stripping, insulation nt spokesman Andy and repair or replacement of

price was \$142.7, down only 16 cents from January, according to the U.S. Department of Ener-

### Price increase

On the New York Mercantile Exchange futures wholesale market a gallon of heating oil