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Borough Highlights

Dine-a-Round planned
Tickets for the Sept. 14 Dine-a-Round are now on sale, it was announced by Mountainside's 100th Anniversary Committee.
The food to be served will feature specialties from the finest restaurants and food shops in the area. The New Jersey Pops will provide musical entertainment.
The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Tickets are priced at \$30 each and may be purchased by mailing a check, payable to the Borough of Mountainside, and a self-addressed envelope to Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, attention: Dine-a-Round/Concert.
Tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information, call Jean Pascuiti at 789-9172.

Centennial souvenirs
Full-length videos of the Centennial Parade are now available. Anyone who missed the 'parade of the century,' or if they can't wait to see it again, may stop by Borough Hall and purchase a copy. They are priced at \$30 each. In addition, the borough also offers souvenir mugs, T-shirts and caps.

Farm teams fielded
The borough has planned two evenings of baseball fun for the summer.
On Saturday, the New Jersey Cardinals AAA baseball team will play Vermont. Game time is 5 p.m. The bus will leave Deerfield School at 3:15 p.m. and return after the game.
On July 15, the Trenton Thunder — the Red Sox farm team — will play the Orioles farm team, the Bowie Baysox. The bus will leave Deerfield School at 5:15 p.m. for the 7:05 game.
Registration, including the bus ride and a reserved seat at the game, is \$15 per person. To register, contact the Recreation Office at Borough Hall.

AARP to meet
The AARP meeting scheduled for today will feature Bonnie Kelly, ombudsman for the Institutionalized Elderly of the state Department of Community Affairs. The meeting is set for 1 p.m. at the Community Presbyterian Church on Deer Path.

Trailside events
Trailside Nature and Science Center has scheduled an event for preschoolers, to demonstrate the movements of the sun and the moon and the transition of daytime into night.
"The Sky Inside" will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. No children under 4 years old will be admitted.
Trailside continues its Spring Skies program on Sundays this month. The two prominent spring constellations, Leo and Virgo, will be discussed. Participants also will be shown how to locate Mars. Shows begin at 2 p.m. No children under six.
The planetarium also will continue the Laser Eclipse show.
The laser light show, set to be held June 25 at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. No children under 10. For more information, call 789-3670.

No longer pitiful



Construction on the future Police Headquarters continues, as workers shape the foundation in what until recently appeared to be a giant pit. The construction has played havoc on the Borough Hall parking lot, leaving many drivers' cars on the grass next to the Rescue Squad headquarters. The construction will disrupt normal borough government functions and some offices will have to be relocated occasionally. The project is scheduled to be completed by early 1997.

Photo By Jay Hechberg

Heritage Day events planned

Volunteers working on the 100th anniversary commemoration have firmed plans for the three-day party that will cap the borough's centennial celebration.
The Heritage Day Committee will sponsor a weekend-long birthday bash in mid-September, and committee members promised an event of music, fun and food.
"An Evening at the Pops" — a two-hour concert performance featuring the New Jersey Pops, is on the agenda.
Michael Bugda, the symphony orchestra will perform in the auditorium of Our Lady of Lourdes Church.
In addition, "a gourmet's delight" will be provided, according to the committee. Participants will be able to sample the specialties of restaurants and caterers from the surrounding area.
Tickets are now on sale at \$30 for the combined event.
On Sept. 15 the circus will come to town.
Heritage Day Committee members

said jugglers, acrobats, clowns and trained animals will come together under the Phillips Brothers' Big Top for two performances — at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
From 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., a petting zoo, featuring barn animals, will be open for children.
A family-style dinner also will be offered in the auditorium of Our Lady of Lourdes throughout the course of the evening's events for a nominal fee.
As a discount special for residents only, pre-1990 \$10 family tickets will be sold. Singles and non-residents may purchase tickets in advance for \$5 each. Tickets sold the night of the performance will be priced at \$6 for children ages 3-12 and \$7 for those over 12.
The celebration will continue on Sept. 16, with the Centennial Fair.
Crafters, an antique car display, carnival games, miniature golf, pony rides, a wide array of rides for toddlers to teens and a tethered hot-air balloon will be on hand.
In addition to a variety of other

entertainers, there will be games, jugglers, clowns and acrobats strolling the Deerfield School grounds.
Musical entertainment will include a live band and a performance for adults, and a special interactive entertainment for the children too.
Many games and prizes, such as tug o' war, sack races, water balloon toss, bocce ball tournament, limbo, hula hoop and sports races will be among the 72 family activities.
Sept. 16 will mark the finale of the week-long sporting events and junior olympics.
There will be parent-child tennis tournaments, relay races and 100-yard dashes among other events.
Sign up sheets are available at the Mountainside Recreation Department. All applications must be submitted by Aug. 1.
The weekend will come to a close with a bang.
What Mayor Robert Vigilanti has called "the greatest display of fireworks Mountainside has ever seen" will be unleashed in the skies over the borough on the evening of Sept. 16.

Morale survey results released

By Mark Crudele
Correspondent
Employees in the Union County Regional High School District say their morale is average, according to a survey presented to the Regional Board of Education recently.
The Morale Issues Survey Report, administered by Quality Transformations, was conducted "to look for issues that are important to staff morale," said consultant Mary Jane Rainieri. "It was not set up to look for good or bad things."
Both the Board of Education and Superintendent Donald Merachnik did not fare well in the anonymous survey of opinion. Out of 10 classification categories, respondents rated the board and superintendent as generating both a negative impact on morale and the least trust among employees.
The results of the survey also indicate that staff members have little confidence in the board and superintendent's ability to keep them informed of important issues.
"I am not surprised," Merachnik said. "Most boards rank low on morale surveys because of the edicts and regulations the board adopts and the superintendent must implement that angers staff members."
Regional High School Board of Education President Joan Toth of

Garwood said she was "personally disappointed" by the way the staff interprets the board.
"I have always felt we are an open board. We have principal meetings with staff members that are very informative, and I believe, very open," she added. "I understand morale is very low now. I feel the same way; some days I feel good about the district and some days I don't. It is not a reflection on the board, it is a reflection on the times."
"I feel that any board member can talk with any staff member openly," she said. "As for the superintendent, I cannot speak for him, although I'm disappointed that's the way they feel about him."
From their responses on the survey, Rainieri calculated the five issues staff members have the least satisfaction with and are the most concerned about:
• The opportunity for involvement provided when changes are being planned which will affect jobs.
• Management's understanding of the problems employees face on the job.
• The consideration given to committee recommendations when final decisions are made.
• The level of professional respect given to employees, regardless of level or position.

"Employees were concerned with the amount of professional respect they are given," Rainieri said during her presentation to the board. "They feel they are treated like students and often ignored. There is also a real problem with administrative support of teachers in discipline matters."
She said lack of open lines of communication is a major reason for disharmony. "When you don't keep teachers informed, the rumors start flying around and morale goes down as teachers learn the truth from somewhere else."
Rainieri noted that staffers demonstrated a fear of management during the survey process. "Respondents indicated a feeling that there is management by intimidation," she said. "People were wary of filling out the demographic information because they were afraid someone would know who it was. People cut out the control numbers, because they thought we would know what number each person was. They were afraid to talk to the staff of being tape recorded, basically afraid of negative repercussions for what they said."
Board member Robert Jones asked Rainieri if cutting out control numbers is "extreme." While Rainieri said she had not conducted many surveys of this type before, she said she has never
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Fire chief proposes new entry 'key' system

By Cynthia B. Gordon
Staff Writer
Borough Council has been asked to consider a new system to enable firefighters to enter burning buildings.
During its meeting on Tuesday, council heard a presentation made by Fire Chief James Sanford regarding the Knox System, a network of uniform keys to local businesses, which would allow rescue workers to enter private properties without breaking down doors.
The keys would be kept by the Police Department. Mayor Robert Vigilanti voiced concerns regarding the legal responsibilities if a key ever was stolen or failed to work.
The cost of the borough's Knox box would be \$2,000, not including installation fees. There are different sized boxes available to companies, the prices of which start at \$130.
As the manufacturer is asking the Fire Department to contact local businesses to take part in the system — as Vigilanti said "to act as sales representatives" — the council will request a reduced rate.
Vigilanti also suggested that the borough gauge interest in the project before spending money on it.
"We're treating it as a voluntary program," Sanford said.

smoking will be prohibited; there will be no exceptions for staff.
There was concern about how the police would enforce the ordinance, especially during events such as the Heritage Day celebration in September and Little League games.
One councilman suggested making the ordinance effective during school hours only. Another said the ordinance could prove to be "unenforceable," if large numbers of people decide to break the law at the same time.
The issue will be sent back to committee.
For Deerfield School graduation, a \$100 savings bond will be given to Valedictorian Jean Carrelli; both Salutatorians, Alison Kobel and Lauren Kobel, each will receive a \$75 Savings Bond.
Also on the agenda for the evening, was the transfer of one surplus police vehicle to the Fire Department. According to the Fire Department, getting the additional vehicle would enable them to use their Suburban truck as an extra fire truck to help transport fire equipment, act as a command center as it could access the police radio, and transport more firefighters.

Because of the success of several of the 100th anniversary events — the second annual Golf Outing and Gala Ball — the council discussed the feasibility of holding similar events each year.
Council will vote on these items on Tuesday.

Truck hits foot-bridge

The pedestrian bridge that crosses Route 22 in front of Borough Hall was struck by a truck Tuesday afternoon; no injuries were reported.
A rolloff dumpster truck, which was transporting steel beams, was passing under the bridge when the protruding beams hit the bridge at 1:25 p.m.
According to police, there was no damage to either the truck and minimal damage to the bridge.
The state Department of Transportation was called to the scene, and DOT officials said "everything is fine."



Judges pick winner in local seal contest

As part of the continuing celebration of the Borough of Mountainside's centennial, the Echo, with the help of the Mountainside Historical Preservation Committee, presents the story of the creation of the seal of Mountainside.
As part of the 300th anniversary of the State of New Jersey in 1964, the Mountainside Tercentenary Committee conducted a contest for the design of a seal for the borough.
All residents of at least senior high school age were eligible. The judges were Harry Devlin, Jean Hershey and J. Alan Rockmore. First prize was \$20; second prize was \$10.
Gloria S. Johnson of Birch Hill Road won first place and Robert G. Horner of Brookside Road was awarded second place.
The winning seal was green and beige, consisting of a design of mountains, a family grouped together and a locust tree.
When making their choice, the committee said this seal "symbolized the borough."
Johnson was a freelance industrial designer and had exhibited many of her paintings at state shows. She also served on the Recreation Committee.
Several versions of the seal are around town. On Route 22 East, at the borough border, one is posted. A stained-glass version, created by Mayor Robert Vigilanti, hangs in the Borough Council meeting chamber in Borough Hall. The sign pictured above is mounted at the entrance to the Municipal Building.

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Dayton gets new coach

Edward Ryscavage was named the new head football coach at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School by the Union County Regional High School Board of Education on June 6.

Ryscavage said he hopes to bring consistency to a program which over the last few years has lacked it.

"It is a great opportunity to build up the program. I've been successful in other situations similar to this one.

"We'll build up from the foundation, and make it like a family-type situation. We will work together to accomplish certain goals."

Ryscavage said he has been to Dayton and is already preparing for the position. "They have a great freshmen class that will help us build up. I feel that we will be successful in the fall."

Ryscavage has been a head coach for eight seasons and an assistant for 14. Two years ago, he won the Shore Conference Class C North division with Rumson-Fair Haven and took the group one school to the state playoffs, where they lost to Metuchen.

Besides his three years at Rumson, Ryscavage spent five years at the helm of the Irvington football program from 1986-1990. He has also served as assistant coach at Shore Regional, Passaic Valley, Red Bank Regional and Green Brook.

While at Irvington in 1988, Ryscavage was chosen Essex County Coach of the Year by *The Star-Ledger* and also earned coaching awards from the *New York Daily News* and from Worrall Community Newspapers.

Key to relaxation sought through reflexes

Borough resident Robert Paul McDonald will welcome a "reflexology" specialist, who will lead a training program, later this month.

Reflexology techniques, involving manipulation of reflex points, is an ancient healing practice, according to Laura Norman, who will lead the program.

Norman, the author of "Foot First: A Guide to Foot Reflexology," also said the therapy enhances good health and induces deep relaxation.

"It's a therapy to get your blood flowing, stimulating the body's natural healing abilities," she added. "It also helps the body cleanse itself of impurities."

The program will be held June 22 and 23 from 6-10 p.m. and on June 24 and 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 502 Central Avenue in Westfield. For more information, call McDonald at 654-6944.

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ON PATROL — Mountain-side's DWI enforcement patrol vehicle sits outside the police station. The Borough Council recently appropriated more than \$780 to keep the patrol on the road. The money comes from the state DMV Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund. In an unrelated matter, the Police Department has planned to transfer another of its vehicles to the Volunteer Fire Department to use for transporting equipment.

BMW stolen from tavern

A 1995 BMW, valued at \$45,900, was stolen from the parking lot of Sun Tavern on Route 22 on June 12 between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m., police said. The owner of the car reported it stolen after exiting the restaurant and discovering it missing. The car has not been recovered.

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Morale survey results released

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er heard of a similar situation and that she does think it extreme.

The responses of Governor Livingston Regional High School employees reflect the best morale. Central office staffers had the second best. Arthur L. Johnson workers were third and Jonathan Dayton employees responses showed the lowest morale.

"The staff at Dayton has been here the longest and has seen the most change," said Dayton Principal Judith Wickline. "It is hard to see changes and deal with change. I think they are also concerned with deregionalization. Additionally, part of the student population that has been in school for the last two years really doesn't want to be here, which is distressing to teachers."

Veteran Dayton mathematics teacher Arthur Krupp, a member of the committee which organized the survey, said there were other reasons. "We are a few years older," Krupp

said of Wickline's theory, "but that's just one piece."

"They don't know how to treat teachers and to make them an integral part of the decision process at Dayton," he added. "Here's an example: we have two business teachers. One teaches four classes in Clark and one at Dayton; the other teaches four classes at Dayton and one at Clark. Why aren't each scheduled to teach all five at one school?"

Krupp also told of one Dayton teacher, who also has been a class advisor for three years. "Next year, he'll be transferred to Governor Livingston and will lose that position because they already have senior class advisors."

Krupp cited declining discipline as another factor. "While this is a district-wide problem, it certainly needs to be addressed at Dayton. Discipline in the school is nowhere near what we've come to expect. No particular person is at fault, but we need a

new student-body attitude toward homework and school. This has always been a demanding academic school, and we are seeing a change in students at Dayton."

Another source of discontent, according to Krupp, is the management of athletics programs.

"There is a de-emphasis in this school on athletics," he said. "For example, many coaches have coached three sports for a long time. We have asked for the last period to be our free period, so we can set up for practice. We've repeatedly been denied that. It just seems that they do not want to help out."

"For years the management has been saying there is no morale problem — that the problems were only perceived by the American Federation of Teachers," Sorrentino said. "Well now they are hearing it from all the employees of the district, including management. As a result, I feel a lot of good and positive things will come out of this."

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As Father's Day nears, families plan

Day reserved for spending time together and giving presents

By Cynthia B. Gordon
Staff Writer

As Father's Day arrives, many families are planning to spend time together in a variety of ways.

Fathers from Springfield, Mountainside and across Union County shared their thoughts on what Father's Day means to them and how they most enjoy spending the day.

"If I had my choice, I would take my son Stephen, and go trout fishing for the day," said Mountainside Board of Education member Richard Kress. "This year we'll probably go trout fishing, come home in the afternoon and spend time together."

Springfield Board of Education member Richard Falkin said he was thankful for the relationship he has with his dad and with his own family.

Falkin said he and his brothers plan to spend the day playing golf with their father, Arthur.

"Father's Day means that I'm lucky and fortunate enough to have two healthy and wonderful girls: Colby and Ashley, and a wonderful wife, Debbie," said fellow board member Gary Tiss.

"My favorite way to spend the day is to go out for breakfast with the family, hang around the house and watch the U.S. Open — the most prestigious golf tournament held every Father's Day — and then have a nice dinner with the rest of my family," he added.

"As a father I appreciate having been blessed with two lovely children and a lovely wife," said Ben Stravato, another board member. "It's a day that we can all get together and watch 'thank God we have each other.'"

"For my father-in-law, it's a day that I thank him for allowing me to marry his daughter," he added.

"Usually we do some kind of family activity," said Springfield's Larry

Helfand, "whether it's going to the zoo, the park or having a picnic."

"Being a father is one of the best things I've ever done," he added. "Father's Day reminds me of seeing my children born and reminds me of my greatest accomplishment."

"Seeing the looks on my children's faces when they give me my gifts and how much it excites them is also a fun part of the day," Helfand also said.

To Bill Kenwell, a shopper in the Mall at Short Hills, Father's Day is a time to remember "how difficult it is to parent children and how important it is."

"Father's Day means love of children for their dad, and respect for what their father does; and gratefulness for the good life that the father has given to them," said Steve Schoeman of Scotch Plains. "To me it's not a time of material giving, it's a time of sharing good feelings and love. Everyday should be Father's Day."

"It's a time to relax and enjoy your family," said former Springfield resident Richard Johns. "My favorite activity is to have a barbecue."

Gift giving has become the socially accepted norm on Father's Day — just ask any retailer.

According to Darnu Moore, sales associate at Eddie Bauer, unusual gifts are making the rounds this year, including waterproof binoculars, a self-contained 13-piece tool kit, a mini world-atlas and a "Leather Popp Kit," for men's grooming.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art store caters to the culturally inclined. Medieval-style letter openers, engraved business-card cases and Egyptian plaques can be had there.

Art collectors and sports enthusiasts alike can be satisfied at Prestige Collections. According to Manager Debby Joseph, Ron Lee limited edi-

tion pieces of collectible sports figures are available, and — hint — popular this year.

With a variation on the common necktie, dads can become fathers to children across the world with "Save the Children" neckwear, available at Bloomingdale's.

According to Amy Feiner, a saleswoman at Bloomingdale's, the money received from the Save the Children ties will benefit the Save the Children organization, which provides food and shelter to children in more than 34 countries.

With the tie comes a motorized tie-rack. "They're selling real well," Feiner said.

According to Travel 2000 store manager Brenda Zimmerman, travelling fathers can be treated to passport and document carriers, money-exchange calculators, travelling tie case holders and clothes bars.

"For Father's Day, probably the man-bags are selling the most," she said. "Popp Kits and briefcases are best sellers for us, as well as vertical carry-on bags."

But material goods are not what the day is about.

According to Ben Stravato, hearing his kids say "thank you for just being you" is more special than any present.

"It shows that I'm special to them," he explained. "A present won't buy those feelings."

A stroll with a stroller

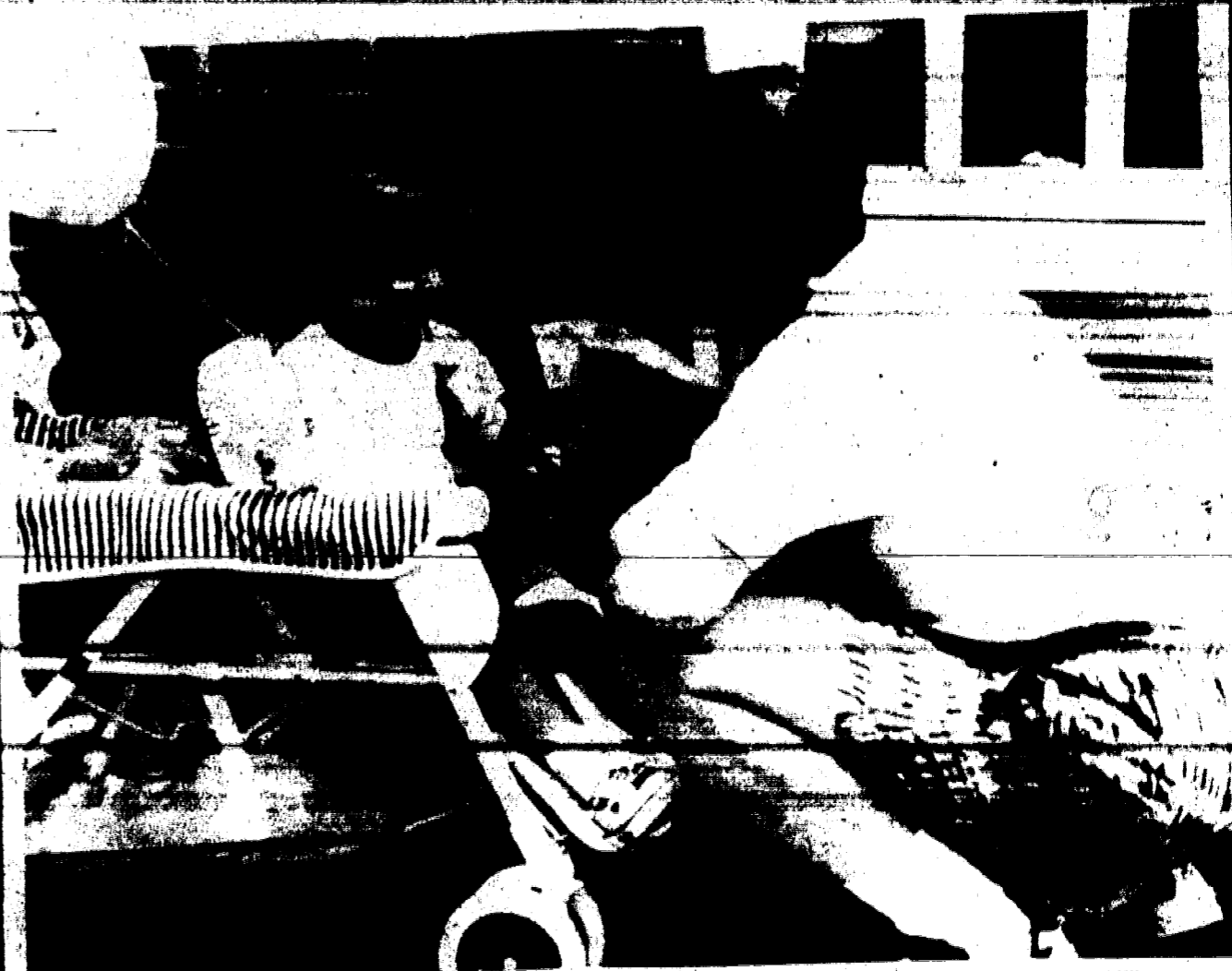


Photo By Milton Mills

Springfield residents Jim McElroy and Matt, 3, enjoy refreshments during the Heritage Day festival in the center of Union on Sunday.

Library automates catalog, check out process

In 1964, the headline in the newspaper read "Library to inaugurate automation." At that time, the Springfield Library was, in fact, automating the task of hand-stamping the date due on library materials and handwriting the names of the books borrowed. The implementation of the Gaylord book charging system revolutionized library circulation.

Now, some 31 years later, the library is once again, "inaugurating automation" but the 1990s version of automation translates to computers. Once again, the Springfield Library has turned to Gaylord Brothers, of Syracuse, N.Y., to accomplish the task.

All library materials have been affixed with bar-code labels, and all patrons will shortly receive new plastic library cards.

Patrons cards and library materials will be quickly scanned at the circulation desk, much in the same way that items are scanned in the grocery store.

Hardware has already been installed, the database is in the process of being created and staff training will occur in July. Circulation on the new system should begin in early August.

In order to prepare for the new circulation system, all library patrons will be required to fill out a new

library card application. When the system starts to operate, each library patron will receive a new plastic library card affixed with a bar-code that identifies the patron.

Residents can register on their next visit to the library.

The new library card is being designed by library trustee and artist Helen Frank. The card features a revision of the township's seal and a Revolutionary War Minuteman — reading a book while standing next to a computer.

Watch for the announcement of the kickoff of Springfield Free Public Library's Gaylord Galaxy system.

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Trailside plans festival

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Jonathan Dayton Regional High School Principal Judith Wickline informs Alexandra Gitter and Angela Carrelli they have been named Dayton's valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively. The three were together at the 10th annual Recognition Breakfast for Outstanding Scholars of Union County at L'Affaire in Mountainside.

'School Efficiency Program' bill introduced in State Senate

Legislation creating a "School Efficiency Program" designed to encourage public schools to curb excessive administrative expenditures and to reward schools with efficient spending practices has been introduced in the Senate.

The legislation, sponsored by

Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco and Sen. John Ewing, R-Morris, codifies the administrative penalty and rewards program first developed as part of the fiscal year '96 state budget proposal.

The "School Efficiency Program," which reflects changes made through

negotiations between the Legislature and the administration, calls for school districts, whose budgeted per pupil administrative spending for the preceding school year exceeds the median for schools of a similar type by a specific percentage, to receive penalties in the form of reduced school aid.

Regional board to review ranking

By Mark Crudele
Correspondent

A petition signed by 120 community members has led the Union County Regional High School District to re-examine its ranking policy.

The petition, which according to Curriculum Supervisor Kenneth Mattfield was presented during the May 2 board meeting, called for the "immediate abolition of ranking at Governor Livingston."

In response, Mattfield has distributed a survey to all district teachers asking if they believe students should be ranked according to academic achievement.

That survey asks teachers if students should be ranked, if schools should be able to determine their own ranking policy through faculty vote, and if ranking is abolished, if it should start either immediately for all grades or be phased in.

Mattfield has already had staff meetings at each school to discuss the topic. The results of the surveys, which were due June 6, will be presented to the board on Tuesday along with Mattfield's recommendation on the future of ranking.

The 120 petitioners, mostly from Mountainside and Berkeley Heights, cited the ranking advantage gained by those who take the district's early-morning physical education and health period as the impetus for their petition.

The new class, which will run from 7:30-8:16 a.m. beginning next year, gives students who take it a "slight" rank advantage, said Mattfield, adding 126 students have signed up for the class at Governor Livingston, 26 at Jonathan Dayton and 60 at Arthur L. Johnson.

"It's a bonus to ranking," Mattfield said, "and could have a bearing on class rank. Simply, the system rewards students for taking more courses than the minimum."

"Some of the students I spoke to said they really needed to take advantage of any ranking bonus," he added.

But, while he said the class, commonly known as a "zero" period, was the reason for the petition, he said the ranking debate has been around for a long time.

"Rank has been a smoldering issue for as long as I've been here," Mattfield said. "It has been debated more than any other issue over the years."

"There have been at least four committees in the last 22 years that all wrestled with the ranking issue. The most recent committee was hopelessly deadlocked," he added.

Mattfield also said he has recently discussed the issue with the Committee on School Issues in all three district

schools, and found the most displeasure with it at Governor Livingston.

At the other two schools, he said "it really wasn't a big issue. They had other concerns that they considered more important."

Mattfield said one solution may be to have different ranking policies at each school.

"The board requires the superintendent to develop a ranking policy for the entire district. Right now, that policy says the district uses the same ranking system in all schools," he added. "So the board's first decision would be to consider if the policy needs to be changed for individual schools."

Governor Livingston Principal Rosalie Lamonte said she is "personally not in favor of maintaining the ranking system."

"It hurts a disproportionately large number of kids here while it helps a small number," she added. "Many colleges we have talked to say without rank, they will look at students' records more. Rank sometimes becomes the factor that they quickly eliminate students by."

Lamonte said that if the other two schools are lukewarm about eliminating it, Governor Livingston should be permitted to have a separate policy. "Every school should meet the needs of its community. The community and student body at G.L. have shown that they are ready for a change. If the other schools do not want to change, then G.L. should be allowed to chart its own course."

Mattfield said a major concern about eliminating rank is that it may penalize students when they apply for college. "People who are against abolishing it feel it might hurt kids' chances to get into college. But we've talked to high schools that don't rank and they say they aren't really concerned about that. If the high school is able to tell colleges what their programs are about instead of ranking, it may very well help students."

Board of Education member Robert E. Jeans said he agreed, adding that "colleges know a good school. It's not just rank."

Mattfield said limited busing will be provided for the early morning students, who live more than 2.5 miles away from school.

The regional ranks classes on a scale from one to five and gives students' rank more weight for taking harder classes. The district ranking philosophy states that it is "based upon a premise that students who enroll in courses which are academically demanding and intellectually challenging should be rewarded for their efforts in successfully completing difficult and complex course requirements."

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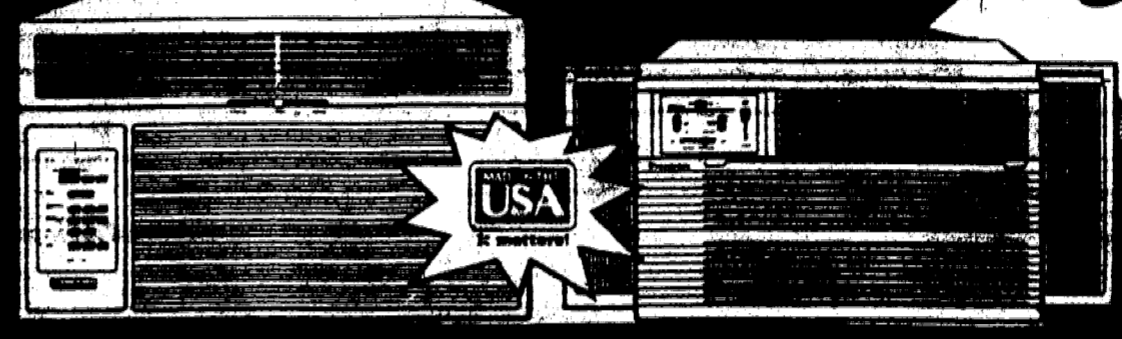
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OPINION PAGE

Budgeting: lesson three

It seems we've created a serial editorial, what started as a call for Springfield Township Committee members to be careful with shared services agreements has continued — thanks to prodding from several readers — into a third week of suggestions for making government less expensive.

Privatization, like shared services, is another of those buzzwords discussed among politicians. The area is worth exploring in municipal council chambers.

As the Borough of Mountainside opened its community pool this weekend, residents found themselves swimming in deep water and paying high fees charged by the borough.

Mountainside, like many communities, operates a swimming pool by collecting fees from those who expect to use it.

For those looking to take a dip on a hot summer afternoon, there are no alternatives except private clubs and individually owned swimming pools — two moves that are cost prohibitive for most and certainly more expensive than the fees charged by the borough.

But a resident shouldn't have to upend his landscaped backyard to enjoy a swim; if towns had community-style, privately operated swimming pools, customers would have the freedom to choose where they want to spend their money, and competition would keep the membership fees affordable.

Improved service is another factor that should motivate a municipality considering privatization.

While Mountainside's employees got the borough's pool open for weekend business on Saturday, their counterparts in Springfield had found obstacles.

In the process of preparing the township's pool for opening, scheduled for Memorial Day weekend, the Springfield Recreation Department has labored on improvements to the facility that included, among many other things, painting the swimming pools.

The paint and sealant used in the pools required seven days to dry before the pools could be filled with water, according to those in charge. If rain fell within the seven days after the work was completed, then opening the pool for business would be delayed accordingly.

What may have been equally true was the possibility of needing only three days for the drying procedure. According to one former member of the Springfield Township Committee, a Recreation Department staffer contacted the manufacturer of the paint and sealant and learned that three days would suffice.

For his efforts to serve the public better than had been expected, this employee was squeezed out of his job because, in the words of the former committeeman, of a clash of egos.

It's a shame that efficient management of public services is an oxymoron in some cases.

If cost efficiency, customer service and departmental responsibility were gauges by which residents could measure the services they receive in a competitive market, then alternatives to government-controlled services would be sought.

Thinning DMV 'fat farms'

In one of her brighter moments, Gov. Christine Whitman has set upon privatizing the state-operated offices of the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles. These offices have been described as employee "fat farms" — not as in trying to reduce fat, but as in putting fat on.

As with automobile inspections, the DMV offices have been operated at too high a cost to taxpayers, with at least one major scandal a year unfolding.

Time and time again, most of the service operations of the DMV have been shown to be excessively expensive, bureaucratically mismanaged, and generally inconvenient to the motoring public. Why should state taxpayers finance this waste and inefficiency? A private company, if it hoped to continue its contract with the state, would perform a less costly and more efficient service.

This effort to privatize the most deficient of state departments, divisions and agencies is being resisted by the state employee unions and its PAC friends in the Legislature.

For once, the governor is fulfilling a pledge she made in her election campaign: to expand privatization for less costly government and provide for more competent options of service to the public.



Photo By Jay Hochberg

UNAVOIDABLE COST — Construction on Glenview Drive in Springfield was halted this week when workers discovered rain had softened the base for the new blacktop and the material had seeped into the soil beneath. The project, which originally was to cost \$71,787.50, will now cost \$87,593 — an increase of 22 percent that had to be authorized by the Township Committee in the form of a resolution Tuesday night. In a letter to the committee, Township Engineer Bob Kirkpatrick said the matter was an unanticipated problem. Work should have restarted yesterday, with the appropriation of the added funds. In the meantime, the contractor has made a few dollars paying Glenview Drive residents' driveways.

Violations of ethics rules must be reported

Be Our Guest

By William Ruocco

On May 30, Springfield's trustworthy special attorney, Sheldon Schiffman, Esq., who was hired to defend the township against the lawsuit filed by the local Democratic Party over the "Bergen ordinance," sent a letter to Mayor Marcia Forman.

In his letter he stated the following: "The Judge wanted to know if I knew of any particular reason why the Township passed this ordinance, in other words, was there anything that had transpired involving the municipal chairman and the municipal attorney, that warranted the type of regulatory procedure that is called for in this ordinance."

A very important and just question for any judge to ask.

However, Mr. Schiffman responded, "I had to tell her that I was unaware of any specific instance other than what was set forth in the preamble of the ordinance concerning the Committee's concerns about propriety."

Mr. Schiffman was well aware that a former Township Committeeman and fellow attorney introduced the "Bergen ordinance."

Why didn't he call him to find out why the ordinance was passed in the first place. Could it be that he forgot?

Was he told to ignore Jeffrey Katz, Esq., and/or to play stupid?

Only Mr. Schiffman can answer these questions.

Clearly he can't be blamed simply for being new to the legal profession, because he also stated in his letter that he had been an attorney for 40 years.

Why would an attorney, hired specifically to defend an ordinance, fail to make the appropriate inquiries of the relevant parties as to the reasoning behind the enactment of the ordinance? Sheldon Schiffman represented the Township of Springfield through its Township Committee. Committeewoman JoAnn Holmes voted in favor of the subject ordinance, yet Schiffman never once questioned her about the ordinance. He also never conducted discovery with the other members of the Township Committee, who authored and voted in favor of the ordinance.

In addition, serious questions of impropriety were raised with respect to the township attorney's involvement in the litigation against Springfield. It does not appear the any discovery was conducted with respect to such involvement.

Mr. Schiffman was obligated to act with reasonable diligence in representing Springfield and in preparing for the hearing conducted before Judge Span as per the Rules of Professional Conduct.

How diligently could Mr. Schiffman have represented Springfield and defend the ordinance, when he failed to conduct basic discovery or ask the appropriate questions?

Also contained within his letter, Mr. Schiffman stated that the Judge said, "if there was any particular question concerning the ethics of the Township Attorney, these can be dealt with either through the prosecutor's office or through the Supreme Court Ethics Committee."

Contained in the entire file is a letter from the township's former defense attorney in the suit, Thomas N. Torzewski, Esq., which calls to the attention of Mayor Forman, Deputy Mayor Slote, Committeemen Hirschfeld & Clark and Committeewoman Holmes strong facts that Mr. Bergen has possibly violated the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Under the Rules of Conduct, Mr. Schiffman has a direct obligation to bring that information to the attention of the Supreme Court Ethics Committee.

Why hasn't Mr. Schiffman contacted the Supreme Court Ethics

Committee? Under the Rules he is obligated, and it is not a question of waiting to hear from the Township Committee for direction. The Rules are very clear: Sheldon Schiffman is obligated to handle this on his own. Only time will tell if he, in his 40 years as an attorney, will fulfill his obligation.

Should he not do so, perhaps a complaint should be filed against him with the Supreme Court Ethics Committee.

Mayor Forman, Herb Slote, Roy Hirschfeld and Greg Clarke need to be heard from on this matter.

Committeewoman JoAnn Holmes voted against the firing of the first law firm — the one that won the first part of the case.

The Township Committee hired the Schiffman firm, and the township lost the second part of the suit.

In any case, it will not go away and before Forman, Slote, Hirschfeld and Clarke join Bruce Bergen in thinking it is all finished. It has just begun.

They really believe that the taxpayers are either sleeping or not paying any attention to what they have done.

They couldn't be more wrong.

William Ruocco is the chairman of the Springfield Republican Party and Republican candidate for mayor.

Ordinance and its sponsors are meanspirited

Be Our Guest

By Herbert Slote

Jeff Katz's account of the "Bergen suit" avoids the issues and misleads your readers. Let me review the facts.

Late in 1994, Mr. Katz authored an ordinance prohibiting the chairman of the Democratic Party — only — from simultaneously serving as township attorney. With the votes of Harry Pappas and JoAnn Holmes, this was made official. Believing the ordinance to be contrary to state and constitutional law, the Democratic Party initiated legal action to overturn it.

After the new year, the Township Committee, then comprised of five Democrats — after the Republican election debacle — was faced with an ethical as well as legal issue. The quickest way to relieve the township of the burden and expense of the problem would have been to rescind the ordinance. But this of course, however well-intentioned, would have elicited from Katz and company the charge that we were taking a political action, with damage to the credibility of the Township Committee.

Instead, it was agreed that our only legitimate interest lay in the narrow question of the legality of the ordinance, divorced from the motives of or consequences to either political party, and that the suit should go to court to be decided on its merits.

This was a difficult time for the Township Committee. Mr. Bergen, of course, recused himself from all discussions of the matter, and we, as elected officials, scrupulously avoided all contact with Democratic Party consideration of it.

On Jan. 10, the committee decided to make our views known to the law firm of Lum, Danzis, Drasco, Positan & Kleinberg — the firm previously

engaged by Katz, Pappas and Holmes — and direct them to take the necessary legal action to defend against the suit.

This was followed by my phone call, on Jan. 17, affirming the instruction. In response, we received their letter of Jan. 18, from which the following was quoted:

"I would suggest that we go on the offensive against the plaintiffs and the

individual behind the litigation . . . Going on the attack against the individuals behind this litigation could lead to a quick resolution of this matter."

No other course of action was suggested.

This approach, clearly under the influence of Katz, Pappas and Holmes, revealed beyond question that the motivation behind the ordinance was simple character assassination and since they offered no other defensive strategy, that the ordinance was legally indefensible.

Since this firm seemed disinclined to represent us as we wished, the committee had no choice but to dismiss them, and we then engaged the firm of Schiffman and Aiello, who brought the matter to a conclusion.

In invalidating the ordinance, Judge Miriam Span saw clearly through to the heart of the matter by declaring it as not having a "legitimate purpose" and that "it seems to be legislation that was aimed at one person."

Thus is exposed the petty minds that have put political interest and private vanity ahead of ethical behavior, as well as distracting township energies and funds.

Mr. Katz produced an amateurish document couched in legal terms, never expecting it to be challenged. He then compounds his lack of professionalism by criticizing a colleague for not sufficiently defending the indefensible, and by the claim that, previously, "the ordinance was held to be valid" by another judge.

Judge Edward Toy merely ruled on the issue of a restraining order, which he denied. The hearing and ruling by Judge Span was the first time the merits of the case were considered by a judge. There was never an appeal.

Bruce Bergen and the Democratic Party, having confidence in their moral and legal position, and at their own

expense, brought this case to judgement.

If Mr. Katz believes that justice was not done, let him reopen the issue, this time not under the shelter of elective office and the taxpayers' money, but at his own risk and expense. His failure to do so will be evidence of his sordid intentions and of his professional incompetence.

It is impossible not to have the utmost contempt for Mr. Katz, Mr. Pappas and Mrs. Holmes, who joined

him in this juvenile and mean-spirited display of pique.

I am hardly naive about the political process, but it is disheartening to have one's nose rubbed into the worst of it — into the realization that elected officials could have so little control of their emotional needs as to totally abandon morality and the greater needs of the community.

Herbert Slote is the deputy mayor of Springfield.

letter to the editor

A moment of clarity

To the Editor:

I am writing to correct several errors in the June 1 article concerning the invalidation by the Superior Court of New Jersey of the so-called "Bergen ordinance."

You incorrectly state that the case was heard by Judge Miriam Span on appeal from the decision of Judge Edward Toy. This is not correct. Toy merely ruled on the issue of a restraining order, which he denied. The hearing and ruling by Judge Span are the first time the merits of this case have been considered by a judge.

Your article reports that the reason the ordinance was invalidated by the court was because it pre-empted state law. This is not correct. In fact, the state law, as to reporting of political fund raising and ethics in local government, pre-empted the local ordinance, thus denying the township the right to legislate in these areas, and making the ordinance illegal.

You further incorrectly stated that the constitutional issues were not considered by the judge. In fact, pursuant to proper legal procedure, Judge Span decided the case on nonconstitutional issues, and finding that she could clearly invalidate the ordinance on that basis, never even reached the question of the constitutionality.

Finally you indicate that Judge Span "threw out the case." This is incorrect and totally backward. In fact, Judge Span invalidated the ordinance and granted the relief requested by the plaintiffs.

Thank you for correcting these errors, so as to avoid confusion on the part of the public.

Bruce H. Bergen
Springfield

Bruce H. Bergen is Springfield's township attorney.

Editor's note: Superior Court Judge Miriam Span struck down the "Bergen ordinance," as was accurately reported in last week's *Springfield Leader*, due to its political origin. It was also accurately reported that Span refused to hear the plaintiffs' arguments regarding constitutional grounds, because their pre-emption argument had already stood on its own merit. While she did not throw out the case, Span did end the litigation by ruling in favor of the plaintiffs and overturning the Springfield ordinance for the above-mentioned reasons.

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letters to the editor

Does anyone know the exact date when our society went into a free fall smack into a deep vat of sleaze? When did we raise to so-called "celebrity" status the likes of Joey Buttafuoco, Kato Kaelin, Amy Fischer, Tanya Harding, Jennifer Flowers and Tammy Faye Bakker Messner, Johnny Depp, John Wayne Bobbitt, and Madonna among some "celebrities"? We are hanging on the edge and slipping off.

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

his fist through one of the walls, causing some \$10,000 in damage. His excuse? He felt like it, and \$10,000 was what some would describe as "walking around money." Seems people like Depp and others in the "entertainment" field have decided they are above the law and trashing hotel rooms is just one of those things and you better live with it.

There's also Shannon Doherty, who was booted off a sitcom program because of her attitude toward others, barroom brawls and always having the ability to get the limelight at the expense of others. Another example of a spoiled brat who became wealthy, arrogant and too big for her pants in too short a time.

Of course, we could add Mike Tyson as another "hero" for our times, as well as Daryl Strawberry and Dwight Gooden. To many, they are our modern heroes. Some heroes, I must say.

Where are the Bob Hopes, Jack Bennys, Jack Dempseys, Babe Ruths, Chris Evert Loyds, Joe DiMaggios, and many others whom we can still

remember as real heroes, role models, people to look up to?

We don't have any. And do you know why?

Real heroes are not sleazy, ill-mannered, arrogant, rude and self-serving. Our modern heroes would rather sell their autographs for \$10 so they can become \$10 richer. No, celebrities are not heroes. They are just people who are not subject to an open season on vulgarity or sleaze.

Why is sleaze in? There are those who think Hollywood has much to do with it, that television is partly to blame. Also up for blame is the suspicion and frustration we have of those about us, including the government.

We seem to have lost respect for each other and take great glee in making fun of, tearing down and ripping up the rules of proper behavior. It's party-time at the expense of others, and the further we can sink into that vat of sleaze, the more applause we hear. It's a frightening thought that we are in danger of drowning in that sleaze vat and there's no one around to help rescue us from the arrogant, rude, selfish, and the manipulative.

I'm not urging a return to a Victorian or Edwardian era or even a 1950s society, when most people knew the limits of ill-mannered conduct, but at least a return to some decorum where there were some guidelines to proper taste.

In a world where anything goes, I'm afraid we are just seeing the tip of the iceberg. Today, we still have some, albeit not very many, taboos. I don't think anyone would make fun of Mother Teresa or the pope in public. Funny, I can't think of any other taboos that still stand. I'm sure there are others, but as far as I'm concerned, they are the only taboos that are not subject to an open season on vulgarity or sleaze.

Why is sleaze in? There are those who think Hollywood has much to do with it, that television is partly to blame. Also up for blame is the suspicion and frustration we have of those about us, including the government. We seem to have lost respect for each other and take great glee in making fun of, tearing down and ripping up the rules of proper behavior. It's party-time at the expense of others, and the further we can sink into that vat of sleaze, the more applause we hear. It's a frightening thought that we are in danger of drowning in that sleaze vat and there's no one around to help rescue us from the arrogant, rude, selfish, and the manipulative.

Norman Rauscher, a former newspaper publisher in Summit, is an active member of the Summit community.

Plans for grass composting stinks

Once again, those of us who live near the Quarry are going to be victims of a short sighted Township Committee. Many of us still remember the lies we were told: "There would be no stench from the county's leaf composting."

Springfield residents know that there are times when the smell from the leaves is so strong it chokes you and brings tears to your eyes. If Springfield's Township Committee has its way, instead of just being forced to live with the stench during the fall and winter, we will be forced to live with rotting leaves and grass all year long!

Instead of protecting our interests, our Township Committee is secretly negotiating to permit grass composting in the Quarry. The mayor and committee plan to introduce and pass a resolution calling on the Department of Transportation, the County of Union, and the Department of Environmental Protection to allow the change.

Just imagine the stench from the combination of rotting leaves and grass fermenting while you try to enjoy a weekend cookout! Worse still, think what that stench, truck noise and additional traffic will have on property values.

We have only two choices: We can sit back and become victims of our elected officials, or we can pick up the phone and call the members of the Township Committee.

Tell them: "No grass in the quarry!" Phone calls are just a start. Let the committee know that you're committed to keeping Springfield a pleasant place to live. Attend the next Township Committee meeting and show the committee we mean what we say. The next meeting Tuesday, June 27.

The values of our homes, the quality of life and the future of our community are at stake. This is much too important to let it happen without a fight. Remember what we teach our kids: "Just say no to grass!"

Marc Marshall
Springfield

letters to the editor

A Mt. Laurel lesson

To the Editor:

One of the definitions of coincidence is: "an accidental and remarkable occurrence of events...." Is it coincidental that in the spring of 1992, developer Grover Connells' "Twin Towers" project was stalled by the efforts of the Berkeley Heights/Watchung Coalition, and now in the spring of 1995, three years later, "the development" is being brought back to life?

Contrary to what you may have heard, "the development" has not been scaled back that much. The flyover entrance on Plainfield Avenue is still on the plan. Using his influence, the developer has received approval for an eastbound exit from Route 78 (a federal highway) into "the development," and Plainfield Avenue from Drift Road to Valley Road will become a four-lane highway utilizing environmentally sensitive wetlands.

Judge John Pisarsky, is this the spirit of Mount Laurel? Have you ever visited the site to see for yourself what a catastrophe "the development" would cause to our rural area, our county roads, our rural environment, and our way of life?

When Route 78 ends, we know Mr. Connell would be back to collect on the

promises made years ago for development variances in return for a subsidy to solve a Mount Laurel requirement for Berkeley Heights. The leaders and residents of Berkeley Heights were, unfortunately, unaware of the price this aid would cost.

The coalition leaders will resume the effort to scale down "the development" to a level that will not destroy the lifestyle of our communities. We want to scale back "the development" so that the monetary gain from the Connell "contribution" will not be at a destructive expense to the citizens and the surrounding neighborhoods.

Alan M. Haveson
Berkeley Heights/Watchung Coalition

An open letter for Father's Day

Dear Daddy:

As many of your opinions have graciously been printed in this newspaper's letters column, Beatty and I thought it fitting to extend a special happy Father's Day, Mr. George Ginsberg.

Over the years you have lovingly tendered us affection, comfort, instruction and companionship, plus the bonus of a sense of humor to put Groucho to shame.

You have been the perfect father, grandfather and great-grandfather, and we thought the time had come to put this news in print.

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Becker named Cornelian Scholar

Kara Becker, an eighth-grade student at St. James School in Basking Ridge, has been named a Cornelian Scholar at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit. She will join Oak Knoll's class of 1999 this fall. She was chosen among several semifinalists for the scholarship, which is named for Cornelia Connelly, founder of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus.

Becker is currently a member of the student council, varsity softball and basketball teams, the St. James Parish choir, the drama club, and has been involved in the summer and winter musical productions. Her poetry has

been featured in the *Monitor*, a Catholic newspaper, and she is the winner of a poetry contest sponsored by READ magazine.

Marilyn J. O'Shea, director of admissions at Oak Knoll, said, "We are delighted that such a talented young woman has been honored with Cornelian Scholarship. She has earned the school's recognition with her outstanding academic achievements and diverse extracurricular interests. Kara truly exemplifies an Oak Knoll 'Young Woman of Promise'."

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Becker of Basking Ridge.



Kara Becker

Talking shop



Photo by Milton Mills

Union County Auto Dealers officers exchange views during the group's annual Golf Outing Dinner at Suburban Golf Club in Union on Monday night. From left are Treasurer Ron Posyton of Smith Cadillac, Vice President David Hochberg of Summit Lincoln-Mercury, Secretary Mitch Friedman of New Norris Chevrolet and President John Lauricella of Thomas Lincoln-Mercury.

Health, safety focus of Red Cross program

An educational program, featuring health, safety and related subjects, which began earlier this year, is part of the 1995 program and services of the Summit Area Chapter of the

American Red Cross.

At the chapter house during the year, on the last Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m., a presentation and discussion will take place led by a

speaker knowledgeable on the topic for the afternoon. There will be no programs in July and August.

There is no charge, and refreshments will be served.

Harbor trip to Baltimore is scheduled

A bus trip to the Inner Harbor of Baltimore is scheduled for June 23, with an 8 a.m. departure and a return at about 9 p.m.

The cost is \$50 per person and includes visiting the museum with famous art collections, tour of Fort McHenry, the Inner Harbor World

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Trailside Nature and Science Center plans for summer activities

Trailside Nature and Science Center will offer a series of family-oriented nature and astronomy workshops this summer.

According to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Trailside will be providing its popular Two of Us program for children aged 2-4 years, accompanied by an adult, on Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.-noon and Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Two of Us is designed to encourage adult-child interaction, while stimulating an awareness of the natural world. Program topics for July and August include dinosaurs, geology, dandelions, blackbirds, sprouts, spiders and stream searching. The fee is \$3.50 per person.

90-minute programs
Offerings for the 4-6-year-old set include several four-day, 90-minute programs throughout the summer. These can be combined in some cases to include a two to three-hours-long session.

- Natural Beginnings introduces children to food chains and the interdependence of all living things. Games, a planting activity, hikes, crafts and stories are all included.

- Feathers, Fur and Scales teaches little ones all about animal coverings. Through hands-on activities and some live animals, participants learn about a different animal group each day.

- Dinomite transports pre-first-graders back to the days when dinosaurs ruled the earth. Participants become "paleontologists" and uncover their own "fossils," learn about favorite dinosaurs and play the dino-trivia game.

- Going Buggy offers a visit to bug haven where children can observe six-legged critters — insects — up close. Crafts, games and explorations will round out this buggy adventure.

- For a look at water wonders, parents can enroll children in Wet & Wild. This special 90-minute program will have students discovering what

floats and what sinks, and why wetlands are so important for many baby animals. Lake sampling with Trailside's pond equipment, games and crafts will also be included.

- A brand new program, Fabulous Flappers will introduce students to feathered friends: the birds. Children will delight in seeing the "Bird Bop," and playing "Busy Beaks." Learning how to look and listen for birds will be a highlight of this program.

Mini-daycamp planned
Immerse children in Nature's Wonders — a mini-daycamp — for a week at a time this summer at Trailside. The center will be offering a mini-daycamp for children in the first through sixth grades. Sessions are from 9 a.m.-noon or 1-4 p.m. and run Monday through Friday. Morning and afternoon sessions may be combined to allow for a longer day.

Nature Discovery Club for students entering first and second grade, provides in-depth discovery of forest, field, stream and pond as well as an exploration into the world of insects in the morning.

The afternoon session introduces students to the life and ways of the Native Americans who live in harmony with nature. Children play Native American games, hear Native American lore and make their own dream-catchers and pottery. Also included will be a special planetarium show featuring Native American "skylore."

Earth and Sky Wonders will have first and second graders investigating the world beneath their feet. Experiments, hikes, observations and a planting activity will give students a better understanding of soil, a most important resource.

The afternoon session will explore day and night-time skies and their special features. Cloud types, wind, weather, stars and planets will be investigated through cloud watches, songs, art activities and planetarium

shows. Solar prints and a stellar mobile will also be created.

For students entering grades three to five, the morning session of Junior Naturalists promotes an awareness of the natural world as participants study pond and stream habitat and conduct a salamander survey.

During the afternoon session, students will go on an insect safari, an animal tracking trek and investigate a forest community. Outdoor nature games and art activities will help participants understand the relationship of all living things.

ECO-Kids will have third and fourth graders unearthing nature's hidden secrets as they investigate wildlife homes and hideouts and other basic needs. Included in the morning session will be bird-nest building, as well as creating a temporary shelter for humans. Through nature activities, observation powers will be sharpened.

During the afternoon portion of ECO-Kids, animal skulls and jawbones from Trailside's collection will be closely examined to determine who eats what. A hike to a nearby pine forest in search of signs of owls highlights the program.

For the fifth and sixth graders, Earth Keepers, Star Reachers provides activities, experiments, and role playing to provide information needed to help keep Earth green. A morning session will include keeping an eco-journal, making recycled paper, learning forestry techniques and making a wild edible salad.

During the afternoon portion of Earth Keepers, visits to Trailside's planetarium will allow for discovery of the solar system, constellations and star types. Solar energy will be explored with hands-on activities, a sun spotter will be demonstrated and life on other planets will be explored. An evening star-watch and art activities are also planned.

Trailside also has scheduled activi-

ties for adults interested in nature and space sciences.

Astronomy for beginners
According to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the center will be offering Astronomy Basics on June 1 and 8 at 8 p.m.; Celestial Navigation for Beginners on June 15 and 22 from 8-10 p.m.; and Orienteering and Mapping Skills for Beginners on June 17 from 1-3 p.m.

Butterfly Gardening will provide information, through slides and a visit to Trailside's Butterfly Garden, necessary to attract these winged beauties and their offspring to gardens. The fee is \$7.

Astronomy Basics will introduce participants to the wonders of the universe with the help of a newly refurbished star projector. The new projector has the capability of showing up to 1,500 clear and accurate stars on a domed ceiling. Topics to be covered will be constellations, star types, the planets, sun and moon. Star-chart reading, galaxies, clusters and other cosmos mysteries will also be covered.

Celestial Navigation will instruct students in the basic grid system of the sky. "Star-Hopping," lunar, solar and planetary positions, instruction in star chart and sextent use will all be included. Hands-on demonstrations, outside observations, and star charts will be provided. Astronomy Basics and Celestial Navigation are open to high school students and adults. The fee is \$21.

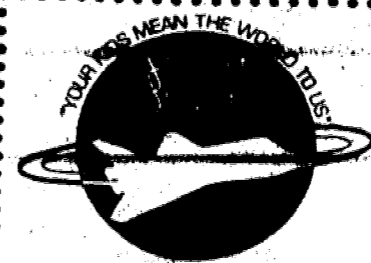
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The Council Service Center is located at 201 Grove St. East, Westfield, and serves about 7,000 Girl Scouts and more than 2,500 adult members in most of Union County and parts of Somerset and Middlesex counties.

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student update

Named Phi Beta Kappa

Springfield's Suzette Schultz, a 1995 graduate, was among the 48 graduates and seniors from Rutgers' Douglass College to be inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society.

Induction into the organization is based on academic record, proficiency in a foreign language and enrollment in a liberal arts major. Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest of the prominent liberal arts honorary societies in the United States. The Alpha Chapter of New Jersey was established at Rutgers in 1869, and the Douglass section began with the graduation of the first class from what was then the New Jersey College for Women in 1922.

Citadel graduates

Springfield's James Corbett received his bachelor of science degree from the Citadel — the military college of South Carolina — last month.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Corbett of Milltown Road, Corbett majored in education and social studies.

UCC honors

A Springfield resident was among the Union County College students recognized for academic excellence during Awards Night ceremonies on May 31 at the college's Cranford campus.

Jason Sobel received an economics/government/history department award.

Dayton's All-American

The United States Achievement Academy has named Dayton student Jason Perez an All-American Scholar.

The recognition is open to students who achieve a grade-point average of at least 3.5; they also must be selected by a school instructor, counselor, coach or other school sponsor to be accepted.

Perez was chosen by Carolyn Tobin. He will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

FDU honors employees

Fairleigh Dickinson University honored its faculty and staff during a recent bi-campus recognition luncheon for their length of service to the university.

Springfield resident Herbert Forman was honored for his 25 years at the university.

FDU President Francis J. Mertz thanked and commended the employees for their loyalty.

Participating UCC students in the survey project are: Christine Stolz, Caroline Tomek, Edward Bove, Daniel Samila, Anthony Tango, Noia Rannigan, and Calogero Badalamenti, all of Union; Johanna Ferro, Giancarlo Fraccaroli, Sandra Acquaviva, Carlos Ferreira and Brendan Cosgrove, all of Elizabeth; Enza Toscano of Roselle; Anthony Miceli, Pasquale Pugliese, and Dawn Walck, all of Kenilworth; Kristine Huey and Eryan

Doity, both of Clark; Celia Hreczny of Mountainside, and Adrienne Szabo of Springfield.

Historical honors

A Dayton senior was among the five high school students honored by the Union County Historical Society on Sunday.

Alexandra Gitter received a plaque and \$100 from the Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church in Union.

Charles Shallcross of Elizabeth, vice president and chairman of the awards program, announced the names of the other honorees and their schools: Beth Caroselli, Linden High School; Dennis M. Rivers, Hillside High School; and James Hamilton, Oratory School, Summit.

Scholarships awarded

The Richard F. Horowitz Memorial Fund of the Jewish Civil Service Fellowship of New Jersey has presented three scholarships to college-bound high school students.

For the past 30 years, the scholarships have been awarded to the grandchildren of members of the Jewish Civil Service Fellowship who have earned high scores on the Scholastic Assessment Test.

This year's recipients are Michelle Acosta, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sy Gast of Hillside; Brian O'Boyle, grandson of Dorothy Weinberg of Hillside; and David Sirkin, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Barback of Brick.

Having friends over



Courtesy of Caldwell School
Emily Neimanie and Debbie Lobassi celebrate Special Friends Day at James Caldwell School. Special friends, or grandparents, are invited to spend the morning in class, at the student's request, for this annual event.

UCC pairs students with merchants

Students enrolled in marketing and sales classes at Union County College got a bird's eye view this semester of how store merchants perceive customer needs through a hands-on survey they conducted in cooperation with members of the Cranford Downtown Management Corp., a merchants group.

The students, who were paired with individual merchants, worked in cooperation with 19 township businesses, surveying the business owners and developing a general report based on survey results. They

also developed and presented individual reports for each participating business, addressing such areas as marketing strategies, displays, signage, and merchandising to customer demographics.

"The merchants survey was a cooperative, student/merchant project designed to ascertain the perceptions of the merchants in reference to their customer base," said Toby Grodner, the business professor who oversaw the project. "In addition to making window display, store layout, mer-

chandising, marketing and customer services, overall I believe the student/merchant teams were very effective and professional.

"This partnership in learning enabled the students to interact hands-on with the merchants, and to view retailing operations objectively," she said. "The benefit to the merchants through this partnership was the help provided by the students in analyzing their stores, and the recommendations made to improve their business. This especially benefited those who were not especially creative in their positive working relationships with

Sidewalk festival

A Sidewalk Sale/Festival will be held exclusively at the Upper East Side of Summit on Saturday from Waldron to Summit avenues.

Janine Johnson, director of the Downtown Management Corp., is executing the project successfully.

The survey results indicate that the Cranford downtown business district serves well the shopping needs of customers ages 35 to 50. Most merchants believe that they serve a broad customer base, and that they know who their customer base is. Three components to this year's survey to determine its outcome were 1990 Census data, a survey conducted in 1992 by the

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Smoke detectors can save your life, but they aren't magic, you have to keep them working so they're able to give the advance warning you need to get out of a fire safely. A detector that isn't working is no better than no detector at all. It may be even worse, because it gives you a sense of being protected when that protection really isn't there.

Testing your detector is the only way to be sure your detector is working properly, and a working smoke detector greatly reduces your chances of dying in a home fire.

For your family's sake, test all smoke detectors in your home at least once a month.

First Night 3 is planned

Singers, comedians, musicians, dancers, storytellers, magicians, poets and other performing artists are needed to ring in the new year. First Night Summit, a community celebration of the arts, is recruiting a multicultural, inter-generational line-up of talent to entertain families and children — especially kindergarten through pre-teen.

There are only a dozen First Night celebrations in New Jersey. Last year's second First Night was also an overwhelming success. Despite freezing

rain, 6,000 people — from newborns to octogenarians — were entertained by 55 different performing groups. From 6:30 p.m. until midnight, a wide variety of performances occurred simultaneously in approximately 20 indoor and outdoor locations around downtown Summit. The evening began with a street procession and concluded with a fireworks display on the Village Green.

The deadline for artist's selection is May 31. To be a part of Summit's non-alcoholic and drug-free First Night, call 522-1722.

Busy bees are still buzzing

The Busy Bees is a group of senior citizens which meets every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Summit Senior Housing, 12 Chestnut Ave.

The members play Bingo, cards, sew, knit, and crochet lap robes, hats and scarfs for Runnells for Seniors, Babyland Babies and Battered Women, Newark.

The group accepts year-round donations of yarn. It also will pick up donations. Newcomers, both men or women living in Summit, are welcome to join. For more information, call group leader John Yannunzio at 273-1179.

Stop for buses — it's the law

Some motorists may be unaware of the law regarding schools buses. Following are guidelines provided by the Division of Motor Vehicles.

If you are approaching or overtaking a school bus and it shows a flashing red light, signaling a stop, you must:

- Stop at least 25 feet away. This is required by law if you are on a two-lane road, or on a multi-lane highway where lanes are only separated by lines, or on a privately-maintained road.
- Slow down to 10 miles per hour on a dual highway, if you are on the other side of a safety island or raised median.

Bringing out smiles



Michael and Sue Turk, aka Buttercup and Sweetpea, help bring a smile to the faces of Frankie Dagbovi and his mother, Selema, during Children and Hospitals Week at Overlook Hospital in Summit. Children and Hospital Week is a major public awareness campaign, which focuses on the unique needs of children and families in health care settings.

Child care open house is slated

The Parent Line Child Care Resource and Referral Agency will host an open house for Union County family child care providers at the home of a Parent Line provider in Summit on June 23 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Mary Lou Allen, director of the Overlook Child Care Center, will discuss the Child Development Associate training program available to family child care providers. This program was designed to improve the quality of child care and establish standards of professionalism among caregivers of young children.

Parent Line, a division of Summit Child Care Centers, Inc., assists family child care providers by offering free training, workshops and referrals.

Anyone who is currently caring for infant through school-age children in their own home, full or part time, and would like to list with Parent Line, should contact Linda Harris. For more information or to register for the open house, call (908) 277-CARE.

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No smoking

Smokefree restaurants, bars and clubs in New Jersey have increased 60 percent in just seven months. More than 100 additional smokefree restaurants in the state have been identified since June, when New Jersey Group Against Smoking Pollution last published its directory "100 Percent Smokefree Dining in New Jersey."

"We're delighted these establishments are responding to the preferences of their customers," said Dr. Douglas Chester, president of New Jersey GASP. Chester said that 85 percent of New Jerseyans are nonsmokers and added that most people who smoke also support smoking controls.

A copy of the full smokefree dining directory plus the recent update is available, free, by sending a self-addressed, business-size envelope with 55 cents postage to Dining, New

Jersey GASP, 105 Mountain Ave., Summit 07901.

New Jersey GASP is a not-for-profit, educational organization working to secure smokefree air for nonsmokers and to ensure tobacco-free lives for children.

Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Springfield; and James Hamilton, Oratory School, Summit.

Each will receive a plaque and \$100.

Golf without guilt

How does guilt-free golf on a Monday sound? If that's music to your ears, then plan to attend The Arc of Union County's Seventh Annual Golf Outing.

Take the day off from work on July 10 to play some golf at Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club in Scotch Plains. The day will include food and fun, but participants also will be supporting programs that benefit more than 600 adults and children with developmental disabilities.

A tax-deductible donation of \$250 includes lunch, 18 holes of shotgun golf complete with golf cart and mid-course refreshments, cocktail hour,

gourmet dinner, prizes and awards. The fee of \$1,100 covers a golf foursome plus a tee sponsor. A 1995 Ford Crown Victoria, courtesy of Bell Ford/Audi in Colonia, will await the first golfer to sink a hole-in-one at the 17th hole. Registration begins at 11 a.m., followed by lunch. Tee-time is 12:30 p.m. The honorary chair of the event is Ann Baran, Union County manager.

To register or obtain more information, call Madeline Dunn at (908) 754-7359.

Kopp honored

Fairleigh Dickinson University honored Richard L. Kopp of Summit for 25 years of service during a recent bi-campus recognition luncheon.

Employees were recognized for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service. FDU President Francis J. Mertz thanked and commended the employees for their loyalty.

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(Entire council is Republican)

news clips

Talking business

"Principles of Effective Business Communications" will be the topic of a workshop sponsored by Kean College of New Jersey's Small Business Development Center on June 22 from 9 a.m. to noon.

In this practical hands-on workshop, participants will learn techniques for building productive business relationships. Understanding and practicing the dynamics of effective two-way verbal communication and learning three proven techniques to help people "hear" what you are saying are the topics to be examined.

Donald Crocker, executive director of ADA Inc. & NHR Learning Network, Edison, will conduct the workshop.

The workshop will be held in Room 1223 at the college's east campus. There is a registration fee of \$15. Pre-registration is required. Special arrangements for the handicapped will be made if requested two weeks in advance.

For more information, contact Dallas Everett at (908) 527-2946.

Sharing the work

Home Share program of Union County is looking for volunteers to do light office work on a weekly or monthly basis. Training is provided. Home Share is a service that helps match home owners who wish to share their homes with people who need housing.

For more information contact Sophia Smith, coordinator of the program, at 80 West Grand St., Elizabeth 07202, or call (908) 354-3040.

Where to invest

A program on U.S. Government Securities is scheduled for June 22 and Aug. 21 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Rutgers Cooperative Extension, 300 North Ave. East, Westfield.

The class will cover the following topics: "Where should I be investing my funds?", "Tax breaks from Uncle Sam?" and "Where are interest rates heading?"

Instructor will be John G. Garretson, first vice president for investment at Paine Webber Inc. Registration is required.

To register, call (908) 654-9854.

Harbor trip

A bus trip to the Inner Harbor of Baltimore is scheduled for June 23, with an 8 a.m. departure and a return at about 9 p.m.

The cost is \$50 per person and includes visiting the museum with famous art collections, tour of Fort McHenry, the Inner Harbor World Trade Center, exploring the submarine Torsk and lunch.

For a registration form, call Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County at (908) 654-9854.

OWL officers are who?

Installation of the 1995-96 slate of officers for the Central New Jersey Chapter of the Older Women's League took place at the annual meeting and picnic held at noon on June 10 at the home of Harriette Koved in Cranford.

Members of the new slate are as follows: President Miriam Dickman; First Vice President Carole J. Fordon; Second Vice Presidents Harriette Koved and Ruth Geller; Treasurer Sheila B. O'Brien; Legislative Chair Mary Frances Ford; Newsletter Editor Gail Duane; Assistant Editor Helen Waitkevich; and Public Relations Ann Nydele.

Pantry needs help

The Emmanuel Cancer Foundation is seeking volunteers for its Scotch Plains office and food pantry located at 346 Park Ave. The foundation is in need of help with miscellaneous office and pantry work.

ECF is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing professional counseling, emotional support, and financial and material assistance to any New Jersey family with a child diagnosed with cancer. All services are offered without cost to families.

Civic calendar

The Civic Calendar, prepared by the Springfield Leader and the Mountainside Echo, is a list of local and county government meetings.

Today

• The Mountainside Recreation Committee will meet in Borough Hall at 8 p.m.

Monday

• The Mountainside Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. in the library of Deerfield School. The next meeting will be July 11.

• The Mountainside Public Library board of trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the library meeting room.

• The Springfield Recreation Committee will meet in the Sarah Bailey Civic Center at 8 p.m.

Tuesday

• The Union County Regional High School Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the library of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield.

• The Springfield Board of Adjustment will meet in the Municipal Building at 7 p.m.

• The Mountainside Borough Council will meet in Borough Hall at 8 p.m.

Wednesday

• The Springfield Development Review Committee will meet in the Municipal Building at 7 p.m.

• The Union County Development Block Grant Revenue Sharing Committee will meet at 7:30 in the administration building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.

• The Union County Consumer Affairs Advisory Board will meet at 7:30 in the administration building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.

June 22

• The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will meet at 7 p.m. on the sixth floor of the administration building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.

June 26

• The Springfield Township Committee will meet in executive session on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 8 p.m.

• The Union County Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board will meet at 7 p.m. at 300 North Ave. East in Westfield.

June 27

• The Springfield Township Committee will meet in the courtroom on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 8 p.m.

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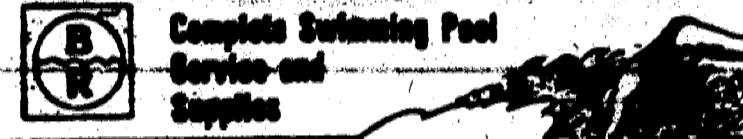
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obituaries

Vincent Vasselli

Vincent Vasselli, 79, of Mountainside died June 9 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Vasselli lived in Irvington before moving to Mountainside 13 years ago. He was a dental technician with Sadkin Laboratories, Irvington, for five years before retiring 10 years ago. Earlier, Mr. Vasselli was employed by Dr. Mallas' laboratory in Newark for 30 years. He played mandolin at several clubs.

Surviving are a son, John; two daughters, Valerie Cantella and Janice Sileo; two brothers, Joseph and Anthony; a sister, Sally Alexander, four grandchildren, and his companion, Jane Malley.

Lilyan Braverman

Lilyan Braverman, 83, of Springfield died June 7 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Braverman lived in Springfield for 42 years. She was a life member of Hadassah and a member of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Ahm, both in Springfield, and the Seymour Feldman Leukemia Fund of Essex County.

Surviving are her husband, Sol; two sons, Sanford and Kenneth; a daughter, Brenda Feldon, and seven grandchildren.

Norman Howard

Norman Howard, 80, of Mountainside died June 6 in his home.

Born in England, Mr. Howard lived in Westfield before moving to Mountainside. He worked for Marcus Jewelers, Westfield, before his retirement in 1985. Earlier, Mr. Howard was a jeweler and silversmith for Aspreys in London, England. He served in the British Eighth Army during World War II. Mr. Howard was a member of the choir of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Scotch Plains.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Pauline; three daughters, Annette Park, Juanita Nowak and Nicola Cox; a sister, Vera Burgess; and six grandchildren.

Ted Weiss

Ted Weiss, 43, of Springfield, formerly of Union, a pharmacist, died June 8 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Newark, Mr. Weiss lived in West Orange and Union before moving to Springfield nine years ago. He was a pharmacist at Schraff's in Irvington, where he worked for 25 years. Mr. Weiss was the former vice president and trustee of Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield, where he also served as past co-chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, a member of the Religious School Board, former chairman of the Fall Picnic and Israel Cafe Night and past trustee of the Men's Club. He received a bachelor's degree from the Rutgers University School of Pharmacy.

Surviving are his wife, Michele; two daughters, Stephanie and Jacqueline; a son, Jared; his mother, Jeanette Deutsch; a brother, Elliot; a sister, Susan Kooses, and a stepsister, Ilene Deutsch.

Eleanor DiBenedetto

Eleanor DiBenedetto, 66, of Springfield died June 4 in her home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. DiBenedetto lived in Springfield for 35 years. She was a secretary at Union County College for 12 years. Earlier, Mrs. DiBenedetto was a secretary for the Springfield Board of Education for 11 years. She was a member of the New Jersey Education Association.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph; a son, Stephen; a daughter, Daria; a brother, Ernest Angrisani; five sisters, Marie Perna, Dolores Marotelli, Janet Buffardi, Rita Montuori and Yolanda Dominello, and two grandchildren.

Dorothy Lewis

Dorothy Lewis, 83, of Springfield died June 10 in her home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Lewis lived in Hillside before moving to Springfield 20 years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Shola Ficks and Joan Camp; a brother, Myles Goldberg, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Runnells staff honored

The Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County annual Volunteer Awards Luncheon was held recently at the Westwood, Garwood, and almost 40 individuals and organizations with five to 30 years of volunteer service were honored.

"The volunteers of Runnells Specialized Hospital have continuously given of their time and talents to help the patients and residents lead a happier life," said Freeholder Frank Lehr, liaison to the hospital's board of managers. "We salute them."

Freeholder Chairwoman Linda Di Giovanni said the volunteers "have aided the county and the citizens of the county by providing services to our elderly, handicapped and others in need at our hospital. Quite frankly, we couldn't afford the services they provide. Without their help, the quality of life of our patients and residents would suffer."

Union County Manager Ann Baran agreed with the freeholders, adding that "the invaluable assistance given by these volunteers cannot be bought. They do it from the heart — and that means so much more. I am proud of all of them."

Kress places as finalist in \$1 million drawing

Mountainside Board of Education member Richard Kress was one of hundreds of finalists in the New Jersey Lottery's Pick-6 Bonus Million Grand Prize drawing.

A top prize of \$1 million, payable during a 20-year period, was to be at stake when the New Jersey Lottery held the drawing at Merv Griffin's Resorts Casino Hotel.

Lottery Executive Director Virginia E. Haines announced that the 310 finalists for the drawing, which was expected to begin at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday in the hotel's Coconut Ballroom, second floor.

The finalists represented all 21 counties and 10 are from out-of-state — five from New York, two from Pennsylvania, two from Delaware, and one from West Virginia.

They won their way into the drawing by matching in exact order, the five-digit Bonus Million Game number picked Monday and Thursday evenings as part of the televised drawings for the Pick-6 Lotto twice weekly game. Entered in the June 13 drawing

were those winners whose claims were validated at Lottery Headquarters in Trenton by April 27. Additional Bonus Drawings will be announced in the future.

Fourteen additional prizes, all in cash, totaling \$220,000, were expected to be awarded Tuesday. A second prize of \$50,000, a third prize of \$40,000, a fourth prize of \$30,000, a fifth prize of \$25,000, a sixth prize of \$20,000, a seventh prize of \$15,000, an eighth prize of \$10,000, a ninth prize of \$7,500; 10th through 12th prizes of \$5,000 each; and 13th through 15th prizes of \$2,500 each also were to be awarded. All other finalists were to receive prizes of \$500.

Winners of the awards could not be reported this week due to the deadline constraints of this newspaper.

Red Cross

An educational program, featuring health, safety and related subjects, which began earlier this year, is part of the 1995 program and services of the Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross.

At the chapter house during the year, on the last Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m., a presentation and discussion will take place led by a speaker knowledgeable on the topic for the afternoon. There will be no programs in July and August.

There is no charge, and refreshments will be served. For those interested, a list of Red Cross trained baby sitters is available.

Turn, turn, turn



Photo By Jay Hochberg

Mountainside's long-awaited four-signal traffic light has been installed on Route 22 at New Providence Road. This fixture is one of several installed by the state Department of Transportation at the intersection. This light includes a green left-turn arrow to enable southbound traffic on New Providence Road to turn east onto the highway. No word yet on when the lights will be activated.

stork club

Matthew Edward Hermann

An 8 pound, 14 ounce son, Matthew Edward Hermann, was born March 28 at Christ Hospital, Jersey City, to Lisa and Edward Hermann of Kenilworth. The baby was 20 1/2 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Edward and Marge Hermann of Mount Laurel. Maternal grandparents are Edward and Kathryn Ensslin of Springfield. Maternal great-grandmother is Minnie Leikauskas of Kenilworth.

in memoriam

IN MEMORIAM

Stein, Roy S. In loving memory on your first birthday not here with us. We love you and miss you. You are in our minds and hearts always and forever. Loving and Affectionate.

worship calendar

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

CALVARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD 953 W. Chestnut St., Union, 964-1133 Pastor: Rev. John W. Bechtel. Sunday School 9:30 AM, Worship Service 10:45 AM, Sunday Evening Service 6:30 PM, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7:30 PM.

BAPTIST

CLINTON HILL BAPTIST CHURCH "Where the Bible Comes Alive" 2815 Morris Ave., Union, (908) 687-9440 Reverend Tom Sigley, Pastor-Teacher. WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Sunday: 9:45 AM - Sunday Bible School for all ages, multiple adult electives are offered each quarter on relevant life topics, nursery care & a children's department (with a puppet ministry). 11:00 AM - Fellowship of Worship. We offer a celebration service which combines a blend of contemporary and traditional worship style; weekly children's sermon, children's church & nursery care is provided. 4:00 PM Tree Climbers for boys ages 5-7 and their dads. 6:00 PM - Family Gospel Hour, nursery care provided; rehearsal for spring musical play for children. Monday: 6:30 AM - Early Morning Prayer Meeting. 7:00 PM Boy's Battalion (grades 7-12) Tuesday: 8:00 PM - Overeaters Victorious. Wednesday: 9:15 AM MOPS, young mothers of preschoolers and schoolers; child care & program provided; meets every 2nd & 4th Wednesday. 10:00 AM - Keeneger Bible Study, for senior adults, meets every 1st & 3rd Wednesday. 7:30 PM Prayer & Praise, current Bible Book Study is "THE REVELATION OF Jesus Christ." Thursday: 10:00 AM - Women's Faithful Workers meets every 2nd Thursday. Friday: 7:00 PM, Pioneer Girls for girls in 2nd - 9th grades; 7:00 PM - Christian Service Brigade for boys 3rd - 6th grades. Saturday: 7:00 PM Youth Group for students in 7th - 12th grades. 7:00-10:00 PM Union's Coffee House. Union's Coffee House meets every second Saturday of the month, contemporary music, food, FREE! All are invited. There are numerous Home Bible studies that meet during the week in Union and surrounding communities, call for information. For FREE information packet please call (908) 687-9440.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of VAUXHALL 5 Hilton Ave., Vauxhall, N.J. Church office, (908) 687-3414. Pastor: Dr. Marion J. Franklin, Jr., Pastor, Sunday School - All ages - 9:30 am; Sunday Morning Worship Service including Nursery room facilities and Mother's Room - 11:00 am; Weekly Events: Mondays - Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7:30 pm; Tuesdays - Tuesday Evening Fellowship of Prayer & Pastor's Bible Class 7:30 P.M. Wednesdays - Voices of First Baptist Rehearsal - 6:00 pm - Tutorial Program from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - First Baptist Inspirational Rehearsal - 7:30 pm Thursdays - Thursday Morning Prayer 6:30 am - 7:45 am; Saturdays - Every 2nd & 4th Saturday Youth Choir Rehearsal - 11:00 am. First Sunday of each month - Holy Communion. Call the church office if transportation is needed. (908) 687-3414.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Columbia Ave. and Thorne, Union. Rev. Robert Fox, Minister. Church phone: (908) 687-3414. Sunday services: 9:45 AM - Sunday School - All ages; 11:00 AM - Morning Worship Service with nursery provisions available through 7:00 PM - Evening Praise Service, 7:00 PM - Tuesday Evening Fellowship of Prayer & Pastor's Bible Class 7:30 P.M. Wednesdays - 7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting and 8:00 PM - Chancel Choir rehearsal. Other services include: Singles' Group, Missionary Circles for breakfast every third Sunday of each month and Bible study in the home.

bles. This church provides barrier free accessibility to all services and programs. A cordial welcome awaits all visitors at all of our services and programs.

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH "Christ Our Hope and Peace." 242 Shampike Rd., Springfield, (201) 379-4351. Reverend Frederick R. Mackey, Senior Pastor. Sunday: 9:30 AM Bible School. 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery Care. DVBS Sundays 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM June 27 - August 27. 6:00 PM Evening Service, Nursery Care. Wednesday: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study; Junior/Senior High Koinonia. Active Youth Ministry, Women's Prayer Watch, Wide-Range Music Program. Ample Parking. Church is equipped with chair lift. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship. For further information contact church office (201) 379-4351.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 2933 Vauxhall Road, Vauxhall, Millburn Mall Suite 6, Meets Sunday 10:00am Bible Study, 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 pm Evening Service. Wed. 7:30 pm Bible Study. We are offering a FREE Bible Correspondence course with no obligation; or private Bible Study in your own home at your convenience. Free for the asking. Harry Pensaud, Evangelist. 908-964-6356.

EPISCOPAL

ST. LUKE & ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH 398 Chestnut Street, Union 688-7253. Sunday Worship Service at 9 a.m. Morning Prayer Tuesday and Thursday, 9:15 a.m. The Rev. A. Wayne Bowers, Vicar and The Rev. Philip Wong, Associate Priest. Chinese School Saturday afternoon 2:30-5:00 p.m. for children and adults. Computer interest group, first Saturday of month 3:30-5:00 p.m. Chinese Bible Study Saturday, 8-9 p.m. The Chinese Community Center provides job training activity and services, call for more information. Anyone interested in a Chinese Language Church Service, call Fr. Wong, 1-201-998-7934 or 1-908-688-7253.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 376-0539. Perry Raphael Rank, Rabbi. Richard Nadel, Cantor. Jack Goldman, President. Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekly services (including Sunday evening and Friday morning) are conducted at 7:00 AM & 7:45 PM; Shabbat (Friday) evening: 8:30 PM; Shabbat day: 9:30 AM & sunset; Sunday, festival & holiday mornings: 9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third-seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesdays. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Nursery School, Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for fifth through twelfth graders, and a busy Adult Education program. A Seniors' League meets regularly. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

JEWISH - ORTHODOX

CONGREGATION ISRAEL 339 Mountain Avenue, Springfield 467-9666. Daily services 6:30, 7:15 A.M., 7:15 P.M. or at sunset. During the summer, evening services at sunset. During the winter, evening services at 7:15 P.M. Classes are held in Maimonides, Sunday, 8:30 A.M. During the winter months, we offer Torah study between mincha and ma'ariv, and during the summer months we offer a session in Jewish ethics, 45 minutes before mincha, after which we join for seuda shelshit fellowship. On Wednes-

day evenings after 8:00 P.M., or ma'ariv services, our Talmud study group meets. Sisterhood meets the second Tuesday evening of every month, and our Boy Scout Troop meets on Wednesday evenings. Please call our office for information concerning our NCSY youth group, nursery school, summer day camp, enviv and our special programs at 201-467-9666. Office hours, Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 P.M., Friday, 9:00 - 2:00 P.M.; summer hours, 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. Rabbi Alan J. Yuter and Rabbi Israel E. Turner, Emeritus.

JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (201) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor; Irene Bolton, Education Director; Debbie Berger, Pre-School Director; William Moesch, President. Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:30 PM, with monthly Family Services at 8:00 PM. Saturday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-3; on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7; and Tuesday evenings for post bar/bat mitzvah students. Preschool, classes are available for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (201) 379-5387.

JEWISH - TRADITIONAL CONSERVATIVE

CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM Affiliated with the United Synagogue of America, Vauxhall Road and Plane Street, Union, 686-6773. Harold Gottesman, Cantor; David Gelband, President. Congregation Beth Shalom is an affiliated Traditional Conservative Synagogue. Daily Services - Mon. & Thurs 6:45 A.M. Tues., Wed. & Fri 7:30 A.M. Civil holidays and Sunday morning Services - 8:30 A.M. Shabbat Services - Friday 8:30 PM, Saturday, 9:15 AM. The new creative Elementary Hebrew School meets Sundays 9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon.

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF UNION 2372 Morris Avenue, Union, 687-2120. Meyer Korbman, Rabbi; Hillel Sadovitz, Cantor; Esther Avnet, President; Ha'assah Goldfischer, Principal. Temple Israel of Union is a traditional Conservative Congregation with programs for all ages. Friday Services 8:30 PM. Saturday Services 9:00 AM Minchah 5:30 PM. Sunday Tallis and Tefillin 9:00 AM. Religious School with a full time Principal. Grades Three through Seven meet Mondays 9:10-10 AM and Mondays & Wednesdays 4-5:30 PM Primer Class for Grades One and Two, Sundays 9-10:30 AM. Adult Hebrew Classes including Bar and Bat Mitzvah Preparation - Thursdays - 8-10 PM. Temple Israel sponsors programs and activities for Youth Groups Grades Seven through Twelve. We also have a very active Sisterhood and Men's Club.

LUTHERAN

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOLS 2222 Vauxhall Road, Union, 686-3965. Rev. Donald L. Brand, Pastor. Family Sun. School 9:15; Family Worship 10:30. Visitors Expected: Barrier-free; Various Choirs, Bible Studies, Youth Groups; Nightly Dia-A-Meditation; Call church office for more information or free packet.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639

Mountain Ave., Springfield, (201) 379-4525. Pastor Joel R. Yost. "Our Family invites You Family to Worship with us." Worship Services, with Holy Communion, Sundays, 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. with Sunday School during each Service. Nursery care is provided during each Service. Christian Nursery School, Kids' Koinonia 3:30 p.m. every other Tuesday, Youth Fellowship 7:00 p.m. every other Tuesday, Women's Bible Study Thursdays, 9:30 a.m., Adult Choir 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Mothers' Morning-Out Ministry 9:15 a.m. Thursdays, Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. first Saturday, "Twenties & Thursdays," "Parents' Night Out," Small Group Ministry, Special services, and teaching series to be announced. For further information, please call (201) 379-4525.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 301 Tucker Ave., Union 688-0714. Slovak Worship 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., English Worship 11:00 a.m. Communion on first and third Sunday of every month.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHRIST CHURCH

CHRIST CHURCH, 561 Springfield Ave. Summit, NJ (908) 273-5549. Dr. Charles T. Rush, Senior Minister; Wayne Bradford, Minister of Music. Although affiliated with the American Baptist Churches, USA, and the United Church of Christ, our members come from various religious backgrounds. Sunday service: 10 a.m. Infant-2 child care; Sunday School Ages 3-Jr. High, 10:00-11:15. Sr. High Youth Fellowship, Sunday evening. Weekly events include Children's Choirs and Bell Choirs; Adult Bible Study, Choir, Women's and Men's groups. Periodically, the Illuminaries perform drama within the worship service. Various community outreach programs include: Habitat for Humanity; Bridges (Friday night food runs to New York City homeless); Interfaith Hospitality Network; Inner City ministries.

METHODIST

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 241 Hilton Avenue Vauxhall, 964-1282. Sunday Church School 9:30 a.m., Church Worship 10:45 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Rev. Gladwin A. Fubler-Pastor.

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Chestnut Street & East Grant Ave. Roselle Park. Rev. Nancy S. Belaky, Pastor. Phone: (908) 245-2237; 245-8820; 241-1210. Worship Services: 9:00 & 11:00 A.M. in our climate-controlled, barrier-free Sanctuary. (Infant and Child Care available at each Worship service) Adult Bible Study: 10:00 A.M. Crusader Choir (Children & Jr. High Youth); 10:00 A.M. Coffee & Fellowship (12th Grade); 11:00 A.M. United Methodist Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12); 4:00 P.M. Sanctuary Choir (Sr. High Youth & Adults); Wednesdays at 8:00 P.M. Prayer Phone: (908) 245-2159. All are welcome!

KENILWORTH COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 455 Boulevard, Kenilworth. Rev. Linda Del Serdo, Pastor. Church office 276-1956, Parsonage 276-2322. Worship Service 10:00 A.M., Sunday School 9:00 A.M. Nursery available during Worship. Communion is served the first Sunday of each month. All are welcome.

SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 40 Church Mall, Springfield. Rev. J. Paul Griffin, Pastor. SUNDAY MORNING CHURCH SERVICE 10:30 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL RECONVENES 9:15 A.M. Church is equipped with a chair lift to Sanctuary for Handicapped and Elderly.

MORAVIAN

BATTLE HILL COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH 777 Liberty Avenue, Union, 686-5262. Pastor John Jackman, Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Service of Worship, 10:30 a.m., Nursery provided. First Sunday every month Fellowship Hour after Worship. Prayer Group every Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Study every Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Women's groups meet first Tuesday 7:30 p.m. and first Thursday 1:30 p.m. monthly. New Jersey Chrysantheum Society second Friday of month 8:00 p.m. (except Jan., Jul., & Aug.). For more information call the Church Office.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

WORD OF GRACE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES, INC., YMCA, 68 Maple Street, Executive Meeting Room - 3rd Floor, Summit. Sunday Service, 10:30 am. A Non-Denominational Fellowship which adheres to the Grace and Righteousness of Jesus Christ! Pastor John N. Hogan. For more information call (908) 245-6650. Visitors are welcome. ASSOCIATED BIBLE STUDENTS, meetings held at Masonic Lodge, 1912 Morris Avenue Union, NJ. God has a plan and you're in it! We encourage dialog on all scriptural matters. Sunday 1:30 pm-Sermon/Topical Study, Sunday School - Bible Study/Topical Study. Sunday School available for children. For more information call (908)686-1923.

MOUNTAINSIDE CHAPEL 1180 Spruce Drive, Mountainside, 252-3456. Dr. Gregory Hagg, Pastor. WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: SUN. DAY 9:45 AM - Sunday School for all ages! 11:00 AM - MORNING WORSHIP - with Dr. Hagg. Nursery is provided for newborn to 2-year-olds, Children's Churches for 2-year-olds through third grade. 6:00 PM Evening Service (First and third Sundays Care Groups meet). MONDAY 7:00 PM - Junior and Senior High Youth Groups. WEDNESDAY: 7:00 PM - MID-WEEK SERVICE - Family Night Bible Study with Dr. Hagg Christian Service Brigade STOCKADE for boys in third through sixth grades. PIONEER GIRLS Program for girls in first through ninth grades. 7:45 PM Prayer meeting; Choir Rehearsal.

PRESBYTERIAN

CONNECTICUT FARMS, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EST. 1730, Stuyvesant Ave. and Rt. 22, Union. Sunday Church School for all ages; Bible Study and Current Issues Forums at 9:30 A.M. Sunday Worship Services at 10:45 A.M. Child care provided during the Worship Service. We have an Adult Chancel Choir. Sound System for the hearing impaired. Coffee Hour Follows the Service. Ample parking. Presbyterian Women Circles meet Monthly. Bible Study group meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 p.m. The Living Room - A Support Group for those coping with aged persons - meets 4th Thursday of the month. Full program of Scouting provided. Everyone welcome. Weekday Nursery: School for 2, 3, and 4 yr. olds available, 964-8544. For additional information, please call Church Office: 688-3164. Serving Church Community for 262 years. Rev. R. Sidney Pinch, Pastor, 688-3164.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Morris Ave. and Church Mall, Springfield, 379-4320. Sunday Church School Classes for all ages 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning Worship Service 10:15 a.m. with nursery facilities and care provided. Opportunities for personnel growth through Worship, Christian education, youth groups, choir, church activities and fellowship. Sundays-Church School - 9:00 a.m. Worship - 10:15 a.m. - Communion first Sunday of each month; Ladies Benevolent Society - 1st Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.; Ladies Evening Group 3rd Wednesday of each month

at 7:30 p.m.; Kaffeeklatsch - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Day - 2nd Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m.; Choir - every Thursday at 8:00 p.m.; Jr High Fellowship - 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at 7:30 p.m.; Confirmation Class every Friday at 3:15 p.m. Rev. Jeffrey A. Curtis, Pastor.

TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Salem Road at Huguenot Avenue, Union. Worship and Church School Sundays at 10:00 A.M. Nursery Care during all services. Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month. We offer opportunities for personal growth and development for children, youth, and adults. We have three children's choirs and an adult Chancel Choir. Our Presbyterian Women are divided into six circles which meet monthly. Worship with friends and neighbors this Sunday. Townley Church is a growing congregation of caring people. For information about upcoming events and programs, please call the Church Office, 686-1028. Dr. Brahm Luckhoff, Minister.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081 201-376-3044. SUNDAY EUCHARIST: Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:00 Noon. Reconciliation: Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Weekday Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

ST. THERESA'S CHURCH 541 Washington Ave., Kenilworth, 272-4444. Rev. Joseph S. Bejgrowski, Pastor, Sunday Masses: Sat. 5:30 pm, Sun. 7:30 - 9:00 - 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Weekday Masses 7:00 - 9:00 am. Miraculous Medal Novena following 7:30 pm Mass. ST. JUDE PERPETUAL NOVENA - Wednesdays, 12 Noon and 7:30 pm. Holy Hour for vocations and special intentions. Share His powerful intercessions.

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Visit Your House of Worship This Weekend

SPORTS

All-Area Softball Team an elite unit

Labonia, Martino, White, Kulick, Kirschner, Marczewski repeat selections

Sectional champs Union and Johnson were the best teams



Laura Labonia
P — Union



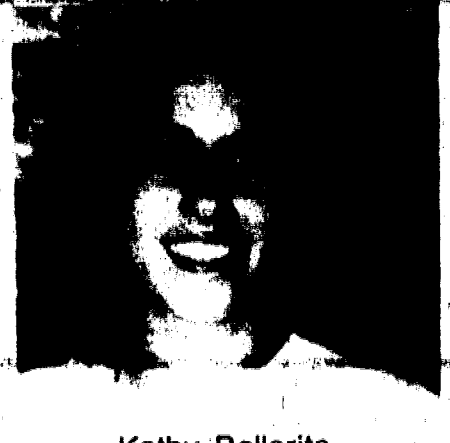
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Kathy Pellerito
3B — Union

By J.R. Parachini and Michael Ziegler

Union (28-2 and the county champ) and Johnson Regional (22-3 and the Group 2 finalist) proved to be the best this year. Both teams won sectional championships as well.

Here is Worrall Community Newspapers' 1995 All-Area Softball Team FIRST-TEAM

LAURA LABONIA, Union: The winningest pitcher in the state this year, Labonia went 27-2 and lost both of her games by one run, including a Group 4 semifinal defeat to Clifton 4-3. The sophomore fired five no-hitters (two of them perfect games), nine one-hitters and had 17 shutouts. In 175 innings, Labonia struck out 204, walked 29, allowed 69 hits, 31 runs (19 of them earned) and hit six batters. Her earned-run average was a sparkling 0.73 and she also had 56 assists.

Labonia's two-year won-loss record is an impressive 48-5, all five losses coming by one run and two of them in extra innings. Her ERA last year was 0.73. She has two-year totals of no-hitters: 7 (three of them perfect games), one-hitters: 11 and shutouts: 27.

In two years she has given up just 73 runs in 53 games and only 36 of them have been earned.

Labonia was also a force to be reckoned with at the plate. Batting fifth in the order, she batted .440 (44-for-100), drove in 30 runs, scored 42 runs, hit two home runs, six doubles and three triples.

NICOLE MARTINO, Union: One of the top catchers in the state, Martino was second on the team in batting with a .505 average (47-for-93) out of the No. 3 slot. The senior, who will play next year at Wagner College, scored a team-high 51 runs, was second in RBI with 40, first in home runs with five and also had three doubles and seven triples. Martino made only one error in 30 games and had 218 putouts, 14 other than Labonia strikeouts.

LORI DEMSEY, Union: As steady as they come at first base, Demsey batted .341 (29-for-85) as the team's No. 9 batter. The senior drove in 25 runs, scored 20 runs and successfully handled 192 putouts at first base.

MICHELE WHITE, Union: This junior second baseman walked a team-high 27 times, had one hit-by-pitch and went 26-for-80 at the plate for a .325 average out of the No. 2 slot. She also scored 36 runs and drove in 11.

KATHY PELLERITO, Union: Perhaps Union's most underrated player, the junior made just six errors in her first year of starting varsity at third base and proved to be one of the best leadoff batters in North Jersey. She batted an even .350 (36-for-103), scored 34 runs and drove in 17.

LINDA RAPCZYNSKI, Dayton Regional: The Kenilworth resident, headed to Rutgers University, completed a four-year starting varsity career that commenced at Brearley Regional (first two years) and concluded at Dayton Regional (last two years).

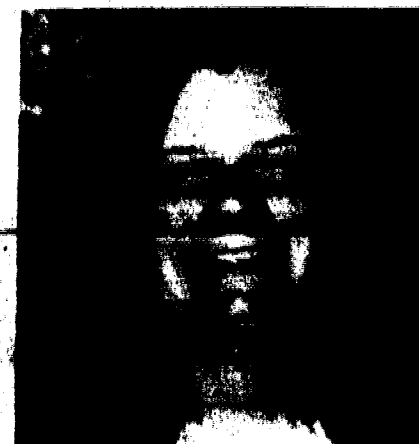
The senior shortstop batted a team-high .544 (37-for-68), drove in 30 runs, stole 16 bases, had eight doubles, six triples, three home runs and 32 runs. Batting third or fourth in the lineup, Rapczynski struck out only once. She made just 11 errors in 23 games at shortstop for the Bulldogs, who finished the season at 10-13.



Linda Rapczynski
SS — Dayton Regional



Jen Meisch
OF — Union



Kelly Kulick
OF — Union



Erica Kirschner
OF — Union

JEN MEISCH, Union: The senior leftfielder, a second-team selection last year, was the only player on Union not to commit an error this year, fielding her position flawlessly. Batting seventh in the order, Meisch batted .276 (21-for-76), scored 21 runs and drove in 19.

KELLY KULICK, Union: One of the top all-around players in the state, the senior centerfielder batted a team-high .534 (47-for-88), drove in a team-high 43 runs and scored 41 runs. She hit four home runs, nine doubles and two triples, batting cleanup. Kulick also committed just one error in the outfield and had a team-high 18 putouts.

Kulick, who bowled a 300 game this year and has an average between 185 and 206, will attend Morehead State University in Kentucky where she will be a member of the bowling team.

ERICA KIRSCHNER, Union: Batting eighth in the lineup to provide power in the lower part of the order, Kirschner batted .370 (27-for-73), drove in 26 runs and scored 21. The senior, was also as steady as they come in right field.

BEST OF THE REST

KAREN KOLMOS, Johnson Regional: As a freshman pitcher, Kolmos had a 14-2 record and 1.19 ERA over 94 innings. Kolmos struck out 81, allowed 58 hits and walked 19. She pitched three consecutive two-hit shutouts to lead the Crusaders into the NJSIAA's Group 2 final.

JAMIE FUZO, Roselle Park: The junior, who played pitcher and center field for the 7-12 Panthers, batted a team-high .464 (26-for-56). She scored 14 runs and drove in 12 and pitched a perfect game in the Union County Tournament, beating Scotch Plains.

JESSICA SOFRANKO, Johnson Regional: Second on the team in batting average at .476, the senior catcher led the team with 30 RBI and finished second with 31 hits. She belted five doubles, two triples and three home runs. Her .547 on-base percentage was second on the team to Tara Tumminello.

ANDREA DAVID, Union: One of the top junior shortstops in the state, David made quite an impression during her first varsity campaign. She batted .388 (38-for-98) out of the No. 6 slot, scored 33 runs and drove in 35.

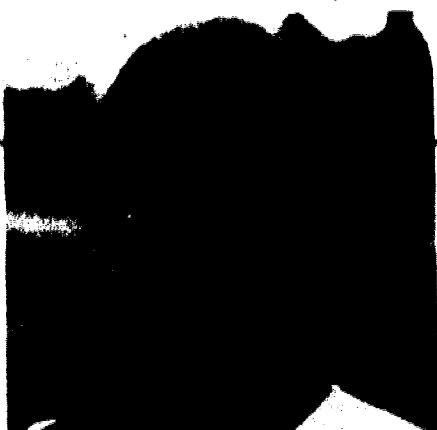
TARA TUMMINELLO, Johnson Regional: The junior shortstop paced the Crusaders with a .539 batting average, .654 on-base percentage, 46 runs scored, 24 stolen bases, 36 hits and 22 walks.

TIFFANY SOFRANKO, Johnson Regional: The senior rightfielder committed only two errors and had 17 putouts and five assists. Her .381 batting average was third on the team and she drove in 22 runs on 21 hits and seven sacrifices. Batting second in the order, Sofranko belted one double, one triple and one home run.

SUE MARCZEWSKI, Johnson Regional: The senior centerfielder batted .296 on the year but really came through in the state tournament, where she hit .575 with three triples and three RBI. Handling 17 putouts, Marczewski anchored the Johnson outfield and was also in on four double plays. She drove in 11 runs off of 17 hits — six for extra bases.

KELLY MULLIGAN, Johnson Regional: The junior designated hitter led the team with 50 total bases. She had 29 hits, six of them triples, and three home runs. Mulligan batted .354 and had 23 RBI.

Honorable Mention: Rahway: P-Tonia Galiszewski, sophomore; 1B-Jessica Wilson, junior; C-Jean Marie Fagan, freshman.



Karen Kolmos
P — Johnson Regional



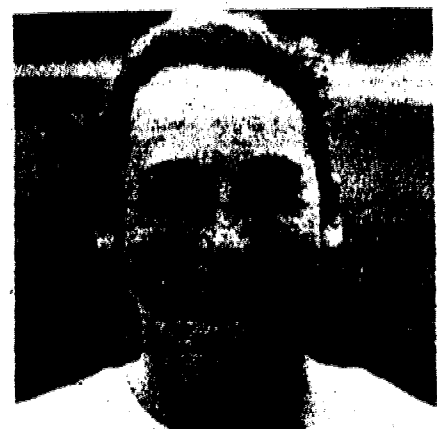
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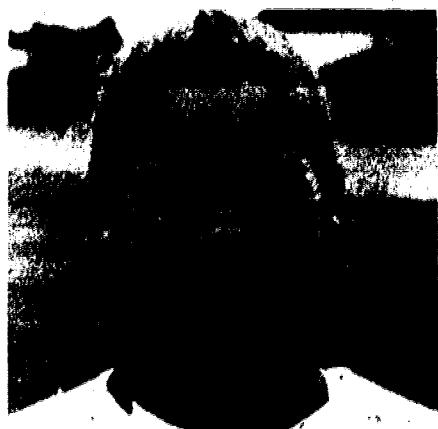
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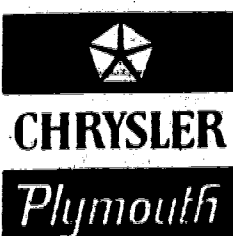
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| Meisch | Union | OF |
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