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Borough Highlights

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In addition to the crafts available, the fair will include an antique car display, carnival games, miniature golf, pony rides and a wide array of other rides for children of all ages, including a tethered hot-air balloon.

There will be plenty of free entertainment provided. Mimes, jugglers, clowns and unicyclists will be on hand throughout the Deerfield School grounds.

Musical entertainment will continue all day long.

Stories and crafts

The Public Library continues its weekly children's program, bringing picture books and tales to the borough's children.

On Monday evenings, bedtime stories are read to kids of all ages. Sessions begin at 7 p.m. and usually last between 30-45 minutes. Pajamas and teddy bears are encouraged. The program will end on Aug. 7.

For more information or to register, call the library at 233-0115.

Trailside events

The Trailside Nature and Science Center, located in the Watchung Reservation, continues its summertime astronomy programs.

Today at 1 p.m., "Down to Earth Astronomy" will include demonstrations of ways to identify planets and constellations, spot meteors, and chart moon phases from one's backyard. Participants will be given take-home descriptions of experiments. Admission will cost \$3 per person; children under 6 will not be admitted.

Tonight at 9:30, the "Night Out with the Stars" will give participants the opportunity to view the stars. Participants may bring telescopes or binoculars.

Admission will cost \$3 per person; children under 6 will not be admitted. In case of rain, the program will be held tomorrow night. Call 789-3670 for more information.

Regional board

The Union County Regional High School Board of Education will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the library of Governor Livingston Regional High School. The school is located on Watchung Boulevard in Berkeley Heights.

The board is expected to discuss the acts of vandalism and violence reported during the 1994-95 school year, and the results of student achievement in the recent Science Day competition.

Food chain Lane



Photo By Jay Hochberg

One of several deer, spending the afternoon of July 21 in the area of Trailside Nature and Science Center, pauses on the lawn of 500 Bayberry Lane. This deer, and several others, walked through frontyards in the neighborhood, eating the foliage of homes' landscapes. The Watchung Reservation Deer Management Subcommittee is expected to prepare a report for the county freeholders later this year, regarding the possibility of another deer hunt in the reservation.

Resident authors guide to understanding taxes

By Cynthia B. Gordon
 Staff Writer

Scott Schmedel, a borough resident since 1970, makes tax planning easier with his new book "The Wall Street Journal Guide to Understanding Your Taxes."

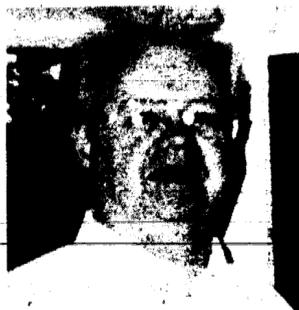
Schmedel worked as a reporter for *The Wall Street Journal* from 1958 until his recent retirement, and he continues to write periodically for the *Journal*, usually on personal tax matters.

"It's not a book to help you do your tax return, it's a book that's intended to explain in easy-to-read terms what the tax system is and how it works," said Schmedel. The book includes drawings, charts and graphs.

A diversity of topics can be found in the book, including: recent changes in IRS tax codes, annual return forms, detailed information on taxable income, tax brackets, necessary records, which forms to use and why, tax schedules, tax planning, tips on investments, retirement plans and trusts.

Taxation was Schmedel's specialty during his last 15 years at the *Journal*. He wrote the Wednesday morning "Tax Column" which appeared on the front page from 1980-93.

In 1994, Schmedel received the first Lifetime Achievement Award for Financial Reporting for the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.



Scott Schmedel
 Active in local politics

Before covering tax matters, Schmedel covered the electrical and electronics industries, before computers were used as much as they are today.

He covered such companies as IBM, Xerox, GE and RCA. "I wrote about business affairs and financial affairs and technical matters of companies," said Schmedel.

About 35 years ago, Schmedel attended the press conference at which the Xerox machine was introduced. He also covered the introduction of the video disk — a digital video medium introduced during the 1970s.

Not all of Schmedel's stories involved taxation, finance and technology; the reporter also covered some of the "big scams of the day."

He covered Roy Cohn, who was the principal counsel for Sen. Joseph McCarthy in the 1950s. "He was a right-wing anti-communist," said Schmedel. "He was either idolized or hated. He had the ability to charm some people and make them idolize him."

According to Schmedel, Cohn was involved in many "shenanigans." He was prosecuted three times in the 1960s on criminal charges and was acquitted each time. Schmedel covered those three trials.

In the 1970s, Schmedel covered the Robert Vesco scandals. Vesco controlled the International Control Corporation, and "used it very cleverly to get control of a Swiss mutual fund company called International Overseas Limited," said Schmedel.

"He milked it for \$250 million." The matter was investigated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, who filed criminal charges against him.

Schmedel graduated from Indiana University. He also has served as president of the Independent Association of Publisher's Employees, the union that represents employees of Dow Jones & Co., publisher of the *Journal*.

He also has been involved in local politics as a member of the local Democratic Club, which currently is working to elect two candidates to the Borough Council.

As a public servant himself, Schmedel put in one term on the Board of Education in the late '70s.

New tax rates bring some relief

Tax cut is modest, but assessor says, 'it's better than going up'

By Cynthia B. Gordon
 Staff Writer

Property owners in the borough will experience some relief as the recently mailed tax bills arrive.

The Borough Council announced July 18 that the Union County portion of borough residents' taxes will be reduced.

According to Treasurer and Finance Director Michelle Swisher, the new rates are as follows:

- The county tax rate is 79 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.
- The Union County Regional High School District tax is 72 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.
- The municipal tax is 74 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.
- The local district school tax is 85 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

"These are the percentages multiplied by the assessed value of your home," Swisher explained. "You multiply those rates by whatever your

home is assessed, to make sure you're paying the correct amount of taxes."

"I was shocked," she also said, regarding the county tax break.

Houses assessed at \$155,000 would receive an overall tax break of \$31.10, which includes municipal, county and the two school district taxes. A house assessed at \$216,000 would receive an overall tax break of \$43.22.

County officials could not be reached for comment.

Last month, the state Department of Education intervened in the budgetary stalemate among the constituent municipalities of the regional high school district, cutting its 1995-96 budget by \$2.7 million.

Mountainside has been one of the five member towns of the district to contest the regional's bookkeeping since its budget was defeated by voters in April. Springfield, Clark, Kenilworth and Garwood sought a cut of \$350,000.

The Borough Council passed a resolution pushing for a cut of \$800,000, a resolution Mayor Robert Vigilanti attributed to the tax break seen on the current bills.

"The town's regional bill is the same as in 1986-87," Vigilanti said. "I know it was Mountainside's resolution that got the state to look into the regional's budget."

"If we did not hold out, (regarding the regional high school budget) the state would not have come up with the tax decrease of \$2.1 million," Vigilanti said.

According to Tax Assessor Eldo Magnani, the local tax rate went down by 2 points, "which is good; it certainly is better than going up."

"I cannot take credit or blame for the tax rate," said Magnani. "The mayor and Borough Council are responsible for that and should take credit for it."

Senator promises more relief

DiFrancesco says block grant will return money to borough

In addition to the cuts in the county and regional tax levies, borough residents will benefit from the state's recently passed budget, according to Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco, R-Union.

Among the benefits for borough residents is a Legislative Initiative Block Grant of \$28,418 and the return of \$87,859 in excess Gross Receipts and Franchise Taxes.

"The Legislature was committed to enacting a state budget that would include a 15 percent income tax reduction and provide for a significant increase in municipal property tax relief," DiFrancesco said.

The block grant program, which was first incorporated into the Fiscal Year 1995 budget, is now a permanent

program under a new law approved by the Legislature and Gov. Christine Whitman, in conjunction with the state budget. The \$33 million program will provide New Jersey's 567 municipalities with block grants on a per capita basis.

"The Legislature and Governor Whitman agreed the block grant program was important to the taxpayers and thus, to our municipalities. Our towns and cities can now count on this vital tax relief program each year," said DiFrancesco.

The senator also explained that in the nearly \$1 billion collected this year in Gross Receipts and Franchise Tax revenues, \$685 million was allocated to municipalities while \$245 million was allocated for the state.

The excess, which this year totals \$96 million, will be distributed back to municipalities for property tax relief.

"The Legislature has always felt strongly about distributing this money to the municipalities," DiFrancesco said. "We're continuing this year what we have done in the past by returning the GRFT's excess to our cities and towns."

Together, municipal aid programs total \$1,708 billion in the fiscal 1996 budget, \$38 million more than last year. This aid includes an additional \$251 million more than last year to school districts. The state also is taking over the cost of county court personnel, which will save New Jersey property taxpayers another \$110.8 million.

Chapel soon to offer Bible study

Bible study, for children and adults, will be available next month at Mountainside Chapel, Pastor Gregory Hagg announced this week.

The Daily Vacation Bible School will be held Aug. 7-11, from 9 a.m. to noon. Hagg suggested participants arrive by 8:45 a.m. on the first day.

The daily activities will include original puppet/live action shows written and directed by Hal Ottenslein; Bible stories; recreation and skills, organized by Randy Smith and Tom Byrne; song time, led by Sandi Wagner and Carrie Jen Grant; and refreshments, served by Muriek Pfeifer.

In addition, visiting youth missionaries will teach the children about the roles and duties of missionaries.

Classes are conducted for 4-year-olds through those entering fifth grade during the day. A ladies class, led by Ruthann Dein, also will take place every day.

A nursery for children under 4 will be provided for those who stay for the class.

Women of all ages are invited to the Ladies Class where they will spend the morning together. The program includes crafts with Pam Clark, singing with Sandi Wagner,

and the lesson "Building Biblical Relationship."

Those planning to attend the Junior High Program, which is for those entering sixth through eighth grades, will meet daily from 7-9 p.m., with one all-day, special trip planned.

Preregistration is recommended and should be made by Aug. 2 by calling the chapel at 232-3456 or Sandy Wilson at 654-5818. Registration will take place on-site during the week.

The chapel is located at 1180 Spruce Drive.

Summer fun



Courtesy of Deerfield School

Ann Shanahan reads to students in her Deerfield Enrichment Fun classes. A variety of classes are offered to students through Aug. 4. For more information, call Audrey Zavetz at 232-8828.

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Deerfield student Sarah Drake, who won a Special Award in an essay writing contest, accepts her plaque from members of the Union County Narcotics Advisory Board. From left are Michael Lapolla of the Union County Prosecutor's Office, Drake, Freeholder Linda-Lee Kelly and Superior Court judges Rudolph Hawkins and Edward W. Beglin, Jr.

police blotter

• On July 14 at 10:35 p.m., on Summit Road, Officer Thomas Murphy arrested Dominick Dematteo, 37, of Union, and charged him with possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute.

According to police, Dematteo was driving on Summit Road when Murphy observed that Dematteo's 1989 Chrysler had a malfunctioning brake light.

Murphy stopped the driver, and upon looking inside, he observed a large kitchen-type knife and a clear plastic container of a white powdery substance which he suspected of being cocaine.

Reading list

The Springfield Public Library has set aside the books on the regional high school district's summer reading list.

The books have been placed on book carts near the reference desk and are marked with special yellow labels to make them visible.

The library has ordered extra copies of books that have proved to be popular in the past, and will keep them in the carts until the summer reading assignment is completed in September.

The library will be open daily all summer but will be closed on Saturdays.

Students from throughout the district may borrow books from the library if they bring a valid library card from their hometown library.

Police said the suspect allowed a search of his car, and additional drug paraphernalia was found. As Murphy searched the car, he allegedly found the material under a plastic straw, which contained a white powdery

substance, along with eight clear plastic bags containing a white powdery substance.

In the trunk, Murphy found a leather bag containing narcotic paraphernalia. He found film canisters containing a white, powdery substance, and a number of other vials and bags with the white, powdery substance. Murphy also found another bag containing pills, a measuring cup and a metal screen.

Dematteo was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous sub-

stance with intent to distribute; motor vehicle complaints for driving with a suspended license and a lapsed registration, and for operating a vehicle with a broken tail light.

• On July 12 at about 1 a.m., two vans allegedly stolen from Royal Chevrolet in Bound Brook were recovered by the Mountainside Police Department in the area of Rutgers Road.

According to police, two juveniles were involved in stealing the vans. An Elizabeth resident was apprehended for allegedly stealing one van, a 1991 Oldsmobile minivan.

The other van was a 1995 Chevrolet and that suspect fled on foot. Officer Thomas Murphy stopped to inspect the vans, and upon seeing neither had license plates, questioned the suspects.

The Mountainside Detective Bureau is investigating the incident.

Deerfield student wins anti-drug essay contest

The Union County Narcotics Advisory Board held its 7th Annual Drug Abuse Prevention Essay Contest Awards Ceremony recently in Judge Edward W. Beglin Jr.'s courtroom in the county courthouse in Elizabeth.

This essay and poetry contest is held each year for eighth-graders countywide as a way to make them aware of the dangers of drugs, said Union County Freeholder Linda-Lee Kelly, advisory board liaison.

"Judge Beglin's courtroom was filled with students, parents and friends and that is what we love to see, participation by all involved," said Kelly.

Man arrested in borough on sexual assault charges

Authorities have charged a 43-year-old Linden man with sexually assaulting a teen-age boy during a period of 13 months, often in exchange for cash.

Richard Kleiman of Willick Road was charged with a number of second-degree sexual assaults against a Clark teen-ager between June 1990 and August 1991, said Union County Prosecutor Andrew K. Ruotolo Jr. on July 17.

Kleiman was arrested at his job in Mountainside, where he works as a low-pressure boiler mechanic.

The alleged assaults began when the victim was 14 years old, said Assistant Prosecutor William Kolano.

The alleged victim, now 19, knew his assailant through his family. He was assaulted in various private homes in Clark, Westfield and Linden, said authorities.

The boy recently told his mother of the alleged assaults, which led to a three-month investigation by Clark Detective Alan Scherb and Sgt. Edward Fitzgerald of the Prosecutor's Office Child Abuse Unit.

"Fortunately, he was able to find the courage to come forward and tell a family member about the incidents," said Ruotolo.

The suspect, who is married, was taken into custody without incident after an arrest warrant was obtained from Superior Court Judge John Triarsi at the courthouse July 13, said First Assistant Prosecutor Michael J. Lapolla.

Kleiman is being held in the Union County Jail in Elizabeth on \$100,000 bail, said Lapolla, who added the suspect could face up to 10 years' imprisonment if convicted.

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Civic calendar

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

Aug. 1

- The Union County Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.
- The Union County Cultural Heritage Programs Advisory Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.
- The Union County Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Advisory Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.

Aug. 2

- The Springfield Planning Board will meet in the Municipal Building at 7 p.m.
- The Union County Transportation Advisory Board will meet at 8 p.m. in the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.
- The Union County Environmental Health Advisory Board will meet at 7:15 p.m. in the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.
- The Union County Human Services Advisory Council will meet at 9 a.m. in the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.

Aug. 3

- The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will hold a pre-meeting conference at 6:30 p.m. on the sixth floor of the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.

Aug. 7

- The Springfield Township Committee will meet in executive session on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 8 p.m.
- The Mountainside Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet in Borough Hall at 8 p.m.

Aug. 8

- The Springfield Township Committee will convene in the courtroom on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 8 p.m.
- The Mountainside Borough Council will meet in Borough Hall at 8 p.m.

Aug. 9

- The Union County Utilities Authority will meet in the UCUA meeting room at 2400 Bedle Place in Linden at 7 p.m.
- The Union County Planning Board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.

Aug. 10

- The Mountainside Planning Board will meet at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.
- 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.

Aug. 15

- 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.

Aug. 16

- The Springfield Board of Health will meet in the Municipal Building at 7 p.m.
- The Union County Consumer Affairs Advisory Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.

Aug. 17

- The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will hold a pre-meeting conference at 6:30 p.m. on the sixth floor of the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.

Aug. 21

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

To rebuild or repair

Garwood will send students out of district

By Mark Crudele
Staff Writer

Even if the Garwood Board of Education chooses to educate its youngsters locally, it will still have to teach students in another location while schools are built or repaired.

That necessity, brought up during a public meeting where the results of an engineering report were discussed, means the Borough of Garwood might choose one of its neighbors to receive students while its three schools are repaired.

The Riverside-based consulting firm of Lippincott, Jacob & Gouda charged the board \$40,000 to tell them what many board members already know — that their schools are old.

What the report also revealed is that it would be cheaper for the tiny municipality to build all new schools than to repair the old ones.

The engineering firm took samples of concrete floors, parts of the walls, and X-rayed the concrete structures of the Lincoln, Franklin and Washington schools.

Bringing Lincoln and Franklin schools up to current seismic "earthquake proof" code "will exceed the cost of a new building." And while Washington School is in the best shape of the three, the engineers said it is also currently in violation of code.

"The cost of demolishing, repairing and rebuilding the current school will exceed the cost of constructing a new school," said the consultants of the Lincoln and Franklin schools, which most of Garwood's K-8 students attend. "A new building will result in a safer, more energy-efficient building with a lower maintenance cost for many years."

The firm attributes the savings in building new schools to the cost of meeting building safety codes: Proposed renovations to the Lincoln or Franklin schools, expected to exceed \$1.4 million, would put the buildings in compliance, but at the same time would render the schools unfit for use during the time they are being repaired.

According to Garwood Board of Education President Loretta Spina, the question becomes whether to repair or to rebuild.

"We are just analyzing our options," Spina said. "However, we do know the buildings are currently safe for children."

Spina added that the borough does

not want to send all of its children out of district for education. Garwood now sends most of its 9th- through 12th-grade students to Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark.

However, they might have to do just that while the schools are being fixed. The only other possibility would be to teach the K-8 students in another building in Garwood. Spina conceded there is only one building in town that could house the students.

"St. Ann's School is currently empty," said Spina. "But there are only 13 classrooms in that building. We have 22 classrooms in our three schools."

If the district chooses to repair the existing buildings, keeping students in the district while the work is done may be feasible. "If we renovate, maybe we could work on one building at a time, so we don't displace all the students," said Spina. "We could work on Franklin and then we'd only have to worry about 12 classrooms."

But if they rebuild their schools, Garwood probably would have to look for another district to receive its students.

"If we rebuild on the Washington School site, we would only need four classrooms," she added. "But if we knock down Lincoln/Franklin School, we might have to look to another town to educate our students during the time we renovate. Which town, I have no idea."

She added that while Garwood parents would not be happy with sending their students out of the district, it might be the only way to solve the problem. "They will be pleased with the final outcome, but they might not be happy with the way we have to achieve it. However, it could be our only decision. We just have to make sure we provide safe busing and the like," she said.

Rebuilding Lincoln and Franklin would take time, she also said, meaning K-8 students could be in another district for two years or more. "We don't know how long it would take. Usually, a building takes 18 months to construct. Plus, we would also have to demolish the existing building, which makes that even longer."

Spina said she has no idea when the work will start.

Foundation funds



Union Hospital Foundation President James Masteron, center, accepts a \$6,000 donation from Selma Weiss and Springfield resident Beverlee Kanengiser. Weiss is the president of the Sara Slifer Orthopedic Relief Fund; Kanengiser is her grand-daughter. The money will be used to purchase equipment for Union Hospital's physical therapy department. The Sara Slifer Orthopedic Fund is a non-profit community group that has provided financial support to the hospital for more than 20 years.

High schools train handicapped students

The Auto Preparation Unit of the Union County Regional High School District's Summer Youth Employment Training Program is providing car wash and wax services to the public on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School.

The cost for a car wash is \$3; a wash and wax costs \$5. An interior cleaning of the car is included in the price. All work will be done by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call Walter Wiart at the high school at 382-0910, ext. 130.

The Food Services Unit of the Union County Regional High School District's Summer Youth Employment Training Program is providing lunches to the public on weekdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in room 201 of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.

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Ukrainian soccer students visit Oratory

By Sheila Patnode
Managing Editor

Oratory Prep School recently served as hosts for 17 teen-age soccer players from the Ukraine. The youths visited the school as part of an exchange program which will allow some Oratory Prep students to visit the Ukraine next year.

During their day-long visit, the young Ukrainian athletes attended classes, relaxed in the Senior Lounge, played tennis and, of course, soccer. The visitors were members of the Zhupan team which comes from L'viv, the capitol city of the providence of Western Ukraine.

A group of Ukrainian-American students from Oratory Prep acted as hosts and tour guides for the day. Danylo Hentisz, Yaremij Tryjak, Ivan Stokatelnyj and Eric Burachinsky, all bi-lingual, were translators between visitors and students.

The visit provided a unique learning experience for both groups of students. The Ukrainian students were surprised at the small size of the school, but were impressed with the rapport between Oratory instructors and students, according to Oratory Prep Headmaster the Rev. Paul Manning.

For the school's Ukrainian-American students, the day brought out a sense of pride in the Ukrainian



Rev. Paul Manning, Oratory Prep Headmaster with students Danylo Hentisz, left, and Ivan Stokatelnyj wearing Ukrainian shirts, make plans to welcome soccer team from Ukraine.

culture, Manning said. The students are working to develop a Ukrainian club and to have a mass said in Ukrainian.

The visit was "the first time we had a group of this number visit," Manning said. "It was educational for both sides. Hopefully some Oratory students will be part of the exchange program next year."

While the language barrier made verbal communication a challenge for some students, everyone appre-

ciated the rules of soccer. Oratory Prep students tested their skills against the visitors' during a recreational game.

In spite of the day's heat, visitors also spent more than one hour out on the school's tennis courts, Manning said.

The Ukrainian students also took in a New York baseball game and a trip to Great Adventure theme park during their trip.

Donors needed

The North Jersey Blood Center will hold several blood drives during the next several weeks.

"The need for blood continues to be acute over this period," said Judy Knecht, spokesperson for the blood center. Summer shortages have arrived and the blood center is asking community residents to give now to adequately meet the needs of New Jersey patients.

These shortages occur because schools and colleges close down and people take vacations. "Also, the weather acts as a deterrent," Knecht said. "People are turned off by hot and humid weather."

The North Jersey Blood Center depends on other blood centers in the country, because not enough blood is collected in this area for patients. According to Knecht, "Unfortunately, during the summer, shortages are national and very few, if any, blood centers have blood to spare."

Drives are scheduled for the following locations throughout the county in coming weeks: Saturday, Linden Fire House 4, 2400 South Wood Ave., 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sunday, Knights of Columbus 253, 328 Union Ave., Elizabeth, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, Union Hospital, Galloping Hill Road, Union, 3 to 7 p.m.; Aug. 4, Overlook Hospital, Morris Avenue, Summit, 5 to 8:30 p.m.; and Aug. 5, Solutions Hair Salon, 1012 South Ave., Westfield, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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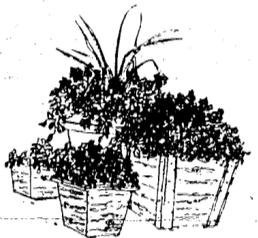
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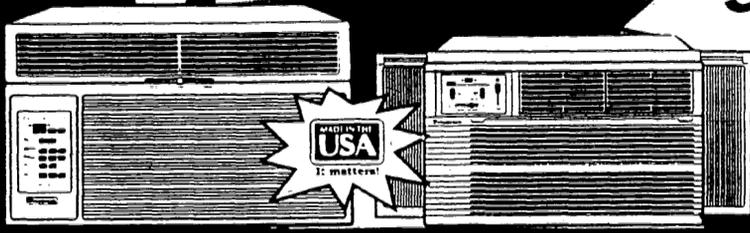
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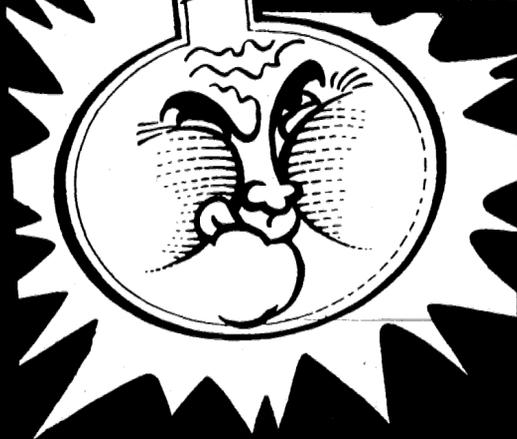
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OPINION PAGE

For your information

During its most recent meeting, the Mountainside Borough Council voted to include very specific information about future tax bills in an apparent attempt to make government more responsive.

From now on, the borough's property taxpayers will be supplied the telephone numbers of the county freeholders, the local and high school boards of education and the municipal government.

That's not to say this information has been kept top secret until now; plus, residents already have a say in whether school budgets are acceptable. But it is a thoughtful gesture on the part of the Borough Council to include these names and numbers for residents' future reference.

Democracy is not a spectator sport, and the role of the governed is not merely to hand over money. Tax bills already are itemized to show taxpayers the destinations of their dollars; now borough residents can easily contact their elected officials to ask questions and offer comments.

In recent years, that has been called "empowerment." In our opinion, that is what government is all about: the duty of the people to remind their representatives of who ultimately holds the power.

Of planners and plots

The Springfield Planning Board will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, and regardless of which applicants are put on the agenda, we predict the session will be marked more by political savagery than any of the resolutions passed by the board.

For the record, the phrase "political savagery" certainly is harsh, but memories of the board's July 5 meeting not only will justify its accuracy, but also will prepare those concerned for what likely will happen on Aug. 2.

On this page is a guest column submitted by Springfield Deputy Mayor Herb Slote, and if it's any indication of what Democratic Party insiders have been discussing behind closed doors, it is easy to foresee an attempt to remove William Holmes from his chairmanship.

That seems to be the Democrats' standard operating procedure whenever they are faced with the "problems" of silencing political opponents or packing government boards with only those who can be trusted.

Those who attended the July 5 meeting of the Springfield Planning Board, whatever their party affiliation, can attest to that. During that meeting, Slote instinctively seconded Mayor Marcia Forman's motion to adjourn. It is safe to say the deputy mayor spoke as he thought, because an instant after the duo ended the meeting, Slote realized he hadn't read the speech he'd prepared. It's a safe bet that the content of that aborted speech is similar to what is printed on this page.

That abrupt adjournment wouldn't have seemed so remarkable had it not followed the revelation that the Democrats broke the law by naming Rent Leveling Board attorney Clara Harelak to the Planning Board.

Why were the Democrats unable to come up with a proper candidate? Were Martin Sherman or Hy Kupers-tein unavailable?

It seems the disintegrating Democratic Party is having a hard time finding volunteers to step up to the plate and take the hardballs hurled by the Republicans.

If politics is to be the main attraction of the meeting, we suggest the Planning Board pick up where it left off July 5: checking into Gary Nissenbaum's appearance before the Township Committee on June 27 — that was the night of Forman's attempted ambush of Township Committee woman JoAnn Holmes.

Holmes asked Nissenbaum — in writing — to identify the person or persons who authorized his appearance before the committee. In response, Nissenbaum said he doesn't have to react to any one Planning Board member's request because he works for the entire board.

Well, if that's Nissenbaum's logic, then we would like to know when the Planning Board voted to dispatch Nissenbaum to the Township Committee meeting in the first place. After the Planning Board determines that, it should vote to rescind Nissenbaum's professional services contract.

Springfield is a perfectly good town, despite the efforts of Forman and her allies in the bunker. The township deserves appointed officials better behaved than those of Nissenbaum's kind, and it is up to the elected officials to maintain that standard.



AUSTRIAN ARTS — The winners and judges of a recent linzertorte baking contest gather to promote the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's Amadeus Festival. Clockwise are New Jersey Network reporter Anisa Mehdi, Short Hills Hilton's Executive Pastry Chef David Nowak, NJSO Assistant Conductor Mariusz Smolij, third-place winner Mary Root of Mountainside, second-place winner Marion Raedish and first-place winner Christine Perkins of Summit. The baking contest was sponsored by the NJSO.

Chairman's actions hurt board's credibility

A year and a half ago, as a new member of the Planning Board, I found the laws, regulations and procedures to be formidable — and the effort to comprehend them, and to review the matters that come before the board, to be demanding of personal time and energy. I learned to respect the knowledge and dedication of the more experienced members.

Although not every issue was settled by unanimous vote, differences were expressed in reasonable terms. If personal preferences were at work, they seemed no more than could be expected of responsible people with differing opinions.

At the meeting of June 7, this harmonious state of affairs was shattered by raw politics.

In discussing the contract of board attorney Gary Nissenbaum, Chairman William Holmes noted that Mr. Nissenbaum had contributed \$123 to the last Democratic election campaign, a sum far below the legal threshold for reporting. He made no effort to

Be Our Guest

By Herbert Slote

explain how this information had any bearing on the issue before the board.

This was followed by an untruth in the *Springfield Leader*, attributed to JoAnn Holmes, that escrow fees had been exhausted and therefore Mr. Nissenbaum would have to be paid out of township funds.

If true, this would have been a criticism of the board's procedures, not of Mr. Nissenbaum or the contract. Nevertheless, it was used as an excuse for the *Leader* to launch an attack on Mr. Nissenbaum and the Democratic Party.

The chain of events is revealing: Mr. Holmes, prepared with the exact amount of Mr. Nissenbaum's contribution, insinuates an unsavory

connection between the contribution and the contract.

JoAnn Holmes misinforms the *Leader* about the status of escrow fees, a matter which has nothing to do with Mr. Nissenbaum or his contract.

The *Leader* accepts both the insinuation and the misinformation as fact and prints a lengthy article besmirching the reputation of Mr. Nissenbaum and the Democratic Party.

At the July 5 meeting of the board, Mr. Holmes attempts to open the floor for Harry Pappas to make a statement.

Now, it is appropriate for the public to address the board, but only on the specific applications which have properly come before the board. There is no open public portion at these meetings, nor should there be one.

The meetings of the Township Committee afford ample opportunity for public expression. No one, including Mr. Nissenbaum, needs anyone's "authority" to speak before the Township Committee.

Mr. Holmes' comment on June 7

was the first step in a planned attack on Mr. Nissenbaum for no other reason than that he is a Democrat. The reputation of a man of personal and professional integrity is being sullied for gross political effect.

What has suffered most is the credibility of the Planning Board.

If Mr. Holmes can use his position as a springboard for personal and political ends, it becomes necessary to question his motivation in all other matters. I wonder if an applicant before the Planning Board can any longer be certain that his case will be addressed on the facts alone.

By undermining the credibility of the Planning Board, Mr. Holmes shows himself unworthy to be an official trusted to represent the public interest.

He is unfit to serve on the board and should have the decency to remove himself.

Herbert Slote is the deputy mayor of Springfield.

Old carriage houses replaced by garages

In the period of time just after the end of the Civil War, the Village of Roselle was being laid out by the Roselle Land Improvement Company, and building lots were being sold to buyers who had the necessary assets to finance the construction of large houses on lots measuring 100 by 200 feet or even greater. This was long before the invention of automobiles, and the usual form of transportation was either by foot or by means of a horse. Although there was a livery stable near First Avenue and Chestnut Street where a horse and buggy could be hired when needed, many of the new residents had carriage houses built in the rear of their properties. Most of these buildings were of a style very similar to the mansion in the front part of the lot, and painted to match.

Many of the carriage houses were two-story structures, with the upper floor set up as living quarters for the live-in groom, while the first floor was space for the owner's carriages, and for his horses, if he had any. Some people preferred to own the carriage or other vehicles and rent the horse when it was needed. There were others, however, who were the proud owners of pairs of matched horses which were used to pull the family coaches around town on a Sunday afternoon, much like the present-day sports car owners.

One of the carriage houses in

The Way It Was

By William Frolich

Roselle belonged to the Baldwin family, who lived on Chestnut Street. This house was built differently from the main house, which was a wood frame structure, in that the carriage house was made of hollow, red tile blocks, and covered with stucco. Two and one-half stories high, it also had a basement, complete with furnace and chimney. About 20 by 25 feet in size, there were two bays for the carriages and an enclosed stairway to the second floor. Here it was set up as a neat little apartment for the chauffeur and his wife, both of whom doubled as house servants.

At one time a similar carriage house stood not far away and just across Chestnut Street. This one had once belonged to Charles MacQuoid, a former mayor of Roselle around 1911. Later sold to Abe J. David, a Union County prosecutor, it was finally acquired by the Nancy-Luzon Chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, shortly after the end of World War II. While the main building was used for the meeting room, the carriage house was made available to the Roselle Civil Defense members, who

fixed it up for a disaster control headquarters. The upper floor neatly painted and paneled, became the radio room, as well as a meeting room, and the first floor bays became a garage for the emergency truck and storage space for equipment.

Sad to say, both of these useful buildings became victims of the bulldozers, as the properties were cleared in order to build larger apartment houses.

By the early 1900s, however, the automobile was beginning to make an appearance among the wealthier residents, and gradually the carriage houses began to be used as garages for the autos. Most of the early motorcars were modeled after the carriages that they were replacing, and were not designed to be left out in the weather at all times. As many of the homes in Roselle did not have a carriage house to convert to a garage, it now became necessary to build a rather simple structure in the rear of the property to house the single automobile the family now possessed.

One of the quickest ways to erect such a building was to order a prefabricated garage, which could be set up in a day, after the concrete floor was laid. A truck brought in 8-by-10 foot wooden panels, complete with siding and windows. If a side door was needed, one panel had a door instead of the window. Each panel was anchored to the concrete base, and

bolted to the adjoining panel. After the addition of a few overhead cross beams to reinforce the walls, triangular end panels were placed above the front and rear of the structure, and then the roof panels were set into place. When the large, swinging front doors were mounted by screwing their hinges to the corners of the building, the garage was finished and ready for use.

There was another type of prebuilt garage which was erected in a few places in Roselle years ago. This style used a light-weight concrete and gypsum material which was cast into panels of 8-by-2 or 8-by-3 feet. Ribs on each edge enabled the panels to be bolted together to form a wall of any desired length, and after erection, the outside was covered with stucco. Steel-framed casement windows which could be swung out to open were a feature of this garage.

This seems to have been a very satisfactory sort of material to have been used to build a garage, as it did not rot nor crumble through the years. There is at least one garage of this style still standing on Chestnut Street, and a second one was at 235 Chestnut St. until it was demolished, along with the house, to make room for a bank.

William Frolich is a resident of Roselle and a member of the Union County Historical Society.

Letters to the editor

Thoughts on government

To the Editor:

Upon signing the Constitution, someone asked Ben Franklin the question: What kind of government will the people have? His response was: The kind of government the people deserve.

Today, we pay taxes to our local towns, our counties, our states, and our federal government. In effect, we are drowning in government.

My father, who had no formal education, made the astute observation: the smarter people become, the dumber they get. Amen.

Vincent J. Parlapano
Roselle Park

Leader is on the money

To the Editor:

During the past several weeks, the *Springfield Leader* has been reporting the many actions and statements of various elected and appointed officials. During this time, I have been flooded with phone calls from residents who are disgusted with the behavior of my colleagues on the Township Committee and some of those they appointed.

The most frightening thing about the articles in the *Leader* is they quite accurately describe the occurrences during recent Township Committee meetings. In the future, I will give anyone who contacts me the phone numbers of Mayor Marcia Forman, Deputy Mayor Herb Slote, Committeemen Roy Hirschfeld and Greg Clarke, and others, so they can tell them directly.

It's sad to see such childish behavior by those who consider themselves adults.

JoAnn Holmes, member
Township Committee

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License plate plan will preserve history

One of the favorite vacation or weekend activities of many New Jerseyans or tourists is taking an excursion to visit old historical landmarks, turn-of-the-century villages or museums housing collectibles that give visitors an idea of how people lived in eras past.

Be Our Guest

By Maureen Ogden

Visiting historical sites is not only fun, but it's also educational. This is precisely why we must do everything possible to preserve the rich remnants of generations past. Otherwise, we stand to lose a part of ourselves.

In light of the need for expanded resources, I introduced legislation earlier this session to offer to New Jersey motorists a special state license plate dedicated to the cause of historic preservation. Similar special plates are currently available for wildlife conservation, shore protection and animal welfare. The bill, A-1903, was approved by the Assembly at the end of June and now goes to the Senate.

Each of the plates would carry a special logo and slogan to be developed by a proposed Historic Preservation License Plate Advisory Committee that would help serve as a "marketing message" to other New Jersey motorists to help maintain New Jersey's rich heritage.

Under terms of the bill, motorists could request these plates by paying an additional \$50 fee to the Division of Motor Vehicles, the same amount now paid by New Jersey drivers who request "vanity" license plates bearing customized initials, nicknames or other messages. With the exception of a small administrative allotment to the Division of Motor Vehicles, the funds would be placed in a dedicated "Historic Site Preservation Fund." Monies in the fund would

be used for the awarding of grants by state and local government agencies for project proposals devoted to physical preservation or development of educational and interpretive programming focused on New Jersey history.

The DMV estimates that 45,000 motorists would apply for the plates annually and that the overwhelming majority of plate holders would renew their plates since those willing to pay the extra fees are highly motivated to support the cause.

The special license plates idea represents a creative way New Jerseyans can help get involved in contributing to maintaining their own history. So many of us take advantage of the opportunities to spend weekends or other leisure time visiting old historic sites like the Ford Mansion (Washington's Headquarters) in Morristown, the 19th Century Victorian homes of Cape May or the restored rustic village shops of Clinton, Frenchtown or Chester.

Still, we must always remember that if we are to continue to enjoy such wonderful sites that provide us with a treasured view of our past, it takes action and sacrifice by responsible citizens of modern society. It's a small but very worthwhile commitment.

Maureen Ogden is an assemblywoman representing the 21st Legislative District, which includes a portion of Union County.

Country scene develops 'brave' new look

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

A few weeks ago, we took some friends of ours who hadn't been out this way for about five years for a drive, and I use the word loosely.

We went down to Princeton via Route 206 from the old Somerville Traffic Circle, and then over to Chester, then to Morristown by way of Route 202 and then back to Summit. Our friends, who now live in North Carolina, were aghast at the changes, and that not all were for the good was very obvious to them.

The old drive to Princeton used to be a pleasant one, with farms dotting the landscape and old houses, wearing thin, standing stately among tall trees. Traffic was at a minimum and it was a pleasure to take in the scenery. Today, one has to thank his lucky stars to survive such a trip. Cars, cars and more cars stream by in a never-ending line of getting to malls, malls and more malls so they can park in the fast-food emporiums.

Our friends asked us where the old country roads were and we told them they are fast disappearing. If you are lucky to find an old country road somewhere, perhaps in the outback of Salem County, your trip comes to a sudden end with a large series of signs informing you that a detour lies ahead, or the road is under construction. The old country road comes to an end. There is an even more grim sign which informs you that on the left or right, a 6-million-square-foot mall will shortly be constructed to meet your every need.

So goes the old memory of old country roads, where meadows and fields and orchards told you that you were in the country. Cars didn't whiz by or honk their horns to get you to move. I am positive that most people do not take drives on what's left of old country roads nowadays. Roads are to get you from one place to another, as quickly as possible and the devil with the roadside scenery. Of course, the scenery is now limited to malls, condos, fast-food places, highway stores selling anything from junk to more

junk and what trees are left are papered over by signs announcing a garage or attic sale.

We are slowly losing a very important part of our life...an unadulterated outdoors. We seem to have reached a pinnacle in our life that the outdoors must now be cluttered with clutter of all shapes, sizes and dimensions. Today, instead of taking an old-fashioned automobile drive in what was once "country," we are bent on finding newer and bigger malls, glitzy and glitzier fast-food pit stops and commercialism which even Phineas Barnum couldn't imagine in his wildest dreams.

What we are doing is senseless and dangerous. We seem to have a death wish to destroy our outdoor beauty by building, ripping up, paving over and rerouting everything in sight. Whatever old country roads exist today will go the way of the hula hoop in a few short years, leaving us a barren landscape comparable to the moon's.

We are not against progress if it makes sense. But destroying what nature gave us to please the public for more and more services, is not right.

Of course, in our society where we demand instant gratification, if there's no mall, or McDonalds or a duplex cinema every mile or so on nine-lane highways, we pout. Roads today are mere raceways to your favorite place to eat fast, buy junk you can't afford or sit watching a movie where no one wears clothes and uses profanity from the fade in to the fade out. You then pick up another fast-food hamburger or whatever, and head home and declare that a great day you've had.

Of course, times change, they must change. But we've always thought that with change, comes a better life.

We seem to be losing our grip on life. Crowds are becoming crowdier, roads seem to be getting wider and whatever country scenery we once had, is disappearing rapidly. Someday it will be gone and all we'll have are autobahns where the minimum speed will be 100 mph, there will be more malls and fast-food places than we need and people will then return to the cities and the old country roads now the site of ugly buildings, treeless condo areas and vacant malls will be left to the ravages of nature. Perhaps someday, if such a scenario comes to pass, we will again have our old country roads,

if anyone remembers them. Maybe we'll even see a cow or some sheep. Our friends returned home and we could sense that they will never return again. They were disappointed at what they saw and we were embarrassed.

We are rapidly identifying ourselves with Aldous Huxley's grim novel "Brave New World." Obviously, we didn't listen.

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

letters to the editor

Deer will not eat Acacia trees

To the Editor:

To those whose job it is to maintain the Watchung Reservation, are you going to be complaining again this year that the deer are either starving or eating everything?

Please don't reiterate your drivel of restoring the reservation to its natural state when all the while it's mainly secondary growth. Its natural state would have it looking like the Ice Ages.

So I suggest to you a tree that makes itself taste all yucky where deer won't eat them — the acacia tree.

What these trees do is sort of talk to each other. When a deer is eating an acacia tree, it warns the other acacia trees by releasing a gas detectable by the others, which in turn start to fill their leaves with a toxin — one that deer will not eat.

Now I know it won't solve all the problems, just as I know that one day I'll be reading the obituary of the death of Lake Surprise. But when those in charge resort to guns and violence as a way of solving a problem, then maybe those in charge should be replaced.

Vincent Lehotsky
Linden

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View from the top



Mike Kelly, left, Jim Porter and Joe Steiner listen as Tom Feeney outlines Summit Area Chamber of Commerce plans for its View From the Top Breakfasts. Upcoming on Sept. 29 is Honorable Elizabeth E. Randall, Esq., the New Jersey Commissioner of Banking. Earlier presentations were by Doug Watson, president of Ciba, Ron Czajkowski, vice president of the New Jersey Hospital Association and, more recently, Robert Mulcahy, president of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority. Breakfasts are at the Grand Summit Hotel on Springfield Avenue at 7:45 a.m. For further information, call Tom Feeney at the Chamber of Commerce office at 522-1700 or Dean Hogan or Chan Coddington, co-chairs of the program.

Fatigue not recognized danger

Most people know how drugs and alcohol affect a driver — slowed reaction time, decreased awareness and impaired judgment. But many drivers are unaware that sleepiness can have the same effects, making driving drowsy as dangerous as driving drunk.

It is difficult to attribute accidents to sleepiness because there are no tests or standardized criteria to clearly determine the extent of the problem. Still, Federal Highway Transportation officials estimate that drowsy drivers are involved in anywhere from 60,000 to 240,000 accidents each year. Drowsiness, they said, contributes to about 10,000 auto deaths a year.

"The groups most at risk for drowsy driving are young people, shift workers or those with non-traditional work schedules, commercial drivers and people with undiagnosed sleep disorders," said John Tiene, executive director of the New Jersey Insurance News Service.

driving mishap in the last year, find the morning drive home from work especially risky.

"Commercial drivers are also especially susceptible to sleep-related accidents," added Tiene. "In addition to the high number of miles they drive each year, much of their driving is done at night, when the body is sleepiest."

What times and situations put drivers at the most risk for sleepy driving? "Between the hours of midnight and six a.m., or in the middle of the afternoon between one and four p.m. during the 'afternoon lull' are prime times for drowsy driving accidents," said Tiene. Drivers are more likely to fall asleep at the wheel when driving alone or when on a long, monotonous drive. Waking up early to start a journey or staying up late the night before a trip to prepare, also puts drivers at a greater risk, he reported.

The New Jersey Insurance News Service offers the following advice to help drivers prevent drowsy driving:

Recognize the danger signals for drowsy driving. If your eyes close or go out of focus by themselves, if you have trouble keeping your head up, cannot stop yawning, have wandering, disconnected thoughts, cannot remember driving the last few miles, drift between lanes, tailgate, miss

traffic signs or have a difficult time maintaining constant speed, take these as warning signs that you could fall asleep at the wheel.

Coffee and other stimulants are no substitutes for sleep. They may help you feel more alert, but the effects last only a short time and you may still experience "micro-sleeps" — brief naps that last about five seconds.

Pull over frequently. Schedule a break every two hours or every 100 miles. During your break take a nap, stretch, get some exercise. If you pull over for a nap, make sure you park in a safe spot and lock your doors.

Don't get hypnotized by the road. Drivers frequently get hypnotized by the lines on the road. Make a conscious effort to keep your eyes moving every few seconds from the road to the side and rear mirrors and back to the road again.

Keep your body relaxed. A tight grip on the wheel and tense neck and shoulder muscles add to fatigue.

Vary the climate control settings in your car. A cool car will keep you more alert. Rolling down the window for fresh air also helps.

Play games or find activities that keep you awake. Make sure, however, that they do not interfere with your driving.

Gasoline prices increase cost of cars

Higher gasoline prices have increased the cost of owning and operating a new car by .7 cent per mile since March, according to the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club based in Florham Park.

Motorists now spend an average of 41.8 cents per mile in vehicle-related costs. The increase brings the average yearly vehicle expenditure to about \$6,270, based on 15,000 miles of driving.

First quarter driving costs were down .1 cent from AAA's initial 1995 driving cost figure of 41.2 cents per mile.

AAA's study of deriving costs is updated quarterly from computations made by Runzheimer — international of Rochester, Wis. The management consulting firm specializes in transportation, travel and living costs.

The average per mile cost is determined by combining operating and fixed costs. During the second quarter of this year, motorists spent an average of 9.9 cents per mile on operating costs such as gasoline, oil, tires and maintenance. Fixed costs, including insurance, depreciation, registration, taxes and financing, averaged \$13.10 per day.

A motorist driving 15,000 miles per year would spend \$1,485 in operating costs and \$4,782 in fixed costs.

AAA's cost estimates are based on a composite nation-

al average of three domestically built cars: a subcompact Ford Escort LX, a mid-size Ford Taurus GL and a full-size Chevrolet Caprice Classic.

New England was the most expensive region to own and operate a car in the second quarter with total costs of 43.8 cents per mile. Midwest motorists had the lowest driving costs, paying 40.4 cents per mile.

Other regional costs were Mid-Atlantic, 42.8 cents; West, 42.3 cents; Southwest, 41.8 cents; Great Lakes, 41.3 cents; and Southeast, 40.8.

"Your driving costs" is available from the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club. To obtain a free copy, visit the club's office at 1 Hanover Road in Florham Park; 711 Route 10 East in Randolph; 24 Echo Plaza Shopping Center, Route 22 West and Mountain Avenue in Springfield; or 155 Pompton Ave. in Verona, or send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: Your Driving Costs, AAA Safety Department, 12 Hanover Road, Florham Park, NJ 08932.

The AAA New Jersey Automobile Club, through offices in Florham Park, Randolph, Springfield and Verona, provides auto travel and travel agency services including airline and cruise reservations, car rental and hotel arrangements, and escorted and independent tour packages to residents of Essex, Morris and Union counties.

Taking the purse



Resident Thomas J. O'Rourke, left, senior vice president of marketing for The CIT Group, Inc. of Livingston, presents 75th New Jersey State Golf Association/CIT Open Championship winner Ed Whitman of Knickerbocker Country Club, Tenafly, with a check for \$10,000 representing the winning purse. The annual Pro-Am tournament was held at the North Jersey Country Club, Wayne. It was preceded by the New Jersey Challenge Cup, co-sponsored by The CIT Group and the NJSGA.

Doctor awarded diplomate status as periodontist

Dr. Mehdi Saber of Cranford was awarded diplomate status by the American Board of Periodontology at its recent meeting in Dallas.

The American Board of Periodontology is the national certifying board for the dental specialty of periodontics. The board awards diplomate status upon those who, after two to three years of postdoctorate advanced specialty training at an accredited institution, successfully complete a two-part examination which consists of a comprehensive written examination, and an oral examination which includes documented case reports.

Saber received his D.D.S. from Case Western Reserve University School of Dentistry in 1986. He received his advanced certificate in periodontics from Case Western in 1988. He received his M.S.D. in 1988. Currently he is clinical assistant professor of periodontics at New York University, department of periodontics.

Saber is a member of the New Jersey Dental Association and Union County Dental Society. He lectures to local and community organizations on the advances in periodontics and implants.

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Summer chorus performs

Two audience favorites by Johann Sebastian Bach and Franz Joseph Haydn will be performed in concert by the Diamond Hill Summer Chorus today at the Presbyterian Church at Chatham Township, 240 Southern Boulevard, Chatham. The church is handicapped accessible and air conditioned.

Garyth Nair, music director of Summit Chorale, will conduct the Summer Chorus. Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth will be the organ accompanist.

The audience will hear Bach's famous motet "Jesu meine Freude" — Jesus, my joy — and Haydn's "Mass in D minor." Haydn's work, also known as the Nelson Mass, was composed in 1798, and is one of the six great masses Haydn wrote at the height of his skills in Vienna late in his life.

Tickets are available at the door at \$12, and \$10 for seniors and students. For more information, call Brenda Rhodes in Summit at (908) 273-3900.

Garyth Nair, who just completed his 25th season as music director of Summit Chorale, is also associate professor of music at Drew University, where he conducts the Drew University chorale and orchestra. He has directed the Diamond Hill Summer Chorus for the past 19 years. The chorus provides an opportunity for choral singers throughout the area to continue serious singing during the summer when most of their regular choruses or choirs are inactive, and for the public to enjoy the results of their music-making.

Summit Bank appoints manager

Vice President Robert Steffaro has been appointed market manager for the Elizabeth/Newark Market area of Summit Bank.

As market manager, Steffaro is responsible for business development in Elizabeth, Elizabethport and Newark. Steffaro supports the financial

products and services being offered by Summit Bank through its offices in these locations.

In this position, Steffaro has the opportunity to expand the bank's previous level of involvement both in financial and non-financial areas of the community.

Police search county for dealer

By Mark Crudele
Staff Writer

Authorities are searching for a 25-year-old Linden man who allegedly attempted to run over a Roselle police officer last month and is also believed to have sold cocaine to an undercover officer.

On Wednesday, law enforcement sources indicated the man might be close to turning himself in.

Bruce Burns of 818 Carnegie St. is wanted in connection with last week's anti-drug sweep that targeted alleged drug dealers in Linden and Roselle.

Burns is charged with two separate sales of cocaine to undercover officers on May 18 and June 7. Assistant Prosecutor Daria Smith said the sales were part of the joint Linden and Roselle crackdown along St. George's Avenue.

Police also believe Burns attempted to run down Roselle Sgt. John Wyso with a stolen car on Lincoln Street in Roselle on June 7, the same day he allegedly sold drugs to the undercover cops.

Roselle police spotted Burns in a car with a silver revolver in his hand. When officers tried to pull up behind the vehicle, it sped off.

The same car later struck an unmarked police car head-on, injuring

Roselle detectives Brian Byrnes and Thomas Nugent.

When Burns opened his car door after the accident, he saw Wyso standing behind him. The suspect backed the car up in the sergeant's direction, hitting Wyso's patrol vehicle but missing Wyso.

Burns then jumped out of the car and fled on foot.

The car, a late model red Toyota, had been reported stolen in Roselle.

Wyso was not injured. But Byrnes and Nugent had to be taken to Elizabeth General Medical Center for treatment, police said.

Authorities said the 5-foot-9-inch Burns has a medium build, a medium complexion and is nicknamed "Sal."

"This guy is a major drug dealer in the Linden and Roselle areas," said Linden Police Chief John Miliano. "He usually uses kids for the deals so it is hard to get anything on him."

"No one should attempt to approach the suspect directly because he is considered dangerous," added Miliano, who urged anyone with information to contact Wyso or Sgt. Michael McDue of the Linden Police Department at 474-8515.

The arrest warrant for Burns was signed by Superior Court Judge Walter R. Baronisek, said Prosecutor Andrew K. Ruotolo Jr.



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They heard the gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16) preached, and in faith (Rom. 10:17), **OBEYED** (Heb. 5:9) God's command; Repented and were **BAPTIZED** (Acts 2:38) for the forgiveness of their sins (Acts 22:16), thus being **SAVED** (Mk. 16:16). They were added to the **LORDS CHURCH** (Matt. 16:18, Eph. 5:23, Col. 1:18, Rom. 16:16) and were called simply Christians (Acts 11:26, 1Pet. 4:16).

We sincerely urge readers to **INVESTIGATE** the "TRUTH" - human churches, Catholic, and Protestant are **NOT** found in the Bible.

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Twins take salutatorian honors at Deerfield

Alison and Lauren Kobel, twin sisters at Deerfield School, were recognized as co-salutatorians of the 1995 graduating class.

During the recent commencement exercises, both girls were honored for their academic achievements.

Lauren opened the graduation ceremony with the welcoming address, and Alison's speech provided a reflective look back at the past nine years.

Also during the ceremony, Alison received the Westfield Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution American History Award; Lauren was honored by the College Women's Club of Mountianside, which presented her with its Leadership Award.

In an earlier awards ceremony, Lauren was distinguished as Deerfield's Outstanding Girl Athlete of 1995. Both students were active in sporting activities at Deerfield, including tennis, basketball, volleyball, track and softball.

The girls were also acknowledged for participation in other extra-

curricular activities, including enrichment art, teen arts, ROGATE and the yearbook.

The twins will attend Governor Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights in September.



Lauren Kobel
Outstanding athlete



Alison Kobel
Wins DAR award

Outdoor party tales



Caldwell School second-graders finish this year's reading program with a party outdoors. For the past three years, Springfield Rotarians have come into classrooms to read to the students. This year's theme concentrated on fairy tales.

student update

Academy honors

Two Springfield residents were recognized for their academic performances during the third marking period at the Academy of St. Elizabeth.

Laurie Prudente was named to the school's honor roll and Diana Loya earned an honorable mention. Both were sophomores at the time.

To achieve honors, students must maintain an A- grade-point average, including no grade lower than a B for the quarter. For an honorable mention, students must maintain a B average, with no grade lower than a B for the quarter.

The Academy of St. Elizabeth is a private school located in Convent Station.

Two graduate Drew

One Springfield resident and one Mountianside resident recently graduated from Drew University during May 20 graduation ceremonies at the Madison campus.

Springfield's Joanna Sandra Lobozzo graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology.

Jane Ann Tomaine, of Mountianside, graduated with a masters degree in divinity.

Boston U. dean's list

One Springfield resident and one Mountianside resident were named to the dean's list at Boston University for the 1995 spring semester.

Debra Netschert of Springfield and Alyssa Demski of Mountianside were recognized for their academic achievement.

Boston University grads

Two Springfield residents graduated from Boston University during its commencement exercises held May 21.

Charles Maltzman earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology; Susan Taub earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration and management.

Duke's dean's list

Three Springfield residents were named to the 1995 spring semester



Kimberly Heuer graduates from the Academy of St. Elizabeth in Convent Station. Heuer, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Heuer, spent her senior independent study program with attorney-at-law Martin A. Gendel. She participated in the daily activities of a law office and observed the legal system as part of her studies before graduation.

honor roll of Duke University in Durham, NC.

Robert Harris Grohs, of 982 Chimney Ridge Dr., earned the Dean's List with Distinction honor.

Scott David Halpern, of 44 Fernhill Rd., also earned the Dean's List with Distinction honor.

Halpern graduated this year, earning a bachelor of science degree; he graduated magna cum laude.

Scott Mitchell Sherman, of 9 London Terr., earned the Dean's List honor.

The doors of opportunity

Two Springfield residents completed their senior independent study program before graduating the Academy of St. Elizabeth.

Nicole Manahan completed her study at the Harshorn Arboretum in Short Hills, where she was involved with educational programs for visiting

students from the Millburn School District.

Kimberly Heuer spent her independent study with attorney-at-law Martin A. Gendel. She participated in the daily activities of a law office and observed the legal system.

Pingry honors

Several borough residents were named to the honor rolls of Pingry School.

Eighth-grader Priya Swaminathan and 12th-graders Subarna Biswas and Alexis Walters, all of Mountianside, earned the distinction.

Door-to-dorm

A newspaper subscription offers a great way for college students to stay in touch with their hometown. Call (908) 686-7700 and ask for the circulation department.

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

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JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

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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, eruv and our special programs at 201-467-9666. Office hours, Monday thru Thursday 9:00 A.M. - 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.

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SPORTS

Union County football a winner

Union comes back to top Middlesex 17-15 to even All-Star series at 1-1

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

SAYREVILLE — Although this year's players had nothing to do with last year's outcome, Union County put its proud football reputation to the test again during last Thursday night's second annual News Tribune Union-Middlesex Snapple Bowl All-Star Football Classic.

And, after prepping hard following last year's lackluster 35-14 setback, Union played inspired football to even the series at 1-1 by posting a 17-15 come-from-behind victory at Sayreville War Memorial High School.

Springfield resident Steve Florio represented Dayton Regional for the Union squad and played well at offensive tackle. He helped pave the way for Union's first touchdown, a quarterback sneak by Tony DiGiovanni of Union.

The contest, played on a cool and clear evening for the second consecutive year, drew a more-than-respectable crowd of 4,500, pretty much the same number of people that saw the first Snapple Bowl in person at Union High School last year. Next year's game is scheduled to take place at Elizabeth High School.

A PORTION OF THE GAME'S proceeds went to two charities — the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside and the Lakeview School in Edison.

Summit's Jamie Allen, who played wide receiver and kick returner for Union, earned the game's MVP award. He caught six passes for 105 yards, including one touchdown.

"The coaches wanted to get me the ball down field because they felt I could beat whoever covered me," said Allen, who will room with Union High School standout Andre Lee at Nassau (N.Y.) Community College this fall, football teammates at last. Lee, who played defensive back and represented Union along with offensive lineman Jayson Washington in last month's North-South game at Rutgers, was born one day after Allen and through the friendship made between both family's parents, Allen and Lee became friends who starred at different high schools.

ALLEN, LEE AND WASHINGTON will all play football at Nassau in the fall.

"We put forth a good team effort and I glad that I was a part of the victory," Allen said.

Although Union did not have a great deal of success running the football with its newly installed Wing-T offense, it did have success gaining yardage through the air after making minor adjustments.

"When we put the team together in February, I talked with the other coaches about going to the Wing-T," Union County head coach John Wagner said. "It's not that it's so complicated, but its predicated on reading and takes time to adjust to. We just told the kids to be patient and adjust to it. I think they did a good job."

RICH DWYER OF NEW PROVIDENCE kicked a 27-yard field goal on a fourth-and-inches call with 1:54 remaining to give Union its first win in the series. Middlesex had gone ahead 15-14 with 6:30 remaining on a 34-yard field goal by Jeremy Seilheimer of North Brunswick.

"Probably the toughest thing of the night was to decide what to do on fourth and a foot," Wagner, the head coach at Roselle Park, said. "It took somebody to step up and say kick the ball."

"We could have tried to make the first down and use the rest of the clock, but we knew we had a good kicker and we had a lot of confidence in Rich, that's why we wanted him on our team."

Middlesex gave everyone the impression early on that they would win another blowout. They drove 80 yards in 15 plays on their first possession, with Sayreville's Pat Walsh scoring on a one-yard run on fourth down to cap a drive that consumed more than nine minutes.

A 12-YARD INTERCEPTION return by Wardlaw-Hartridge's Scott Feigenbaum sparked Middlesex' second scoring drive from the Union 28 early in the second quarter. Five plays later Middlesex quarterback Chris Chiera of Colonia completed a 14-yard touchdown pass to Sharif Reid of New Brunswick.

"When we were down 12-0 I told the kids to just be patient," Wagner said. "We tried to put our backs in the right position and all of them — Rahsaan Dumas, Erwyn Lyght (Westfield), Rashaun Stovall and Eric Graves — ran hard."

"But their inside backers were shooting the gap and we had to adjust our blocking to pick them up and allow our quarterbacks to come out from behind the center. It came down to us making a wing adjustment and that allowed us to get the ball to Jamie."

WHAT HURT MIDDLESEX in the end was its inability to successfully execute post-touchdown conversions. Middlesex had an extra-point attempt fail miserably and a two-point run stopped short.

Snapple Bowl

Union was being dominated on the scoreboard and statistically (Middlesex outgained Union in total yardage by a 106-11 count at the end of the first quarter) before Union High School quarterback Tony DiGiovanni was able to drive the team to its first score.

DiGiovanni, who connected with Allen on a 13-yard pass to open the series, finished it off with a three-yard plunge for a touchdown on a third-and-one call. Dwyer's extra-point made it 12-7 and that's the way the score stood at halftime.

DiGiovanni, who replaced Westfield quarterback Steve Cheek on the Union County roster, converted a number of first downs for Union High last season by gaining yardage on quarterback sneaks.

"I DON'T KNOW IF THE coaches watched videotape or what, but it seemed like they knew I could do it," said the Colgate-bound signal-caller. "We were calling plays off the line, so we called an audible and the line just blasted out."

"I was just going for a first down. They really had five guys up there; a nose guard, two guys over the guards and the inside linebackers who were right up in the gaps. I was just looking for a first down and before I knew it I was in the end zone. Brian Murphy (UHS guard), Tom Nowaczuk (Summit center) and Steve Florio (Dayton Regional tackle) did a good job of picking up their guys and providing a hole for me to fire through."

Union came out geared up to start the second half and quickly changed the momentum by driving for a go-ahead score on its first drive of the third quarter.

ALLEN CAUGHT THREE PASSES from quarterback Matt Bernhard of New Providence on the seven-play, 78-yard drive. The final one came in the right corner of the end zone, a 16-yard touchdown toss that Allen reached for and hauled in.

"Matt threw a perfect ball and once I was behind my man, I knew I had it," said Allen, who beat single coverage.

"When you put a spiral up in Jamie's area, your odds are pretty good," Wagner said. "He's a great athlete."

Roselle's Antwan Dance had two interceptions for Union, including one on the second-to-last play of the game to thwart a game-winning touchdown. That one was a goal-line interception with 25 seconds left and came after the one he had in the second quarter, a ball that deflected off the chest of Hillside's Barry Byrd. That interception led to Union's first score and helped change the game around.

"THE FIRST INTERCEPTION was good coverage by Barry Byrd, who tipped it and then I just ran under it," Dance said. "It was his coverage that really helped me get the interception."

Dance's high school teammate at Roselle, Rahsaan Dumas, had the crowd in a frenzy during a run he made from scrimmage in the third quarter when he zigzagged his way to a roller coaster 30-yard jaunt that left many would-be tacklers in the dust.

"Antwan had two big plays for the defense that helped give us a chance to win," Union defensive line coach Lou Grasso, the head coach at Roselle, said. "Rashaan, although he didn't have the big plays, still ran effectively and showed his talent on his cross-field run. Both represented Roselle real well."

EACH SQUAD HAD PLENTY OF hard hits and Union defensive back Scotty Glover of Linden had one of the more punishing ones that took place near the Union sideline.

Middlesex tailback Brandon Scott of Woodbridge led all rushers with 54 yards on 12 carries in the first half and had a 19-yard run late in the fourth quarter. Chiera completed 4-of-8 passes for 63 yards in the first half.

The final yardage total favored Middlesex to the rough tune of

244-214, but Union's defense was a lot less yielding in the second half and gave up only a field goal in the way of points.

"It was a pretty good feeling to be part of that defense in the second half," said Johnson Regional defensive back Steve Ciccotelli Jr., who played for his father for the first time. Steve Ciccotelli Sr., the head coach at Scotch Plains, served as Union County's head coach last year and as its defensive coordinator this year.

"IN THE FIRST HALF we were trying to run stunts but couldn't stop them," Ciccotelli continued. "We went back to our base defense in the second half and that got the job done."

The Snapple Bowl is more than just an All-Star Game and the respective coaching staffs take their pre-game preparation very seriously. Most of the kids that play in the contest will soon be a member of a college team and, as they are in the Snapple Bowl, they will now be one of many All-Area, All-Conference, All-County and All-State players.

"We try to run it, as much as we can, like a college practice," Wagner said. "We also tell the kids that, even though the quarters are 15 minutes long, that they better not be tired."

"Most of these kids are used to playing both ways and are not used to being on the bench. We told them to tell us if they felt they weren't getting enough playing time."

"THIS GROUP HAD A REAL GOOD chemistry about them and that helped a lot. Allen is as nice a kid as they come and he had a whale of a football game."

Players from the Worrall Community Newspapers readership area who participated for the Union squad included: Tony DiGiovanni, Brian Murphy, Quran Brown and Rahsaan Ross of Union; Marquis Pride and Chris Duryee of Elizabeth; Scotty Glover, Daryl Spruill, Austin Hay, Joe Bramante and Jason Everitt of Linden; Barry Byrd, A.J. Hughes, Burnette Brown, Eric Graves and Chad Wilson of Hillside; Jamie Allen and Tom Nowaczuk of Summit; Rashaun Stovall and Steve Ciccotelli of Johnson Regional; Antwan Dance and Rahsaan Dumas of Roselle; Chris Komoroski of Rahway, Steve Florio



Steve Florio ...played well at OT

of Dayton Regional and Russ Bazyldo of Roselle Park.

Area head coaches included head coach John Wagner of Roselle Park and defensive line coaches Lou Grasso of Roselle and Deryk Sellers of Hillside. Area assistant coaches included secondary coach John Quinn of Union.

The Snapple Bowl can still be seen on local television. Comcast Cablevision of New Jersey's TV-3 will present the game on Aug. 3 at 9:30 p.m. and Aug. 8 at 9:30 p.m.

TKR Cable's Channel 6 will broadcast the game Saturday (July 29) at 11 a.m. and 9 p.m.

DeSai sparks ECBL Yankees

The Crescent Yankees will begin defense of their Essex County Baseball League title when the league's post-season commences this weekend.

Springfield resident Jay DeSai belted a double and drove in two runs to lead Crescent past Millburn 12-0 last Sunday.

Crescent, which finished second in the regular season, will play at third-place South Orange Saturday at 4. Crescent will host South Orange at its home field at Brearley Regional High School in Kenilworth Sunday at 2. If the best 2-of-3 semifinal series is tied at 1-1, a second game will be played Sunday in Kenilworth.

Springfield swimmers had busy week

Springfield swimmers had a very busy stretch last week as they competed in two North Jersey Summer Swim League meets prior to participating in the Olive Garden Invitational Saturday in Springfield and then the Summit Invitational in Summit Sunday.

Springfield first split its two league meets, falling to perennial Division 4 champion Westfield 305-140 in Westfield July 18 before rebounding to defeat Mountainside for the second time this year 251-194 in Springfield Thursday.

Springfield (4-2) was scheduled to host Westfield Monday and today is scheduled to swim at West Caldwell in its final regular season meet.

The Division 4 Championships are scheduled for Monday in West Caldwell and the League Championships are scheduled for next Thursday (Aug. 3) in Springfield. Swimmers who participate in the division championships must qualify for the league championships.

Here's a look at how Springfield swimmers performed in the second annual Olive Garden Invitational, which featured over 550 entries:

As many as 47 Springfield swimmers posted a total of 44 personal-best times, with one new record set at the Springfield Pool.

The meet began with the 7/under freestyle. Anni Demberger was second, Katherine Kaczor eighth and Joanna Galante 10th. Others included Joe Pulitto 14th, Mary Sue Madara 15th, Alyssa Karl 21st, Carolyn Maul 27th, Nick Paolino 29th, Anne Kelley-Kemple 34th, Allison Filepp 37th, Thomas Kelly-Kemple 38th, Bridget Laverty 43rd, Alyssa Stockl 45th and Jodie Cottage 47th.

Jennifer Karl posted a personal-best time in the age 8 competition, finishing second. Christine Grywalski won a sixth-place ribbon. Jimmy Cottage was ninth, Catherine Andrasko 10th, Katie Pulitto 13th, Jon Helmstetter 16th, Steve Stockl 18th, Allison Laurencelle 21st and Katie Sileo 24th. Giving outstanding efforts in the age 10 group were Christina Palermo 14th, Meghan Bubb 19th, Dominick Sileo 24th and Bobby Laurencelle 25th.

Jessica Tseng posted a personal-best time and set a new Springfield Pool record with her win in the 8/under breaststroke. Tim Higgins opened with a win for Springfield with a personal-best time in the 9/10 age group. Andrew Elekes brought home a sixth-place ribbon. Bridgette Higgins was 24th and Danielle DeCagna 39th.

Minutemen All-Stars in playoffs

The Springfield Minutemen age 9-10 traveling All-Star baseball team is preparing for post-season play after winning their final two regular season games by scores of 7-0 against New Providence and 7-2 over Mountainside.

Joe Catello recorded his first mound victory of the season by beating New Providence. He pitched four shutout innings. Relief pitchers Joe Kahoonei and AJ Garciano worked one inning each and did a good job.

Scott Hollander went 2-for-3 with a double, triple and three RBI to lead Springfield offensively.

Kevin Dash got the win against Mountainside and Kahoonei hurled the final two innings to pick up the save.

Don Volkert and Dean Chencharik had two hits and one run and Hollander and Dash had one hit and two runs.

Mo Abdelaziz reached base twice on a walk and an error and both times came around to score.

Mountainside All-Stars triumph

The following Mountainside Youth Baseball League age 9 All-Star results were submitted to the *Mountainside Echo*. Coaches are urged to correctly identify their players with the proper spelling of their names.

Mountainside 11, Long Hill 7: John Bodenchak, Kevin Wyratt and Jude Faella pitched well for Mountainside. Jonathan Moss belted a double, a single and drove in two runs and Steven Bobko hit a double. Chris DiVito, Chris Perez Santalla, Justin Polce and Bodenchak had one hit. Driving in runs, along with Moss, were Mike Margello, Brian Arrigoni, Perez Santalla and Bobko.

Mountainside 27, Basking Ridge 18: John Bodenchak, Kevin Wyratt and Eric Feller pitched well for the winners. Jonathan Moss blasted two doubles, a single and drove in six runs. Matt Smith and Wyratt each had a double, single and two RBI. David Apigo had a double and Michael Amalfe and Chris Perez Santalla had two singles and two RBI. Jon Landis,

Jude Faella, Chris DiVito, Steven Bobko and Bodenchak all hit safely and drove in runs and Eric Csaszar and Michael Margello drove in runs.

Mountainside 16, Westfield 2: Michael Amalfe, Kevin Wyratt and Jude Faella pitched well. Jonathan Moss had two singles, a double and four RBI. Chris Perez Santalla belted a double, a single and had two RBI. Chris DiVito had two singles and one RBI, Faella and Amalfe had one hit and Faella drove in one run.

Mountainside 11, Warren 3: Jude Faella, John Bodenchak and Kevin Wyratt pitched well. Michael Amalfe had two singles and three RBI and Jonathan Moss doubled. Chris DiVito and Faella had two singles and Wyratt, Chris Perez Santalla, Steven Bobko and Bodenchak one. Perez Santalla, Faella and Bodenchak drove in runs.

Tennis match even
Mountainside and Springfield played to a 7-7 tie in Recreation

Youth Tennis action hosted by Springfield July 18.

Derrick Whitenour defeated Bobby Cpin 6-3 and Matt Sterenczak bested Jaimie Neville 7-5. Alex Grunberg and Jillian McAdam defeated Michelle Tomasino and Ali Pulitto 6-3.

Chris McPherson and Billy Stoltling bested Manny Caram and Cpin 6-1. Lauren and Derrick Whitenour defeated Caram and Cpin 6-4.

McPherson stopped Cpin 6-4 and Dana McCurdy bested Jaimie Neville 6-3. John Cpin of Springfield defeated Chris Schnakenberg of Mountainside 6-4 and Caram bested McPherson 6-3.

Cpin defeated Tracey Saladino 6-0 and Christina Maudsley bested Sarah Drake 6-1. Tomasino defeated Schnakenberg 4-2.

McCurdy, 11, was named Mountainside's Player of the Week.

"Dana is proof that size does not necessarily matter in the game of tennis," coach Wendy Saladino said. "McCurdy's patient playing style will make her a player to watch in the future."

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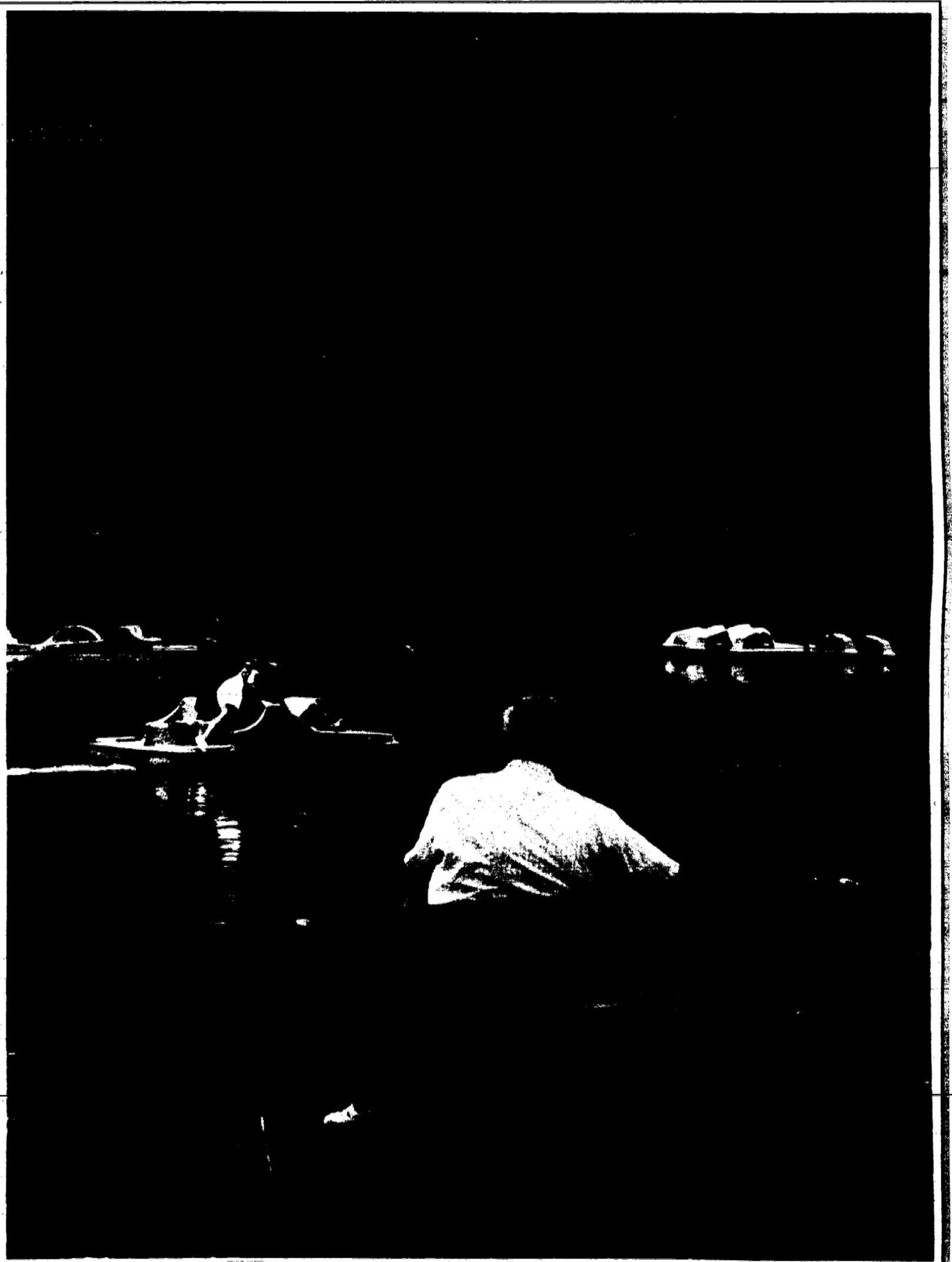
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Mr. Matt Porter of Westfield watches from a cool bench as a paddle boat glides by at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside.

Photo by Joe Long

Area companies put seniors on the job

By Cynthia B. Gordon
Staff Writer

Seniors in Union County are on the move! While most seniors retire at age 65 or earlier, some prefer to keep working.

According to Ruth David of the Orange Senior Center, many companies in Union County are hiring senior citizens including Nordstroms, McDonalds, Home Health Care Agencies and other local businesses.

The Jewish Vocational Service, a non-profit, non-sectarian organization, also offers a Senior Employment Program.

According to Project Director Dina Lennon, the JVS Senior Employment Program employs more than 170 older workers in Union, Essex, Bergen and Morris counties. Union County is the largest program, as it currently has 78 enrollees.

According to Lennon, the purpose of the program is threefold: "to provide meaningful part-time employment, training and job-seeking skills instruction to low-income, older workers; to assist enrollees in obtaining permanent employment in the private sector; and to provide needed community services."

People who participate in the Senior Community Service Program will reap the following benefits, according to JVS: Seniors will receive pre-job and on-the-job training; professional help identifying the personal strengths that could be used in a new job; job placement assistance; annual physical examinations; compassionate help from professionals during difficult transitions, such as recovering from an illness or losing a spouse and other benefits as well.

According to JVS, the program also benefits communities as well "because it involves older people working to serve their communities." Seniors may be placed in libraries or hospitals; they may deliver meals to elderly people who can't get out; provide consumer education; or do work in a variety of non-profit and public agencies.

JVS also provides job placement assistance to disabled individuals age 40 or older in Union County.

"Basically, I think employers have to start reassessing their hiring practices in order to remain competitive in the current and future labor markets," said Lennon. "There are fewer numbers of younger people entering the workforce and at the same time our popu-

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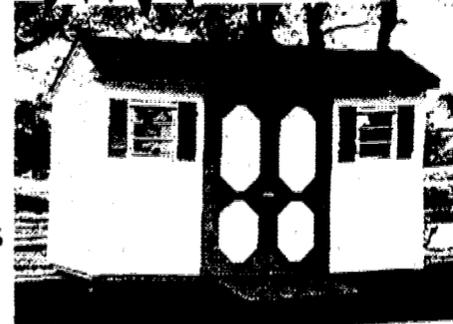
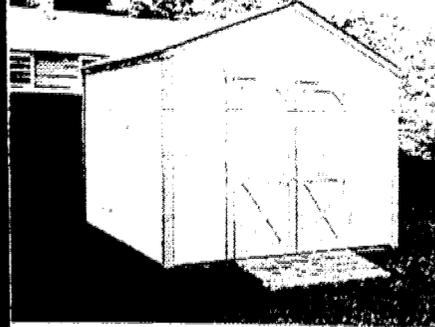
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Seniors are put to work

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lation is aging; older adults will want to and, in fact, need to remain in productive roles well into their later years."

"Generally many studies have shown that older workers are mature workers, they generally tend to have a strong work ethic, a strong sense of employer dedication and loyalty as well as low absenteeism rates and the ability to learn new skills," said Lennon.

According to Lennon, companies that are interested in hiring older workers will receive a portion of the wages that they've paid the employee during the initial training period. "For them, they have someone they know, which takes away the unknown factor, such as hiring someone off the street," said Lennon. "All workers regardless of age, have to get some type of training."

The Senior Employment Program is funded by the National Council on Aging on behalf of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Fred Stricker is currently employed as the transportation desk person for the Senior Citizens Center in Plainfield, where he works from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. According to Stricker, the program was established by the Green Thumb program, a program run by the state and federal governments that takes senior citizens and trains them.

"I had prior experience that put me in line for this job," said Stricker. Stricker worked for 24 years with the Penzoil Petroleum Company as an assistant regional sales manager covering New York and New Jersey. "I contacted car dealers, gas stations, garages, anyone that used motor oil," said Stricker.

"It's the only way to go when you're my age. If you sit home, you'll just melt away and become immobile. If you're active, you'll be okay, you'll keep mobile," he said.

"This is beautiful, it's 20 hours a week. You're out in the morning, which is everything," he said.

"My philosophy is keep moving. I'll be 70 in August — I'm a young kid!" he exclaimed.

Aside from his 9 to 1 job, Stricker also works as an adjutant with the American Legion where he keeps all the post records.

"I like to fool around with model trains. I also have a lady friend, Barbara who's 61, she's a real knock-out," said Stricker.

Elizabeth Frankel, 82, of Plainfield also works part time at the senior center as an outreach worker where she has worked for the past 16 years.

"I take care of people who come in and advise them. I see that they get to doctors," said



Photo By Joe Long

Fred Stricker II and Matt Hawkins are two seniors who work as outreach counselors at the Senior Citizens Center in Plainfield.

Frankel. She previously worked as a saleswoman at Bambergers for 22 years; "so I know how to deal with people."

Frankel has made many friends through her job at the Senior Center. "People like me, they bring me presents, they don't know what to do for me," she said.

Frankel also coordinates weekly trips including lectures, picnics and summer concerts for the vision impaired.

"It gets them out for the evening. It's wonderful and it's worth it," she said.

Frankel explained her reasons for returning to the workforce.

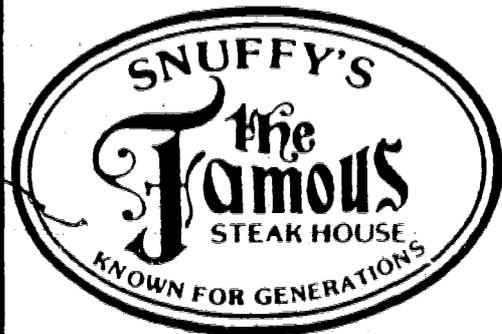
"My husband had to retire because of disabilities while I continued working at Bambergers. He was home all day long, and we decided that I would retire in November of that year. We went to the horse races and did other activities, but he was spending money like crazy on frivolous things."

"I said this won't do; we can't keep spending money like this," said Frankel. "I'm going down to City Hall." And from there it's history; the center needed an outreach worker and Frankel got the job.

"We were both satisfied that we weren't confined to the home. It takes a man the whole morning to get ready anyway," said Frankel kiddingly.

Frankel is now on her own as her husband is deceased, but said, "I'm not on my own; I have three wonderful daughters, Lois Ann, Phyllis and Janice, whom I enjoy spending time with," while noting that she's now helping others at the senior center.

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Learning is part of life at center

By George W. Salzmann
Staff Writer

Some say life is a continuous learning process. The Union County College LIFE Center agrees. That is what LIFE stands for: Learning Is For Ever.

The center, under the direction of Oscar Fishtein, is offering 17 once-a-week college-level courses at convenient locations throughout the county.

The courses, which are taught by Union County College faculty, are open to seniors 62 and over. Students receive full college credit for every class taken, but must inform the instructor when registering for class. Registration takes place at the first class.

The program is funded in part by the host municipalities as well as community development grants. Student donations are welcome.

Fishtein founded the center in 1979.

Fishtein holds his belief in education close to heart. At 88, he is not only still directing the program, but also is teaching the program's creative writing course.

The LIFE Center has had more than 4,000 students since its inception. About 700 students signed up for classes last year.

The following is a listing of the courses being offered this semester at various locations:

- Biertuempfel Senior Citizen Center, 2155 Morris Ave., Union; (908) 686-7887.
Economics I; Tuesday, 1 p.m.
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- O'Donnell-Dempsey Center, 622 Salem Ave., Elizabeth; (908) 354-7431.
English as a Second Language for Seniors; Thursday, 2:30 p.m.
Current Issues in Psychology; Wednesday, 1 p.m.
- Workmen's Circle in Elizabeth, 225 West Jersey St., Elizabeth; (908) 353-1220.
Music in the 20th Century; Wednesday, 10 a.m.
- John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St., Linden; (908) 474-8627.
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Architecture II; Friday, 10 a.m.

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Advice on Funeral Planning

Because families must arrange a funeral service when they are most vulnerable emotionally, it's important to make decisions based on one's own past experience and good judgment.

That's the advice of Hugo F. Barth III, partner in Haerberle Barth of Union, Smith and Smith of Springfield and Brough Funeral Home in Summit. "When families choose a funeral director at the time of a death, they should seek out a home in which they feel comfortable as a result of their own experience in visiting friends and relatives who have lost loved ones," Barth says.

As a third-generation principal of a 93-year old family establishment, Barth believes that those who must make arrangements at the time of need should also consult a trusted friend or relative who has been involved in planning a funeral in the recent past.

"I'd suggest that they ask the friend or relative if they had felt comfortable with the professionalism of the funeral director and the sensitivity of the staff," Barth continues. "If the individual consulted shares the same values, the comments should weigh heavily in the decision-making process."

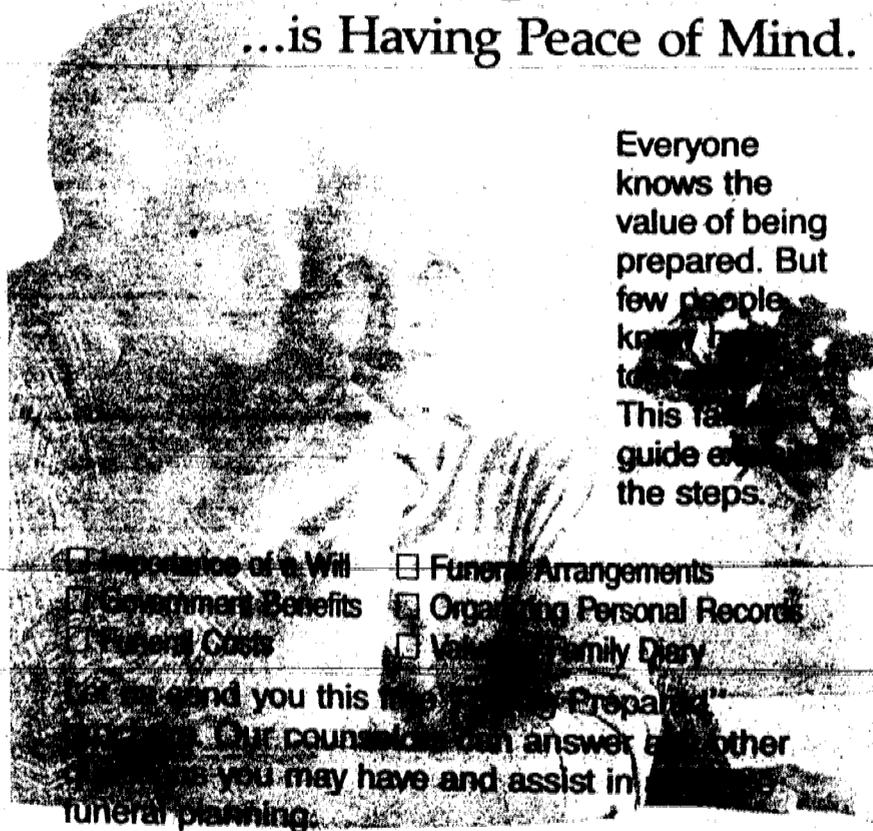
Although most funeral are arranged at the time of a death, a growing number of thoughtful individuals are pre-planning their own arrangements, Barth points out. "By pre-arranging a funeral, one is assured of having precisely the type of service he or she would prefer--and avoid leaving the decisions to others who might not be familiar with the wishes of the deceased."

"Pre-arranging one's funeral is really nothing more than sensible planning, just as making out a will or purchasing life insurance are steps most prudent people take," Barth notes.

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Volunteers serve up food to help others

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

The senior citizens who are involved as volunteers in the nutrition program at both Sumner and Ehrhardt gardens in Union have declared that seniors helping seniors is what makes the world go around and what life is all about.

Catherine Morrison, who recently retired as supervisor-manager of the Nutrition Program at Sumner Gardens and who runs the monthly bus trip to Atlantic City, explained that she "enjoyed doing it for more than three years, but I retired because of other things I have to do that will take up too much of my time. I've been here at Sumner Gardens for eight years," the friendly, but busy senior citizen said. And from April 5, 1992, when I started with the nutrition program, to just recently, I loved every minute of it. And," Morrison smiled, "to me, when you love a job, it's not work."

As supervisor-manager, Morrison used to "keep records on ordering food, and I used to make the coffee for everyone every morning at 5 and deliver the newspapers to more than 40 people daily and Sundays.

"I started on my own for therapy, and then management made this a site for the nutritional program," she said. "There are several nutritional programs including those in Edison at the Third Presbyterian Church and Biertuempfel Senior Center, and that's where I got the experience. They had it at Ehrhardt for three years and all volunteers were called there, and they asked for volun-



Photo By Milton Mills

Nutrition program volunteers, residents at Sumner Gardens in Union, deliver meals to residents who have lunch Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the building. Among the volunteers, from left, are Alice Kehlert, Helen Szeremeta, Helen Cohen, Mildred Waldman and Sidel Kream.

teers to be in charge. At that time, I worked for Mary Weaver who was on the state staff of the nutrition program. That was when I got the assignment as a volunteer for Sumner Gardens.

"A lot of people work as volunteers for this program. They alternate. I always had at

least five people to assist me. Now I run the bus trips to Atlantic City every month. It is our means of fund-raising for the Tenants' Association. I enjoy doing it," she smiled.

Among the volunteers on the nutrition program at Sumner, who love to devote their time to helping others, are Helen Cohen,

Alice Kehlert, Mildred Waldman, Kitty Doman, Helen Szeremeta, Josephine Milici, Ann Garrigan, Sidel Kream, Adeline "Addie" Moore, Ann Norman and Ann Garrigan.

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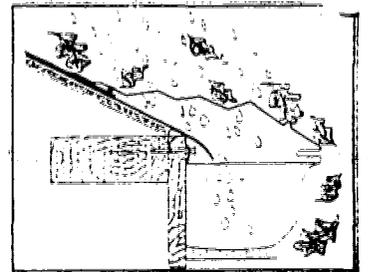


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Nutrition volunteers reach out to others

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How do they feel about the nutrition program?

Kehlert, who has been with the Nutrition Program "since September," said that it was "Catherine Morrison, who had me under her wing as soon as I moved here. She asked me if I wanted to volunteer," Kehlert smiled, "and I said 'sure.'"

"I enjoy doing it. I love to meet people, and this way I did meet a lot of them," she said.

Kehlert lived in Irvington before moving to Sumner Gardens. She said happily that "Andy also calls me. I do volunteer work whenever they need help. It's great."

Szeremeta, who is active in the Nutrition Program and also helps to serve and clean up during other events at Sumner Gardens, as do many of the other volunteers, particularly with Andrew Trontis, who provides the food for meetings and parties, explained that the reason she does it all is because "I don't know how to say no. I like helping people."

Cohen, another active member of the Nutrition Program, mentioned that she has been with the program "since the day it started, three years ago. Mr. Robert Milan asked me. I enjoy it very much. I'm also a volunteer at Union Hospital. I work two days on Tuesdays and Fridays in the admissions office. Thursday is my day of nutrition, and they know they can count on me. When they have extra functions," the warm, smiling volunteer said, "such as family din-

ners and meetings, I'm right there.

"You know," Cohen said seriously, "there are eight women and men who are handicapped in one way or another and can't get downstairs to participate in the luncheons. So, we bring the lunches to them. I also work with the Monday and Tuesday crew. It's a little rewarding," she admitted. "Actually, I'm one of the older senior volunteers. I'm 79 years old. You never know but for the grace of God we might need it some day. And," Cohen added, "Mr. Myers, the board members and the staff are really nice. So, it's a pleasure."

Waldman, who has resided in the senior citizen complex for nearly six years, also "started with it as soon as it started. I did it," she grinned, "because I felt it was the thing to do. If I'm able to do this, there is no reason why I shouldn't. I can't just sit upstairs and not do anything."

"I serve and bring food to the tables and help clean up. We take turns doing the pots. My day with the program is Tuesday. It's true. I do get tired sometimes," she admitted. "You work hard. We really work hard but it's a nice kind of tired. You know what I mean?"

Waldman, a petite, very friendly woman, explained that "I help once a month to work with Andy and help serve. I'll be here six years in October, and it's the best thing that ever happened to me. My husband died, and I was lucky enough to get in here. I'm 80 years old and still going strong," she

laughed. "I'm also a mother, a grandmother and a great-grandmother. And I feel useful all the way around."

According to Doman, "I help out with the lunches twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday. I've been doing it for a year because when my husband died in February, I started working here. It was something to do. I delivered lunches and served with the others."

"I also am a Union Hospital volunteer," she said. "I put labels on envelopes, collate folders, sometimes two days, sometimes three days, three hours a day. When I lived in North Arlington, I used to work in a school cafeteria at McKinley School. I retired 11 years ago. Sure, I get tired sometimes. But if I said no, I'd be more tired of doing nothing."

Milici, one of the newer members of the program, stated: "Everybody does whatever has to be done, and it's working perfectly. I've been doing this volunteer work for the nutrition program off and on for the past year and a half," she declared. "I like to help people. I'm a people person," Milici said, "and if people need help, I will be there."

"I used to do volunteer work at Union Hospital while taking care of pop, Fortunato Sicari, who is 106 years old and who has been in Brookville Health Care Center in Irvington for the past two years. I also volunteer at Brookville four or five times a week under the direction of the Rev. Ronald Burgess. I really got into this program through Helen Szeremeta."

She sighed. "People come to me and say, 'Jo, we need some help. Will you help us?' To me," Milici said, "that's what life is all about. If we can't help each other, what good are we?"

Moore, another active senior citizen in the complex, who runs games every Monday night with her husband, Ray, 10 months out of the year, has been in the program "steadily for the past two weeks. But," the ever-smiling "Addie" explained, "I'm really a regular volunteer. I come down to help the program Monday, Tuesday and Thursday — whenever I can. I like it. Not only that," said the woman, who has been residing at Sumner for the past four years, "they need the help. And I help when I can. It's the most I can do."

Learning is an ongoing process at center

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Seniors help out at area hospitals

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

More than 400 volunteers devote their time to Union Hospital and its affiliate, St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, and of the 400 there are "close to 300 senior citizens."

Juleanne Trumbull of Union, who has been director of volunteer services at Union Hospital for the past six years, explained that "we have a number of senior citizens from Summer and Ehrhardt gardens here in town. And many of them are up in their 80s.

"They're in every department in the hospital," Trumbull said happily. "There are some in admissions, where they will take a patient up to their room and help out in that department. And because they're active, they stay sharp. They also are involved in some other things, and they know that when they get up in the morning and get out, they feel that they are doing more for themselves than for the hospital."

There are about 25 percent of senior volunteers who hail from Union Township. The majority of senior volunteers come from Union County.

"We have a program that has come from St. Barnabas," said Trumbull. "It's called Seniors Helping Seniors. These seniors go around visiting the new admissions over 60. They try to help them out in a friendly visitation. If they see any medical or physical problems, they pass the information on to the nurses.

"A number of seniors, who come in to help," she added, "feed the patients, or help them with their trays by opening their milk cartons and cutting up their food."

The director mentioned that "we also have a volunteer courier service now that's active. The nurses will call down to the volunteer office and a volunteer will run errands for that unit. For example, the seniors will go to pharmacy and medications will be brought up to the floor. This goes on from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. all day long. There are 100 calls some days, and the seniors are just in and out of here all the time — five days a week.

"All this," declared Trumbull, "saves time for the nurses. It frees them for direct patient care. We have a lot of seniors doing that. Many of them say 'Thank you for everything. I get more out of this than I give. It's a challenge.' One of my ladies calls it 'my

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Union Hospital senior volunteers, Virginia Wade, left, and Sarah Hagy, check the magazines and newspapers before selling them to patients and visitors as a fund-raising effort for the hospital.

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Furry friends give companionship

By Mark Crudele
Staff Writer

For senior citizens, their golden years are a time for companionship. That's why many seniors seek the companionship of animal friends.

"Most of my senior customers have dogs and cats," said Lisa Wilner of Lisa's Grooming & Pet Supply on North Avenue in Union.

"They tell me dogs are the best friend a person can have. They can tell them anything." Spending the best years of their lives with a furry friend is appealing to senior members of the community, explained Wilner.

"They are great companions," she said. "In fact, a lot of seniors have older dogs and cats, meaning they've aged with them."

Could there be a favorite dog of seniors? "I see a lot of poodles," added Wilner as she finished grooming a senior patron's poodle.

"Small dogs and cats are popular with senior customers," agreed Steve Torres, a manager at Petsmart on Route 22 in Springfield.

"Common practical domestic animals are what they own," he said. "Those are the animals you can interact with. You can pet them, you can play with them."

"You can't pet a fish," smirked Torres.

Birds are also popular among seniors, said Wilner.

"I used to sell mainly birds," she said. "Lots of seniors owned paraquettes and canaries. They are quiet and cheaper to take care of."

But don't try to find many senior citizens with exotic birds.

"There is the occasional hobbyist who is interested in them," said Torres. But you don't see them much. They require special foods and cost a lot more. If you have a exotic bird that has a 65-year life span, that bird would outlive the owner. Even a 25-year-old would probably be outlived by that bird."

Torres said the cost of maintaining an exotic animal also will deter a senior from having one.

"Diet and vet bills alone would bankrupt a senior," he said. "Plus, the domestic pets are a lot more loyal than the exotic animals."

And loyalty is the first factor in looking for an animal friend, said an employee at Petland Discounts on West Edgar Road in Linden who didn't want to be identified.

"They buy for companionship," she said. "Small cute pets are the favorites. They don't want to have to work with other animals."

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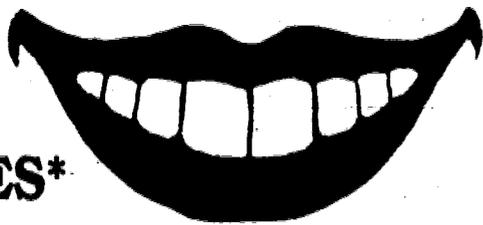
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Seniors at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center in Linden weave a latch hook rug. From left, Sophie Sporczyk, Eileen Walck, Helen Fiorello and Gloria Beck.

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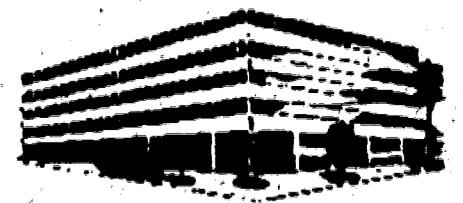
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Senior volunteers assist at hospitals

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therapy.' She laughs when she says it, and she comes here every Wednesday — faithfully."

If, for personal reasons, a senior volunteer doesn't want "direct patient contact, he or she will work in our offices," said Trumbull. "Some want to help on a one-to-one basis. They give their attention to the patients by setting up their trays, have their creamers open and just visit with them to keep them company."

"There's a wide range of what the senior volunteers can do. We even have volunteers in our corporate office building at 695 Chestnut St. or our educational building at 2343 Morris Ave. In the corporate building, the seniors help out in finance, public relations, Hospital Guild Foundation. In the education building, they help out with senior health programs. They do clerical work in the Institute for Prevention, which is a drug and alcohol program."

The director explained that the seniors are actively involved "in the fund-raising branch of the guild foundation. Most of the volunteers there are senior citizens, and through their fund-raising programs, they have donated more than \$112,000 to the hospital foundation. They have fund-raising events all year including running the gift shop — Pat Noon is in charge — sell cards and books on carts to the patients, and run all kinds of charities."

"Some people," she said, "who are newly retired, are looking for one or two days a week volunteering just to do something. Many times it is all related to what they did in the business world. Sometimes, people who have worked here and retired, come back as a volunteer. For example," Trumbull explained, "Wes Philo, who is president of the Union Hospital Guild, started volunteering his time after his wife was a patient here in Union Hospital."

What would a senior citizen have to do to become a volunteer?

Trumbull said, "the senior should call me first, or stop in, fill out an application and arrange for an interview. We will match the senior citizen up with something he or she likes to do that's available here. They have to go through an orientation of hospital rules and regulations. But that's merely a formality," she smiled.

"One of our biggest events," said Trumbull, "is our awards dinner. Once a year, we give awards to volunteers. Those with 100 hours of service get certificates; 200 hours, pins, and every 500 hours, they get a little bar. At 10,000 hours, we give them a plaque. And there are at least three that I can think of who have that plaque," she said amiably.

"Hospital volunteering is the best thing that can happen to senior citizens, particularly after retiring. It keeps them perpetually feeling young and vital. And useful."



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Camielle Faenza, Union Hospital senior citizen volunteer, delivers a wheelchair to a patient who is about to be released from the hospital.



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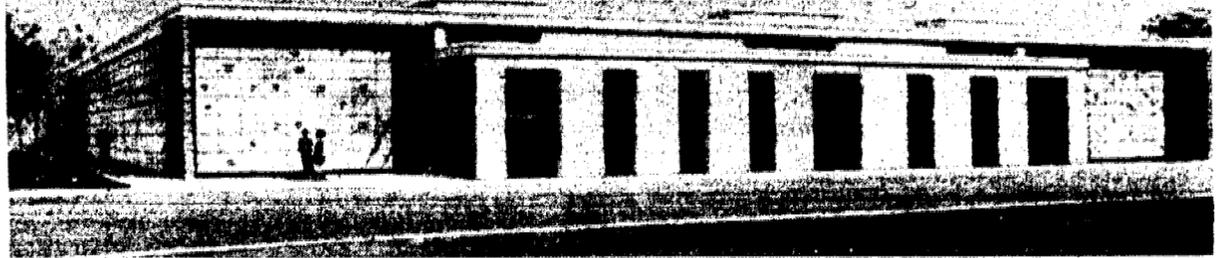
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