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Borough Highlights

Help wanted

In preparation for the weekend-long Heritage Day fair next month, volunteers are needed to staff the concessions, rides and other attractions.

Kathi Clark, chairperson of the Heritage Day Committee, announced the following positions are vacant:

Staff to man the beer garden; staff to sell tickets at rides, including the tethered hot air balloon; staff to sell memorabilia — mugs, T-shirts, hats, etc.; staff to sell raffle tickets; and staff to man the time capsule display, among others.

In addition, the committee is seeking many strong hands to help with the maintenance and physical work for the weekend.

Anyone wishing to participate, may either contact Clark at 232-8834, or attend a meeting of the volunteer committees on Aug. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall.

Trailside plans events

The Trailside Nature and Science Center will host several family-oriented activities in the coming weeks.

In "Down to Earth Astronomy," participants will gather under the planetarium's new starry canopy to learn about constellations, meteors, phases of the moon and more.

This event is scheduled for Sundays at 2 p.m. and today at 1 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person/\$2.55 for senior citizens.

On Sunday, "Rodney the Rocket" will introduce preschoolers to the planets.

The program includes songs, counting, model planets, and planetarium basics. Admission is \$4 per person.

On Wednesday, the center will host "Guitar Bob's Blue Planet Revue."

Guitar Bob will perform children's songs about nature and environmental issues. Admission for the 45-minute concert is \$3.50 per person. For performance times, call the center at 789-3670.

Regional meeting

The Union County Regional High School Board of Education will hold its next meeting on Aug. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield. The board will meet again on Sept. 5 at the same location.

Scout fund-raiser

Cub Pack 30 of St. John the Apostle Church, Clark, will hold a fund-raising event on Friday, Sept. 8 at Roselle Catholic High School on Raritan Road. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5, available at the door.

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Theater company narrowing in on decision

Sony outlines parking, safety concerns to board

By Mark Crudele
Staff Writer

Sony Theaters representatives outlined the type of operation they would run at the old Echo Lanes bowling site on Monday night.

And after addressing the Zoning Board of Adjustment's safety and parking concerns, the groups agreed to meet again on Sept. 11, at which time a vote would likely be taken to determine whether Sony will be permitted to build a 10-screen multiplex on the Route 22 East plot.

If permitted to be built, the complex would be most busy on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, said Roger Smith, regional manager for Sony Theaters.

He said the first movie would most likely start around 11 a.m., and the last film would start between 10:45 and 11:15 p.m., meaning the theater would close at 1 a.m.

Sony would plan to hire 45 full- and part-time employees for the facility, of which up to 26 could be working on Saturday evening, said Smith, which is the busiest night of the week.

By staggering the start times of the films, Smith said the theater's parking lot would always have people in it and it would be safe for people to park there.

Sony plans to hire two off-duty borough police officers for interior security between 8 p.m. and midnight on the weekend, which is projected to be the peak time of activity, said William Butler, who represented the theater chain.

After discussing possible security concerns with Butler, borough police determined that the indoor security guards posted at peak times would be the best plan, said Mountainside Police Lt. John J. Olock Jr.

"We are concerned about undesirables being at the theater," said Olock. "The hours between 8 p.m. and midnight are peak hours for police activity. We have had 16 cars stolen this year and better than 50 percent of them were taken during those four hours."

"We sat down with the theater people, looked at their projections for peak usage, and came to the conclu-

sion that two officers is sufficient now. But once again, nothing is etched in stone. If the situation changes, our plan will change."

Olock said the police want to establish a strong presence immediately. "We want to put a lid on it right away. We will have officers who are in uniform with radios so they are in touch with headquarters."

Board members asked if the police should have a presence, possibly a patrol car, outside. Butler said he didn't get a feeling from police that a car was necessary.

"They have an unmarked car at Barnes & Noble down the street and the Mountainside police didn't think that was effective," he said. "Personally, if I was a criminal, I would be more nervous seeing a policeman with a gun."

"When I see a police car, I slow down," said Board member Theodore Zawslak. "If you're on foot, you could be just around the corner, but the person couldn't see you."

"But if you're in a car, the bad guys know where you are," contested

Olock. "If you are on foot, you can see a guy and call the dispatch to get there."

"We have parking lot security in only one theater and that's to direct traffic," said Smith. "I don't want to say we don't have our share of problems, but our parking lots are well lit and since the movies are staggered, there are always people coming in and out."

Butler added that the off-duty police who work at the theater will have a knowledge of its operation.

"If a policeman is in our building doing security, then two months later he's in a car and gets a call to respond to the theater, he'll know the operation like the back of his hand," said Butler.

Olock said that if Mountainside police have an emergency and cannot fulfill their Sony responsibilities, Union County police would take over.

"We don't want this to end up like Echo Lanes did at the end," added Olock. "We want to protect the patrons and keep this a nice family establishment. That's our job and that's what we want to do."

The police and the theater chain agreed to review their arrangement

every three months in the first year of operation to assure that it is preventing crime. After that, they will have semi-annual reviews.

"If the Police Department feels comfortable with the three months before reopening, then I think we can feel comfortable with that," said Vincent K. Loughlin, Zoning Board attorney.

In the proposal for the 10-screen cinema, the existing Echo Lanes Bowling Alley, the Tower Steak House and the adjacent office building would be taken down to make room for the theater.

Because the steak house and office building would no longer exist, the site will average slightly less traffic with the theater than before, said traffic consultant John Rea.

Rea said because the theaters generate night-time traffic and the traffic flow on Route 22 East peaks in the morning, "movie theaters are the perfect use for Route 22. They don't conflict with peak hours."

Rea assumes the most traffic will be between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m., when the early movies are letting out and

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Photo By Barbara Kakkalis

A laundering company will be moving into this site at 217 Sheffield St.

Laundering company nets OK to open on Sheffield Street

By Mark Crudele
Staff Writer

A company that launders clothing from doctors' offices will soon move into a vacant building in the borough. Nixon Uniform Service Inc. got approval from the Planning Board last week to set up operations at 217 Sheffield St.

The company will use the facility to store clean and dirty linens overnight before shipping them to its Wilmington, Del., office.

The warehouse, which would operate from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., plans to employ nine people, said Joe Mastin, vice president and general manager of the company's corporate headquarters.

Mastin added that if the operation becomes successful, they might move up to 11 or 12 employees.

"Since this company is from out of state, I would think that they will be hiring locally," said John Tomaine, Planning Board chairman.

Nixon will have five vans make early morning deliveries consisting of lab coats, jackets, blankets and sheets to doctors' offices and medical institutions between 6 and 7

a.m., said Mastin, and they will pick up those dirty laundry at night.

A 24-foot truck will make one daily 10 a.m. stop at the plant for transportation of the linens to and from Delaware, continued Mastin.

"We'll pick up whatever you would expect at a normal doctor's office," said Mastin. "We do not pick up laundry from surgery rooms or hospitals. We use universal safety precautions in storing the clean and dirty linens overnight."

While company representatives said there is no plan to renovate the building to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, they conceded they could add a ground level entrance on the side to accommodate handicapped employees. That possibility was raised after it was revealed that the front entrance, which the handicapped parking is closest to, has no ramp and is not "handicapped accessible."

Planning Board members observed that the company's engineers miscalculated the number of parking spaces on the site plan. While the company originally reported there were 20 spaces at the facility, Planning Board representatives counted only 17 on the plan.

Liquor license blocks sale of steak house

By Mark Crudele
Staff Writer

A liquor license is blocking the completion of the sale of a steak house to a group that wants to build a multiplex movie theater.

The Echo Recreational Partners organization needs Borough Council approval to transfer the liquor license of the Tower Steak House at 1047 Route 22 East to their group, which plans to tear down the building to construct a 10-screen Sony Theaters complex, said William Butler, who is representing the organization and Fidelity Equities Corp. of Millburn.

Purchasing the steak house is a two-step process, explained John Murry, who represents the owner of the steak house, who is selling.

"Half the transaction has already been consummated, meaning the building and land are owned by Mr. Butler's clients," said Murry, explaining the standard procedure. "The other half, which is for the restaurant equipment and the building's liquor license, needs Township Committee approval to be transferred."

Butler said his clients plan to level the steak house and put parking for the theater on that plot of land. While the theater would not serve alcoholic beverages, the license is included in part of the purchase of the steak house and needs to be transferred to his group, explained Butler.

But council members, in deciding to hold off voting on the item, originally expressed concern that if the 10-screen theater is not approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment, the license would "float" and could be sold by Butler's clients to an estab-

lishment such as a go-go bar without township approval.

Not so, said Butler. "This application is 'person-to-person.' If an organization wants to make any structural changes to the building, they would have to come before the council like I am tonight."

Butler said he would support a resolution stipulating that if any renovations are made to the building, they would have to be approved by the council. "But if we make no renovations at the Tower Steak House and have the same type of operation they had before, we shouldn't have to come before you. I don't want it so narrow and boxed in that I can't sell this license."

Murry agreed with that proposal. "Mr. Butler's client has a liquor license he can only use at the Towers property, and he cannot deviate from that use without your approval. I think the town is well protected."

Committee members, also citing the fact that federal documents on the new owner had not arrived from Washington, delayed voting on the license transfer until their Sept. 5 meeting.

Murry added that since the steak house was closed on July 7, the owner is losing money while he is waiting for the sale to be completed.

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Who should respond? Board is expected to find out soon

By Mark Crudele
Staff Writer

Members of the Union County Regional High School District's Board of Education will soon see a resolution to a long-running dispute on how much input they have in official district responses.

The state Department of Education's Bureau of Controversies and Disputes is close to wrapping up its review of a matter that has caused a split in the board.

Four board members have denounced a document written to the commissioner of education and questioned who dictates the content of documentation that represents the district.

Board members Robert E. Jeans of Kenilworth, Thomas Foregger of Berkeley Heights, Carmine Venes of Mountainside and Ned E. Sambur of Springfield wrote the commissioner, objecting to the district's official answer to petitions from four local municipalities appealing Union County Superintendent Leonard Fitts' decision on deregionalization.

Deregionalization is the effort to break up the six-town high school district.

When Fitts wrote that the proposed form of dissolution is "not advisable," five local boards of education and four municipal governing bodies petitioned Education Commissioner Leo Klagholz, requesting that a four-

member Board of Review allow a public referendum to be held, letting the voters decide the future of the regional district.

That Board of Review was supposed to convene in Trenton earlier this summer but was put on hold by the events that followed.

The district was legally required to write a response to the local municipalities' petition, and Board Attorney Lawrence Schwartz did so through consultation with the board's Ad Hoc Committee on Organizational Status. That committee has been dealing with legal issues regarding deregionalization since 1993.

But when Foregger tried to get the full board to vote on the response on

May 23, he was blocked by board chair Virginia Muskus, who was advised by Schwartz not to let the motion be made. At that time, Schwartz charged Foregger only wanted a vote so the motion would fail, meaning it would not have been sent to Trenton.

Later, Schwartz wrote that Foregger's "frivolous motion" for a vote was "an obvious attempt to counter the position and procedures of the regional board."

The four objecting members argued that the document filed by the district was actually approved by just three board members. Theresa LiCausi, Joan Toth and Venes were the only members who sat on the ad hoc com-

mittee on May 18, when the response was approved.

But Schwartz noted that the three-member ad hoc committee has been dealing with dissolution matters for two years, and that the committee is the standard operating procedure.

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Children's Specialized Hospital's Donna Provenzano and Barry Haber receive the Applause Award, in honor of CSH's volunteer programs, from the New Jersey Hospital Association. Provenzano is the senior recreation therapist, and Haber is the coordinator of the Friends Forever Program at the hospital.

Children's Specialized Hospital wins 'Applause'

Children's Specialized Hospital was one of 12 New Jersey hospitals honored recently for their volunteer programs' outreach initiatives by the New Jersey Hospital Association's Council on Auxiliaries.

The fourth annual Applause Awards for Outstanding Hospital Volunteer Programs were presented at NJHA headquarters to those hospitals that developed new programs addressing the healthcare needs of their communities.

Selected by a panel of judges from the Healthcare Association of New York State, the honorees represented a cross-section of hospital auxiliaries and volunteers.

"These awards illustrate the significant benefits hospital auxiliaries and volunteers are bringing to their communities," said NJHA President and CEO Gary Carter. "There are many challenging opportunities for volunteers today that can make a difference."

Children's Specialized Hospital received the Applause Award for their Friends Forever Program.

The program involves employees from Schering-Plough International, who volunteer at Children's Specialized Hospital to provide special events for its younger patients and their immediate families.

Events include a western "hoop-de-doo" and a meeting with a purple dinosaur and other popular characters.

Driver nabbed with stolen car

By Mark Crudele
Staff Writer

Police stopped a stolen car on Route 22, and found the driver was in possession of drugs.

Dwight Reid, 24, of William Street in East Orange was pulled over while traveling westbound on Route 22 at around 12:45 a.m. on Aug. 6, said Mountainside Police Chief William Alder.

Mountainside Police Sgt. Rich Osieja stopped the car for driving over a marked line.

When Osieja ran the temporary registration number which was in the car's rear window, he learned the 1995 Honda Accord had been stolen from Bob Ciasulli's Auto Mall, located on Route 440 in Jersey City.

Authorities found the man to be in possession of a white pill, which they believe to be a controlled dangerous substance. The pill was sent to the lab for analysis.

The car is valued at \$18,000.

Local golf team set to compete

A team representing Ash Brook Golf Course, Scotch Plains, has won the right to compete in the upcoming national finals of the Professional Golf Association's Oldsmobile Scramble to be held in Orlando, Fla., later this year.

The New Jersey Sectional qualifier of the PGA Scramble was held on July 24 at Echo Lake Country Club, Westfield. Team members were amateurs Steve Crystal of Scotch Plains, Paul Crystal of Mountainside, and Doug Miller and Dave Lisosky, both of Westfield, and golf pro Marty Vybihal of the Garden State Golf Center, Whitehouse Station.

"Ash Brook's team won the net division," stated Freeholder Vice Chairman Edwin Force, who also serves as liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Disney World will be the site of the national PGA Scramble, scheduled for Sept. 28-Oct. 2.

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Regional board to hear resolution

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Berkeley Heights, Kenilworth, Mountainside, and Springfield, got involved. They petitioned Klagholz themselves, demanding the state disregard Schwartz's response. "The regional district's position is not reflected in the answer filed by its attorney," they wrote.

Schwartz fired back, writing that there was no need for the full board to approve the document prior to the filing of the answer. He added that internal district matters are none of the local boards of education's business. "This is not a matter for opposing counsel," wrote Schwartz.

Gagliardi disagreed. He stated that

the local districts have every right to "question how the regional does business." He added, "I find these papers to be extraordinary. Essentially, the board's attorney is accusing half of his own board of acting unethically."

Gagliardi's firm of Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti responded to Schwartz's latest response. In its own letter to Klagholz, attorney Michael Cole wrote that statute requires the Board of Education to respond, and "does not authorize or permit an answer to be filed by the regional district's attorney or some ad hoc committee."

Jeans then wrote his own letter to Klagholz, stating that every one of

Schwartz's responses should not have been written because the board has never discussed or voted on the brief.

Citing his objection to the \$37,000 that was spent last year on legal items regarding deregionalization, Jeans said he will no longer approve the board secretary's report when it contains payment of legal fees. While the lone protest vote will not stop the attorney from being paid, Jeans said his objection will be on record.

"I object to that spending because I do not believe the board has made an official position on dissolution," said Jeans. "There has never been a vote as to how the board feels on this matter."

Theater company presents its case

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people for the later movies are arriving.

The parking lot, which would accommodate 968 people, will be more than enough for the 3,000-seat facility, assured Rea. Because the company's statistics indicate the most full the theaters would be is 75 percent capacity, Rea estimates that the largest number of cars which would be on the premises at once would be about 900.

"It all works out mathematically," said Rea. "Although 928 parking spaces would meet the maximum demand, we wanted more so people would have easy access to parking on a busy night without having to drive around the lot looking for one or two empty spaces."

One neighbor said he was worried that people would use nearby Glen

Road to get to the theater, effectively bypassing Route 22. In response to those kinds of concerns, the possibility was raised of putting up a fence to block access to Glen Road from the cinema.

Olock said the police didn't approve of that plan. "When there is an emergency, time is of the essence. If one of our patrol cars is in the parking lot and there is a kid choking or some other emergency on Glen Road, our officer would be seconds away from responding."

"But if you close that gate, the officer would have to go down Route 22 East into Springfield and around through Westfield to get to Mountainside. If you put something up there, it's going to restrict us."

Fire Department representatives also objected to the fence because it

blocks them from a main fire hydrant on Glen Road.

Olock said police don't anticipate traffic on Glen Road to be a problem. "When the howling alley was in its place, we really didn't have a problem on Glen Road. We have a bigger problem on Wednesday nights when they are holding those concerts in Echo Lake Park. You can't get an emergency vehicle through that."

Smith said the company has 16 theaters in New Jersey, and operations in Toms River and East Hanover are freestanding 10- and 12-screen theaters that will be similar to the proposed cinema in Mountainside.

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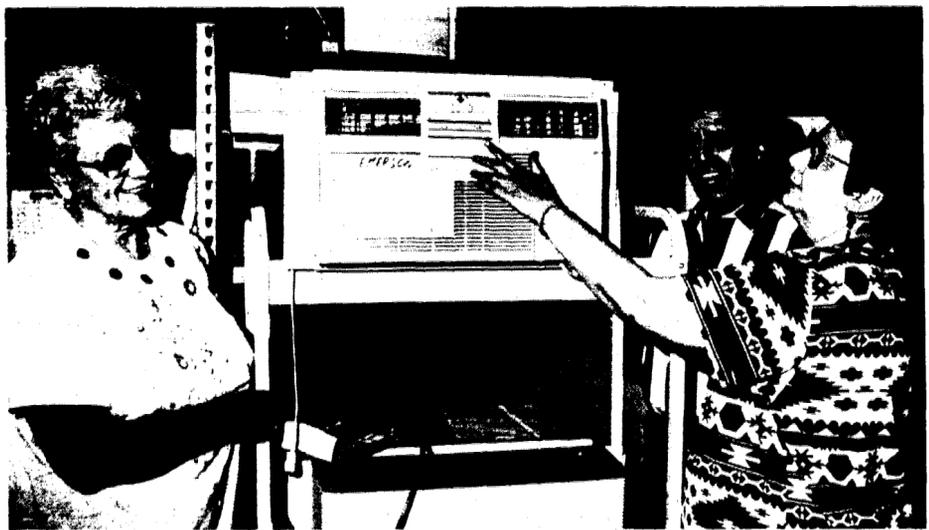


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Terry Scofield, left, and Joan Dobson discuss amenities provided with one of the air-conditioning units at Jacobson's Distributing Company in Elizabeth. Allen Jacobson, the company's owner, provides guidance to the shoppers.

Air-conditioner has become the summer's 'hottest' item

By George W. Salzmann
Staff Writer

Has it been hot enough for you? It certainly has been hot enough for people in the air-conditioning business. With the dog days of summer breathing on the area's proverbial neck, the demand for air conditioners and air-conditioning service has grown to mammoth proportions.

Appliance stores and air-conditioning service businesses alike, have been busy filling one of the greatest demands for cold air in history. Unanswered calls and busy signals was the norm when attempting to contact businesses for an interview.

"We're selling them as fast as we can get them in," said Al Jacobson, owner of Jacobson's Appliance Com-

pany in Elizabeth. "They're going like hot-cakes."

What began as a somewhat slow season for air-conditioner sales, quickly escalated in mid-July, when scathing temperatures and extreme humidity rolled in, Jacobson said.

"Early this summer, people were coming in and pricing units," Jacobson said. "Now they just ask if we have any."

The Elizabeth-based store is having little trouble keeping up with the demand, however.

"We do have air conditioners in stock," Jacobson said. "All sizes and models."

Jacobson said that the mainstay of air-conditioner purchases has been from the senior citizen community.

The pace has been equally hectic for air-conditioning service companies. Joseph Spaltro of JDS Heating and Cooling in Linden said he "has been working around the clock."

"It's been crazy," said Spaltro. "I got home late last night, and I was out at 5 a.m."

The demand for service has been intense, Spaltro said.

"When a system breaks, everyone wants theirs fixed yesterday," he said. "But I'm doing my best to keep everyone cool."

Luckily, weather forecasters are calling for a break in the 100-degree temperatures experienced around the county in recent weeks. But, if temperatures should rise again, it's a safe bet air conditioners again will be a hot item.

Regional district makes changes for new term

By Melissa Kress
Staff Writer

There will be numerous changes and innovations in the regional district during the 1995-96 school year which will impact upon the learning of the high school students.

Various curricular changes will be implemented in September. Each student will have the opportunity to enroll in an extra course by starting the school day earlier and enrolling in health and physical education before the traditional starting time, said Tom Long, director of personnel and public relations. Limited bus transportation will be available for the students who choose to start earlier, he said.

As of July, 101 Governor Livingston students, 57 Arthur L. Johnson students and 24 Jonathan Dayton students had opted to take an extra course, Long said.

More courses will be offered to students as well, including a new physics honors course, a cooperative business education work study program located at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, English electives titled "Shakespeare and Society" and "Creative Writing/Poetry," Long said. In addition, there will be a concert

band in each high school and a program for orthopedically handicapped high school students will be reinstated at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School.

The regional district will also introduce a new advanced placement course in English for juniors. More than 70 students are expected to take advantage of this course which is designed to prepare students for the College Entrance Examination Board AP Examination in Language and Composition. The course will emphasize reading and writing expository essays, in addition to the study of American literature.

The course will be submitted for approval to Seton Hall University as part of the Project Acceleration program. If approved, students may elect to earn college credit directly from the university by passing the course, Long said.

Students who complete the new Advanced Placement English 3 course can take the Advanced Placement English 4 course in their senior year. The second course emphasizes preparation for the AP examination in language and composition, he said. There are also changes taking place

in the Gifted and Talented students' program. In the past students could only be admitted to the program at the end of their sophomore year; now however, students in their freshman and sophomore years will be given enrichment opportunities.

Another new program in the district will be the Junior Army ROTC Program at Governor Livingston Regional High School. The district program will begin with 29 students, but it expects an enrollment of 70 within a three-year period, Long said.

Maj. William Smith, a retired army officer, formerly director of the Seton Hall University ROTC Program, will be the commissioned officer in charge. Master Sgt. Charles Gerald, formerly associated with the ROTC Program at New Brunswick High School, will serve as noncommissioned officer. Students in all three high schools may enroll in the program, Long said.

The district schools' library systems are also undergoing renovations for the 1995-96 school year. The libraries were equipped with a fully automated Follett library cataloging and circulation system last August and the media specialists and clerical

staff have spent the past school year updating the records and working the "bugs" out of the new computers, he said.

An important task involved in the updating was adding bibliographic information that will now permit computer searches on a more sophisticated level, Long said. Students may search for books more thoroughly and the added Wilsondisc Program will allow students to find magazine articles and abstracts more easily.

The Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, in conjunction with Kenilworth and Springfield public schools, will again be part of the New Jersey statewide Systematic Initiative.

With the help of a state grant, integration of mathematics, science and technology take place in teacher training, revamping of class schedules and paired teaching across subject matter lines, Long said.

Because the six municipalities failed to reach an agreement on the budget reduction after the budget was defeated by the voters, continued efforts at cost containment will be experienced during the school year, he said.

Civic calendar

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

Today
• The 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.

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

Tuesday
• The Springfield Township Committee will convene in the courtroom on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 8 p.m.
• The Union County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will meet at 6 p.m. in the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.

Wednesday
• The Union County Solid Waste Advisory Council will meet at 6 p.m. in the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.
• A concert of nature and environmental songs for children will be performed by Guitar Bob's Blue Planet Revue at the planetarium at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. Children younger than 4 years old will not be admitted. The program lasts 45 minutes, begins at 1:30 p.m. and costs \$3.50 per person.

Aug. 24
• 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.

• Rodney the Rocket introduces preschoolers to the planets at the planetarium at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside at 11 a.m. The program includes songs, counting, model planets and planetarium basics. No one under 4 years old will be admitted. Admission is \$3 per person.
• Parents can explore the day and night sky with their preschoolers with "The Sky Inside," at the planetarium at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside at 1 p.m. Together, they will learn about the transition of daytime into nighttime and witness the movement of the sun and moon. The event is for children ages 4 to 6 years old with an adult. Admission is \$3 per person.

Aug. 27
A laser light concert featuring the music of Pink Floyd will be held at the planetarium at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside at 3:30 p.m. The event is for persons 10 years old and older. Admission is \$3.25 per person.

Aug. 28
• The Union County Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board will meet at 7 p.m. at 300 North Ave. East in Westfield.

people in the service

Fruchter nets degree

Merril Fruchter was recently graduated with a law degree from New York Law School, it was announced by President and Dean Harry Wellington.

A resident of Springfield, Merrill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fruchter. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1992.

New York Law School's 103rd commencement was held at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall in Manhattan. The Hon. Jose Cabranes, judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, was the commencement speaker.

Cabranes and Alexander Forger, president of Legal Services Corporation and trustee emeritus of New York Law School, were recipients of honorary doctor of law degrees.

A leading independent institution founded in 1891, New York Law School has an enrollment of nearly 1,400 students in day and evening divisions. It is located near city, state and federal courts in Manhattan's TriBeCa District.

Singh earns law degree

Gurpreet Singh was recently graduated with a law degree from New York Law School, it was announced by President and Dean Harry Wellington.

A resident of Springfield, Singh is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mohinder Pal Singh. He graduated from Rutgers College in 1992.

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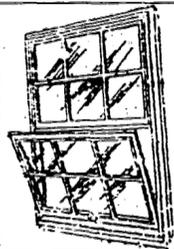
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YMCA, school board present 'Club Mid'

The Summit area YMCA and the Springfield Board of Education recently announced the start of an after-school adventure program for middle school students.

Club Mid will be held at Guadineer School during the coming academic year. Registration is now open.

Club Mid will run after school until 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students will check in, relax and have a snack after school. A variety of classes will be offered in two class periods. After classes, students can work on homework, participate in tutoring or mentoring programs, or play quiet games.

"Middle school students are generally too old for child care and too young for many extra-curricular activities," said Wendy Wolski, YMCA Teen Program director. "We wanted to offer students a fun alternative and the opportunity to try new things in a safe and social environment."

Club Mid will focus on leadership and social development, positive values and personal growth. Students will actively participate in program planning, so that Club Mid will reflect the activities and special events that the teens are interested in.

Different classes are offered each day. Examples of classes offered include strength training and step-aerobics, karate, floor hockey, tennis, creative arts and writing, earth service corps, sign language and junior mock government.

Taking center stage



Courtesy of Julie Gedrowicz-Otani

Students of the Turning Point Dance Center strut their stuff during a recent dance recital. The school teaches ballet, pointe, tap, jazz and gymnastics for all age and skill levels. Classes begin Sept. 6. The studio recently relocated from the old AAA building to 191 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Top row from left are Allison Lau, Kristy Neumeister, Jaime Eger and Danielle Schwartz. Bottom row from left are Blair Schulman, Jill Kurzner, Rachel Goldman and Ashley Steiner.

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OPINION PAGE

Read all about it

Earlier this month, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders opted to grant public access to the research materials and correspondence examined by members of the Watchung Reservation Deer Management Subcommittee.

We urge interested members of the public to read these documents. Only then can a forum for rational discourse be possible.

Perhaps coincidentally, that same subcommittee is expected to issue a report later this month on the possibility of another effort to thin the deer population in the reservation.

In recent years, those who've opposed the shooting of deer have been quite vocal in their dissent. Although their numbers are very few, they've managed to dominate most discussion of the issue.

If a level playing field can be established when subcommittee members and "animal rights" activists share the same data, then maybe — just maybe — we all can be spared the invective and hate speech some of those activists display so effectively.

Yes, that's right. Hate speech. In spite of their posturing as the sole residents of the moral high ground of this issue, it is the protestors who allude to violence when voicing their opposition to any deer hunting.

When referring to Department of Parks and Recreation Director Chuck Sigmund and to Dan Bernier, head of the Bureau of Park Operations, phrases like "I'm gonna get 'em" and "heads will roll" have been heard.

On the humorous side, the shooting of deer in the reservation has been called a "holocaust."

The data collected by the Watchung Reservation Deer Management Subcommittee is available for public inspection at the Trailside Nature and Science Center; the public libraries in Mountainside, Berkeley Heights and Scotch Plains; the municipal buildings of Scotch Plains and Summit; the Animal Damage Control Center at Rutgers University in New Brunswick; and the library of the Morris County Park Commission at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum in Morristown.

By making public the subcommittee's research materials, the freeholders have taken a first step toward dealing with the deer-hunt issue in a civilized manner. While it is easier to jump to conclusions and call people names, we urge everyone interested to visit these sites and study the information.

When individuals are afforded the opportunity to make informed opinions, they become a less attractive audience for a browbeating special interest group.

What is your opinion? Does the population of white-tail deer in the reservation warrant further control efforts, including hunting? Call us at 686-9898, Ext. 8000. We'll publish your remarks next week.



Old news is good news

We're in the middle of National Newspaper Recycling Week, which has been designated as Aug. 13-19, and what better time to remind our readers of the importance of recycling — especially newspapers.

National Newspaper Recycling Week is designed to raise awareness and educate consumers about the contributions of newspaper recycling. For example, did you know that the cost of newspaper — the paper which you're holding in your hands — has increased this year by 40 percent? Costs that high wreak havoc on publishers' budgets and eventually could lead to smaller newspapers to balance the budget. Smaller newspapers, in turn, would lead to less news than we want to provide to you, the reader.

Recycling newspapers is one guarantee to ensure the future of the newspaper industry. When you finish reading this newspaper, remember that there is a proper place for it — the recycling bin.

"I do not buy the growing idea that media reporters should be licensed by the state. But the very suggestion ought to tell you how far the American public has gone down the road to modifying its thought about the sanctity of a free press."

—Ted Bugas



Photo By Jay Hochberg

A QUICK BITE — Almost camouflaged among the shrubs and bushes of a borough residence, a deer pauses for an afternoon snack. Earlier this month, the freeholders released to the public the materials used by the Watchung Reservation Deer Management Subcommittee during its ongoing study of the local deer population. The subcommittee is expected to issue a report of its latest findings to the freeholders later this month. The existing data available to the public may be found at the Mountainside Public Library and the Trailside Nature and Science Center, among other locations.

Squad provides a valuable service to town

I am a Mountainside resident and have been a member of the Mountainside Rescue Squad for the past six years and would like to respond to Franz Wenger's criticism of the squad published in the Aug. 3 edition of the *Mountainside Echo*.

Mr. Wenger maintains that the time it takes the Rescue Squad to respond to calls is excessive. It is true that fast response times help save lives. It is necessary for CPR to be started promptly in order to be effective.

These response times can be accomplished when the squad is staffed at the building. We regularly have staff on duty at the building from late afternoon throughout the night. Virtually all area volunteer rescue squads have difficulty staffing day-time hours. We must rely on squad members who work in town and can leave their place of employment, or who may happen to be home. We have reciprocal agreements with other towns to support each other when no one is available.

When a request for emergency medical assistance of a life-threatening nature is received, a special protocol is in place to assure prompt care.

- First, our police officers are trained in CPR, and are available to be on the scene administering emergency care quickly.

I cannot say enough about the excellent support that our Police Department gives the Rescue Squad. Mr. Wenger has suggested that police officers should be available to drive the ambulance. They have in fact occasionally driven the ambulance for us, but this is typically not necessary. Mr. Wenger's contention that we have crews available, but no one to drive the ambulance is unfounded. We require that two qualified Emergency Medical Technicians be available to respond to a call, and that all of our fully trained people drive.

- Secondly, calls of this nature are simultaneously dispatched to the

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By John Hoopingamer

paramedics located in Mountainside. These calls include victims of heart attacks, breathing difficulties, unconsciousness, trauma, etc. The paramedics certainly do not wait to determine if the Rescue Squad is available.

Their training allows them to perform the same life-saving procedures that were previously only available upon arrival at the hospital. They are also subject to be called to other towns requiring backup from other paramedic teams. Paramedics respond to about one third of the calls with the Rescue Squad.

- Thirdly, members of the Rescue Squad have recently acquired, at significant expense, portable defibrillators. Most members have been trained in the use of this new equipment.

CPR is only a stop-gap measure. In most cases, it is necessary for the patient on cardiac arrest to receive defibrillation to be revived. This can now be performed on eligible patients by squad members even if the paramedics are delayed.

The real problem is not simply the time it takes for a member to get to the scene. Be assured that when a call is received, our members move as quickly and safely as possible. Day and night, we jump from our dinner tables or our beds to meet the needs of our neighbors. Most members who live in Mountainside can be at the squad building within three or four minutes.

The ambulance can reach most places in Mountainside in a similar amount of time. Three significant problems affect our success:

- We are occasionally busy responding to calls which are not true medical emergencies, making us

unavailable for those in true need.

- Some patients wait too long to call for help. It is not uncommon to be called by someone who has had chest pain for hours.

- Members are not available, which can result in delays.

There are 30 active members on the Mountainside Rescue Squad. Only 10 are residents of Mountainside; the remaining members live in neighboring towns. While most of them live within five miles, their response times cannot be as good as our resident members'.

We owe these non-resident members a debt of thanks for helping to protect Mountainside. It is a shame that in a town of 7,000 residents, only 10 people are willing to make themselves available for such a worthy cause. We particularly need members who can be available during the day.

The only other way a community can significantly improve coverage is to establish a paid rescue service, which some of the larger neighboring communities have done. I would like to hear if Mr. Wenger would be in favor of a tax increase to cover the cost of two EMTs to sit at the squad building eight to 10 hours a day waiting for a call.

In 1994, the squad went on 530 calls, which is an average of less than one call per day during daytime hours.

With back-up coverage that we have from the paramedics and police, I suggest that establishing a paid service would not be a prudent use of tax dollars.

Mayor Robert Vigilanti, a former member of the Rescue Squad, is among its most ardent supporters. I see no reason to turn the need for volunteers into a political issue, unless you want to end volunteerism and go to a costly paid service.

The mayor, Borough Council, Police Department and the Rescue Squad cooperate on an ongoing basis to improve service to the community

— particularly in light of new 911 requirements.

The most significant improvement to our Rescue Squad would be an influx of members from our town. There are many reasons for joining the Rescue Squad. Everyone can benefit from the medical training received in the EMT program. The training enables one to help in situations, ranging from minor injuries to saving a life.

Have you ever driven by an accident wishing you could help?

For the most part, members of the Rescue Squad have enjoyed the respect and sincere appreciation from members of the community. We trust that more people would come to understand the personal sacrifices that members and their families make.

This is a volunteer organization. Members receive no remuneration except the satisfaction of helping those in need. We put in hundreds of hours each year, responding to calls at the most inconvenient times. We work together in training to keep our skills at the highest levels possible.

Is it worth it?

Oh yes! When you see people in town who were desperately ill and you were able to help, it is worth it.

Even when those who have suffered relatively minor injuries show genuine appreciation, it is worth it. When they are occasionally not so appreciative, but you know that you have done your best, it is still worth every minute. Someone reading this can help or knows someone who can volunteer.

Invite Mr. Wenger, or anyone else who has questions regarding our training, protocols, or our commitment to quality medical care, to contact our officers.

John Hoopingamer is the deputy captain of the Mountainside Rescue Squad. Those wishing to volunteer for the Rescue Squad should contact its Membership Committee at 233-6338.

Rapid heart beat condition can be corrected

Ablation could save your life.

I had this procedure because I developed rapid heart beat — 180 to 200 beats per minute — palpitations and dizziness.

Years ago, someone with this condition would have had open heart surgery followed by weeks of recovery. My procedure was performed in a hospital lab equipped with X-ray equipment, heart monitors and other specialized equipment.

It took six hours. I was able to return home the next day, go back to work, and after three days resume my normal routine.

I was not allowed to eat or drink anything after midnight on the day of the procedure.

Once in the hospital I was given Valium in tablet form. I then was taken to the special laboratory on a stretcher. After receiving a local anesthetic to the femoral vein area, a thin electrode catheter was inserted. This catheter, which is composed of pull wires, mesh and plastics, was guided to the heart where the electrophysiology study began.

Two more catheters were inserted. The doctor could see their exact location on a special X-ray monitor screen. My heart was regulated with the catheters to reduce the supraventricular tachycardia — an extremely rapid heartbeat that had been plaguing me.

Then the doctors set out to find the area that was causing these extremely

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By Fontaine Gatti

rapid and irregular heartbeats. This area is called the fiber or pathway.

The location and size will vary from patient to patient. The nurse administered Versed — a general anesthetic — and the actual ablation started. One catheter was removed and a special catheter, called the ablation catheter, was inserted and used to destroy the tissue that was causing the problem.

If the good tissue accidentally is burned, a pacemaker may have to be inserted. The nurse sat by my side, checking blood pressure and monitoring the EKG. My heart was regulated again to make sure the ablation was successful. The catheters were removed.

I was taken to my room and permitted to eat and drink some juice. I had to keep my right leg straight and lie flat for six hours to prevent blood clots. Then I was allowed to sit up for a while and take a short walk.

Deborah Heart and Lung Hospital in Browns Mills, where I had this procedure, performs these studies and procedures every day. Its death rate is lower than that of any acute care hospital in the country, according to a

guide based on federal Medicare data.

The electrophysiology team at Deborah is superb. Dr. Lawrence Gessman, Dr. Melvin White, Dr. Nadar Ghaly, and Dr. Sivaraman Yegya Roman made it all possible for

me to get on with my life.

This procedure is remarkable and worthwhile; it made me a new person.

Fontaine Gatti is a resident of Mountainside.

Speak out

A wonderful idea to share the service

We think it's a wonderful idea to have the duties of the Rescue Squad partially assumed by the police to shorten the call time. We haven't had a problem but we see that others have. The reason we're saying this is because my husband has an inoperable blockage and we hope not, but there's always a possibility that we would have to call on you for a very quick ride to Mublenberg Hospital.

We want to thank the Rescue Squad for all their past favors. They're a wonderful group.

Doris and Bob Trumbower
Mountainside

Don't make judgments from one incident

The Mountainside Rescue Squad provides a valuable community service, and people who don't know what they're talking about should not write letters about isolated incidents.

Dana Williams
Mountainside

Our officers are overworked as it is

The Mountainside Rescue Squad provides adequate coverage for the town. They are in need of members, but the Mountainside police are overworked as it is and don't need to be taking on their duties, like driving the ambulances and covering towns for them.

Lori May
Mountainside

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Don't blame the messenger for the rain

Did you ever notice when a weather forecaster has to mention the infamous "R" word, his or her lips quiver and a sickening look comes across the face?

I'm convinced that when one enrolls in Weather Forecasting 101, he or she is told immediately to avoid use of the "R" word, or rain, as much as possible, especially on a Friday when the weekend looms and weather should be perfect, a sort of Camelot.

However, when weather forecasters do have to predict rain, the forecast is generally diluted with phrases such as "the sun could peek out for awhile in the afternoon," or "showers will be light."

To say that the weather is going to be lousy on both Saturday and Sunday is heresy and he or she who speaks such vindictive words is ripe for being drawn and quartered. For some unearthly reason, weather is something that must be perfect at all times. I am sure that if the reservoirs were down to their last 10 percent of capacity, there would be those who would pout, throw a tantrum and kick the dog if the weather forecaster pre-

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

dicted a brief early morning shower, thus interfering with a golf date or a tennis match.

The weather forecaster's life can be a dangerous one. Having known a few weather forecasters in my life, I was told by one that he received a death threat after he predicted that heavy rains were in the making for a certain Sunday and there would be high seas and warned his listeners to refrain from taking out the boat. The irate listener became so furious with the prediction that he called the station and leveled his death threat.

The irate caller, who obviously was brain dead, failed to see the fact that weather forecasters do not divine weather. They are given little slips of paper to read about what you might

expect in the form of weather. Most of it is wrong anyhow.

This same forecaster also told me that after predicting a heavy rainstorm on a Sunday afternoon, an angry listener phoned the station and demanded that the forecaster be fired for making such heinous statements in public.

As you can see, some people take their weather very seriously and if rain, high winds, thunder, lightning, sleet, snow or extreme heat does anything to spoil the outside fun, there's no telling what a highly depressed person might do.

This year has been anything but a wet one in this part of the country. The South, Midwest and Far West have gotten their unfair share of rain, and in many parts of the nation, waters are still receding after weeks of deluge upon deluge. Here, in the Northeast, rain has been at a minimum and authorities are beginning to become a little concerned.

Water plays more than an important role in our collective lives. Water sustains us, makes things grow, keeps the earth from becoming another

Sahara or Gobi desert and washes away those things we don't need in our lives. Water keeps the machines going, the production lines running and is the basic ingredient in many beverages such as beer. We cannot do without water and those who get upset when their plans are disrupted by water in the form of rain, they should give more than a little thought of what our planet and life would be like if we one day turned on the faucets and nothing but a few rusty drops dripped out.

Right now, water levels are going down at a rapid rate and if the weather returns to the high 90s, accompanied by drenching humidity, water use will increase dramatically and our reservoirs will be emptied even further.

Tomorrow, when the weather forecaster predicts rain, realize there are worse things than a wet weekend. There are killer droughts, water rationing, and higher prices at food markets.

Norman Rauscher is a former newspaper publisher in Summit.

letter to the editor

Let's not pop open the champagne

To the Editor:

The recent announcement of the drop in crime in Union County is, of course, welcome news and a tribute to our law enforcement personnel. But, let's not pop open the champagne just yet. The profile on crime prepared by the State Police shows that we indeed have a long way to go in making our streets safer.

To give some perspective, the crime rate index for Union County per 1,000 people dropped from 52 to 50. That means that in 1995, 50 out of every 1,000 Union County people will be a crime victim, and six out of every 1,000 will be a victim of violent crime. Other numbers of special interest are two areas of crime which actually saw an increase. Domestic violence in Union County actually rose from 4,839 incidents to 5,254. Some authorities attribute the rise to the heightened awareness of this crime. Bias crime also jumped from 59 to 81.

One of the more perplexing aspects of the report was the startling rise in the crime index in isolated municipalities. In Summit, non-violent crime rose from 413 incidents to 632. In that community, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle thefts rose significantly. Westfield also saw jumps in burglaries and larceny. What these numbers show is that crime continues to be a growing suburban concern and not strictly the problem of our urban areas. The access by major highways is also an obvious reason for the jump in suburban areas.

In analyzing our crime problem, we must also understand that crime prevention, while essential, is also costly. The County of Union, for example, had 793 police employees. That breakdown included 214 in the prosecutor's office, 167 in the sheriff's office and 412 county police employees. These numbers point to a need to continue to advocate efforts by the County of Union to work as closely as possible with the 21 municipalities of the county.

One aspect of our crime problem which needs greater focus is juvenile justice. The problem has reached epidemic proportions. Our state has one of the highest numbers of juvenile arrests for serious violent crime in the nation. The state's juvenile justice reform should be a major topic of review by county government. Too often the current state administration's cuts have shifted the burden from the Division of Youth and Family Services to the county Justice and the State Police Uniform Crime Report. There is one unmistakable conclusion. Without a strong juvenile program, the juvenile offender of today will be the felon and statistic of tomorrow.

We need to develop a program of intervention and education to stop these kids from being lost early. The population of those who have been jailed has skyrocketed. One editorial writer estimates that the country's prison rate has tripled in two years.

No reasonable citizen can advocate anything but a continued tough sentencing approach to the crime problems we face. But we must also work to be as efficient as possible. The cost of crime both in terms of justice and economics is an effective spur for us to do a better job.

Carol Cohen
Westfield

Editor's note: Carol Cohen is a Democratic candidate for the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

We're awaiting the deliverance from the plantation

"Despite the four-year effort, Paterson's children have not met the test goals the state had set. They may even have lost ground." This was taken from an editorial in *The North Jersey Herald & News*.

One of the most strident voices of the liberal media — and that happens to be each daily newspaper in the state and many of its weeklies — admits that, so far, the state intervention in running big city school districts, most of them corrupt to the marrow, has not advanced the standardized test skills of students.

A similar example of *mafia* — situation normal all fouled up, to use the sanitized version — can be seen in Jersey City public schools, although no one talks about it because the mayor over there is treated with the same pair of white, silk gloves as applied

Commentary

By Russell Roemmele
Staff Writer

when most media folks write about Whitman's failings.

No doubt, as the *Herald* notes, Paterson has more libraries and more computers and more of this and more of that — with more tax subsidies from other municipalities in the state paying for them.

Laval Wilson, the Paterson superintendent of schools, says Paterson needs about \$40 million to turn matters around. I ask, courteously of course, what happened to the countless millions in state funds already distributed to Paterson?

Newark is no different. A time did exist, even in a 64-year-old memory, when Newark public schools at their best — Weequahic, Barringer, Arts High, and any one of the other five secondary schools on a given day would match the academic quality of any public school. As a student at St. Benedict's Prep, I debated with and against Newark high school kids. At times, they would actually defeat us. That was before state intervention, before multi-cultural mantras.

Investigators have come into Newark; a few overt crooks were ousted; a few other overt abusers of trusteeship were "demoted" to principals, remembering tenure overrides immorality; and several thousand new textbooks were found undistributed to the youth

— probably kept in storage for the next crooked deal contemplated.

Will the state help Newark students improve their averages in standardized testing? Maybe here and there, especially as the state structures the test scoring and the actual tests to its way of seeing things. Newark schools — always excluding University High School, a miracle if there is one in education nowadays — will spend more state tax money. Overall learning will hardly improve, however.

The problem is not with Newark kids, Jersey City kids, Paterson kids. Nor is it because they are black, hispanic or other colors of the spectrum. The problem is with state government itself, at the beginnings, now, and in the future.

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Courtesy of Children's Specialized Hospital

Kaitlyn Gallo stands with her teacher Samantha Busman at her recent preschool graduation. Gallo was one of 23 students who graduated from the Preschool Program at Children's Specialized Hospital's Outpatient Center.

Handicapped children excel in preschool

There were tears of joy and smiles all around during a recent gathering of 5-year-olds, their families, friends and teachers at the Children's Specialized Hospital's Outpatient Center.

The group was assembled to celebrate the graduation of 23 children from the hospital's Preschool Program.

"We are very proud of our graduates. They have worked hard and accomplished much in our Preschool Program," said Jane Kaiser, director of CSH's Educational Services.

The preschool provides an educational and therapeutic program for children with a handicap or developmental delay. Each of the graduates received an individual plan of education and therapy, as well as medical services, to promote social, emotional, cognitive, language and physical development.

"Besides the usual preschool curriculum, the children also received physical, occupational and speech therapy, behavior management, or a special readiness program as needed. These services helped each child attain his or her maximum potential and gave them a base for further schooling," said Kaiser.

The graduates will enter new schools, both private and public, and will continue their education and therapy.

"We will miss them but are happy to see them graduate and are sure they will continue to do well when they enter new schools," said Kaiser.

Events scheduled for borough's centennial bash

Volunteers working on the 100th anniversary commemoration have formed plans for the three-day party that will cap the borough's centennial celebration.

The Heritage Day Committee will sponsor a weekend-long birthday bash in mid-September, and committee members promised an event of music, fun and food.

"An Evening at the Pops" — a two-hour concert performance featuring the New Jersey Pops, is on the agenda.

Under the direction of Michael Baglio, the symphony orchestra will perform in the auditorium of Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

In addition, "a gourmet's delight" will be provided, according to the committee. Participants will be able to sample the specialties of restaurants

and caterers from the surrounding area.

Tickets are now on sale at \$30 for the combined event.

On Sept. 15 the circus will come to town.

Heritage Day Committee members said jugglers, acrobats, clowns and trained animals will come together under the Phillips Brothers' Big Top for two performances — at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

From 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., a petting zoo, featuring barn animals, will be open for children.

A family-style dinner also will be offered in the auditorium of Our Lady of Lourdes throughout the course of the evening's events for a nominal fee.

As a discount special for residents only, pre-sale \$10 family tickets will

be sold. Singles and non-residents may purchase tickets in advance for \$5 each. Tickets sold the night of the performance will be priced at \$6 for children ages 3-12 and \$7 for those over 12.

The celebration will continue on Sept. 16, with the Centennial Fair. Crafters, an antique car display, carnival games, miniature golf, pony rides, a wide array of rides for toddlers to teens and a tethered hot-air balloon will be on hand.

In addition to a variety of other entertainers, there will be mimes, jugglers, clowns and uni-cyclists strolling in the Deerfield School grounds.

Musical entertainment will include a line dancing show and instruction for adults, and special interactive entertainment for the children too.

A food court also will be part of the attraction.

Many games and contests, such as tug o' war, sack races, water balloon toss, bocce skill tournament, limbo, hula hoop and spoon races will be among the 22 family activities.

Sept. 16 will mark the finals of the

week-long sporting events and junior olympiad.

There will be parent/child tennis tournaments, relay races and 100-yard dashes among other events.

Sign up sheets are available at the Mountainside Recreation Department. All applications must be submitted by Aug. 1.

The weekend will come to a close with a bang.

What Mayor Robert Vigianni has called "the greatest display of fireworks Mountainside has ever seen" will be unleashed in the skies over the borough on the evening of Sept. 16.

Those who want to obtain tickets early may send a check, made payable to the Borough of Mountainside, to 1385 Route 22 East, Mountainside, NJ 07092.

Orders must be marked to the attention of individual events: concert or circus. For circus tickets, indicate the selected performance time and the number of tickets needed.

It is requested that patrons include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. The tickets will be mailed by Sept. 1.

student update

President's list

Seven Springfield residents and eight from Mountainside are among 479 full-time and part-time students named to the president's list at Union County College for the spring semester.

The president's list recognizes students who have achieved a minimum of a 3.5 cumulative average based on a 4.0 scale.

Union County College, the public community college of Union County, enrolls more than 10,000 students, about 4,500 full-time and 5,500 part-time, at campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth and Plainfield, and at various off-campus sites.

Springfield residents named to the president's list include: June B. Kunkin, biology; Peter T. Balazs, business; Marc P. Demmer, civil/construction engineering/technology; Fred J. Markowitz, liberal arts/communications; Jason Sobel, liberal studies/exploring science and arts; and Swapna P. Bellara, occupational therapy assistant.

Mountainside residents named to the president's list include: Clare Jonsson, liberal arts/early childhood elementary education; Mark Katalenas, liberal arts/education; Gisela C.

Gross and Laszlo R. Sztanecik, liberal arts; Stephen D. Wells and Ute Wittig liberal studies/exploring science and arts; Michael K. Gunn and Maciej A. Wendland, physical therapy assistant.

Rodburg graduates

Barry Rodburg of Springfield graduated from California State Polytechnic University with a bachelor of arts degree in hotel and restaurant management.

Rodburg is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School and attended the University of Jerusalem.

Gedal to graduate

Daniel Gedal will graduate from Rutgers University, Phi Beta Kappa in Geology.

Gedal was inducted in the Honor Roll Society on May 12 at the Rutgers University campus in Newark. He is the son of Louise Gedal, formerly of Springfield and now residing in Las Vegas.

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Curtis to deliver final sermon before moving on

By Cynthia B. Gordon
Staff Writer

After 13 years of preaching Sunday morning services at the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield, the Rev. Jeffrey Curtis announced he will leave the parish.

Curtis said he had "a lot of different reasons" for his move to Mt. Chestnut, Pa.

"I have enjoyed the ministry here in Springfield. I felt it was a call and at first I dismissed it. After looking at it several times, I responded to it," he added.

Curtis' final sermon in the township will be the Methodist Church on Sunday, and the First Presbyterian Church is planning to have him back one day in October for a formal farewell.

Throughout the years, Curtis has been involved in many community programs and many areas of church life. He served as chaplain to the Springfield Police and Fire departments, and was a member of the Springfield Municipal Alliance since its inception.

Curtis said he joined the Municipal Alliance "as a way of facilitating the resources of Springfield for people to stay off drugs, coordinating the efforts of many organizations."

In addition, Curtis served as treasurer of the Springfield Clergy Association and was involved in the Springfield bicentennial celebration. He was also an integral part of the 250th anniversary celebration of the First Presbyterian Church.

"I have enjoyed the people of Springfield and the community a great deal. It makes it very difficult to leave," he said. "Our four children —

Daniel, Sarah, Rebecca and Abigail — have gone through the school system and the different activities within the community."

"A great deal of love has been shown by church members and the community, and it will be difficult to leave," Curtis said.

"One of the things that I've enjoyed the most is the fourth-graders' historical tour of the First Presbyterian Church, the cemeteries, and the historic Cannon Ball House," he also said. "I've enjoyed being a part of that teaching time for all of the schools in the area each year."



Staci Rae Weinerman and David John Hartzler

Weinerman, Hartzler wed

Stacie Rae Weinerman, daughter of Ellen and Harry Weinerman of Springfield, and David John Hartzler, son of Fran and Glen Hartzler of Roselle Park, were married July 15.

Rabbi Joshua Goldstein of Temple Sha'arey Shalom officiated at the double-ring, candlelight ceremony at The Berkeley Plaza in Berkeley Heights.

The bride, a graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School and Kean College, received a bachelor of arts degree in physical and health education. She is a substitute teacher in the Regional High School District and coaches girls high school basketball at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark. She is also associated with the law offices of Edward N. Stiso Jr. in Springfield.

The groom, a graduate of Roselle Park High School and Kean College, holds a bachelor of arts degree in physical and health education. He is a teacher in the Elizabeth school system and is the assistant baseball coach at Elizabeth High School.

After a honeymoon in Paradise Island, the couple resides in Springfield.

obituaries

Vincent DiGiorgio

Vincent DiGiorgio, 35, of Scotch Plains, formerly of Mountainside, died Aug. 3 from injuries received in an auto accident in New York City.

Born in Summit, Mr. DiGiorgio lived in Mountainside before moving to Scotch Plains two years ago. He was an assistant vice president with Empire Blue Cross-Blue Shield for the past three years. Earlier, Mr. DiGiorgio was employed for nine years with New Jersey Blue Cross & Blue Shield, Newark. He was a 1981 graduate of Moravian College in Pennsylvania, where he received a bachelor's degree in business and received a master's degree in public administration from Seton Hall University in 1989.

Surviving are his wife, Stacey; two daughters, Alexa and Ariel; his parents, Joyce and Angelo DiGiorgio; a sister, Kathleen Gerhard, and his grandparents, Mildred and Chester Pachtucki.

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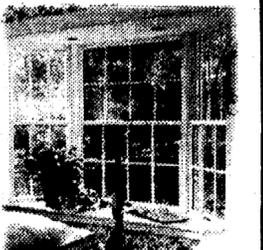
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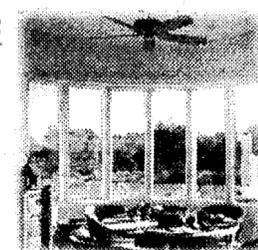
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Ain't Misbehavin'



Ain't Misbehavin' is both the number for a swing band and a good way to spend the last night of the year. Live music from Summit Swing, an 18-piece ensemble of men playing big band numbers, entertained crowds recently at the Summit Street Fair. This band will also perform on New Year's Eve at First Night Summit, a community celebration of the arts. There are only 14 First Night celebrations in New Jersey. Downtown locations will be filled with entertainment for all age groups including teens. For more information, call (908) 522-1722.

Social Security value in announcement

Social Security Commissioner Shirley S. Chater, with the assistance of First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, unveiled a series of public service announcements to educate the public about the value of Social Security benefits. The campaign, announced at a press conference in Washington, D.C., was launched to coincide with the 60th anniversary of Social Security and focuses on the real-life stories of two families.

A Baltimore fire department inspector, his wife and son are living the American dream. Suddenly his family's lives are shattered when his wife tragically dies while giving birth to their second child.

A young admissions clerk at a trade school in Philadelphia is just beginning to get her feet on solid financial ground when a crippling spinal cord injury forces her to stop working. Their common link? Social Security

benefits. The fire inspector's children receive monthly survivor's benefits because their mother worked and paid Social Security taxes. The former admissions clerk is going to graduate school with the help of her monthly Social Security disability benefits and hopes to become a counselor to other people with disabilities.

The two real-life stories form the backdrop for a series of public service announcements. The first inspector and his two children and the soon-to-be counselor were on hand for the ceremony.

The PSAs are parts of a public information campaign SSA is undertaking to educate Americans, especially younger workers, about the potential value of their Social Security taxes.

"Our message," Chater said, "is that Social Security is not just for retired people. More than 13 million Americans receive more than \$7 bil-

lion every month in Social Security disability and survivors benefits."

Chater said that the campaign is part of a larger effort she has directed her agency to undertake to increase public confidence in Social Security. "Americans everywhere need to understand how the program protects them, the value it brings to their lives and the challenges we face in the next century to keep Social Security solvent and strong," she said.

Chater pointed out that Social Security's Board of Trustees forecast the system will have adequate financing to pay benefits through 2030.

The press conference also highlighted Social Security's accomplishments over the past 60 years. In that time, Social Security has paid about \$4 trillion in monthly benefits to more than 100 million people. The program is credited with keeping 38 percent of the elderly out of poverty.

Phone care provides comfort

For discharge patients living alone, a comforting voice of care and companionship is only a telephone call away; the Saint Barnabas Health Care System now offers a phone care program comprised of several cooperating agencies where volunteers provide homebound patients — elderly, frail, disabled, regardless of age — with daily, regularly scheduled telephone calls to check on their well-being.

The Saint Barnabas Phone Care Program is a free service covering Essex, Somerset, Morris, Passaic and Union counties. Elderly and disabled individuals and those recuperating from surgery or illness will receive a daily phone call from one of the seven nonprofit volunteer agencies. They are Volunteers for Morris County, serving all of Morris County; Family and Children's Services of North Essex, serving suburban Essex County; We Care Inc., serving Union

County; SAGE, serving Springfield, Summit, New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Millburn, Chatham Township, Chatham Borough and Madison; Office On Aging, serving Somerset and Passaic counties; and RSVP of Essex County, serving Essex County.

According to Vice President of External Affairs Louis LaSalle, the program will be especially valuable to those who have no family or friends in the area to talk to on a daily basis to make sure they are doing all right. "More than 98,000 people are older than 65 in Essex County and about 30,000 of them live alone," LaSalle noted. "In Morris, Union, Somerset and Passaic counties, the numbers are less, but still very significant."

Beginning this month, the Saint Barnabas Care System will refer its discharged patients in need of daily telephone contact to an agency in the area closer to that patient's home.

Facilities within the system making referrals include Saint Barnabas Medical Center of Livingston, Union Hospital in Union Township; CareLine Transitional Health Services and Cornell Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Union; Ashbrook Nursing Home in Scotch Plains; Greenbrook Manor Nursing Home in Greenbrook; and Lanfair House in Wayne.

The agencies, all of which operate their own telephone programs, will work with the health care organization to serve more individuals in the four counties which are primarily served by the system.

According to the American Association of Retired Persons, more than 30 percent of the 32.3 million Americans 65 and over live alone. Four out of five are female and three out of four live alone without any outside assistance.



The St. Barnabas Phone Care Program is a service comprised of seven cooperating agencies where volunteers provide homebound patients — elderly, frail, and disabled regardless of age — with daily, regularly scheduled phone calls to check on their well-being. Phone Care committee members are, seated from left, Kay Anderson, CHIME, Volunteers for Morris County; Candy Sanato, executive director, We Care Inc.; and Miriam Adelsberg, coordinator, Family and Children's Services of North Jersey. Standing from left are Louis La Salle, vice president for External Affairs, St. Barnabas Medical Center; Ellen McNally, community resource specialist, SAGE; Marty Geltman, St. Barnabas volunteer; Sherri Calish, coordinator, RSVP of Essex County; and Joseph Fioraliso, government relations associate, St. Barnabas Medical Center.

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

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Colonial Avenue and Thoreau Terrace, Union Rev. Robert Damrau, Pastor. Church phone: (908) 688-4975; Sunday services: 9:45 AM - Sunday School for all ages, 11:00 AM - Morning Worship (with nursery provisions available through Grade 4); 7:00 PM - Evening Praise Service, Informal Bible Study. Wednesday: 7:00 PM - Middle School/Senior High Youth Fellowship at the Church; 7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study; 8:10 PM - Chancel Choir rehearsal. Monthly meetings include: Single's Group, Couples' Bible Study, Missionary Circles for Ladies; Men's Fellowship breakfast every third Saturday 7:30 AM. Wide range of musical opportunities for children, youth and adults in choirs, handbell choirs and instrumental

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

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

EPISCOPAL

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

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

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

JEWISH - ORTHODOX

CONGREGATION ISRAEL 339 Mountain Avenue, Springfield 467-9666. Daily services 6:30, 7:15 A.M.; 7:15 P.M. or at sunset. During the summer, evening services at 8:15 P.M. Classes are held in Maimonides, Sunday, 8:30 A.M. During the winter months, we offer Torah study between mincha and ma'ariv, and during the summer months we offer a session in Jewish

ethics, 45 minutes before mincha, after which we join for seuda shelisht fellowship. On Wednesday 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, 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.

JEWISH - REFORM

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

JEWISH - TRADITIONAL CONSERVATIVE

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

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF UNION 2372 Morris Avenue, Union, 687-2120. Meyer Korbman, Rabbi; Hillel Sadowitz, Cantor; Esther Avnet, President; Hadassah Goldfisher, Principal. Temple Israel of Union is a traditional Conservative Congregation with programs for all ages. Friday Services: 8:30 PM. Saturday Services: 9:00 AM Minchah 5:30 PM. Sunday Tallis and Tefillin 9:00 AM. Religious School with full time Principal. Grades Three through Seven meet Sundays 9:10-10:30 AM and Mondays & Wednesdays - 4:50-5:30 PM. Primer Class for Grades One and Two, Sundays 9:10-10:30 AM. Adult Hebrew Classes including Bar and Bat Mitzvah Preparation - Thursdays - 8-10 PM. Temple Israel sponsors programs and activities for Youth Groups Grades Seven through Twelve. We also have a very active Sisterhood and Men's Club.

LUTHERAN

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOLS 2222 Vauxhall Road, Union, Rev. Donald L. Brand, Pastor, (908)686-3965. Summer Family Worship 9:30 Visitors Expected; Barrier-free; Various Choirs, Bible Studies,

Youth Groups; Nightly Dial-A-Meditation; Call church office for more information or freg packet.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Ave., Springfield, (201) 379-4525. Pastor Joel R. Yoss. "Our Family invites Your Family to Worship with us." Worship Services, with Holy Communion, Sundays, 9:00 am, and 10:45 am, with Sunday School during each Service. Nursery care is provided during Worship Services. Christian Nursery School, Kids' Koinonia 3:30 p.m. every other Tuesday, Youth Fellowship 7:00 p.m. every other Tuesday, Women's Bible Study Thursdays, 9:30 a.m., Adult Choir 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Mothers' Morning-Out Ministry 9:15 a.m. Thursdays, Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. first Saturday, "Twenties & Thirties," Parents' Night Out", Small Group Ministries. Special services and teaching series to be announced. For further information, please call (201) 379-4525.

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

INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHRIST CHURCH

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

METHODIST

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

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

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

The **SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** will be joining the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield for Summer Services for the months of July and August. All people are invited to join us at the Presbyterian Church, 37 Church Mall in July, and at the United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall in August. Please feel free to call Rev. Jeff Markay at the United Methodist Church Office, 201-376-1695

MORAVIAN

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

WORD OF GRACE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES, INC. YMCA, 68 Maple Street, Executive Meeting Room - 3rd Floor, Summit. Sunday Service, 10:30 am. A Non-Denominational Fellowship which adheres to the Grace and Righteousness of Jesus Christ! Pastor John N. Hogan. For more information call (908) 245-6650. Visitors are welcome. **ASSOCIATED BIBLE STUDENTS**, meetings held at Masonic Lodge, 1912 Morris Avenue Union, NJ. God has a plan and you're in it! We encourage dialog on all scriptural matters, Sunday 1:30 pm - Sermon/Topical Study, 3:00 pm - Bible Study/Topical Study. Sunday School available for children. For more information call (908)686-1923.

MOUNTAINSIDE CHAPEL 1180 Spruce Drive, Mountainside, 232-3456. Dr. Gregory Hagg, Pastor. WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: SUNDAY 9:45 AM - Sunday School for all ages 11:00 AM - MORNING WORSHIP - with Dr. Hagg. Nursery is provided for newborn to 2-year-olds, Children's Churches for 2-year-olds through third grade. 6:00 PM Evening Service (First and third Sundays Care Groups meet). MONDAY 7:00 PM - Junior and Senior High Youth Groups. WEDNESDAY: 7:00 PM - MID-WEEK SERVICE - Family Night Bible Study with Dr. Hagg Christian Service Brigade STOCKADE for boys in, third through sixth grades. PIONEER GIRLS Program for girls in first through ninth grades. 7:45 PM Prayer meeting; Choir Rehearsal.

PRESBYTERIAN

CONNECTICUT FARMS, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Est. 1730, Stuyvesant Ave. and Rt. 22, Union. Summer schedule June 25 to Sept. 3: Sunday worship at 10:15 am. Child care provided during the Worship Service. We have an Adult Chancel Choir - Sound System for the hearing impaired. Coffee Hour Follows the Service. Ample parking. Presbyterian Women Circles meet Monthly. Bible Study group meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 pm. The Living Room - A Support Group for those coping with aged persons - meets 4th Thursday of the month. Full program of Scouting provided. Everyone welcome. Weekday Nursery; School for 2 1/2, 3, and 4 yr. olds available 964-8544. For additional information, please call Church Office 688-3164. Serving Church Community for 265 years. Rev. R. Sidney Pinch, Pastor, 688-3164.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Morris

Ave. and Church Mall, Springfield, 3/9-4320. Sunday Church School Classes for all ages 9:00 a.m., Sunday morning Worship Service 10:15 a.m. with nursery facilities and care provided. Opportunities for personnel growth through Worship, Christian education, youth groups, choir, church activities and fellowship. Sundays: Church School - 9:00 a.m., Worship - 10:15 a.m. Communion first Sunday of each month. Ladies Benevolent Society - 1st Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.; Ladies Evening Group - 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.; Kaffeeklatsch - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Day - 2nd Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m.; Choir - every Thursday at 8:00 p.m.; Jr High Fellowship - 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at 7:30 p.m.; Confirmation Class every Friday at 3:15 p.m. Rev. Jeffrey A. Curtis, Pastor.

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC

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

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

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Visit Your House of Worship This Weekend

Scouts to take on new look and will use new handbook

The Girl Scouts of Washington Rock soon will be sporting a new look.

Oversized sweatshirts, box-pleat skirts, baseball caps, and scrunch socks were some of the additions to the scouts' uniforms announced by the Washington Rock Council.

Following a survey involving girls' and adults' opinions about Girl Scout uniforms, the oldest Girl Scouts — Cadettes, aged 11-14 and Seniors, aged 14-17 — will sport contemporary, fun, sportswear pieces.

The survey of girls between the ages of 11 and 17 was intended to keep the council aware of contemporary fashion trends; the new uniforms reflect Girl Scouting's commitment to be responsive to the needs of today's girls.

In addition to the new uniforms, the Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts will work from different handbooks as well. Research has indicated that girls from each age group expressed unique and specific needs that necessitated separate books for each level. Contemporary issues, such as personal development, relationships and future careers, are among the topics girls requested be covered in the two new books: "The Cadette Girl Scout Handbook" and "A Resource Book for Senior Girl Scouts."

Rhonda Van Antwerp, older girl specialist at Washington Rock Girl Scout Council, announced that the two new Girl Scout handbooks were created following research with girls, adults, and experts in education, religion and psychology.

The "Cadette Girl Scout Handbook" covers a range of topics that girls expressed an interest in: sports, boys, nutrition, self-esteem, interpersonal relations. Each chapter includes a section called "To Consider," which offers provocative questions to stimulate further discussion of relevant issues. Poetry by Girl Scouts — on compatible themes — is woven throughout the handbook.

The new book for Senior Girl Scouts covers topics such as college, careers, and plans for the future, providing solid, useful information that will help older girls make the life choices that lie ahead of them.

Girl Scouts of the USA, the national organization, reviews and updates uniforms, handbooks, and other resources, to remain contemporary with the needs of today's girls.

"Growing up as a young woman can be very challenging," said Mary Rose Main, national executive director of GSUSA.

Resident is recipient of award for deaf

On July 5, Heather Whitestone, Miss America 1995, presented Stephanie Nisivoccia of Springfield with an Alexander Graham Bell Association award for the deaf Heather Whitestone 75 Stars Award, a national education award for deaf students sponsored by the Bell Association in cooperation with the Miss America organization.

Nisivoccia, who will be a seventh-grader at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School this fall, received her award during a ceremony witnessed by a full house at the World Trade Center in Baltimore, Md.

Whitestone presented Nisivoccia with a star medal of honor and a \$1,000 savings bond. Later, Nisivoccia also had the opportunity to return to the stage and ask Whitestone a question.

The awards are named in honor of Whitestone, who is deaf, and her STARS platform for success. This platform motivates youth to realize that "anything is possible" by taking five steps: have a positive attitude; believe in a dream, especially education; work hard; face your obstacles; and build a support team.

Nisivoccia exemplifies these STAR qualities. Fully mainstreamed since kindergarten, Nisivoccia is a high honor roll student. She is involved with the student council as a class representative and was recently elected to the Executive Board of the Student Council as treasurer. Actively involved with her community as well, Nisivoccia is a Girl Scout, a cheerleader and a softball player.

Young deaf students who use a STARS-like approach to achieve success, and who use speech as a method of doing so, were honored by Whitestone during the ceremony. The ceremony in Maryland marked the grand conclusion of this awards program. The total number of awards to be presented, 75, is a tribute to the 75th anniversary of the Miss America Organization.

The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf Heather Whitestone 75 Stars Award was not the first award Nisivoccia has received from the international Bell Association. She is also a past recipient of the association's Arts and Science Financial Award in recognition of her dedication to the arts, especially dance and acrobatics.

As for her future plans, Nisivoccia would like to attend the University of Notre Dame and one day be a member of Congress. She is the daughter of Nancy and Tony Nisivoccia.



Heather Whitestone, Miss America 1995, presents Stephanie Nisivoccia of Springfield with an Alexander Graham Bell Association award for the Deaf Heather Whitestone 75 Stars Award. The awards, sponsored by the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf in cooperation with the Miss America Organization, recognize outstanding deaf students. Nisivoccia received a \$1,000 savings bond and a star medal of honor.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.
NOTICE OF RECALL ELECTION COMMITTEE TO RECALL HERBERT SLOTE FROM THE OFFICE OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07081, NUMBER 7, 1995, GENERAL ELECTION.

To: Ms. Helen Keyworth, Municipal Clerk, Township of Springfield, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081, August 7, 1995.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING REGISTERED VOTERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, 07081, HEREBY SUBMIT THIS LETTER OF INTENTION FOR A RECALL ELECTION AND THE FORMATION OF A RECALL COMMITTEE TO RECALL HERBERT SLOTE FROM THE OFFICE OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEEMAN ON NOVEMBER 7, 1995, AT THE NEXT REGULAR GENERAL ELECTION AS OUTLINED IN ASSEMBLY BILL NOS. 25 and 120.

WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE RECALL COMMITTEE, REQUEST THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, 07081, TO RECALL HERBERT SLOTE FROM THE OFFICE OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEEMAN ON NOVEMBER 7, 1995, AT THE NEXT REGULAR GENERAL ELECTION AS OUTLINED IN ASSEMBLY BILL NOS. 25 and 120.

WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE RECALL COMMITTEE, REQUEST THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, 07081, TO RECALL HERBERT SLOTE FROM HIS CURRENT OFFICE. BY THE RECALL COMMITTEE:

Name: Jo Ann H. Holmes
 Address: 30 Washington Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081
 County of Union
 Signature: Jo Ann H. Holmes

I, JO ANN H. HOLMES CERTIFY THAT I AM A REGISTERED VOTER IN THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICIAL SOUGHT TO BE RECALLED AND THAT I SUPPORT THE RECALL OF THE NAMED OFFICIAL AND I ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH SERVING ON THE RECALL COMMITTEE.

Name: William F. Holmes
 Address: 30 Washington Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081
 County of Union
 Signature: William F. Holmes

I, WILLIAM F. HOLMES, CERTIFY THAT I AM A REGISTERED VOTER IN THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICIAL SOUGHT TO BE RECALLED AND THAT I SUPPORT THE RECALL OF THE NAMED OFFICIAL AND I ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH SERVING ON THE RECALL COMMITTEE.

Name: James J. Elekes
 Address: 150 Short Hills Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081
 County of Union
 Signature: James J. Elekes

I, JAMES J. ELEKES CERTIFY THAT I AM A REGISTERED VOTER IN THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICIAL SOUGHT TO BE RECALLED AND THAT I SUPPORT THE RECALL OF THE NAMED OFFICIAL AND I ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH SERVING ON THE RECALL COMMITTEE.

Name: Helen E. Keyworth
 Address: 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081
 County of Union
 Signature: Helen E. Keyworth

Notice of Intention Received and Approved Date: August 8, 1995
 U2336 Springfield Leader, August 17, 1995 (Fee: \$34.50)

SHERIFF'S SALE
 SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH-752034
 DIVISION: CHANCERY
 COUNTY: UNION
 DOCKET NO. F328594
 PLAINTIFF: SPRINGFIELD PARK PLACE, CO.

DEFENDANT: ROSE BAUM AKA ROSE SENERCHIA ET ALS
 WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: APRIL 18, 1995

SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 6TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER A.D. 1995

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, in the FREEHOLDERS MEETING ROOM, 6th FLOOR, in the Administration Building, in the City of Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of the date indicated, the property to be sold is located in the Township of Springfield, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as Unit C106 in Springfield Park Condominiums, 955 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, together with an undivided 231 percentage interest in the Common Elements

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE 1995 TAX SALE NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Collector of Taxes of the Borough of Mountainside, Union County, N.J., will sell at public auction on the 8th day of September, 1995 in the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, N.J., at One (1) O'clock in the afternoon, the following described lands.

The said lands will be sold to make the amount of municipal liens chargeable against the same on the 8th day of September, 1994, together with interest and costs, exclusive, however, of the lien for taxes for the year 1995. Said lands will be sold in fee to such persons as will purchase the same, subject to redemption at the lowest rate of interest but in no case in excess of Eighteen (18) Percent Per Annum. Payment for the sale shall be made before the conclusion of the sale or the property will be resold.

Any parcel or real property for which there shall be no other purchase will be struck off and sold to the municipality in the fee for redemption at Eighteen (18) Percent Per Annum and the municipality shall have the right to foreclose the right to redemption. The sale shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 Chapter 5 of Title 54, Revised Statutes of New Jersey, 1937 and amendments thereto.

At any time before the sale the undersigned will receive payment of the amount due on the property with interest and costs incurred up to the time of payment by certified check or cash.

The said lands so subject to sale described in accordance with the tax duplicate, including the name of the owner as shown on the last tax duplicate and the total amount due thereon respectively on the 8th day of September, 1995, exclusive of the lien for taxes for 1995 are as listed below.

U2334 Mountainside Echo, August 17, 1995

Tax Lot No.: 2.02 In Block 143
 Nearest Cross Streets: South Springfield Avenue, between Belvedere Drive and Route 22

JUDGEMENT AMOUNT: TWO HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT THOUSAND TWENTY NINE DOLLARS AND TWENTY ONE CENTS (\$258,029.21)

ATTORNEY: WILF & SILVERMAN, SUITE 201, 820 MORRIS TURNPIKE, SHORT HILLS, NJ 07078

SHERIFF: RALPH FRICHLICH, FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO DOLLARS AND THIRTY NINE CENTS TOTAL JUDGEMENT AMOUNT: (\$271,672.39)

U2174 Springfield Leader, August 10, 17, August 24, 31, 1995 (Fee: \$83.00)

PLANNING BOARD BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the September public meeting of the Mountainside Planning Board has been rescheduled from Sept. 14 to Sept. 7, 1995 at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ.

Ruth M. Rees, Secretary
 U2347 Mountainside Echo, August 17, 1995 (Fee: \$5.75)

NOTICE OF HEARING PLANNING BOARD TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield by New Jersey Semi-Conductor Products, Inc. for preliminary and final site plan approval for a proposed building addition. In connection therewith, variance relief is sought from the rear yard setback requirement of 50 feet whereas the proposed addition is 27.46 feet from the rear property line. The Applicant shall seek such variance relief as may be necessary as evidenced by the plans now on file or as may be modified at the request of the Planning Board. This application is made for premises located at 20 Stern Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, Block 119, Lot 1. This application is now calendar No. 8-95S on the clerk's calendar, and a public hearing has been ordered for 8:00 p.m., September 6, 1995, in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, Block 119, Lot 1. This application is now calendar No. 10-95S on the clerk's calendar, and a public hearing has been ordered for 8:00 P.M., September 6, 1995, in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey and when the calendar is called, you may appear either in person or by agent or attorney, and present any objections which you may have to the granting of this application. All papers pertaining to this application may be seen at the office of the Administrative Officer of the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield located in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Street, Springfield, N.J.

JAY L. KLOUD, Attorney for Applicant
 U2335 Springfield Leader, August 17, 1995 (Fee: \$14.25)

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Revised Statutes of New Jersey, 1937 Title 54, Chapter 5, and the amendments and supplements thereto "An Act concerning unpaid taxes, assessments and other municipal charges and real property and providing for the collection thereof, by the creation and enforcement of liens," together with the general laws of the State, the undersigned Collector of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey will sell at Public Auction in the Town Hall, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey at 2:30 P.M. on Tuesday, the 5th day of September, 1995, the property described and listed below. Said properties will be sold for the amount chargeable against said lands on the 5th day of September, 1995 as computed and shown on the list.

Said property will be sold in fee to such persons as will purchase the same, subject to the redemption at the lowest rate of interest, but in no case in excess of Eighteen Percent (18%) per annum. Provided that if any person at such sale shall offer to purchase subject to redemption at a rate of interest less than One percent (1%) per annum, then such person may, in lieu of any rate of interest, offer a premium over and above the amount of taxes, assessments, and other charges, plus the highest premium.

The purchase price of any property must be paid before the conclusion of the sale by cash, certified check or money order, or the property will be resold.

Any parcel or real estate for which there shall be no other purchaser, will be struck off and sold to the Township of Springfield, in the County of Union, at a fee for redemption at Eighteen percent (18%) per annum, and the municipality shall have the same rights and remedies as other purchasers, including the right to bar or foreclose the right of redemption.

At any time before the sale, the Collector will receive payment of the amount due on any property with interest and costs incurred up to the time of payment by certified check or cash.

The said properties to be sold and the names of the persons against whom said taxes, assessments and charges are due, including interest to September 5, 1995 are set forth below.

Given under my hand this 10th day of August, 1995.

Corinne Eckmann, Collector of Taxes, Township of Springfield

Township of Springfield Tax Sale Notice

No.	Block/Lot	Location	Owner	Amount Due
1.	21/10	34 Lewis Dr.	Elaine McConkey	2,523.74
2.	26/24	23 Battle Hill Ave.	Ruben Snider	3,746.43
3.	28/29	30 Colonial Terr.	Antonio & Arnalia Ferreira	3,746.01
4.	58/7	14 Robin Ct.	Raymond Byk	2,211.25
5.	61/15	205 Bryant Ave.	Gerald J. & Inconronata Quaglietta	5,750.06
6.	84/53	276 Mountain Ave.	Joan K. Faber	5,397.68
7.	88/14	117 Warwick Cir.	Joseph & Mary Ann Damiano	5,066.74
8.	92/4	185 Hawthorn Ave.	Iliana Margolius	4,843.29
9.	96/7	111 Troy Dr.	Linda Woodson	6,155.79
10.	96/26	210 Shunpike Rd.	Est. of Jessie Day	3,266.86
11.	96/29	220 Shunpike Rd.	Harlo & Enelia Scarcia	1,302.84
12.	116-01/28-01	116-01/28-01	Anthony J. DeVino	6,847.75
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14.	123/29-01	70 Diven St.	Edsel Westerfield	1,175.50
15.	125/5	26 Ruby St.	Marion Wyche	1,178.71
16.	125/14-01	72 Ruby St.	Margaret Brown	1,837.90
17.	143/32	Route 22	Paul & Barbara Gaglioli	26,292.74
18.	CR-01			
19.	143/2-02	955 So. Springfield Ave-2502	Alexander L. Jr. & Noreen M. Garron	3,897.49
19.	180/9	43 Tree Top Dr.	Rolf W. & Eleanor Gassler	9,350.04

U2333 Springfield Leader, August 17, 1995 (Fee: \$46.00)

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE 1995 TAX SALE NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Collector of Taxes of the Borough of Mountainside, Union County, N.J., will sell at public auction on the 8th day of September, 1995 in the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, N.J., at One (1) O'clock in the afternoon, the following described lands.

The said lands will be sold to make the amount of municipal liens chargeable against the same on the 8th day of September, 1994, together with interest and costs, exclusive, however, of the lien for taxes for the year 1995. Said lands will be sold in fee to such persons as will purchase the same, subject to redemption at the lowest rate of interest but in no case in excess of Eighteen (18) Percent Per Annum. Payment for the sale shall be made before the conclusion of the sale or the property will be resold.

Any parcel or real property for which there shall be no other purchase will be struck off and sold to the municipality in the fee for redemption at Eighteen (18) Percent Per Annum and the municipality shall have the right to foreclose the right to redemption. The sale shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 Chapter 5 of Title 54, Revised Statutes of New Jersey, 1937 and amendments thereto.

At any time before the sale the undersigned will receive payment of the amount due on the property with interest and costs incurred up to the time of payment by certified check or cash.

The said lands so subject to sale described in accordance with the tax duplicate, including the name of the owner as shown on the last tax duplicate and the total amount due thereon respectively on the 8th day of September, 1995, exclusive of the lien for taxes for 1995 are as listed below.

U2334 Mountainside Echo, August 17, 1995

Women put scholar back into scholarship

By Melissa Kress
 Staff Writer

Fed up with the financial aid system for higher learning, two New Jersey women quit their jobs and decided to do something about it.

Linda Paras of Red Bank and Ellen Manning of Sea Bright started the Scholarship Foundation of America Inc. because they were outraged that 96 percent of student aid is given based on ethnicity, need and other criteria, not on scholastic ability. They feel that the term "scholarship" has lost its original meaning of rewarding excellence.

"Isn't something wrong with this picture when we aren't giving out scholarships to scholars?" said Paras, president of the foundation.

In April 1994, *USA Today* published an article about the foundation and the next day the office was overwhelmed with phone calls and letters from parents all around the country, Paras said.

"There is a real void in this country, and it is called middle class," she said.

The Scholarship Foundation of America Inc. doesn't receive any money from the state and federal governments. Instead the funding comes from private and corporate donations as well as fund-raising events, she said.

One of the biggest problems is that

Fortune 500 companies are sending recruiters to the top colleges looking for the top students and not finding them because the top students couldn't afford to pay the tuition and they couldn't get scholarships based on academic excellence, Paras said.

"It's a national issue, but New Jersey has some of the most gifted and talented students in the country, and I'm not just talking about SAT scores," she said.

"Ninety percent of the Distinguished Scholars are leaving the state, however they only get the Distinguished Scholar money if they go to school in state. I think that is ludicrous," Paras said.

The Scholarship Foundation of America Inc. is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to recognizing, rewarding and supporting the educational and career goals of the country's outstanding high school and college students.

Scholarships are awarded on merit in four different categories: technological innovations, academics, visual arts, and performing arts. They are given out by a panel of 84 judges who are high profile people in their own right. Some of them include Anna Strasberg, director of the Lee Strasberg Theatre Institute, London, Los Angeles, New York; John Karsnitz, professor and chairman of the Depart-

ment of Technological Studies at Trenton State College; and Linda Brody, director, Study of Exceptional Talent — Center for Talented Youth, Johns Hopkins University.

The foundation was started as a nonprofit organization in 1992, but it wasn't designated tax exempt by the federal government until 1993.

In the past two years the foundation has awarded over 70 scholarships. However, it is not just about providing scholarships.

"We're in our infancy stage right now. We intend to be the largest nonprofit educational organization in the country," she said.

Paras has sent information about the scholarship foundation to guidance counselors across the state several times and has placed a billboard in Union County on Chestnut Street to inform students in the state that there is help available.

"Guidance counselors are not giving out the information. They are telling students and their parents that they can get scholarships based on academics, but that is a myth," Paras said.

For more information, write to Linda Paras, President, Scholarship Foundation of America Inc., 55 Highway 35, Suite 5, Red Bank, NJ 07701 or call (908) 747-0028.

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SPORTS

CBSA service could prove beneficial

Area student-athletes enroll in college recruiting program

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

Somebody once proclaimed that, "There are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of."

There are also more opportunities for student-athletes to attend a college of their choice than they realize exist.

But how do student-athletes, and we're not talking about the very small percentage Blue-Chip standouts, investigate all of the possibilities that are out there?

In most cases, high school coaches, athletic directors and guidance counselors are only able to help in a minimal way, their time limited as it is.

ONE SERVICE THAT HAS PROVED VERY BENEFICIAL to many of the student-athletes in the Worrall Community Newspapers readership area is called College Bound Student-Athletes.

If you're an outstanding high school student-athlete, no doubt you have dreams of playing your sport in college while earning a college degree. Such dreams are not unreasonable.

However, the first step in a high school student-athlete's collegiate career could begin with CBSA, a program that will enhance the personal communication between high school student-athletes and college coaches throughout the nation.

For a one-time participation fee of \$595, CBSA will try to provide maximum exposure for the high school student-athlete. Each representative develops an easy-to-read, in-depth profile page with photos, including the individual boy or girl's athletic and academic accomplishments and pertinent statistics before mailing CBSA's extensive data bank to contact the colleges targeted that may best suit that student's needs.

"WE CAN'T GUARANTEE GRANTS IN AID OR scholarships, but we can provide maximum exposure for the young man or young woman to at least have the best opportunity to get athletic or financial aid and find a place he or she will really enjoy going to college," CBSA regional director James Wilkes said.

Here are six reasons why CBSA suggests that a student-athlete should sign-up now:

1. College financial aid is often decided by "qualified" student-athletes on a "first come first serve basis." Each day that goes by a family limits themselves to any opportunities at the collegiate level therefore decreasing their chances of receiving financial help.

2. The sooner a college coach knows about the student-athlete, the longer that coach and student-athlete have to become familiar with each other. Therefore, there is a much better chance of receiving an athletic scholarship or financial help.

3. **THE SOONER A COLLEGE KNOWS ABOUT A** student-athlete, the longer period of time that student-athlete will have to make an educated decision in determining if it is the "right" college for him/her.

4. CBSA and its scouting representatives' recruiting expertise will be able to be accessed and used for a much greater period of time, therefore increasing the odds for a student-athlete to receive exactly what he/she wants from a college.

5. The student-athlete will attain early information and feedback on what a particular coach(es) and college(s) requires of him/her academically and athletically to play at their university. Therefore the student-athlete will have plenty of time to do the necessary things that are required of them at the high school level to enter that particular college(s).

6. **CBSA HAS A ONE-TIME FEE. THEREFORE THE** sooner a student-athlete and their family sign-up the more profile updates, mailouts and service they receive for their dollar.

CBSA wants to help families do it right the first time by helping to make college recruiting an enjoyable experience, not a frustrating one.

A number of the top athletes in the area have and are benefitting from the CBSA service. Among them are Union County residents Dan Albanese, Brian Murphy and Brett Lassetter of Union, Jared Parascand and Alfie Critelli of Summit, James Kidd of Linden, Steve Florio of Springfield and Kristen Sarnowski and Bridget Domofino of Clark Essex County residents include Dolly Makle of Glen Ridge, Chris Froelich of Maplewood, Frank Tortorello of Belleville and Jodi Baumgardner of Bloomfield.

"I ENROLLED BRETT LAST NOVEMBER AND WE HEARD from more than 50 schools within three weeks," Brett's mom Barbara said. "It did what the guidance counselor should have done."

Brett will leave Aug. 18 for Shenandoah College, a Division 3 school in Winchester, Virginia. A standout goalkeeper for Union's boys' soccer team last fall, Brett wanted to go away to small school and continue his playing career.

Lisa Rattino (UHS athletic director) and Jim Jeskey (UHS soccer coach) were excellent, but because of CBSA we were able to hear from so many different schools," Barbara said. "Brett wanted to go to a small school after feeling like a number at Union and wanted more of a 1-on-1 touch, especially after he lost his father last year. Shenandoah graduated only 267 students last year."

Brett is also an excellent student and graduated UHS with a 3.25 grade-point average. There is currently only one goalie ahead of him on the depth chart at Shenandoah and he should receive plenty of playing time.

"THE \$595 FEE IS A LOT OF MONEY, BUT I FEEL the service is well worth it," Barbara said. "The person I dealt with (regional director Anthony Uva) was not pushy at all and did not make me feel like I had to enroll Brett."

"I really didn't know how to go about helping Brett look for a college. CBSA helped open a lot of doors for him. I will enroll my daughter Jill (a sophomore girls' soccer standout) this year."

James Kidd was one of the top defensive backs in Union County last year for the Linden Tigers football team. He has already taken classes at St. Peter's College in Jersey City, where he will play football and possibly basketball.

"He got calls from schools all over, including Nebraska," James' mom Laura said. "He received a lot of responses right away and then visited some of the schools."

ACCORDING TO LAURA, JAMES HAD TO TAKE a college prep course this summer, a class he could have taken in 8th grade.

"I wish they would have told him then that he needed to take the course," Laura said.

Although James' mother said that she felt the price of CBSA's service was, "kind of high," she would recommend it based on the amount of feedback James received.

Kristen Sarnowski, a standout girls' soccer player, will not graduate from Johnson Regional until next June. However, her parents enrolled her in the CBSA program two years ago when she was only a sophomore.

"We've heard from well over 100 schools," Kristen's mom Lorraine said. "We've heard from schools as far away as California."

KRISTEN'S RESUME HAS BEEN UPDATED AND A SECOND mailing has been released.

"We felt Kristen was a gifted athlete based on the soccer honors she earned as a freshman and decided this was a way to give her every opportunity to find out as much as she could about a large number of different schools," Lorraine said. "We see the service as a way to survey colleges. The schools have kept in touch and Kristen gets mail every day, enough that it has outgrown a file box."

Kristen, also very strong academically, has a desire to continue her soccer playing days in college.

"I think the service helps parents a great deal," Lorraine said. "It takes a lot of time to obtain information about colleges and send out that information as well. CBSA does a very professional job and they are willing to work with coaches as well."

"JAMES WILKES HAS BEEN VERY EASY TO WORK WITH and I don't think a lot of parents could do the mailings that they do. I would recommend the service for someone who is looking to receive exposure from a wide range of schools."

Bloomfield High School standout softball catcher Jodi Baumgardner is also getting ready for her senior year. She has heard from more than 100 schools since enrolling last fall.

"CBSA is not for the Blue Chip athlete because the coaches already know who they are," Jodi's dad Jay said. "It's for the mid-range to upper mid-range athlete. Jodi has received a lot of responses from middle-size and smaller private schools."

Jodi, who also plays soccer, is looking to continue her softball career on the next level.

"Each sport has a different deadline," Jay said. "We enrolled Jodi last year because by the time her senior softball season begins, that might be too late for her to make a decision."

THE BAUMGARDNER'S ALREADY HAVE ONE COLLEGE student-athlete in the family in baseball player Jason, who is at Elon College in Burlington, N.C.

"This would have been a good service for my son because it would have given him the chance to hear from a lot of schools," Jay said. "Schools could have been chasing him."

Jay Baumgardner realizes that the CBSA service isn't for every student-athlete and that it depends on what the individual is looking for.

"I would recommend CBSA for the average to good player that is up in the air and flexible about where they might want to go," Jay said. "If an athlete is looking to just stay in state then I don't think they need this."

In addition to what CBSA is doing for Jodi, Jay has followed up by supplementing her resume to coaches at larger schools.

"THEY MAY LOOK AT THE RESUME PROVIDED BY CBSA and just put it aside," Jay said. "I like to follow up with additional information. The next step is providing a video."

Jodi has already had visits to Penn State and Bucknell and to some large southern schools.

"James Wilkes has done a good job of following up and has been a big help," Jay said.

Alfie Critelli, a first-team All-Area baseball selection this past spring, playing pitcher, first base and third base, was enrolled in the program last year.

"He's heard from plenty of schools and has at least 100 letters here," his mom Anna said. "However, he's also received about 30 letters pertaining to football and we didn't pay a cent for those."

PLAYING BASEBALL IN A PAL TOURNAMENT IN Indianapolis, Ind. at the moment, Alfie is looking to play Division 1 baseball after graduating next June.

"We started to hear from a lot of schools right away, but not many Division 1 schools," Anna said. "With Alfie's ability, I expected a little more in the way of a response."

Alfie's father has sent out additional statistics and letters of his own to Division 1 schools, supplementing CBSA's effort.

"I would recommend the service to an athlete looking to play in Division 2 of 3," Anna said. "Alfie is rated very high, has been to five pro camps and attended Seton Hall's Baseball Camp. "He wants to get a chance to play at the Division 1 level, but if not then Division 2."

When asked about CBSA's fee, Anna did not mince words.

"I didn't think it was a fare fee," Anna said. "However, we were told about another service that charges \$1500 and only deals with Division 1 schools, but we felt their contract was a little shaky."

One of the reasons for the Critelli's going ahead with the CBSA service was the cooperativeness of its directors.

"I've been dealing with James Wilkes and he has shown that he's interested in Alfie's ability," Anna said. "He also listens to what we have to say."

CBSA REPORTS THAT DAN ALBANESE WILL CONTINUE his baseball career at Davis & Elkins College in West Virginia, Brian Murphy will play football at Robert Morris College in Coropolis, Pa., Jared Parascand will play football at Western New England College in Springfield, Mass., Steve Florio will play football at Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, Pa., Dolly Makle will play football at the University of New Haven, Chris Froelich will wrestle at Bloomsburg State and Frank Tortorello will play football at FDU-Madison.

CBSA has increased the odds for thousands of top male and female student-athletes in 26 different sports. Scholarships have been awarded by universities such as Penn State, Washington State, Bowling Green, University of Miami, Fla. and many, many others.

More information about CBSA may be obtained by contacting James Wilkes or Anthony Uva at their Rutherford office at 201-935-2819.



Photo By Michael Ziegler

CBSA Northeast regional directors James Wilkes, left, and Anthony Uva have helped many area student-athletes find the college they were looking for.

Success ratio high for CBSA's clients

Right connection is possible

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

College Bound Student-Athletes usually hooks up with about 25 percent of the student-athletes it contacts. Out of that number, about 80 percent find success through the service in landing a college situation according to regional director James Wilkes.

"We feel we're a service that can provide the right connection between a student-athlete and a college that can meet his or her proper match," said Wilkes, who graduated from Columbia High School (a tennis and basketball player) and Pepperdine University.

Who should use a recruiting service such as CBSA? Its director, CBSA founder Kevin Gemas, recommends that you ask the following questions before signing up with any recruiting service.

"What specific services will be provided for my fee? How will you select the schools my name will be referred to? How often will my profile be distributed and to how many schools? What is your track record at placing athletes and Who can I contact for references?"

"We can't guarantee every student will receive financial aid or a scholarship; however, we can tilt the odds in the student's favor with maximum exposure," Wilkes said.

Recommended reading

One book on the market CBSA recommends their clients to purchase is entitled, *Winning An Athletic Scholarship, What You Need To Know*. Published by FPMI Communications, Inc. and written by Dennis K. Reischl, content includes: The Range of Opportunities, Understanding the Recruiting Process, Problems and Glitches, How to Help Yourself and Making a Solid Decision.

A number of college coaches are quoted in the book about what they look for in a recruit. Appendices include NCAA men's sports, NCAA women's sports, NAIA men's sports NAIA women's sports and information about what the Letter of Intent.

Iowa head football coach Hayden Fry says: "Character is a huge factor in recruiting athletes for our team. Face it, there are a lot of big, fast talented athletes out there and most teams have their share of them. But ultimately you win with character."

Mankato State University head women's basketball coach Joan Anderson says: "When I evaluate high school players I look for three things, in this order. What kind of *person* is she, what kind of *student* is she and what kind of *athlete* is she."

The author, Dennis K. Reischl, is a former high school and college student-athlete and has helped his own son make his way through the recruiting process. "There are many educational aspects to recruiting pointed out in the book," Wilkes said. "After reading it, student-athletes should feel a lot more prepared to deal with the process. It accentuates the need to take an active approach toward finding the right school."

Winning An Athletic Scholarship, What You Need To Know can be ordered by calling 1-800-974-6697 or writing: Company 2000 W62, N179 Washington Avenue Cedarburg, Wisconsin 53012.

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Schools strive to keep up with changes in technology

By George W. Salzmann
Staff Writer

Computers are hot items in Union County's schools.

With the pace of the information age running beyond the scope of many, the school districts of Union County have been working feverishly to keep up with technology's swift stride.

The Union County Regional High School District has been busy keeping up with the cutting-edge of technology, according to Jonathan Dayton High School Principal Charles Serson.

The district's primary focus has been on increasing both the amount and usage of computers within the district, in order to increase "on-line" communication within the school system.

Last year, managed to establish two 20-computer labs in each of the three schools. The 486-DX PC-compatible com-

puters utilize a variety of Microsoft business-oriented programs.

Serson estimated that 190 staff members have been computer-trained, so far. He also said that a "good portion of his staff are quite competent with computer hardware and software."

As a result, the need for centralized information sections within the school has decreased tremendously. This is directly in accordance to the district's philosophy. "We can't teach students something that we're not using in our own industry," said Serson.

Beginning this year, the district will be offering specialized computer courses in desk-top publishing and spreadsheets and databases as well.

Serson said the regional district is using computer robotics and a Versa-CAD system for its science and technology departments. The district also is planning to use a Math-

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Districts try to keep up on today's technology

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CAD system to aid students in mathematics, he added.

The district plans to implement computers in its music and home economics programs as well.

Computers have found their way into classrooms as early as the elementary grades, in Union Township, according to Technology Coordinator Joseph DiStephen.

DiStephen says elementary students receive a minimum of 20 hours of computer time each year. Students are given instruction with a number of spreadsheet and database programs on the district's Apple II-style computers.

Central Five-Jefferson School students use computers primarily as instructional aides, DiStephen said.

There are two computers located in each classroom, DiStephen said. The 76-computer system is networked into a main-server located in the computer room. This system enabled the school to create a centralized educational network that enables students to use educational software in English, Science and Math in addition to their classroom structure.

This system is not only beneficial to students, but to teachers as well. The software automatically scores the students' work, and gauges his or her progress.

"The computer will tell the teacher if the student is performing at, above, or below grade-level," DiStephen said.

Sixth- and seventh-grade students in the district's middle schools are given computer

experience in the district's cycle program.

Learners are exposed to a variety of Macintosh-based word-processing, database, and spreadsheet programs, such as Claris Works and Paintbrush.

Eighth-graders have the option of taking a half-year computer course as well.

High School students use computers extensively in their business, Advanced Placement, and Industrial Arts programs. The school has two 25-PC-based computer labs, which support software for word-processing, database and spreadsheet instruction for business students, and for PASCAL-programming for the district's Advanced Placement programs as well.

The Industrial Arts program recently received a Computer Aided Design system from a local engineering firm. Use of this system will give industrial design-oriented students hands-on experience with an industrial version of the CAD system.

The high school also is incorporating computers into its Scholastic Aptitude Test Study Program.

During lunch hour, SAT-prospective students have the option of using the district's systems' SAT study materials to better-prepare themselves for the exam.

DiStephen said that students can dial into the SAT study system from their homes.

The high school's Science Department is also in the process of integrating computers into its curriculum. According to DiStephen, the teaching staff has familiarized itself with Macintosh-based computer software that

works in conjunction with a variety of laboratory equipment.

Union Township students, last year, took part in a pilot program involving Union-based Suburban Cablevision and a Hackensack-based company called Instructional Systems.

Students were given computers and were placed on-line with the school's main system, via the cable company's fiber-optic cable system. Using a special splitter-system, students were able to use a variety of educational software from the school while their family members watched television.

Looking to the future, DiStephen would like to see the district upgrade the Apple II

computers with newer, PC and Macintosh compatible machines.

The Rahway School District has taken an innovative approach toward implementing computers in their curriculum.

According to Gail Rubenstein, program director of technology, computers, in the past three years, have managed to find their way into the lives of practically every student within the school.

Students in Rahway are introduced to computers as early as kindergarten, Rubenstein said.

The district uses a variety of educational software designed to enrich the learning process.

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Marks not only Marx plus; scores high on all fields

By Mark Crudele
Staff Writer

Gregory Marx is a typical student.

Forget about the 4.41 grade-point average, the 1,580 score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test and the fact he's ranked number one in the entering senior class at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield.

Why? Because he does.

This easy-going teen has to overcome the same pressures that all high school students face. He's thinking about the future after school while he is presently part of the class that is the leaders of the student body.

Senior year is a time of closure, and he knows before he can tackle the challenges which lie ahead, he must first put this portion of his life behind.

"I'm ready for college," said Marx. "I went to a summer college-like program where there was a lot of reading and we lived in a dorm, so I'm excited about that."

"But it's sort of scary when you think that you're being separated from the friends you've had and people you've known for most of your life. I want to make the most of the year," he said.

For this honors' student, planning for life after high school means college.

Thanks to his high score on last spring's SAT, Marx will not take the standardized test during the fall of senior year like most students do. He'll use that time to concentrate on another pressing concern of 12th-graders: choosing a college.

"I've visited some schools already," said Greg, "and I kind of know what kind of college I'm looking for. I definitely know I don't want to go to a school in a city."

The time-consuming process of picking a school, which most high schoolers begin to concentrate on in their junior year, involves visiting colleges, considering what the chances are of being accepted, and finally applying.

Marx said the colleges he is thinking about include Princeton University, Sarah Lawrence College, Dartmouth College and Brown University.

A starter on three varsity sports this year, he is a textbook case of how to balance school with an outside life. Sure, his busy life puts pressure on himself, but that's the way he likes it.

"I like to keep involved," explained the 17-year-old Springfield resident. "I'm in National Honor Society, French Honor Society and Math Club. I'm also captain of the cross-country

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Gregory Marx, a senior at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, looks through the card catalog in the school's library.

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Marx knows he must take on new challenge

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team, play small forward on the basketball team and play third base on baseball."

How does he pull off participating in all those activities, getting his high grades and having an outside life too?

"I don't do anything else," smirked Marx.

"I concentrate on what I have to do in school," he said. "I spend time with my girlfriend of two years and my friends on weekends. I don't work and have no other major commitments."

And when it comes to studying, he does it.

Marx said the secret to his success is that his parents never pressured him to do well.

"I don't feel a lot of pressure to do well because I want to do well," he said. "My dad always tells me, 'Do what you do in school for yourself,' and I have."

"If I was pressured, I might have enjoyed the academic experience less. Sure, when you

'I'm ready for college. I went to a summer college-like program where there was a lot of reading and we lived in a dorm, so I'm excited about that.'

— Gregory Marx
Student

have a good teacher and a good class, you are able to learn. But if I had been pressured at an early age, I don't think I would have done as well."

"I've always liked learning," he added.

Marx said other pressure comes from people outside of his family. "People always expect me to do well, and that puts some pressure on me," he said.

But admittedly, his parents did lay the groundwork for him by sending Marx to a unique school as a 2-year-old that helped prepare him for elementary school.

"It got me really into learning," he said of the Montessori School, which he considers "a product of the '60s. Then when I started first grade, I knew a lot of what they were teaching."

His scope of knowledge and academic accomplishments set him up for a wide choice of careers. But he says he is leaning toward teaching when he gets out of college.

"My interests are in literature and history," he said, "so I'm possibly looking at education, where there are jobs in those fields. I want to be able to do something that interests me."



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On a number of occasions members have visited area schools to speak about ecology. In preparation for this, several Benedictine Academy students have attended workshops that are geared for elementary school teachers at Flat Rock Brook Nature Center in Englewood.

"Because of their thorough background in the environment, some of our students were chosen to train side by side with teachers," proudly states Dr. Bernardini, science department chairperson and club moderator.

When visiting a school academy girls lead their students in various games with an environmental theme such as the food chain and bird migration to name a couple.

Recent graduate Sandra Silvestre who visited several schools over the last two years states, "There's a lot of young people can do to better the condition of our environment. Each one of us can do our share. I think most young people want to contribute to its improvement and once they learn what they can do, they're very excited about helping. You don't have to wait until you are an adult before you can start to make a difference."



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Student involvement a key to open doors at colleges

By Mark Crudele
Staff Writer

For many high school students, the four years of hard work they put in is rewarded with a diploma — and admission to a college of their choice.

Area guidance counselors agree that a major motivation for high-schoolers for doing well in school is to get into college.

The search for a college begins early in the high school career of a student, when guidance counselors advise pupils of what kinds of courses colleges are looking for them to take.

Because of the competitiveness of college admission, the courses that students take and the rank of those courses could be a deciding factor in admission.

Students are advised to get involved in their high school's extracurricular activities and in sports, because colleges do look at levels of participation.

And high-schoolers also are encouraged to study at programs in the summer, and to get involved in community service.

High school students are advised to think about what kind of careers they would like to have, and even take a standardized test that determines in which career they would be most comfortable.

By the time junior year rolls around, counselors begin to work with students to determine particular colleges that they think they would like to attend. Students are

encouraged to visit those universities and formulate opinions of what their ideal college is like.

Spring of the junior year is when students first face the SAT. That test, usually taken by high school students in the spring of the junior year and the fall of the senior year, is a nationally administered aptitude test used as a gauge by most colleges in this part of the country.

Colleges used tests like the Scholastic Aptitude Test and the ACT because they are the only standardized device that can compare candidates from different high schools. Many students and guidance counselors are very critical of the tests, but regardless of their differences, they do afford equal opportunity to each college-bound student.

Institutions will send students literature telling them what kind of scores they expect potential attendees to have. And high school guidance departments usually track which of their students were accepted by colleges and what those students' college board scores were. Then they can determine the range of scores in which colleges are interested.

Those who plan to take the SAT usually also take the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test in the fall of their junior year. That test gives students an idea of what it feels like to take the SAT, but the score does not count. However, PSAT scores are used to determine National Merit finalists.

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Getting in college more than just good grades

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Preparing students to take the SAT has become a profitable business for companies like The Princeton Review and Kaplan Educational Centers, which tutor students on shortcuts and help them become more familiar with the test.

The summer of college-bound students' junior year usually consists of visiting colleges. By that time, students have an idea of colleges they are seriously interested in attending. The visit serves as a way to examine a college in greater detail, along with getting a feeling for the campus and its surroundings.

By the beginning of senior year, students start applying to schools. They can apply for early admission, which lets the student know by January if he/she has been accepted, but also requires the student attend that school.

Normal college applications usually are due by December, with the student being notified of the school's decision in March. Students are normally required to write an essay, possibly of the school's choice, along with providing them with their transcript containing all their academic records. Additionally, an application fee of anywhere from \$50 to \$150 is required for each school, making just applying to a school an expensive proposition.

Students are advised to apply to around half-a-dozen schools. Judging by their high school academic records and standardized test scores, guidance counselors recommend they apply to a couple which they are sure they could be accepted to, a couple schools

in which they are an average student, and a couple schools for which it is a stretch for them to be accepted.

Colleges tell high schools the first thing they usually look at is a student's SAT score. And since they tell students what their average accepted score is, students pretty much know when they apply the chances of their being accepted.

Second, colleges say they usually look at the student's high school record. According to a survey conducted by the National Association of College Admission Counselors, grades in college prep courses are "considerably important" for 82 percent of admissions officers from participating colleges. Officers said class rank and a high grade-point average also are important.

The student's application is closely scrutinized. They look at the student's essay and writing samples, teacher recommendations and a recommendation from the student's guidance counselor. Some colleges also require a personal interview with the student, sometimes conducted by an alumni.

Next, schools look at participation in extra-curricular activities like sports or clubs.

While high schools have traditionally instructed students to be "well rounded," meaning they are involved in a wide range of activities, universities are now tending to prefer candidates they term "angular," which means they have strong involvement in one or two activities.

Admissions officers like Bill Fitzsimmons, dean of admissions at Harvard University, have stated that they are looking for students who excel at something, inside of students who are very good at everything, but excel at nothing.

Membership in academic organizations like National Honor Society also is encouraged in high school, and most members join the organization so it will appear on their college transcript. However, the importance of membership is not conclusive. Forty-four percent of the college admissions officers who were surveyed said student recognition programs like NHS have no importance at all to them.

Colleges also look at community service, responsibilities such as work, and any other factors they deem important.

Where a student lives is also a factor.

Schools usually like to admit proportionately equal numbers of students from every state, with the exception of the school's home state. So guidance counselors tell students it would probably be harder for a New Jersey resident to be accepted to an out-of-state school than it would be for one from Alaska.

But area students still manage to get accepted to top institutions. For example, guidance counselors report that Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield annually has a large number of students accepted to the University of Pennsylvania. And other schools have reported the same types of trends. Many high schools in Union County are nationally known, which means transcripts of students who attended those schools will probably be given better treatment by admissions officers.

Guidance counselors say they must constantly keep up with the latest trends of college admissions officers to know for what kinds of students they are looking. And it is always a guessing game as to what college admissions officers from each individual school are expecting in an incoming student.

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The positives of public and private schools

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

The benefits of public and private schools may vary in content, but in the long run it's parents who must determine the type of education for their children.

"We live in a society where people have the choice to choose," said Ted Jakubowski, acting superintendent of the Union Township School District. "The parents have the responsibility to choose for their child what they believe is most appropriate. For example," he stated, "some may value the religious environment that a parochial school may have to offer. I do believe the final decision is one that each individual family must make for itself."

Jakubowski explained that "other parents may be looking for the wide diversity that a public school has to offer. I believe, however, that every parent has the moral obligation to consider what is in the best interest of their particular child and then act accordingly."

"For example: I am a product of parochial education because that's what my parents chose for me. It was a very good experience. However, my children are a product of public education, as a matter of fact, right here in Union, and I am extremely pleased with the education they have received."

"I believe," he said, "public schools may offer more options. At the high school level, it may be the other way around. I am a product of parochial education, but I chose to send my children to public schools. I don't

believe that educators are in the business to compare one school to another. We are all in the business of teaching, guiding and helping kids, and individual parents should choose where they feel or believe their child is best serviced."

As far as dress codes are concerned, Jakubowski said, "dress codes may be part of the personality of the particular school, and parents are aware of that before they select that institution. They have that choice."

Sister Margaret William, principal of St. Michael's Catholic School, Union, with 363 children enrolled, grades pre-kindergarten to eight, said she believed that "we are certainly on an equal basis with the public schools. We frequently work very closely with the particular schools in our area."

Among some of the differences between public and private schools are the tuition required in parochial schools. "There are two phases of means of tuition," said the principal. "One part is given by those participating in the church and the other is from those not involved in church activities. The collections made in the church are donated to the school."

Among the special classes in school, "we have," she said, "early care which starts at 7:15 in the morning to 8:15, for children who attend school. We have after-care also for children who attend from 2:30 to 6 p.m. There are playtime and homework time. It's a different kind of program for the little people, the pre-k or kindergarten."

"And of course," said the nun, "there are

special classes. For example, we have a computer class in a room filled with computers. The pupils receive computer lessons. We also have art, music and Spanish for different types of grades this year. We have physical education and we also teach health."

There are 20 teachers in the school, and "they are all certified and qualified," explained the sister. "For the children in the lower grades we hold either a three- or five-day class for pre-kindergarten, and the child can have a half day or whole day. Our kindergarten is all day. In the lower grades," she continued, "we have about 25 children. Starting with grade five, we have as high as 30 children."

The principal discussed a special class for eighth-graders called Pocono Educational Environmental Conservation. "It is held in Pennsylvania and the students go for three days of an educational program, where teachers teach them about nature. And they also have a Youthscape program, which will start in February. The children choose careers they are interested in and we seek out people who can come over and talk to the students about their careers," she said.

"We find," said William, "that parents participate a great deal in this program. There are fund-raisers too held by the students, such as car washes, sales and anything the children want to put together."

"There also are prayer partners. Each child has his own partner, for whom to pray

and to celebrate birthdays and other occasions. And our three priests teach religion once a week. The teachers teach it every day."

The parochial school "has a lot of equipment," according to its principal. "We have laser discs, cables and video discs in a very large library, which is used frequently. Our regular book library also functions daily."

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"Our classes," said the principal, "are very full. We have used every inch of space with nothing to spare. I think we're right on target. Our tests which have been screened, have shown that our standards are very high."

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William stated: "We are on an equal basis with our public schools. We meet sometimes with the teachers in the public high schools to make sure that the students are prepared for those who want to go to a public high school."

"Actually," she said, "we work very closely with the public schools and the public school teachers in this area. For example, we met with one teacher in charge of math. We are working in conjunction with the public schools, to, as I said, make sure that our children will be prepared for the public high school curriculum, if they prefer."

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The Elizabeth Police Department has provided an assortment of safety tips for children who will be attending school in the fall.

Police recommend using the code word program to protect your child from a stranger. After you talk with your child about what a stranger is use the code word program to protect your child from a stranger.

This program is simple, and only requires you and your child to agree on a special word. It can be any word, a word you come up with together that will not be forgotten easily.

The important part is it is a little secret between you and your child. From then on your child knows never to go with anyone unless that person knows and uses the secret code word no matter what that person says if the stranger does not know or use the secret code word the child knows they cannot go off with them.

Also, explain to your children what a stranger is. Tell them it is someone they don't know well. A stranger can be a man or woman, well-dressed or shabby, kind or threatening, pretty or ugly. If a stranger tries to follow them or grab them, they should run away, scream and make a lot of noise. Tell them to run to the nearest place where there are people and to shout "This person is trying to hurt me!" or "Stay away from me!" instead of a simple "Help!"

First, cover the basics.

- Rehearse with children their full name, address and phone number including area code, and how to make emergency phone calls from home and public phones.

- Tell children never to accept gifts or rides from someone they don't know well.

- Accompany your children to public restrooms.

- Teach children that no one, not even someone they know, has the right to touch them in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable. Tell them they have the right to say "no" to an adult in this situation.

- Talk to your children about touches that are appropriate and ones that make them feel uneasy. Stress that they can always talk to you when someone's been touching them in a bad way. Children rarely lie about being the victims of sexual abuse, but some may be too confused or frightened to talk directly about it.

At school and play children should make sure to abide by the following:

- Make sure your children are taking the safest route to school and friends houses, one that avoids danger spots like alleys, new construction and wooded areas. Test walk it together.

- Don't hang a house key around your child's neck. It's a telltale sign that you won't be at home when they return from school. Put it inside a pocket or sock.

- Tell your children to stay away from strangers who hang around playgrounds, public restrooms and empty buildings.

- Encourage your children to look out for other kids' safety and report anything they see that doesn't seem right.

When at home alone, children should take note of the following:

Make sure your children are taking the safest route to school and friends' houses, one that avoids danger spots like alleys, new construction and wooded areas. Test walk it together.'

- Make sure your kids can reach you by telephone at work. Post your work number, along with numbers for a neighbor, the police and fire departments, and the poison control center near all your home phones.

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Quality of local education impacts on property values

Children returning to school this fall may not be thinking about real estate, but the quality of the education they receive will have a profound impact on the value of their parents' homes.

According to Bob Becker, president and chief operating officer of Coldwell Banker Schlott, Realtors, school quality tops the list of home shoppers' considerations in assessing the desirability of a community. Home-buyer interest in schools is borne out by more than 200 calls per month to Coldwell Banker Schlott's HomeMatch consulting program.

HomeMatch is a program by which real estate consultants provide free information to home-shoppers over the telephone regarding the characteristics of specific communities and markets.

"According to our consultants, callers ask about school quality more than any other factor," Becker said. "This has remained remarkably consistent since HomeMatch began taking calls a year ago."

HomeMatch consultants draw upon a customized computer database to answer telephone inquiries regarding a broad range of issues. The database contains detailed profiles of communities throughout most of the tri-state area including information on schools, religious institutions, restaurants, recreational facilities, commuting distances, zoning ordinances, average home prices, taxes, economic climate, day-care centers,

cultural opportunities, shopping and other factors.

Becker says questions about schools are fairly specific and pertain to a number of areas.

"People have questions regarding class size, student-teacher ratio, high school course offerings and special services such as programs for the gifted or handicapped," he said. "HomeMatch consultants can address all of these areas by accessing the school profiles in our databases."

According to Becker, the public's demonstrated concern with school quality should be a wake up call to every homeowner.

"The consistent interest in school quality should signal homeowners that school systems are wise investments," he said. "The fact is, property values are often dependent on a good school system."

Becker says statistical data and the ability to identify related trends are exciting byproducts of the HomeMatch program.

"We created HomeMatch as a service to home-buyers, and to support our position as a helpful and resourceful partner in the buying process."

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Women choosing menswear for their fall dress pleasure

By Cynthia B. Gordon
Staff Writer

If you want to be in sync with style for the fall, polyesters, satins, browns and neutrals are wear it's at!

According to several store managers, the menswear look is in for ladies for the fall. Suits with vests and pants in pin-stripes and solids are part of this look according to Store Manager Diana Novella and Assistant Manager Joy Walter of Canadians, located in Woodbridge Center.

"Brown is the new black," said Novella. "People are trying to get away from black, so they're wearing the new brown."

"A lot of browns and polyesters are in," added Novella. Polyester pants, jackets, and skirts. Satins are also big this year, in white, black, and neutrals for everything including tops, bottoms and dresses."

The "Spoiled Brat Trend" is the look that's in at Contempo Casuals, according to Store Manager Kathy Prentice of Contempo Casuals/Wetseal.

This trend focuses on the "best of what's bad," bringing a new edge to the menswear looks of yesterday. Getting away from the "stuffy conservative, predictable look of what menswear used to be, this look is "fast and flashy, for the rebel on the edge of fashion."

The Menswear fashion look is also big at Contempo Casuals. Jackets made of poly fabrics loaded with zipper detail and faux leather in cropped and long bodies are a must for the season, along with printed and solid satin shirts that "dominate the trend."

"The wild side look which encompasses cowboy hats, leopard prints, along with recycled levis is also part of Contempo Casual's Fall line. "It's the wild side with a western influence," said Prentice.

Polyester is also a definite must for the fall, whether it's in slim pants, trouser pants, blouses or jumpers, it's tough to go wrong if it's polyester.

Denim mini-skirts, and a combination of satin with denim, such as satin tie-front shirts worn with wide-leg jeans are also big for the fall.

Halter-style or T-back overalls with zipper detailing with darker washes are also in style for the upcoming season.

Brightly colored corduroy shirts and flannel shirts are some of the hot items for this fall, giving a colorful lift to the grunge look.

"Baggie jeans for the younger generation has really come to the forefront and is popular in style for guys. Some girls are starting to wear them too," said Ray-

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Logus' performing career includes a wide range of styles, working with Suzanne Farrell and Sean Lavery of the New York City Ballet and choreographers Carolyn Adams and Danny Grossman of the Paul Taylor Dance Company. She was also the assistant director to Frank Hatchett's jazz showcases.

Logus, artistic director of the Westfield Dance Company, guest teaches and choreographs for children throughout the country.

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Rutgers to experience change

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The soon-to-open \$37.2 million Foran Hall, which houses the Center for Agricultural Molecular Biology, the Cook College plant science department and the Cook/Douglass Science Center, is among the many physical changes at Rutgers this fall. In addition, \$1 million set aside by Lawrence is being used to improve classrooms and laboratories, and more than \$2 million is being used for continuing computer equipment upgrades.

Three deans and one acting dean will begin their first academic year in their new positions at Rutgers. They are Carl Kirschner, dean of Rutgers College; James Hughes, dean of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy; Hurdis Griffith, dean of the College of Nursing-Newark; and Timothy Casey, acting executive dean of agriculture and natural resources.

High school students planning to attend college should carefully plot out their courses to increase their chances of attending the school of their choice. That's just one of the tips the free Rutgers guide "Do You Want to Go to College?" offers to college-bound students. Find out more about college preparation, admissions officers and effective academic planning. For more information, contact Rutgers News Service at (908) 932-7084.

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From traditional plaids with a '95 twist, to graceful and feminine floral print skirts, to "go anywhere" denim, Sears has back-to-school fashions which are easy to wear, flattering and fun, and practical.

One of the most versatile pieces in this season's offerings is the classic pleated skirt, updated with new, bright plaids. For a traditional look, juniors can pair their skirts with a bright sweater and shiny, skinny belt. Topping the skirt with a longer, shaped jacket with military trim makes a bolder statement that bows to the new menswear and military fashion influences.

The more romantically inclined can choose from a garden of floral print dresses and skirts — short and flirty, or long and graceful. Fine gauge, lacy twin sets — pretty and practical for fluctuating fall temperatures — add feminine polish.

But, it wouldn't be back-to-school in the '90s without plenty of denim. This year's versatile, go everywhere, do everything denim can be dressed up or dressed down to suit juniors' wide range of school and leisure activities. From the unexpected flourish of velvet trim on a denim jacket to the familiar comfort of overalls layered over a T-shirt, denim continues to be a back-to-school favorite.

Students need more than a degree

Does having a degree guarantee students all the skills to get them a job and keep it? Not necessarily.

Occasionally, a gap occurs when students obtain jobs based on technical skills, but cannot become an integral part of the organization and a productive member of the team for lack of problem solving, computer, communication and interpersonal skills. In recent years, employers have strongly expressed the need for such skills, in addition to those of the chosen discipline.

The key skills and knowledge that businesses are seeking, which should be provided by higher education include:

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- Literacy and proficiency using a personal computer and its software, such as WordPerfect, Windows, Lotus and E-mail skills.
- Good communication skills, both oral and written, including telephone skills since graduates often function in help-desk positions.



This fall, the fashion-savvy start with updated classics. Short pleated plaid skirt looks great topped with the new longer, shaped jacket with military trim, left. A bright red ribbed cardigan with skinny patent belt and crisp white collar and cuffs gives the same skirt an optional look.

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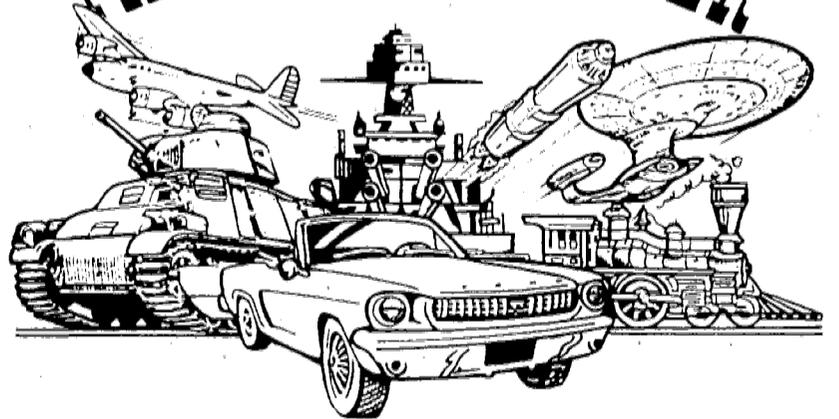
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Ultra-yellow jacket, left, with cozy quilted lining and a drawstring hood and bottom to foil chilly fall gusts is a vivid contrast to black jeans. At right, juicy berry and ivory print dress shows off two terrific trends: texture in the knit top and feminine floral patterns in the skirt.

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Loose, baggy jeans among today's trends

(Continued from Page 12)
mond Jean Paul, a sales associate for the Fashion Bug in Union.

"Blue and black are the colors you should get for baggie jeans in my opinion," continued Paul.

According to Paul, fashionable white basketball or tennis sneakers with very little color trim are also in for guys this back-to-school season.

Vests for women are still popular, with new fabrics being introduced, such as light wool in a variety of designs and sol-

id colors, according to Taina Lemite, assistant manager for the Fashion Bug in Union.

Also new for the season are short wool mini-skirts in bright plaid colors and solids.

According to Salesperson Michelle Innes of The Gap in Woodbridge Center, short skirts, that are either "really short or really long" are in for the fall; "nothing in-between," added Innes. Loose, baggy jeans are also being sold at The Gap for both men and women.

Planning for college early venture

Planning for college should begin on day one of high school, not during 11th or 12th grade, says Elizabeth Mitchell, assistant vice president for university undergraduate admissions at Rutgers.

To help students prepare for college, Rutgers is offering a free four-page guide, "Do You Want to go to College?" The guide recommends course selections that will give students a solid background enabling them to choose from a variety of programs in college.

"Education is a continuous process, with each step building on the previous accomplishments, and students need to start work-

ing hard from the beginning of ninth grade to present a good transcript for college admission," Mitchell said. Courses taken in high school and college are important factors in determining how marketable a college graduate will be, stated Mitchell.

"The job market now facing college graduates requires more knowledge of mathematics and science because of the emphasis on technology," says Mitchell, and she advises students not to reject these subject areas for courses that seem less challenging.

She recommends that students take math and science courses every year of high

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Slots remain open for county vo-tech courses

There is still room for more students in the 126 full- and part-time, day and evening courses being offered by the Union County Vocational-Technical School as they begin their operational year.

The fall semester will get underway with the opening of the day session on Sept. 6. The Division of Continuing Education's evening classes start on Sept. 18 with the exception of Manicuring/Nails Technology and Cosmetology which open on Sept. 13.

Patrick Mauro, director of admissions, points out the day session provides skills training in a wide variety of occupations. The Auto Technology Program with its Automotive Service Excellence certification has been highly received as has the Building Trades Cluster. The Culinary Arts and Baking Programs have won numerous honors and garnered praise from many quarters throughout the years. Other popular courses are Graphic Communications, Horticulture, Masonry, and Machine Technology and Welding. A Supermarkets Institute and a Child Care and Development Program also are available.

Two new, novel offerings coming this fall are Law Enforcement Technology and Twilight Culinary Arts. The former will help prepare students for a career in criminal justice. The latter is for adults above high school age who seek an education in the area of food service.

Daytime classes are available to tuition participants as well as high school students

who wish to attend UCVTS on a shared-time basis. This method affords these young men and women the opportunity of learning a valuable trade in addition to earning a secondary school diploma.

According to Thomas E. Highsmith, director of Adult Education, two new offerings have been added to the evening session bringing the overall total to 108. State-licensing courses, they are nurses aide for long-term health facilities for the elderly and Barbering for the New Jersey Cosmetologist/Hairstyling License. Due to the enthusiastic response, computer prog-

rams for beginners and experienced users will again be scheduled.

An introduction to computers, Word Perfect and Windows, is being offered as well as Lotus 1, 2, 3 and Desk Top Publishing, Page-maker and Quark-Xpress. Other courses include the Automotive Service Excellence Exam Preparation, Computer Assisted Drafting, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Power Engineering — Blue, Black Red Seals — and Masonry. Popular Offerings being repeated are the following: Manicuring/Nails Technology, Cake Decorating and Locksmithing 1. In addition, a full

range of vocational courses is made available to trade persons or interested area residents.

Day session registrations are being held daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Technical Building at the Scotch Plains campus, 1776 Raritan Road. This is also the site of the evening session registrations to take place Sept. 6, 7, 8 and 13 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and in Baxel Hall on Sept. 11, 12 and 13 from 6 to 8:15 p.m.

For information about the day session call (908) 889-2999 and for the evening session call (908) 889-2922 or 889-2914.

Adult high school provided for non-grads

Persons who have not completed requirements for a secondary school diploma and are county residents currently not enrolled in high school may attend the new Union County Vocational-Technical Adult High School.

Classes begin on Sept. 18 at the Raritan Road campus of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools.

According to John Crowley, supervisor, the purpose of the program is to encourage recent high school dropouts to pursue a high school diploma in a setting geared to adults and with a curriculum geared to their specific needs. Credit may be awarded for both

academic achievement and life experience. An official high school transcript will be needed so that courses taken and successfully completed may be evaluated.

Emphasis is placed upon both academics and technical training. Graduates of the Union County Vocational-Technical High

School will be awarded a high school diploma. The length of the study program will vary dependent upon the amount of credits each individual requires to meet high school graduation requirements.

Those interested in more information should call John Crowley at (908) 889-8288.

Pedestrians should be careful

Being a defensive pedestrian is as important as being a defensive driver. Never assume a motorist has seen you in the roadway. The National Safety Council asks pedestrians to take responsibility for their own safety when on foot. Look for cars before crossing the street and always expect the unexpected.

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Dance school embarks on 17th season

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ences with friends, families and the community, by performing at local benefits, nursing homes, competitions and festivals."

"These opportunities are open to all of our students," states instructor Donna Peterson, "not just a select few. Even our adult students get involved in our activities, as well as the parents of our younger students. We are family oriented in our teaching methods and values and encourage family participation in all areas of the studio."

Dance programs are offered to children 2½ through adults. All levels of skill are available. "All boy classes have become a great success at La Danse, opening the door for our boys to enhance their dance and tumbling skills, as well as improving their strengths and agility for other activities such as sports and self-defense," she said.

"Our dance curriculum includes classes in ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, creative movement, acro-gymnastics, improvisations, hip hop and combination classes. Our adults enjoy classes in ballet, tap, jazz and hip hop. Dance classes, as well as fitness programs, provide great exercise for firming and toning the body and enhancing a feeling of total well-being. It's time — adults — to take that dance class you've been putting off all your life. Start now and feel great!" she said.

Fitness programs at La Danse are



Students from LaDanse prepare for the school's 17th season.

designed to fit everyone's needs. There are classes in all levels for beginners through the more experienced exercises.

Bellies-N-Buns is a unique program designed to tone and strengthen abdominals, buttocks and thighs. Its low-impact and low-energy techniques are available for those who have not exercised in a while, as well as being a maintenance program for those who are physically fit.

Step-N-Stretch is a low-impact cardiovascular workout utilizing a stepping bench for maximum toning results combined with stretching, toning and limbering exercises which form a strong, flexible body. This class is designed so you can work at your own pace to reach your own goals.

Registration for fall season will be held Aug. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Aug. 29-31 from 4 to 8 p.m.

Stop for buses — it's the law

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

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

- Stop at least 25 feet away. This is required by law if you are on a two-lane road, or on a multi-lane highway where lanes are only separated by lines, or on a privately-maintained road.

- Slow down to 10 miles per hour on a dual highway, if you are on the other side of a safety island or raised median.

School buses are equipped with yellow, or amber, and red flashing lights. The yellow, or amber, lights go on before the bus stops, and the red lights go on when it has stopped. Don't depend on these lights if you are driving behind a school bus. They may be malfunctioning.

When the bus stops, completely stop 25 feet from the bus, either in front or in back of the bus. Watch for children, then proceed slowly and with caution. If the signals are working, proceed only after they have been turned off.

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Schools incorporate technology

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"Technology is a tool to learn with," Rubenstein said.

That philosophy, it seems, is being welcomed with open arms.

The technology director reported that the Rahway School District has offered more than 60 computer-training courses to teachers, on an after-school basis.

As a result, teachers incorporate large blocks of computer-aided instruction time within their classrooms.

"It's very effective," Rubenstein said. "It helps the classroom become more learning-centered, and less teacher-centered."

High school journalism students use a

Machintosh-based news-writing and editing system for the majority of their work.

Macintosh-based systems have found their way into many areas of education in Rahway, Rubenstein said. Students taking art classes at the high school utilize a Mac-based scanner and color laser printer for some of their projects. Music students as well use computers and synthesizers to create, compose and generate music, Rubenstein added.

The district is in the process of tying each of the school's administrative offices together, a move which will greatly increase the district's administrative information flow. Presently, the district has only electronic-mail capabilities.

Guide provides helpful data

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school, even if graduation requirements do not demand it. "Most colleges and universities require three years of college preparatory mathematics; however, more and more colleges are adding a fourth year of mathematics to their requirements."

Students need to make themselves as competitive as possible, bearing in mind that the best qualified students will be more appealing to college admissions officers.

Students who wish to pursue careers in

science and technology also should pursue four years of science, Mitchell said.

The guide also offers "Keys to Success," advise on what to focus on each year from ninth through 12th grades.

Parents of students who will be entering ninth grade in the fall are especially encouraged to obtain the guide. Copies are available by writing to Rutgers' Office of Undergraduate Admissions, P.O. Box 2101, New Brunswick, NJ 08903-2101. For prompt handling, indicate "Academic Guide" on the envelope.

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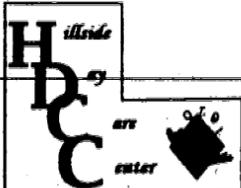
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