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Borough Highlights

Legislative hours

The legislative office of Assemblyman Richard Bagger will be open to residents of the 22nd Legislative District from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday.

In addition to regular business hours on weekdays and one Saturday per month, Bagger's office, located at 203 Elm St., Westfield, is open from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

For more information, call Bagger's office at 232-3673.

Handyman program

The Summer Home Handyman Program for 1996 is now in its 14th year at the Red Cross. Through a grant from the Westfield Foundation, the program is open to all elderly and disabled Mountainside residents who are unable to perform minor home repairs and maintenance.

Grant Gordon, this year's high school youth, is working in the area at 19 locations to perform many jobs, including lawn cutting, minor home repairs, cleaning garages and basements, just to name a few. The service is on a first-come, first-served basis, so if you need the extra help, call the chapter at 232-7090 to schedule an appointment for his services.

Road repairs

Assemblymen Alan M. Augustine and Richard H. Bagger announced more than \$1.76 million in state aid for road improvements in 14 Union, Morris, Somerset and Middlesex County municipalities.

The funding, appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund, will offset costs of street reconstruction, resurfacing and signalization work, according to the Assemblymen, both R-Union, Somerset, Morris, and Middlesex.

"These state grants will help improve the quality of life in our communities without further financially burdening local taxpayers," Bagger said. "People want tangible evidence that their taxes are working for them."

Local projects and state aid figures include:

- Clark Township — Gibson Boulevard resurfacing, \$65,000
- Borough of Mountainside — Central Avenue, section 3, and New Providence Road resurfacing, \$80,000.

Waste days planned

UCUA Chairman William Ruocco announced that the Union County Utilities Authority will sponsor fall household special waste disposal days in Rahway, Springfield and Cranford.

The first event for the fall will be Sept. 7 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rahway City Hall parking lot on the corner of West Milton Avenue and Main Street.

The second fall event will be held in Springfield at the municipal swimming pool at Morrison Road on Sept. 28 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Lap by lap



Michael Nakhamkin takes his lane one lap at a time at the Municipal Pool. Photo By Billon Mills

EWT scores drop in district

By Christopher Tooley and Emilio Prisco

The 1996 entering class of Union County Regional High Schools have lost a step in their reading and writing skills according to the Early Warning Test administered to graduating eighth-graders.

"I am concerned about the reading and math scores in Kenilworth, the math scores in Springfield and I am extremely concerned with the writing scores in Mountainside," said Union County Regional High School Superintendent Donald Merachnik.

The writing scores were lower than the scores put up by eighth-graders last year, according to the exam which is administered in March by each individual school district.

Although Clark schools recorded the highest score in the region, all of the scores have declined when compared to last year's results. "There was a demerit in writing skills throughout the region," Merachnik said. "All of the ninth-grade teachers are going to have to concentrate on a writing program."

Merachnik is confident that the regional high schools will be able to remedy the situation once the students enter the ninth-grade. "All of the students that scored poorly will be scheduled to take basic skills improvement classes in reading and writing for their first year in addition to their

regular English and math courses," Merachnik said.

In addition, Merachnik said he is confident that by the time these students become juniors that they will be ready to not only take but perform well on the High School Proficiency Test, an exam that determines whether or not the student receives a diploma. "By the time the students are juniors they are up to grade and more than ready to pass the HSPT on their first attempt," Merachnik said.

Kenilworth Superintendent of Schools Lloyd Leschuk said he is disappointed with the test results. "We are not happy. In fact, we're upset about them. When our teachers come back on the first day of school, that'll be the first topic for that teacher workshop day.

We believe that this group of students should have done better and we need to go in and see what was the problem. It's easy for an administrator to say something, make a decision independently, but I think it's important that we have the teachers directly involved with these scores, look at individual kids and make sure it doesn't happen again," Leschuk said.

Test results are broken down into three levels; Level I, clearly competent, Level II, minimally competent and Level III, not met minimum proficiency. The state Department of Education bases its requirements on achieving Level I and Level II status.

Rescue Squad hurting from continued low membership

By Kathryn Fitzgerald
Managing Editor

The volunteerism that fuels many of Mountainside's services is flagging, which could prove disastrous for the borough.

With 15 active members and 10 who are college students, the Rescue Squad is a prime example, having experienced this problem "for the last 10 years; the main reason is that there seems to be not many people who are willing to take the time for training because of work schedules or feel they don't have the necessary knowledge to do it," said Rescue Squad member Charles Carson. "Most of us when we start have no training at all. I think it's the fact the people have families and when both people in the family work, they just don't have the time for volunteer work."

According to Mayor Robert Vigilanti, a former Rescue Squad member, this declining in participation,

particularly in the borough's Rescue Squad, is not exclusive to Mountainside: "It's happening all over."

"Service has been affected during the day, though not in the summer, when there are more members available," Carson said. "Very often, we have to call a neighboring town to come in, like Westfield or Springfield; in return, we do the same for them when they are short on available personnel in an emergency."

Demographics and a lack of spare time are often the culprits in the decline in volunteerism, Vigilanti pointed out: "I think of how many people I know are working two jobs, both members of the family are working."

Also, with approximately 120 minimum hours plus recertification standing in the path that leads to the Rescue Squad, "the amount of training that we're making these people go

through, for a lot of people that's what stops them," Vigilanti said.

"Thirty years ago when I was on the squad, the daytime coverage of the Mountainside Rescue Squad was maintained by four women: Mary Steiner, Helen Hay, Sandy Levine and Ruth Keeler. Those four ladies literally were the Rescue Squad for years during the day. It's difficult today, so we're trying everything," Vigilanti said, adding that he has written letters to the industry and met with groups to try and involve borough employees

"We want to avoid having a paid serviced where the taxpayers are going to wind up ultimately footing the bill," Vigilanti said. He pointed out that his father, living in Pennsylvania, subscribes to an ambulance service, which requires payment on a quarterly basis. "If you do not pay and you need them, you have an automatic \$500 minimum charge for them to

Scofflaws beware

Sony exit policing gets council's OK

By Kathryn Fitzgerald
Managing Editor

Police will be able to cut down on the number of movie-goers who abuse the emergency exit that empties onto Glenn Road, thanks to an ordinance passed Tuesday night by the Borough Council.

Residents of the adjacent neighborhood have complained since Sony Theaters opened on the fourth of July weekend that customers of the movie house have been using the Glenn Avenue exit, which had been constructed to allow police, fire and rescue vehicles easy access in times of emergency, rather than que up at the main exit, which receives a glut of exiting traffic.

The Borough Council, in response, has erected larger signs denoting the proper use of the exit and, on Tuesday night, passed the ordinance that will allow police to issue summonses "not less than \$100 and not more than \$500" to anyone operating their vehicle in violation of the ordinance.

Mayor Robert Vigilanti, in response to a question from Old Tote Road resident Michael Krasner, indicated that enforcement of this ordinance would be the same as the enforcement of any other ordinance, and will include "police observation and the police will have to issue a summons. It would be no different than you going onto a one-way street or doing 65 in a 25 zone." Police would patrol the area like any other; "As we do in other instances, police will go

there after the 20 days after the reading of this ordinance — because ordinances have to be publicized for 20 days after they have been approved — after that, I'm sure we'll have a strong police presence."

Borough Attorney John Post reminded the public that any private citizen who witnesses a violation occurring can come to the police station with the license plate number of the offending vehicle and sign a civilian complaint.

Police presence at the movie theater is also the subject of public concern. "Most times, you get criticized for not having enough police presence," Vigilanti said. "Lately, I've had a couple of criticisms as to why there have been police vehicles at the Sony movie theater and Mountainside police officers, so I'm being criticized for having a police presence, which is interesting."

"We, the borough of Mountainside vis-a-vis the Board of Adjustment, have an agreement with Sony that Sony will provide a certain amount of private security people on their own," he continued, "and Sony presently is paying Mountainside police officers who are off-duty to work at the theater for a very visible, heavy police presence. You will see Mountainside uniformed officers there, primarily on the weekends. You will see, in some instances, a Mountainside vehicle there. We charge Sony and the officers are paid off-duty by Sony

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Time flies...



Thomas H. Brown, left, president of Union County College in Cranford, congratulates Carol Flynn of Mountainside, a former personnel officer at the college, upon her recent retirement following 14 years of service. She was recognized at a recent retirement reception held at the college's Cranford campus.

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year 2010, there will be no such thing as volunteering. Society is changing. I even see how difficult to get people to volunteer for boards that aren't physical. Some of the people on the boards have been there for 15-20 years. How could I replace them? I don't have people knocking at my door saying 'Yeah, I want to come in.'"

More members
For those interested, the Mountainside Rescue Squad provides the opportunity to serve the community and gain some valuable skills.

"What we require is that a person take a CPR course, which is about an 8-hour course. Within two years, they must complete an EMT course, which is given by some of the local hospitals and some of the local community colleges. It consists of a total of 110 hours of classroom work, usually in the evenings or on Saturdays, depending on the course."

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Regional superintendent concerned with Early Warning Test results

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didn't score the test correctly. This is the first time that we have really had a concern with the EWT tests, but we are looking into it and we have yet to hear from the state."
Springfield's school district was also "pleased with our results this year and we worked real hard with the teachers and the students to be successful," said Assistant Superintendent of Schools Judy Zimmerman. "I think that as far as the section of the test I have heard a lot of other superintendents that they were displeased with the writing scores and they had complained to the state and the state said that they were looking into it."
"We had 100 percent of our kids score in level one and two in reading and 98 percent of the kids in Math so we are pleased but we always want to continue to work with the kids

because you never know from one year to the next how the results can change," she continued. "So the test does give us a chance to look at our program and look at our kids, and make sure that we are teaching the kids the kind of material that will make them successful and the EWT test forces us to do that."

Clark students at Kumpf School managed to put up the highest score in the region in writing. "That's the result of working a good writing program from day one," said Clark Superintendent Paul Ortenzio. "In the middle school, in particular, we have a very involved and intense writing program. The students do journal writing, various forms of expository writing as well as writing workshops." While the Clark schools boasted the highest writing scores,

schools in Springfield and Mountain-side were considerably low.

These results come just a year before the regional school system is scheduled for dissolution, June 30, 1997. "We are going into the dissolution process feeling good about our students," said Clark Assistant Superintendent Susan Miksza. "For the past few years we have been sending good students to the high schools based on the Early Warning Test, and we still are."

Miksza said she is extremely proud of the educational program that is espoused by the Clark school system. "We have a good solid education program. We have good teachers, community and parents who work well together and the results are paying off," Miksza said. These test results are the measurement of our K-8 school system, Miksza added.

Volunteers benefit from CPR, EWT training

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ing on how you want to fit it into your schedule. You have two years to complete that course and once you complete it, you can become a full-fledged member of the rescue squad."

Volunteers give 12 hours a week: can be at once or broken up into segments of time, like 6 or 4 hours apiece. "Each member is given a pager, so they don't have to be down at the Rescue Squad building when the calls

come in — they can be at home or anywhere in the Mountainside area. The pager gives the address and type of problem to responding members.

Carson points out that many volunteers get involved are interested in learning the techniques in case an emergency arrives in their home; other are interested in "going on to a medical field and want to see if they're really interested in this type of work. And you get people who just

want to give back to their community."

Anyone interested in joining the Rescue Squad can call 233-6338. "There's someone at the building after 7 p.m. to answer questions," Carson said, adding that the squad encourages people to come down to building. Members of the public can come down and ride along on ambulance to get an idea of how the squad works.

History comes alive in UCC class

The Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Corporation, in conjunction with The Westfield Foundation and the Learning is For Ever Center of Union County College, will be sponsoring a free class on its premises during the Fall, 1996, semester.

"U.S. History to 1865" is a three-credit course that explores the beginnings of the fledgling republic, its colonial foundations, and the struggle for independence. Discussions will focus on the economic, social, religious, and intellectual factors affecting the new country's development up to the Civil War.

The instructor, Dr. Christopher Gibbs, received his masters degree in history from the University of Northern Colorado and his Ph.D. from the

University of Missouri. He is the author of "The Great Silent Majority", and co-author of "Grass Roots Politics." Gibbs has also published numerous short stories, and his articles on American History have appeared in national magazines and scholarly journals.

"U.S. History to 1865" will be held each Friday from 10 a.m. to noon beginning Sept. 6 and extending through Dec. 13, 1996.

The Westfield Senior Citizens Housing development is located at 1133 Boynton Ave. Parking is available, and registration will take place in the Community Room the first day of class. The course is offered free of charge to all Union County residents age 62 or over. For further information, contact (908) 233-1733.

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Borough to meet with Sony, discuss concerns in Sept.

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Snow removal
The Borough Council also awarded a contract for snow removal for the coming year to Walter Heckel, Inc., which present the only and most compliant bid for the snow and ice removal services contract.

Heckel has been performing this service for the borough for a long time, according to Viglianti, although this year, his fee will be slightly higher. "The basic dollars were slightly higher in the amount of the guarantee that will be applied," Viglianti said, adding that, "in fairness to the contractor, he has to bring all the equipment into town, he has to set up everything, which does happen to be expensive, and he has to pay for housing for the equipment, which is normally housed in South Plainfield."

"In previous years, the snowfalls were not that great," Viglianti continued. "Last year was the mother of all snowfalls, so yes there's a modification of last year."
Councilman Werner Schon reminded the council that Mountainside has "probably the best snow removal of any community and if you listen to the people that have been in our community, they comment about how clean Mountainside streets are."

The borough will be reviewing any and all concerns with Sony in the coming months. One idea that the borough is considering and the Department of Public Works is looking into are round rubber cones that will further remind civilians not to use the emergency exit but which will allow emergency vehicle to pass through.

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Monday

- The Township Committee of Springfield will hold its executive meeting in the Planning Board Room in the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday

- The Township Committee of Springfield will hold its executive meeting in the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. with its regular meeting following at 8 p.m.

Sept. 4

- The Springfield Planning Board will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building.
- The Springfield Board of Health will meet at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Sept. 9

- The Township Committee of Springfield will hold its executive meeting in the Planning Board room in the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 10

- The Township Committee of Springfield will hold its executive meeting in the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. with its regular meeting following at 8 p.m.
- The Borough Council of Mountainside will hold its work session in Borough Hall at 8 p.m.

Sept. 14

- The Springfield Environmental Commission will hold its monthly meeting in the Planning Board Room of the Municipal Building at 8 p.m.

Sept. 15

- The Borough Council of Mountainside will hold its regular meeting in Borough Hall at 8 p.m.

Sept. 23

- The Township Committee of Springfield will hold its executive meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, followed by its regular meeting at 8 p.m.

Sept. 30

- The Local Assistance Board of Springfield will meet in the Welfare Director's Office on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 2

- The Springfield Planning Board will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building.
- The Springfield Board of Health will meet at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Oct. 7

- The Township Committee of Springfield will hold its executive meeting in the Planning Board room in the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m.

Firemen tee off in autumn outing

The Springfield Fire Department's Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association Local 57 is again sponsoring a fund-raiser golf tournament on Nov. 12 at the Baltusrol Golf Club, host of the 1993 U.S. Open. A Nov. 18 rain-date has been scheduled.

With the success of last year's tournament, the department was able to continue support for the St. Barnabas Burn Center, to sponsor and co-sponsor various local youth programs, and to continue with other established programs such as the FMBA's Tot-Finder program and the successful Infant Smoke Detector program, which provides a child's smoke detector

free to the parents of newborn children in Springfield.

Springfield residents and businesses, as well as any out-of-area businesses, golfers and the general public may play a round of golf in this tournament at a cost of \$250 per golfer. Availability is limited to 120 golfers on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets will be reserved until Sept. 15.

Additionally, businesses and the public may also participate by sponsoring a hole or a tee at a cost of \$100. A sponsor's sign with their company or individual name will be displayed at the hole or tee. Businesses can also purchase golf tickets at a cost of \$250

per golfer. This would make a great gift or show of appreciation for valued clients or customers.

All golfers will be eligible to win a new Ford Mustang Coupe in the hole-in-one contest. The vehicle is being donated by the Flemington Car & Truck Country Dealership, trading as Ditschman Ford of Route 202/31 South, Flemington. In addition, all golfers will receive a \$25 coupon to be redeemed at the pro shop for a shirt or any other item of their choice, driving and putting green privileges, a buffet brunch, the use of a caddy or golf cart, depending on weather; an invitation to the locker-bar and a post

tournament cocktail reception after the tournament.

Support for the tournament will help the department continue its various programs as well as establish new ones. Early-bird registration, all players and sponsors submitting their applications and payments by Oct. 12, will be eligible for a special drawing. Anyone who does not want to golf may make a donation to the Springfield Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association Local 57.

For more information, call (201) 376-8558 or visit Springfield Fire Headquarters at 100 Mountain Ave.

STUDENT UPDATE

Six make list

Three Springfield residents and three from Mountainside were among the students at New Jersey Institute of Technology who earned a spot on the dean's list for the spring semester.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must complete 12 credit hours, achieve a grade point average of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0, and receive no incomplete grades or a grade lower than a "C."

Springfield residents were Sai-Man Li, who majored in computer and information science; Daniel C. Con-

tardi, who majored in engineering technology - electrical technology, and Inna V. Ososkov, who majored in sociology, technology and science.

Mountainside residents were Jennifer A. Arthur, who majored in architecture; Fernando L. Crovetto, who majored in civil engineering, and Adolfo Gustavo Echegaray, who majored in mechanical engineering.

Peterson graduates

Springfield resident April E. Peterson was among the students from Fairleigh Dickinson University's

Teaneck-Hackensack campus who graduated in May.

Peterson received a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

Four earn degrees

Four residents from Springfield and Mountainside were among the students from New Jersey Institute of Technology who graduated in May.

NJIT awards bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in engineering, architecture, computer science, management and related science and technological disciplines. NJIT's Class of

1996 totals 1,360 with the inclusion of October and January recipients.

Among the graduates were Springfield residents Inna V. Ososkov, who received a bachelor of science degree, cum laude, in sociology, technology and science; and Sai-Man Li, who received a bachelor of science degree, magna cum laude, in computer science; and Mountainside residents Adolfo Gustavo Echegaray, who received a bachelor of science degree, magna cum laude, in mechanical engineering; and Fernando L. Crovetto, who received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Township agent receives annual sales award

Robert R. Lewis of Springfield was cited July 22 during the 116th Meeting of Agents of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. Milwaukee, Wis. for sales excellence during the year ended May 31.

Lewis was given the Diamond Class award for sales in excess of \$10 million. He is associated with North-

western's John E. O'Connor district agency in Red Bank, of the Robert E. Stone general agency in Springfield.

Nabisco names resident to area VP position

Brian H. Beglin of Mountainside has been named area vice president of the Nabisco Biscuit Company.

In his new position, Beglin is responsible for overseeing Nabisco's

manufacturing operations in the Central and Western United States. Additionally, he continues to be responsible for the company's distribution and logistics operations.

Beglin joined Nabisco in 1980 as a financial management trainee. He subsequently held various positions of increasing responsibility in finance, strategic planning and operations. In 1992, he was named senior director of operations services and in 1993, was

given the additional responsibility of directing Nabisco Biscuit's distribution operations. Most recently, Beglin served as vice president of Biscuit operations services and distribution. He received a bachelor's and an M.B.A. degree from Rutgers, the State University.

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Heave-ho!



Mountainside Cub Scout Pack 177 takes the advice of Assistant Cub Master Wayne Keller, right, and digs in to give the other side of this tug-of-war a run for their money at the pack's picnic. The picnic, filled with great food, exciting activities and enthusiastic children and parents was one of three summer events the boys could participate in to earn their Sunshine Pin.

Library offers college-bound information

Falling leaves are usually the first sign of autumn, but for librarians, the first sign is often that of high school juniors and seniors and their parents rushing in to study the college directories. The Springfield Library offers two computer data-bases which make that search easier.

Thanks to a donation from the Snyder Foundation of Moorestown, the Adult Department has added a new computer, software and computer table to the College Information Center. College-bound students and their parents may now research their choices in the "College Blue Book on CD-ROM." This valuable resource, frequently used in print, is much easier to use and more efficient in this CD-ROM format. Arranged in four data bases, "The College Blue Book," "Occupational Education," "Occupational Education Regulations" and "Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants and Loans," users may search by college name, region, state, city, profile, major or degree.

The family searching for scholarship information can search by subject, level, sponsor and title. They can locate a group of schools that meet academic and other requirements and then further search for financial aid available.

While "The College Blue Book" presents short descriptions of the institutions located, the library also

now offers the "1995/96 CollegeSource: College Catalogs Collection on CD-ROM" put out by Career Guidance Foundation. This valuable reference tool provides access to nearly 2,800 full text college catalogs. Full admissions, coursework, housing, financial and other information is provided.

Dialing for data

The Springfield Free Public Library will soon implement dial-in access to the library catalog from the comfort of your home. This comes on the heels of the installation of the Gaylord Galaxy on-line circulation system and public access catalog. Users can place reserves and access their personal accounts. The OPAC lists all items except magazines and newspapers owned by the library: books, compact disks, records, videos and books on tape.

Before this service can be announced to the public, volunteers with home computers are needed to test the system. Volunteers will need a personal computer, a modem and telecommunications software that will emulate a Digital VT terminal, preferably a VT420, to participate in all available options. To search only the data base, most communications software will work. Directions will be provided.

Homestead Rebate data is available to residents

For the first time, New Jersey residents with eligibility questions regarding Homestead Rebates can get answers by dialing the Division of Taxation's toll-free Homestead Rebate Hotline at (800) 323-4400.

Using a touch-tone phone, callers can access an automated voice response system that provides information on the status of 1995 Homestead Property Tax Rebates. Callers who enter their Social Security number and the amount of 1995 property taxes or rent paid from their rebate application can obtain information on the amount of their rebate check and when they can expect to receive it. If a caller is ineligible, a reason for ineligibility is provided.

Taxpayers whose rebate checks may have been claimed by another agency in payment of an alleged debt, or sent to their municipal tax collector for payment of delinquent property taxes, also will be notified by the Infoline System.

The system also can be used by taxpayers to request the trace of a lost or stolen rebate check. Callers also may speak with a division representative if they have additional questions.

Infoline is operational Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Saturdays 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Sundays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Interested volunteers can contact System Administrator Joan Meyer or Library Director Susan Permahos at (201) 376-4930.

Mountainside

The next meeting of the Mountainside Public Library Trustees will take place in the Meeting Room of the Library at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 16. The public is welcome to attend.

Share New Jersey holiday food drive set to begin

Share New Jersey has begun its annual Holiday Food Package Campaign.

Share New Jersey is offering holiday food packages to church groups, charitable groups, civic organizations, private companies and fraternal organizations dedicated to creating hunger-free holidays this Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Food packages can be bought in 25-unit blocks for \$350. The menu consists of turkey, trimmings, fresh vegetables, fruits, cornbread and more.

The closing date for Thanksgiving orders is Oct. 31. The closing date for Christmas orders is Dec. 3. There is no limit to the number of packages each organization can purchase for holiday distribution.

For more information or to place an order, call Janette Carroll at Share New Jersey (888) SHARE NJ or (201) 344-2400.

Former resident joins practice

Dr. Ryan J. Lake, D.M.D. has recently become affiliated with Dr. Clement Solieri in his family dentistry practice at 800 Raritan Rd., Clark.

Dr. Lake is a former resident of Mountainside and attended local schools. He is a graduate of Rutgers' College, New Brunswick and The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, where he received an award from the Academy of General Dentistry upon graduation. He recently completed a residency at Monmouth Hospital in Long Branch.

RELIGION

Pre-school program

Temple Sha'arey Shalom Pre-School, located at 78 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, offers young children, ages 2-4, a nurturing and secure school atmosphere where physical and social growth are encouraged through creative, "hands-on" activities.

The school's flexible class scheduling, as well as its stimulating programs, meet the varying needs of youngsters and parents as well. Students enrolled in pre-school come from the communities of Cranford, Millburn, Springfield, Union, Westfield, as well as other surrounding communities. The programs are run by newly appointed director, Holly Newler.

Holly Newler brings with her an excellent, well-established reputation in the field of early childhood education, with over 20 successful years of experience as an educator. Her extensive experience includes programs for Jewish learning for youngsters and parents, innovative program develop-

ment, creative acting and movement courses; and child enrichment and socialization programs. During the summer, Newler is the director of Brooklake Day Camp in Livingston, where she works on staff development and training, program design, and running and organizing the day camp.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom welcomes Holly Newler as pre-school director and looks forward to new programs she plans to introduce. New to Shabbat religious gatherings, holiday celebrations, and programs on Jewish customs and traditions are

planned. Also new this year is an extended hours program to be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information about Temple Sha'arey Shalom's Pre-School and extended hours programs, or to register children for fall classes, call the Temple office at (201) 379-5387.

New Member Tea

Temple Sha'arey Shalom in Springfield will hold a New Member Tea today at 7:30 p.m.

Individuals and families interested in learning more about Temple Sha'arey Shalom are invited to attend. Temple officers, Nursery School teachers, Religious and Hebrew School teachers, members of the Membership Committee — chaired by Paula Kaplan — and Rabbi Joshua Goldstein will be present to speak about Sha'arey Shalom and its programs and to answer questions about the congregation. Refreshments will be served.

The High Holy Days this year begin with Rosh Hashanah Eve on Sept. 13.

This is a good time to become acquainted with Sha'arey Shalom.

For more information about membership or to make a reservation for today's tea, contact the temple office at (201) 379-5387.

OBITUARIES

Jack Myer Chvat

Jack Myer Chvat of Springfield died Aug. 13 in Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Chvat lived in Maplewood before moving to Springfield in 1993. He was an executive with Courier Systems Distribution Inc., Bayonne, for several years. Mr. Chvat was a partner in Phoenix Manufacturing Co., Roselle, and had been president of Europa Sport International Fashion Distributors of New York City. He attended Indiana University. Mr. Chvat served in the Army during World War II. He was a founder of the Suburban Jewish Center in Linden and was a member of the B'nai B'rith of South Orange.

Surviving are his wife, Florence; a son, Roy; a daughter, Carol Chvat Kori; a brother, Irving, and two grandchildren.

Mr. Vandervoort

Frederick Vandervoort, 96, of Springfield died Aug. 12 in the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center.

Born in East Orange, Mr. Vandervoort lived in Lauderdale, Fla., and Livingston before moving to Springfield 15 years ago. He was co-owner with his late brother, Herbert Vandervoort, of H.M. Vandervoort & Son, an accounting firm in Hasbrouck Heights, for 20 years and retired in 1968. Mr. Vandervoort was the last survivor of 10 siblings who settled in East Orange at the turn of the century.

Elizabeth Lennox

Elizabeth Lennox, 72, of Lake Hopatcong, formerly of Mountainside, died Aug. 11 in Eastern Long Island Hospital, Greenport, N.Y.

Born in Claremont, N.H., Mrs. Lennox lived in Mountainside for 40 years before moving to Lake Hopatcong. She also maintained a residence in East Marion. Mrs. Lennox volunteered for the American Red Cross for 40 years and served two terms as chairman of the Westfield-Mountainside Chapter. She was active in blood drives, disaster relief and programs that taught disabled children how to swim.

During World War II, Mrs. Lennox left her engineering studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where she later graduated, to work as a propeller design inspector at Curtiss-Wright Aircraft Co., Caldwell. She was a founding member of the Presbyterian Church, Mountainside, was past president of the Mountainside PTA, was a Mountainside Girl Scout leader and was a coach for the Mountainside Little League. Mrs. Lennox was a member of the East Marion Homemakers and was a past president of the Lake Hopatcong Women's Auxiliary Yacht Club.

Surviving are her husband, Grant; a daughter, Barbara Westwood; two sons, Arthur and Dean; a brother, Graham Foster; a sister, Mary Foster, and nine grandchildren.

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Olga P. Graf

Olga P. Graf of Mountainside, a real estate broker for 35 years, died Aug. 17 in her home.

Mrs. Graf lived in Maplewood and Westfield before moving to Mountainside many years ago. She was a real estate broker with Barrett & Crain Inc., Westfield and Mountainside for 35 years and retired in 1985 as vice president. The agency was originally named the Nancy F. Reynolds Association Inc. until a merger with Barrett & Crain. Mrs. Graf was a member of the National Association of

Realtors, the New Jersey Association of Real Estate Brokers and served as director and officer of the Westfield Board of Realtors. She was a former member of the Professional Women's Club of Mountainside, the Mountainside Woman's Club, the Deutscher Club, Clark, and the Echo Lake Country Club, Westfield.

Surviving are her husband, Herman; a son, Robert; a brother, Fred Pubanz, and five grandchildren.

Bernice S. Smith

Bernice S. Smith, 83, of Nazareth, Pa., formerly of Springfield, died Aug. 17 in her home.

Born in Buffalo, N.Y., Mrs. Smith lived in Springfield before moving to Nazareth in 1994. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of St. Rose of Lima Church and a volunteer for New Eyes for the Needy, both in Short Hills.

Surviving are three sisters, Helena Kerr, Betty H. Dargert and Frances Roty.

Viola DePrimio

Viola DePrimio, 89, of Springfield died Aug. 19 in North Shore Hospital, Plainview, N.Y.

Born in Greensburg, Pa., Mrs. DePrimio lived in Newark before moving to Springfield four years ago. She was a fur cutter for 20 years with United Fur Cutters, Newark, before retiring 14 years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Maria Saggese and Emma Policastro; a son, Nicholas; four brothers, Frank, Joseph, Daniel and Anthony De Primio; a sister, Anna Cassidy; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Obituary policy

Obituary notices submitted by local funeral homes or families must be in writing. This newspaper cannot accept obituaries by telephone. Obituary notices must be typed and include a telephone number where the writer may be reached 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information, call 686-7700.

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OPINION

Help yourself

It is often said that volunteers are the backbone of a community. If this is true, one could wonder how local towns manage to stand on their own as of late.

Take a good look at local rescue crews, and the decline of volunteerism in the area becomes obvious. In Springfield and Mountainside, the ambulance squads, called to respond in times of emergency, are suffering from a serious membership drought. In Mountainside, this is felt more keenly by the presence of an all-volunteer fire department with a declining membership as well.

Mountainside Mayor Robert Viglianti recently remarked during the Borough Council's August work session that the lack of membership is deplorable. We think he's right.

In communities that depend on the generous spirits and donations of time by its members, important services such as emergency ambulances and medical care as well as a local fire department are essential. Mutual assistance from neighbors can help pick up the slack. Recently, the Mountainside Fire Department was able to help in a Union Township blaze, but local municipalities should be able to stand on their own if need be.

The time and energy needed for participation does not measure up to the invaluable service that volunteers provide for their communities. Life-saving emergency services that are sufficiently staffed operate in an efficient and effective manner and assure the community that in times of crises, there will be someone who can lend that all-important helping hand.

Right direction

The bill sponsored by state Senators Raymond Lesniak and James McGreevey permitting school uniforms to be used in public schools is a step in the right direction.

Too often, the focus of our educational institutions has gone from teaching to refereeing. Violence has entered many schools, especially in urban areas, and this move may help curtail some of that violence and aid security.

School uniforms allow easy identification of students, so guards and teachers will be able to spot strangers more easily.

It also will help to end disputes about expensive designer jeans and jackets. And, more importantly, uniforms put the focus of the school day back on learning. Many of our students spend more time concerned with their appearance than with their academic performance, and fights because of expensive shoes and jackets are more common in school all the time.

Uniforms help create school pride and stop students from worrying about what they will wear to school every day.

Some say that uniform policies will stifle students' creativity, but we believe it will help put that energy and creativity where it belongs — in their school work.

Participate locally

The latest trend in Washington is to claim that government is too big and needs to be reduced.

Whether this is merely a political ploy or a genuine effort at reform is debatable, along with the question of the necessity of such an attempt.

But all this wrangling inside the beltway can cause one to overlook the level of government that has the greatest impact on each person's daily life — the local level.

While the president and Congress are debating foreign policy, term limits and welfare reform, local governments such as Mountainside's Borough Council and Springfield's Township Committee are deciding issues that will affect their constituents and neighbors on a daily basis.

Quality of life issues ranging from commuter parking to public safety are developed and implemented on the local level. It is the level of government where the individual can effect the greatest change, as well as see the fruits of his or her actions.

This is not to say one should ignore Trenton or Washington. But if you want to change your world for the better, start in your own backyard.

Talk to your neighbors to find out what is affecting their daily lives. Stay informed of the actions of your local government. Attend its meetings. They're open to the public.

After all, active participation in government by the citizens is one of the foundations of our democratic society.

"We have to believe that in the free exchange of ideas, justice will prevail over injustice, tolerance over intolerance and progress over reaction."

—Hillary Rodham Clinton
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Join together



Courtesy of Mountainside Rotary Club

Gloria Dickerson of Mountainside, second from left, celebrates her new membership with the Mountainside Rotary Club. She was honored by being sworn in by District Governor W. Patrick Growney, left. Joining Growney and Dickerson are Mountainside Rotary President Daniel Falcone, right, and Bruce Dickerson, second from right. The Rotary holds its weekly luncheon meetings Mondays at 12:15 p.m. at Steak & Ale on Route 22 East.

Let's keep Springfield beautiful

Have you noticed the many changes taking place all over Springfield? Residents know what a treasure this town is, but now we are going to make sure that even the casual passer-by will recognize what a beautiful and civic-minded community we live in.

In an effort to beautify our surroundings and make Springfield an even more pleasant place to live, work and shop, the Beautification Committee, working with town hall, municipal employees, the Department of Transportation and concerned businesses and residents, has purchased and planted attractive wooden containers in town center. Colorful displays of geraniums, begonia and vinia now enhance the ambience of the town.

Before we tell you about the many changes already affected or in the planning stages, we would like to thank the many people whose enthusiasm and cooperation have made this work possible. Our many thanks to Mayor Greg Clarke, the men of the road department and the women in town hall. Little of the work would have been possible without the friendly and efficient efforts of these dedicated municipal employees.

Among the improvements already in place are American flags which will be displayed on Morris and

Be Our Guest

By Ruth Schwartz

Mountain avenues in celebration of Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day. The flag route will be extended to pass the Municipal Building, continuing to Veterans Park. In addition, the handsome light poles in front of Town Hall will be adorned with the official flag of Springfield.

A sign welcoming people to Springfield soon will be displayed near the Union border. Over the coming months, we hope to add additional signs at the various entrances to town.

Adopt-a-Highway is another program we presently are promoting. Any families, institutions or business willing to sponsor a section of roadway or a traffic island are welcome to participate. A sign crediting their effort will be placed at the site.

Please note that the traffic islands in and around town center are being cleaned and maintained. Unfortunately, due to liability concerns, the Department of Transportation

restricts us from enhancing them further.

We would like to thank the businesses and merchants who have enthusiastically embraced the program to date: Norma Lehrhoff Altman, Realtor Millburn/Springfield, Kiwanis Club, Scotty's Steak House, and the Beautification Committee.

Spring plans call for additional planters to be sponsored by Park Drugs, Norma's Beauty Salon, Investors Savings, Apex Cleaners, Hillary's Chinese Restaurant, Mack Camera, Foodtown and Gioffi's Caterers. These are among the first to have volunteered to underwrite this project. We thank them and look forward to others joining the effort.

If you would like flowers in front of your place of business, please call the Beautification Committee so that we can provide additional information and assistance.

The Springfield Beautification Committee has enjoyed bringing these changes to Springfield. We urge you to join us. By working together we can truly improve the environment and increase the enjoyment and pride we share in our town.

Ruth Schwartz is a member of the Beautification Committee.

Candidate doesn't merit votes

Remember when George Bush was amazed by a supermarket check-out scanner? Imagine a man who would come to Union County, look for a copy of the *Elizabeth Daily Journal* so he could check the Washington Senators score, stop by a campaign rally at the Flagship nightclub on Route 22, then take Route 9 to a relaxing weekend at Atlantic City's Traymore Hotel. That's Bob Dole.

Free Form

By Bob Rixon

If character is a crucial issue in presidential elections, the 1960 race between Nixon and Kennedy featured a neurotic against a womanizer. But that election was about the economy and the "missile gap." Our presidents have been slave owners, adulterers, bunglers, wimps, liars, revenge seekers, and one great manic depressive. Bob Dole may be an honest man with lots of character, but we all could say that about many people who wouldn't get our vote.

Despite his nostalgic visits to Kansas, Dole is a Washingtonian to the core. Washingtonians are people who live to cut deals on a big scale, or who need to hear about those deals before anyone else. Everyone mixes regardless of political affiliation: politicians, bureaucrats, lobbyists, journalists. Inexplicable alliances occur from this blending, like the marriage of James Carville and Mary Matalin. Truly provincial personalities are ignored, lampooned, or laughed out of town. Bob Dole has breathed Washington air for over 35 years.

Dole is a deficit hawk who has had to adopt supply side economics and Jack Kemp to rescue his campaign. There is something insidious about this.

Republicans would be happy if federal government were responsible for nothing more than national defense, pork barrel projects and farm subsidies. Unable to attack head on the programs they hate, which range from education to environmental protection to civil rights, they know that many government services favored by the majority of Americans can be strangled by neglecting to fund them adequately. Just decrease revenues while slicing the budget.

In a recent campaign speech, Dole said that he would cut programs that "you won't even miss." May we ask which programs?

The Republican convention was a great illusion — a stage-managed extravaganza featuring lots of pro-choice women and men who were the very soul of moderation. But the party remains hostage to a bitter core of theocrats who want to mandate a narrow morality while abandoning compassionate commitments to the poor, the sick, the environment, and the health and safety of working people. Even Jack Kemp's absurd reputation as a "bleeding heart conservative" can't disguise the heartlessness and gutless appeals to racial and economic prejudice that have characterized the GOP for many years.

Every American knows what American values are, which is why there are over 200 million different sets of them. If Republicans were really so high on good values and common decency, they wouldn't be married to big business, which doesn't care about either.

Yet, if I were a conservative, I'd be mighty suspicious of Bob Dole, who is conservative rather than a conservative. If Bob Dole becomes president, he intends to cut the capital gains tax and also try to balance the budget while habitually tossing pork toward any state he carried.

Whatever wheels Bob Dole can't grease into motion might just stay stuck. Having stirred up the moderate wing of his party with his half-hearted appeals for tolerance and inclusiveness, he will face a coalition of centrist Republicans and Democrats who disagree with much of Dole's platform. His political instincts will tell him to back pedal, skip the hassle, and concentrate on attending black tie bashers over at Kennedy Center for the Arts.

Picture Bob Dole's old Senate cronies attending White House dinners while Pat Buchanan orders the biggie fries at Wendy's. As the Marine Corps Band eases into an after dinner medley of Glenn Miller tunes, a rare, satisfied smile crosses Bob Dole's face.

Bob Rixon is a resident of Rahway and a weekly columnist for this publication.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Steering clear of bias

To the Editor:

I watched the Republican Convention on C-Span to avoid the bias of NBC, CBS, ABC and particularly CNN. I do so on any similar occasion of national interest.

Joseph Chiappa
Mountainside

Absent members don't help

To the Editor:

I am writing to point out a matter of concern in Springfield's government which I believe every resident should be made aware of. Specifically Bill Ruocco, who was elected last November, has made it clear through his actions how little he really cares about Springfield and its residents. In just a little more than half a year, Ruocco has missed more than 10 Township Committee meetings, including one concerning adoption of our local budget.

What is more disturbing are his reasons for missing many of those meetings. One reason was he had to attend meetings of the Republican Party — he remains the local Republican Party chairman. Another was because he had to attend a meeting of the Union County Utilities Authority. He was appointed by the Republicans to that job as well.

It is obvious that Ruocco's priorities put his other activities before the interest of the people he was elected to represent. I pledge that I will be a full-time member of the Township Committee and will not let other political jobs and appointments interfere with my service to the voters of Springfield. My record speaks for itself. During the three years I previously served on the Township Committee, I missed a total of two meetings.

Sy Mullman
Democrat candidate
for Township Committee
Springfield

Overtime was overlooked

To the Editor:

Now that the 1996 deer hunt is over, and its deer management program report gathers dust in the local libraries, a question remains with me as to what appears to be the actual costs of this year's hunt that the taxpayers funded.

While the double zero price tag attributed to the County Police's expenses by not working overtime is debated, I received a letter from County Manager Ann Baran that

states no overtime expenses were incurred during the last hunt. This letter contradicts the report that states that a county employee was allowed to earn \$4,774 in overtime just to go and shoot deer on the reservation. Why would the county manager overlook this fact? Are our freeholders allowing this and other costs attributed to the hunt to be swept under the rug? And why is it that county employees earn so much overtime for 30 days of work? That's right, 30 days.

Are we going to allow this unnecessary spending of our tax dollars to continue? Whether you liked the hunt or not, you paid for it.

And now we may be paying tax dollars to cover up misspent tax dollars. I am still against the hunt and will always be, whether you like it or not, and I don't want to pay for it. Not now, not ever.

Vincent Lehotsky
Linden

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Selling drivers' records is not a good policy

Governor Whitman is holding a yard sale, and we're all invited!

We should be. After all, it's our yards that she's selling.

Driving on the Parkway a week or two ago, I noticed that the Garden State Arts Center no longer exists. It's been replaced by the PNC Bank Arts Center, which looks strangely similar to the previous facility, though with an ugly name.

Having sold the arts center, and the Brendan Byrne... I mean the Continental Airlines Arena, I am fervently awaiting the news that the Thomas H. Kean New Jersey State Aquarium has been renamed the Exxon Otter Rehabilitation Center.

Late word has it that the New Jersey State Botanical Gardens is on the block, and is being eyed by representatives from Lawn Doctor, and that every museum in the state is due to be sold to the Ross Perot Foundation for Blatant Revisionism.

Now, however, things have gone too far.

The governor has decided to sell the details of our driving records, and our vehicle information, in an effort to raise \$11 million without having to raise taxes, which would be incredibly unpopular. Ask Jim Florio.

Ostensibly, this highly personal information will only be sold to auto insurance and credit companies, parking authorities, bus and truck lines, and auto manufacturers for "safety recall mailings."

Yeah, right.

A pair of our more rational legislators took the governor, and our illustrious DMV Director C. Richard Kamin, to task over the issue, which

Rookie Season

By Ryan Vaarsi
Staff Writer

they see as being an invasion of our privacy.

Kamin swears that the information will only be given to trustworthy individuals who will not use it to dupe, threaten, gouge, disturb or otherwise extort money from residents.

This promise comes from the same agency that can't process an application for a duplicate license in less than five hours.

He also noted that approved buyers of our information would be prohibited from reselling or disclosing any of it. Why is it that I don't find that particularly reassuring?

In keeping with the governor's idea, last week, my town's government announced it has decided to start selling street names in an effort to raise money without having to bite the bullet and pass an unpopular tax increase.

Bidding was fierce, and as of this writing, more than 40 percent of the streets have been sold.

Come January, I will be living on Taco Bell Lane. As an aficionado of Taco Bell's meat-by-product-based delicacies, this is a decision I can live with.

My friend Dan, on the other hand, will soon be living on Budweiser Boulevard. He is ecstatic.

My friends Pete and Paul found out

they will be living on Intercontinental Hotels and Forum International Hotels Drive. They are going to have one hell of a time fitting that on their return address stickers.

Wait! This just in: New Jersey has officially changed its name to Microsoft.

Say it ain't so, Christie!

I'm a good driver. I got one speeding ticket five or six years ago, and I've been clean ever since. I have nothing to be ashamed of, but I certainly don't want my driving record to become public domain. This whole scheme is just dripping with the potential for a catastrophe.

I can see it now! A new breed of car thieves who knows where you live, where you work, and what your car looks like. They know what license plate numbers they can fabricate and how do they know all of this? Because the DMV sold them the information, that's how!

What's next, Social Security numbers?

Much as Jonathan Swift did in his time, let me make my own "Modest

Proposal" and offer a possible solution to this problem.

State run brothels.

Why not let the practitioners of the world's oldest profession go to work for the taxpayers of New Jersey...I mean Microsoft?

Nevada has the right idea, only they aren't capitalizing on it as best as they could. State run brothels would generate an enormous amount of money, particularly around the holiday season.

It's simple. Charge one flat, per-hour rate for state residents, and another, slightly higher rate for everyone else. The money from New Yorkers alone would be enough to fund our state's entire public school system for a year.

In clean, well lit facilities, with Barry White playing in the background, men could find an all-new way of contributing to the state's deficit reduction plan.

It gives a whole new twist to the idea of "civil service."

Anyway, that's my opinion. Then again, I'm new at this. I could be wrong.

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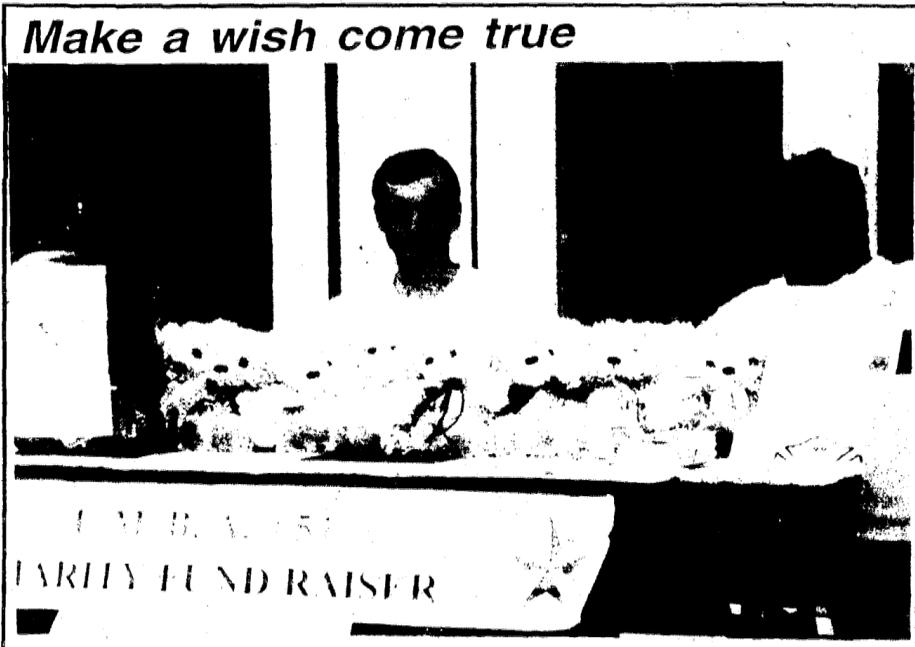
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EARLY FUNDRAISER

Photo By John Mullen

The recent Summit Street Fair proved to be the ideal setting to sell Teddy Bears. From left to right, Tom Delia, Wayne Smith and Dan Harvis of the Summit Fire Department's F.M.B.A. local #54, Fireman's Mutual Benevolent Association, were selling these bears to help raise money for the Make a Wish Foundation. To help benefit this organization, the F.M.B.A. will also host a Costume Dance on October 25.

Boating safety tips offered

According to the U.S. Coast Guard, the top five causes of boat accidents in the United States during 1994 were:

- Inattention or carelessness
- Improper lookout
- Strong currents, rough waves
- Speed
- Lack of operator training

For these reasons, and others, 167 boat accidents and 14 boat-related deaths were reported in New Jersey in 1994.

"Accidents often happen because basic safety rules are not known or are not followed," said Rachael Enoch, editor of the New Jersey Insurance News Service.

The most common type of accident in New Jersey in 1994 was collision between boats. Other accidents included collisions with stationary objects, capsizing, falls overboard and groundings. Many of these accidents could have been prevented if boaters had observed speed limits, followed buoy markers and adhered to waterway rules. "The key to safety on the water is operator knowledge and experience," says Enoch.

NIINS offers the following tips to help boaters avoid accidents and injuries:

- Always check the weather forecast. A safe boater never goes afloat knowing a storm is approaching. When you see signals that a storm is on its way, such as a change in the direction of the wind or a sudden drop in the barometric pressure, head for shore immediately. It is also wise to carry an inexpensive weather radio on board to listen for small craft advisories.
- Tell someone your float plan. Let them know your intended course and approximate time schedule. Include a description of the craft, including col-

or, length, type, number and name, and the names of the persons who will be on board.

- Never drink while operating a boat. Not only is it illegal, but the effect of alcohol on balance, coordination, reaction time and vision impairs a boater's steering ability and can lead to serious accidents. In New Jersey in 1994, alcohol contributed to eight accidents, six injuries and one death in 1994.
- Never stand up in a boat. When movement is necessary, one person at a time should move along the center line of the boat and stay as low as possible. Also, people should never ride on the upper edge of a boat's sides, known as the gun wales. Aside from being illegal in New Jersey, riding on the gun wales is dangerous because a quick stop or turn could easily toss someone overboard.
- Learn what color-coded buoys and markers mean. Boat operators should always pay attention to these navigational aids and steer accordingly.
- Provide each person with a life jacket or personal flotation device. Federal law requires that there be one wearable PFD for each person on board.
- Take care when fueling. Shut off all motors, engines or fans on board before refueling. No one should ever smoke on or near the boat while gasoline is being handled. Also, never fill a tank to the brim — leave room in the tank for the gasoline to expand.
- Have a fire extinguisher on board. Fire extinguishers should be mounted in an easy-to-reach place and checked often to be sure they are full and operational.
- Watch your wake. When passing smaller boats, slow down and keep

your wake low. New Jersey law states that boaters are responsible for any damages caused by wakes from their boats.

- Anchor from bow, not stern. The length of the anchor line should be at least five times longer than water depth.
- Keep visual distress signals in your boat. All boaters are required by law to have an audible distress signal such as a horn, whistle or bell. For boating on larger bodies of water, federal law requires the operator to have visual distress signal such as red flares, an orange flag, orange smoke signal or a lantern or flashlight on board. All signals should have Coast Guard approval or certification.
- Take a boat safety course. The following organizations offer safe boating courses: U. S. Power Squadron, (800) 828-3380; U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, (800) 368-5647, and the American Red Cross.
- Know and understand the acceptable capacity of your craft. The combined weight of people and gear should be kept within these limits. As you load, look to see how much distance is between the top edge of the boat and the water.
- Make sure at least one other person on board has rudimentary knowledge of how to safely operate the craft in case of emergencies
- Never boat alone!

If you have questions about boat safety or would like information about insuring your vessel, call the New Jersey Insurance News Service at (908) 687-2828.

The New Jersey Insurance News Service is an information association sponsored by 21 property/casualty companies with headquarters or major facilities in New Jersey.

YMCA fall registration open

The Summit Area YMCA is currently conducting registration for fall classes which begin Sept. 3 and run until Oct. 27. Fall is a great time to get back into a healthy routine and the YMCA is offering many new classes and programs in addition to perennial favorites.

The always popular preschool gym, sports and dance classes are filling up quickly. A new parent/child roller skating class will give parents the opportunity to learn the country's fastest growing sport. Learn the basic in-line skating skills with your preschooler in a safe and fun environment.

The youth basketball program has been expanded to include a clinic for girls, ages 8 and up. Basketball clinics are run by coach Eugene Maxwell, who led the 1996 Summit YMCA team to victory, winning the East Field YMCA championship. Other class options for youth members are

beginner roller hockey and instructional golf, the latter being taught by a staff professional at Crescent Golf Range.

YMCA Teens stay busy with many expanded programs including the new Y Express, an afterschool "drop-in" program for Middle Schoolers. Middle school students can sign up for their Y Express card that admits them to swim and gym time where they can enjoy ping pong, knock hockey, computer games, mouthy movies, and music.

Early registration is recommended for the ever popular preschool and youth progressive swim programs. Experienced Aquatic Directors Bruce Pearl and Eileen Lamey ensure that children enjoy their learning experience and progress at their own pace.

Now's the time to take the first step toward a healthier lifestyle. Adult aquatics, fitness, and yoga classes are included with membership, but

registration is necessary for the aquatics classes. Come in to the Y for a demonstration. The staff of certified fitness instructors will tailor a program to your needs regardless of your age or current physical condition. Personal training is also available.

Don't miss the Back to School Cardio Blast on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Come and let the fitness staff lead you in a cross-training workout which involves a variety of exercises including aerobics, step, slide, and body sculpting. This adult program is free to members and guests, and all fitness levels are welcome. Baby-sitting services will be provided.

Stop by the YMCA, located at 67 Maple Street, to see the facilities and meet the staff. For more information, call (908) 273-3330

Festival committee seeking artists

Applications from artists, crafters, and photographers who would like to participate in Union's 23rd annual "Festival On The Green," are being sought by the festival committee.

More than 100 professional and non-professional artists, crafters, and photographers of varied ages are expected to participate in the event to be held Saturday, Sept. 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Friberger Park in Union.

The juried show is sponsored by the

Union Township Chamber of Commerce and provides artists with an opportunity to exhibit and sell their work, and to compete for cash prizes.

Among the exhibits will be fine art, oils, water colors, photography, giftware, and clothing.

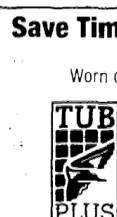
Friberger Park is situated behind the Union Township municipal building. Artisan displays will be set up in the upper level parking lot behind the library, while the lower level parking lot, in front of the municipal building,

will be reserved for local nonprofit groups providing food vendors and service clubs.

The Union High School band will open the festival, and entertainment will continue throughout the day with ethnic music, dancing, and talent from across the state.

For an exhibitor application or further information about the juried show call the Chamber of Commerce at 908-688-2777.

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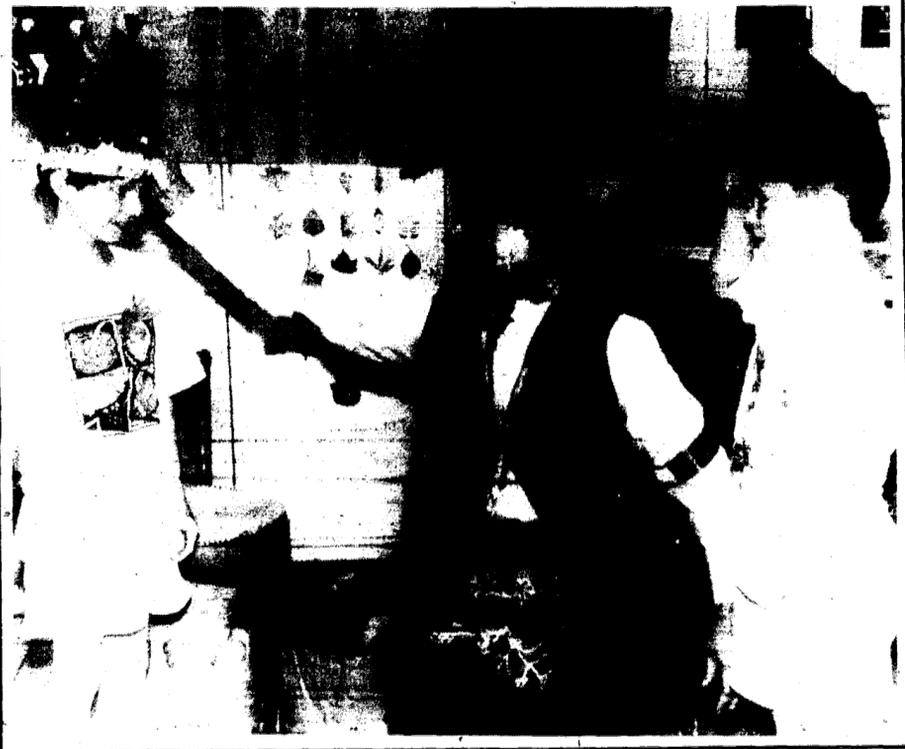
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Native education



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Jim Day Owl, a Chippewa portrayed by Jim Lomauro through Project Impact, demonstrates authentic Native American songs, dances, costumes, traditions and artifacts to children of the Elephant Tree Nature Camp at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit. Above, Charis Fischer, Meredith Keffer, and Alison Rhodes learn about the traditional costumes of Indian girls. Below, Jason Tkaih and Sean Callaghan display some non-traditional Native American head gear.



Kean plans new semester

Kean College of New Jersey begins its 1996-97 academic year with fall semester classes on Thursday, September 5.

With a stable enrollment for the upcoming year, students can look forward to more than 50 undergraduate and graduate programs, all at an affordable cost.

Dr. Ronald Appilbaum, Kean's newly appointed president, will preside over a host of new and exciting programs and activities in the coming months.

This fall, the dedication of the Nancy Thompson Library expansion will mark one of several revitalization projects that have taken place on the college campus over the past two years.

The library expansion, part of a \$6.3 million construction project, allows the College to provide better service to the nearly 500,000 people from the college and community who use the facility each year. Renovations include state-of-art electronic services, as well as the addition of many specialized learning spaces, double floor space as well as stack, and reader space.

Last year, a new, almost \$7 million College Center was unveiled. The center boasts conference facilities, student lounges, a 400-seat multipur-

pose room, new dining facilities, a book store, coffee shop, gallery and exhibition space and meeting rooms for student clubs.

In addition to enhanced academic and support facilities, the College will also offer a new two-year, full-time Master of Social Work degree beginning in September. Kean will be the first New Jersey state college to offer such a degree. Presently, the only accredited MSW program in New Jersey is offered by the Rutgers Graduate School of Social Work.

Individuals interested enrolling at Kean will have the opportunity to explore the many programs and services offered by the college by attending the Fall Open House on Friday, November 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Wilkins Theater, or the Graduate Open House on Sunday, October 6 from 1-3 p.m. in the College Center.

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Junior League plans to re-open costume store

The Junior League of Summit's Costume Rental Shop, all ready to re-open on Sept. 10 in its new location at 105 Main Street in Millburn, has come a long way in its 20-year history.

From its humble beginnings in a basement corner of the Summit League Thrift & Consignment Shop building on DeForest Avenue in Summit, the Costume Shop has evolved into a well-organized treasure trove of unusual and vintage clothing and accessories the likes of which rarely exists outside a major city. It is a labor of love for Manager Sue Anderson, Founder Lyn Mackie and the other volunteers who help staff the shop every Tuesday, September through June.

The way the legend goes, the Junior League of Summit's Thrift Shop received donations from time to time that were too far from mainstream fashion to appeal to its conservative clientele, but too interesting to discard. As this collection outgrew one storage box after another, it certainly looked like an inventory of costumes, and so the league began this little rental business on the side. As word got around, donations increased, overflowing available space in the DeForest Avenue building and in Mackie's home as well.

While the enterprise began to turn a

small profit, the logistics of volunteers found it increasingly challenging to assist large groups of performers or party-goers, and finding a real shop became a necessity.

So, in 1986, when New Providence began to rent space in the Hillview Elementary school building, the shop moved quite comfortably into a classroom and adjoining storage room. This was not a location to draw walk in business, but the relatively low rent allowed the league to keep prices in line with the shoe-string budgets of community theater groups and schools.

The shop's reputation continued to grow, garnering rave notices from TV and radio commentator Joan Hamburg for the past several years.

When the Morris Union Jointure Commission acquired the former school in 1994 and announced that it would need all of the space for its own programs, the Costume Shop went searching for a new home. By coincidence, the Junior League of the Oranges/Short Hills, J.L.O.S.H., decided around that time not to continue their ACT II resale business and was looking for an appropriate tenant.

"It was a perfect match," declared Anderson. "We've now got a wonderfully appointed space with dressing rooms and racks already in place. Its convenient location across from beau-

tiful Taylor Park is within walking distance of the train station, with parking at the door. The Junior League of Summit has already enjoyed occasional collaborations with J.L.O.S.H., who we think of as sort of a nearby cousin. So both organizations will have a hand in continuing to provide this wonderful service to the community."

Local press coverage and word of mouth reports never fail to mention that, along with the thousands of items in stock, visitors are regularly treated to the expert costuming sense of Anderson and Mackie, as well as their fascinating lore of the history of many memorable items.

Along with dresses and military get-up of diverse styles and periods, delighted browsers find costume options from racing silks to Santa Claus suits to "Cats" fur — but nothing as pedestrian as Barney or Big Bird. For one low price, the attentive staff will help costumers assemble an entire outfit with all accessories included.

As before, this popular costume rental shop will continue to have regular hours of 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays. In addition, they will be open for business Saturdays in October 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment other days. Their telephone number is (201) 379-5355.

YMCA to teach self-defense course

The Berkeley Heights Area YMCA is currently conducting registration for Fall Adult Self-Defense, Sha do kan Karate and Yoga classes. Classes begin in September and run through October.

Adult Self-Defense teaches techniques to sharpen both physical and mental alertness, and enhances self-esteem, self-discipline and safety

awareness. This class is suitable for adults of all ages and abilities. Classes run for eight weeks and are held on Tuesday evenings beginning Sept. 3. Karate, Sha do kan, 6:45-7:45 p.m. and Self Defense at 7:50-8:50 p.m. Both of these classes are being taught by fitness professional and 5th degree black belt, Mohamed Aly.

Hatha Yoga classes begin on

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County Freeholders honor Bistocchi

Union County Freeholders presented a resolution honoring Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Superintendent of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in Scotch Plains, 2nd from right, for being named Member of the Year by the former Private Industry Council at the first meeting of the newly-created Workforce Investment Board. The mission of the WIB, created by an Executive Order signed by Governor Whitman in 1995, is to provide lifelong learning for all county citizens and to meet the county's workforce readiness development needs.

"The Freeholders agree that Dr. Bistocchi deserves the honor of being named Member of the Year by PIC," stated Freeholder Chairman Edwin Force. "He came to Union County with an excellent background. He has served as the Principal of the Marine Academy of Science and Technology in Sandy Hook, as well as the Assistant Superintendent of the Monmouth County Vocational Schools."

"Dr. Bistocchi is a man of many accomplishments," noted Freeholder Frank Lehr of Summit, who also serves as Freeholder Liaison to WIB. "Ranking high on that list is his work on the national, award-winning Youth Pride Program, an attempt to utilize the best of successful education and employment strategies. This program, a cooperative effort of all interested parties, was developed in the true spirit of the Workforce Investment Board mission. An important part of the program is the newly-created Adult High School, which serves indi-



Freeholder Chairman Edwin H. Force, left, and Freeholder Frank Lehr, Summit, right, Freeholder Liaison to the Workforce Investment Board represent the Union County Freeholder Board as they joined Charles Mancuso, President of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools Board of Education, 2nd from left, to congratulate Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, 2nd from right, for being named Member of the Year by the Workforce Investment Board.

viduals from throughout Union County. Because of his outstanding work in this area I was proud to present him with a resolution of congratulations from the Board," Lehr added.

"A trained and skilled workforce is crucial to a strong economy in Union

County," stated Freeholder Vice Chairman Henry W. Kurz, Alternate Liaison to the WIB. "As Union County focuses on economic development, we have initiated educational and training programs to help our citizens acquire the skills and knowledge

needed to enter or re-enter the workforce, to contribute to our society and to enjoy a healthy quality of life. This work, of which Dr. Bistocchi is a driving force, is done through WIB with its partnership with private industry and mirrors the state's WIB plan."

Bank names Emr regional president

Summit Bank has named Stephen T. Emr Regional President of the Union, Essex and Morris County Region. Prior to assuming his new position, he served as a senior vice president and director of marketing for Summit Bank. Summit Bank is owned by Summit Bancorp.

As part of its strategic initiative to have a more localized, customer focused approach, Summit Bancorp has divided its New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania market area into six regions. As Regional President, Emr will have responsibility for 54 branches, clustered into 20 market groups, covering Essex, Union and eastern Morris counties.

Emr will be located in downtown Summit and will be Summit Bank's key decision maker in this market area. He will be backed by a team of bankers and lenders in the local area, and will also be supported by managers of the bank's offices in this region. Seven commercial lenders will be located in the region and will focus on loan services to small businesses.

Emr joined Summit Bank, formerly called The Summit Trust Company, in 1984 as senior vice president in charge of business development. He was named director of marketing in 1986.

A resident of Mountain Lakes, he is president of the United Way of



Stephen T. Emr

Union County, and serves as a vestry member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Mountain Lakes. Emr is also a former chairman of the New Jersey Bankers Association's Public Relations/Marketing Committee.

Parent company of New Jersey's largest bank, Summit Bancorp is also the 31st largest bank holding company in the nation with over \$22 billion in assets, \$18 billion in deposits and a network of over 335 community banking offices throughout New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania. Its major lines of business are commercial banking,

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Colonial Avenue and Thoreau Terrace, Union. Rev. Robert S. Damrau, Pastor. Church phone: (908) 688-4975. Sunday services: 9:45 AM - Sunday School for ages, multiple adult electives offered each quarter. 11:00 AM - Morning Worship (Nursery care provided for infants through kindergarten). Primary church for grades 1-4. Holy Communion - first Sunday of the month: 7:00 PM - Evening Praise/Informal Bible Study. Wednesday: 7:00-8:30 PM - Middle School/Senior High Youth Fellowship at the Church; 7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study; 8:15 PM - Chancel Choir rehearsal. Thursday: 9:30-11:15 AM Women's Bible Study and Craft Class, free child care provided (meets bi-monthly, October through May). Monthly meetings include: Couples' Bible Study, Women's Missionary and Service League, Men's Fellowship Breakfast every third Saturday (7:30 AM). Wide range of musical opportunities for children, youth and adults in choirs, hand bell choirs, orchestra and instrumental ensembles. This church provides barrier free accessibility to all services and activities. A personal sound amplification system for the hearing impaired is available for use during the Sunday Morning Worship Service. A cordial welcome awaits all visitors at all of our services and programs.

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

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF UNION 2372 Morris Avenue, Union, 687-2120. Meyer Korban, Rabbi; Hillel Sadowitz, Cantor; Esther Avnet, Cantor. 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 Tallit and Tefillin 9:00 AM. Religious School with a full time Principal. Grades Three through Seven meet Sundays 9:10 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. Family Sunday School 9:15; Family Worship 10:30; Visitors Expected; Barrier-free; Various Choirs, Bible Studies, Youth Groups; Nightly Dial-A-Meditation. Call church office for more information or free packet.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 201-379-4525. Fax 201-379-8887. Joel R. Yoss, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service is held at 10 a.m. with Children's Church and child care during worship. For information regarding our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office from Monday through Thursday, 8:30 - 4:00 p.m.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 301 Tucker Ave., Union 688-0714. Rev. Thomas J. Bagel, Pastor. Services: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. We offer an 11:00 a.m. English Worship Service, with a children's sermon, to which everyone is welcome. Communion on first and third Sunday of every month. Sanctuary is handicapped accessible. Ample off street parking. Adult and Children Choirs, Adult Choir rehearsal every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Confirmation class every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets on first and third Sunday at 7:00 p.m. We have two WELCA circles. The Alder circle meets every other month on Saturday mornings. The Alpha circle meets on the third Sunday of the month in the afternoon. Trinity Adult Fellowship meets on the last Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Ladies Altar Guild meets on the second Sunday of the month in the afternoon. Four times a year Assembly #60 of the United Lutheran Society has a meeting.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL 229 Cowperthwaite Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Kruttsch, Pastor. (908) 232-1517. Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Church Worship 10:45 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Various Choirs, Bible studies, Youth Groups. School N3 thru Grade 6. Handicap accessible.

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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, located on 40 Church Mall in Springfield, NJ, invites people of all ages and backgrounds to join us for Summer Sunday morning worship at 9:30. During the months of July and August, we will enjoy union services with our neighbors in the Presbyterian Church. In July we will be worshipping in the Presbyterian Church located on Morris Ave. In August we will be worshipping in the United Methodist Church. In August, we will enjoy a traditional Methodist hymn sing from 9:15-9:30 A.M., followed by worship at 9:30 A.M. We are a warm and welcoming congregation of Christians who gather together to be encouraged in the faith, strengthened in hope, and empowered to be brave and faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Child care and nursery are available following the part of our worship service that is especially geared toward young children. Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday of every month. If you have any questions, interest or concerns, please call the pastor, Rev. Jeff Markay at 201-376-1695.

MORAVIAN
BATTLE HILL COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH 777 Liberty Avenue, Union, 686-5262. Pastor John Jackman, Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Service of Worship, 10:30 a.m., Nursery provided. First Sunday every month Fellowship Hour after Worship. Prayer

Group every Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Study every Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Women's groups meet first Tuesday 7:30 p.m. and first Thursday 1:30 p.m. monthly New Jersey Chrysantheum Society second Friday of month 8:00 p.m. (except Jan., Jul., & Aug.). For more information call the Church Office.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
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. STOKADE 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 established 1730, Stuyvesant Avenue and Route 22, Union. Summer schedule June 23 to September 1, Sunday worship at 10:15 a.m. Child care provided during the Worship Service. We have an Adult Chancel Choir. Sound System for the hearing impaired. Coffee hour follows the service. Ample parking is provided. Presbyterian Women Circles meet Monthly. Bible study group meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 a.m. The Living Room - a Support Group for those coping with aged parents - meets 4th Thursday of the month. Full program of Scouting provided. Everyone welcome. Weekly Nursery School for 2 1/2, 3, and 4 yr. olds available, 9:45-10:45. For additional information, please call Church Office at 688-3164. Serving Church Community for 266 years. Rev. R. Sidney Pinch, Pastor, 688-3164.

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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. Bralim Luckhoff, Minister.

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

ST. THERESA'S CHURCH 541 Washington Ave., Kenilworth, 272-4444. Rev. Joseph S. Bejgrowicz, 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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Arboretum receives honors

The Reeves-Reed Arboretum was recently honored by the Institute of Museum Studies and the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta.

L. W. Rose, executive director of the Reeves-Reed, was one of 72 museum officials selected from across the country who participated in the IMS Grant Reviewer Training Workshop in Washington, D.C. These award winning museum experts reviewed applications for the Insti-

tute's general operating support program. Mrs. Rose was chosen on the basis of her comprehensive knowledge of museum operations, according to Trania Said of IMS.

From the AABGA, the Reeves-Reed received a Dorthoy A. Hansell Publication Award for the design and content of its membership brochure. The Brochure was written by Betty McAndrews, director of public information for Reeves Reed and designed by graphic artist Andrea Burke.

SAT course offered

Educational Services Center, an established tri-state SAT, Scholastic Assessment Test, training facility, is offering its PSAT/SAT I Preparation Course in mid-September and also late August at some locations, in Scotch Plains and Summit for the October PSAT Exam and the October/November SAT I Exams. This course teaches test taking techniques in addition to improving mathematics and verbal skills.

Experienced licensed high school teachers, experts in preparing students for the PSAT/SAT's, conduct eight 3-hour sessions for classes of 10-15

students at a cost of \$295 per student. Students can arrange for free, additional help with the instructor.

Maricia Frankel, Director of Educational Services Center, states that knowing how to take a test is as important as knowing the material. She says that Educational Services Center's PSAT/SAT I Courses help students feel relaxed, assured and self-confident. The center guarantees that students will improve their scores, or they can retake the course free of charge next season.

To register, or for more information, call (800) 762-8378 or (914) 356-8963.

Company earnings increase

Center Bancorp Inc. achieved another quarter of strong consolidated net income amounting to \$1,002,000 for the three months ended June 30, 1996, an increase in net earnings of 9.62 percent over the comparable three month period ended June 30, 1995. Earnings per share of \$.45 compares with \$.41 reported in the same quarter of last year. All per share figures have been adjusted for the 3-for-2 stock split effected in May 1996.

For the six months ended June 30, 1996, consolidated net income

increased 16.9 percent to \$2,200,000 or \$1 per share as compared with \$1,914,000 or \$.87 per share reported in the first six months of 1995. On June 30, 1996, total assets reached \$454.3 million. Consolidated shareholders' equity increased to \$28.5 million.

Union Center National Bank, the wholly owned subsidiary of Center Bancorp Inc., operates 13 banking locations in: Union, Millburn Mall/Vauxhall, Springfield, Berkeley Heights, Cranford and Madison.

Holiday food drive begins

Share New Jersey has begun its annual Holiday Food Package Campaign.

Share New Jersey is offering holiday food packages to church groups, charitable groups, civic organizations, private companies and fraternal organizations dedicated to creating hunger-free holidays this Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Food packages can be bought in 25-unit blocks for \$350. The menu consists of turkey, trimmings, fresh vegetables, fruits, cornbread and more.

The closing date for Thanksgiving orders is Oct. 31. The closing date for Christmas orders is Dec. 3. There is no limit to the number of packages each organization can purchase for holiday distribution.

For more information or to place an order, call Janette Carroll at Share New Jersey (888) SHARE NJ or (201) 344-2400.

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SPORTS

LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Gordon Morrison, a former Dayton Regional High School football standout, is gearing up for his senior season on the gridiron at Gettysburg College.

The 6-foot-1, 190-pounder from Springfield started some at outside linebacker for the Bullets last season. He wears No. 98.

Morrison had three unassisted and three assisted tackles for a total of six as Gettysburg finished the 1995 campaign with a winning record of 7-3.

Head coach Barry Streeter said that Morrison and Ryan McNamee are battling for the one outside line-backing post.

"They both gained valuable experience last year," Streeter said.

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The Dayton Regional High School football team, looking to improve upon last year's 1-8 mark, will host Hillside in a scrimmage on Sept. 11 at 4 p.m. at Springfield's Meisel Field.

Dayton opened the 1995 season at home against Hillside and fell by a 19-7 score.

Last year Dayton and Hillside were both in the Mountain Division of the Mountain Valley Conference, captured by Johnson Regional. This season Dayton moves to the Valley Division for the 1996-97 school year.

The Valley Division looks like this: Dayton Regional, Roselle Park, Middlesex, New Providence, Bound Brook and Manville. Dayton is the only Group 2 school in the division, the other five schools are Group 1.

The Mountain Division looks like this: Immaculata, North Plainfield, Ridge, Hillside, Governor Livingston, Newark Central, Roselle and Johnson Regional. Immaculata is in North Jersey, Parochial B and the other seven are Group 2 schools.

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The Greater Union County Softball Umpires Association 35-Plus Masters One Pitch Softball Tournament will be held Saturday at Warinanco Park in Union County.

More information may be obtained by calling Pete at 245-7344 or Keith at 232-7042.

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The Westfield Y swim team 1996-97 season will commence with practices Sept. 16.

Tryouts for placement into one of the team's five practice groups will be held on the following dates:
Sept. 4: 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Sept. 5: 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Sept. 7: noon-2 p.m.

Each new team member will be required to participate in one tryout session only.

Placement into the team's practice groups will be based on age, experience and ability levels.

The practice groups are novice, bronze, silver, gold and senior.

All new applicants should report to the Wallace Pool at the Westfield YMCA, located on Clarke Street in Westfield, during one of the three tryout sessions.

More information may be obtained by calling Richard Murray, the head coach and director of Competitive Aquatics, at 232-2700.

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The Westfield Y swim team has scheduled its first parents meeting to be held at the Westfield YMCA on Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Parents of all swim team members, new and returning, are encouraged to attend.

Early detection of symptoms crucial Concussions must be monitored

By Keith Agran
Assistant Sports Editor

This is the second installment of a two-part piece on "Concussive Injuries in Athletes," a seminar put on by the Kessler Sports Institute in West Orange on Aug. 7. Part One last week discussed Initial Assessment and Return to Play Criteria. This week we'll look at the Short and Long Term Effects of Concussive Injuries, as presented by Kessler's Director of Psychology, Dr. Thomas Galski.

A knock to the head never meant so much. At least that's what Galski thinks, whether it's during a Pop Warner football game or a fast-paced, often vicious NFL contest. Any sign of some distinct symptoms could mean the presence of a head injury, mild or severe, and monitoring that individual over the period following can mean the difference between a full recovery and a trip down the road toward permanent damage.

A jar to the brain, more commonly referred to as a concussion, can have more than just a dizzying or glassy-eyed effect on the athlete. What is actually going on inside the brain has now become a more important area of focus for doctors and therapists like Galski, who are taking a new approach to the way athletes with head injuries can be monitored.

While the research has yet to be fully confirmed, it is the belief of Galski and others that multiple head injuries obtained through athletics can be responsible for the occurrence of dementia and even more debilitating conditions such as Alzheimer's.

"All athletes need to be cognizant of how these injuries can bring on things like dementia or Alzheimer's," Galski said. "Our first concern when assessing brain injuries is obviously to identify its severity."

While Galski said that the mild-severe assessment system is "not necessarily always dichotomous," the two separate levels do provide the easiest table for understanding how the brain had been affected. Severe, as Galski said, includes "obvious tissue damage and very clear effects on human functions." Mild, which generally would include most concussions in sports, "does not result in obvious structural damage and no extended loss of consciousness."

That said, Galski feels that while definitions of what concussions are have been appearing in various forms in medical journals for some time, the correct approach to diagnosing has been lost behind the mountain of research put into identifying.

"For some time people haven't looked closely at what constitutes a concussion," he said. "Yes, it's a difficult task for those doing the assessing, but there are now better indicators and better predictors of later recovery that need more attention."

What many coaches, trainers and parents of high school and college athletes must know but may not is that an athlete who suffers one concussion, even mild, has a chance four times greater of getting another one even after the proper steps have been taken to safely return them to play.

"It's much easier to get a second one after you've had one already," Galski said. "And as expected, there is a good chance of increased severity and duration of future problems with each incidence."

There are several things that can be done to properly monitor an athlete who has had one or multiple concussions. What is striking and bears close attention is that the symptoms which a concussed athlete may show are much the same as those that burden teenagers and young people due to other things as well. Steroid or drug use, alcohol abuse, or clinical depression all contain symptom lists which mirror that which Galski presents for concussed athletes.

Still, once a head injury has been detected, watch the athlete and his/her progress with these four groups in mind:

'For some time people haven't looked closely at what constitutes a concussion. Yes, it's a difficult task for those doing the assessing, but there are now better indicators and better predictors of later recovery that need more attention.'

— Thomas Galski

PHYSICAL — (1) Headaches, (2) Neck & back pain, (3) Ringing in ears, (4) Nausea or vomiting or gastrointestinal distress, (5) Drowsiness & fatigue, (6) Disturbance in balance & dizziness, (7) Loss of smell or taste.

COGNITIVE — (1) Loss of attention & durability, (2) Slower thinking processes, (3) Problems expressing thoughts, (4) Difficulty in learning new information, (5) Poor recent memory & forgetfulness, (6) Poor planning & organizing, (7) Poor reading & arithmetic skills, (8) Decrease in problem solving & creative thinking, (9) Difficulty in finding right word or phrase.

PSYCHOLOGICAL, BEHAVIORAL & EMOTIONAL — (1) Anxiety, (2) Depression, (3) Apathy & indifference, (4) Impulsivity & unpredictability, (5) Argumentativeness & self-centeredness, (6) Coarse language, (7) Sexual disturbance & inappropriateness, (8) Changes in sleep patterns, (9) Somatic concerns.

OCCUPATIONAL, FAMILIAL & SOCIAL — (1) Poorer job performance, (2) Changes in interpersonal relationships, (3) Changes in social skills & manners, (4) Poor self control with unusual behavior, (5) Loss in sense of humor, (6) Hypersensitivity.

Galski also recommends these steps for early intervention — early evaluation & education, behavioral prescription, control outside influences and get a referral.

Galski can be contacted at Kessler's East Orange facility for more information, including a home checklist that parents can use to monitor symptoms as well as other informational pieces. The address is 240 Central Ave., East Orange 07018, and the number is 201-414-4705.

A difficult assignment



Former Mountainside Councilman and best-selling author Tim Benford says, "public relations is a tough job, but somebody's got to do it." He is seen here at the Jack Tar Village Beach Resort, St. Kitts, surrounded by members of the world famous Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders for whom he arranged a trip to the Caribbean islands of St. Kitts and Nevis to do the photography for their 1997 Swimsuit Calendar. It goes on sale nationwide this month. Interest in St. Kitts and Nevis gets another big public relations boost with the broadcast of a one-hour ESPN behind-the-scenes television special about making the calendar. The special will air five times with the final showing as the pre-game show on Super Bowl Sunday, January 27, 1997. The sister islands are one of Benford's tourism clients.

Age 60 championship tilt set for tomorrow at Meisel Springfield's LA Law finished 3rd in standings

Mangels Realty won the Union County Senior Softball League's 60-Plus Division title by finishing with a record of 11-3.

"The 1996 season has been a huge success despite the very uncooperative weather and field conditions," league chairman Tony Muccia said.

The 60-Plus Division playoffs were scheduled to commence last night with top-seeded Mangels Realty playing fourth-seeded Pioneer Transport at 8th Ward Park in Linden and second-seeded Marion Roofing facing third-seeded LA Law at the Orange Avenue School field in Cranford.

The final 60-Plus Division standings looked like this: 1-Mangels Realty (11-3), 2-Marion Roofing (9-5), 3-LA Law (6-9), 4-Pioneer Transport (3-12).

The winners of last night's games are scheduled to meet in the championship game set to take place tomorrow night at Meisel Field in Springfield at 6:15.

Here's a look at results of 60-Plus Division regular-season games that took place last week:

LA Law 34, Pioneer Transport 7; Joe Scapitto belted five hits and Eddie Malko, Tony Muccia, Al Shea, Gabe Ilaria and Bill Nichols blasted four each for LA Law.

Mangels Realty 16, Pioneer Transport 3; Mangels sewed up the championship behind the strong hitting of Mike Denci, Mick McNichols, Joe Attanasi and Chick Miller.

Seniors Softball

The 50-Plus Division standings looked like this as of last Thursday: 1-Comcast (20-3), 2-Nilsen Detective Agency (20-4), 3-EyeStyles (17-7), 4-Antone's Grill & Pub (14-7).

5-Crest Refrigeration (9-12), 6-Travel Guide (8-16), 7-Krowicki-Gorney (7-17), 8-Saxony Motel (4-18), 9-Lehigh Savings (4-20).

The 50-Plus Division playoffs were scheduled to commence Monday, following last Friday's preliminary for the 8th position between Saxony Motel and Lehigh Savings.

First-round games were scheduled

for Monday night, the semifinals for Tuesday night and the championship game for tonight.

Here's a look at results of 50-Plus Division regular-season games that took place last week:

Nilsen Detective Agency 11, Crest Refrigeration 3; Bob DeBellis belted two home runs among his three-hits and drove in five runs to spark Nilsen. Tom Weiscaster, Bill Richie and Butch Ernst had three hits each for Nilsen and Ernst pitched well.

Comcast 18, Krowicki-Gorney 15; Joe Berger belted four hits and Carl Nicola drove in four runs to pace Comcast. Jim Airey, Frank D'Amato, Art Kopacz and Norm Stumpf head three hits each for Comcast. Joe Morano was the winning pitcher.

Nilsen Detective Agency 18, Crest Refrigeration 17; Nilsen, trailing 15-5, managed to score 13 of the game's final 15 runs to pull out the victory. John Wachter belted two home runs and teammates Jerry Barrett and Vic Blyskal blasted one round-tripper each for Nilsen.

Senior golf tournaments will tee off at Oak Ridge Sept. 13

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders have announced that the 23rd annual Union County Senior Men's and Women's Public Links Tournaments will be held Friday, Sept. 13 at Oak Ridge Golf Course, Oak Ridge Park, Clark.

The tournament, open to those age 50 and over, will be 18 holes, stroke play — no handicap, low gross.

Participants must be residents of Union County and cannot be a member of a private club.

There is an entry fee of \$10 per person; with regular green fees to be paid on the day of play.

Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 1.

No post entries will be accepted.

The rain date for the tournament will be Friday, Sept. 20. Entry forms are available at all three County courses: Ash Brook Golf Course, Scotch Plains; Galloping Hill Golf Course, Kenilworth and Oak Ridge Golf Course, Clark.

More information may be obtained by calling 908-574-0139.

Masters One Pitch Softball this Saturday at Warinanco Park

The Greater Union County Softball Umpires Association 35-Plus Masters One Pitch Softball Tournament will be held this Saturday at Warinanco Park in Union County.

More information may be obtained by calling Pete at 908-245-7344 or Keith at 908-232-7042.

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Trailside offers programs for families

Planetarium Shows

Summer Celestial Showcase — Come and learn about the summer skies and easy ways to remember the constellations. Each family will receive a summer star chart to take home. This show, slated for Sundays in August, begins at 2 p.m. and costs \$3 per person, \$2.55 for seniors. No children under 6 will be admitted.

Aliens, anyone? — Many people wonder about aliens from another planet. Explore how life could evolve on a distant world, and also learn about other stars and planets. This show for children age 6 and older begins at 2 p.m. on Sundays in September and costs \$3 per person, \$2.55 for seniors.

The Sky Inside — Explore the day and nighttime sky with your preschooler. Learn together about the transition of daytime into nighttime and witness the movement of the sun and moon. This show for children ages 4-6 with an adult begins at 11 a.m. today, and costs \$3 per person, \$2.55 for seniors.

Dinosaurs and Space Dust — Discover the dinosaur extinction-outer space connection and find out about other possible theories. Play "Name That Dinosaur." This show for children age 6 and up begins at 1 p.m. today and costs \$3 per person, \$2.55 for seniors.

Space is a Place — Children will learn about the night sky and how far away the stars are. They will also learn about planets, meteors and galaxies. This show for children ages 4-6 with an adult begins at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday and costs \$3 per person, \$2.55 for seniors.

Laser Queen — Laser concert featuring old and new music by the band Queen. This 3:30 p.m. Sept. 1

show is intertwined with a story about aliens. Admission is \$3.25 per person, \$2.75 for seniors. Children under 10 years old will not be admitted.

Moonlight Serenade

Sharpen your night observation skills by playing "Freeze" and the listening game; then hike by the light of the full moon. This program for families of all ages takes place from 8-9:30 p.m. on Wednesday with an Aug. 29 raindate. Admission is \$4 per person and pre-registration is required.

Butterflies

Find out about the lives of common butterflies. Learn how to tell the difference between butterflies and skippers. Visit the Butterfly Garden to see plants that provide nectar for adults and are food for caterpillars. Check the meadows for migrating monarch butterflies. This family program begins at 2 p.m. on Sept 1 and costs \$1 per person.

Nature exhibits

Trailside will be displaying some unique exhibits from 1-5 p.m. daily. Exhibits include: Birds of the Watchung Reservation featuring local taxidermed mammals; a hands-on Children's Discovery Room; Fossils; Lenape tools; a Trap Rock Mineral Exhibit highlighting local specimens; and a Fluorescent Mineral Room. The Fluorescent Mineral Room allows visitors to simply press a button activating a black light transforming ordinary minerals into breathtaking beauties. Many of the minerals exhibited, donated by members

of the Trailside Mineral Club, were found in nearby Franklin, New Jersey. Franklin is considered by some of the "fluorescent mineral capital of the world." Two of the minerals on display were found locally in the Watchung Mountains. Trailside's Visitor's Center houses a live reptile exhibit featuring local New Jersey snakes and turtles as well as a Pond Life exhibit.

An exhibit highlighting the history of the nearby Deserted Village of Feltsville, seasonal exhibits, a relief map of the Watchung Reservation, the 2,000 acre Union County Park in which Trailside is located, life-size dinosaur models and a museum gift shop are also located in the Visitor's Center.

Admission to the Museum and Visitor Center is free but donations are accepted.

Volunteers needed

Trailside Nature & Science Center is still in need of volunteers to assist staff naturalists with weekly summer nature and astronomy programs. Volunteers are needed to work with first and second-graders during week-long day camp sessions.

Anyone wishing to volunteer should be reliable, have some experience working with children and enjoy working in the outdoors. By volunteering your time, you can meet new people and gain valuable skills and experience while working at a Union County facility, located in the Watchung Reservation.

To volunteer your time or for more information, call Betty Ann Kelly Tuesday through Friday at 789-3670.

Coalition supports FAA move

A congressional bill that would require the Federal Aviation Administration to move its Eastern Regional Office to Union County has received the unanimous support of the New Jersey Coalition Against Aircraft Noise Board of Trustees.

In agreeing to push for passage of HR 2832, sponsored by Rep. Bob Franks, R-7, NJCAAAN members said FAA bureaucrats must be forced to hear aircraft noise on a daily basis.

"For nearly 10 years, New Jersey has been one of the most affected states in the nation," said Pamela Baraam-Brown, executive director of NJCAAAN. "If the FAA Eastern Regional bureaucrats currently based in New York were forced to deal with the constant racket of noisy jets, I'm sure they would finally sit down with citizens to quickly resolve the issue."

The citizens' group said the FAA has done nothing to resolve the air noise issue. Instead, the group said the FAA has unfairly misrepresented its ocean-routing plan, which group members said will provide relief for New Jersey and Staten Island residents.

Under Franks' bill, the FAA would be required to move its Eastern Regional Office from New York to Union County within one year after the legislation is approved.

NJCAAAN's support for the bill was welcomed by members of New Jersey's congressional delegation.

"My constituents deserve better than the FAA's footdragging and duplicity," Franks said. "I'm extremely gratified NJCAAAN has taken this action."

Rep. Dick Zimmer, R-12, said, "I

very much appreciate NJCAAAN's support of our efforts to move the FAA to New Jersey to ensure that the FAA is more responsive to our needs.

"I am extremely pleased NJCAAAN has endorsed our efforts," said Rep. Bill Martini, R-8. "I want to recognize Rep. Bob Franks for his leadership in introducing this important legislation. I look forward to working with NJCAAAN on the issue of aircraft noise because it is critical to the future of North Jersey."

Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen, R-11, said the FAA has shown they have a "public-be-damned" attitude.

"Anything we can do to raise awareness of the air noise problem in New Jersey within the FAA is long overdue," Frelinghuysen said.

Superior Court needs volunteers

The Superior Court in Union County is searching for volunteers to enhance services in two areas.

County residents are wanted to staff the Juvenile Conference Committees. Each committee is a citizen panel consisting of six to nine volunteers appointed by the presiding judge of the Family Court, hears matters involving first or second time minor juvenile delinquency complaints that are referred by the court.

The committees are concerned with deterring future delinquent acts of young people in their communities. Membership precludes those who

are police officers, attorneys who handle juvenile delinquency cases in Union County, judiciary employees, and municipal court judges or their spouses. Membership also precludes those who hold or seek any appointed or elected political office, including on a board of education.

Anyone interested in volunteering one night a month for this program, or is interested in finding out about other volunteer opportunities available throughout the judiciary, may call Nancy Spano Yurek, acting vicinage volunteer manager, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at (908) 527-4325 or write

her at the Union County Court House Annex, fifth floor, Elizabeth, NJ 07207.

The county courthouse also is in need of staff for its Volunteer Reception Units.

Volunteers will be placed in various locations throughout the courthouse in Elizabeth. They will be responsible for directing parties to the various courts and offices as well as giving basic information and paperwork. Volunteers will be asked to work a few hours during the day, once a week. Full training will be available.

Free history course offered to seniors

The Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Corporation, in conjunction with The Westfield Foundation and the Learning is For Ever, LIFE, Center of Union County College, will be sponsoring a free class on its premises during the fall 1996 semester.

"U.S. History to 1865" is a three-

credit course that explores the beginnings of the fledgling republic, its colonial foundations, and the struggle for independence. Discussions will focus on the economic, social, religious, and intellectual factors affecting the new country's development up to the Civil War.

The instructor, Dr. Christopher Gibbs, received his Masters Degree in History from the University of Northern Colorado and his Ph.D. from the University of Missouri. He is the author of "The Great Silent Majority", and co-author of "Grass Roots Politics." Dr. Gibbs has also published numerous short stories, and his articles on American History have appeared in national magazines and scholarly journals.

"U.S. History to 1865" will be held each Friday from 10 a.m. to noon beginning September 6 and extending through December 13.

County announces fall recreation

Recreation opportunities for your family in the Union County Park System in September and October:

- Union County Senior Public Links Tournament — Men's and women's entries accepted through Sept. 1, for ages 50 and up. The tournament will be held Sept. 13 at Oak Ridge Gold Course, Oak Ridge Road, Clark. A Sept. 20 raindate is scheduled. There is a registration fee. For information, call 574-0139.

- Hayrides and Campfires — Tickets go on sale Sept. 2 at Trailside Nature and Science Center, located on Coles Avenue and New Providence Road in Mountainside. Choose from six dates — Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 11, 18, 25 and Nov. 8. All rides begin at 6:30 p.m. Folksinging, marshmallows and hot chocolate are included in admission. County residents pay \$3, those from out-of-county will be charge \$4. A limit of 25 tickets will be sold to

any one person. Information on private rentals is available. For information, call 527-4900.

- Harvest festival — On Sept. 29, from 1 to 5 p.m., Trailside Nature and Science Center, located on Coles Avenue and New Providence Road in Mountainside, will have colonial demonstrations, exhibits, food, entertainment and vendors. Suggested admission is \$3 per person. For information, call 789-3670.
- Arts and Crafts Fair — On Oct. 5 and 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., a juried crafts fair will be held with more than 120 artists. Quality items of all price ranges will be available at Nomahagan Park, located on Springfield Avenue in Cranford. Admission is free. For information, call 527-4900.

- Fishing Derby for people with disabilities begins Sept. 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A Sept. 22 raindate is scheduled. The derby is sponsored by the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation in conjunction with the Newark Bait & Flycasting Club. Fishing, prizes, entertainment and lunch will be included in the day's activities in Warinanco Park, Elizabeth/Roselle.

Pre-registration is required. For information, call 527-4900.

• Union County Folk Arts Festival — Performances, crafts and more will take place on Oct. 26 — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF BID
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Mountainside for:

SHADE TREE WORK

Bids will be opened and read in public at the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey, on September 5, 1996 at 10:30 a.m. Prevailing Time.

Bids shall be in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the Borough Attorney. Proposal blanks, specifications and instructions to bidders may be obtained at the office of the Borough Clerk at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, 1st floor, Mountainside, New Jersey.

Bids must be made on the Borough's form of bid and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Borough Clerk, Borough of Mountainside, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092 and hand delivered at the place and hour named. Bids shall be endorsed on the outside of the envelope with the name and address of bidder and:

"Bid Proposal for Shade Tree Work at the Borough of Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22"

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or a bid bond equal to ten percent (10%) of the full amount of the bid, not to exceed \$20,000.00 and made payable to the Borough of Mountainside as a Proposal Guaranty.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c.127, (NJAC 17:27).

The Borough of Mountainside hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to award the contract to any bidder whose proposal, in the Borough's judgment, best serves its interest.

By order of the Mayor and Council:
Judith E. Osty
Borough Clerk
U6936 MEC August 22, 1996 (\$18.75)

PUBLIC NOTICE

2,002 through 2,371. This application is now on file on the Clerk's calendar No. 11-96S, on the Clerk's calendar, and a public hearing has been ordered for 8:00 P.M., September 4, 1996, in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, N.J. 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 in 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, New Jersey.

PITMAN, PITMAN AND MINDAS, P.C.
Attorneys for Applicant
155 Morris Avenue
Springfield, New Jersey
By: Bruce M. Pitman
U6950 SLR August 22, 1996 (\$17.25)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MYNHEE KIM REIMANN, Deceased.

Pursuant to the order of ANN P. CONTI, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 16th day of August, A.D. 1996, upon the application of the undersigned, as Administrator of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the undersigned under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

Dr. Peter Reimann
Administrator
Stern, Dubrow & Marcus
Attorneys
111 Durnell Road
Maplewood, NJ 07040
U6955 SLR August 22, 1996 (\$9.00)

NOTICE OF BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Mountainside for:

1996 CRACK CLEANING AND SEALING

Bids will be opened and read in public at the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on September 5, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. Prevailing Time.

Bids shall be in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the Borough Attorney. Proposal blanks, specifications and instructions to bidders may be obtained at the office of the Borough Clerk at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, 1st floor, Mountainside, New Jersey.

Bids must be made on the Borough's form of bid and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Borough Clerk, Borough of Mountainside, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092 and hand delivered at the place and hour named. Bids shall be endorsed on the outside of the envelope with the name and address of bidder and:

"Bid Proposal for Crack and Cleaning and Sealing" at the Borough of Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22"

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or a bid bond equal to ten percent (10%) of the full amount of the bid, not to exceed \$20,000.00 and made payable to the Borough of Mountainside as a Proposal Guaranty.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c.127, (NJAC 17:27).

The Borough of Mountainside hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to award the contract to any bidder whose proposal, in the Borough's judgment, best serves its interest.

By order of the Mayor and Council:
Judith E. Osty
Borough Clerk
U6937 MEC August 22, 1996 (\$19.25)

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Take notice that the following decision was made at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Adjustment held on Tuesday, July 16, 1996.

1. APPLICATION # 96-4
APPLICANT POTAMKIN LEASING
ADDRESS 115 RT. 22 EAST
BLOCK 139
LOT 3
FOR A USE VARIANCE FOR A CASING OPERATION

DETERMINATION: WAS APPROVED

Determination of Resolution is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Planning Board, Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Avenue, Township of Springfield, New Jersey and are available for public inspection.

Nancy Treiber
U6935 SLR August 22, 1996 (\$10.25)

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 STAPLES, I RESEARCH DRIVE, WESTBOROUGH, MA 01581 for a minor site plan application for facade renovation to accommodate a 24 hour copy center within existing structure including new access area and relocation of existing parking spaces and variances for ordinance 603.2 parking-259 spaces required, 172 spaces existing, 172 spaces proposed and ordinance 508.8 sign requirement of more than one wall sign and limitation that total sign area not exceed 10% of the area of the face of the wall upon which such signs are attached. Proposed development is for two wall signs exceeding maximum 10% coverage by .0029%.

All sections referring to the zoning ordinance of the Township of Springfield. Also any other variances that 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 155 Route 22, Springfield, New Jersey, Block 142, Lot 2. This application is now on file on the Clerk's calendar, and a public hearing has been ordered for 8:00 p.m. September 4, 1996 in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 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 in 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.

Gerald J. Martin, Esq.
Attorney for Applicant
U6973 SLR August 22, 1996 (\$18.00)

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 Bruce M. Pitman, Esq., of the firm of Pitman, Pitman and Mindas, P.C., on behalf of Springfield Park Place Condominium Association for minor site plan approval, preliminary and final, to the existing and approved Planned Unit Development (PUD), pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Springfield, Section 604.1, to allow for the installation (previously approved by Resolution dated January 5, 1994) of an entrance and exit gate system with guard house at the south Springfield entrance/exit of the site. Also any other variances that 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 955 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, Block 4001, Lots

Starting religious school is family matter at Temple B'nai Jeshurun

At Temple B'nai Jeshurun in Short Hills, there is a rush of activity to get ready for the new school year, 5757. Rooms are being painted, new books are arriving, teachers are working on their curricula and setting up their rooms, children are coming back from camp and coming in to visit, and new children are meeting with the director of religious education, Elaine Brown, and getting a tour of the temple. Families are calling with questions about scheduling for the coming year, and marking their calendars for family education programs and times to volunteer their skills in the religious

school. Registration is still open, and now is the time to join Congregation B'nai Jeshurun and enroll your children in grades kindergarten through Confirmation Academy, and begin to make Jewish education a family affair.

The temple's classrooms are not the only places where fine Jewish education take place, they are also meeting places for children from several surrounding communities who have established friendships that began in the Early Childhood program and continue through Confirmation. Upon entering the temple Shabbat

morning, you will often hear the voices of children in grades K-4, led by the third and fourth-grade choir, fill the lobby as they participate in the Shabbat worship service. Shabbat worship and celebration are an integral part of B'nai Jeshurun Religious School. A variety of worship experiences are created through song, children's level worship experiences and stories. Each class celebrates the Sabbath hosted by a Shabbat family, which includes parents, siblings, grandparents and even aunts and uncles.

The study of the Torah and mitzvot

is of primary importance in the early grades and "God Talk" is encouraged in every classroom. The temple celebrates the learning that happens when children understand individual differences and join in the give and take of learning from each other; the temple has faculty who are equipped to meet the challenges of teaching children with special needs.

The congregation invites you to join it in worship, education and friendship at Temple B'nai Jeshurun; for more information, call 379-1555 and ask for the school office.

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