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TWO SECTIONS

Borough Highlights

Stable ability

Watching Stables offers two programs, in addition to its fall and spring series of lessons, which are designed to introduce the sport of horseback riding to all.

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Concerts at Echo Lake

Music will fill the night air in Echo Lake Park when the annual Union County Summer Arts Festival begins its season.

The schedule for July is: Wednesday, Jukebox Heroes, featuring the Mahoney Brothers, sponsored by Comcast Cablevision.

Wednesday, a reggae, calypso evening, featuring Verdict.

July 23, Dixieland, featuring the Wooster Street Trolley Jazz Band, sponsored by Schering Plough Corp.

July 30, Oldies night, featuring A.J. and the Hearts, sponsored by Tosco Bayway Refinery.

All concerts are held at the Springfield Avenue end of Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets are encouraged. There is a refreshments stand available beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m.

In case of rain, Cranford High School Auditorium, West End Place, Cranford will be the site. Rain information is available by calling (908) 352-8410 after 3 p.m. on the day of the concert.

Trail work

Volunteers are needed to assist with trail projects in the Watching Reservation on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Those interested should meet at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, and bring lunch, a mug, shovel, pickaxe, and gloves if possible. To register, call 789-3670.

K.I.D.S. Club

All children ages 6 to 12 are invited to participate in K.I.D.S. Club every Tuesday evening throughout the summer ending Sept. 9. This program is being run through the Joy Fellowship, and will include music, games, contests, snacks, and stories. The location is Echo Lake Park, and the program begins at 6:30 p.m. and concludes at 8:30. For directions and further information, call (908) 277-1416.

Internet classes

The Public Library will conduct a free introductory internet class on Tuesday and July 29 at 7:30 p.m., and July 24 and July 31 at 2 p.m. The class will last 30 minutes and will cover basic internet searching. Call the library at (908) 233-0115 to sign up.

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Babysitters in training Katie O'Sullivan, Brielle Luciano, Jenna Spadaccini, and Kaitlin Moore splash around with Natalie Condriolo, 4. The 11-year-old girls frequently help mothers at the Community Pool.

Mayor opposes new tower

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

The state Department of Transportation would like to put up a 120-foot communications tower on an island in the middle of Route 22 in Mountainside. This is part of a state-wide effort by the Department of Transportation and several wireless communications companies to use state land along major roadways to place these new communication towers to improve cellular phone service throughout the state. The Borough Council and several residents feel that the tower is unnecessary and will only go toward making the borough less attractive as well as depriving them of revenue.

Recently, a public hearing was held at Borough Hall at which a representatives from the DOT and a major wireless communications company were on hand to discuss the proposed tower and how the borough views its installation.

According to Mayor Bob Vigilanti, the borough was well represented at the meeting, and they feel that the tower is a big mistake. "The borough was represented by the Police Department, the administrator and the borough attorney and we again voiced our opposition on the state placing the tower on Route 22 based on about four criteria.

One, it is not necessary because there is an existing tower behind Borough Hall that has space on it for this type of use. Number two, we feel that it will be detrimental to the property values of the homes around the area. Three, we could not accept the DOT's justification that they wanted to put up the tower for traffic purposes, but it is really to gain revenue, and we oppose it because municipalities already have enough trouble trying to gain revenue without competing with the state. Number four is that the state is already doing a horrible job maintaining that piece of land right now without adding a tower to it," said Vigilanti.

According to Vigilanti, if the Department of Transportation will not listen to the borough concerns that he will have to follow other avenues. "After the Fourth of July holiday, if I can't go through the departments at the state level, I am going to contact the elected officials and tell them that we feel that this tower is totally unnecessary, unjust, not in the benefit of the community and we are opposing its placement in the borough," said Vigilanti.

According to the Department of Transportation, no final decisions have been made with regard to the placement of the tower on Route 22.

Mobile unit will aid children

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

Thanks to the generosity of a couple of area businesses, the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside now has a Mobile Services Unit that will help the hospital to answer calls in children's own communities. The Mobile Services Unit is a fully equipped examination facility that can be driven right into a community to provide services for those who may have trouble getting to the hospital.

The Mobile Services Unit, funded by C.R. Bard Foundation, Inc. of Murray Hill and the CIT Group Holdings of Livingston, is a 34-foot van that enables CSH to provide medical and rehabilitative services for children in their own community. Access to appropriate medical care is often a challenge for families with children with special needs, especially those that rely on mass transportation.

"As a longtime provider of health care services, Children's Specialized Hospital is well aware of the obstacles many families face in accessing services. Thanks to the generosity of Bard and the CIT Group, we are now able to overcome the transportation dilemma by providing care in the community via the Mobile Services Unit, said Richard Ahlfeld, president of Children's Specialized Hospital.

With the addition of the Mobile Services Unit, CSH can now provide services in a self-contained, independent setting in communities throughout New Jersey. The Mobile Unit has a reception area, a private examining area complete with a full sized exam table and sink, and a treatment area. The unit also has connections for a state-of-the-art computer, which has the capability to link with CSH's main computer via a modem to instantly update records. A television and VCR are also available for educational pur-

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poses. The unit is also equipped with a wheelchair lift for accessibility.

The C.R. Bard Foundation, Inc. donated \$100,000, while the CIT Group Holdings, Inc. made up the remainder for the custom made \$125,000 mobile unit.

"We recognized the problems faced by families who need the specialized services that CSH provides and were happy to be a part of the solution by helping to purchase the mobile unit," said Duke Parker, vice president and treasurer of C.R. Bard, Inc. and treasurer of the CSH Foundation.

Currently, the unit is being used for the hospital's Early Intervention Expansion Program in Plainfield and for splinting services, which involves the fabrication and fitting of splints for the arms, legs, fingers, hands, and feet to help correct or prevent improper alignment. In addition, the mobile unit is used at health fairs and other community events to educate the public about safety issues and the hospital's services.

The Early Intervention Expansion Program provides therapy services for children up to three years of age who show developmental delay. Plainfield has a large percentage of low birth-weight babies and a high number of mothers who do not receive adequate prenatal care; two factors that greatly

Council discusses clean-up program

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

The Borough Council held its work session meeting Tuesday night during which a possible, borough clean-up day was discussed.

The discussion concerned the planning of a non-binding referendum regarding a clean-up day. The clean-up day, or big garbage day as it is called in other towns, would be a day when residents of the borough could discard large items or large amounts of items outside their homes once a year to have picked up and hauled away to the dump. The service would cost the taxpayers, which is why Mayor Bob Vigilanti suggested that if the council wanted to pursue the idea, that it be put up for a referendum vote in November. "I think that if the residents want this service we should explain exactly what it is going to cost, and then let them decide if it is worth having the service in the borough," said Vigilanti.

Upon further discussion, other members of the council questioned the need for having a clean-up day for the entire community, when the local disposal company will provide that service upon demand at what was described as reasonable prices. Also, the council was concerned that if the community-wide clean-up day was to become a reality that the borough would see a lot of "pickers" as they were called. "Pickers" would be people who come into the borough to pick through the trash that residents have left out. Also it was brought up that if the entire community has to pay for

the clean-up day, and not everybody takes advantage of the service, then it would not be fair to those who have no interest in the service. As it was left at the meeting, the council agreed that this is something that the residents should take care of individually.

The next big item up for discussion was the possible renewal and transfer of a liquor license that is presently a homeless or "pocket" license. A "pocket" license is a liquor license that is presently owned by someone even though it is not being used at the moment. The borough did not take action on this particular license earlier in the year with the rest of the borough liquor licenses because they were waiting on a decision from the state as to whether they could proceed with action on this particular license. The council did receive the go ahead from the state to either renew or terminate this particular license. The council discussed both the pros and cons of having a live liquor license in the borough at length.

The owner of the license, along with a business partner, were on hand to answer questions for the council. The main question was on the intended use of the license. The owner stated that he and his partner are presently talking to a couple of restaurant chains that might be interested in moving into the borough if a license was available. The council agreed to take everything into consideration and stated that they will probably take official action at the next council meeting.

Trailside programs aimed at children

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

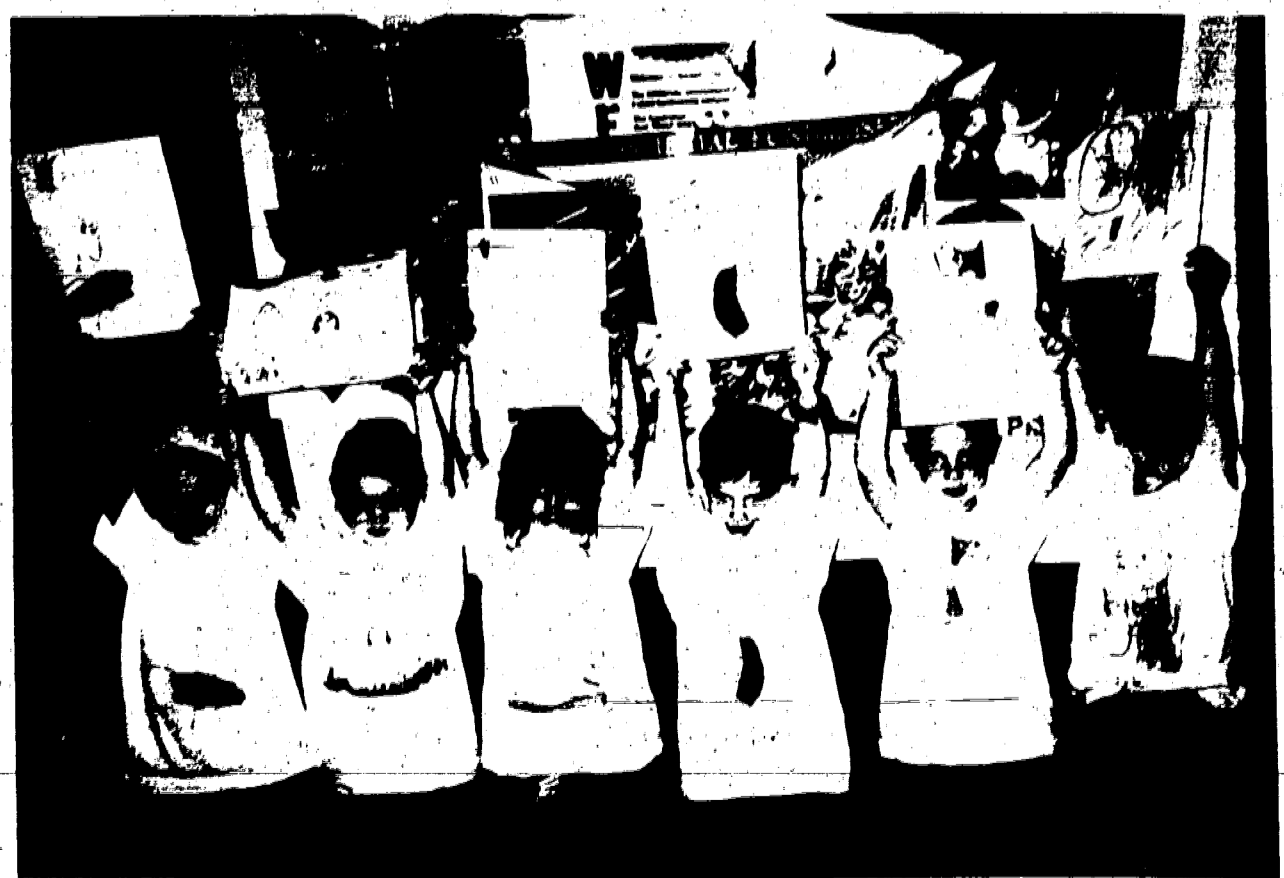
The Trailside Nature and Science Center has many summer activities scheduled for children of all ages. Some of the more popular events that are upcoming at Trailside are the Wednesday matinees and the Thursday planetarium shows which are designed to help kids learn about various topics.

"We have a lot going on at Trailside this summer, but what we would like to see people turn out for are the open to the public shows that we are putting on," said Judy Leibowitz of the Trailside Center.

On July 23 their will be a show on the Forces of Nature. This is an interactive science show that combines demonstrations of electricity and magnetism, light and sound and simple machines. Kids will discover why changes in temperature and pressure can cause remarkable effects. On July 30 Jeddie's Funtabulous Magic Circus comes to town. Children can witness or even participate in the magic tricks and illusions. Some members of the audience will be chosen to have four brightly lit 10 inch light bulbs slide through their bodies. Other shows scheduled for August are Dinosaur Doin's, Zoo to You, and the Toy Box. Shows are for ages four and up and start at 1:30 p.m. at a cost of \$4 per person.

The Trailside Nature and Science Center is also having several Thursday Planetarium shows which are also open to the public. The shows include Rock N' Roll Rocket, Family of the Sun, Dinosaurs and Space Dust, The Sky Inside, Cometmania and Native American Skylore. The Thursday Planetarium costs \$3 per person, with different start times throughout the month. For further information about the Planetarium shows or any of the other activities at Trailside, contact the center at 789-3670.

Their art on their sleeves



Preschoolers attending the June Arts and Crafts Program at the Community Presbyterian Nursery School proudly wear their art. The annual art project, led by borough resident Dawn Ciasulli and the Garden Party Flower/Gift Shop enabled the students to create their own designs using 'magic' transfer crayons. The originals were then transferred using a special heat press directly onto their T-shirts to be enjoyed as long as the young Picassos stay small enough to fit into them.

Propane leak leads to evacuation

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

A pair of open propane tank valves turned an early morning paving truck accident into an inconvenience for residents and commuters in the Milltown Road and Smithfield Drive intersection area of Springfield on July 2.

The driver of a Ford 161 flatbed truck, according to the Springfield Police Department, jumped the curb while traveling eastbound on Milltown Road at 5:47 a.m. Although the vehicle came to a stop after snapping two utility poles, the poles landed atop the vehicle and knocked out power to 25 families.

While the driver and his passenger exited the Ford, a diesel fuel leak from one of its saddle tanks was noticed. A must of propane, from a pair of 100-pound propane cylinders whose valves had worked open, was coming from the flatbed.

"We got the call at 5:57 a.m. and responded with two pumper trucks, two cars and a rescue truck," said Springfield Fire Chief William Gras. "Due to the nature of the incident, I called the county for the Hazardous Materials Response Team and the Union and Summit fire departments for mutual aid."

"One of our units was down the



The driver of a flatbed paving truck fell asleep while driving through Springfield, crashing into a utility pole and subsequently causing a propane leak.

street from the accident to check gas readings at an industrial site," said Union Fire Chief Frederic Fretz. "We brought in a second to assist Springfield."

While a Summit Fire Department truck filled in at Springfield's headquarters, firefighters and police personnel from the two townships converged. They were joined by the Union County HAZMAT truck and two General Public Utilities units. Over 35 people were involved with hazard removal or traffic diversion.

"Once we arrived at 6:15, all involved set up a chain of command

and examined the situation," said HAZMAT Technician Chris Scaturro of Roselle. "It was decided that I would walk a few feet ahead of the firefighters and shut off the valves."

"Behind them was an intervention team," said Fretz, "who are there to help any firefighter who gets into trouble. Although propane's natural state is as a liquid, it is still highly combustible."

While Springfield and HAZMAT approached the tanks, Union stood downhill by the Rahway River to dilute and contain any runoff. Eight homes were evacuated and a GPU

technician diverted power around the downed cable. Springfield Police and Auxiliary detoured traffic at Meisel Avenue while their Union colleagues did the same at Milltown and Springfield roads.

What they hadn't expected, however, were television news crews from channels 5, 7 and 12. The Fox and ABC teams had traffic helicopters hovering 500 feet above the accident site.

"The Eyewitness News helicopter was kicking up wind over us and we needed still air so the propane won't spread," said Gras. "We called the tower at Newark Airport to tell the helicopter to move away."

Scaturro shut the valves to clear the immediate hazard. Evacuated residents were allowed to return and the Summit and Union firefighters were released by 9 a.m. The second GPU truck had to replace the broken 40-foot poles, however, and normal traffic conditions weren't restored until 4 p.m.

The Ford truck, owned by Della Pella Contractors of Union, was towed at the driver's request. The driver, who said he fell asleep, wasn't given a summons. While he and the co-worker walked away from the wreck, the police blotter listed them as injured without further detail.

Colonial crafts



Fourth-graders at Deerfield School in Mountainside participated in a Colonial Craft Day recently. From left: Dana LaGreca, Jessica Gelsonon, Morgan Stellwagen, Robert Stickles, and Michael DeJianne press flowers.

NJ Transit settles discrimination suit

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

A Morristown lawyer announced that his Springfield client and NJ Transit recently reached an out-of-court settlement in Newark.

Attorney Ed Kopelson said that NJ Transit Rail Operations agreed to settle a discrimination suit filed on behalf of his client, James Elekes. Kopelson said that the suit was to be heard by Essex County Superior Court Judge Leo Yanoff when the set-

tlement of \$200,000 was made June 24.

"Although I specialize in discrimination cases for the handicapped or disabled," said Kopelson, "this is the first time I went to court against NJ Transit."

Kopelson said that Elekes was discriminated against during 1991. Elekes, who is blind, remained in the Office of the Elderly and Handicapped as a ride statistician throughout his six-year tenure.

"My client wasn't offered a promotion outside of the office because of his blindness," said Kopelson. "It was as if NJ Transit couldn't see him doing any job beyond that department."

Kopelson said that his firm, Kopelson and Westreich, has experienced an increase in suits filed by handicapped clients since the Americans with Disabilities Act was made law.

"I think the reason for the increase is that the handicapped realized that they have legal recourse that they didn't know of before," said Kopelson. "There was protection before under the state Handicapped and Elderly Services legislation."

"After talking with my attorney," said Elekes, "I feel it wouldn't be

proper to comment beyond the statement issued by him the day of the settlement."

Elekes left NJ Transit and is an instructor in Newark.

NJ Transit Office of Public Information in Newark referred comment to a statement issued by the state Attorney General in Trenton. However, statements from the Office of the Attorney General and Kopelson and Westreich have not been issued to the press.

Volunteers needed at Trailside

Trailside Nature & Science Center is in need of volunteers to assist staff naturalists with summer weekly nature and astronomy programs. Assistant naturalists are needed to work with pre-K to 9th grade students for 1 to 6 hours per day for 4 to 5 consecutive days. Anyone wishing to volunteer should be reliable and have some experience working with children and enjoy working in the out-of-doors. 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 or for more information, call Patricia Murray, Monday-Friday at (908) 789-3670.

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Attention churches, social clubs, congregations

This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities. Releases should be typed, double-spaced, and include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day. Send information to: Kevin Singer, managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, NJ 07083.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

Let's go to the videotape

What was billed as a national town meeting on health care for children was instead a rally to support the stands of two interest groups at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

On July 1, about 40 people, mostly those involved with the health care field, gathered for the hour-long teleconference at Children's Specialized Hospital in part to hear an address by President Bill Clinton.

They fielded calls from three of the 30 children's hospital teleconference sites. The last caller was an admitting clerk who afterward said she called in part because the hospital president asked her to call.

A public relations staffer said the teleconference was a success although only a couple audience members present were parents. She said the program air time limited participation to a few concerned parents.

The appropriation and channeling of funds for the 10 million children who are not covered by a health care plan is a matter that should be debated by the public on its merits.

For an interest group to present a rally disguised as an open forum, however, is misleading and disingenuous. Its organizers and sponsors, in the end, performed a disservice to the public and their cause.

Americans need to wise up

Summer is in full swing, which translates into a significant increase in traffic on New Jersey's highways. Shore and other seasonal destinations create havoc for motorists on their way to the beaches or sites of tourism.

As responsible citizens, we need to eradicate the misconception that New Year's Eve is the only time for us to safeguard against drunk driving.

These statistics should translate into deep concern for our everyday travels. New Jersey has seen an 8.2 percent increase in fatal accidents for the first six months of 1997 as the number of highway deaths has risen from 353 for last year's first half to 382 so far this year.

We need parents and guardians to educate their children and to set an example for responsible alcohol consumption. Demographically, about one-third of drunken driving victims are ages 16 to 24.

We commend the New Jersey State Police, which authorized extra overtime for this past weekend. Their effort to conduct maximum surveillance of our highways involved sobriety checkpoints to help keep tired or intoxicated drivers off the road.

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TAKING IT EASY — Patty Matullo, left, takes a break with Gianna Barsanti, 3, and daughter Rita Marie Matullo, 3, during Springfield's Fourth of July festivities.

Cultures will clash in China, but what else?

The transfer of Hong Kong back to China by England truly marks the end of an empire.

Remember when we were told in school that the sun never sets on the British Empire? Well, it does now.

Except for a few minor possessions and protectorates, the British Empire envisioned by Queen Victoria, Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli and author Rudyard Kipling, has faded into a dusty past.

It's hard to imagine that at one time, Great Britain's prestige was second to none. It was the first real superpower and continued to be one well after the end of World War I.

Possessions in Africa began to dwindle and British colonial rule there all but disappeared. The far-flung dominions such as Canada pulled out of the empire and Australia and New Zealand are about to do the same.

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

ings such as the Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, the British Virgin Islands and Bermuda, among those more important. But the days of Gunga Din, the Zulu Wars, the legendary battles in the Sudan and India are memories.

Now with Hong Kong part of China, England no longer is a robust colonial power but a fast dwindling array of minor possessions and protectorates.

Unfortunately, Great Britain has become a shadow of its former self. Its influence in the world is rapidly disappearing and it seems the English people are also unhappy at many prospects.

are high and trade is not exactly robust. The people spoke last month when they routed the Tories and installed a "New Labour" party.

But the return of Hong Kong to China has more significance than who's running the government. Of course for the 156 years Hong Kong was a province of England, such a situation was a humiliation.

But now that Hong Kong is back to where it should be, it will be interesting to see how China reacts. Hong Kong is a wealthy city, teeming with commerce, millionaires, skyscrapers, etc. But the nation in which it is located is communist.

so-called traitors, and dissenters. Hong Kong as a British territory did not have capital punishment. What happens when these two philosophies meet head on?

Knowing what I know about the Chinese and their penchant for law and order, we wonder what would happen if the death sentence was handed down in Hong Kong following a typical Chinese trial where the defendant is considered guilty until proven innocent.

No doubt there will be much assimilation to get over before the residents of Hong Kong and the average Chinese citizen can reach out to each other and begin an existence of trust.

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

Socialism is government 'helping' business

My good friend Jay Hochberg, the Union County regional editor of Worrall Community Newspapers, is very fond of railing against "poverty pimps," those in government who, motivated by pure self-interest, would keep poor people trapped in a cycle of dependence rather than help them break out.

I agree with him that such individuals are to be scorned, but having dated a social work major for four years in college, I haven't always owned up to opinions with the same glee Mr. Hochberg shows.

The problem with attacking welfare and other "human service programs" is that one looks like an ogre — a heartless Grinch who would put starving children on the street.

Such is the case with government programs. They mean much more to those who benefit than to those who don't, so they never die. It is a process the author Jonathan Rauch calls "demosclerosis" — a critical disease for democracy.

The problem is, while all these old programs still continue, new ones are being created every day. It is as if General Motors still made the 1957 model Chevys, and the 1958 models, 1959 models, ad so on and so on.

In Lehmann's Terms

By Ray Lehmann

some minor rumblings every 10 years or so, despite mountains of debt and reams of regulations, nothing ever really changes.

The "poverty pimps" never go away, but should their constituency of public assistance recipients dwindle, when they start making lives for themselves, the pimps will disappear.

Just witness how the Democrat freeholders created a new agency devoted to "helping" small-time entrepreneurs, thus ensuring that Union County's working class continues to be beholden to government scoundrels who think they are Robin Hood.

Why we need this agency at a time when it is easier than ever to start a business is rather puzzling. These days, the competition that drives the economy is in the development of ideas, as traditional barriers to capitalism — communications barriers, artificially inflated interest rates, etc — are removed by the growth of massive communications networks and deregulation of the state-planned and orchestrated economy.

Following their brethren in Congress, the Oval Office and in statehouses all across the country, Union County's Democrats turn a blind eye to these improvements. Rather than lending a helping hand to the effort by cutting taxes and regulations, they continue their habit of handing out

welfare checks — this time to businesses.

The Democrats will claim they do this to improve the economic redevelopment and "public-private partnerships" that have, in their eyes, completely revitalized dying areas.

They will point to the economic development in Hoboken or Red Bank and draw inspiration to continue spreading the lie that government can grow an economy.

In a liberal's eye, any market could only have come about by government intervention.

In reality, government intervention by itself has only done the opposite. There are markets that have revitalization plans, but none that have succeeded because of them.

From a simple economic mode, one can easily determine that if a given economy receives more in government subsidies than it pays in taxes, as in the above example, the result should be a boom.

But within that economy of scale where the subsidy is directed, there are going to be inequities that limit its efficiency. Subsidies will benefit some interest more than others. They

will devalue the local economy, as "sticky" economics brought about by government intervention limit the market's ability to adapt.

Economic development programs are financed by taxes. Taxes were assessed and drawn based on success — be it the income and business taxes, or property and sales taxes.

Therefore, both direct and indirect business subsidies draw money away from the productive sector of the economy and hand it to the unproductive sector.

The Democrats would like to put a pro-business, pro-development spin on their efforts, but the plan is the same it has always been. The plan is income redistribution.

If nothing else, at least the new agency combines these disparate socialist programs under one heading. Hopefully, that will make it just a little bit easier to kill the whole thing in one fell swoop.

Ray Lehmann is a resident of Union.

'Speak out' about your local issues

Worrall Community Newspapers has amended its policy regarding Speak Outs, an opportunity for readers to voice concerns and suggestions to the city. All responses will now remain anonymous.

VIEW POINT section containing "QUESTION OF THE WEEK" (Is traffic flow a problem on Route 22?), "LAST WEEK'S RESULTS" (Springfield: YES — 50%, NO — 50%; Mountainside: YES — 0%, NO — 100%), and a phone-in poll number: CALL (908) 686-9898 and enter #7556 - YES or #7557 - NO.

Township salon owner fined for tax evasion

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

An owner of a Springfield beauty salon was sentenced to two years probation on income tax evasion charges by U.S. District Judge Nicholas Politan Tuesday morning.

Politan, from his bench in Newark, also ordered Linda Scapicchio to pay a \$10,000 fine and file amended or delinquent returns for the 1988-90 tax years. She is also to pay back taxes, interest and penalties owed to the federal government.

Scapicchio, according to Internal Revenue Service District Director Frank Nixon, was charged with three counts each of federal tax evasion and evading payroll taxes. She pleaded guilty on two counts and waived indictment Jan. 18, 1996.

"By pleading guilty and waiving indictment," said Assistant Federal Attorney Carlos Ortiz, "the defendant wouldn't go through the grand jury process. The waiver allowed the prosecutor's office to request information from the defendant."

Ortiz charged that Scapicchio, as owner of Salon Montage Inc., received a substantial part of the business' cash gross receipts and concealed it in part by not depositing the money into corporate bank accounts. She then gave some of the cash to her employees with their paychecks and federal taxes weren't paid on these receipts.

The prosecutor charged that Scapicchio stated her individual taxable income as \$54,673 in 1989 but failed to report about \$45,432 from the salon. An additional \$13,984, according to IRS calculations, was due. She was also cited for underreporting \$369,735 in wages on quarterly federal tax returns and \$41,191 on the annual federal unemployment tax return that year.

The sentencing closed the investigation and trial process which involved Scapicchio and eight other defendants. Seven employees were ordered to file amended returns and pay back taxes, interest, and penalties. The defendants included George Ornelas Jr. and Frank Russo, both of Elizabeth.

An eighth employee, of Neshanic Station, was also ordered last April to pay a \$1,000 fine. She was charged in failing to report about \$32,000 in income in 1989.

"Scapicchio's defense attorney is Michael Critchley," said IRS Public Affairs Specialist Judi Kuzma. "There is nothing on the record's notation, however, that indicates who represented the other defendants."

Calls were placed to Critchley's office in West Orange. He couldn't be reached for comment.

IRS Special and Revenue Agents conducted the investigation.

Church features cool worship

The First Congregational Church, located at 125 Elmer St., in Westfield, will host family worship in its newly air-conditioned sanctuary this summer. Services will be held each Sunday throughout July and August from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Casual dress is welcome and visitors are invited to attend.

An informal-style worship will be offered for adults and children who are entering third-grade or older, featuring popular musical selections and more congregation interaction. Child care and a one-room schoolteacher with special activities for younger children will also be held each week.

This is the first summer following an extensive capital improvements campaign that First Congregational Church will host worship in its own sanctuary. The church is fully accessible to the handicapped and includes infrared listening devices for the hearing impaired.

For further information, call the church office at (908) 233-2494.

Selfless service



Emergency Management Coordinator John Cottage, left, and Auxiliary Police Chief Harry Vargas meet at Meisel Field to discuss logistics for the Fourth of July fireworks. Vargas was pleased with the overall response from his auxiliary officers, each of whom gave up their holiday to help out.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FMBA's bargaining tactics are wrong

To the Editor:

I think it is very important for Springfield residents not to be deceived by "sour grapes" letters they read in the *Springfield Leader* from fire union officials. This administration has one goal in mind, which is to protect the taxpayers of Springfield while contracting out for effective and efficient utilization of services. Specifics of employee contract negotiations should not be discussed in a public forum which was agreed to by all the unions. I, at least, will not break that trust as the FMBA has done.

We hired a top notch labor counsel to complete negotiations. One mistake from the past was to have Township Committee members handle this process. As a result, you as taxpayers continued to pay increased taxes due to past contractual language.

Our goal in developing contracts is clearly to work in the best interest of the citizens and stop the spiral of ever increasing wages, benefits and perks. I personally know what it is like to try and cope with ever increasing tax burdens. Therefore, I made sure we held the line on this year's budget to a 3 point increase. In the past, taxes went up much much higher, mainly due to contractual obligations and cost overruns such as overtime.

I also personally participate in the negotiation process with the police unions as they have attempted to understand that life does involve compromise. When the FMBA was told their main proposal was unacceptable, no realistic alternative was presented. As a matter of fact, you should know that members of the FMBA suddenly became "sick" from work when their demands were not met. You should also know that when the fire chief had required recall of personnel for recent department emergencies, these "concerned citizens" boycotted the recall. As a result, residents' lives and property could have been endangered. Also, don't forget that few of our firemen live in town and really aren't concerned about taxes in Springfield.

As mayor of this town, I must stand firm for what I believe in and for the taxpayers' interest. I will not personally negotiate with anyone who uses the tactics noted above. We have scheduled arbitration in July to hopefully resolve contractual issues. I certainly want to have a good relationship with our fire department, but not at the cost of the taxpayers of Springfield. Let the FMBA know where you stand. Call town hall at (201) 912-2200 to make your opinion heard.

Mayor Roy Hirschfeld
Springfield

Mayor should watch attorney's fees

To the Editor:

Throughout negotiations, we have been unable to distinguish exactly who the mayor of Springfield really is. First, Roy Hirschfeld invites members of the Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association Negotiations Committee to address the Township Committee at a budget hearing on certain contract proposals. When the FMBA representatives arrived at the meeting, no other members of the Township Committee knew Mr. Hirschfeld made the invitation. The next day, the FMBA received a memo from the township administrator stating all negotiations will only be done through Mr. Ruderman, the labor counsel. It appeared that Mayor Hirschfeld wanted to discuss issues, then he changed his mind, or did someone change it for him?

Recently, Mr. Hirschfeld asked the FMBA for one more meeting in an attempt to avoid interest arbitration to which the FMBA agreed. However, before the meeting date, Mr. Ruderman stated to the FMBA attorney, that he didn't know why we're meeting because there's nothing to talk about because we were out of the ballpark. However, because Mr. Hirschfeld requested the meeting, we agreed to go forward with the meeting out of respect for Mr. Hirschfeld. But in the day of the meeting, Mr. Hirschfeld did not show. But Mr. Ruderman showed up to collect his \$125 per hour fees, paid courtesy of Springfield taxpayers. And Mr. Hirschfeld never explained his absence.

The FMBA has attempted to ascertain the monies spent by Mr. Hirschfeld on legal fees relating to contract negotiations. However, after obtaining copies of Mr. Ruderman's legal bills to Springfield, we noticed something interesting. That being, Mr. Ruderman does not list time spent on each activity listed on his bill. He chooses to list activities with only the total hours listed at the end of the bill. Even Township Attorney Bruce Bergen breaks his bills down into time spent on each activity issue.

Mr. Hirschfeld continues to show disrespect to township employees and taxpayers. His lack of leadership during negotiations has led to a demoralized workforce, left wondering who is running Springfield. It's apparent that Mr. Hirschfeld is a puppet on a string being pulled by Marc Ruderman and others. But when Marc Ruderman leaves town with his money, the damage done by him and Roy will remain for others to fix.

James Anagnos, President
Negotiations Committee
Springfield FMBA Local 57

Thanks for creating memories

To the Editor:

On behalf of the team members and their families, I would like to thank Andy and Ryan Huber for coaching our boys in the Rutgers 7 on 7 Football Tournament on June 25. They gave the boys an opportunity for Springfield and Kenilworth football players to win a championship together one final time. The boys did not disappoint them. The championship was won by beating many schools much larger than Dayton. It was a weekend that these boys and their families will remember and be proud of for a long time.

Thank you Andy and Ryan for allowing the boys to have a wonderful memory of their football days together.

Helene Fishman
Springfield

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Osteoporosis education bill receives state senate approval

Legislation that would help educate those at risk for developing osteoporosis was recently approved by the state Senate.

The measure, sponsored by senators Robert Singer and C. Louis Bassano, R-Union, calls for the state Health Department to develop an "Osteoporosis Prevention and Treatment Education Program" and includes a \$300,000 appropriation to implement the program.

Singer stressed that osteoporosis is an insidious disease that impacts millions of Americans each year.

"Doctors report that osteoporosis affects more than 28 million Americans, including half the women in the United States over the age of 45, and 90 percent of women and one third of all men past the age of 75," he said. "It is often called 'the silent disease' because some 16 million Americans who have it don't realize they do until they've experienced a serious fracture."

Although the symptoms of osteoporosis usually appear later in life, Singer stressed that there are steps that can be taken to help ward off the disease and should be taken much earlier.

"This bill is designed to help educate those at risk for developing the disease about the causes, prevention and treatment options for osteoporosis," he said.

Bassano pointed out that osteoporosis is a degenerative bone disease. "After about the age of 30, calcium is taken from the bones faster than it can be replaced by diet. As a result, bones become less dense. With excessive bone loss, the skeleton becomes abnormally vulnerable to breaks which can devastate older Americans and lead to a rapid decline in their health. Who among us hasn't heard a story about a relative or friend who has become seriously ill or never fully recovered from a broken hip or other similar bone injury?"

Bassano said his legislation, S-1354, calls on the Health Department to evaluate community-based services for sufferers of osteoporosis and to make recommendations on ways to improve the quality and accessibility of those services, as well as to promote creation of support groups for osteoporosis sufferers, their families and care givers.

"Many people don't realize that besides preventive steps that can be taken, and once osteoporosis has begun to set in, there are effective treatment methods. Several drugs have been developed that can increase bone density and combined with a change in lifestyle, sufferers can significantly slow the spread of the disease," Bassano added.

The legislation now heads to the governor for consideration.



Lisa Puccio, left, childcare coordinator at Overlook Hospital in Summit, watches Broadway star Joseph Gabriel as he challenges Zikomo Duobe, 8, of Paterson to a video game.

Assemblymen add e-mail addresses

To better serve his constituents, Assemblyman Joel Weingarten has set up an e-mail address through which to communicate with District 21 voters.

Citizens can now direct letters, comments and suggestions to Weingarten at the following e-mail address: asm.jmweingarten@worldnet.att.net and to Assemblyman Kevin O'Toole at the following e-mail address: asm.kjotoole@worldnet.att.net.

Weingarten stated, "Northern New Jersey residents are busier than ever before. With the increasing number of dual-income households, families desire to spend more time with their

families and friends. While constituents don't always have time to compose a letter to their legislative representative, or even attend the town meetings, I am interested in what all my constituents have to say. I am hopeful that this method will make it easier for more people to let me know how I can better address their concerns."

O'Toole stated, "With the rapid advancement of technology, new forms of communication are being made available through our State government which will enable our constituents to reach us no matter what form of correspondence they wish to use. Unfortunately, many people are un-

able to contact their representatives through letters or wish a phone call due to the demands of work and family. Nonetheless, I am always eager to hear from my constituents on any matter they would like to discuss. I urge everyone in the 21st District to contact my address and look forward to hearing from you."

Weingarten can be reached at his new district office: 56 Main St, Suite 200, Millburn, NJ 07041 phone: (973) 379-3003, fax: (973) 376-7268.

O'Toole can be reached at: 25 Pompton Ave., Suite 309, Verona, NJ 07044; phone: (973) 857-6520, fax: (973) 857-6525.

Video games aid children's recovery

For Overlook Hospital's pediatric patients and their families it was all magic and fun when Broadway illusionist Joseph Gabriel and the Starlight Foundation of New York recently visited Overlook Hospital to present a Nintendo Fun Center to the hospital.

When children are too ill to leave their beds, the Fun Center brings recreation to them. It is designed to fit right over a hospital bed and provide hours of entertainment for bedridden children. The trolley, decorated with cheery lavender and green splashes, carries a video monitor, a VCR, the Super Nintendo Entertainment System and games.

The Fun Center is not just fun and games. Because children focus particularly hard on video games, they are good a distraction. "Studies have shown that this kind of entertainment dramatically reduces a child's need for pain medication," said Rob Zopf, director of Children's Services for Starlight. "The value of these

units are highly praised by doctors, nurses, and parents, as well as kids," he added.

Gabriel, star of "Magic on Broadway," was born in New Jersey and currently lives in Jersey City. The Starlight Foundation granted the wish of the Pediatric Department of Overlook Hospital for a Fun Center. The foundation dedicated it to Gabriel for all his efforts on behalf of Starlight. After presentation, Gabriel delighted both the children and adults with a magic show.

Gabriel became involved with the Starlight Foundation after he performed at their 12th annual gala. Established in 1983, the Starlight foundation is an international non-profit children's organization dedicated to brightening the lives of critically, chronically, and terminally ill children. Learning about their efforts on behalf of children all over the world, Gabriel continues his efforts with the foundation by donating his talents on their behalf.

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SPORTS

LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

The Springfield swimming team defeated Mountainside 209-200 in North Jersey Summer Swim League action held last week (July 2) at the Mountainside Pool.

Springfield took a 1-2 record into Tuesday morning's scheduled match at Westfield. Springfield has a match scheduled tonight at 6 at the Springfield Pool against Berkeley Heights.

Springfield managed to defeat Mountainside after falling to visiting Westfield 291-133 June 26 and to host West Caldwell 268-175 June 30.

Springfield and Mountainside swimmers excelled in their first meet of the season. The two will tangle again at the Springfield Pool on Thursday, July 17 at 6 p.m.

Coached by Barbara Fowler, the Mountainside swim team includes excellent swimmers such as Colleen Shanahan and Meghan Crehan.

The following swimmers make up this year's Springfield squad:

8-and-under boys: Anthony Adams, Matthew Bocian, Ben Dorkin, Matthew Filepp, Joseph Giamo, Joseph Palitto, Scott Reyes.

8-and-under girls: Terese Alfano, Laura Alonso, Shane Apicella, Kimberly Baldwin, Mia Battagliola, Annemarie Corcione, Jodie Cottage, Anni Demberger, Allison Filepp, Renee Gados, Amanda Grywalski, Christina Karas, Emily Neimans, Julie Palermo, Lindsey Puliti, Alyssa Stockl, Nina Yannazzone.

9-10 boys: Jimmy Cottage, Bobby Masano, Nicholas Paolino, Louis Puopolo, Jonathon Rego, Steven Stockl.

9-10 girls: Catherine Andrasko, Raquel Domaratzky, Devin Eadie, Joanna Galante, Nicole Greten, Christine Grywalski, Carolyn Maul, Sara Neimans, Katie Palitto, Jessica Roland, Lauren Wojcik, Michele Wolf.

11-12 boys: John Cottage, Andrew Elekes.

11-12 girls: Meghan Bubb, Rachel DiCocco, Sarah Dorkin, Cara Galante, Rachel Gaydos, Danielle Gilardoni, Jennifer Janowski, Jennifer Rego, Kristen Roggerman, Danielle Roland, Reyna Steinberg, Megan Tavis, Cate Tupper, Ayla Vigilante.

13-14 boys: Joseph Andrasko, Bryan Demberger, Nate Denner, David Filepp, Richard Galante, Mitchell Hollander, Altay Vigilante.

13-14 girls: Gracemarie Alfano, Karen Bocian, Jennifer Freese, Dina Galante.

15-17 boys: Sean Bubb, Ryan Farrell, Mike Quick, Matt Reheis.

15-17 girls: Leah Demberger, Barbara Maul, Jennifer Roggerman, Christina Spadora, Erin Wagner, Lindsey Whalen.

In the win against Mountainside, earning first-place finishes for Springfield were Joe Giamo in the boys 8-and-under freestyle, Cara Galante in the girls 11-12 freestyle and butterfly, Karen Bocian in the girls 13-14 freestyle and backstroke, Mitchell Hollander in the boys 13-14 backstroke, Leah Demberger in the girls 15-17 backstroke and butterfly, Scott Reyes in the boys 8-and-under breaststroke, Steven Stockl in the boys 9-10 butterfly, Bryan Demberger in the boys 13-14 butterfly.

Annie Demberger, Joe Palitto and Matt Reheis (two) have set Springfield Pool records so far this summer.

Springfield's Kravetz honored

Ice hockey standout chosen to participate in Maccabiah Games

Ryan Kravetz, a 19-year-old ice hockey standout from Springfield, left for a trip to Israel to participate in the Maccabiah Games in Mudula.

Kravetz was one of 20 boys chosen out of 400 possible candidates to participate in the hockey portion of the games.

The Maccabiah Games, a Nike sponsored event which is sometimes referred to as the Jewish Olympics, is one of the world's largest sporting events, with over 6,000 athletes competing from as many as 58 countries that are represented.

The games, like the Olympics, are held once every four years.

The United States, Canada, Russia and Israel are the countries competing in the ice hockey venue.

As many as 14 professional ice hockey players, most notably Matthew Schneider of the New York Islanders who will play for Team Canada, will participate in the games.

New York Rangers assistant coach Mike Hartman will also compete at the games.

Kravetz, who completed a stellar career at Berkshire Prep High School in Massachusetts in June, will attend Ohio State University in the fall where he hopes to con-

tinue his ice hockey career as a walk-on for the Big 10 school.

Some of the best ice hockey schools in the country reside in the Big 10 including recent national champions Michigan State (1986) and Michigan (1995).

Kravetz, who plays center, attended Chatham High School for two years, those seasons being 1991-92 and 1992-93, before transferring to the much more competitive New England Prep Division 1 school.

He played at Chatham, one of the top programs in Morris County, and for one of the state's best and winningest ice hockey coaches in Harvey Cohen.

The following are Kravetz's high school scoring statistics for the five seasons he played:

Chatham, 1992-93: 26 goals, 28 assists; 54 points
Chatham, 1993-94: 27 goals, 31 assists; 58 points
Berkshire Prep, 1994-95: 0 goals, 7 assists; 7 points
Berkshire Prep, 1995-96: 21 goals, 25 assists; 46 points
Berkshire Prep, 1996-97: 26 goals, 31 assists; 57 points
Aaron Vicker, the goalie of the 1997 national champion North Dakota ice hockey team, will patrol the pipes for Kravetz's Team USA.



Standout ice hockey player Ryan Kravetz of Springfield was chosen to participate in the Maccabiah Games.

Dayton grid team wins Shootout

Regional squad joined forces for one last time

For one final time, the Dayton Regional High School football team was brought back together to compete against some of the best teams in the state.

And not only did the Dayton Regional team compete, but the Bulldogs managed to walk off the field as champions.

Dayton, defeating teams from New Jersey and one team from New York, captured the prestigious Rutgers Shootout which took place on the Piscataway campus during the last weekend in June.

Comprised of talented players from Springfield and Kenilworth, it was the last time the youngsters would be on the same side in football.

With the end of regionalization and the reopening of Brearley High

School, Dayton will be fielding a team made up of strictly Springfield residents and Brearley will be fielding a team, once again, made up of strictly Kenilworth residents.

The Rutgers Shootout was a seven-a-side passing competition that attracted some of the state's finest teams, including DePaul, Lenape Valley, Franklin, Caldwell, Notre-Dame, Montclair and Bergen Catholic.

Players representing Dayton Regional's team included Al Peterson, Paul Testa, Ronald Santiago, Mark Armento, Jimmy Sweigart, Mark Dempsey, Eric Fishman, Bobby Bieljeski, Joe Rizzo, Joe Capriglione, Kevin Burns, and Chris Loeffler.

The team was coached by Andy Huber, Ryan Huber and Tony Iaveino.

Dayton, which won its final six games to finish 6-3 in 1996, bested Bergen Catholic 40-37 in the championship game.

Previous wins came against Cedar Grove 50-20 and Montclair 69-31.

The Bulldogs made it to the Elite Eight after finishing their section with a 5-1 record that saw them score 312 points in six contests.

In the first round of the playoffs Dayton faced West Jersey power Lenape Valley, a perennial North Jersey, Section 1, Group 2 playoff participant from Sussex County.

Clinging to a one-point lead, Kevin Burns deflected a screen pass in the flat on the game's final play which enabled Dayton to come away with a hard-fought 38-36 triumph.

Dayton tangled with New York state champion Oneonta in the second round. Oneonta, N.Y. is an area that precedes Cooperstown, home of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

The Bulldogs' defense stepped up in this high-scoring game and held the high-scoring Oneonta team to a tournament-low 34 points.

The final game pitted Dayton against a very strong Bergen Catholic Red Storm squad.

After falling behind by a score of



Players from the Dayton Regional High School football team helped their school win the prestigious Rutgers Shootout, held at the Piscataway campus late last month. Sitting, from left, are Al Peterson, Paul Testa and Ronald Santiago. Kneeling, from left, are Mark Armento, Jimmy Sweigart, Mark Dempsey, Eric Fishman and Bobby Bieljeski. Standing, from left, are Joe Rizzo, Joe Capriglione, Kevin Burns, coach Tony Iaveino, Chris Loeffler and coach Ryan Huber. Not pictured is coach Andy Huber.

13-0 after the first series, Dayton's offense took over.

Quarterback Mark Armento, who will be the starting signal-caller for the Brearley Bears in the fall, completed all five of his passes to bring the Bulldogs to within 13-11.

Both teams continued to put points on the board as the game progressed, but Bergen Catholic pulled ahead by a score of 35-24 with only 10 plays remaining.

As was the case during the 1996 season, Dayton's defense stepped up and was able to pick up six critical points. That cut Bergen Catholic's lead to 37-32.

Two of the biggest plays for Dayton followed during another standout defensive stand. A pass was deflected by Burns on one play and then the entire defense was in on a quarterback sack on another.

Dayton then took over on offense and on its first play Armento found Eric Fishman open across the middle for a completion that resulted in one point.

On the Bulldogs' second play, Armento hit Ronald Santiago on a quick slant to pull Dayton to within three points.

On the third play of the drive, Armento hit Chris Loeffler over the

middle and he wrestled forward to pick up three points and tie the game at 37-37 with two plays remaining.

On the next snap, Armento hit Jimmy Sweigart over the middle and he raced past the defense for three points to clinch the 40-37 win for Dayton.

Armento, who started on the varsity the past two seasons for Dayton, completed 15-of-20 passes in the championship game and was not intercepted.

As the game ended, players from both towns huddled together for one last time as the chant of "Dawgs Forever" was heard one loud and clear on the campus of Rutgers University.

Summit runners sparkle in Four Miler

Runners from Summit turned in outstanding times at the 4th of July Firecracker Four Miler held last week in Cranford.

Lauren Gubicza, 26, finished first among females ages 20-29 and 35th overall in a time of 22:32.

Dawn Quakenboss, 32, finished first among females ages 30-34 and 116th overall in a time of 25:29.

Other Summit runners who completed the race included Linda Cooper 179th in 26:52, Rich Spinner 505th in 31:39, Andrew Halvorsen 600th in

32:48, Frank Dasilva 672nd in 33:42, Richard Poole 692nd in 33:57 and Robert Malin 739th in 34:40.

In all, there were 1,959 runners who completed the race.

Brian Klass of Cranford won the race in 19:03.

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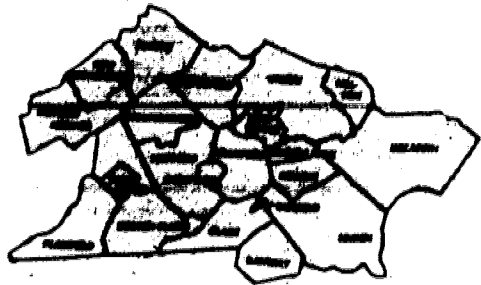
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From The Editor's Notebook

By Tom Canavan, Editor in Chief



As the rumbling sounds quietly in the distance, the voice on the other end of the telephone says, "What's that?"

By the time I can respond "Another airplane," the rumbling grows in volume to the point that I have to follow with, "Hold on a minute."

So the caller and I sit for a few moments in our silence as the airplane flies overhead, sounding as if it were just above the roof of my house.

After those few, yet seemingly long moments, we resume our conversation. Not being one to stay on the telephone a long time, my conversations are not usually interrupted a second time by the noise.

But if this is at 7 p.m., which is one of the times I hear the most airplane noise, I can go into the living room and turn on the television, only to be interrupted at approximately 8:05 p.m. for another round of flights leaving from Newark International Airport.

Instead of silence, I give the battery in my remote control a good workout, increasing the volume on the television as the planes reach my house, decreasing the volume as they move into the distance, increasing the volume as another plane flies overhead, decreasing the volume... well, you get it.

Airplane noise generated by the flight patterns out of Newark Airport is a growing concern among residents of Union County, especially during the summer when residents leave their windows open. Telephone conversations, television viewing, chatting with guests in the house or in the yard and talking to neighbors over the fence sometimes are struggles. It's prompted the Union County Air Traffic Noise Advisory Committee to study the problem, as well as getting the involvement of congressmen and the FAA to try to resolve the problem.

Two weeks ago, we published an article updating residents about air traffic noise, and we included a chart for residents to complete, during a one-week period, indicating when or if they experience problems with air traffic noise.

Responses have been faxed to our office, but we are waiting for the mailed responses before we publish the results of the informal survey.

The survey was adapted from a survey sent by the local governments of Elizabeth and Clark to residents in those municipalities who are trying to gauge the problem times related to airplane noise.

So far, the most common time is during the evening, when residents indicated that airplane noise is basically intolerable. Some indicated 4 and 5 a.m. were times they heard the noise. Still another, whose response was received the day after the chart was published, said airplane noise never bothers her. It's a fact of life in the 1990s.

There is still time to respond to the survey. Fax the chart to (908) 686-4169, or mail to Worrall Community Newspapers, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083. Be a part of the survey.

I've never seen an episode of "Star Trek" or its offspring, and I've never seen any of the "Star Trek" or "Star Wars" movies, but I was riveted to the television this week as the United States landed Pathfinder on Mars.

I vaguely recall, at 8 years old, our first men landing on the moon, and while the Mars mission involved only a machine, it's still a giant step for the future of our exploration into space.

Needed corrections



Joseph Ponte, director of Correctional Services for the county, accepts a resolution, passed by the freeholders in honor of Correction Officers Week, from Freeholder Chairman Linda Stender. 'One of the primary goals in Union County and the state is to provide its citizens with an effective judicial system that concentrates on quality and safety for all our citizens,' Stender said. 'The county and state's dedicated correctional officers are essential to the success of the judicial process, and their work includes daily exposure to a hostile environment that includes many of the most dangerous individuals in our society.'

Sheriff's Office receives grant for animal control

County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich announced that his office has been awarded a \$25,000 grant by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services. The grant represents funds used to hire a consulting firm to conduct a financial feasibility study for a county-wide animal control program.

The animal control program is part of the Union County Shared Services initiative. Shared Services, is a strategy developed by government planners to identify services that are amenable to increased efficiency through the combining of resources. The goal is to provide tax relief to the citizens of Union County while maintaining or improving the level of services provided.

This grant is the culmination of a 24-month effort by four members of the Union County Shared Services/Animal Control Task Force: Undersheriff Joseph Brennan, Peggy Sur, a former councilwoman of Westfield, and Sheriff's Officer Kim Weber visited animal control centers around New Jersey to gather information regarding operational complexities and the feasibility of the proposed program.

Michelle Doran McBean of the Union County Manager's Office of Policy and Planning, who also serves as the Shared Services coordinator, used her expertise to develop a model and to author the grant application approved by the NJ Division of Local Government Services.

Froehlich proposed the creation of a central animal control facility. The Union County Sheriff's Office has maintained a K-9 Unit for the past 14 years, and it is this background in the care and management of animals that led him to pursue this effort. He said he recognizes that animal control is a major public health issue where deficiencies have been the subject of media scrutiny.

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The sheriff also said there are economies that can be achieved through centralization. Local governments have also come to this conclusion. Municipal surveys conducted by the Animal Control Task Force indicate that 16 of Union County's 21 municipalities and the Board of Chosen Freeholders have passed resolutions endorsing the concept.

The grant award provides funds for the hiring of a consultant that must conduct a financial feasibility study that conforms to the strict requirements of the grant. The study will be conducted in three phases. During Phase I the consultant will do a financial analysis of the 21 municipal Animal Control Contracts and budgets. Phase II calls for the consultant to develop a financial analysis for a county-wide program. This analysis must include any cost that will be incurred during the implementation process. Public meetings will be held during Phase III where the consultant will present his findings at public forums held across Union County.

Froehlich said he hopes that reports of the consultant will be favorable and a county-wide animal control program will become a reality.

"This entire process has demonstrated that governments and elected officials have grown in their outlook and approach to management," he added. "Home rule was once a tenet that was carefully guarded by local leaders. Today we have shown that different levels of government can work together for a common good and put aside partisanship and ego in a sincere effort to improve the instrumentalities of government services."

County gets \$2M in aid for railways

By Sean Daily, Staff Writer

The Board of Chosen Freeholders is expected to announce tonight that it has received more than \$2 million in transportation grant funds.

The county has received \$2 million in federal funds under the Intermodal Transportation Efficiency Act and \$308,727 in state funds, all through the New Jersey Department of Transportation. The \$2 million received this year is half of \$4 million in federal funds that have been set aside for Union County; the rest will come next year.

This money is to go toward rehabilitating railroad tracks on the Rahway Valley rail lines in Union County for transporting freight, said Freeholder Frank Lehr. These tracks, which will stretch from Cranford to Union, have the potential of carrying up to 9,000 cars a year, although Lehr said that there will probably not be that many. "If we could have 1,000 cars a year,

it would be economically viable," he said.

The rehabilitation is part of a larger project, the Union County Intermodal Freight System, one of several major transportation projects announced by the freeholders recently.

The freight project is intended to rehabilitate tracks in the eastern part of Union County, mostly around and through Elizabeth, and make them ready for freight traffic. Lines to be rehabilitated include the Rahway Valley, Staten Island and other lines and would provide transportation for light manufacturing and industry.

Lehr said that some of the track is in good condition. In other areas, it requires rehabilitation. Lehr said that he is counting on getting some of the heavier track from New Jersey Transit.

According to Lehr, 50 different businesses in Union County have expressed interest in having railroad facilities. Some of these already have

sidings leading up to their sites and some have areas available for sidings.

Lehr gave as an example Jaeger Lumber in Union. According to him, this company cannot afford to bring in lumber from Oregon on trucks, it has to be by rail.

He added that he would like to extend this project into Plainfield, where there are a number of empty factories that already have their own sidings.

According to Freeholder Donald Gonçalves, there is about 43 acres of abandoned or underdeveloped land along these lines, giving a "tremendous opportunity" for development.

"It means jobs," Lehr said.

Lehr said that the trains running on these will not be "freight trains." Instead, these tracks are to be used to shuffle cars from one company to another and to transfer points.

"They're going to pick up a car here or there and transport them to where they will be picked up," said Lehr.

The freeholders have said that the addition of CSX and Norfolk/Southern to Conrail, previously the only major freight carrier in the area, will open up new national and international marketing opportunities. There is also the potential for more than 1,000 jobs to be created along the initial rail lines.

This freight project is not the only major transportation project that the county is undertaking.

These projects were announced late last month alongside an announcement of a new department in the County department, the County Department of Economic Development. The county has applied for state funds for most of these projects.

The freight rail project is being done along side two other rail projects. One is a light rail system, the Cross County Railway, that would stretch from Plainfield to Elizabeth. This would link the east and west ends of the county and provide commuters mass transit access to Elizabeth, the

port area and the proposed MetroMall in Elizabeth. It would also be a magnet for the downtown areas in the towns it crossed and provide service to the monorail system at Newark International Airport.

The other rail project is based in Elizabeth along Morris Avenue. This project, part of a public/private partnership, would place a train station along the tracks crossing Morris Avenue and near Schering-Plough and Kean College.

This is being done to relieve congestion in the area by offering a mass transit alternative to commuters and Kean College students. It is also supposed to open up redevelopment opportunities in the area, which increase the tax base and provide jobs.

New Jersey Transit is conducting a study to find the best way to align the station along the tracks. The freeholders recently passed a resolution urging New Jersey Transit to complete this study.

Local corporation serves as 'catalyst' in education

The Creative Arts to Accelerate Learning for Your Students and Teachers, an arts-in-education program is the recipient of a \$25,000 grant from the Merck Company Foundation.

C.A.T.A.L.Y.S.T. is a collaboration of the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and Artsgenesis, Inc. of Jersey City.

The initiative, based on developmental psychologist Dr. Howard Gardner's theory of multiple intelligences, focuses on the concept that individuals learn and come to know things in many ways.

Recognizing that the arts are suited to reach all intelligences, C.A.T.A.L.Y.S.T. uses arts applications of multiple intelligences theory, created by Kathleen Gaffney, artistic director of Artsgenesis, to enable all individuals to reach their full potential. "We are pleased to have a program initiated by a county agency

receive an endorsement of its work by such a well respected, internationally known company," said Linda Stender, chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "This is another example of the impact public-private partnerships can have on our community. Merck provided the seed money for this program and has continued the support which acknowledges the extraordinary opportunity C.A.T.A.L.Y.S.T. has in influencing the way children learn and helping them achieve their highest potential."

C.A.T.A.L.Y.S.T. has four components: The Artsgenesis Institute of Multiple Intelligences and the Arts, the Artist Laboratory, Artist-in-Residence Program and Magnificent Seven Professional Development Symposia.

The grant will support efforts to expand the C.A.T.A.L.Y.S.T. Initia-

tive in Union, Essex, Hudson counties. Specifically, grant monies will support the Professional Development Symposia throughout the school year which will introduce more than 500 teachers and administrators to the principles of multiple intelligences and provide them with creative ways to use the arts to reach children who have various learning styles. It will also support the attendance of 60-90 educators and administrators at the institute at Jersey City State College in July.

C.A.T.A.L.Y.S.T. is supported by a grant from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, Chase Manhattan Bank and the New Jersey Council on the Arts.

To learn how to bring the C.A.T.A.L.Y.S.T. program to schools, and for information about other services of the Union County office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, contact the office at (908) 558-2550.

Community servant



Freeholder Donald Gonçalves presents a resolution to Gladys Kearns, executive director of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County, upon her retirement after 13 years of service. 'Gladys has worked hard to show those who suffer from this disease that it can be arrested,' Gonçalves said. 'We hope that the joys others have found through her past efforts will touch her life in her retirement.'

Disabled youths learn joys of camping

In spite of unusually cold spring weather, six individuals with developmental disabilities braved the elements to camp out at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside one weekend last month.

Sponsored by the Board of Chosen Freeholders through the Division of Parks and Recreation, and funded in part by a grant from the New Jersey Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities, the program was designed to impart the skills

involved in camping, as well as foster a sense of independence.

Elise Tate of Westfield, as part of her effort to earn the Gold Award, awarded to outstanding Girl Scouts, worked with County Parks staff to plan and implement the program. She also recruited the assistance of a fellow Girl Scout, Maura Abraham of Westfield. Both are members of Washington Rock Troop 45.

A preparatory meeting was held on May 30, at which time equipment lists

were prepared, items agreed upon, and activities chosen. At the overnight, Steven Genung of Summit, Mary Jo Makowski of Linden, Jim Rusin of Roselle Park and James Secatello of Roselle Park pitched their tents, cooked their meals and gathered around a campfire for an evening of singing and storytelling.

The overnight camp-out is one of many programs for the disabled. For more information, call (908) 527-4900.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Rutgers chorus conducts tour of central Europe

By Bea Smith Staff Writer

All 38 students and three adult musicians from Rutgers University-Newark returned last month from a 12-day European concert tour in celebration of the 50th anniversary year of the founding of the Rutgers University Chorus. They have reiterated how exciting was "one of the most fabulous tours of our lives."

According to John Eric Floreen, the students' conductor, and a music professor at the college — he teaches music theory, history and the chorus — who led the group to Germany and the Czech Republic, said during a visit the other afternoon that accompanying the singers were Susan McAdoo, a member of Rutgers' part-time faculty, who is an instructor in voice and music theory, and who also is Floreen's wife, David Messineo, organist and Juilliard School of Music graduate, who is from Glen Ridge, Assistant Conductor Clifford Parrish and Lydia Rodriguez, dean of the student affairs office at Rutgers, Newark. Two of the singers who graduated last year, have stayed with the chorus and were part of the tour. The touring chorus included 12 sopranos, 19 altos, seven tenors and 11 basses.

"We did classical music in the European churches, about a half-dozen in Germany and two in Prague, the Czech Republic," said Floreen, as

he pointed out highlights from their unforgettable tour. The "Alleluia Festiva" by Daniel Pinkham, had been commissioned for the 50th anniversary.

"In Berlin on May 28, we went to a concert at St. Sophia Church, which is in the middle of old East Berlin, in the old Jewish quarter, which had not been destroyed in the war. We also had a guided tour of the city and a chance to see the remnants of the wall."

The following day, he recalled, "we gave a concert in St. Nicholas Church, and that evening we attended a concert in the new premier concert hall of Leipzig by the Gewandhaus Orchestra, which is New York Philharmonic Orchestra conductor Kurt Mazur's group. The acoustics are phenomenal. On Friday, after a guided tour, we performed a concert in the Thomaskirche, in English, St. Thomas Church, where J.S. Bach was organist and music director for the last 27 years of his life, where he wrote some of his greatest works, and where his grave is — in the channel of this magnificent church. For us this was a great privilege. I think the students could feel the aura of singing in such a great place because they sang extraordinarily well.

"We returned in the afternoon to hear a beautiful service of music sung by the church's choir of boys and young men. And in the evening, we

attended a concert of Bach cantatas performed by our hosts, the Choir of the University of Leipzig.

"After a joint rehearsal with the University of Leipzig Chorus in the Peterskirche, we attended another Bach concert. In the afternoon," Floreen said, "we sang an informal concert at a street music festival in Leipzig in a restored indoor shopping mall that was being reopened that day. Hundreds of people gathered to hear us. It was amazing. It turned out to be one of the most fun things that we did."

Floreen explained that "the concerts we did were mostly English folk songs and spirituals in English. The audience didn't want to let us go. It worked out very well. Really wonderful things happened on that tour, one of which was staying at the homes of the singers' families in Leipzig for three days. We have an exchange program with the Leipzig Choir. When they come to perform in concerts in New Jersey, we will put them up in the homes of the singers. The people here are so excited about them coming to New Jersey. A large percentage of them speak and understand English. After all, it was pre-1990 when the wall came down. We were in the eastern part of Germany. There, they take classes and learn quickly. There have been many changes since 1990, and that's one of them.



The Rutgers University Chorus in Newark is seen resting in a Leipzig shopping mall during its 12-day European concert tour in celebration of the 50th anniversary year of the founding of the Rutgers University Chorus. John Eric Floreen, conductor and music professor at Rutgers-Newark, took 38 students to sing in Germany and the Czech Republic.

"As for our American students," Floreen grinned, "I gave all of the students a sheet of paper with important German words and phrases, to help them if they got in a bind. It was just tremendous — a very rewarding

experience for everyone. "You know," he reminded, "this group has performed only in New Jersey and New York and most of the students have never had the chance to travel to Europe. It was a gold mine of

an opportunity, and an education that is priceless.

"During a joint concert, they performed two pieces with us. We merged the choruses, and both did a See ACCOMPANIST, Page B4

For one singer, variety is spice of life

By Bea Smith Staff Writer

The versatile Steve Ames of Hillside began his professional career 20 years ago in June when he sang on Tuesday nights at a restaurant in Hillside. He was 18-years-old. He is still singing, among other things, on Tuesday nights, as host of his own cable TV variety show, "The Steve Ames Show," on Comcast Cablevision Channel 57, at 10 o'clock and in the summers, at 9:50 a.m. He will begin his eighth year with "The Steve Ames Show" in the fall.

"It's nice to be celebrating 20 years and still be younger than Jack Benny," Ames quipped the other afternoon during a visit to this office. "I started the cable television show in the fall of 1990 Tuesdays at 10 p.m. It's a variety show — what I like to do best — and it offers a lot for me," said the handsome, versatile Ames. "I sing, interview guests, introduce new talent. I always have two guests on the show. Usually, I have a musical guest and a comedian or a talk spot. I love this TV show. I get to do everything I love to do, and I always edit it. If anything goes wrong, you just take it out. I have the best of both worlds," he smiled.



Steve Ames of Hillside, host of a cable TV variety show on Comcast Cablevision, Channel 57, every Tuesday evening, is celebrating his 20th year in show business. He has appeared on radio, television, in night clubs, films and for organizations, and will be marking his seventh year this fall with cable television.

Ames beamed at the idea of a show "that reaches a lot of people at home." He also is proud of the fact that his first piano accompanist at his first professional appearance at Mickey's Comet restaurant in Hillside was Yolanda Peterpaul. "And she is still with me. Others who have been with me from the beginning are still with me. And they include Walt Gollender of Irvington, my talent coordinator; musical director Sherman Howe and producer/director Jerry Schonthal of Hillside.

In addition to the television show, Ames has appeared in movies, in the Catskills, on off-Broadway, on the Joey Adams radio show, and has made a record album. He explained that "we also make our living mostly doing private affairs, such as a lot of local organizations, senior citizen

homes and nursing homes all over the state. They love the shows, especially the senior citizens," he said. "We play all the old favorites. There are about 400 songs in my repertoire. When I started, I only had 50 songs, mostly Al Jolson and Eddie Cantor, whom I imitated when I started out. Then I decided on my own style. I do more ballads now.

"Bing Crosby was a big influence on me. And I know he also was a big influence on the superstars such as Dean Martin and Perry Como. You

know," Ames said, "I was with Tony Martin recently at the television celebration of Lena Horne's 80th birthday. He's 84 and still singing. And he was with his wife, the famous Cyd Charisse. I may only be 38-years-old, but I'm a big fan of that era — George Burns, Joe Smith of Smith and Dale — I'm a member of the organizations for Bing Crosby, Al Jolson, Eddie Cantor, the Sons of Desert, Laurel and Hardy, the Museum of Television and Radio in New York City."

His preference for old-time favorites has never changed, although, Ames admitted, "musical styles have changed. Really changed. Still, there's a large audience who loves the old-time favorites. They don't get to hear that music on TV. So, I try to bring it to them through other means. And I love the big bands. My first Al Jolson record started me as a comedian. At the age of 10, I was entertaining my class in the fourth grade, doing imitations. Two years later, I sang in the school. And I continued to entertain my classes through high school."

Ames attended A. P. Morris and Washington schools, and graduated from Hillside High School. He also attended Kean College of New Jersey in Union. "One Sunday, I was walking by Mickey Comet's restaurant," he recalled. "A friend, who was working there, asked me to sing a song. I was a little reluctant. So, he said 'I'll get the owner, Mickey Ackerman.' Mickey asked me if I could sing, and when I nodded, he said, 'Go into the other room and sing for the folks. So, I did 'Swanee' accapella. That was in June 1977 and I was still in high school. Then Mickey said, 'I want you to come and sing every Tuesday night. So, when the band took its 20-minute break, I went out and sang. Six months later, the pizza chef, Anthony Peterpaul, introduced me to his mother, Yolanda, a pianist. She's been with me ever since."

Ames said that during his second year "we started getting outside work at B'nai B'rith and Hadassah meetings — then at other organizations. Then I went to Kean College and majored in theater, where I did a lot of acting. I also did a lot of training. I even took a disc jockey job on radio. The most important trainer I ever had was Felix Knight, a famed tenor from the Metropolitan Opera. He helped me develop my own style. I still study with him," Ames said proudly. "And it helps me in my work. And I still tell jokes in my routines."

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Elizabeth Playhouse readies for season 4

By Jacquie McCarthy Associate Editor

Now that summer is here, most community theaters are enjoying a few months of well deserved rest after the taxing grind of theater season is over. Not so for The Elizabeth Playhouse, where Marlow and Karon Ferguson are only just beginning another year of the long struggle to fund their theater, now embarking upon its fourth season. Over the past three seasons, this couple's life's work has been renovating and revitalizing the beautiful old church which houses their theater company. In that period of time, the regular Playhouse season has grown to include free Lunch-time Theatre and Christmas shows, and a musical theater looms in the not-so-distant future.

It is obvious that a lot of elbow grease has gone into the success of this endeavor, but what is not as obvious is that the term can be taken literally, as far as the Fergusons are concerned. Marlow has done most of the building renovations with his own two hands, staying up late at night and sleeping during part of the day, repairing ceilings and replacing stained glass. The artistic director, Marlow is also the set designer for the Playhouse. So when an opportunity came along which would allow him to use some of that "elbow grease" to further the cause of theater and make some much needed money for the Playhouse, Marlow decided to put his two hands to the task, and will be spending these precious few days of summer building sets — for other theater companies.

The opportunity which has allowed the Fergusons this chance to earn extra capital was the gift of a set from the now-defunct television sitcom "Aliens in the Family," created by Jim Henson Productions. The "elbow grease" Marlow will be required to put into the sets he plans to build from this gift is not of paramount importance to him; he showed off the many different set pieces which had been delivered to the Playhouse, raving over each one as if it were a work of art.

"See all the little niches and doors — exoties, they're called," the director said as he walked through the theater's backstage area, admiring the newly acquired set. "Look at this wonderful kitchen window. All kinds of wonderful things. Here's the principal's office — look at this, isn't this fun? Here's a magnificent window seat. This is a series of windows here. These doors will be on display. It took us 36 man-hours to move this stuff in," he added proudly.

"We need the money so badly, I'm going to concentrate primarily on off-Broadway and showcase productions in New York. They overcharge these kids terribly in New York, they really do."

The director was emphatic about using his skill to help aspiring playwrights and producers.

"It's just showcases, and showcases used to be relatively cheap. They were literally what showcase means. For a few hundred dollars, you could find a theater and you could put on your play. Now to do a showcase for less than \$20-25 thousand is almost impossible, and \$19 thousand pays for the set. It kills creativity," Marlow chuckled softly. "I'm not saying that artists shouldn't suffer. I'm not saying it all should come easy, but there's points where you get where you just break people down."

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Cancer
June 22-July 22

You may feel rushed, but don't take on problems that aren't yours. Let the guilty party clean up its own mess for once. Don't go beyond what you know can be done. Long-range plans could be unclear, but things will improve. Take time to visit a friend.

Leo
July 23-Aug. 23

Let people know where you stand concerning a delicate situation, but don't be overbearing or pushy. Telling the whole truth will put you in a positive light. Afterwards, go out with a group of friends or a special someone. You also could be traveling soon for pleasure and profit.

Virgo
Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Now is the time to step back and plan things out. Doing the ground-work now makes things easier later. You will be tempted, so self-discipline is important. Delegate tasks and target what's really important to you. Hold back and let others make the first move.

Libra
Sept. 23-Oct. 23

You're in a mood for action and results. Refuse to get sidetracked by people who don't share your enthusiasm. It would be easy to put on blinders, so strive to see the larger picture. Those on the sidelines are waiting for you to inspire them.

Scorpio
Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Pieces are beginning to come together. A long-term project is nearing an end, and you're in line for praise honors. The details and fine print are also necessary for success. Keep an eye on plans and budgets. You don't want to get sidetracked this close to the end.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Work may be stifling you, but it has to be done. If you stay cheerful and keep on top of things, people in power will notice. Refuse to cut corners and take the easy way out. Compromise with friends or family members on a question that's been nagging at you.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 20

An idea that seems radical or unrealistic may be just what you need to spark your imagination. Say what's on your mind. Others will listen and you'll get genuine support from an unexpected source. Friend or loved one wants to help you reach for the stars.

Aquarius
Jan. 21-Feb. 18

New situations may be challenging, but you're a quick study and will come out on top. Study rules and regulations in order to sidestep roadblocks. Find out all the facts before making decisions. Someone may not be telling you everything.

Pisces
Feb. 19-March 20

Don't try to buy happiness or respect. People are working behind the scenes on your behalf. Hold true to your beliefs, even if it means taking an unpopular stand. You'll have more support than you think. Relax your budget, and treat yourself to a small luxury or gift — but don't go overboard.

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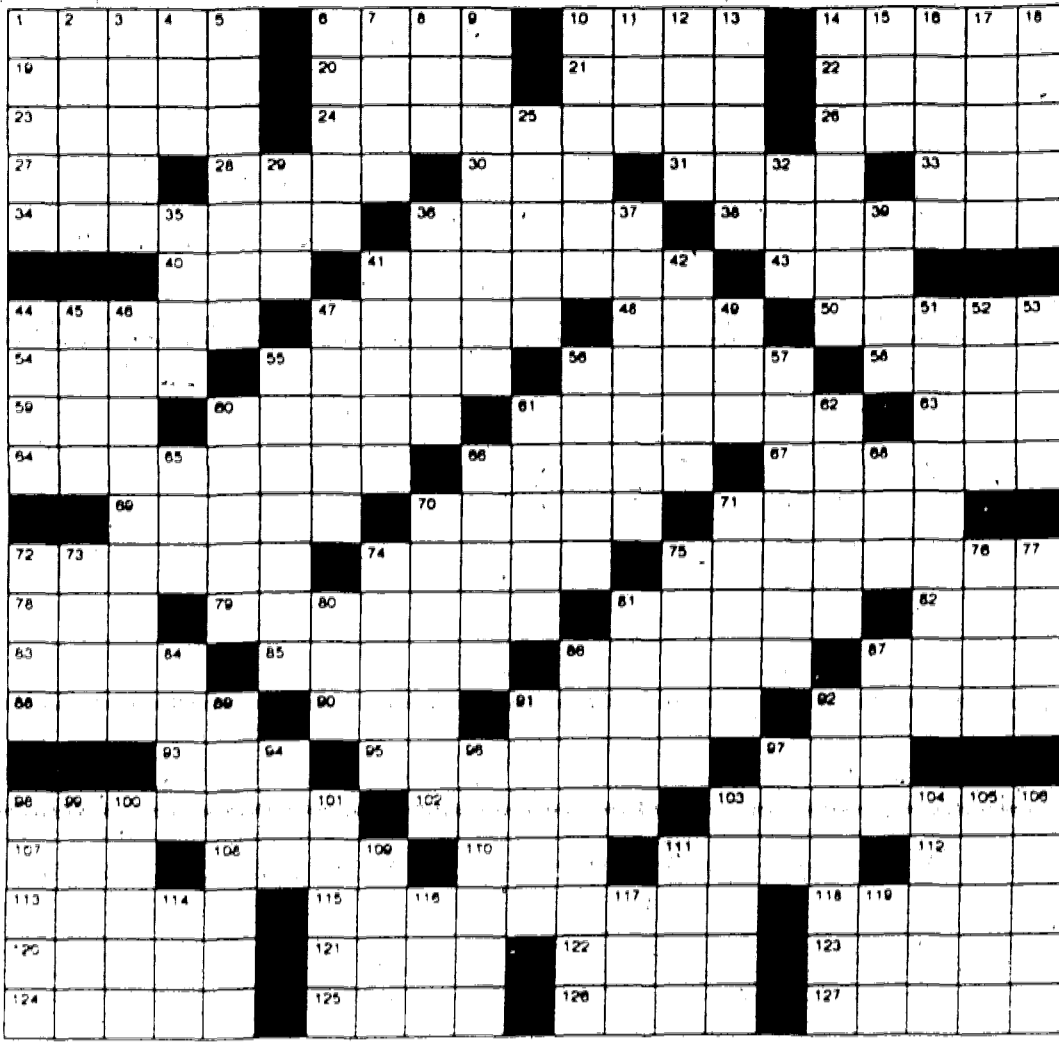
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What's Going On?

FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY JULY 20, 1997
EVENT: Flea Market
PLACE: St. Catherine's School, corner of North Broad and King Streets, Hillside/Elizabeth, NJ
TIME: 8:30am to 3:30pm Raindate Sunday, July 27th
PRICE: 1 Space-\$20.00, 2 Spaces-\$35.00 Tables supplied by parish \$5.00 each. For vendor information call 908-351-1515. Vendors needed!

OTHER

MONDAY JULY 14, 1997
EVENT: Wine and Cheese Information Night, "Cruise For Catholics Who Happen To Be Single" escorted by Monsignor Bill Hatcher, of St. Thomas the Apostle Church
PLACE: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center, 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ
TIME: 8pm
PRICE: Free Admission. Information for Cruising The Deep Caribbean, November 1st thru November 8th, 1997 RSVP 201-743-6100 or 1-800-516-7672
ORGANIZATION: Catholic Singles Travel Club

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ORGANIZATION: Nutley Red Cross fundraiser

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Artists invited to join group

Westfield Art Association President Barbara Schwinn extends an invitation to artists and members of the community interested in fine art to join the group and enter their exhibitions. General meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at the Westfield Community Room, 425 East Broad St., Westfield at 8 p.m. Programs focus on artist's demonstrations, speakers and workshops. A wide range of topics and media, including photography, are covered. One need not be an artist to participate. Three member exhibitions are presented to the public annually. The featured categories in the Fall Exhibition are oil, pastel, sculpture and mixed media. The exhibition held in early spring includes watercolor, graphics, photography and mixed media. The shows are judged and awards are presented at an opening reception where you may meet the artists. Loan shows of art by the artists include Children's Specialized Hospital and Spanish Tavern. For further information about membership, call 232-8971 or 232-7058.

Help needed with Harvest Fest

Artisans, crafts people and food vendors are needed for the county's 16th Annual Harvest Festival scheduled for September 28, from 1 to 5 p.m. The celebration of Colonial and American-Indian life will feature demonstrations, live period music, a Revolutionary War encampment, children's crafts and colonial games, food and more. It will take place at Trailside Nature & Science Center, located in Mountainside. For more information about how to participate or volunteer, call Betty Ann Kelly at (908) 527-4231, Monday-Friday.

Dixieland jazz band to play in Echo Lake Park

The sounds of Dixie will be coming to Union County on July 23, when the public is invited to take a ride with the Wooster Street Trolley Jazz Band at the weekly installment of the Summer Arts Festival. "You're in for a real good time with this group, known for its exuberant brand of Dixieland jazz and humorous delivery," said Freeholder Vice Chairman Daniel Sullivan, who is also liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. "The 'Trolley' combines lively instrumental stylings on traditional New Orleans favorites like 'The Wolverine Blues' and 'High Society' with traditional jazz and

1920s novelty numbers like 'Puttin' on the Ritz'. Members of the Wooster Street Trolley Jazz Band include: Bob Leiver, on trumpet and vocals, Ken Fry on trombone and vocals, Alan Cary on banjo and vocals, pianist, Fred Giordano, tuba player, Jim Dutton, percussionist, Fred Stoll and vocalist Patti Graham. This colorfully costumed entertainment group, who sport ties that look like they could have been designed by Betsy Ross, has been delighting audiences since 1972. They have been showcased at the NJ Jazz Society's annual Pee Wee Russell Memorial

Stomp, the Medford Jazz Jubilee in Oregon and the Cape May Jazz Festival. Other notable performance venues have been Giants Stadium and Implosion 93 for the NJ Council of the Arts. The Wooster Street Trolley Jazz Band has also been showcased on several cable television stations and featured on major radio stations across the country, where their new CD release "All Aboard" has been played to enthusiastic listeners. Schering-Plough Corp. of Kenilworth and the Board of Chosen Freeholders are the sponsors for this free concert, the fifth in an 11-concert series. The public is invited to attend

all Summer Arts concerts which are held Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Avenue end of Echo Lake Park. Mountaintide Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets are encouraged. There is a refreshment stand available beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m. In case of rain, Cranford High School Auditorium, West End Place, Cranford is the Concert site. Rain information is available by calling (908) 352-8410 after 3 p.m. on the day of the concert. Your abilities can earn extra income. Advertise them with a classified ad by calling 1-800-564-8911.

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State begins anti-smoking effort

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services is taking its anti-smoking crusade directly to young people with the state's first major advertising campaign aimed at pre-teens and teenagers, Commissioner Len Fishman has announced.

"Smoking 'Don't Get Sucked In'" is the theme of paid advertisements now airing on radio and television and appearing in print media around the state. The two-year campaign — which targets 11-17-year-olds — will also be featured on billboards, in movie theaters and, eventually, on the Internet. Fishman unveiled the youth anti-smoking campaign June 10 at the Mac Farland Junior School in Bordentown and the Franklin Middle School in Nutley.

"The advertising campaign is part of this administration's strong com-

mitment to keeping cigarettes away from children," said Governor Christie Whitman. "Not only is smoking unhealthy, it can lead young people to try other harmful and dangerous substances."

"These ads challenge tobacco advertising images that portray smoking as glamorous. We want kids to see the truth — smoking is unhealthy, unattractive and addicting," Fishman said. "This is one more way we're sending the strong message that tobacco is not for young people."

The department is also making it harder for minors to buy tobacco products, through vigorous enforcement of state law prohibiting tobacco sales to anyone under age 18. Another program, the department's recently announced Middle School Peer Lead-

ership Initiative, aims to change children's attitudes about smoking by training students to teach their peers about the hazards of tobacco and drug use.

One print ad juxtaposes a photograph of a cigarette butt with a photo of the backside of a hippopotamus. The caption reads, "One Stinks. The other's a Hipp's Butt." A television ad shows an attractive girl-next-door on the beach, as the word "pretty" appears above her. When she takes a drag of a cigarette, the heading becomes "Disgusting" as the audience gets a close-up view of her tobacco-stained hands and teeth.

The Middle School Survey also found that 42 percent of those questioned didn't think regular cigarette use was a major health risk.

A Giant of a heart



The team that is preparing the 1997 AmeriHealth-American Heart Walk gets ready for the kick-off. Former New York Giants quarterback Phil Simms, who is the honorary chairman of the event, is joined by County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, who chairs the event and Dr. Richard Gilfillan of AmeriHealth Insurance Co. and Dr. Charles Dennis, president of the American Heart Association of New Jersey. The walk is scheduled for Sept. 27 and will pass through the county at Echo Lake Park in Westfield.

Medical center's videos will air on cable stations this month

Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, has produced six informative videotaped panel discussions on a variety of health topics. These segments will air throughout the month of July on Cable Television of New Jersey — Comcast Network, Garden State Cable, TKR, and many other systems — The Regional News Network and TCI of Northern New Jersey. Filmed on location at Saint Barnabas, the videos are hosted by Emmy Award winning journalist Steve Aduvato who serves as moderator for a distinguished panel of physicians and fields questions from the audience.

The first segment is on the topic of "Women and Cancer." Panelists include Sarah Schaefer, M.D., attending surgeon specializing in breast health, James Breen, N.D., chairman of Saint Barnabas' Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Karen Karlson, M.D., chairperson of Saint Barnabas' Department of Radiology. Topics covered by the panel include the estrogen controversy as it pertains to the breast, the interplay of hormones and hormonal therapy in connection with cancer, the need for genetic testing, and many other issues.

The second segment explores "Pain Management." Panelists are Henry Wroblewski, M.D., clinical director of the Pain Institute of Saint Barnabas; Marianne Tompkins, M.D., attending anesthesiologist, Gordon Freedman, M.D., associate director of the Pain Management Center at Mount Sinai Medical Center, and Otakar Hubeschmann, M.D., attending neurosurgeon and medical co-director of the Pain Institute at Saint Barnabas. This panel discusses long-term pain management techniques, the dangers of addiction to pain medication, the types of patient diagnosis which might lead to a referral to a pain center, the role of surgery in pain management, and other topics.

The third segment is called "Dealing with Obesity." Panelists are Michael Rothkopf, M.D., attending internist with Saint Barnabas' Department of Medicine; Jacqueline Holubka, M.D., attending internist with Saint Barnabas' Department of Medicine; Robert Malfi, M.D., associate director of the Joslin Center for Diabetes, and Christine Patnosh, B.S., R.D., regional clinical manager with Sodexo U.S.A., Saint Barnabas Health Care System. Related topics discussed include the use of diet aides for obese patients, exercise and diet, diabetes-related issues in regard to weight loss, and other facets of this issue.

"Treating Depression" is the topic of the fourth segment. Panelists are Michael Cannella, M.D., Ph.D., attending psychiatrist, Hilda Templeton, M.D., chairperson of Saint Barnabas' Department of Psychiatry, and Stuart Rosenthal, MSMD, director of the Psychiatry and Community Mental Health Center at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. Topics discussed by this panel include the use of medication to treat depression, common side effects of this medication, public impression of psychiatry, and other issues.

The fifth segment offers an "Update on Adult Immunization." Panelists are Alexander Kisch, M.D., chief of the Saint Barnabas Division of Infectious Disease; Meryl Mendelsohn, M.D., associate professor of Infectious Disease at Mount Sinai Medical Center; Alan Lan-Greenberg, M.D., attending infectious disease specialist at Saint Barnabas, and Jeremias Munillo, M.D., attending epidemiologist at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. Topics discussed are which diseases can best be prevented through immunization, which shots are best for adults and other areas of concern.

The final segment features the topic "Pediatric Immunization." Panelists are Anthony Minnefor, M.D., chairman of Saint Barnabas' Department of Pediatrics, Richard Lander, M.D., attending pediatrician, Montrae Thomas, M.D., attending pediatrician, and Joshua Rosenblatt, M.D., director of the pediatric program at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. Topics discussed are the childhood diseases which can be prevented through immunization, the effectiveness of oral vaccines, fear of immunizations, and other issues.

Cable Television of New Jersey will air all programs from noon to 12:30 p.m. "Adult Immunization" on July 12 and "Childhood Immunization" on July 19.

TCI of Northern New Jersey will air all of the segments from 6 to 6:30 p.m. "Adult Immunization" on July 13 and "Childhood Immunization" on July 20.

The Regional News Network will air all of the segments from 9:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. "Adult Immunization" on July 13 and "Childhood Immunization" on July 20.

This educational program for the community is being underwritten by a grant from Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories. For questions about this programming, call Saint Barnabas Medical Center at (201) 533-5045.

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Cadillac introduces the all-new and sporty 1997 Catera

When the new Catera went on sale this past winter, Cadillac became the first U.S. automaker to introduce a vehicle into the entry-luxury market.

The entry-luxury market, which is now made up of European and Japanese sedans in the \$25,000 to \$40,000 price range, has emerged as one of the fastest-growing segments in the automobile market. As recently as 1991, entry-luxury cars accounted for just 25 percent of the U.S. luxury car market. By 1995, they had captured 39 percent of the U.S. luxury car market. By 1995, they had captured 39 percent of the luxury market in the United States, and 46 percent of the luxury market worldwide.

Competing head-to-head with BMW, Lexus, Mercedes-Benz and other luxury carmakers requires a serious commitment. As Cadillac's first entry-luxury car, Catera represents just such a commitment.

Catera was jointly developed by Cadillac and Adam Opel AG. It is based on the highly successful Opel

Omega-MV6, and it will be manufactured in Germany by Opel. To support Catera, Cadillac will continue to improve its class-leading Ownership Privileges program. The company will also unveil a number of innovative customer relations programs for Catera, which will be discussed in more detail as the car's fall 1996 debut approaches.

This change in the luxury market is being driven by a major shift in demographics. Baby boomers, many of whom started out driving small import vehicles, are entering their 40s and 50s and beginning to buy and lease luxury vehicles in significant numbers.

Though these customers are often affluent, they also tend to be value-conscious. "They like the idea of luxury, but they don't want to go overboard," says Dave Nottoli, Catera brand manager.

Catera will play a critical role in bringing this new generation of luxury

car buyers to Cadillac. Meeting the expectations of these demanding new customers will require continuous improvement on the part of Cadillac and its dealers.

Changes in the luxury market are being driven by a number of forces. One of the most important is the change in buyer demographics, the move of a huge wave of people born between 1946 and 1964 — people often referred to as baby boomers — into their prime car-buying years.

Significant numbers of baby boomers who own businesses or work as professional and managers are entering their peak earning period, a time when people typically begin to consider luxury cars. The tastes and preferences of this group are driving the growing entry-luxury market, and reshaping the rest of the luxury car market as well.

Through extensive research, Cadillac has developed a solid understanding of what these new luxury car customers need and want from their cars. This research has become an integral

part of the customer-driven strategy developed by the Catera Brand Team.

"These new over-40 customers will be unlike any previous generation," says Nottoli. "Their expectations for quality and service are much higher, and they are much less brand loyal than the generation before."

While customers born before 1946 tend to find a brand they like and stick with it, baby boomers don't feel as much loyalty. They are also less likely to favor American brands than those who experienced World War II.

The boomer generation is well educated, and boomers consider themselves smart shoppers. Baby boomers also constitute more diverse group of car buyers. In the previous generation of luxury car buyers, 86 percent of those who made the purchase decision were white men. In the new generation, the buyers are far more ethnically diverse, and 51 percent are female.

Customers for entry-luxury cars tend to be among the best educated and most affluent of the baby boomers. The average age of entry-luxury

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customers is 44, and 73 percent are college graduates. More than 57 percent have professional or managerial careers. Women are the principal drivers of at least half of entry-luxury cars.

Using focus groups, ride-and-drive programs and other research tools, members of the Catera team have developed and refined their understanding of these demanding new customers. Most entry-luxury buyers are new to the category. They are coming out of non-luxury vehicles, particularly mid-size cars. And while they have the income to buy or lease a variety of luxury vehicles, they are also value-

conscious and want to feel that their money is well-spent.

The phrase "rational indulgence" sums up their attitudes towards cars. These entry-luxury customers want cars that come with a lot of extras. But they don't want a car that seems excessively expensive.

"These customers tend to be sophisticated shoppers," said Nottoli. "They are the ones who take time in the grocery store to read the labels. They shop around, read magazines like Consumer Reports, and talk to their friends and associates. And they are highly sensitive to how they are treated during the sales experience."

Watch your drowsiness when driving on the road

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

Driving Tips

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

you feel more alert, but the effects last only a short time and you may still experience "micro-sleeps" (brief naps that last about five seconds).

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

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

Young people under the age of 25 account for 55 percent of all sleep-related driving accidents, he notes. They are typically sleep-deprived from staying up late and sleeping too little, and they do much of their driving at the time of greatest risk, at night. Shift workers, 20-30 percent of whom reported having a sleep-related driving mishap in the last year, find the morning drive home from work especially risky.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Recognize the danger signals for drowsy driving. If your eyes close or go out of focus by themselves, if you have trouble keeping your head up, cannot stop yawning, have wandering, disconnected thoughts, cannot remember driving the last few miles, drift between lanes, tailgate, miss traffic signs, or have a difficult time maintaining constant speed, take these as warning signs that you could fall asleep at the wheel.

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

2. Coffee and other stimulants are substitutes for sleep. They may help

8. Listen to the radio, or cassette tapes.

9. Talk to your passengers; ask your front seat passenger to stay awake.

10. Switch drivers.

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