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THIS WEEK

NEWS

Facing absorption

The Board of Chosen Freeholders is considering an ordinance that would dissolve the Union County Regional Environmental Health Commission. Its powers, duties and even employees will be passed along to the Office of Environmental Health in the county Bureau of Environmental Affairs. Some officials are not too happy about it.

Farmers' markets

Summer is the time when New Jersey residents can truly enjoy their good fortune of living in the Garden State. Several towns in Union County have farmers' markets available for residents.

THE ARTS

Traveling time

Look for something completely different in the Shakespeare Festivals. Travels with My Aunt.



Cooperative effort
Richard McNamara of Springfield and Bill Bigelow and Melissa Miller of Julie Jordan Star in Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel."

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Saks Fifth Avenue to give way to Edwards

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The long-awaited Royal Ahold building got under way at the former Dayton High School Halsey Auditorium Tuesday night.

Royal Ahold under its Springfield LLC and Real Estate Company is seeking to demolish the 65,000-sq-ft Saks Fifth Avenue store on Milltown Avenue. The demolition would be of 3,100 sq ft. The demolition is expected to be completed by late August.

Pouring it on



Caitlin Curry crosses her pal Marissa Lynn with a cool bucketful of water at the Springfield pool.

operates over traffic volume and optimizing lawsuit with Milltown. However, it has prolonged the litigation.

The affidavit has shown infinite patience in proceeding with this matter, said attorney James V. Segre. "We have infinite patience to see the application through. We are exercising our right to put a supermarket at that location as interpreted by Super 22."

Segre says the building has already been constructed at Springfield from the board decision that the variance was rejected in 1998 cannot be passed on to new landholders. The variance allowed parking spaces and building addition to cross into Springfield's residential zone.

Board approves storage facility

By Mark Goldwurtz
Staff Writer

The Board of Adjustment granted Carter Construction the 64,000-sq-ft variance to proceed with the construction of the self-storage facility on the Milltown Avenue site. The variance was granted by the Board of Adjustment. Mike Carter Construction applied to the Mountain Side Board of Adjustment on behalf of Safeguard Self Storage. The application was for the construction of a self-storage facility on the Milltown Avenue site.

Board of Ed meeting exceeds agenda

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

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Mrs. Schoch and her class show off their handiwork. Front row: Jesse Bell, Charlotte Slattery, Lauren Kerr, Addison Hicks, Alison Gulkin, Rachel Opatowski. Middle row: Mrs. Cozzi, Kimberly Rego, Zachary Glepon, Benjamin Cohn, Weston Banks, Paige Williams, Beverly Chiu, Aravind Sundararajan, Mrs. Schoch. Back row: Daniel Wilkenfield, Aliza Stone, Kyle Martignelli, Daniel Scroggknecht, Diego Gonzalez, Christian Wortman and Jessica Gonzalez.

Students perfect art of making quilts

The Springfield Free Public Library is proud to exhibit two quilts made by students in Springfield. Debbie S. Lee, a Springfield resident and quilt artist, worked with Mrs. Ginsberg's second grade class at the Thelma L. Sandpiper School and Mrs. Schoch's Pre-K class at the Edward V. Walton School to create these two quilts, which will hang on the walls of the children's section of the library this summer. After the summer, they will be permanently hung in the respective schools. These projects were partly sponsored by the parents of these students.

Ginsberg's class quilt, titled "Our Favorite Stories," Schoch's class quilt, titled "Portraits." Lee went to these two classrooms to work with the students in May and June. Each student used fabric to create his or her own block for the quilt. Lee designed and put together these two quilts using the students' blocks.

Ginsberg's second grade class was created to be an old-fashioned quilting bee by Lee. When she brought a large quilt frame into the classroom, small groups of students took turns quilting around the frame while Ginsberg taught the "rest" of the class.

Schoch's Pre-K students were challenged to further develop their fine motor skills when they traced and cut out different shapes to create their patch blocks. They were also asked to justify their creativity in deciding how to make hair for their faces.

It was not possible to complete the frame in Mrs. Schoch's class because the pre-K day was very short. However, some of the girls and their mothers were able to experience a quilting bee in Lee's home.

"Please quilts show what children can create when encouraged to depend on their own eyes and hands to make a picture of their ideas. This quilt project is an example of how supportive parents and teachers can help the children gain confidence in their own creative work."

Lee has worked with many artistic classes of all class levels in both New Jersey and New York.



Lauren Kerr tries her hand at quilting.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community events the publicity they deserve, send your schedule to P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Sunday

The Trailside Nature and Science Center will hold a Sunday Planting Show at 2 p.m. called Summer Celestial Sights. Learn where to find the summer triangle, Hercules, Scorpion, evening planets and other prominent summer constellations. Any current special sky events will also be added to the show. Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for senior citizens. The show is not for children under six years of age. For more information, call (908) 789-3676.

Wednesday

The Trailside Nature and Science Center will hold a Wednesday nature called Fantasy, Illusion and Magic at 1:30 p.m. Joe Fischer will present a fast-paced show of comedy, magic and audience participation. Admission will be \$4 per person, and no one under the age of four will be admitted.

Coming Events

Aug. 3

The Summit area chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at ARC, 695 Springfield Ave. in Summit from 2:30 to 8 p.m. All blood drives are conducted by NJ Blood Services. Donors will need to bring ID with picture or signature and know their Social Security number.

Oct. 24 & 25

The Second Annual Craft Show at St. James the Apostle in Springfield will be held Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Oct. 25 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is \$60 for one table and two chairs for both days and \$90 for two tables and four chairs for both days. The entire school will be utilized due to the overwhelming response last year. Tables will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Any questions, or for an application, call Angie at (973) 376-5612 or Janet at (973) 912-0392.

Ongoing

The Springfield Public Library has announced its summer hours. The library will be closed on Saturday and Sunday until Sept. 5, but will be open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m., and Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Springfield Garden Club is sponsoring a contest to find the tree in town with the largest circumference - measured three feet off the ground. Send entries to Springfield Garden Club, P.O. Box 970, Springfield, NJ 07081. In case of duplicate entries, the tallest postmark will win the floral prize.

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We're asking Should New Jersey have self-service gas stations?



Steve Whittington

"Yes, they should definitely have self-service gas stations. You get out of the state and you see every one else has it and it makes New Jersey look bad because you can't pump your own gas."



Adam Hoff

"Yeah, I think so. It would be easier to pump your own gas and you wouldn't have to wait so long."



Connie Knott

"No, I don't think so because I don't know how to pump my own gas."



Dianne Aker

"No, they shouldn't have self-service because people like me don't know how to pump their own gas. Also, if you have self-service, then you have to worry about people stealing gas."

Board of Ed works toward a new teacher's contract

By Mark Goldwert
Staff Writer

The Mountaineer Board of Education met Tuesday night for the last time and kept its schedule unchanged for the next few weeks. The board will meet on July 20 and 27 to work with the teachers' union on a new contract. "We have reached a tentative agreement with the teachers' union," said Superintendent Dr. Gerald Self, "but it is still in the final stages of negotiation."

Michael Sichel is assistant principal of the Boardman School District. He said that the last time he met with the board was to discuss a new agreement between the Boardman School District and the Mountaineer State School District. Sichel said that the new agreement would be in place by the end of the year. He said that the new agreement would be in place by the end of the year. He said that the new agreement would be in place by the end of the year.

Council addresses drainage concerns

By Mark Goldwert
Staff Writer
The Mountaineer Borough Council met on Tuesday night for a work session, setting the agenda for next week's public meeting. In regards to the Rotary Sewer Assessment Commission, Mayor Robert Vignelli asked the council to come up with a list of residents as possible replacements for Bill Van Blarcom, who was named to the commission along with Glen Mortimer and Clark Landolt. The council was able to agree that it would be able to serve due to illness. Landolt is currently on medical leave for 11 months. The council also discussed the issue of the future license. Since the board's decision is predicated on the board of adjustment's approval, the decision was delayed until that time.

Mayor Vignelli explained that the pond is originally built as a retention basin — feeds streams which have eroded Mountaineer, carrying dirt that eventually winds up in Lake Lake. The problem is due to an antiquated design system of the pond and years of neglect. Recently, residents living in the vicinity of Moxie Pond have complained about the town's current sewage system. The problem is due to an antiquated design system of the pond and years of neglect. Recently, residents living in the vicinity of Moxie Pond have complained about the town's current sewage system.

Maybe if we're not getting adequate coverage, said Councilman Paul Murphy, "then we will have to take a look at a longer-term solution rather than appealing for volunteers." A recommendation was given to the Mountaineer Post Office to start collecting bids for their gas purchasing bid. The current arrangement has several employees purchasing gas from either Home Depot or with corporate credit cards.

Monthly dinner meetings begin new format

The Union County Chapter of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners has announced a new format for its monthly dinner meetings. Beginning in September, board members will be added to the existing format of networking followed by dinner and a featured speaker. The networking portion of each meeting will now include an information table set up by an invited, non-profit organization. Tables will also be rotated to members and non-members, who will be able to sell or display their products or services.

After the member presentation, the featured speaker will be the evening's featured speaker. The speaker will be a local, national, and international speaker. The speaker will be a local, national, and international speaker. The speaker will be a local, national, and international speaker.

The scheduled meeting of the Union County Chapter will take place Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Mountaineer. Anyone interested in attending should call the Union County NAWBO office at 688-6700. Founded in 1955, NAWBO is the largest of 50 chapters within the National Association of Women Business Owners and based chapters throughout the state. NAWBO chapters are made up of 25-50 women business owners within the U.S. Further information can be found at their website, NAWBO.org, or by calling the Union County Chapter in line at 688-6700.

Wild water fun



Life guard Shaumont Farrell keeps a close eye on the many children enjoying a cool dip in the Springfield pool.

Vogelaar named to dean's list

Rebekah L. Vogelaar, a senior at the University of Wyoming, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 1998 semester. She is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the Phi Chi Theta Honor Society.

Door-to-door

A new survey indicates that door-to-door sales is still a viable method for college students. The survey found that 60% of students are interested in door-to-door sales.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

Right move

At long last, the issue of whether disciplinary action should be taken against Springfield Police Lt. Ivan Shapow has been laid to rest, and we commend the parties responsible for expediting its resolution.

Bigotry and irrational hatred against anyone deemed different from oneself run rampant everywhere, but in a town such as Springfield where even small events affect the lives of many, a simple hateful comment made to the wrong person can cause an uproar. While everyone is most assuredly entitled to their beliefs, however asinine, the anti-Semitic comments of Captain Vernon Pederson should have been kept to himself instead of being vented in such an unprofessional and careless manner.

Unfortunately, Mr. Shapow heard Pederson's voice racial slurs, after a telephone conversation between the two officers, but after Pederson mistakenly thought Shapow had hung up, he called phone calls coming in to the police station were recorded as part of standard operating procedure. Shapow suddenly had the opportunity to catch Pederson red-handed, making a copy of the conversation. That he did so with such decisiveness indicates that this conversation may not have been the first incident in which Pederson had displayed bigotry. The recorded history of Pederson's racist indiscretions goes back to 1993, when Parliament Walter Brooks alleged that Pederson had made similar bigoted remarks in his presence. In addition, that Shapow failed to disclose this actions to Township Chief of Police William Chisholm suggests that the lieutenant did not believe Chisholm would have much sympathy for an officer subjected to racial slurs within his department.

Unsurprisingly, Shapow violated several rules of conduct in exposing Pederson's bigotry, including sending a patrolman out to purchase a tape recorder, making an unauthorized copy of a telephone conversation, making the copy available to a third party, and failing to alert the chief of police to his actions. For these violations, the township pursued disciplinary sanctions, including a 90-day suspension of pay and a demotion to patrolman. However, the bigger picture in this case has overshadowed the more minor violations, and as a result, the township settled the matter without a formal disciplinary hearing, dropping all charges against Shapow.

The decision was a good one. Racist words typically precede actions, if the words are allowed to slide, more unpleasant incidents may ensue, a progression that must not be allowed to happen when we consider those in power, especially those we allow to carry guns, cigarettes and handguns, and who we sometimes trust with our lives. The usual channels of action were not sufficient for Shapow to expose Pederson's bigotry, he chose alternatives, even though his choice might have cost him his job, and for taking this chance, he deserves not only to be cleared of all charges but also a commendation.

Pederson's case has thus far remained unresolved. A disciplinary hearing was held and he has been placed on indefinite unpaid suspension until the matter is closed. May the township exercise the same moral judgment with Pederson that it has done with Shapow.

Good move

Union County recently received a \$48,000 federal grant to conduct a pedestrian safety study on Route 22. For this we thank the grant providers, as Route 22 poses a threat to anyone who dares brave the roadway on foot. With many shops and strip malls on the highway in Springfield and Mountaintop, a far too many area residents must compromise their safety in completing a day of shopping errands.

Without the protection of crosswalks or pedestrian overpasses, the composition of Route 22 and the placement of its many retail shops creates a special danger to anyone interested in conducting business on that roadway. In several places, stores are located not only on either side of the highway, but also on its right median. Shoppers, finished with their strip mall, gaze 100 feet across a parking lot and slice of road to their next destination and contemplate the prospect of getting back into their cars, sitting in traffic, and making a U-turn, or simply making across Route 22 and back. Despite the danger, many people opt for the latter, creating a hazard for both the pedestrians and the cars, which must keep an extra eye and sometimes dodge them.

In theory, shoppers should not attempt to cross such a busy highway — no amount of convenience is worth taking such a risk. However, now that the pattern is established, we thank the county for planning to study the issue and look forward to a proposition that will make the sizeable commerce area safer.



DADS ARE LAUDED — Frank Finazzo, of Springfield, founding member of the Grand Dads Volunteer band, receives a plaque for his 20 years of service at Runnells Hospital from Freeholder Lewis Mingo, Jr., left; Freeholder Chester Holmes, right, and Joan Wheeler, associate administrator of Runnells. Also recognized are members of Our Lady of the Mount Prayer group of Warrin.

Celebrity status is fleeting at best

There was a time when we were a society of celebrity watchers. Unfortunately, that's been changed to celebrity worshippers.

Some times a entertainer gets engaged or married to some equally minor entertainer and the spotlight tabloids go to a photo frenzy to tell all about it whether we are interested or not. If they are reading, they are not interested, with a few exceptions, but in a short time, if possible, the indulgent parties are being left on the block.

The next day we are told that the tabloids that the couple had a simple reception of 450 people, ending up with all guests departing a 40-hour wedding party with the bride and groom shearing each other's heads with whipped cream to the roaring laughter of the guests.

You also have the scene where Celebrity A shows up at the Academy Awards, dinner with Celebrity B, magazine and magazine, and he becomes an "it" guy. He gets the attention, he is taken, and the tabloids are full of coverage of the couple. When A and B are engaged to other people, but somewhat blows over and we are ready for another celebrity wedding.

The Spice Girls are a prime example of celebrities who have been given

As I See It

By Norrison Rauscher, Correspondent

Within a year or two will disappear quickly, as they come in the meantime, they are excellent and by changing their bodies to influence the audience. "It's not a real thing."

No doubt the Spice Girls have become a part of the entertainment world, but at the expense of exoticism, hope that becomes vulgar and out-of-control and an audience which can identify with the so-called "raucous" entertainment.

I think the first real celebrity to be manufactured as a "celebrity" was Frank Sinatra. He was beginning to rise in the city of New York, but the one of the end of the war, after he was pinning him in the beginning, and the thousands of his fans, a hobby was to begin taking spots when Sinatra would come on, and those fans would be waiting for his next and most spectacular performance.

Remember "All of Nothing At All" or "Diana"? Those kind of numbers put Sinatra on the charts. But then something happened. He went into acting and it was only through the miracle of a World War II film called "From Here to Eternity" that earned him an Academy Award that Sinatra was back on top again as both a singer and an actor.

Some who have been cast to the celebrity world once you achieve that status, you might as well have your private life go public. You are never left alone, photographers, just know like "Reefer," everything you do becomes a headline. Even your private life is fodder for the media.

Some celebrities, those on "the machine" kind of the others, try to liquor, drugs and making their own headlines, by becoming "difficult," being someone in a night club, or getting into a scarp with the police and being released with a slap on the wrist or wrapping up only their 10 Mercedes-Benz's around a tree.

Some celebrities' life can be embarrassing when you have not talent, just a famous name, and the public is becoming wise to our talentless life. Some celebrities with famous names begin to realize that they are coasting on their fame and not their talent. I'm

sure that suicide is mullied and if that person has taken enough drugs combined with booze, they might get their wish and create more headlines and a grieving public.

One of the most saddest cases of exploiting a famous person is the case of Princess Diana, whose brother is making a circus of her tragic death. There is a movement afoot to trade her image as Diana's image that has appeared on her death bed. Just August 15 years for her Memorial Fund have applied to the British Patent Office to make Diana's likeness a trademark to control the use of her image. The British government is halting the deal, but the annoyance of her brother, Earl Spencer.

There are many, many people who would give their left or right arm to be a celebrity, since such status opens many doors. However, sometimes those doors shut suddenly and without warning.

The state of celebrity is a flicker phenomenon and that's because the audience is fickle. What's in today can be shaken as a tomorrow and the celebrity within life's lot is far.

Norrison Rauscher is a futurist newspaper publisher.

Firearm laws must adapt to 21st century

States of high population density will fall back on the Constitution's right to bear arms. The Supreme Court has ruled that the Second Amendment does not mean that every American must have the unrestricted right to the weapons of their choice.

The greatest fear of participants in the Constitution was the creation of a despotic central government that would attempt to impose its will on the citizens. Certainly this has occurred enough examples of this sort of tyrannical rule in Europe to have good reason to fear an all powerful federal government.

That was one reason why the first document, which the original ratifiers had governed, the Articles of Confederation, resulted in a central government that had virtually no authority to govern. Proving to be unwieldy, the Articles were ultimately replaced by our Constitution, which has provisions for a remarkably visionary document.

Problem Solver

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Thus, as part of the Bill of Rights, the first 10 amendments to the Constitution, the founding fathers provided

for a well regulated militia, under the authority of the individual states. That state would have in a position to defend itself to combat any threat to their liberties.

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limit or regulation. And taking a few words totally out of historical context cannot change that.

We know that to be so because gun regulations have been challenged on Constitutional grounds many times. In fact, cases have gone to the Supreme Court in all four cases, and the Court has ruled that government does have the right to impose reasonable regulations to gun ownership.

And for the last word on the subject, we might refer to the late Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Warren Burger. As one of the most respected Justices, he once said during a hearing on the issue of gun control, "I believe that the right to own a firearm is a fundamental right of the citizenry, and that the government has a duty to protect that right."

Robert Lapidus is a resident of Clark.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Testing has the ring of fraud

Dear Editor — Now that the public has had some time to digest what happened at the Union County Jail with the abortion guards, I felt some comments were in order. The whole affair is a disgrace to the public, the INS detainees, and the grand idea of American justice and fair play. It sickened me to learn how the officers, all paid by the state, abused and held their hostages to their whims and cover-ups. This episode should demonstrate to the public that the usual system of choosing and firing is far from flawless and is riddled with fraud. Let me explain a moment if I might. Many candidates for this position as Corrections Officers or Sheriff's Officers do not take the test themselves, but rather they use a "ringer." Such a person is an imposter who is paid a fee of

around \$500 to take such an exam. The New Jersey Department of Personnel, although it will administer the test, has no non-clad way to guarantee that the person taking the test is the actual candidate for the job. They may check photo IDs, but the professional ringer has no such obstacle at all. The test process simply looks for the commercial ringer and the ringer sitting in the testing chair is usually a match. The only foolproof way for ID is to fingerprint the test taker and later match it against the candidate for the job. Many times it will not be a match, and the ringer will be the one who does not deserve it. NIDOP parages its head in the bureaucratic sand, the law enforcement agencies do the same. This is a widespread practice. I am sorry to say and neither the freeholders, NIDOP, the Sheriff's office nor anyone else cares to investigate this very lurid thing.

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Employee charged with embezzlement

Springfield police detectives entered a Route 22 construction contractor's business and arrested one of its employees on embezzlement charges July 7.

The employee, identified as Sheta Diane Hampton, 29, of Irvington, faces a third degree count each of forgery and theft by deception of more than \$500. Her employer charges that she had made checks out using the company president's signature stamp. The forgery was supposedly conducted between Feb. 2 and April 2.

Hampton was processed by central intake at the Union County Jail the same day.

Two eyewitnesses were blamed for a car accident on southbound Garden Oval July 8. The driver of a Cadillac Seville told police that her glasses fell off and she lost control of her vehicle about 100 feet north of Berkeley Road. The Seville ran into a utility pole at about 4:47 p.m., requiring a tow truck for removal.

The driver of a Ford pickup truck was going westbound on Morris Avenue July 8 when he was out of control, crashing the 7-11 parking lot. The Ford swerved into a newspaper vending machine, which the driver cut down off at about 1:40 p.m. The driver car was traced to a Short Hills man, who denied the incident.

The driver of a Honda Civic was attempting to make a left turn from the middle lane of southbound Springfield Avenue at Main Street July 8. The driver of an Oldsmobile was attempting the same thing from the middle lane, however, and the pair collided at about 1:28 p.m.

The second fatality of a month in Springfield occurred on Mountain Avenue July 7. The driver of a Pontiac Transport was going north near Silverwood Road when a deer darted across the road at about 5:45 p.m. The deer suffered fatal head injuries when it shattered the Pontiac's rear window. A similar car versus deer accident last month also left the animal dead.

Springfield and State police plus township fire and first aid handled a three-car crash with injuries on Route 22 July 7. Three cars were following each other, according to July 8 police records, when they had a chain reaction crash by impact. It lasted about 5:30 p.m. The injured person was taken to Overlook Hospital and firefighters diverted traffic while police investigated.

A mystery material was blamed for a four-car accident on Route 22 East July 7. The driver of a Plymouth Voyager was leading a three-car convoy in the left lane when she said a black Jeep cut in front of her at about 12:45 p.m. The Voyager braked sharply, causing the Dodge Grand Cherokee to skid and hit a tree and a Ford parts van, all following her to skid in a chain reaction.

Someone damaged a Knox box mounted on the exterior of Jonathan Dayton High School at about 9:30 p.m. July 6. The incident was reported by Springfield Board of Education employees at 9:25 a.m. the next day.

POLICE BLOTTER

A Knox box is a central station where building keys are stored for fire department use.

A \$900 24-speed mountain bicycle was reported as stolen from a Cypress Avenue garage sometime July 1-5. Route 22 level guests reportedly left \$1,000 Computo Armada 400 computer as stolen from his car's trunk sometime July 6.

A Gally's health club customer reported being threatened by another driver in the spa's parking lot at about 5 p.m. July 6. The customer said the other driver, identified as a woman driving a white Honda Civic, was apparently angry about losing a covered parking space.

A Shop-Rite customer was walking back to where she had parked her Volkswagen Jetta July 8 and found it sitting atop the Morris Turnpike traffic island at about 11:15 a.m. July 8. Police know whether someone attempted to steal the grocery bag-laden VW or had mistaken it for one's own.

On July 10, police arrested a Mountaintop citizen on warrants for writing bad checks.

Det. Sgt. Todd Turner arrested William Davis, 49, after home at approximately 4 p.m.

On July 9, Mountaintop police stopped a Hillside man after he ran a few feet on Route 22 East and approximately 10 p.m.

The suspect, Marcell Wortham, 24, was arrested by officer John Jallo after a computer check found him to be a suspended driver.

On July 8, Mountaintop police took a Union man into custody after he was involved in an automobile accident on Route 22 East and was found to be a suspended driver.

Sergeant Scott Swinick arrested James O'Leary, 39, at approximately 8:30 p.m.

On July 7, Officer Michael Jackson of the Mountaintop Police Department arrested a Raleigh man and a Union man near the Indian Trail and Wood Valley Road area.

Edward Payne, 21, was charged with having an open alcoholic container in a motor vehicle and possession of illegal fireworks. Eric Albee, 20, was charged with underage possession of alcohol.

On July 7, Mountaintop police arrested a Hillside man after he ran a red light on West Valley Road.

At approximately 7:30 p.m., Officer Michael Jackson arrested Joseph Valovick, 20, when he found the suspect to be a suspended driver as well as possessing an open container of alcohol in his motor vehicle.

Officer Andrew Huber stopped a Monticello man when he observed the suspect operating a motor vehicle with broken left rear light while driving on Route 22 East.

At approximately 10 p.m. Officer Huber took the suspect, Hector Ortiz, 39, into custody when he found Ortiz to be unlicensed and a suspended driver.

First Responder implemented

FIRE BLOTTER

Springfield Fire Department members responded to 17 medical assistance calls between June 28 and July 4. The reports were mostly residential and included visits to Jonathan Dayton High School at about 1:10 p.m. June 29, along Route 24 East at about 6:17 p.m. June 30, and a Route 22 business at about 2:19 p.m. July 3.

The increased call volume, according to Springfield Fire Chief William Ors, is due to the implementation of the First Responder program. Springfield joined the program, backed by the Red Cross, after firefighters completed first aid training.

In First Responder firefighters, related medical calls which the police dispatcher sends simultaneously to the first aid squad, trained members will perform medical functions until EMS and squad members arrive.

Ors said the response time has been cut in half in three minutes. First Responder does not, however, reduce the amount the first aid squad and fire company volunteers.

A local fire, first aid and police personnel gathered to assist after a car crash with injuries at about 2:19 p.m. July 4. The driver of a Honda Prelude, said he was approaching the Railway River Bridge when fire was out of his car and struck a utility pole on the center island at about 10:45 p.m. The impact cut both the pole and

the Prelude in half, the front part and the driver staying at the pole. The car half continued 200 feet collecting a second pole and two steel rods.

Springfield firefighters, reacting to a police call, arrived at the scene around 10:54 p.m. They used the Hurst laws of Life to free the driver and Union Township First Aid Squad members took him to Overlook Hospital. Springfield police cited the driver for careless driving.

An engine unit went to Hillside 78 West Express lanes for a one-car crash with injuries at about 2:19 p.m. July 4.

Firefighters snuffed out a natural gas leak reported from a Gold Blvd garage at about 7:16 a.m. July 2. An accident at a public school sent a unit out at about 7:16 p.m.

The investigators checked out the report of a hazardous condition reported from an Oakland Avenue home at about 9:58 p.m. July 4.

Five police and first aid officers handled the third motor vehicle accident with injuries in five days on Springfield roads on June 30. The incident involved two cars at the intersection of South Springfield and Mountain avenues at about 5:17 p.m.

Books on tape now available

The Mountaintop Public Library has recently added books on tape for children to its collection. The audio books are all unabridged for grades 1-6 and may be checked out for a two-week loan period.

Funds for the collection were established through donations of money of Helen Tetley, a Mountaintop resident who was a member of the library staff and who also worked as a school librarian in Dutchess County. Approximately 50 brand new titles are available including popular children's books such as "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," "Alice in Wonderland," "Through the Looking Glass," "Babe the Blue Foxes a Long Way," "Drack-Burns," "Percy Jackson's Mystery Vol. 1," "Charlotte's Web," "Chocolate Fever," "The Chocolate Touch," "David Copperfield," "Friday's Friday," "From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil F. Frankweiler," "Hugues-a-mans," "The City," "How to Eat Fried Worms," "Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher," "The Jungle Book," "The Jungle Book II," "Kidnapped," "The Mouse and the Motorcycle," "The Not-Just-Anybody Family," "Peter Pan," "The Pumbaa," "Punchinello," "The Plant That ate Dirty Socks," "The Princess and the Goblin," "Ralph S. Moore," "Rapunzel Quinny" series, "Remember Mrs. Harriet Sprague," "Stumpie Rapkin," "The Secret Garden," "The Sign of the Cross of Doctor Indulge," "Superman," "Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing," "Thirteen Ways to Look at a Sun," "Treasure Island," "Tuck Everlasting," and "Wanted - Mud Blossom."

Caruso awarded for professionalism

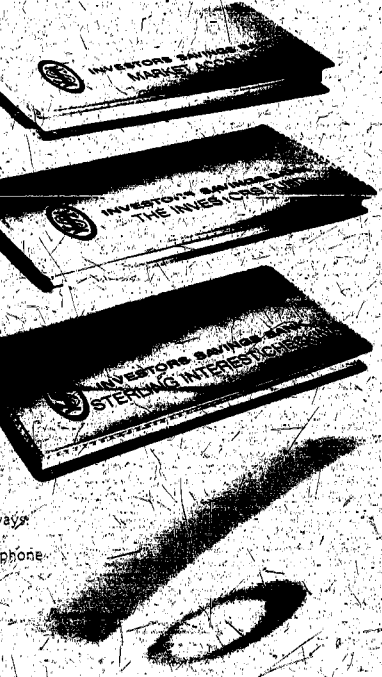
Nicholas J. Caruso, a substitute teacher in Berkeley Heights, was recently awarded the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism's 1998 Robert G. Lofgren Award for Professionalism.

Caruso had recently attended the New Jersey Law Center in New Brunswick. The symposium was made possible through financial support from the New Jersey Lawyers' Diary and Manual.

Caruso, secretary of the New Jersey Superior Court's District III Ethics Committee for Union County, and also secretary for the District III Administrative Committee for Union County, a Union County Bar Association member for more than 20 years, the secretary staff attorney for the State of New Jersey, and the Union County Bar Association.

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Temple sponsors trip

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The tour will begin in Jerusalem with accommodations at the new Dan Bead Hotel for four nights including extensive sightseeing and celebration. On the 8th day, after a full day of travel and service, the following day, the group will leave for Masada and an overnight stay at the Herod's Spring at the Dead Sea. Next, continuing south, there will be a visit to the Akko of Shimon Mitzpeh Center and a stop at a working Kibbutz for lunch. The summit state will begin at the Moshav Hovavim. This will be followed by a tour of the underground

aqueduct, bird sanctuaries and Biblical sites.

Next, on the Jordan through the Arava, leaving arriving at the City of Petra. Here, the night will be spent. The following day there will be a tour of the ancient buildings of red sandstone, standing north over the Judean mountains, following Majid Nebes, where Moses first viewed the Promised Land, and stopping at Amman and Jerash, forward evening, the group will cross back into Israel, over the Hivson Bridge and an overnight stay at the Moshav Hovavim. There will be an early morning visit to the followed by the Golan Heights, Megiddo, Haifa, and Caesarea. The final destination will be Tel Aviv to view such attractions as the Disapora Museum and Balfour and a farewell Madat L'Avram dinner at the hotel.

Space for the site and Shalom Renaissance Group Ltd. of Beit Shimon. For more information or to make reservations, contact Mary Grossblatt at Arlene Newman, 2228 N. Wood Ave., Linden, N.J. 07036. Tel: 908-486-4300.

Choir to perform

On Aug. 22 at 7:30 p.m., the Everlest-Young Choir, a 55-member senior high school choir from Cambridge Lutheran Church in Cambridge, Minn., will perform at Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence.

Everlest will present an inspiring selection of songs and dramatic appropriate for all ages, with the theme "In His Presence." The performance will be approximately one hour and 15 minutes in length. This performance of the Everlest-Young Choir is one of 11 taking place during the two weeks of Everlest's 1998 Annual Summer Fun.

Each participant makes the public to the best performance of the Everlest-Young Choir. Assisted by members of the church, the choir will be taken to assist the choir with their travel expenses. Faith Lutheran Church is located at 24 S. 1st St. in New Providence. For more information, call the church at 908-464-5177.



The Everlest Youth Choir of Cambridge, Minn., prepares for its Aug. 22 performance at Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence, part of a tour which will take them to 10 states and into Canada.

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Youth aid the deaf



The Rev. Walter Lichtenberger, Greg Butitta, Eric Lange, Karin Oman, Erin Lewis, Christi Cook and Allison Walkyn from Faith Youth; Making a Difference, the senior high school youth group at Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence, prepare to deliver a television set to the Bruce Street School for the Deaf in Newark on June 17. The television was among hundreds of donated items the youth group delivered to the Bruce Street School. The items were collected in an outreach program selected and administered by the high school youth. They ranged from toys to bulk school supplies to a television and VCR, which were purchased by the youths themselves from their own operating budget. Other donations were given by members of Faith Lutheran Church. For more information on youth activities at Faith Lutheran Church, call the church office at (908) 464-5177.

OBITUARIES

Nancy Meyer

Nancy Meyer, 63, of Springfield died July 7 at home. Born in St. Louis, Mo., she lived in Springfield for several years. Mrs. Meyer was an elder at the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield and a past president of the Ladies' Bible Study Society. She was also a member of the Springfield Sewing Club and Quilts.

Surviving are two daughters, Nan, 47, of Sparks and Sally A. Meyer, 50, of William I. Three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Sidney Kanengiser

Sidney Kanengiser, 85, of Springfield died July 14 at home.

Born in Newark, he lived in Heidelberg before moving to Springfield 10 years ago. Mr. Kanengiser was a chairman of the Grand Memorial Park, Jack Hammer, for 35 years before he passed this year. He also served on the board of directors of America on Wheels, Aldereth, for 35 years.

Surviving are four sons, two of whom are in the military, and two daughters, Barbara and Peggy. He is survived by four grandchildren.

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Township given new fire pump

Camden has a significant fire department safety equipment as the township has an active production of the Ves-Tank portable fire pump to the Mountside Fire Department. The Ves-Tank portable fire pump is a highly developed device that provides firefighters with reduced physical strain and greater water capacity. A portable water source is necessary to fight fires that are hard to reach with a large truck and hose assembly.

The Borough of Mountside was awarded a new Ves-Tank portable fire pump as part of a grant from the New Jersey Department of Public Safety. The grant was awarded to the Mountside Fire Department to purchase a Ves-Tank portable fire pump. The grant was awarded to the Mountside Fire Department to purchase a Ves-Tank portable fire pump. The grant was awarded to the Mountside Fire Department to purchase a Ves-Tank portable fire pump.

Mountside Fire Chief Matt Bracciosa expressed gratitude for the received Ves-Tank portable fire pump. Bracciosa stated that the pump is a valuable asset to the fire department and will be used in the areas where it can be most effective. Bracciosa also mentioned that the pump is a great investment for the fire department and will be used in the areas where it can be most effective.



Camden Fire Chief Matt Bracciosa (center) reviews the features of the Ves-Tank portable fire pump. The pump is a valuable asset to the fire department and will be used in the areas where it can be most effective.

Area dentist elected treasurer

Dr. Myron Feinberg, a Mountside resident with a private practice of Chatham, has been elected treasurer of the New Jersey Dental Association. She is a past president of the Union County Dental Society and served the State Association as an alternate trustee for four years and as a trustee for three years.

Feinberg earned her bachelor of arts degree from New York University in 1972 and her D.D.S. from the NYU College of Dentistry in 1980. After completing her year as a

dental resident in anesthesiology at New York Mount Sinai Medical Center, she returned to NYU to continue her post-graduate training in perianthotics. Dr. Feinberg was an assistant clinical professor of pedodontics at NYU from 1987 to 1994, and is currently on the staff at Elizabeth General Medical Center.

Along with her involvement in NDDA, she is affiliated with the American Academy of Pedodontics, the New Jersey Society of Periodontics, the Northeastern Society of Pedodontics and the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

Dr. Feinberg resides in Mountside with her husband, John Wynn, and their daughters: Haley and Rebecca.

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FOOTBALL FANS - A LETTER FROM JOE MORRIS

Suppose you had the right to determine how much money you could afford to pay for a house, a car or maybe a sports event. The New Jersey Red Dogs are the first to offer this opportunity!

My name is Joe Morris. I'm an NFL running back and I'm the President of the New Jersey Red Dogs Arena Football franchise. My team plays professional indoor football on a 50 yard field where most of the players go both ways. We're a team of human football that exists today only in our league. Our players are great athletes who come from some of the best college football programs and showcase their talents in what we refer to as the "50 Yard Indoor War". Our season starts this week through August and the Red Dogs are competing their second season playing in the Continental Arena



fan's fans have to find out how much fun they have coming to our games. They love how close they sit to the action. They're responsible but buyers are to signing autographs as well as the great promotions at all our games. They love the most popular players: #8 - Alvin Ashley - jumping into the stands high-fiving fans after scoring a touchdown as well as generally "gating" in the parking lot on gorgeous summer evenings. They just love the whole Red Dogs experience. They're the only place to go for a night out with an unbeatable program that believes in the most fan-friendly program ever used by a professional sports franchise. Our program will allow you to buy season tickets for next year without paying what you can afford. That's right, you pay what you can afford!

In most cases, the best seats in the house always go to the people who can afford to pay top dollar. It's great if you can afford to pay top dollar, but what happens to the people who can't? I want everyone to view a Red Dogs game from a fan's perspective. Here's how the ticket plan is going to work:

Next season we will play 8 home games at the Continental Arena. To get the best seats in the house for all 8 home games, a season package will cost \$199. That's about \$25 a game. But if you're like me and to do things as a fan, you're working on a tight entertainment budget, you need a break. My partner Harry Carson (another ex-Giant) is selling you a season ticket assistance fund for the same season ticket for \$119. That's about \$15 a game. Same best seat but at a much affordable price. My other partner Bruce Harper (ex-Jet) who has been named from the NFL, a lot longer than most, setting up the fund to sell our season tickets at \$69 which is about \$8.50 per game. Again, the same best seat in the house, but at once that is definitely affordable for most people.

So based on what you can afford to pay, you choose from one of three options:

- 1. Red Dogs season tickets for \$199 per season
- 2. Red Dogs season tickets for \$119 per season through Harry Carson assistance program
- 3. Red Dogs season tickets for \$69 per season through Bruce Harper assistance program

Once you have determined what's best for you, here's what you need to do to lock up your premium seat now. Come to the Continental Arena on Sunday, July 26 at 3:00 PM to see the Red Dogs take on the Arizona Rattlers. League's reigning champion the Arizona Rattlers who are coached by former Dallas Cowboy great Danny White. This game will be televised nationally on ESPN. For just \$10 a ticket you can see this great game and also get a free whipper of Krispy Kreme donuts from Burger King. All you need to do is come to the game with the letter "A" on your shirt. You'll get your "Slinger Dog" game token, go directly to the Season Ticket table on the concourse between Gates 1 and 2 to get to the table that you'll get the best seat location!

2. Or call our office at 1-888-RED-DOGS and sign up over the phone.

3. Or call our office because seat locations are going to be first come, first served! This offer expires August 31, 1998. If you don't act in a timely manner, you'll miss out on the opportunity that our Red Dogs organization is making to offer our fans the most affordable and exciting brand of sports entertainment in the world!

Joe Morris, President, New Jersey Red Dogs

Making a splash at bingo



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Storms may pose threats

New Jersey has seen the most intense El Niño of record. The result of this phenomenon is continuing warm temperatures, humidity, and of course, thunderstorms. As the summer progresses, there are several chances of severe storms which pose a threat to property and the safety of those outdoors.

A severe storm is characterized by high 34 mph in diameter and winds of 58 mph or greater. Severe thunderstorms produce lightning, dangerous winds, flash floods, and even tornadoes. The average lightning kills 75 people each year. It is especially dangerous to those who are outdoors. Lightning bolts have violent winds that can reach speeds of up to 250 mph and can reach millions of dollars of damage to crops and property.

Robert Linnert of the Independent Agents of Essex County, warns that everyone should review their insurance policies with their independent

agent to ensure their property is protected. He advises the severe storm approach to follow these guidelines:

- Needs shelter: Stay away from open fields, wire fences, telephone poles, tall isolated trees, open water, bicycles, mopeds, lawnmowers, and open windows.
- Do not talk on the telephone: If you are outside, get inside.
- If you are in a car, seek out low areas like ravines, ditches, or a ditch.
- Do not carry golf clubs, or a group, spread out.
- Remember that lightning can strike miles away from its source. As a result, people should often struck right before and after a storm. When the storm is not directly overhead, it is best to stay in your car and stay in the car until the storm has passed.
- If you are in a car, do not touch anything in the car.
- If you are in a car, do not touch anything in the car.

El Niño affects weather

Now is the time to get ready before severe weather hits. Something this summer the past year's El Niño is expected to be replaced by the El Niño phenomenon. This phenomenon may play a role in the year's hurricane season which began June 1.

A hurricane is an intense tropical weather pattern system with winds of 74 mph or greater. The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30. An average of ten tropical storms, six of which become hurricanes, develop in the Atlantic each year. Typically only five strike the U.S. coast every three years and only two of these are usually considered capable of bringing the probability of a hurricane hitting land increases.

As hurricanes move ashore they sweep the ocean inland, producing

large amounts of flooding. Scott Stansford, of the Independent Agents of Union County, says, "Along the coast the frequency of hurricanes are the greatest threat to property, while inland hurricanes tend to damage crops and trees. There are ways to protect property and oneself. Stansford suggests the following guidelines during a hurricane watch:

- Stay informed: If the risk is over alert by monitoring radio and TV broadcasts.
- Plan to evacuate: High-rise buildings and equities, etc.
- Remove items from your property which could become flying debris and block loose objects.
- Board up windows and use storm shutters.
- Finally, add Stansford, plan ahead, be prepared and review your insurance policy.

Seniors targeted for fraud

Each year, bogus telemarketers foil people of over \$40 million dollars. Individuals 60 and over are the primary targets of telephone fraud. Union County's Senior Health program is offering a seminar series on self-protection beginning with "Telephone Fraud."

The program will be held on July 21, 1998 at the Union County Community Resource Center, 975A Shoreview Ave. in Union. FBI special agent Thomas Markowski will

provide information on how to report suspected fraud, and tips to avoid becoming a target. He will also give examples of targeted phone calls of telemarketing scams. For more information, refer to reverse side of this page.

Senior Health, a free membership program for people 60 and older, is an affiliate of the St. Barnabas Health Care System. The program currently has over 50,000 members who enjoy a variety of programs.

Program openings available at Kent Place Girl's Institute

The Kent Place Girl's Leadership Institute, a summer program for middle school girls, has openings in its Aug. 3-7 session.

Established in 1996, the Kent Place Girl's Leadership Institute provides an opportunity for girls ages 12-14 entering 7th and 8th grades to explore their leadership potential.

Girls at this age are particularly vulnerable to a decline in self-esteem. Comments Institute Director, Christine Clemens, "Each girl who attends the institute will discover and develop her own unique leadership style through a broad range of hands-on activities," she adds.

Participants will enjoy the challenges of a ropes course and will meet women role models who, as guest speakers, share their personal and professional histories. Kent

Place Upper School students serve as interns and provide close mentoring relationships with the girls.

The Institute, a full-day, week-long program including an overnight is held on the beautiful 28-acre campus of Kent Place School in Summit. Under the direction of Clemens, a Kent Place Middle School teacher, the Institute is designed to teach leadership skills that strengthen girls' confidence and self-esteem. The program requires each participant leader to cover her own voice and develop her own personal leadership goals.

The Kent Place Girl's Institute is part of the school's ongoing commitment to being a community resource on women's issues and education. The tuition for the Institute is \$350. Scholarships are available. For more information and an application form, contact Ann Zarnack at (908) 273-0900, ext. 266.

Dinner meetings announced

"I am excited about all our plans for next year," said 1998-1999 Program Chair Rhonda Fure. "The energy at our meetings continues to grow stronger. For me, the most important aspect of our meetings is the networking with other business owners. Making strong professional and personal friendships is so valuable. Having great programs at our meetings is the icing on the cake."

The next scheduled meeting of the Union County Chapter will take place on Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. at L. Affaire in Mountainside. Anyone interested in attending should call the Union County NJAWBO Hotline at (908) 688-0707.

Founded in 1978, NJAWBO is the largest of 50 chapters within the National Association of Women Business Owners and has 15 chapters within the state. NJAWBO represents more than 27 million women business owners within the U.S. Further information can be found at the Union County NJAWBO web site, <http://www.idealgraphics.com/njwbwo/> or by calling the Union County chapter hotline at (908) 688-0707.

The Union County Chapter of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners has announced a new format for its monthly dinner meetings.

Beginning in September, several elements will be added to the existing format of networking, followed by dinner and a featured speaker.

The networking portion of each meeting will now incorporate an information table set up by an invited, non-profit organization. Tables will also be rented to members and non-members who want to sell or display their products or services.

Immediately before dinner there will be a five- to seven-minute presentation given by a member who has been invited to speak about her business. Dinner will be served after the featured presentation, followed by the evening's featured speaker.

A Jending library will be established, and members are asked to donate the use of books, videos and audio tapes on the topics of marketing, sales, motivation, organization, etc., which they believe would benefit other members.

Overlook Hospital Ranked Best in Nation for Quick Treatment of Heart Attack Patients

More than when treating heart attacks, and nowhere are patients counted more closely than at Overlook Hospital in Summit, where cardiac specialists in the Chest Pain Center of the hospital's Emergency Department have reduced the median "time to treatment" for heart attack patients to 16 minutes. The time, which is cited the best in the nation, represents the average time from a patient's placement in the emergency room to the administration of clot-busting medicine to dissolve the blockage.

Receives "Best Practice" designation

The Federal Health Care Financing Administration has designated the Overlook Chest Pain Center as a "Best Practice" model facility for its leadership role in establishing protocols that rapidly treat heart attack patients and ultimately give lives.

Federal health officials recommend that heart attack patients receive the most effective treatment within 90 minutes of arrival at an emergency room to reduce the likelihood of death or disability.

Fast treatment is key to success

The national average for median time to treatment is 25 minutes.

The immediate attention to dissolve clots in the coronary arteries that are causing the heart attack. This allows the blood supply to resume flowing to the affected areas, preventing permanent damage to the heart muscle. The treatment works best if given within the first hour after the onset of heart attack symptoms. More than half of all deaths from heart attacks occur within an hour of the onset of symptoms, usually while people delay seeking emergency care.

Noted William A. Tansler, M.D., an Overlook cardiologist who was instrumental in the creation of the hospital's Chest Pain Center. "We urge anyone experiencing heart attack symptoms to err on the side of caution and seek immediate help, preferably by dialing 9-1-1."

Mobile units provide pre-hospital ECG

Overlook's mobile intensive care paramedic units are among a select few in the state equipped to transmit an electrocardiogram (ECG) to the Emergency

Department prior to a patient's arrival. The data helps the emergency department physician, along with the cardiologist on call, to quickly determine whether a patient with chest pain is experiencing a heart attack. The pre-hospital ECG is a critical factor in a patient's ability to deliver thrombolytic treatment in the most expeditious manner possible, observed Erik A. Espinoza, M.D., Director of Overlook's Emergency Department, and chair, with Andrew P. Besmer, M.D., an attending cardiologist at Overlook's Chest Pain Performance Improvement Team.

Patients undergoing the in-hospital treatment for proven heart attacks are generally discharged to the Emergency Department and admitted to the Coronary Care Unit. Those patients with chest pain that is deemed not to be coronary related are monitored for several days in the Chest Pain Center Observation Unit. There are the comfort of a private room, patients with laptop computers and portable fax machines, and convenient work activities.

In the past, these same patients would have been admitted to the hospital for several days of evaluation. Today, they are rapidly evaluated and released, often with expert assurance that their symptoms are non-cardiac, without missing a beat in their daily routine.

Indigation or a heart attack?

Many people have a heart attack and either don't recognize it, or they don't act on it, commented Dr. Tansler. "Recognizing and responding to the symptoms of a heart attack early on can help prevent damage to the heart muscle and reduce the likelihood of long-term hospitalization, disability or even death," he added.

According to the American Heart Association (AHA), the symptoms of a heart attack vary but usually include:

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness or squeezing pain in the center of your chest lasting two minutes or more;
- chest pain that spreads to your shoulders, neck, jaw, teeth, arm or back;
- lightheadedness, dizziness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath.

These symptoms are warning signs that the heart is trying for oxygen, and the AHA recommends that those who experience chest pain lasting two minutes or more get to the nearest hospital emergency room immediately.

If you or someone you know is experiencing heart attack symptoms, call 9-1-1. For a referral to an Overlook Hospital Cardiologist, please call 1-800-AHS-9580 (1-800-247-9580). Or visit us at www.OverlookHealth.org to take a heart health risk assessment and learn more about what you can do to reduce your chances of developing heart disease.



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HIGHLIGHTS

By Andrew McGinnis
Assistant Sports Editor
Generally in sporting events that
put teams of similar talent against
one another, the home team will
prevail largely because of the
advantage of playing in familiar
surroundings and in front of the
home fans.

Such logic holds true most of the
time, but day has not been the case
when it comes to the Snapple Bowl,
the annual high school football All-
Star game that pits top performers from
Union County against their counterparts
from Middlesex County.

The road team has won every
Snapple Bowl since the inaugural
game in 1994, which also means
that the home team has yet to witness
a scoring game.

The stakes is bid at 2.2 million
Middlesex winning twice at Union
High and Union winning twice each
at Sayreville and East Brunswick.

Union, which posted a 28-7 victory
over Middlesex last year at East
Brunswick behind the MVP effort
of former Rutgers High School
quarterback Louis Campbell,
now playing basketball at the
University of Buffalo, appears
poised to become the first road team
to win a Snapple Bowl game after fielding
one of its best teams yet.

A front-runner to walk away
with MVP honors for this season's
Snapple Bowl contest, which will
be contested tonight at Union High
School at 7:30, has to be Eric Green,
the second-year fullback out of
Johnson High School in Clark.

The 6'2", 220-pound Green,
who will continue his career at
Princeton University in the fall, set
school records this season when he
ran for 3,381 yards and 24 touchdowns
in helping the Crusaders to an
8-2 record and fourth consecutive
state title victory.

Greening should have no problems
with the exchange from quarterback
to former Johnson senior,
into Dennis Bowdoin has also been
selected to play.

As the season goes, good things
come in small packages, and
middlesex experiences that phrase better
than the 5.8 million Bowdoin
who ran for 51 yards and four
touchdowns and also passed for
two scores and 271 yards during the
1997 campaign.

Other area players on the line for
the Green County game include
Middlesex quarterback Eric
Benedict, running back Larry
Drake, fullback offensive lineman
Jack Switzer, fullback and
Jason Czerniak, Union offensive
linebacker Ed Laska, Linden offensive
linebacker DeSean Brown,
Union offensive lineman Don
Scheiderman, Summit offensive
tackle Isaac Lambly, and
Elizabeth offensive lineman Yusuf
Holmes.

Area players on defense include
Roselle outside linebacker Kirk
Hopson, Elizabeth defensive back
Travis Mack, Union defensive back
Damon Lewis, Bridgette defensive
back Mark Armento, Linden inside
linebacker Pat Zygadski, Dayton
outside linebacker Jeff West, Linden
defensive lineman Charles
Leverette, Union defensive back
Brian Yawicki, Linden outside
linebacker Randy Green, Roselle
defensive lineman Marcus Wil-
iams, Governor Livingston defensive
end Eric King, Hillsdale defensive
linebacker Latta, Wilton and
Elizabeth defensive lineman Greg
Spencer.

In total, Union boasts six rep-
resentatives from teams that partici-
pated in the playoffs this season.
Aside from Johnson, Elizabeth
(10-1), Union (7-3), Brearley (7-3),
Scotch Plains (6-4) and Plainfield
(6-3), all made postseason appear-
ances, with Elizabeth capturing the
North Jersey Section 2 Group 4
title for the first time since 1989.

Proceeds from the event benefit
the Lakeview School for Cerebral
Palsy in Elizabeth and the Children's
Specialized Hospital in
Montclair.

Here's a look at the scores and
MVPs of the first four Snapple
Bowls:

- 1994: Middlesex 55, Union 14
MVP: Khamis Jackson, Middlesex
1995: Union 10, Middlesex 13
MVP: James Allen, Summit, WR
1996: Middlesex 21, Union 6
MVP: Kenny Rogers, South Brunswick
1997: Union 28, Middlesex 7
MVP: Louis Campbell, Railway, QB

All-Star baseball players excel

Springfield Tourney
fields many teams

The second annual Springfield Baseball Tournament, organized by Scott
Mancini and Fred Silverman, commenced last weekend.

Springfield's age 9-10 team won both of its games while the town's age
11-12 squad dropped both of its contests.

The 9-10 tournament consisted of Springfield, South Orange, Westfield,
Maplewood, New Providence and Kenilworth.

The 11-12 tournament consisted of Springfield, Westfield, South Orange
and Maplewood.

Here's a look at the results:

AGE 9-10
Springfield 11, South Orange 7: David Steinman drove in singles hitters
Ryan O'Reilly and Stephen Suarez with a double and then Steven Tartamian
drove in Steinman with a single in the top of the first to give Springfield a 3-0
lead against a South Orange team that lost its four days earlier in regular season
play.

Jesse Galinkin reached on a single, stole second and scored in the second
inning and in the third Tartamian hit a triple that scored Steinman who had
reached with a single.

Greg Stefanelli reached on a single and then scored on a Galinkin single.
Paul Belliveau blasted a double that drove in one run and Brandon Sierra
drove in three more in a couple of runs for Springfield.

Stefanelli reached on a bunt and was brought home by another Steinman hit
before finishing the game on the mound and earned a save.

Springfield 10, Kenilworth 8: Both teams scored three runs in the first
David Steinman drove in Ryan O'Reilly and Stephen Suarez. Steven Tartamian
scored the third run after the single, was moved after a single by Zach Silver-
man and then came home on a sacrifice by Greg Stefanelli.

After Kenilworth was ahead 4-3, Springfield took the lead when Paul Belli-
veau singled, O'Reilly walked and Steinman hit a bunt that brought both home.

Kenilworth took the lead again at 8-4 before Springfield scored the game's
final seven runs.

In the bottom of the third, Brandon Sierra Charles belted a double, stole third
and scored on Pat Green's sacrifice.

In the bottom of the ninth Springfield took the lead for good, scoring four runs.
Belliveau and O'Reilly were not shown. Suarez finished the final two batters.

Tournament drove in a run and Stefanelli's single drove in two more. After
Steph Charles walked to load the bases again, Green hit for Springfield's
fourth run of the inning.

Suarez earned the mound victory, having pitched two scoreless innings. Tar-
tamian pitched one inning to earn the save.

Westfield 15, Springfield 7: David Sitar and Sara Steinman both stole home
for Springfield in the first inning.

Michael Mohr, Steven King and David Jarullo hit singles and then Stein-
man drove in one run with a single and Steinman two more with a double.

Jesse Scheiderman drove in Springfield's last two runs.

Maplewood 10, Springfield 2: Sara Steinman belted a double and David
Sitar reached base before Lisa Clark stroked a double to drive in a run at
Springfield's risk.

Remaining Schedule:
Saturday at Rousesfield Field: Springfield vs. South Orange 9 a.m. (11-12);
Springfield vs. Westfield, 11:30 (9-10); Maplewood vs. Westfield, 2 p.m.
(11-12); Maplewood vs. Kenilworth, 5:30 (9-10).

Saturday at Sandmeier Field: South Orange vs. New Providence, 10 a.m.
(9-10).

Sunday at Rousesfield: Westfield vs. Kenilworth, 9 a.m. (11-12); Springfield
vs. New Providence, 11:30 a.m. (9-10); South Orange vs. Maplewood, 2 p.m. (9-10).

Saturday, July 26, Sentinels:
Sunday, July 26, Champions.

AGE 11-12 Regular Season
South Orange 7, Springfield 2: Greg Stefanelli hit a single that brought
home Jesse Green and then Stefanelli scored Springfield's final run when he
stole home off a Paul Belliveau single.

Springfield 23, Livingston 10: Driving in runs for Springfield were David
Steinman, Steven Tartamian, Randy Hering, Lee Silverman, Pat Caselli,
Greg Stefanelli and Stephen Suarez.

Mountainview 23, Springfield 21: Springfield slipped to 4-5 with this defeat
which was scheduled to play at Union Monday and at West Orange Tuesday.
Springfield is scheduled to play West Orange tonight at 7 at Rousesfield.

Springfield 19, Caldwell 17: Ryan Stromeyer and Kevin Dash, who struck
out three, pitched well for Springfield.

Also pitching well for the Mounties were Mike Naylor, Dean Chenchuk,
Mike Sims, David Motter, Joseph Hilar, Ryan RDB, Andre Callender,
John Murphy, Kyle Perry, four RBIs, Christina Palermo, Matthew Suggins,
Steve Cole, two runs, three RBIs, and Eric, Bushman.

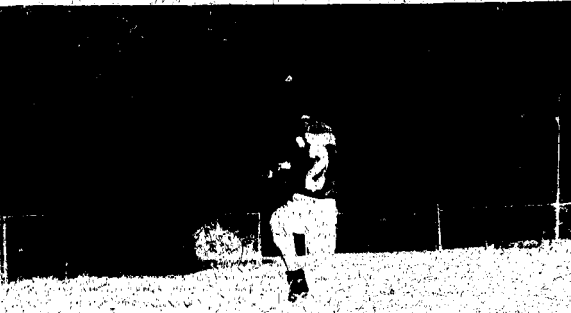
Millburn 16, Springfield 14: Kevin Dash struck out three and Andre Callen-
der pitched well for Springfield.

Also playing well for the Mounties were Dean Chenchuk, Donald Yet-
kin, Matthew Suggins (two RBIs), Christina Palermo (two-run double),
Eric Bushman (single, three RBIs), Mike Naylor (two RBIs), Ryan Stromeyer
(two runs) and Mike Rodriguez (two runs, two RBIs).

Two ties at home included Caldwell in a game Bushman and three base
hits Suggins to Bushman, Dash and Steve Cohen teamed up to pick off a
runner at second base.

Summit High School football in 1998
Sept. 19 at Fairway Park Field 1:30
Sept. 26 at Hanover Park 1:30
Oct. 2 at Dover 7:30
Oct. 10 at Montclair 1:30
Oct. 17 at Mountain View 1:30
Oct. 24 at West Essex 7:30
Oct. 31 at Parsippany 1:30
Nov. 7 at Morris Hills 2:00
Nov. 25 at Weehawken at
Newark's Underhill Field 7:00

Governor Livingston football in 1998
Sept. 19 Newark Central 1:00
Sept. 26 at Hillsdale 1:00
Oct. 3 at Roselle 1:00
Oct. 10 at Mountain View 1:00
Oct. 17 at Ridge 1:00
Oct. 24 at Dayton 1:00
Oct. 30 at Montclair 3:30
Nov. 7 at Montclair 2:00
Nov. 16 at New Providence 2:00



Stephen Suarez of the Springfield age 9-10 All-Star baseball team goes into his windup
during the second annual Springfield Baseball Tournament, which commenced last
weekend at Rousesfield Field in Springfield.



Springfield Minutemen age 11-12 All-Star pitcher Sara Steinman warms up on the mound
while Union baseman Lisa Clark looks on during the second annual Springfield Baseball
Tournament that began last weekend.

New Jersey bests New York
in inaugural Governor's Bowl

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PHILADELPHIA — Already recognized as being among
the elite states in all of the country for the product it gener-
ally puts on the field up and down the state, New Jersey
high school football put its reputation on the line.

Last Thursday at Rutgers Stadium it was the best 50
players from New Jersey against those from New York
State for the first time in what is called the Governor's
Bowl.

After shaking off some early nervousness, New Jersey
showed the state of New York that it takes its high school
football very seriously and responded with a convincing
30-20 victory before a respectable inaugural game crowd
of 7,163.

"It was great to beat them and have a chance to play for
my own state," said Elizabeth quarterback Assad Abdul-
Khalil, who was the starting signal caller for the New
Jersey squad.

High school football in New Jersey is right there with
other powerhouse states such as Pennsylvania, Ohio,
Michigan, Texas and California. Florida right now, with
the help of the success of Florida, Florida State and Miami,
ought say claim to be the top state in the country.

Although Florida players don't play in the state and some-
times some conditions that reach the way some of the
month of November.

"I felt we had a very good team before the game started
and this kind of thing really helps promote football in New
Jersey," said Union head coach Gary Zekovic, who was
one of the assistants on the New Jersey staff.

"To many die hard high school sports fans, New Jersey is
seen more as a basketball state. So to some, the fact that
New Jersey won the inaugural game was a given, especially
since it was played in New Jersey.

A game against Pennsylvania was given much thought
in the past by New Jersey high school coaches. However,
Pennsylvania plays Ohio annually in what is called the Big
10 Game in Jersey, Pa.

An annual game against Pennsylvania would probably
hold a little more weight than one against New York State
for New Jersey's high school football reputation. Still,
New York State takes its football very seriously and had
many talented players on the field last Thursday night to
prove the point.

New York finished 66 to a 6-0 lead after a New Jersey
quarterback Michigan-bound under Marquis Walker of
Hightstown scored the first-ever touchdown in the series
which he led in a 10-yard pass from Penn State guard
sprayback Matt Driscoll, a first-team All-State signal
caller in 1997 from Fairport.

Another touchdown pass from Walker to Michael Cres-
well ended it 12-0. The trick play came on a strategy that cov-
ered off yards and came in the first play of a first-quarter
drive.

New Jersey outplayed New York 36-8 after that and
used the running game to 40 so New Jersey dominated
New York by a whopping 138-67 margin and had the edge
in total yards by a decisive 484-236 mark.

Although New York had the edge in players over 100
pounds at 23, New Jersey dominated play at the line of
scrimmage.

Offensive MVP Eric McCool of Red Bank (No. 22), a
New Jersey tailback headed to Penn State, rushed for a
game-high 184 yards on 26 carries and scored on touch-
down runs of seven and 11 yards in the second half.

Hoboken tailback Keon Walker (No. 23), was in when
McCool was out and rushed for 149 yards on 26 carries and
scored on a one-yard run in the second quarter.

Providing consistent blocking in the offensive line was
Jerry Dentilo of Johnson in Clark. Weighing in at 69, the 6-5,
310-pounder is the latest in a long line of standouts Johnson
offensive linemen, others ahead of him including Todd
Burger (Class of 1988, New York, Jersey, Ray Redman
(Class of 1996, Illinois) and Cooper Krzyzaniak (Class of
1997, Georgia Tech).

Dentilo will join Redman at the University of Illinois,
one of a number of New Jersey foster players who will
continue their careers in the Big Ten Conference.

Keyary Khalil Pat Crividas, headed to Clemson,
scored on two one-yard runs, kicked 2 of 4 extra points
and just missed a field goal. He also had a number of kick-
offs downed in the end zone by New York lack returners.

The defensive MVP was New York outside linebacker
Anthony Weaver of Saratoga. Headed to Notre Dame, the
6-5, 240-pound Weaver was the game's leading tackler
with eight tackles total, five unassisted and three assisted.

Although Abdi-Khalil did not throw a touchdown pass
like he did in the North-South All-Star Game, he did com-
plete 68 passes for 45 yards and was intercepted once
when his primary receiver fell down.

"We were a little rusty in the beginning," said Abdul-
Khalil, who was intercepted on his first pass and then his
backup Khatir Bengtson of Bergen Catholic lost two fumbles
on his last snaps.

"We just had to get ourselves together and calm down,"
Abdi-Khalil said. "It was tough for me to get in a groove
the way the coaches were platooning me and Craig (5-for-7
for 34 yards), but I felt we both played well. This was great
preparation for what I'm about to do in college (that being
the University of Mississippi).

"I think everyone expected us to win and we might have
been a little overconfident in the beginning," said Rab-
by's Anthony Gray, a starting center, 255-pound New
Jersey defensive tackle who almost had an interception and
came close to registering a sack.

"At halftime we knew that they were not going to be
able to run against us and we just had to tighten up our
coverage in the secondary.

Local players who saw a great deal of time in the second-
ary such as Elizabeth's Maurice McClain, who was even
credited with a sack, and Hillsdale's Gerald Bishop helped
stand down New York in the second half as New Jersey out-
scored the Empire State 23-0 after being down 20-14 at
halftime.

"High school football in New Jersey is a force to be
reckoned with and they give all of us bragging rights,"
Gary said.

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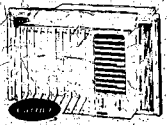

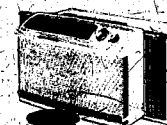



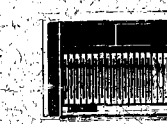




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