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THIS WEEK

NEWS

Touching down

The National Weather Service confirmed Tuesday that tornadoes touched down in Union County during violent storms we experienced on Labor Day. Seven Union County municipalities were hit hard by heavy, damaging winds. Many towns reported fallen trees, fallen power lines, and some damage to homes. Railways, Linden, Cranford and Plainfield were hardest hit.

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A new service

The Union County Board of Freeholders is expected to vote tonight on changing the way health care is provided to inmates at the Union County Jail.

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THE ARTS

More grants

An organization announces more than \$300,000 in new grants for growth of the arts.

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A small gift

Former Union County resident has taken pen in hand to write a book about parenting. "The Twelve Gifts of Birth" belongs to Charlotte Gorda Costanza. (See Page B3)

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WEATHER

Friday: Mostly sunny and pleasant, 76°



Saturday: Sunny and pleasant, 78°



Sunday: Partly cloudy, 73°



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Mountainside resident takes bench at County Courthouse

By Walter Elliott

Staff Writer

Mountainside resident Thomas Lyons returned to familiar place in the Union County Courthouse Thursday but assumed a new position.

Lyon was sworn in as the county's latest Superior Court judge that afternoon by Assignment Judge Edward W. Beglin Jr. After donning his new robes, Lyons recalled his earlier times in the court house.

I recall being a plaintiff one summer in this courtroom watching my father argue a case before Assignment Judge William DiBono," said Lyons before 160 friends, colleagues, family members and public officials. "My grandfather was born in as an American citizen in this court. Today proves Thomas Wolfe's wrong — this court and this city have been home to me."

Lyon becomes the first Superior Court judge sworn in since Summit resident Kathryn R. Bock was installed last year. He succeeds Scott J. Moynihan in the family part of the court, which was transferred to help trim the criminal case workload.

Beglin and other speakers during the 90-minute ceremony preferred to examine Lyons' background, starting with his childhood in Elizabeth.

"Tom" Lyons shows that the path for Union County's judges starts with St. Genevieve's School in Elizabeth and goes through the Georgetown University Law Center. "The fact that you graduated from Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., hasn't held against you, nor that you were once chairman of the Mountainside Democratic Party."

Beglin's fast line brought laughter among the courtroom

assembly as Holy Cross and Georgetown have been traditional collegiate rivals.

A Mountainside Democrat has never been elected to a Borough Council seat to date.

Beglin, who acknowledged the political aspect of judge confirmation, handed the gavel over to several state legislators present. They included State Senators Donald Difranco, R-Union, and Raymond Lernick, D-Union.

"Tom's resume was submitted in 1993," said Lesnick, which made the confirmation process lengthen a little longer than average. Having the county freeholders all of one party helps.

Lyon was law secretary to former Superior Court Judge Cudlipp Davidson in 1976. Davidson said Lyons was his first secretary and had set a high standard for his successors to follow.

His previous experience also includes special counsel in the Elizabeth Law Department, the law firm of Mackenzie, Weltz, Duane and Lechner and a vice presidential post at the Howard Savings Bank. It was at the bank that David Sheehan of Gibbons, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger and Vecchione offered him a partnership in that law firm.

"When I was asked to speak about Tom, I asked my secretary to find anything embarrassing about him," said managing partner Sheehan. "She returned the next day with a note saying she couldn't find a thing. That sums up Tom's character — but now I have to find someone to run the firm's book club."

"My confirmation did not last until I began moving into my chambers last week," said Lyons. "I couldn't have made it this far without the support of my wife, Gemma, and my children, Mary and Thomas. It is with a great feeling of homecoming that I embark on this grand adventure today."

Committee addresses housing and jitney

By Craig Garretson

Staff Writer

The Springfield Township Committee unanimously passed an amended land-use ordinance to provide zoning regulations concerning low and moderate-income housing.

Township Attorney Bruce Berger explained that the housing element and fair share plan ordinance, which has been generally accepted, "was passed with [one] important change: increasing the maximum population density at the Bojkut-Stone Affordable Housing Zone from 16 housing units per acre to 17 units per acre."

The Springfield Township Committee sought to limit the Bojkut-Stone development at 16 units per acre, Berger said, but Superior Court Judge John T. Pisansky recommended that the ordinance should limit population density at 17 units per acre.

Pisansky has the power to approve, modify or reject Springfield's zoning plan. Berger said the ordinance will be submitted to Pisansky "under protest" to the township may appeal its ruling in appellate court.

This looks us at a maximum of 17 units per acre, but we retain the right to appeal," Berger said. "It's a win-win situation."

Although the amended ordinance passed unanimously, Committee member William Ruocco expressed reservations following the vote. "I am not in full accordance with all of this,"

simply because I feel we are being blackmailed, and I do not like to be blackmailed," Ruocco said. He called the increased density at Bojkut-Stone "an enticement for the developer."

The Township Committee also approved the creation of a Park & Ride Administrator position. This is a part-time position at 15 hours per month with a salary of \$5,000.

Committee member Roy Hirshfeld said the Park & Ride Administrator would supervise drivers and schedules for Springfield's railroad timer bus.

The position is open to the public and anyone can apply, Hirshfeld said.

The nimbus shuttle program, expected to go into service in October, will run weekdays rush hours every 10 minutes from Duffy's Corner parking lot to Short Hills New Jersey Transit train station.

Springfield, Berkeley Heights, Chatham, East Orange, Maplewood and West Orange are developing nimbus programs to serve rail passengers along NJ Transit Morris and Essex Line. The nimbus bus programs are funded by operating grants from NJ Transit.

The committee also listened to complaints from area residents about the new flight traffic patterns over Union County. Spotted levels from Jimmy Jetts have been measured as high as 3,200 feet in Rahway and 4,500 feet in Springfield.

Photo by Barbara Kassab

Signing on with athletics



Springfield Rotary Club President Michael Pine, left, joins Jonathan Dayton High School Principal Charles Serson, center, and Springfield Board of Education member Richard Fallico, right, as they display athletic sign announcement boards Tuesday at Jonathan Dayton High School. The Rotary funded the signs, which will announce coming high school athletic events.

Photo by Barbara Kassab

Small children don't know the difference between domestic cats and wild cats. It's not a good situation.

— Charles Sigmund

Union County Parks Director

parents and guardians to relax and watch their children at play.

The 31-acre fort is one of the largest playgrounds in northern New Jersey. The Salmon dealerships in Union and Green Brook were partially responsible for the fort's creation.

The fort is one of the newest additions to the reservation, being too close to a newly renovated play area at the reservation's Loop.

We have new playground equipment at the Loop which has been up for two weeks," said county public information director Michael Murray. "We're attracting hundreds of kids to the Loop. This safety is more important than the future of the fort, who don't naturally exist in reservation wildlife."

"Small children don't know the difference between domestic cats and wild cats," said parks director Charles Sigmund. "It's not a good situation."

The new playground equipment, said Murray, is a three-tiered climbing structure. For children between the ages of 2 and 12. Designed to measure 16 x 16 x 10 feet, it cost \$10,000. The fort is planned for 6- to 12-year-olds and cost \$10,000. The fort is designed to accommodate 100 children.

Municipal residents 16 and older, Vitalic and Murray's advocacy group, Alley Cat Allies have requested that the exterior of the fort be painted. Group Director Louise Holton sent a letter to the parks director, saying the cat was damaged colorfully.

The cat, stated in the letter of its argument, The Vitalic and Alley Cat Allies say the feline is not domesticated nor wild but feral.

It has been demonstrated that feral cats do eat domesticated animals, said Holton. "Cats from feral colonies are naturalized predators."

thus forming a barrier between humans and wildlife.

The Vitalic said the shelter is insulated for winter. The cat has been caught for regular vaccinations and to be spayed or neutered.

We have been taking care of them every day for three years," said Helen Vitalic. "They don't come or people, they run and they play. Children will never get near to those cats."

Murray said other pending improvements at the reservation include dredging silt from Lake Super.

It would be the 26 acre lake's first dredging in its 151-year existence

and would respect it for water skiing, boating and swimming.

What stands in the way of the \$3 million dredging and park expansion is Royal Paul Berrier, a conservationist who has been fighting the project since its inception.

Such charges are to be submitted up to 10 days before a scheduled hearing.

The 10-day minimum is necessary so a zoning or planning board has sufficient time to review the plans.

Failure to provide the paperwork in time would have postponed the site plan application hearing.

The hearing would then be held at the next regular meeting of the board.

The other proposed light, given by the applicant

the developers of the proposed Edwards Super Food store received two green lights in their site plan application last Friday.

The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment received the latest site plan details from Royal Paul Berrier that afternoon. In response to a question from Superior Court Judge Lynn Gagliano means that the public hearing may resume on Tuesday.

They dropped off their package by 2 p.m., said Gagliano from her Municipal Annex desk. "It was due at 2 p.m. but the applicant got it here before we closed."

The package contains copies of revisions and details for each zoning board member plus the Township Engineers and Planners. It includes changes and classifications made by the applicant including those requested by the panel.

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The other proposed light, given by the applicant, the Edwards supermarket at the old Saks Fifth Avenue store at 90 Williams Ave. The store and surrounding parking lot are on commercial and residential zones in Springfield and Millburn.

The applicant says the existing variances on parking, which were granted by both townships in the 1980s, are grandfathered. Millburn, whose zoning board since added strict rules regarding the property, as well as Springfield, whose zoning board says the variance site does not automatically grant zone variances.

Superior Court Judge Lynn Gagliano, from the Municipal Annex, ruled that the variance was grandfathered in last June. Royal Paul Berrier also contested Springfield's zoning on the grounds that the

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Donations may be dropped off at the library Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. On Sundays donations may be dropped off from 1 to 4 p.m.

The book sale will be held on Oct. 16 and Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. for the Friends of the Friends of the Springfield Public Library.

PTA workshops are set

The Union County Council of PTAs will conduct three ABC's of Leadership Training Sept. 7, at 7:30 p.m. at Roselle Park High School, West Webster Avenue, Roselle Park.

All incoming and departing local and PTA board officers and chairpersons are encouraged to attend workshops for Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Recording and Corresponding, Treasurers, Budget and Finance, Membership, Cultural Arts, By-Laws, Publicity, Safety and Community Liaisons.

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Former PTA president dies at age 53

By Walter Elliott

Staff Writer

Opening day at Deerfield School was subdued Sept. 2 with the death of Mountain-side resident Frank Parlapanio. Parlapanio, 53, died at St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark the day before. He had been a member of the Mountainside Parent Teacher Association.

"As a former president of the PTA and as a friend, Frank's death has created a vacuum," said Laura Alpen. "He brought to the plate last year's expertise which most of us didn't have in organizing food-oriented events."

Parlapanio owned and operated Community Food Management Service of New Jersey for 10 years. The Mountainside-based company supplied prepared-meals for various school districts.

Food, indeed, was a major interest for the Irvington-born Parlapanio, as he graduated from the Culinary Institute of America. He later earned a degree from Middlesex County College and was in the Navy during the Vietnam War.

"I first met Frank at Overlook Hospital where I was a nurse and his mother was a patient," said wife Michele. "Although he was fresh from his tour of duty, I was impressed with his compassion and enthusiasm by the way he talked about his mother."

Frank and Michele married and moved from Summit to Mountainside in 1970. His other interests included the

Tuesday Nite Mixed Bowling Club at Clark Lanes. It was their daughter Lauren who was born later, however, when he joined the Deerfield School PTA.

"Frank was always around the PTA but he became involved in our annual Community Dinner, which is held every Election Day, and of course operations of our Community Festival in May. Each event is a major task and Frank brought his management skills from his job to them."

"Only worked with Frank for 2 years but he was a nice man," said Mountainside Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller. "He worked a lot with the PTA and always had time for our children. Frank will be missed."

Whenever Frank asked for help, with a pancake breakfast or at an Election Day booth," said a parent at Parlapanio's Mass Saturday, "his enthusiasm was enough for us to join. We looked forward to having our kids and Lauren play together so we could talk with Frank about food and travel."

The parent's comments were two among dozens received by Michele Parlapanio. She read a note of condolence to Lauren from Deerfield School classmates before 100 mourners at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Parlapanio was interred at Westfield's Fairview Cemetery Saturday afternoon. He is also survived by mother Mary Lucy Parlapanio and sisters Marie Cristo and Dolores Pugnetti.

Official site plan revealed for condo complex

By Walter Elliott

Staff Writer

The public hearing on Bryant Park Commons before the Springfield Board of Adjustment began in earnest the evening of Sept. 2. K&K Developers presented most of their expert witness — but not without a question from Summit City Supervisor Barry Osmun during the proceedings.

K&K, also known as Bryant Park Commons LLC, unveiled its detailed site plan before the board. Appellant attorney Bruce Penman, architect Steven Prawer and principal engineer Sam Gorshwin reviewed some of the complex's facilities, including:

- Four three-story buildings, totaling 135 dwelling units, on a pink chop shape that are being built;
- Three of the buildings will have 36 units of assorted one- to three-bedroom apartments; the other building will have 30 units;

• To meet Springfield's affordable housing obligation, 28 one- or three-bedroom units will be earmarked. All such units will be found on the ground-floor level;

• Rain and storm water will be funneled to a detention basin at the narrow, eastern end of the property, and eventually connect with Springfield's sewers. There will also be four enclosed areas for storing recyclables;

• Park Drive will be widened. At its Springfield Avenue end it will be a stop sign, stop line and a four-foot-wide concrete median. A dead end meant for the uphill part of the drive after the redefinition of "dead end" was erased by the applicant;

Gorshwin said the old Carter-Bell factory, which processed vegetable oil for his products over 60 years, will be demolished. The ground water is about to meet permitted state Department of Environmental Protection levels and

the stored contaminated soil will be sealed under paving. Traffic engineer Stanley Moltz was next with his report. Using his own traffic counts from last June and comparing it to a 1988 study of the old Bell Telephone property nearby, Moltz found Springfield Avenue to be primarily a corridor for eastbound traffic. Figuring on 10 additional daily trips generated by the commons, Moltz concluded the increased volume would not greatly affect traffic entering or exiting Middle Avenue.

• Traffic volume and contaminated waste disposition are two main concerns by Summit officials and residents. Summit Mayor Walter Long, Police Chief William Schneller and Council members Henry Oden and Joyce Marge joined Osmun in the audience.

Osmun, before Pitman could question an expert, asked Board Chairman Richard Colandrea about an opportunity to question witnesses. Colandrea said Osmun would get a chance when the floor is open to the public. That chance will come after all of the applicant's witnesses are presented.

"It may be an established procedure for you," said Osmun, "but it is quite different from what we do in Summit."

Other board matters included approval for conditions around the Chisholm Community Recreation Center and Springfield Donuts of Mountain Avenue. The Summit Area YMCA, which will be a Chisholm tenant, will be allowed to have a free standing sign out front of the corner of Shunka Road and South Springfield Avenue. The Springfield Donuts will be allowed to operate its Dunkin' Donuts shop at 119-21 Mountain Ave. until 10 p.m. weekday nights from April to November.

The Bryant Park hearings are to resume at the Springfield Municipal Building Oct. 7 at 8 p.m.

Kalellis accepted

Kathia Kalellis of Mountainside was one of the 1,244 students admitted to Quinnipiac College for the upcoming 1998 fall semester.

Kalellis, a 1998 graduate of Summit High School, intends to major in mass communications at Quinnipiac. She is the daughter of Dr. Peter and Patricia Kalellis.

In high school, Kalellis was a member of the Homecoming Committee, was a football athletic trainer and played football.

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Congressman makes 'wish' come true

By Philip Selby Curran

Staff Writer

When a small and seriously ill child from Hillside makes her way into District 10 sometime soon, she will be able to thank Rep. Bob Franks, who donated his accumulated frequent flyer miles to the Make-a-Wish Foundation for two round-trip plane tickets for her.

Franks presented the tickets to a foundation representative at Make-a-Wish's Union Township offices last Wednesday. The congressman had his travels to and from Washington covered some 56,000 miles over three years.

House rules allow congressional lawmakers to take frequent flyer miles for personal use, Franks said. However, he wanted to do something a little different after he and foundation officials discussed the idea of his donating the miles three years ago.

"I can think of no more worthwhile purpose for these frequent miles than to make the dream of visiting Disney World come true for one courageous child who is battling a life-threatening illness," Franks said. "Over the past 15 years, the New Jersey Chapter of

the Make-a-Wish Foundation has granted more than 1,900 wishes to children with big dreams who may have little time to see them realized. It's heartwarming to know that my travels to the nation's capital will help deliver a truly magical experience to a child."

Congressional officials, choosing not to release the child's name because of confidentiality restrictions, said to qualify for Franks' donation, the recipient had to live in the Seventh Congressional District and be a newly referred case. Wish recipients must be between the ages of 2, 12 and 18, and show a letter from their doctor stating that the illness is life-threatening or that the child is terminally ill, said Norma C. Godina, the president and chief executive officer of Make-a-Wish Foundation of New Jersey.

The foundation has maintained its Union Township address for four years and this year is celebrating its 15th anniversary in New Jersey. More than 250 wishes are granted annually state-wide, trips to Disney World being most popular. Meetings with professional athletes and shopping sprees are also high on the wish list.

Sometime this month, the New Jersey foundation anticipates granting wish number 2,000, and Godina Christine Whitman responded by declaring September "Make-a-Wish Month."

Congressional staffers noted humorously that Franks often with travel by train to Washington, which prolonged his reaching the 50,000-mile goal.

Franks, an incumbent, said he decided to change his office practices about three years ago to avoid the trappings which befall other men and women in his position.

"These reforms implied a new level of fiscal restraint in our activities and were designed to guard against even the appearance of undue influence by the special interests," the Republican congressman said.

"I decided," he continued, "to return five percent of my take-home pay every month to the federal treasury to help reduce the national debt. In addition, return at least \$45,000 every year to the federal treasury from Congressional office allowances! No gifts are accepted. No junkets are taken."

Photo by Philip Selby Curran



Congressman Bob Franks, R-8, presents Kathleen Murray, vice chairman of the Make-a-Wish Foundation of New Jersey, with a stuffed bear that holds two round-trip plane tickets to Disney World. The tickets, which Franks earned through frequent flyer miles while traveling on official business, will help grant the wish of a seriously ill child from Union County.

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Until recently, Union County owed \$280 million in loans initiated for the construction of a garbage incinerator in Rahway. That staggering sum has been greatly reduced by leasing the incinerator to Ogdern Martin, a private corporation, but the county still owes approximately \$75 million, a figure dubbed "stranded debt" as it is the balance still owed after the lease.

To pay this, Union County has proposed the Environmental Investment Charge — \$18.51 per ton of garbage hauled, every ton of which will be paid by area taxpayers.

The blame for this financial debacle lies in the lack of foresight displayed by legislators as far back as 1988, when the state closed New Jersey landfills and mandated that each individual county dispose of its own waste.

While self-sufficiency is a noble goal, the state refused to give counties a choice in their method of garbage disposal, rejecting plans for anything other than an incinerator. Five out of the 22 counties in New Jersey actually built these expensive facilities before the U.S. Supreme Court declared such governmental wastewater regulation unconstitutional.

State government made a mistake, but because Union County could not lease the incinerator for the full amount paid for it, taxpayers are being asked to make up the balance in the form of an \$18.51 EIC.

A state bond costing \$100 million, scheduled for vote in November, may contribute to the statewide debt related to waste disposal and consequently reduce the proposed EIC.

However, this "gift" amounts to a drop in the bucket as the total state stranded debt stands at more than \$1 billion; Union County's cut would be no more than a \$1 reduction in the EIC.

Most counties in New Jersey owe a significant portion of the stranded debt. Clearly, state government made a poor decision in mandating counties to build expensive garbage facilities, but by the time this decision was thrown out in the courts, it was too late for taxpayers.

Now we are being asked to pay for the poor judgment of others, a request already deemed unacceptable by an Atlantic County Superior Court judge who ruled that EICs have no basis in law.

Union County should dispense with the idea of an EIC and pursue the state to pay for its mistake rather than waste the time of our own Superior Court judges, who will surely hand down the same decision. Area taxpayers will not tolerate paying for this particular mess made by lawmakers in Trenton.



Photo by Sean Daily

The Rahway Incinerator, formerly owned by the Union County Utilities Authority, is now being leased to Ogdern Martin Systems.

Bad driving can't be pinned on one gender

My husband and I have just arrived home from a fantastic few days away and I was compelled to sit down immediately to write this column. Who am I kidding? I hate to impact and do the dirty laundry.

One of the touristy things we did was to take a ferry ride up the Delaware River to see the sites. A nice quiet couple owned the boat. They appeared to be exhausted. This was the lassitude of the day and their helper had called it sick, leaving them to drive and narrate all of the excursions without being able to alternate between the three of them — two on the boat, one off in the dock resting.

Well, on our run, the woman got behind the wheel and turned the key while letting out an enormous yawn.

Her husband made a comment of some sort regarding women drivers as an attempt to be funny. The men laughed. The woman's elbow all round their place in their men's ribs in the ensuing silence of three seconds, a male child in the front of the boat turned and asked his father just seriously, "Dad, are we going to turn it back over?"

Out of the mouths of babes as they say... Do I need to tell you most of the women I'd never forgive their maternal instincts and were wondering just how far the youngest could swim?

I am uniquely won't need to retell

**Give Us
A Smile**

By Joan Shaeckley

that the man puffed up like peacock and highlighted the little man, laughing at that sexist, gullible guitars that they do! I admit that I am a feminist, but necessarily. Because I am a woman-mother, I occasionally make some biomechanical driving decisions.

Can anyone, reading the column, honestly say they have never, ever, made an error in judgment while behind the wheel? The answer is no unless you are lying.

What I cannot stand though is a typical woman driver, by definition, will be the first to admit and brag that in their younger days, like last week, they bias past such-and-such a speed, car, dog, etc., and let them go just as fast.

When we women, who are supposed to be so impressed by this act of heroism, ask where they performed this magnificent feat, the answer is usually in some residential area on an urban drag road in the middle of the night — or worse, on a Sunday afternoon down a busy street with lots of crosswalk signs that no one,

usually pays attention to. Thank God, a real responsible hub! These are the people who appoint themselves to judge your driving skills? Give me a break!

And what exactly constitutes a "typical woman driver"? As far as I know, no woman dead or alive is typical. Women are usually the first ones to point out, incorrectly, I might add, how "ticky" or how "candy sensitive" or how "logical". We women are. It's so hard to read, how can they lump us all together as being "typical"?

And what about being a woman driver? Men will say we don't concentrate on what we are doing when we drive and make up our own rules.

Do you know how many men I have seen brake for garage sales back up to make a jump instead of going around the block, tailgate until they smash my bra size and drive with their knees while they eat and talk on the phone?

These so-called experts are just as guilty of performing multiple tasks while cruising down the highway as we are. I personally know one such gentleman who considers it a badge of honor that he can use two cell phones and a two-way radio while zipping down the road to an appointment he's already fifteen minutes late for. He's also had three accidents in the last decade or

so, face, or call him a typical mate driver. So so what makes the difference between men and women drivers?

I don't care what sex you are the fact is that we must all remember to exercise more awareness behind the wheel. We all have to remember that no phone/call is worth a life. No coffee is so needed that we can't pull over to stir the cream and sugar safely. No date worth his salt is going to leave because you were five minutes late since he had to put on your party-hose while waiting for the driver.

Lastly, the little darlings will have to be sternly taught that peek-a-boo with mommy or daddy while driving is strictly forbidden.

Let's face it — driving is a necessary part of this world we live in. Why can't we all strive to bring about how many years it's been since we depicted the door or bumped the back of the car no matter what kind it is, or who we're driving with? Wouldn't that be just the ticket to stick it back to the insurance companies? Just think how happy they would be to insure lower premium paying, no surcharge, profit-making drivers on the road. But that it make you smile, whether you're a man or a woman.

Joan Shaeckley is a frequent columnist for this newspaper.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**Schools will be ranked**

To the Editor:

I have received several inquiries concerning New Jersey Monthly Magazine's annual ranking of school districts. Specifically, township residents asked the lack of inclusion of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in their current and past issues.

Last October, the magazine requested data from the 1996-1997 school year issue in this year issue. At that time, the regional district was the responsible body for the administration and operation of the high school, not the local board of education. As a by-product, we have only operated the high school now known as Jonathan Dayton High School from the 1997-1998 school year to the present.

Having completed the first full year of operation of our own high school and full pick through grade 12, we have requested that our administrator submit a report which will give an overview of our educational program in Springfield. This report will reflect changes and improvements to scheduling, SAT scores, Advanced Placement courses, and other pertinent information about our students, educational programs and district.

For the first time, the Springfield School District will be participating in this study and we look forward to being included in next year's issue. We intend to submit a survey response to Culver, which will reflect the program and spirit of Springfield students educated in our district.

Robert B. Fish, President

Springfield Board of Education

President should be exchanged

To the Editor:

Remember the 1992 election when the foreign policy gave way to domestic? The era was of the economy stupid! And so we exchanged George Bush for Bill Clinton!

I'd sleep better if George Bush, the most qualified vice president ever to be president, was president.

Joseph Crippa

Montaukide

Crisis might have been averted

To the Editor:

In spite of a severe rainstorm, I joined about 20 other citizens at the open house meeting of the Mountainside Rescue Squad, Sept. 1.

It was a most informative session, and all Mountainside residents and taxpayers should be pleased to have such dedicated people on the Rescue Squad who freely give up their time to serve the community in such an unselfish way.

The audience learned how the Rescue Squad functions, what is involved in becoming a trained, certified member, and many other things that can be done to help.

Members of the audience made some suggestions as to how to publicize Mountainside's needs and recruit others to volunteer that the squad appreciated.

The meeting was a perfect example of how citizens can effectively utilize an open forum to benefit the entire community.

It is pity that the borough's governing body didn't listen to the taxpayers' Mountainside residents to participate in an open discussion of all the volunteer problem back in May, when it first became apparent. The may and Board of Council could have had the benefit of citizen understanding and input then, rather than after they strange severe crisis situation on July 18, when the first information was sent to the public.

Louis J. Thomas
Montaukide

Actions show little character

To the Editor:

If a president's personal conduct is important, then no one likes Liz. Liz's behavior is in all things because that is the nature of her. Character can't be separated into little sections and when you need it, you just press a button and — presto — it's there. Everything President Clinton is reflects in everything he does.

Do parents tell their children everyone lies, even one of most everyone has lied to us and it's nothing? Let your children suspect you of lying and your parental role is downshift.

What's scary is the number of people who defend him. One can understand the ignorant. But I can't help but wonder: who those motions who support him realize they are part and parcel in the destruction of decency and are enabling him to continue. Do you think he's going to stop lying? However, the focus should be on soliciting campaign funds from foreign powers. My God, that's treason! And they know it!

Jan Christensen
Roselle Park

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We're asking

What do you think of the rescue squad problem?



Marvin Tamaroff



Pinky Thapar



Linda M. Daly



David Falk

"As an outsider, I hope something can be mediated." Someone suggested having a couple of police officers trained in first aid. But then the question becomes: "Who's to first provide the policing or first aid?"

"I haven't thought of much. I just don't have opportunity to talk, so it hasn't been a problem."

"I saw the squad's program on television. Perhaps helping keep their regular rotation is a way to go."

"They may have to go to a paid squad. If they do that, however, then the taxes will go up."

Accidents plague Rte. 78

Springfield

The Springfield Fire Department joined their summer colleagues and the State Police in handling a pair of accidents on Interstate 28 Aug. 21. In the accidents, which occurred in opposite directions of the highway, were called in within 30 minutes of each other.

The first incident was a car found by a state trooper on 78 West mile post 45.5, who called for fire fighters at about 5:21 p.m. When a Summit unit arrived, however, the "3,000" car was engulfed in flames. Summit then called their reserves for headquarters coverage and the mutual aid from Springfield. Springfield brought an engine over Turnpike later to help extinguish and clear the vehicle by 8:06 p.m.

Detachments from all three gather here, however, responded to a collision by 78 East mile post 46.5 at about 7:40 p.m. A Jeep had lost control and injured its two occupants.

• Township firefighters responded to three incidents within a 12-hour period Saturday. The day began with a visit to check water coming from the Cheshire Community Recreational Center at about 5:25 a.m. and at a Dixie Street home, fire reported about 10:38 a.m. /The day ended with another vehicle accident on Route 2 West at about 8:07 p.m.

• Springfield Engine One and its crew stood in for their Railways' co-workers, headquartered at 3434 Pinckney St., Springfield, made the mutual aid call as hands clapped with heavy

damage wreaked by a severe thunder storm that day. While Railaway and Clark took the storm's brunt at about 11:15 p.m., Springfield suffered a relatively few downed trees and power lines. Engine One, meanwhile, helped fight a building fire before being released by Railaway around 9:30 p.m.

• An engine unit responded to a car crash at the corner of Hillside Avenue and Van Pelt at about 8:49 p.m. Firefighters were able to make a quick extrication. Independence Way at about 8:50 p.m.

• An activated fire alarm sounded from the St. James School at about 9:33 p.m. Sept. 3.

• Alarm also went off at the Motor Hotel Building at about 9:44 a.m. and at a Far Hills Road house at about 2:39 p.m. Sept. 2. Arcing powerlines were found at the corner of Hillside and Mountain avenues at about 7:49 a.m.

• Three medical service calls made up the Sept. 3 entries.

• Firefighters responded to a single-vehicle accident with injuries at Mihell Road and Laurel Drive at about 7:04 a.m. Aug. 31.

• Other incidents that day included sorting out a Wabcon Avenue residential hot water heater problem at about 8:30 a.m. and fielding an activated fire alarm from the Gaudineer Middle School at about 4:09 p.m.

The magnificent swallows of Mountaintop in the upper Delaware community reveal the beauty of nature's handiwork. Instead of a fence, the birds built their graceful nests in the bare branches of a tall tree. Discover an extraordinary inventory of bird furnishings and accessories at www.karen-kay.com.

Thunderstorm causes area power loss, traffic problems

Mountaintop

Mountaintop Chief of Police Jim Dubois said he hopes fully power to the Borough will be restored by today. Most of Mountaintop's homes and the traffic signals along Route 22 were knocked out when a fast but severe thunderstorm took Union County at about 2:15 p.m. Monday.

While the storm passed through at 40 mph, it featured wind gusts up to 100 mph and heavy lightning activity. It showed downpours and tornadoes in Rahway and Plainfield.

Dubois said a Public Service Electric and Gas main power cable feeding the Borough from an adjacent town failed during the storm. Power to all homes west of New Providence Road and Route 22, signals at New Providence Road and Lawrence Avenue subsequently went out. Both police are hand-directing traffic and the volunteer fire and first aid squads are helping to clear downed trees, until PSE&G restores power.

Springfield

Two men were arrested on separate incidents of public lewdness charges within several days of each

other by Springfield Police. The first incident began at about 6:44 p.m. Aug. 23 when a police officer noticed a driver parked at the Morris Avenue 7-Eleven parking lot was wearing no pants. A check of the driver's car and a subsequent search warrant of his Millburn residence revealed about 47 photographs of young girls but no tools shot from the Municipal Pool.

The suspect, identified as James Wallace Lynde, 38, was arrested and charged for lewdness in the fourth degree and unlawfully exposing yourself. A charge of criminal trespass at the pool was later added.

A second man, identified as Martin Stump, 61, of Basking Ridge, was arrested and charged with public lewdness, a point at about 3:07 p.m. Aug. 26. The suspect was first seen at the corner of Baldwin Way and Morris Avenue with his pants open. The police reporter said he still pointed when he was later pulled over on a motor vehicle check.

POLICE BLOTTER

• Two Springfield Police patrol cars and a Department of Public Works ice chipper were at the corner of South Springfield Avenue, Milltown Road/Firestone Drive for about two hours Tuesday morning. They were assisting a General Public Utilities Corp. truck in removing fallen telephone and power lines at about 8:45 a.m. Springfield Chief of Police William Hisham said there were several trees and downed cables in the townships from the storm. Traffic and utility interruptions were relatively minor.

• A South Springfield Avenue resident, 40, gained a drivers license illegally at Springfield Municipal Court Monday.

• Antoinette Torres, 20, was picked up at the Burger King on Morris Avenue at about 8:07 a.m.

• A Plainfield woman was arrested for attempting to obtain a state drivers license with a false Social Security card at the Motor Vehicle Agency on Aug. 27. The woman, identified as Pauline Chirino, 27, was also identified as an illegal alien from Ecuador. She is to face a count each of providing false documentation and attempting to gain a drivers license illegally at Springfield Municipal Court Monday.

• Three people were arrested on assault charges of the township over a three-day period. The first suspect, identified as Mary E. Schade, 38, of Newark, was charged with simple assault at an Owasso Avenue address at about 4:26 p.m. Aug. 27.

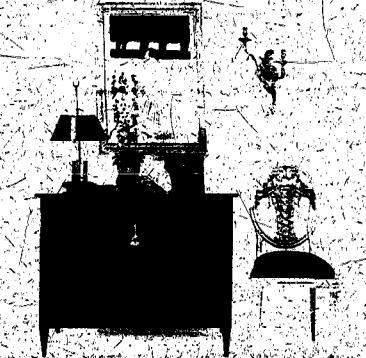
• The other arrest, which was made about 7:18 p.m. Aug. 25, was of two Springfield men at a South Springfield Avenue address. The duo, were identified as Joseph N. Fleisch, 31, and Joseph Pica, 35.

Republican meeting to be held in area

Jack Gratzman, president of the Mountaintop Republican Club and local coordinator for the Upper County Republican Freeholder Candidates, has announced that the club will meet on Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Boy Scout Hall on Route 22 in Mountaintop.

The agenda includes discussion of criteria for the Republican of the Year Award, an update on the dinner dance honoring Senator Donald DiZerega for his unprecedented return election as President of the New Jersey State Senate; a report on the local campaign of Council Candidates Werner Schoen and Glenn Mortimer; and brief remarks by the Freeholder candidates Andrew MacDonald, Justin Francesz and George Gross. The Union County Republican Candidate Sheriff Esther Guzman-Macrae will also address the club.

Anyone interested in joining the club should contact the membership chairman, Glenn Morupene at (908) 21-1107.



A doe, a deer

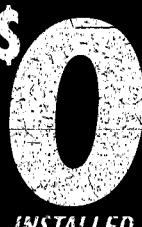


A doe and her fawn take refuge in Echo Lake Park. Deer continue to populate the area, creating a hazard on local roadways.

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SAGE celebrates Adult Day Services Week



Bernie Ollenstein of Springfield enjoys a game of ring toss at SAGE's Spend-a-Day program.

Imagine a place where frail older adults regularly meet to enjoy performances of visiting Shakespearean literature groups, take a boat trip and create beautiful ceramic art projects. Participants listen to local storytellers and local singers weave their magic, while on other days they enjoy the relaxation of massage therapy. This club-like atmosphere is SAGE's Spend-a-Day Center, located at 550 Springfield Ave.

In celebration of "Adult Day Services Week," Sept. 14-18, the public is invited to learn about the value of this community resource, as well as to see first-hand the variety of activities Spend-a-Day has to offer.

Day care is an option that can be used to maintain an elderly person at home for as long as possible," said Jacqueline Vigeemann, executive director of SAGE. "Caregivers can benefit through which an older adult can gain access to the additional services for a personalized plan of care."

The need for adult day care is evident. With an increasing elderly population over the age of 65 in Union, Essex, Morris and Somerset counties, the demand for elderly services is growing. Adult day services can be a panacea for many families. For example, adult day services can be the answer for the caregiver family, where no one is home to care for elderly family members.

When young children are also in the picture, weekends become vital for the family's rest and relaxation. While caregivers are completing those all-important errands or treating themselves with a movie or restaurant lunch, their loved ones can enjoy an

activity at Spend-a-Day's Sundak program.

Family or caregivers live far away from their elderly loved ones, adult day services offers peace of mind.

According to Vigeemann, adult day services can be the right answer for older adults who need limited assistance, support and companion ship. According to the American Society on Aging, adult day services will be the caregiver's answer for a safe, comfortable, guilt-free alternative, is less than half the cost of nursing home placement.

With its varied activities, programs, excursions and guest performers, a day at Spend-a-Day is a pleasant experience which older adult can eagerly anticipate and enjoy. Completing the events, activities and companionship, are a nutritious meal and daily monitoring by all nurses.

Spend-a-Day is unique in that, in our state-of-the-art facility, we can deal with a secondary client whose condition may change over time," said Paul Tracy, director of Spend-a-Day. "The latest growing age group is 85 years of age or older and often there's a potential for them to develop more problems." With our three separate groups—the social group, the special needs group for those with early signs of dementia, some physical limitation, and our Alzheimer's group—the client can easily remain at Spend-a-Day and, if necessary, move to another group.

Those interested in attending the Spend-a-Day program should call 906-1 and 921-7.



At left, Robert Ruggiero of Mountainside shows Wile Mae Atwell of Summit the finer points of painting during one of SAGE's many hands-on activities for older adults. During "Adult Day Services Week," Sept. 14-18, the public is invited to learn about the value of this community resource, which many seniors eagerly anticipate and enjoy.

Resource Center for Women announces fall programs

Upcoming programs at the Resource Center for Women focus on a variety of ways of improving personal and professional well-being and learning to live the life you love. Located in the parish house of the Catholic Principals Church in downtown Summit, the Resource Center is a non-sectarian, non-profit organization celebrating 15 years offering a broad range of programs and service in all areas of women's scholarship; assistance is available for all workshop and services. For directions, registration information and for a complete fall program guide, call the Center office at (908) 273-7253.

• 40-Something And Up: In Summit, an informal network of women in their 20s and early 30s was gather for Cithara, wine tasting, and plant trips and activities. The next gathering will be Wednesday, Sept. 21 at Houlihan's restaurant in Livingston. Call the Center office for details.

• Don't Worry, Be Happy, Stress Prevention and Management, Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn basic techniques to help increase and neutralize the ways of stress and its prevention. Tuition fees \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members.

• How To Live The Life You Love, tour Mt. Holyoke beginning Sept. 29 from 7-10:30 p.m. If you feel you've lost touch with your dreams, this four-week series will help you identify what's missing in your life and get back to work on your happiness. Fee is \$45 for members, \$50 for non-members.

• Emotional Communication: Sept. 28 from 7-10 p.m. Practice strategies that will help you navigate the emotional terrain of any interview, enhancing communication skills and improving both personal and professional relationships in the process. Fee is \$125 for members, \$150 for non-members.

• Located in downtown Summit, the Resource Center for Women is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization celebrating 15 years of programs, tuition and service for all women, offering a number of programs that will be of special interest to lesbians. Partial scholarships available for all events and activities.

• Lesbians in Suburbia: Open House Evening, Sept. 20 from 7-10 p.m. This popular open evening is free of charge.

• Strengthening Personal Identity for Lesbians: Thursday evenings Sept. 24 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. This professionally facilitated support group will explore how "normal" societal norms may harm a person's self development and focus on issues such as self esteem and personal power. Fee is \$105 for members, \$115 for non-members. Space is limited and advanced registration is required. Call before Sept. 10.

• Sexual Orientation: Body Image: Sept. 21 from 7-10 p.m. Sunning therapist Deborah Smith will lead the session on "making a choice" as they apply to sexual development and orientation. Fee is \$15 for members, \$16 for non-members.

The following events are planned for fall area women:

• The Women That We Are Book Group meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month to discuss works by women authors from a wide range of backgrounds. The selection includes: "H" meetings, "Art Say Hello Joyce," "The Life and Times of a Lesbian Couple," "La Deltora" (a syndicated column) "Daffy Days," "Outer Limit" tales include Ursula Legge's stories by the River," "Sept. 11," "Our Beliefs," "The Black Notebooks," An Internet Journey," Dec. 16. These sessions are free of charge.

• Looking for Love in Abnormal Places: Safe Dating in the 90s: Oct. 8 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. With the advent of the Internet as the new place to meet people, women need to educate themselves about the potential dangers as well as the rewards that exist in this dating arena.

• Laura Miller and Susan Kennedy, partners in Be Sure Investigations, will share information about maintaining privacy and autonomy online, changing a stalker and making sure this new tool is a tool rather than a threat to your social life. Fee is \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members.

• Hot off the Press: A Writers series in celebration of the Resource Center for Women's 15th anniversary, will feature poet Muffy Peacock reading from her new memoir, "Carols." Poetry Power! Oct. 15, actress/writer Laura Brapton Forgrave, helping you "Take Yourself to the Top," Oct. 15, and historian Hugh Jacobs Brumberg discussing "The Body Project: An Intimate History of American Girls," Nov. 19.

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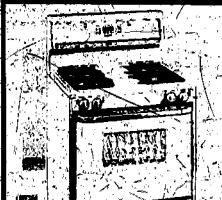
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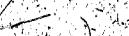
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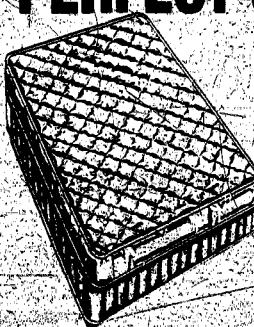
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OBITUARIES

Margaret Raffe

Margaret Raffe of Black Mountain in Hillsdale and Montclair died Aug. 30 at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital.

Born in Princeton, Mrs. Raffe lived in Hillsdale and Montclair before moving to Rock two years ago. She was a member of the Rosary Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mountaintop, and a member of the King Church, Hillsdale. Mrs. Raffe was a substitute teacher in Christ the King Church School. She was a member of the Footballs and Mountaineer Women's Club, the Oak Ridge Women's Golf League and the Bridge Club of Vista Pines. Her late husband, Max Raffe, two sisters, Mary Cristo and Dolores Rueggen.

Max Blumenthal

Max Blumenthal, 60, of Springfield, son of Springfield, died Sept. 2 in New Jersey. Visitation: 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10.

Born in Romania, Mr. Blumenthal

lived in Princeton, New Jersey, and Springfield before moving to Teterboro five years ago. He was self-employed in a variety of businesses throughout his lifetime. Most recently, Mr. Blumenthal operated a baked goods establishment in the English-style Tea Market. He was a member of the Old Farmers of Hillsdale. Mr. Blumenthal was a daughter of George Franklin Memorial Club in Newark.

Survivors include his brother, Steven Russell; a daughter, Joyce Ann Simon; two brothers, Edward and Joseph Crapo; and a granddaughter, Jennifer.

Edmund Colarosso

Edmund D. Colarosso, 80, of Nutley, died Tuesday. Mrs. Colarosso died Sept. 1 in Hackensack Hospital, Summit.

Born in Boston, Mr. Colarosso moved to the New Providence and Summit areas for the past 50 years. He was the groundskeeper for the church of St. Francis for many years before retiring.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; three daughters, Susan, Anthony, Irene, and actress and MacKenzie B. Walsh; six sons; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mary Coraggio

Mary Coraggio, 80, of Highland Park, formerly of Springfield, died Aug. 27 at home.

Born in Pennsylvania, Mrs. Coraggio lived in Springfield before moving to Highland Park 20 years ago.

She was a member of the Springfield Senior Citizens.

Surviving are a daughter, Carol Coraggio; two sons, Arthur and Daniel; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Muriel E. Burdett

Muriel E. Burdett, 78, of Chatham, formerly of Springfield, died Aug. 25 in the Garden Terrace Nursing Home, Chatham.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Burdett lived in Springfield before moving to Chatham. She was a school teacher with the Chatham Public Schools for more than 30 years and retired in 1980.

Survivors include her son, Robert Burdett; two sons, Arthur and Daniel; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Frank Parlapiano

Frank Parlapiano, 58, of Montclair, died Sept. 5, at St. Michael Medical Center, Summit.

Born in Princeton, Mr. Parlapiano lived in Summit before moving to Montclair in 1970. He served the Community Field Management System of New Jersey serving more than 10 years in New Jersey for more than 10

Area newcomer's club chooses 1998-99 board

The Newcomers Club of Summit, Berkeley Heights and New Providence recently chose its 1998-99 board: Courtney Muolo, president; Nancy Halper, vice-president; Lynne Olivo, administrator; Lois Grossman, secretary; Eve Biagi, treasurer; Membership Chair: Jennifer Hollenbaugh; Amy Koscak and Anne Casey.

Others serving on the board include Bobbi Peet, activities coordinator; Melissa Hawley, newsletter editor; Anne Stevens, circulation chair; Angie Grember-Hutchins and Robyn Rowlands, couples co-chairs; Beth Lee and Tara Hada, Moms and Tots co-chairs; Jamie Amara, hospitality and sunshine chair; and Susan Fenn-Rights, public relations chair.

The Newcomers Club provides genealogical activities for those newly arrived in the community and offers an opportunity for new arrivals to become acquainted with others new to the area. The Newcomers' luncheons monthly gather prospective members to learn about the club. Prospective members should call Jennifer Hollenbaugh at 908-273-8412; Summit: 908-273-6014; Berkeley Heights: 908-273-0414.



The Newcomers Club of Summit, Berkeley Heights and New Providence recently chose Courtney Muolo, at left, as president of the club. She is seen here, from left to right, with Lois Grossman, secretary; Aine Casey, membership chair for New Providence; Nancy Halper, vice-president; Jennifer Hollenbaugh, membership chair for Summit; and Lynne Olivo, treasurer.

Interweave announces fall learning center schedule

Midday meditation, beginner's Bible study, mobile counseling and yoga/Reiki themes are among the new offerings this season at Interweave, a community learning center. Learning tools to strengthen fitness, deepen spirituality and enhance the coming gold. More than 400 concurrent events and performances will take place at Interweave's centers in Westfield, Livingston and other area locations. Highlights include:

Body, Mind & Spirit: Bookwork classes this fall include: Tuesday evenings and Thursday evenings at The Coven, beginning Sept. 22 and 24; Wednesday afternoons: Yoga/Reiki classes beginning Oct. 7; "Live Your Body" on Oct. 17, an event especially suited to older or less active adults; Therapeutic Touch, Tuesday evenings, Oct. 20 and 27, and a "Qi Gong" workshop on Dec. 5.

Those interested in meditation can choose classes focusing on stress management, Wednesdays evenings beginning Sept. 9; wellness, Tuesdays in October, beginning Oct. 27; healing, Sat. Tuesdays evenings; mindfulness, Tuesdays evenings beginning Nov. 10. The other life can be explored in monthly artwork classes, Sat. Fridays mornings in Meridian, a popular Psychic/Sacred class Sunday, Nov. 15 through January; Wednesday evenings beginning Nov. 4, and stories of poetry, philosophy, Wednesdays evenings, beginning Sept. 23.

Interweave's monthly events include: "The Feminine Face of God," Wednesdays evenings beginning Oct. 7; "Roadmap for the Soul: Seven Stages of Spiritual Growth," Mondays evenings beginning Oct. 20, and new introduc-

tions to "Myth, History and Reality," Friday mornings in Short Hills, beginning Oct. 9. More specialized programs highlight spiritual practices with "Judaism and Christianity."

Living with Others

Interweave programs focusing on relationships and cultural issues this fall include: "Cultivating Compassion," a monthly Wednesday luncheon series sponsored by Atlantic Health Systems; beginning Oct. 14; a "parenting" course, Thursday evenings beginning Oct. 29; and "Beyond the Headlines of the Middle East," an insider's view of Israel from Rabbi Walter Zanger, on Sunday, Nov. 1.

Spiritual Events

Newcomers are especially welcome at Interweave's annual Fall Luncheon Oct. 1, this year featuring an instructive panel discussion on Nov. 7, "Making Room for Soul." Day will include workshops on making soul at home and work even in religion. Other special events include: a workshop with author Uldis Edwards, Nov. 10-12, and three evening events put together by Steve Gold on Oct. 24, a new play by Bertolt Brecht on Oct. 30, and an evening of Sufi cajnertan with Putter and the Perceivers. For further information about any event, call 973-273-8412 or visit <http://www.interweave.org>.

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SPORTS

LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

SportSMARTS: Fall. Pitcher's and Catcher's Camp will be held Saturday, Sept. 20 and 27 at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains.

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The SportSMARTS Fall to Pitch Hit to Hit address: 1214 Victoria Avenue, Union, NJ 07088. Fax: 908-941-5278.

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The New Jersey State Intercollegiate Athletic Association is accepting applications for the 1998 Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

The 1998 induction ceremony will take place at the NJISAA Annual Meeting on Monday, Dec. 7 at the Pines Marts in Edison.

The first two classes included:

• Class of 1996: Linda Almi, Dr.

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Applications can be obtained from high schools throughout New Jersey or by contacting the NJISAA Central Office at 609-259-2776.

Completed applications should be mailed to: NJISAA, P.O. Box 487, Robbinsville, NJ 08867.

All applications must be received by Tuesday, Sept. 15.

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The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA), the New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association (NJSCA) and the New Jersey Interscholastic Fencing Association (NJIFA), has announced the scheduling of a Fencing Coaches Clinic to be held on Saturday, Oct. 17 at Morris Hills High School in Rockaway.

The timeframe for the clinic is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with registration commencing at 8:30 a.m.

This clinic is designed to meet the needs of varsity coaches, assistant coaches, and recreational coaches.

Pre-registration fees drop from \$25-\$55 and are from \$35-\$65 depending on NJSCA membership status.

The morning session, from 9 a.m. to noon, will feature hands-on interactive skills in which fencing gear will be needed.

Lunch will be provided and an NJFA meeting will follow from noon to 1 p.m.

The afternoon session, from 1 to 3 p.m., will feature referee training and will be open to coaches and anyone else interested in being rated for NJIAscholastic officiating.

A featured clinician will be George Kovaliovich of Columbia University, and the fencing officials commission.

More information may be obtained by calling Eric Finizio at the NJSIAA office in Robbinsville at 609-259-2776.

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For the youth basketball crowd, the South Mountain YMCA is offering an early start to the upcoming basketball season.

Instructional practices for skill improvement with YMCA coaches will commence on the day of Wednesday, Sept. 16.

Age groups range from children in grades kindergarten through eighth.

The early season will last until Nov. 5, after which the regular basketball season begins with league practice and play for ages 10 and up continued adult play for the younger ages.

Registrations are now being accepted.

Call the YMCA at 201-562-6445 for more details.

Mountainside Yankees champions



The Yankees of the Major League captured the Mountainside Youth Baseball League's regular season and playoff championships. After winning the Major League's regular season with a 9-3 record, the Yankees defeated the Blue Stars 5-4 and the Braves 11-10 in extra innings to win the playoff crown. Players include Michael Amalfi, Alex Caffrey, Jude Faella, Ryan Faella, Jeff Hoffman, Andrew Huber, Anthony Imperiale, Nick Keller, Justin Polce, Joe Robitelli and Michael Tate. Coaches include John Amalfi, Mike Caffrey, Al Faella, Rick Polce and Art Tate.

Sky is the limit for Summit squad

Hilltoppers among the best

By Andrew McCausland
Assistant Sports Editor

Last season, the Summit High School girls' tennis team won 20-3, while the Hills Conference Hills Division did not fare as well as some other New Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 basketball did last fall. In fact, just seven starters graduated from the previous year.

Returning every starter except for Li Bai, Battle Hill comprised half of last season's first doubles duo, while year-end standout Alexandra Johnson and Hills starter team are looking to take things one step further this season.

High School Girls' Tennis

"I think we have every good chance in taking the conference title," said Johnson, who entered the 10th consecutive year of tennis at the school this season. "If we play up to our capabilities, we'll definitely have a chance to make it back to the sectional final again and hopefully we can advance to the rest around if we do make it that far. The group is made up of a lot of good material."

Competition in the pre-season was heavy at first singles, as both sophomore Allyson Johnson, who ranked offensively at number two, and junior singles last season and freshman this season, Li Bai, also finished out just this past Tuesday in an intrasquad competition. Johnson is a vital member of both and will still second singe.

Because of their depth, Summit will have to rely on Johnson and the sophomore pairings of Li Bai and Alexandra Johnson, as well as senior Jason Kaufman at third singles. She is 8-4 against last year's seniors in first singles this season and accomplished in the regular season.

The first doubles team will be strengthened, as well as junior Jessie Anna, who will split the service with senior Anna Kroll. Kroll, a senior who placed on the state's varsity team last year, has not started for the remaining spot. Battle Hill and Kroll, along with the seniors doubles tandem, lost their year-end ranked up to 15-5 mark.

"We've become a stronger all-around team this year," Johnson said. "Our singles players are stronger, our doubles singles players doubles with just advantage for us."

Summit is scheduled to open its season today, in the first round Russell Park. The Hilltoppers will take to the court again on Saturday when they travel to Parsippany Hills to face the Vikings three days before playing in the山区的山区。

The Hilltoppers will square off against last year's double team, though weakened, during the regular season. Just as they have done in the past, the Cougars, who defeated Summit in the sectional final last year, will return nearly their entire lineup, the best.

Should Summit accomplish its goal of winning the section, it would be the school's first such title since 1988.

Hoops opportunity upcoming

Area hoopsters can be a part of basketball history when the Hoop-It-Up World Tour — the official 3-on-3 street basketball tour of the NBA and NBC Sports — celebrates its 10th Anniversary Tour on Water Street in New York City Saturday, Sept. 19 and 20.

More than 3,000 players and 12,000 spectators are expected to participate in the New York event, one of 43 cities on the U.S. tour.

The NBA-authorized Hoop-It-Up began as a 10-city 3-on-3 street basketball tour in 1989.

The 1997 tour featured the first ever partnership with NBA Canada and NBA Latin America.

Tournament systems range from non-competitive to local to relevant "weekend warrior" play. Coach Points for participants ages 12 and older are placed in divisions according to age, gender, height and skill. There's no entry fee and competitive environment.

In addition to the 60 street basketball courts set up throughout New York City, Hoop-It-Up will feature various special events for all ages, including a 100-foot tall "Shoe Drop" and the United States Marine Corps One-of-a-Kind Showdown.

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