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NEWS

Storm relief

Several Union County towns that were devastated by Father Day's hurricanes and tornadoes were given some financial relief this week to help in their clean-up efforts. Sen. Donald DiFrancesco unveiled a financial package in Canton, one of the towns hit hard, to mitigate the affected towns' financial burdens. See Page B1.

Drug Court eyed

Union County Superior Court has adopted what officials believe is an innovative approach to breaking the cycle of repeat offenders and helping people off their addictions. See Page B1.

THE ARTS

Mysteries abound

The Stony Hill Players of Summit opened this weekend with "The Hobbit." See Page B3.



Mural on display

Christine Dobson-Matruska's murals beneath the waiting rooms at the Edgewater General Center. See Page B4.

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Auto theft, burglary common on Route 22

By Craig Garretson
Staff Writer

Route 22 is a major interstate highway running through five Union County towns, providing easy access to many stores and restaurants for residents and criminals alike. With literally thousands of vehicles of choice from, and with Route 22 providing the means for a quick getaway, many burglaries and car thefts operate in the sprawling parking lots off the highway.

Earlier this month, the Mountaineer Police Department arrested two Elizabethtown men for car theft after receiving a tip that the suspects were casing vehicles in the parking lot at the Springfield Mall. After his arrest, one of the men confessed to several break-ins at various parking

lots on Route 22 over the last few months.

Detective Sergeant Todd Turner of the Mountaineer Police Department said that Ramon Lorenzo confessed to stealing stereos from cars in Route 22 parking lots.

Ralph Froehlich, Union County Sheriff, said that auto-related crime is a problem for every community along Route 22. This major road makes it so easy for the people that break into vehicles to get into the affluent communities and then escape. That escape is helped by the volume of traffic, the fact that most of the parking lots have no security, and that your municipalities can only do so much with their limited manpower. It's a serious problem for people who live in that corridor of Union County.

It's easy to get in and easy to get out," Detective Lieutenant Richard Oseja of the Mountaineer Police Department said. "In any type of parking lot, that's close to a major highway, whether it be Route 22, Route 3, Route 1, or Route 9, you have the problem of cars being stolen or broken into."

Robert O'Leary, executive assistant prosecutor with the Union County Prosecutor's Office, said that Route 22 has been targeted as a priority by the Essex-Union Auto Theft Task Force.

"The Task Force started in 1993 in response to requests from mayors and police chiefs from those communities along Route 22 that were getting hit with an abnormal amount of auto theft," O'Leary said.

The Task Force has recovered over \$23 million worth of stolen vehicles since it was founded, and the auto-theft rate in the five Union County towns along Route 22 has dropped an average of 20 percent since 1991. O'Leary attributed the drop in thefts to the arrest and prosecution of car thieves, and increased activity by the municipal police departments along Route 22.

"We have a young, aggressive police force out there that crisscrosses the highway and patrols the parking lots," Oseja said. "If a thief drives through one municipality and sees police vehicles on the highway and in the parking lots, and another municipality where the police aren't as visible, they're more likely to hit the latter."

parts and juveniles who steal cars for joyrides. In the last seven years, the ATF has arrested 2,220 people for car theft, with about one-third of those being juveniles.

According to O'Leary, the Union County Prosecutor's Office has a 92 percent conviction rate for juveniles and adults, and some of the success is attributable to a New Jersey state law allowing prosecution of out-of-county juveniles. "When there's more than one juvenile involved in a crime, we can prosecute them in the county where the crime happened, rather than the county that they live. We've had a lot of success prosecuting out-of-county residents who steal cars in our county," he said.

Froehlich said that vehicle owners can defend themselves against car thieves by taking some simple precautions such as locking doors, rolling up windows, and using theft-deterrent devices like a steering wheel lock or car alarm. "Anything that could slow down a criminal for a few minutes may make him move on to the next car," Hietala said.

"When parking in large lots, make your vehicle visible to police and pedestrians by parking in well-lit areas," Froehlich advised, avoiding areas that offer a potential thief any cover, such as in an alley or next to a tree vehicle.

"Make it a little harder for thieves to get into your vehicle," Oseja said. "Close your windows and lock your doors. Don't leave things out in plain view, like a camera or a cell phone. Packages piled up in the back seat are like an open invitation to someone walking by who has the intent of doing a crime."

Cleaning up around town



Springfield Environmental Commission members Martin Lipton, left; right, and Chairperson Clara Marek, middle, present Clean Communities Poster Contest winners Stacey Fonseca, David Nidmanis, Jessica Horner and Kenny Glennon-Fonseca's slogan, 'Join up to clean up, will appear on banners and buttons while poster copies will be placed in store windows to promote Clean Communities Weekend, Oct. 17 and 18.

Township appeals supermarket site

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment presented its appeal regarding the proposed Edwards Supermarkets before three state Appellate Court judges at the Morris County Court House Oct. 6.

Board member Neil Dworkin, along with fellow lawyers Stephen Baran and Roger Clapp, sought to overturn Union County Superior Court Judge John Pitsanyi's ruling on the former Saks Fifth Avenue store. They argue that Pitsanyi misinterpreted the zoning variance process.

"It appears that the judge ruled in an arbitrary and capricious manner regarding Stop and Shop vs. the Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment," Dworkin said before the panel. "If his decision stands, it would be detrimental to the zoning process."

Pitsanyi, in an effort to have the Springfield board hear Royal Ahold Real Estate's site plan application, ruled that the two zoning variances granted to Saks may be deemed as "succeeding" owners. Dworkin, along with Village Supervisor Kelly D'Amico, County Commissioner Baran, and Millburn Township Attorney Clapp, maintain that the original variances should be up for review on each site plan application.

"By not including the variances, a board can't make a sound comparison between past or present site use and the proposed application," Baran said. The board would be unable to compare the use and types of services.

"It is not contention that the judge got off on the wrong

foot interpreting split zoning," Clapp said. "He looked only on-site and not on the impact of the entire plan's effect on neighboring parcels."

Saks' owners wanted the board to approve two site variances. The first variance, granted in 1956, allowed a triangular lot in a residential zone to be used as a commercial parking lot. The other variance permitted a building addition, onto another residentially zoned lot.

Although addressed as 99 Millburn Ave. in Millburn, that town's southern boundary with Springfield ends 50 feet in from the curb. The boundary, which was moved for a proposed road widening, also demarcates Union and Essex counties.

Saks operated a retail commercial store at the site until moving to the nearby Mall at Stony Hills in 1994. Stop & Shop and new parent company Royal Ahold have proposed building a supermarket since Royal group Columbia Gas and Millburn contended that the now-Edwards Super Food Store would add Millburn Avenue with traffic and otherwise negatively impact on neighbors' quality of life.

Royal Ahold interpreted the definition of commercial retail use.

"The use of the store has changed in 40 years," Seger to said. "We stand by the definition of commercial retail use in the Springfield Land Use Plan and code. That definition includes clothing, accessories and gourmet food," Segre said the triangular residential plot was allowed.

See Zoning, Page 3

Borough police cross-train as rescue squad members

By Craig Garretson
Staff Writer

The Mountaineer Police Department has joined forces with the volunteer rescue squad in an attempt to cover day-time shifts that may be undetermined. Police Chief James Debbie has directed the Emergency Services Unit, headed by Sergeant Richard Weigle, to continue cross-training police officers as emergency medical technicians.

"Our intent is to assist the rescue squad from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. These are the days when it's tough for the rescue squad to assemble a full crew," Debbie said.

Debbie said that there are two officers currently certified as EMTs, with two others attending certification classes. Weigle and Officer Donald Ambro are already certified as EMTs and have joined the Mountaineer Rescue Squad as industrial members.

Officers Thomas Norton and Andrew Hubert are taking classes at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and could qualify as EMTs by the end of the month. Because the officers will join the Mountaineer Rescue Squad, the certification classes will be paid for by the town.

Weigle and Ambro are volunteers like any other member of the Mountain side community. Debbie said, with their first responsibility as police officers. If Norton and Hubert are awarded EMT certification, the department could have three other officers on every weekday shift who is qualified as an EMT.

"All officers may attend certification classes in the future as well, providing additional coverage for the Borough of Mountaineer. Ideally, we'd like to see two EMTs available on every day shift," Debbie said. New police officers hired by the borough may have to attend EMT classes as a condition of employment.

According to Debbie, all officers already attend "first responder" training classes at the police academy, which includes first aid, assisting EMTs and driving ambulances. In addition, all officers recently in CPR every two years.

Weigle, who is qualified as an EMT and a paramedic, will have the newly created Emergency Services Unit. Emergency Services will specialize in on-duty training on new medical equipment and first aid techniques in addition to law enforcement, Debbie said.

Planning Board continues hearings on condo development

By Craig Garretson
Staff Writer

The Springfield Planning Board heard additional testimony Oct. 7 regarding the Bryant Park Commons development near Springfield Avenue. The board adjourned until their next meeting to complete the hearing.

The board heard testimony from several experts called by the applicant, K&K Development, LLC. K&K Development, before adjourning in the 11 p.m. hearing, the hearing is expected to be concluded at the board's next meeting Nov. 4.

K&K Development is proposing the construction of a four-building housing development on the site of the old Carter-Bell factory, located next to Bryant Park off Springfield Avenue. The Carter-Bell site is on the Springfield side of the border between the city and Summit.

The development is opposed by

Summit because of the lack of access from Springfield. Summit Mayor Walter Long said his city's emergency services will be responding to emergencies at the development but the residents will be paying taxes to Springfield. Some Summit residents in the area of Springfield Avenue, Hight's Road and Bryant Park feel that the 1.8-unit development will create traffic and parking problems.

Bruce Pittman, an attorney representing Bryant Park Commons LLC, K&K Development, called several expert witnesses to explain aspects of the development plan and to address some earlier concerns brought up by the Planning Board and town residents.

Despite the concerns of the Springfield and Summit planning boards, the developer "cannot provide" another source of access to the Bryant Park Commons site, Pittman said.

"We investigated whether or not there was another way out," he said. "We don't have any options. We would have loved to have a second means of access but there's no solution."

The 2.7-acre site is bordered by Route 24, the unimproved Railway Valley Railroad bed, the Troy Village gas distribution and Bryant Park. Pittman said that there are 16 vehicle-accessible spots through Bryant Park, which is owned by Union County, that Troy Village is a privately owned development, and that New Jersey Transit controls the Railway Valley Railroad right-of-way.

Engineer Marko Mark and Kevin Page testified about access to Springfield Avenue on the site and the impact on traffic on the area.

Mark, a traffic engineer, testified that he performed traffic studies on Springfield Avenue in June and in

October. During morning and evening rush hours, he said, Springfield Avenue in the area of the site is currently at the highest level of service, meaning no congestion or delays in normal conditions.

Page said the development will use a "flexible" connection to Springfield Avenue. The existing road into the site, Park Drive, would be widened with a curb median running down the center in order to create a two-lane access road. Each lane will be about 12 feet wide, he said.

Springfield Fire Chief William Page just told the applicant that fire engines may not be able to negotiate Park Drive with a high median. Pittman said that the developer will use whatever "curb" length the Planning Board requires.

At the end of Park Drive, K&K Development proposes to create a 12-foot wide road for access to the site.

Park visitors and offer a sewer line connection to allow Union County to install public toilets at the east end of the park.

David Morrow, a hydro-geologist, testified before the board about the existing environmental clean-up at the site.

Morrow testified that the previous consultants at the Carter-Bell site, International Technologies, detected chlorinated hydrocarbons in the ground water at levels as high as 1,900 parts per million in 1991. The chlorinated hydrocarbon probably dates back to when the site was used for industry, he said.

During the last three years, clean-up attempts have reduced the chlorinated hydrocarbon levels to below 100 parts per million. The Department of Environmental Protection continues to provide access to the site of chlorinated hydrocarbons at a rate of 100 to 1,000 lbs. per day.

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NEWS CLIPS

Forum scheduled for candidates

Four candidates for township committee seats have been invited to take part in a Candidate's Night at the Springfield Municipal Building tonight at 8 p.m. The League of Women Voters of Springfield is sponsoring the forum.

Bookstores honor literacy month

Literacy Volunteers of America, Union County Affiliate, the county's largest literacy tutoring organization, will be celebrating October as Literacy Month with the help of Union County's local bookstores.

Church plans trip

The First Presbyterian Church of Springfield is planning a trip to Oberammergau in Germany to witness the 40th performance of the world-famous "Passion Play" in August of the year 2000.

Editorial deadlines

General news — Monday 5 p.m.
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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, mail your schedule of P.O. Box 3100, Union, NJ 07083.

Today through Saturday

The First Presbyterian Church of Springfield will hold a Runaway Sale from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 15 and 16, and from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Oct. 17. For more information, call (973) 379-4320.

Saturday & Sunday

The Township of Springfield will conduct its sixth annual Clean Communities Weekend from 9 a.m. to noon. Community organizations, families and interested individuals are invited to work together to reduce the amount of litter in the parks, playgrounds, public properties and roadsides.

Wednesday

The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah will sponsor a bus trip to Princeton. The trip will include a guided tour of the governor's mansion, lunch at the Nassau Inn and a guided tour of the art museum at Princeton University.

Thursday

The Senior Citizen Club of Mountainside will meet at the Community Presbyterian Church on Deer Path and Meeting House Lane. The Center for Hope Hospice in Linden will present a program.

Friday

The Friends of the Mountainside Library will host an annual book sale on Oct. 24, 26 and 27 during library hours. Everyone with a paid Friends membership is also welcome to the Preview Sale on Oct. 22 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The second annual flea market at the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is \$20 for a space and the rain date is Oct. 31. Flea market vendors and people looking to sell off their unwanted garage sale items are asked to call Tom at (908) 587-7779, Ed at (908) 276-4968, or for the church at (973) 370-1695 for an application.

The second annual Craft Show at St. James the Apostle in Springfield will be held Oct. 24-25 from 10 a.m. to 7 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.

Jonathan Dayton High School Senior Class and PTSSO will present the third annual Haunted House from 6 to 9 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Project Graduation, a substance-free graduation night event. Tickets will be \$5 at the door with children under 12 free.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will present a Deserated Village Candlelight Tour from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Wanching Reservation. The tour descends historic Union of Feltville will be explored with lounge-like Dean Bennett, who will tell stories about photos on the property to illuminate the site.

The St. James Second Annual Halloween Costume Game will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Food, beverages, DJ dancing, a costume contest, prizes, and music will be offered. The cost is \$20 per person for tickets, or more information, call Barbara at (973) 912-8738 or Martha at (973) 379-7311.

The Mountainside Recreation Dept. is sponsoring a trip to see Brandy "C" Reagin. The bus will leave Deerfield School at 6 p.m. for the 8 p.m. show. The registration fee is \$60 per person and includes orchestra seats and bus transportation from the Deerfield School in Mountainside. There is a limit of four tickets per order. Checks should be made payable to "Mountainside Recreation" and sent to "Reagin," Mountainside Recreation, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ 07092.

The Mountainside Football Club will meet at noon at B.G. Fields in Westfield. Guests are welcome. William Dunscombe will share facts about New Jersey's Pine Barrens. Call (908) 232-3626 for reservations.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

Delay any vote

The Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties, a sewer authority serving 11 municipalities in the two counties, is expected to make an important decision tonight about privatizing its operation.

To date, information about the options before the Joint Meeting have been clouded in secrecy; discussions have been in executive session and documents have been withheld, according to a state privatization law which allows the secrecy, leaving the public and press to wonder what the benefits are or where cost savings will occur.

One thing is for certain, The Joint Meeting — which has West Orange, East Orange, Maplewood, South Orange, Irvington, Union, Hillside, Roselle Park, Summit, Millburn and Newark as its member municipalities and Elizabeth as its largest customer — offers its ratepayers the lowest costs in the state, an average of about \$80 to \$85, while sewer agencies elsewhere charge as much as \$400 or more. Any privatization plan pursued by the Joint Meeting would have to be extraordinary, and offer residents less expensive, more efficient service than they already receive.

That is why representatives on the bi-county sewer authority must base their decision on which private company to begin negotiations with on what is best for their constituents, not the pressure they are receiving from the "political goldfishers" at the state level. For more than a century, the Joint Meeting has been an example of how government can work efficiently and to the benefit of its customers, and spoiling that organization with political maneuvering to line the pockets of a few well-placed politicians would be criminal.

During the last two years, more than half a million dollars have been spent gathering information about privatization and collecting bids from large corporations, but only a fraction of a year, about four to five months, has been spent by the Joint Meeting members reviewing the three proposals submitted to them: Four members — Maplewood, East Orange, Summit and Millburn — recently passed resolutions to slow the process and delay a vote until all members believe they have sufficient information to make an educated decision.

While a compromise was reached and a group meeting for elected officials was held Sept. 26, Joint Meeting representatives should keep in mind this issue does not have to reach a vote tonight. There is no deadline, no time constraint, no 11th hour pressure to force a vote, and the Joint Meeting has the ability to walk away from the process at any time without the fear of any legal repercussions from the bidders.

Residents should attend the meeting tonight at 3 p.m. in Maplewood Town Hall, 574 Valley St. to see how their representative votes. This municipal decision about which private company to negotiate with involves a great deal of money, an essential service and will impact municipal tax bills directly. Joint Meeting representatives should not rush into a decision and, at the very least, delay any vote.



TOP STUDENTS — Florence M. Gaudinier, School's Student of the Quarter recipient for the fourth quarter of the 1997-98 school year, from left, Helene Henrichs, Christine Hopson, Anthony De Nicola and Genevieve Ciullo. The program is sponsored by the Springfield Elks 2094 as part of their Youth Activities Program which recognizes exceptional students based on character, leadership, service, citizenship and scholastic ability. The students are awarded certificates during a dinner at the Springfield Elks Lodge.

Chocoholic would go to war for chocolate

As Halloween quickly approaches once again it seems like only last month I bought five pounds of candy and had only 10 trick-or-treaters. I'm reminded of a scene that played out earlier this year as a job I have since traded in for a much nicer one.

One of my coworkers had made an unthinkable observation one day. It was one of those, "Be careful what you wish for" thoughts that get my eyes to watering and blowing my stomach into a panic.

You see, we had all decided to stop snacking in the office during the day, to try to lose weight. Yeah, sure, like when we all got home we didn't run, not walk to the nearest bus stop of Ho-Ho's anyway.

While she was in the throes of this self-imposed eight-to-12-hour workday "detox" withdrawal, the exclamation that she wished there were never such a thing as chocolate invaded.

As the room started to spin and go black, I began to think about a world without the precious treat that I had sworn off in 1995.

In such a world how would Halloween's Day be celebrated? Would men

Give Us A Smile

By Joann Shackley

Give the loves of their lives, flowers and broccoli? A bear-shaped bowl filled with lima beans? Come near me with that kind of gift and you better run before the flowers end up somewhere else. What a legend that would be.

And what about Easter? If mean, nothing against jellybeans, but are hard-boiled eggs and those yellow marshmallow chicks all the bunny would bring? Is a ham dinner all the glory our bunnies can hope for? Has anyone thought about the cholesterol levels of the children?

And what about Christmas? Cookies, the chocolate clouds, the nutty brownies, the Boston cream pie topped with goose fudge? And, oh, but don't take away my Christmas Eve turkey pie.

Do you mean to tell me fruitcake will instead become the sweet treat of

the valentine season? You may as well about me now.

Last we forget the really big time, the number of all chocolate holidays — the Halloween free-for-all pig-out. What would be the point? How many candied apples can fit into a pillowcase anyway? Not to mention the fact you'll have to pick off them before you break your teeth eating them.

How much of the year's profits for candy makers are dependent upon this poring chocolate? Where's the thrill for the kids? More importantly, where's the thrill of the excuse. I get one a year to eat all that unmeltable candy I bought with good intentions?

Last but not least, what would we women do when we need the emotional fix and comfort that only the occasional bowl of hot fudge or a gallon of chocolate chip fudge cream can provide? How miserable would we be to live with in the absence of our addictive sugary substance?

Men in this benighted chocolate deprived dimension should be afraid, very afraid. I foresee in this terrible world a revolution of sorts, led in all probability by someone like myself.

I can picture millions of women in

combat fatigues — which, by the way, flatter my rear flank, they don't call it camouflage for nothing — preparing to fight for our daughters' right to indulge. Our battle cry would be, "Give us chocolate or give us death!"

As my coworkers finally succumbed to giving me from my menial loss of consciousness and lifted me back into my chair, I begin to realize it was all just a bad dream. The blasphemous woman who caused me my discomfort assured me she was truly sorry for her unconsciousable outburst. As a gesture of good faith, she handed me a candy bar. Oh, dear friends, let freedom ring!

I smiled as it dawned on me the battle for our bellies would not need to be fought. Our holidays are all intact. I tasted this piece of heaven on my watering lips and whispered, "Thank you. Thank you. Thank you."

I would like to thank Ann Condotta for her moment of insanity that led to this ficlet.

Joann Shackley is a frequent columnist for this newspaper.

Severe area storms: from past to present

The recent severe windstorms that passed through the area and brought down many trees and branches throughout the county was also a reminder of other similar disasters that have occurred in the past.

There was such a storm in November around 1850 that did much more damage than the present one.

This one happened on the day after Thanksgiving, which for many years has been a day for wandering through the woods and malls to see what might suggest itself for Christmas presents.

At that time there were no malls, big Elizabeth and Newark were full of large department stores close enough together so that shopping was actually easier than in today's malls.

Bamberg's in Newark was the ultimate destination of most shoppers, for it had six floors filled with items that promised something for everyone.

The family had made plans to join the throng of people who would be out on that traditional shopping day, but during the night a wild storm moved into our area, with heavy rains and near hurricane force winds. This, of course, raised the question of whether or not our plans for the day should be cancelled. After all, travel would be by auto, and once in a while neither the wind nor rain would be a problem.

The matter was still being debated when a loud "thump" from outside sent the question. An immense tree in the curb had been blown down and had completely blocked our driveway. There was no way that the car could be driven from its garage and onto the street.

It was just as well, as who knew what dangers might have been encountered on a trip to Newark? We stayed home instead and watched the storm from the comfort of our home.

George Mason

The Way It Was

By William Frolich

was waving back and forth at the curb, and as it did, the ground was seen to lift above the curb and then settle back as the wind eased. Finally, the wind blew stronger, and the massive roots of the tree, weakened by the constant riving and falling, could no longer resist the storm.

There was the crunching of branches as the tree fell to the ground and blocked the street as it toppled, some of its limbs snagged the power wires that was stretched across the street.

Although unbroken, the wire twisted the cross-arm to which it was attached so much that the mounting bolts of the arm fell, the pole on which it was fastened. This sudden twisting of the cross-arm also ripped the wire from the house next door and left the house without electrical power.

By evening the storm had passed and we wandered about the neighborhood looking at the number of downed trees. A tall evergreen with wide-spaced branches was down on a lawn near "Christy's" and so were a couple of the oldest trees that were planted by the curb when Roselle was new.

Everywhere there were broken branches and downed power lines. Clean-up crews of the town were already at work with axes and saws to make the streets passable for emergency vehicles. While they worked, the weather was turning much colder, and some of the neighborhood's hot spots.

Although the house next door was

not the only one without electricity, the owner was greatly annoyed to find that he was a victim of a little-known fact about the early wiring of Roselle.

The original Edison wiring did not have any meters, for it was an experiment performed at no cost to the home owner. When this experiment proved so successful that other power companies were formed for profit, meters were invented and were required to be placed near the point where the wire entered the building.

This was usually in the attic, and the house next door was suitably equipped. Roselle had forced any meter reader each month to climb up the stairs to the third floor. When the wire was ripped out, the power company would not replace it until the meter was moved to a new location outdoors at a convenient level for

the meter reader.

Having the meter relocated was not the responsibility of the power company, but instead, it was that of the homeowner, which meant that it was necessary to find an electrician to do so, and this at a time when all electricians were overbooked with repair work. It was several days before electricity was finally restored to the house.

There was another storm that passed through Roselle in September 1950, and this one destroyed the east remaining area of the original planting when the village of Roselle was laid out just after the end of the Civil War.

William Frolich is a member of the Union County Historical Society.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Pay attention to local government

To the Editor:

As a homeowner in Mountaineer since 1997, I'm puzzled by the public's lack of interest in its municipal government.

The mayor made numerous promises in writing of a big deduction in 1998 municipal taxes due to the end of the county high school system. Never happened, and in fact my tax bill shows an increase! There was no accountable explanation from the governing body, and most disturbing, no outcry from the taxpayers. Don't they care?

Recently, a large portion of Mountaineer was without power for three days and police officers maintained traffic control on Route 22. Not a word to the public on how to cope with this emergency and what was being done to alleviate the problem.

There doesn't seem to be any real media coverage of the town and maybe that's why any party has had 100 percent political control since year one.

Local newspapers reported that the League of Women Voters was willing to sponsor a public forum for the upcoming Borough Council candidates and the Republican primary. And the public doesn't care.

The lack of interest by Mountaineer citizens is alarming. Let's hope it changes soon as lively discussions of the issues are always healthy, and lead to accountable government.

John Shanikford
Mountaineer

Ambitious students deserve support

A word of congratulations to the area high school students who were recently recognized by the College Board as Advanced Placement Scholars for high performance on challenging college-level examinations.

Advanced Placement classes provide the opportunity for students to earn credit toward university degrees before they have graduated from high school, and those who aspire to get a jump-start on their college careers deserve a wealth of praise and support. While many teens spend their time outside school partying with friends or rebelling against their parents, those involved with AP classes typically prepare all year for May exams, which could translate into tangible college credit.

Parents can rejoice about AP successes along with their children. For more reasons than simple bragging rights. With enough credits under their belts before beginning college, students may qualify for second-semester freshman or even sophomore standing and save money in tuition or student loans.

Although the College Board offers 32 AP Exams in 18 different subject areas, only 23 percent of America's graduating seniors have taken advantage of them. We congratulate the students who have accepted this academic challenge and succeeded in taking early steps toward the future.

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George Mason
statesman
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How do you feel about the methadone clinic site?



Rose Nacion

"Methadone is for people who are withdrawing from drugs and I'd like to be able to help them."



Linda Freundlich

"I really feel that it would not hurt Springfield residents. I think it has to be somewhere, and where it is, it isn't really in a residential area."



Joe Chieffo

"I don't agree with methadone treatment. It's just substituting one drug for another."



Al Kerr

"I'd just as soon not have it. You have to set a limit on how long people can be on methadone. At some point you have to terminate the program."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Emergency services are there for us

To the Editor:
On Wednesday, Sept. 23 I had one of those experiences you haven't had before and hope not to again. I have a little history of mild heart blockage, and on the above Wednesday, I was doing some house chores when I apparently exceeded my normal stamina and capacity. I suddenly became sick, dizzy and "very sweaty" all the signs of an emergency.
We decided to play it safe and called 911. My wife had hardly hung up the phone when the first police car arrived, followed by the rescue squad. As poorly as I felt at that moment, the almost instant response and attention I received made me not only feel better, but I also thought I was a VIP with the treatment I received. Knowing I'm not a VIP, I realized later that this is the typical service rendered to us in Mountainside by our rescue squad and police.
And so, I want to personally thank all of those that took such good care of me, as a reminder to the residents of Mountainside.

Joseph Chieppa,
Mountainside

Crossing guard thanks supporters

To the Editor:
Just a note to thank the children of James Caldwell School, Mr. K. Bernabe and Mrs. N. Stange for the lovely clock and flowers they gave to me for my retirement.
I would also like to thank the moms, dads and grandparents who always said good morning or waved, remembered me on holidays, offered coffee on cold mornings or just said hello. You made coming to work a pleasure.
Eileen Pedersen
Springfield

Getting help in the voting booth

To the Editor:
The following information from the New Jersey Statute, 19:50-3 was obtained from the New Jersey Board of Elections as supplied to me by the League of Women Voters by the New Jersey Self-Auditory Project.
The league feels this information should be of interest to the general public, and made it available to ensure that it be published before the coming election in November.
Voters who are blind, have a disability or are unable to read can have help in the voting booth. New Jersey Statute 19:50-3 instructing voters on Election Day, allows for help in the voting booth.
When a voter signs in to vote on Election Day, he or she can ask for help in the voting booth due to a disability. When this is requested, the election workers are required to send two people from two different political parties to the voter.
A voter can also ask that a person of his or her choice come into the booth to help instead of the two people picked by the election workers.
When a voter gets assistance, a form is filled out with the names of the people who helped and the reason why the voter wanted the help. The person helping signs a form stating they helped the voter, and fills in their own name and address.
Constance Clark
League of Women Voters
Hillsdale

Rogers to wed Dougherty

Ms. and Mrs. Curtis E. Wyatt of Stuyvesant, Fla., announce the engagement of Mrs. Wyatt's daughter, Laura Elizabeth Rogers of Richmond, Va., to Kevin Loudon Dougherty of Newport News, Va. Rogers is also the daughter of the late Malcolm J. Rogers Jr.
Rogers graduated from Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield and is a 1991 graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University with a bachelor's degree in fine arts. She is an account executive with the Richmond Times-Dispatch.
Dougherty graduated in 1986 from James Madison University. He is Vice-President of the Kerr-Las Group, an international consulting company. The wedding is planned for Nov. 14 in Richmond.



Laura Elizabeth Rogers

Residents work to clean up litter

Mountainside's annual Clean Communities Day on Oct. 3 was a huge success. Over 180 volunteers consisting of Brownies, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts as well as individuals and their families came out and worked for two hours picking up litter in the community. Lunch and ice-cream were provided at Dorfield School to all participants.
Over 600 pounds of recycling material and garbage were picked up by the volunteers from the Wanching Retirement, Fitness Trail, Mountain Avenue, Dorfield School, Morton Road and other locations. The amount of material collected was down from last year as Mountainside residents are becoming more aware of the anti-litter campaign to keep Mountainside clean.
Anyone interested in participating next year may call Ruth Rice of the Dept. of Public Works at (908) 232-3409.

Take it with a grain of salt

To the Editor:
It was with great interest, and more than just a grain of salt, that we read the story in the Sept. 24 Union County section of the Worrall Community Newspapers. "Even without a contract, Lapolla is in it for the long haul." The story reported that Union County Manager Michael J. Lapolla, working without a contract, was rumored to be leaving his position as the county's chief administrator to become a judge. Lapolla said the judge rumors were untrue.
A little over a year ago, there was a rumor floating around the county that had then Democratic Freeholder Carol Cohen stepping down after the November elections to be appointed county volunteer. The three Republicans on the Board at the time brought the rumor to light and stated that by waiting until after the election, the Democrats could appoint Cohen's replacement without going through the democratic process of allowing the voters to choose her successor.
Ms. Cohen denied the rumor. She said the job had never been offered to her. Then Democratic Freeholder Chairman Linda Stender claimed the Republicans were trying to create a political issue and Dan Sullivan, current Freeholder chairman, called the Republicans' claim "purely political" and an "assumption." Five months later, Carol Cohen resigned as freeholder and Sullivan, Stender, Sciarra and the rest of the Democrats on the board appointed her county counsel.

If the pattern continues, history will repeat itself. A new deputy county manager was appointed along with additional staff, even though the county, under Republican leadership, eliminated the positions. It seems that the Democrats are not only playing musical chairs with county tax dollars, they are now adding people like the deputy county manager to the payroll pending their new appointments to high paying positions.
When Ann Baran was county manager, the position of deputy county manager did not exist. One month after Lapolla was appointed, he lapsed into political patronage without regard to necessity or cost to the taxpayer.
For reasons only they can explain, the Democrats insist on using "smoke and mirrors" when addressing their inappropriate activities. Unfortunately, the Democrats on the Board of Freeholders never have to worry about anyone objecting to their questionable agendas because they have unanimous 9-0 control. This most change, and the change will begin this November.
There has been a pattern of inappropriate behavior at the Union County Administration Building, fueled by an arrogance of power and disrespect for the people who place their trust in elected officials to put the welfare of the people ahead of personal, party driven, political agendas.
Juan Fernandez
Andrew MacPDonald
George Gose
Republican Candidates
Union County Board of Choice Freeholders

Election coverage guidelines

In fairness to all school board candidates and to provide the best service to our readers, this newspaper has established guidelines and a schedule for coverage of Board of Education elections.
Under the guidelines, this newspaper is committed to specific elements of coverage. It will give background information about all known candidates, including stories on basic positions taken by each, and it will write news stories on the issues raised during the campaign.
We also will list important political events such as candidates' nights and fund-raising in news stories. We will aim to stimulate discussion of the issues during election campaigns through independent research and incisive stories.
If appropriate, editorial endorsements will be made.
News releases and campaign position statements from candidates are welcome. They will be used at the editor's discretion, and they will not necessarily be printed as such, but may be used as material to develop news stories if the issues raised in them merit such treatment.
Story use, timing and treatment are entirely at the discretion of the editor.
We will strive to avoid the initial raising of controversial or sensational issues in the final edition before election.
We aim to focus on what the voter needs to know and not on what the candidates want to say.
Our guidelines reflect the reader service objectives of this newspaper in school board elections. However, we will review our guidelines from time to time and revise them if necessary to better our readers.
Following is the schedule we will adhere to in the April 16 election.
We refer to the editor, Political Editors and those of correspondents, will be accepted up to and including the same of April 4. Letters may be printed on an insert, if accepted at the editor's discretion.
Letters containing more than 75 words will be edited for length. Letters without telephone numbers will not be considered for publication.
Candidates' Names: Candidates running for office will be given the opportunity to speak to the readers on those pages as they present their backgrounds, platforms and goals. Their columns will appear April 6.
Our endorsements: Endorsement guidelines will appear April 11. Staff-written round-up stories: A final look at the candidates, their platforms and goals, etc., will appear April 11.
Election results: Look for complete election result coverage April 12.

Our policy on letters and columns

Worrall Community Newspapers welcomes submissions from all readers. Either letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion page.
Worrall Community Newspapers reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.
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OBITUARIES

John C. Chapman

John C. Chapman, 70, a lifelong resident of Summit, died Oct. 3 in the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center.

Mr. Chapman was a truck driver for Wakefern Corp., Elizabeth, for 20 years before retiring. He served in the Army during the Korean War and was a member of the American Legion Lindsey Street Post 322 of Summit.

Ernest J. Mudd Jr.

Ernest J. Mudd Jr., 78, of Summit died Oct. 7 at home.

Born in Washington, D.C., Mr. Mudd lived in Orange and Short Hills before moving to Summit 43 years ago. He was the maître d' at Ballymore Country Club, Springfield, for 28 years and retired in 1986. Mr. Mudd was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a life member of the Elks Lodge, South Orange, Shalom Temple AAGONS, the Shriners in Livingston, the Scottish Rite in Lincoln Park, and the Scottish Rite of Lodges in Bernardsville. Mr. Mudd was a life member of the National Rifle Association, one of the original members of the Orlin Young Boy Scouts and a member of the Tourist Club Carrels.

Surviving are his wife, Rose; two daughters, Pamela Singer and Penelope; a sister, June Mudd Audar; 15 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Morton Berger

Morton Berger, 81, of Springfield died Oct. 7 in Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Born in Newark, Mr. Berger moved to Springfield in 1965. He was a bartender for Klafar's Tavern, Newark, from 1960 until retiring in the late 1970s. Prior to that, Mr. Berger owned and operated the Olim, a nightclub in Bloomfield, during the 1950s. He was a World War II Army veteran, a member of the Jewish War Veterans, Elin Unger Post of Springfield and the American Legion of Millburn.

Surviving are his wife, Gladys; two sons, Alan and Gary, and three grandchildren.

Marion Osterwell

Marion Osterwell of Mountaineer, formerly of Union and Springfield, died Oct. 7 in the HRC Manorcare Health Services, Mountaineer.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Osterwell lived in Union and Springfield before moving to Mountaineer.

Surviving are a daughter, Jackie, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Marion Weinberg

Marion Weinberg, 62, of Fox Lake, formerly of Mountaineer, died Oct. 7 in Wayne General Hospital.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Weinberg lived in Westfield and Mountaineer before moving to Fox Lake in 1993. She was a counselor at the Employee Assistance Program for the U.S. Postal Service. Peterson, for five years. Mrs. Weinberg also was a part-time social worker for the Spruce Lake Psychological Group for five years. Previously, she had been a counselor with the New Jersey Department of Unemployment, the

Jewish Family Service Agency in Elizabeth and a social worker for the Union County Correctional Facility, Elizabeth.

Before that, Mrs. Weinberg taught elementary school for the New York City and Elizabeth school systems. She was vice president of the Westfield Chapter of the Women's American Organization of Rehabilitation Through Trading, a member of the National Franchise of Jewish Women and a youth leader of the Mountain Side, Girl Scouts. Mrs. Weinberg received a degree in sociology from Brooklyn College and a master's degree in social work from Rutgers University, New Brunswick.

Surviving are two daughters, Bonnie Adelkopf and Betty Auer, Mr. Mudd's sister, and a grandson, Sam Stern, and a granddaughter.

Rose Goldman

Rose Goldman, 82, of Montclair, formerly of Springfield, died Oct. 6 in the Mount Sinai Medical Center.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Goldman lived in Irvington and Springfield before moving to Montclair in 1968. She was a graduate of the Catherine Gibson Secondary School, Montclair. Mrs. Goldman was a member of the Jewish National Home for the Aged, Children of David, and the Elks Lodge.

Surviving are a daughter, Susan Eng, a son, Michael, and three brothers, Stanley, Kenneth and Martin Goldberg.

Max Weintraub

Max Weintraub, 88, of West Orange, formerly of Hillside and Springfield, died Oct. 8 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Newark, Mr. Weintraub lived in Hillside and Springfield before recently moving to West Orange. He was the owner and operator of Weintraub Trucking Co., Hillside, for 35 years. Mr. Weintraub then worked as a salesman with HRC Church Appliances, Springfield, and retired in 1987. He was a member of the Young Men's Hebrew Club, Springfield.

Surviving are a son, Stephen, a daughter, Judith, and four grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Ruth Hirschhorn

Ruth Hirschhorn of Newark, formerly of Springfield, died Oct. 7 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Hirschhorn lived in Springfield before moving to Kansas last year. She was a member of the Jewish War Veterans Ladies Auxiliary, Elin Unger Post 273, which is named after her late brother, Sidney S. Unger. Mrs. Hirschhorn also was a member of the Hillside chapter of Hadassah and a past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of Essex County.

Surviving are her husband of 57 years, Carl, a daughter, Dr. Gloria Zucker, a son, Steven, a sister, Sylvia Bobber, Rosenbergs, and four grandchildren.

John R. Wilson

John R. Wilson, 84, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Summit, died Oct. 6

in Riverdale Methodist Hospital, Columbus.

Born in Paterson, Pa., Mr. Wilson lived in Summit for 156 years before moving to Ohio in July. He was the manager in the children's shoe department at Bloomingdale's at the Short Hills Mall for 10 years and retired in 1984. Prior to that, Mr. Wilson worked in the same capacity for Endicott Johnson Shoe Corp., Summit, for 33 years. He served as a master sergeant in the Army during World War II, where he was twice in eight campaigns and three overseas. Mr. Wilson received the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Belgian Freedom Medal and Presidential Citation.

He was an honorary life member of the Knights of Columbus (Council 783, Summit) and a member of the New Jersey chapter of the South Jersey Division. Mr. Wilson was an usher at St. Teresa of Avila Church, Summit.

Surviving are his wife, Lorene, a daughter, Helen, three sons, a son, James, and two grandchildren.

Irving Chernetz

Irving Chernetz, 99, of Westfield, formerly of Springfield, died Oct. 9 at Rahnay Hospital.

Born in Newark, Mr. Chernetz lived in Springfield and Long Branch before moving to Westfield three years ago. He was a sales manager for Federal Wine and Liquor Co., Rahway, for 27 years before retiring. Mr. Chernetz served in the Marine Corps during World War II. He was a past commander of the Jewish War Veterans Post 102 Jersey City, and a life member of the United States Marine Division Association and the Marine Corps League.

Surviving are a daughter, Beva Crisafogon, eight sons, Srna, Crisafogon, and three grandchildren.

Gus Gratas

Gus Gratas, 81, of Summit died Oct. 10 in the Croftbrook Hospital, Summit.

Born in New York City, Mr. Gratas lived in Madison before moving to Summit 41 years ago. He was a self-employed painter for Gratas Painting Contractors of Summit for 40 years and retired in 1970. During World War II, Mr. Gratas fought with the Great Resistance and the command of "General Mudgony's" British Eighth Army. He was a prisoner of war who was captured in El Alamein, North Africa. Mr. Gratas was a member of the Synagogue committee of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Springfield.

Surviving are his wife, Maria, two sons, Yvan and Larry, and five grandchildren.

Obituary notices

Obituary notices submitted by local funeral homes or families must be in general form. This news page cannot accept obituaries by telephone. Obituaries must be typed and include a telephone number where writer may be reached 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information, call 686-7741.



From left, Daniel and Christopher Khalaf enjoy the Jefferson School Fall Festival.

School to host Fall Festival

Jefferson School in Summit will host a Fall Festival Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. Free parking will be available at Jefferson School lots or at the Summit Community Pool. Jefferson School is located near the border of Springfield and Mountainside at 110 Ashwood Ave.

NJAWBO to host business programs for women

The Union County Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners will present the program "Are You An Entrepreneur?" Oct. 28, at Barnes & Noble on Route 22 West in Springfield.

The free presentation, designed as a reality check for women who wonder about business ownership, will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by a question-and-answer period.

Another presentation sponsored by NJAWBO will be made by Myabelle Cowan, specialist in Internet training and Web site promotion, on Nov. 12 at L'Affaire on Route 22, East in Mountainside.

Burke's presentation, "Using the Internet and E-mail as a Business Tool," will cover general e-mail guidelines and protocol such as when e-mail is not appropriate, proper tone and content of e-mail and e-mail style. Legal questions that can arise through the use of e-mail will also be discussed.

The meeting, which is open to the public, begins with networking at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:45 p.m. The featured program begins immediately after dinner. The fee is \$25 for members with an advance reservation, \$30 for members without a reservation and \$35 for non-members. Reservations can be made by calling the Union County chapter 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 2.7 million women business owners within the U.S. Further information can be found by calling (908) 688-0707 or at the Union County NJAWBO web site, <http://www.idealgraphics.com/njwbo/>.

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Education savings to be tax exempt

Legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Richard J. Bagger, R-Union, that would exempt education savings accounts from New Jersey state income taxes passed the General Assembly by a vote of 20-0 Sept. 25.

In New Jersey, we created a program last year called the New Jersey Better Education Savings Trust in which individuals can invest for their children's education expenses without being subject to the state income tax, Bagger said. In other words, families and students can invest money tax-free to help pay for college education.

This year we want to take that program and extend it to allow all

education savings plans that are similar to NJ BEST, but are not currently tax-exempt in New Jersey," he added.

"These are federal education IRAs and individual qualified state tuition program accounts which allow families and students to put money away for future college costs with no federal income tax liability. It is an unfair burden on New Jersey families to impose state income taxes on these savings accounts."

Bagger hopes more families will start saving for college while their children are young. "By providing this added tax incentive, we can encourage more people to make room in their family budgets for future col-

lege savings. Ultimately, our goal is to make sure that any New Jersey high school student who is qualified can afford to go to college," he stated.

Under the bill, A-2367, earnings in a qualified state tuition program or education individual retirement account would be exempt from NJ gross income tax provided the proceeds are used to pay the costs of higher education. While NJ BEST proceeds are exempt from state taxation, Bagger's bill would extend the exemption to qualified tuition plans in other states and federal education IRAs.

The bill is now assigned to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee for consideration.

Literacy Volunteers plan fall programs

Literacy Volunteers of America, Union County Affiliate, has announced its new 1998 Fall Workshop Programs for the training of tutors.

The first English as a Second Language Workshop will be held at the Elizabeth Library, main branch. Registration is scheduled Oct. 17 at 9 a.m.

Classes will be held on Saturdays, Oct. 17, 24, 31, and Nov. 7, 14 and 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

There will be another English as a Second Language Workshop at the Hillside Library. Registration is scheduled for Oct. 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Classes will be held on Saturdays, Oct. 17, 24, 31, and Nov. 7, 14 and 21, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The last English as a Second Language Workshop of the Fall will be held at the Westfield YMCA. Registration is scheduled Oct. 21 at 6 p.m. Classes run Wednesdays, Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18 and Dec. 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

There also will be a Basic Literacy Workshop held at the Scotch Plains Library. Registration is scheduled Oct. 16 at 9 a.m.

Classes run Saturdays, Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, and Nov. 7 and 21 from 9 a.m. to noon.

There is a workshop fee of \$10 to cover supplies. For additional information, please call or register for any of the workshops, call (908) 490-1533.

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Faith Lutheran Church houses the homeless

Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence housed 12 homeless guests in the church building for one week in September. Faith Lutheran is a member of the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County, which coordinates the Hospitality program.

Hospitality provides temporary housing for pre-screened families in houses of worship throughout Union County. Faith Lutheran was the first church to join the organization when it was started by a Summit resident 12 years ago. Hospitality is now mainly made of Faith Lutheran, which has 12 to 14 Hospitality guests for one week, four times per year. This requires about 40 volunteers per week from Faith Lutheran and from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in New Providence, which serves as a support congregation.

Volunteers perform such tasks as shopping for food, setting up the cots and bedding, cleaning rooms and bedding, cooking meals, transporting luggage and housing. Housing, which is done every night of the guests' stay and during the day on weekends, consists of simple spending time with the guests and assuring that they have everything they require to make their stay comfortable. In addition to housing the homeless guests, Faith Lutheran also provides needed items such as clothing, shoes, supplies, and toiletries.

Once the families move to permanent housing, Faith supplies for furniture, kitchen appliances and other household items as requested. The next group of homeless guests will return to Faith Lutheran in early November.



Summit residents Jessica Bock, Mary Rosie and John Everson and Ruth Van Zyl barbecue hotdogs and hamburgers for Hospitality guests.

Any member of the community who would like to serve as a volunteer in any of the capacities listed above may contact Faith Lutheran Church at (908) 364-5177. For further information on the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County, call (908) 756-1401.

Author to recall princess at Fortnightly Club tea

The Fortnightly Club of Summit will present Mary Robertson at a Benefit Tea Oct. 30 from 3 to 5 p.m. at their Clubhouse. Robertson is author of "The Diana I Knew," "Loving Memories of the Friendship Between an American Mother and Her Son's Nanny Who Became the Princess of Wales."

In 1980, Robertson, now a Morristown-area resident, engaged a shy teenager, Diana Spencer, to be nanny for her infant son when the Robertson family moved to London. The association began a friendship that lasted from their first meeting until Diana's death last year. Discovered by what she felt were mean-spirited references in the press depicting the woman unlike the Diana he had known, Robertson has broken the silence she maintained throughout Diana's life.

"In 'The Diana I Knew,' Robertson remembers being introduced to Prince Charles by Diana at a private formal ball before the wedding. Sadly, when the Robertsons were notified by phone of Diana's funeral 18 years later, they again were given prominent seating the famed cathedral."

At the Fortnightly Club Benefit Tea, Robertson will share her many memories of Diana whom she believes left an enduring legacy of humanity and caring. She will give a short talk and take some questions and answers, to be followed by book-signing with personal inscriptions to each guest. Tickets are \$50 each and

include the cost of the book and a donation to the "Twin Maiden" Fund of the Fortnightly Club. Donations are tax deductible. Call (908) 464-7981 or (908) 277-3190 for ticket information.

The Fortnightly Club, founded in 1893, is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the NJ State Federation of Women's Clubs. Its membership is drawn from a wide geographic area covering Union, Morris and Essex counties. The Clubhouse, formally known as "Twin Maidens," has been placed on the New Jersey and National Historic Trust Registers of Historic Places. Proceeds from this event will be used for the preservation of this historic property.

Seed available for pick-up

Drive-through pick-up service for bird seed pre-ordered in the annual fund-raising sale of the Summit Nature Club and Reeves-Reed Arboretum is scheduled for Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot of the Reeves-Reed in Summit.

Seed is not sold on the premises and orders are claimed by 3 p.m. must be guaranteed.

Over the years, many people, ask friends or neighbors or others to pick up their orders if they are going away that weekend. Summit Nature Club Chairman Harden Boyce noted

Fair promotes cancer awareness

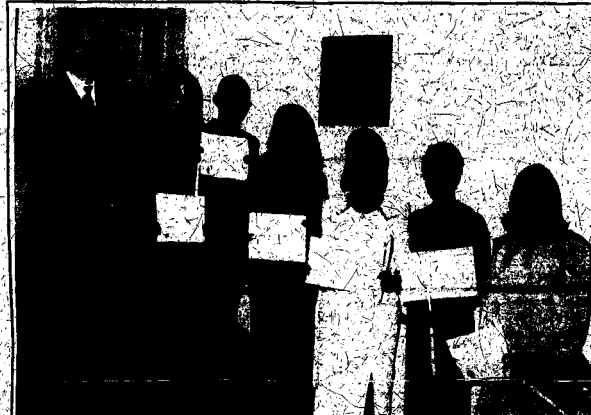
The Route 22 Chamber of Commerce Cultural Carnival for the Cure will be hosted by Auland Out 24 Merchants along Route 22 will be participating by asking customers to contribute \$5 for a "Pink Ribbon" during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This event culminates the month-long campaign to "Buy a Pink Ribbon" and support the Komen Foundation. Activities will be available throughout the day.

This day-long carnival will feature acts representing many cultures such as Summit International Folk Dancers, Fusion Dance Theater and Alay Phillipine Performing Arts Inc.

Attention social clubs - This newspaper encourages organizations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities. Releases should be typed, double-spaced and include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day. Send information to: Allison Bernbeck, Managing Editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, N.J. 07086.

The carnival is designed to promote education about various cultures combined with educating about breast cancer. The beneficiaries of any funds raised will be the North Jersey Chapter, The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The Susan G. Komen Foundation is the nation's largest private funder of research dedicated solely to breast cancer. Volunteers work through local chapters and Race for the Cure events to fund, educate, screen and treat breast cancer projects in communities across the country.

The carnival will feature clown, games, moon bounce, entertainment and food. The Outback Steak House will be selling food and all proceeds from the sale will be donated to the North Jersey Chapter of The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. In addition, a 4 p.m. WCBS-FM 101.4 "NY's" office station, will be providing music and an "on-air" personality as Master of Ceremonies for the giveaway of a 1999 Toyota Camry Solara. Further details available by calling (800) 238-6526.



From left, Berkeley College president Kevin Luig, inducts Jennifer Gardner of Union Lady Huamant of Hillside, Michelle Cabrera of Rahway, Jennifer Gardner of Union, Mary A. Huamant of Springfield, Lady Dilly Huamant of Hillside, Justine Kallentzsch of Linden, Lizette Marie Mejias of Elizabeth, Tracy Gay Minton of Mountside, Lisa Marie Restano of Union, and Clairemisse Stelus of Elizabeth.

Students honored for achievements

Berkeley College, which has three New Jersey campuses in Waldwick, West Paterson and Woodbridge, recently announced the induction of nine students into Union County into the Alpha Epsilon chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society.

The following Union County students were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa: Michelle G. Cabrera of Rahway; Jennifer Gardner of Union; Mary A. Huamant of Springfield; Lady Dilly Huamant of Hillside; Justine Kallentzsch of Linden; Lizette Marie Mejias of Elizabeth; Tracy Gay Minton of Mountside; Lisa Marie Restano of Union; and Clairemisse Stelus of Elizabeth.

The Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society was established in 1918 to honor the academic achievement of students in a two-year college. To qualify, students must maintain a grade-point average of 3.5 or better for two consecutive academic quarters.

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SPORTS

H.S. Football
This Weekend
Tomorrow: Dayton at North Plainfield, 7:00
Saturday: Gov. Livingston at Ridge, 1:00

THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor
The two big games this weekend involving area teams include one tomorrow night and one Saturday afternoon.
Elizabeth hosts Union tomorrow night at 7 at Williams Field, a key game concerning the playoff (for tunes of the two North Jersey Section 2, Group 4 opponents).
Both figure to be among the eight playoff participants in the Section regardless of who wins. However, Union would like to remain undefeated by beating Elizabeth in the regular season for the first time since 1995.
Two teams battling for playoff berths in North Jersey: Section 2, Group 2 will collide Saturday at 1 p.m. at Apimino Field in Roselle as the Rams will host a Hillside team in a three-game winning streak. Both Mountain Valley Conference Mountain Division squads are 3-1.

WEEK FIVE
Friday, Oct. 16
Union at Elizabeth, 7:00
Dayton at North Plainfield, 7:00
Roselle Park at Manville, 7:30
Brazley at Immaculata, 7:30
Saturday, Oct. 17
Hillside at Roselle, 1:00
Newark Central at Johnson, 1:00
GL at Ridge, 1:00
Linden at Scotch Plains, 1:30
Cranford at Rahway, 1:30
Mount Olive at Summit, 1:30
WEEK FOUR
Friday, Oct. 9
Union 34, Kearny 0
Elizabeth 28, East Side 0
Sharbat 27, Linden 1
North Plain 14, R. Park 6
Saturday, Oct. 10
Johnson 40, GL 7
Hillside 39, Ridge 20
Immaculata 28, Roselle 0
New Providence 27, Dayton 19
Westfield 18, Rahway 9
Middletown 40, Summit 21
Bound Brook 30, Brazley 20

J.R.'s picks
Union over Elizabeth
North Plainfield over Dayton
Immaculata over Brazley
Manville over Roselle Park
Roselle over Hillside
Johnson over Newark Central
Ridge over GL
Linden over Scotch Plains
Rahway over Cranford
Mount Olive over Summit
Last week: 11-0
Season: 24-11 (72%)

Andrew's picks
Union over Elizabeth
North Plainfield over Dayton
Immaculata over Brazley
Roselle over Manville
Hillside over Newark Central
Ridge over GL
Linden over Scotch Plains
Rahway over Cranford
Summit over Mount Olive
Last week: 9-2
Season: 27-13 (67%)

TERRIFIC TWELVE
1. Union (4-0)
2. Elizabeth (3-1)
3. Roselle (3-1)
4. Hillside (3-1)
5. Rahway (2-2)
6. Linden (1-3)
7. Johnson (2-3)
8. Dayton (2-3)
9. Roselle Park (0-3)
10. Summit (0-4)
11. Gov. Livingston (0-4)
12. Brazley (0-4)



Brett Berger scored one goal and assisted on another to help his team tie Reston, Virginia, 2-2.

Springfield residents Berger, Kravetz excel Spark team in Pennsylv. tourney

Springfield residents Brett Berger and Ross Kravetz, both 8th grade students at Gaudinier Middle School, traveled to Hershey, Pa. last month to imitate their 1998-99 Cranford Hockey Club's Bantam season.
The two participated for their team in the Twin Ponds Tournament. Besides Cranford, teams from Pennsylvania, Virginia and Ohio participated in the two-day competition.
The efforts of Berger and Kravetz helped spark the Cranford team to a 1-1-1 mark in the tournament.

Youth Ice Hockey
Kravetz contributed four assists from his defenseman position. He played a disciplined game, highlighted by crisp passes and crushing hits.
After falling to the local Hershey Bears team, Cranford rebounded to defeat Northern Virginia 4-2. Cranford assisted by Reston, Virginia 2-1 in final tournament contest.
In the Reston game, Berger skated in on net and flipped a rebound into the goal to give Cranford a 1-0 lead seven minutes into the first period.
Less than two minutes later, Berger fed linemate Tom Naldo with a pass and Naldo scored on a breakaway to give Cranford a 2-0 margin.
Unfortunately, Cranford's scoring ended there, although the Union County team did have shots that hit the goal post and the crossbar.
While Cranford was unable to score again, Reston managed to take the game with two goals, denying Cranford of competing in the tournament's championship game.
Berger and Kravetz have enjoyed a period of success with the Cranford Hockey Club, now in their fifth year with the program.
Both are looking forward to playing for the Dayton High School team next year at Freshman.
The Bantams began their 55-minute schedule last week in Plover Ice Arena at Marquette State University.



Ross Kravetz, left, had four assists from his defenseman position during his team's participation in the Twin Ponds Tournament held at Hershey, Pa.

Dayton serving notice that it's no pushover on court Bulldogs learning as season progresses

By Joe Raguzino Staff Writer
Pushovers they're not. Like an undersized football player, who never shows any quit, the Dayton High School girls' volleyball team may get knocked down once in a while, but it finds enough resolve to get back up.
The New Providence match was a perfect example of the Bulldogs' never-say-die mentality. After two grueling games, the pesky Bulldogs puffed their opponents to the limit, falling in the decisive third game by a 17-15 score.
They really went out there to pull out the win, said first-year Dayton head coach Anthony Scarpelli, spearheading a program that is playing in the fall after it traditionally competed in the spring.
They wanted to fight it out to the very end, Scarpelli said. "Sometimes they're real fighters. Sometimes they don't seem to give it up too easily."
The Bulldogs, with a record of 3-6 as of last Friday, may lack depth and experience, but Scarpelli has been pleased with their development.
There's no one star on the team, he said. "They're still kind of learning as they go. We have a very well balanced team. They're developing together."
Perhaps the most promising player for the Bulldogs is sophomore hitter Tara Lisowski, who leads the team in digs, according to Scarpelli.
She's a solid hitter, he said. "She covers the floor, really well."

The most experienced player on the team is senior hitter Valerya Biryuzova, co-captain along with junior setter Lindsay Parment.
She's really helpful, Scarpelli said of Biryuzova. She's like an assistant coach. She takes some of the younger girls aside and helps them out with passing and setting. She's definitely a leadership figure. She's kind of a go-to person for the girls.

Girls' Volleyball

Recognizing his players' capabilities, Scarpelli implemented a two-setter system that not only improves the offensive attack, but allows the team to hone their passing skills. Parment and fellow junior setter Karen Abantio have been during a fine job in executing this system.
It's kind of a necessity, Scarpelli said. "We really need the passing to develop. The two-setter system allows us to get cleaner passes so we can hit a little more. We're trying to become a more offensive team than a defensive team."
Rounding out the squad is senior Larisa Agonovich and juniors Maria Garcia, Victoria Bronshteyn and Hara Tuchman.
The junior varsity team, which Scarpelli also coaches, features promising prospects who could significantly contribute on the varsity level down the road.
Building up the program is one of Scarpelli's main priorities. As a sixth-grade teacher at Springfield's Gaudi-

ner School, Scarpelli has been studying the sport to help young students.
But Scarpelli's focus has been on this year's varsity girls' team. It's fun, one who the volleyball and the girls to pull out a few more wins at the end of the season. In our first championship, we played.
Being a single team and being together for a few years can really have to be significant with another, he said. It's a goal for us. You have to get a feeling on the court and know where everyone is at.
This season, the NJSIAA will have to have all 2005 players to compete in the fall. In the past, teams in the modern part of the state competed in the fall, while the remaining teams played in the spring.

Dayton had a match scheduled at East Brunswick last Saturday evening and yesterday was scheduled to face Bishop Alfr in North Plainfield.
Dayton has a match scheduled tomorrow at Bridgewater-Raritan. Then is scheduled to travel to Philadelphia to play against Mount St. Mary's Monday night at 7.

Remaining schedule: Oct. 16 at Bridgewater-Raritan, 4:00; Oct. 19 Mother Seton, 7:00; Oct. 21 New Providence, 7:30; Oct. 23 Chatham, 9:30; Oct. 26 at Verona, 4:00; Oct. 28 Johnson, 7:30; Oct. 30 at Whippany Park, 4:00; Nov. 3, Ridge, 7:30; Nov. 5, East Brunswick, 7:30.

Stotling scores TD for Highlanders

Mountainide resident Bill Stotling, a wide receiver for the Governor Livingston High School football team, caught a 17-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Rob Findlay for his team's only score in a 7-0 loss to Johnson last Saturday in the Mountain Valley Conference Mountain Division competition in Berkeley Heights.

Guidicietro sparks GL soccer

Mountainide resident Jason Guidicietro scored two goals in the second half and then earned an assist on Ron Sach's goal to help the Governor Livingston High School boys' soccer team win its first game of the year Oct. 2 as the Highlanders edged Newark Central 3-2 in Newark.
Newark Central had a 2-0 lead in the second half before Guidicietro found the back of the net twice. He assisted on Sach's game-winning GL began the week 3-2.

Gerber lifts Rutgers rugby

Springfield resident Paul Gerber, a 1997 Dayton Regional High School graduate and former member of the boys' basketball team, has been a contributing factor to the success this fall of the Rutgers University men's rugby team.
In the team's Oct. 3rd game against Marist College, Gerber scored a try (equivalent to a football touchdown) from his fullback position in the second half on a run from 21 yards out. The play put the Scarlet Knights in the lead for good and table to a 26-12 victory.

Dayton Boys' Soccer

Oct. 15 at Manville, 4:00
Oct. 20 at New Providence, 4:00
Oct. 22 Cranford, 7:30
Oct. 27 at Bound Brook, 4:00

Dayton Girls' Soccer

Oct. 13 Manville, 4:00
Oct. 17 Mother Seton, 10:00
Oct. 20 New Providence, 4:00
Oct. 22 at Oak Knoll, 4:00
Oct. 27 Bound Brook, 4:00
Oct. 29 at Mt. St. Mary's, 4:00
Oct. 31 Hillside, 10:00

Dayton Girls' Tennis

Oct. 15 Mt. St. Mary's, 3:00
Oct. 20 at New Providence, 4:00
Oct. 22 Oak Knoll, 4:00
Oct. 27 Bound Brook, 4:30

Dayton Gymnastics

Oct. 16 at Cranford, 4:15
Oct. 20 at Linden, 4:15
Oct. 23 Bound Brook at Brazley, 4:15
Oct. 26 Union Catholic at Brazley, 4:00
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Dayton Cross Country

Oct. 15 Summit, 4:00
Oct. 21 MVC meet at Ridge, 1:00

Dayton Girls' Volleyball

Oct. 16 at Bridgewater-Raritan, 4:00
Oct. 19 Mother Seton, 7:00
Oct. 21 New Providence, 7:30
Oct. 24 Chatham, 9:30

Gov. Livingston Football

Oct. 17 at Ridge, 1:00
Oct. 24 at Dayton, 4:00
Oct. 30 at Immaculata, 7:30
Nov. 7 Manville, 2:00
Nov. 26 New Providence, 7:00

Gov. Livingston Boys' Soccer

Oct. 18 Immaculata, 4:00
Oct. 18 at Union Catholic, 4:00
Oct. 20 at Newark Central, 4:00
Oct. 23 at New Providence, 8:15
Oct. 27 Roselle, 8:00

Gov. Livingston Girls' Soccer

Oct. 15 at Immaculata, 4:00
Oct. 16 Oak Knoll, 4:00
Oct. 20 at Roselle Park, 4:00
Oct. 20 Ridge, 4:15
Oct. 22 at Union Catholic, 4:00
Oct. 23 New Providence, 4:00
Oct. 27 at Manville, 4:00
Nov. 3 Union, 7:30

Gov. Livingston Girls' Tennis

Oct. 15 Roselle Catholic, 4:15
Oct. 20 at Johnson, 4:00
Oct. 22 at Ridge, 4:00
Oct. 27 Union Catholic, 4:00
Oct. 28 at Linden, 4:00

Gov. Livingston Field Hockey

Oct. 15 Johnson, 4:00
Oct. 20 at Oak Knoll, 4:00
Oct. 22 North Plainfield, 4:00
Oct. 27 at Roselle Park, 4:00

Gov. Livingston Cross Country

Oct. 21 MVC meet at Ridge, 1:00

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Jonathan Dayton High School commends outstanding students

Charles Seron, principal of Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, announced that Lina Chertas, Deborah Gill, and Scott Samba have been named Committed Students in the 1999 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors.

Some 34,500 Committed Students throughout the nation are being honored for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the competition for Merit Scholarship awards to be offered next spring, Committed Students placed among the top five percent of more than one million students who entered the 1999 Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

A Merit Program spokesman commented, "Recognition of academically talented students and of the key role played by schools in their development is essential to the pursuit of educational excellence in our nation. The young men and women named Committed Students are honored for their outstanding scholastic potential demonstrated by their high performance in the very competitive Merit Program. We hope the recognition received by these able students will encourage them to take advantage of their opportunities for higher education and to diligently pursue their professional goals. The nation will benefit from the full development of this double intellectual resource."

Eleven students at Jonathan Dayton High School have been named by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Examinations. Approximately 23 percent of America's graduating seniors have taken one or more of the AP Examinations. Only about 15 percent of the more than 635,000 students who took AP Examinations in 1998 performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on the number of year-long courses and exams taken at Jonathan Dayton High School with the following results:

Two students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.0 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of those exams. These students are Katenna Mouchlis and Andree Zarewicz.

One student qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. This student is Roseanne Vadekethalaki.

Eight students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations, with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are Lina Chertas, Michael

Ferdman, Sara Naggar, Joshua Ravitz, Scott Samba, Adam Stiele, Melissa Traenberg and Jared Weiss.

Of this year's recipients, four students, Lina Chertas, Joshua Ravitz, Scott Samba and Jared Weiss, have at least one more year of high school to do college-level work, and possibly earn another Advanced Placement Award. The AP Examinations, which students take in May after completing challenging college-level courses in high school, are graded on a 5-point scale. Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement or both for grades of 3 or higher. More than 14,000 institutions award a year of credit to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades. There are AP Examinations offered in 18 subject areas, each consisting of multiple-choice and free-response problem questions. Jonathan Dayton High School had 48 students take a total of 89 examinations in 12 subject areas in May, 1998.

The student of the month for September, Jennifer Saracino, is inventive, talented and creative. This highly respected senior is involved in many activities. Her artwork is widely recognized and is pending publication. President of the Art Club, her artistic ability is on display throughout the building, and she is the art editor of the Draw & Print. She motivates others, and dedicates herself 100 percent. Academically, she is one of the top seniors in the class, a member of the National Honor Society and the Italian Honor Society. Congratulations to September's student of the month.

Charles Seron has praised students, teachers and parents that one of his administrative goals this year is to reduce the number of students who use drugs or alcohol. Although Seron does not believe that many students are using other drugs, he says he knows that many students consider smoking during a good week-end activity.

As a result, he scheduled the assembly program which featured Jeff Johnson, who lost his son in a car accident in which alcohol and drugs were not a factor but who suggested the danger of "reckless" behavior.

The most dramatic demonstration of the effects of alcohol and drugs upon a driver occurred in Friday, Oct. 11, with the computer-controlled Chrysler Corporation car, which duplicated the behavior of an impaired driver.

The Chrysler Corporation gave Jonathan Dayton students and teachers an opportunity to test the illusion many people have that they can drink but immediately sober up as soon as they get behind the wheel of a car.

A Plymouth Neon with a computer control, which can duplicate the effects of various alcoholic levels in the blood, stood in the parking lot. Licensed student drivers and staff members each took the car around the track once to familiarize themselves with the car and the route. Unlicensed students rode as passengers. Then the assistant

who rode as a passenger, operated the computer, and suddenly the car no longer responded so quickly to the driver's movements. The programmed car behaved as if its driver were under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Turning the wheel didn't mean that one could miss the yellow or red line in lane. When the sign indicating that a child was entering the roadway popped up, the brake pedal could be pressed, but the car kept moving, indicating that most likely the child would have been killed instantly.

Jonathan Dayton students received a riveting, difficult lesson in the dangerous combination of speed, experience and the laws of physics when they reported to assembly for a presentation by Jeff Johnson, a Lucent Technology employee.

Silence pervaded the auditorium as Johnson revealed a painful narrative. About two years ago, his 17-year-old son, Scott, who had received his driver's license only three months before, took his father's faster, more powerful car without permission to drive with his two friends to a party.

On the way home about 12:30 a.m. Scott had a terrible accident. Subsequent investigation revealed that Scott, who had neither been taking nor using drugs, was driving at 90 m.p.h. on a winding 16-lane road. Johnson described

strated very powerfully just what that speed indicated by repeatedly snapping his fingers, showing how quickly the telephone poles sped by. The laws of physics, he reminded the students, would not allow the car to stop quickly. The car was also slightly over the solid yellow line on the road when a car approached from the opposite direction. To move out of the path of the other car, Scott turned the wheel, causing his car to go into a skid.

The car left the road, skidding into a field, and smashed sideways into a telephone pole. Cutting the car in half and killing all three teens, Johnson emphasized that seat belts yield a benefit when a car driving fast speeds has an object and air bags do not deploy when the car is hit from the side.

Johnson's anecdote, continued when he had to notify two other fathers that his son had been driving the car in which their sons were killed.

Urging students to recognize that reckless driving does not occur only as a result of alcohol or drugs, Johnson stressed that if they are passengers with a speeding or reckless driver, they must immediately demand that the speed be cut. He said he wished one of the other boys had done so with Scott.

Springfield student honored by title

Seton Hall Prep began the school year honoring the service and commitment of 50 students, known as Ambassadors by the faculty and administration.

Among the students was Springfield resident Michael Quick. The Ambassadors will represent Seton Hall Prep during the 1998-99 school year to the community at large, offering services by the Headmaster's Office and the Guidance and Admissions Offices. In their careers at the Prep, these students have demon-

strated high achievement in academics and service to the school community. Additionally, and key to their selection in this prestigious group, they have made clear their positive feelings for their work, their activities and their school. Their task now is to project this commitment to the larger community of 103 towns from which students come to Seton Hall Prep and to the Archdiocese of Newark. The advisor to the Ambassadors, Michael Jordan of the Prep's Mathematics Department, remarked that the

response to the Ambassadors' inaugural effort last year was extraordinarily positive. This year's activities kick off with the Ambassadors' participation in the Prep's Open House, scheduled for this Sunday, during which they will host more than 500 visitors and direct tours of the campus.

During the Open House, eighth graders and their families will have the opportunity to meet with the Prep teachers and staff, activities advisers and athletic coaches.

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