

Springfield officer struck by gunfire

Listed in 'good' condition at hospital

By Toniann Antonelli
Staff Writer

A Springfield police officer is listed in good condition at University Hospital in Newark after being shot in the chest early yesterday morning while investigating a suspicious vehicle.

Patrolman Christopher LaFragola, 39, was on patrol in an industrial section of Springfield off Route 22 east when he noticed a vehicle parked on the side of Diamond Road near a wooded area. The officer parked his patrol vehicle and walked toward the car, a gold Ford Taurus, to investigate at about 3 a.m.

"He was on routine patrol when he saw the vehicle. It's not an area where we usually see cars," said Police Chief William Chisolm.

As LaFragola approached the scene, he was struck by gunfire.

"We don't know if they (the suspects) came out of the woods. Chris said he was receiving fire," Chisolm said Wednesday morning.

The wooded area was about four feet from where the gold Taurus was parked, just behind Westwood Computer. Investigators do not know what the suspects were doing in the wooded area, or how many perpetrators were involved.

The Taurus had a temporary license plate in the rear window. Police searched the area for the vehicle, with negative results. Although LaFragola, an 18-year veteran of the department, was wearing body armor to protect his chest and upper body, police say the bullet penetrated the bulletproof vest, causing a chest injury.

"It did break the skin; he was bleeding," Chisolm said.

Bulletproof vests are typically made of Kevlar, a tightly woven material meant to "catch" a bullet and prevent it from resulting in a fatal wound. It is possible, however, for a bullet to penetrate the vest depending on the type of weapon, the range of the shot, and other factors.

Chisolm said an officer wearing a bulletproof vest can be hurt even if a gunshot does not penetrate the vest, since the force and speed with which the bullet hits the body can cause injury. LaFragola was thrown backward when he was hit by the suspect's bullet.

Another police officer, Chisolm said, arrived shortly after LaFragola was shot, although the chief did not know whether LaFragola ever lost consciousness after the shots were fired.

The suspects had already fled the scene when back-up units arrived, according to the police chief.

First aid units then arrived and transported LaFragola to University Hospital.

On Wednesday, LaFragola was listed in good condition, although he is still undergoing a battery of tests to determine the extent of the trauma.

"He's doing fine now. They're going to do more tests," Chisolm said.

Springfield police are asking for the public's assistance to locate the suspects. Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to call Detective Judd Levenson at 973-912-2249.

All calls will be kept confidential.

Borough school board agrees to tape meetings

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

After much deliberation and recommendation from the public, the Mountainside Board of Education recently voted unanimously Tuesday to purchase video equipment in hopes of taping meetings and other school-related functions next year.

The board approved payment to B & H Photo and Video in the amount of \$14,463 for video equipment, and payment to Audio and Visual Pros in the amount of \$13,283 for audio equipment.

While the announcement was made with concrete plans to purchase the necessary equipment, it is uncertain when and where the equipment will be used.

Board President Peter Goggi questioned whether or not the board would have exclusive use of someone who would do the actual videotaping.

Recommended to do the taping was the same person who tapes Borough Council meetings for Channel 35 during their regular Tuesday meetings. In this case, it is unknown how the timing and scheduling of the conflicting meetings will be laid out for next year. In fact, the school board has yet to decide where they will conduct their meetings.

With the opening of Beechwood School earlier this year and with the board offices located at the newly constructed and renovated building, the board will have to decide if they would like to keep their meetings at Deerfield, or possibly go back and forth, alternating between meetings each month.

Goggi warned that this option could result in confusion toward anyone attending the meetings, as a set schedule could still be unclear as to what building the meetings will be held.

Still, the board is looking to go forward with the purchasing of the equipment and is ready to please the borough with the convenient taping of meetings.

Earlier in the year, residents had said that this would be beneficial to those who cannot necessarily travel to or arrive at the meetings on time. With obstacles such as whether and extra-curricular activities clouding some parent's schedules, the videotaping is a welcomed announcement for many.

Goggi said that it will probably be a good idea to do a couple of dry run-throughs in order to make sure the process runs smoothly. He said that these practice tapings would not be aired on television. Either way, it is expected that at some point in the fall, the equipment will make its long-awaited debut.

Although the Borough Council had agreed to look into putting additional money into the municipal budget to help the school board fund the equipment necessary for the tapings, the board itself absorbed the costs.

Right now, it is unknown what school events will be videotaped, but the board is very open to having that option available, as board meetings aren't the only events that they are looking to share with those residents who cannot make it out to the schools during the week.



Photos By Barbara Kukkalla

PLAYTIME AT THE POOL — There's so much to do at the Springfield Community Pool that it's hard for some to choose a favorite playtime activity. Above, Jack Buck, 2, of Springfield, enjoys playing gardener in the baby pool with his pails while pool basketball, below, is a popular activity for older children.



Stormwater permit calls for increased costs to taxpayers in '05

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

New state-mandated storm sewer regulations that Mountainside will have to abide by will cost taxpayers at least \$50 to \$55 per household in 2005, according to Mayor Robert Vigilanti.

The mayor and council members expressed their dissatisfaction Tuesday night after hearing a presentation by Borough Engineer Mike Disko, which outlined some of the details of the municipal stormwater general permit that Mountainside now operates under.

The permit, dated April 1, allows 12 months for the borough to complete the work required by the plan, which includes everything from ensuring that a street sweeping machine is used once a month on certain streets to developing a stormwater prevention plan.

The requirements have been developed by the Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control, part of the state Department of Environmental Protection.

"I agree with many of you that this is a state mandate without state pay," said Disko. He added that the borough would be fined if it does not adhere to these requirements.

"The good news is that some of this I can do with my regular time...at no cost," said Disko. He added that some of the items would require that his staff perform the work at a cost to the borough.

Disko said the total engineering costs would be in the \$100,000 range. The cost for work that Disko can perform in his capacity as borough engineer would be less, he said. On items that he has to send crews out on, he would have to charge the borough. As an

example, he said laborious field work would cost roughly \$20,000 to perform.

A stormwater prevention plan would have to be developed by April, along with a stormwater management plan. Part of that plan involves storm sewer mapping, said Disko, who would also have to devise certain ordinance information and present it to the council. Borough Attorney John Post will draft the paperwork necessary to begin the work, with a resolution expected to be created for next Tuesday's meeting.

"I have about seven months to do this," said Disko. "We will have to look at the bid process for street sweeping, which will amplify what we are doing now."

For street sweeping, the permit calls for monthly sweeping of curbed streets, roads and highways with a posted speed limit of 35 mph

or less and sweeping within one week of any leaf pick up or snow melt.

For the street sweeping requirement, Vigilanti said he was thinking of sharing services with another town such as Westfield or Garwood, so the borough would not have to purchase, store, or clean a machine.

"We also have to inventory every catch basin," said Disko. "We probably have close to 1,000 catch basins."

He said decaling these catch basins with the "No Dumping/Drains to River" fish logo, as it is known, is an ideal project for Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and other volunteer groups to undertake.

The initiative has already taken hold for Mountainside resident Michael Kolanko, a junior at Governor Livingston High School, who began decaling catch basins earlier this

year in Mountainside and Berkeley Heights for his Eagle Scout project.

The permit also calls for installing devices over sewers that will trap debris. In the long run, Disko said these regulations will help prevent oil and other sediments from going into brooks and rivers.

Councilman Glenn Mortimer questioned why no hard data were available from the bureau revealing the levels of oil, sediments and other forms of pollution in stormwater.

Disko agreed that no hard data were on hand, but said the bureau knows that over a 30-year period, non-point pollution sources can impact stream fish life and water quality. New Jersey is one of the states that has developed a program in response to a federal mandate.

"I think this is another headache that we have," said Disko.

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By Rick Staff

A Kids Recr Application was re filing by the Spring Committee, asking the Office of Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for a total of \$42,500 that would be matched on the local front, as well.

"I think it's very important that we seek whatever grants are available to us to improve the town," said Mayor Clara Harelik, noting that otherwise, improvements would not be made or taxpayers' dollars would have to be spent on these projects.

The funding for the project would go toward several improvements and alterations in various areas. Among the locations that would benefit from the money, if granted, would be Chisholm Park, where the softball field is considered unsafe to those using the playground areas in the outfield. Money would go toward the installation of a fence that would provide what the application terms "an adequate barrier from the playground, so wandering on to the playing field will not be an issue."

Ruby Park, which has a baseball field for senior recreation leagues, American Legion and corresponding high school baseball programs, would receive dugouts that would provide shelter and what the application calls "a real baseball field atmosphere to these older players." Also, the grant looks to fund a grass infield that would create not only a more productive infield, but help alleviate the maintenance of an already large field.

The Chisholm Community Center, which has been considered in need of renovations for several years, would benefit from funding in the form of equipment that is necessary to provide in town, according to the grant application. Also, a wall structure would provide a quiet room that is separate from the activity room. While both rooms are currently combined, the separation would allow for the quiet room to be used for reading, music, and youth group meetings. The activity room would provide games and interactive programs.

The playing fields around town could also use new or improved surfacing for safer play, according to the application, and the grant would allow funding for materials for these fields that would not only allow for a safer playing environment, but would also lower maintenance costs in upcoming years.

A total of \$2,500 is marked in the grant application to go toward the "continuous growth of participants in all programs," along with equipment updates. The money would be matched by Springfield to total \$5,000. A total of \$40,000 would help fund the aforementioned items, which would also be matched by the township. The grant money is also expected to be used to pay for the services necessary to make the improvements.

"We should be proactive in seeking whatever grants are out there," said Harelik, noting that the worst thing that can happen is that the money is not awarded.

The Recreation Department is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of nine parks and also maintains several Board of Education infields.

In conjunction with Recreation Director Michael Tennaro, the Springfield Township Committee hopes that the grant, which needed to be submitted by July 29, will be responded to positively.

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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.

Monday: The Great Books Discussion Group will meet to discuss Swift's "Gulliver's Travels," at 10 a.m. at Springfield Public Library.

Tuesday: The youth group called the Story Tellers will perform a musical production called "Once Upon a Parable."

Wednesday: The production will be held at the Community Presbyterian Church at Deer Path and Meeting House Lane in Mountainside at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday: This summer's Springfield Farmer's Market will open at the Jonathan Dayton High School parking lot from noon to 6 p.m.

Friday: The 2004 Union County Summer Arts Festival comes back to Echo Lake Park in Mountainside with free concerts Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday: The Springfield Environmental Commission will sponsor "Stream Assessment Training" from 9 a.m. to noon.

Sunday: The Blood Center of New Jersey will sponsor a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. James Church, 41-45 S. Springfield Ave.

Monday: The summer reading program at Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, is under way for children in grades kindergarten and up.

Tuesday: Prizes are awarded each time a participant records his or her information. Various prizes are awarded to each participant throughout July and August.

Wednesday: Registration for this year's summer reading program, "Discover New Trails," has begun at Springfield Free Public Library.

Thursday: Children entering fifth and sixth grades can participate in weeklong half- or full-day camp at Trailside Nature & Science Center.

Friday: "Backwoods Lore" teaches student survival skills, shelter building, fire starting and more.

Saturday: "Hoary for Herpetiles" takes an in-depth look at the fascinating world of reptiles and amphibians.

Sunday: The Mountainside Recreation Department will offer tennis lessons. Classes for both adults and children will meet at the Echobrook courts.

Monday: On Tuesday evenings throughout July, the Mountainside Free Public Library on Constitution Plaza will offer Bedtime Stories at 7 p.m.

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Springfield Police arrest Columbia residents for drug possession

Springfield Forty-year-old Robert Perrone was arrested by Springfield Police on Mountain Avenue at 11:34 p.m. Sunday for possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana.

Among the stolen items were one Louis Vuitton wallet that contained petty cash, various credit cards, and personal documents.

At 11:44 a.m. June 30, it was reported that the locker of a Union resident was broken into at the Route 22 East Bally's Total Fitness.

Stolen items included two bank cards, a wallet, \$45 cash, a college identification card, spare car key and several credit cards.

On June 30 at 10:25 p.m., various items were stolen from a Union resident's locker at the Route 22 East Bally's Total Fitness.

On June 30 at 10:52 p.m., it was reported that a car parked in the rear lot of a Mountain Avenue business was broken into.

Stolen from the vehicle were two bags containing around \$2,000 in cash and checks, two Harmon's bags containing a recent purchase and personal documents.

At 10:52 p.m. June 30, a vehicle accident with injuries. At 12:06 a.m., firefighters responded to Mountview Road for a motor vehicle accident with injuries on July 5.

At 12:13 p.m., firefighters responded to Route 24 East at the 78 split for a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

At 3:46 p.m., firefighters responded to Morris and Prospect for a motor vehicle accident with a spill.

At 5:28 p.m., firefighters responded to a Greenhill Road residence for smoke in the house.

At 11:13 a.m., firefighters responded to a Fadem Road business for a transformer explosion on Friday.

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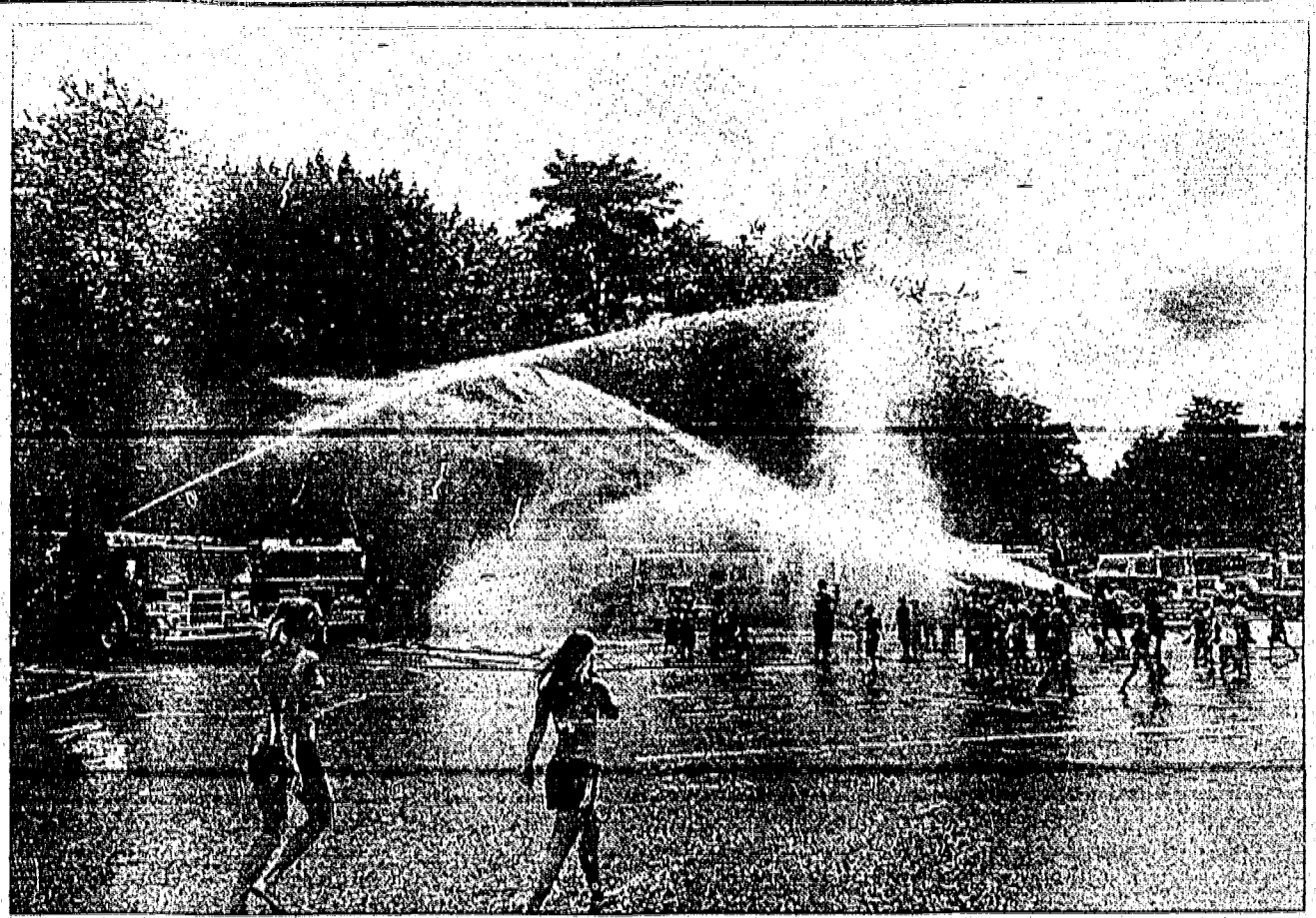
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Firefighters respond to Union fire

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Storigami workshop returns to library

Back by popular demand, Mary Kao will present another Storigami workshop at Springfield Public Library, on Aug. 4 from 2 to 3 p.m.

This is no ordinary origami — it's Storigami! Listen to a story and participate in its telling.

Learn about the Japanese art of folding paper — origami — and create a piece of the story. Funding for the workshop has been made possible in part by Friends of Springfield Free Public Library.

Kao is a teacher of the art of origami and conducts numerous classes and workshops in locations across our part of New Jersey. For information, call 973-376-4930.

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Polish painting on display

Summit artist Agnieszka Solawa will present an exhibit of Polish reverse painting on glass at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit this summer.

These unusual works will hang inside the Arboretum's headquarters from Aug. 4 to Sept. 7.

Solawa began drawing and painting at an early age. Her first commission was at age 10, for five icons for the "Missionary Church" in Cracow, Poland.

These icons, like the paintings in the exhibit, are executed in oil on glass, in the style of paintings by Polish peasants in Zakopane, Poland, in the Tatra Mountains.

A portion of the proceeds of Solawa's paintings will benefit Reeves-Reed Arboretum. For information about Solawa's works, visit www.solawa.com.

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Library's summer programs

The Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple St., offers a host of programs and activities for children and adults this summer. For information on any of the following, call 908-273-0350.

"Picnic Lunch with the Librarians" will be offered every Wednesday in July and August, weather permitting. Children — who must be accompanied by an adult — are invited to bring a brown bag lunch and something to sit on. They can meet with the librarians on the Village Green across the street from the YMC A, from noon to 12:45 p.m., listen to stories the librarians read to them, do fingerplays and sing songs.

No registration is required. All children are invited.

Children can also sign up for the summer reading program — "Tales, Trails and Treasures." The first thing they see is a map of Summit and a game board so they can advance from their home around the country by reading. This program is already in full swing and will run through Sept. 18. This is for school age children from kindergarten through fifth grade.

Prizes are given for a completed journey. Books can be brought home, or enjoyed at the library. In this program, there are 18 hours of reading required and the rewards include Frisbees, canteens, Indian dolls and feathers and bracelets; inflatable beach balls and plastic toy trains.

For teens, classic movies based on books will be included for the Tuesday night summer movie series program, through July and August at 7 p.m. in the meeting room. Refreshments will be served and all teens entering sixth grade and older are welcome — as well as their friends. Students must all be Summit residents.

"Dog Day Afternoon" will take place again on July 30 and Aug. 13, between 2 and 3 p.m. Children can bring their dogs, sign up for a 10-minute reading session, and get to practice their reading by doing so with their best friend/best audience — their dog.

This program is only for second and third graders and dogs of all ages.

On July 12 and Aug. 18, between 7 and 7:30 p.m., children ages 2 and older are invited to arrive with their favorite stuffed animal and can wear pajamas for "Bedtime Stories." Children must be accompanied by an adult/caregiver, and must be residents of Summit. Also, pre-registration is required.



Bertha Youngstrom of Westfield, recently won second place in the category of mixed media in the Union County Senior Art Show. She created the winning tissue collage in the SAGE "Art from the Heart" Program.

Artist wins 2nd place

Bertha Youngstrom of Westfield, a SAGE Spend-A-Day client, recently won second place in the Union County Senior Art Show.

The show features professional and non-professional artists 60 years of age or older. Bertha won second place in the category of "mixed media" for a non-professional with a tissue collage created in Spend-A-Day "Art from the Heart" program.

SAGE Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center provides older adults with a day of stimulating social, recreational and physical activities in a medically supervised setting. One activity included in the SPAD program is "Art from the Heart."

"Art from the Heart" offers a weekly creative outlet for SPAD clients to explore a variety of media including painting, crafts, ceramics and jewelry-making. Instructors from the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts lead the classes and the program is funded in part by the Summit Area Public Foundation.

Jennifer Comfort, director of Spend-A-Day remarked, "When I saw them give Bertha her award, I got teary-eyed. It is wonderful that we can offer this art program together with the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. It really gives older adults the chance to show their creative side. Many people admire Bertha's artwork, and we are thrilled that her talent was recognized in this art show."

LIFESTYLE



Cindy Renee Bregman and Eyal Abramov

Bregman to wed Abramov

Elaine and Aaron Bregman of Union have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cindy Renee Bregman of Springfield, to Eyal Abramov of Springfield, son of Jacky Abramov of Jerusalem, Israel, and the late Edna Abramov.

The bride-to-be is a third-grade teacher at the Washington School, Summit. She graduated from Kean University, Union, with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and art and from Marygrove College in Michigan with a master's degree in education.

Her fiancé is a tennis professional and director at the Glen Ridge Country Club. He earned a bachelor's degree in graphic communications and technology from Kean University.

An April wedding is planned.

Gift keeps arboretum growing

This spring, Reeves-Reed Arboretum received a generous gift from the American Hosta Society. The society has donated a new hosta collection.

Gardeners know that deer cannot resist blooms and leaves. As frustrating as it is to lose flowers in the garden, the hosta is still a useful plant. It maintains its color and foliage long in to the fall, and it resists drought. Because it is such a sturdy plant, gardeners who enjoy novelty are always seeking new colors and textures in hostas.

Many of the hostas were grown in society members' gardens. Names range from Night before Christmas, a

white with green edge plant to Blue Umbrellas, a large blue hosta. Plant enthusiasts will be able to identify all the hostas in the new hosta garden because they will be labeled.

"The Hosta Society would not have given us this extremely generous gift were it not for our dear friend," said Horticulturist Marta McDowell. "The deer fence and gate keep out the deer. Otherwise, they would come in and eat our hostas, with roses and dahlias for dessert," said McDowell.

The grounds of the arboretum, located at 165 Hobart Ave. are open from dusk to dawn, seven days a week. Admission is free.

SENIOR NEWS

Support group meets

SAGE, a major community resource for eldercare, offers a monthly support group for caregivers the third Wednesday of each month at SAGE's Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center, 550 Springfield Ave. in Berkeley Heights.

PRPE — People Responsible for Elderly Persons — provides caregivers with emotional support, community resources, effective problem-solving and coping strategies, and the chance to share common concerns with others who are caring for their aging loved ones. PRPE's next meeting will be Wednesday, from 7 p.m. to

9 p.m. For information, call Ellen McNally, SAGE InfoCare Director at 908-273-4598.

SAGE serves as a major community resource in the establishment and delivery of innovative services for older adults and their caregivers, providing them with dignity and choice.

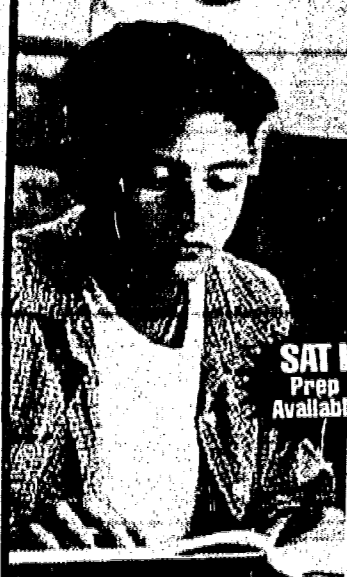
Present SAGE programs include HomeCare, Meals-on-Wheels, SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) of Union County, Checks and Balances, a shopping service InfoCare, and Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center, currently located in Berkeley Heights. SAGE serves 5,000 older people and their families annual-

ly in Essex, Morris, Somerset, and Union counties.

For information, call 908-273-5550 or log onto www.sagenj.org.

Art workshop offered at senior center

Summit seniors can express their creativity in this non-intimidating, no experience necessary workshop, "Masters of Color," led by Summit Senior Housing resident Evelyn Hassell. Classes meet Tuesdays in July from 11 a.m. to noon in the arts and crafts room at Summit Senior Housing, 12 Chestnut Ave.



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For more information about the Frank and Mimi Walsh Maternity Center at Overlook Hospital or a referral to one of our physicians, please call 1-800-AHS-9580 or visit www.AtlanticHealth.org.



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Public invited to help feed needy at YMWCA

The public is invited to help fill lunch bags with nutritious foods for kids and adults sheltered at the Newark YMWCA. Members of the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church want to bring a minimum of 100 lunch bags, toiletries and paperback books with them to the facility on July 24.

"Going on a Bridges Run really opened my eyes," said Don Schwendt of Berkeley Heights. "The cupboards in the YMWCA apartment cupboards were empty; I opened mine when I returned home and had many food items to choose among," he added. Children often miss one or more meals during the summer when schools are closed and government subsidized meals are not readily available.

Emanuel is one of many churches, community and school groups that support Bridges Outreach Inc. of Summit. Emanuel undertakes four "runs" each year. Individuals interested in going on the July 24 or Aug. 27 run or donating items for the outreach activity are asked to call Sharon Santiago via the church office at 973-376-1695.

RELIGION

Summer services begin at Sha'arey Shalom

Summer services at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave. in Springfield continue through Friday, Aug. 27. During this period, Friday night Shabbat services will start at 8 p.m. and will be led by lay members of the congregation.

Rabbi Joshua Goldstein will lead the summer service on Friday, July 30.

Conducting services on Friday will be Karen Levine of Springfield; July 23, Larry, Janet Maslov; and family of Springfield; Aug. 6, Marc and Pam Bain of Springfield; Aug. 13, Jonathan, Linda Kraushar and family, residents of Maplewood; Aug. 20, Bill and Sandy Weiss of Summit; and Aug. 27, Shabbat morning minyan members.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom summer services are held in a casual atmosphere and offer opportunities for families unaffiliated with a temple or synagogue to meet temple members, learn of the customs and traditions of the congregation, celebrate the Sabbath, and learn and see first hand what Sha'arey Shalom has to offer.

The congregation has a growing religious and Hebrew school and a very popular nursery school program. Throughout the year, there is an ongoing adult education program and a very active social action program. Additionally, the recently renovated facilities, the social hall provides the perfect spot to celebrate all social and life cycle events. Sabbath services are held Friday evening and Saturday morning during the non-summer months.

The spiritual leaders of the congregation are Rabbi Joshua Goldstein and Cantor Amy Daniels.

The Temple co-presidents are Edward Fink and Hank Rotenberg.

The public is invited to all Friday and Saturday Sabbath services. Information on membership can be obtained by calling the temple office at 973-376-1695.

More information can be obtained from the temple Web site, www.shaarey.org.

Leon Niubo, 80, of Mountaintop died July 11 in Triunfos Hospital, Elizabeth.

He was an elementary school teacher for 20 years for the Jersey City Board of Education before retiring in 1987. Earlier, she taught school in Cuba.

She received her undergraduate degree in Cuba and a master's degree in education from Montclair State University in 1971.

Born in Cuba, Mrs. Niubo came to the U.S. in 1966 and lived in Yonkers, N.Y. and Elizabeth before moving to Mountaintop 20 years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Dr. Ariano Niubo; daughters, Mayra N. Schmidt and Miriam N. Fernandez, and five grandchildren.

Helen Sellinger, 80, of Springfield, died July 3 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Sellinger moved to Springfield in 1985.

Surviving are a daughter, Lynne Nagar; a son, Albert R. Jr.; a sister, Florence Altieri; a brother, Anthony Fink; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Edward W. Flak, 82, of Mountaintop, died July 8 at home.

Born in Newark, he moved to Mountaintop 50 years ago. Mr. Flak was employed with National Roofing in Millington for 30 years before retiring in 1986. He was a member of Union Local 4 in Parsippany.

He served with the Army's 81st Infantry Division during World War II and later with the Merchant Marine.

Mr. Flak was a member of the Deutscher Club of Clark, the American Legion in Westfield and the Elks Lodge in Mountaintop. Surviving are his wife, Ardele L.; a brother, Stanley; and two sisters, Jennie and Helen.

Dr. Richard Wirt Taylor, 80, of Summit, died of cancer on June 21 in the home of his daughter, Martha, in Baltimore.

Born in Merchantville, Dr. Taylor lived in Summit for many years. A psychiatrist in a private practice in Chatham from 1966 to 1986, he was also affiliated with the Summit Medical Group for many years, serving as board chairman in the 1960s.

In 1957, Dr. Taylor joined the staffs of the former St. Barnabas Hospital, Newark, and Overlook Hospital, Summit, and served as chief of the department of psychiatry at Overlook from 1972 to 1974.

He was also a psychiatric consultant for the Family Service Bureau in Newark. Early in his career, Dr. Taylor was a staff psychiatrist at the Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals in Coatesville, Pa., and East Orange. Dr. Taylor served an internship at Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, and a residency in psychiatry at the Department of Veterans Affairs hospital, Fort Custer, Battle Creek, Mich., and a residency at the University of Michigan Hospital at Ann Arbor.

Licensed in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, he was certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

Dr. Taylor served in the Army during World War II from 1943 to 1946. Also surviving are a brother, Ernest, and two grandchildren.

John's Lutheran churches in Summit. This Bible adventure is being offered from July 26-30, running each day from 9 a.m. to noon at St. John's Church, 587 Springfield Ave. Enroll by calling 908-918-2506.

Set in a camp environment, this program will engage children by focusing on Bible stories about God's creativity and love, coupled with a pack full of hands-on activities.

Children through the ages of 3 years to those entering fifth grade are invited. The cost is \$25 per student or \$60 for a family of three or more students.

"Lighthouse Kids" offers Vacation Bible Camp

The long and hazy days of summer can become a little boring by the end of August. Organizers of "Lighthouse Kids," invite all children, who will be age 4 through grade six to Vacation Bible Camp from Aug. 23-26. The camp is co-sponsored by the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist and Springfield Presbyterian churches.

Camp will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Springfield Emanuel Church with music led by jazz musician "Dan the Man."

He is known professionally as Dan Crisell, and he plays at venues in the tristate area as well as Sunday mornings at the Emanuel Church.

Themed crafts, recreation and Bible drama will keep participants busy until camp ends at 12:30 p.m. For information and registration brochures, call 973-376-1695 or 973-379-4320.

Religious school accepting registration

The Summit Jewish Community Center Religious School, 67 Kent Place Blvd., is welcoming new students to join in the enthusiasm and excitement of a Jewish education.

Current non-member families of first-year students entering grades K-2 may enroll their children in school without joining the synagogue during the first year.

The Summit Jewish Community Center, a conservative synagogue, has been a fixture in the community for more than 75 years.

For full registration materials and information, contact Stacey David at rdj@summitjcc.org or call 908-273-8130.

Our Lady conducts summer services

The Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, 300 Central Ave., in Mountaintop has begun their summer schedule of services.

Saturday services run 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Weekly Mass will be offered through Sept. 3 at 7:30 a.m.; and Sept. 6 at 9 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered Saturday at 1 p.m. or by appointment.



Marilyn Garlen of Springfield gets named Temple Beth Ahm president of while Bernard Flashberg of Union becomes the new Men's Club president during the temple's joint installation of officers and trustees.

Temple names new trustees, officers

Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield, held a joint installation of officers and trustees of the Temple, Men's Club, and Women's League on June 18, at 8 p.m.

The installation ceremony followed Friday night's religious services. Cantor Richard Nadel installed the officers and trustees of each arm of the Temple.

Marilyn Garlen, a resident of Springfield, was installed as temple president. The other temple officers installed were: Linda Lieb, Richard Falkin, David Bielbelberg, Selig Adler, Bruce Fish, vice presidents; Jonathan Hirtel, treasurer; Avil Laskovski, financial secretary; April Modlinger, recording secretary; Liz Baroh, corresponding secretary. Temple trustees installed were: Mitch Bookbinder, Helen Jenys, Jeff Neubauer, Marlene White, Alyse Williams, and Susan Wohlgemuth.

Bernard Flashberg, a resident of Union, was installed as Men's Club president. The other Men's Club officers installed were: Robert Modlinger, Maurice Carchman, Gerald Weiss, Kenneth Melman, and Warren Frank, vice presidents; Lee Lichter, treasurer; Hyman Kuperstein, recording secretary. The Men's Club trustees installed were: David Appel, Al Bornstein, Leo Goldberg, Joe Gruenberg, Morton Parish, Robert Roth, Ray Schaffer, and Joe Todres.

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Mullman, fund-raisers honored at dinner dance

Springfield Township Committeeman Sy Mullman has been honored with the Springfield B'nai B'rith's "Outstanding Man of the Year" award. More than 160 people attended the June 16 annual dinner-dance at Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield.

Keynote speaker, Mayor Clara Harelik, a longtime colleague of Mullman on the Township Committee, praised Mullman for "his dedication to the community." She noted that Mullman has served twice as mayor and two terms as deputy mayor during his years on the Township Committee.

Mullman expressed appreciation to B'nai B'rith for the award and thanked his wife Cheryl, and son Jason, Brad, and Ross, for their help and encouragement for the time he has given to public service and, particularly, in recreation for the community's youth.

In presenting the award to Mullman, Joseph Tenenbaum, the lodge's president, cited Mullman's dedication to public service and his commitment to the youth of Springfield by his continuing role in the township's recreation programs. Tenenbaum also pointed out that Mullman is a founding member of the Take Pride In Springfield Committee, a name Mullman coined.

The Springfield Lodge 2093, — the



Joseph Tenenbaum, left, presenting of Springfield B'nai B'rith, presents its annual 'Outstanding Man of the Year' award to Springfield Township Committeeman Sy Mullman.

largest in New Jersey with more than 500 members from Springfield, Clark, Cranford, Hillside, Mountaintop, Scotch Plains, and Westfield — has for many years annually selected an outstanding individual usually from within Union County.

Tenenbaum, noting the importance of the work done by B'nai B'rith, said it would not have been possible without the fund-raising efforts of dedicated B'nai B'rith members.

In particular, he singled out the volunteer fund-raising efforts of Bea Walter and her husband, Sol, who have raised thousands of dollars over the years for important B'nai B'rith projects.

"Another year and once again Bea and Sol Walter have surpassed their previous year's fund-raising," Tenenbaum said. "Through their tremendous efforts, our Lodge 2093 has gained major recognition."

Other lodge volunteer fund-raisers cited by Tenenbaum are Sandy Bloom, Dr. Alex Goldman, Dan Kalem, Jerry Kamen, Gary Kerstein, Jack Potashkin, Jerry Rosenberg, Mark Samuel Ross, Leslie Schulman, and Harvey Weiss.

The program opened with a salute to the American flag led by Richard Greenberg, followed by Toni Bilotti

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Helping out with designer donations



Meagan Wing, a senior at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, and Vivian Oakerson of Springfield, look over donations of clothing, many with designer tags still attached. The two women are part of the volunteer team putting together Angel's Closet, a special sale for low income residents of Union County.

RECREATION

Tennis lessons offered for adults and children

Tennis classes for both adults and children will meet at the Echobrook courts in Mountainside Monday through Friday mornings. Limited space is available.

Discounts for area attractions

Save money on tickets to several popular theme parks this summer. Purchase discount tickets at the Mountainside Recreation Office at substantial savings. Payment must be made by check or money order only, and should be payable to NJRPA.

Out-of-state trips set

The Mountainside Recreation Department offers out-of-state trips. A seven-day New England Cruise on board the Princess Grand - Sept. 12-19; the ship departs and returns from New York City, and includes stops in Halifax, St. John's, Bar Harbor, Boston and Newport. Rates range from \$1,025 to \$1,650/person based on accommodations. At press time, some cabins were still available.

Multi-sport camp set for week of Aug. 30

Experience more than 15 sports in one week. A multi-sport camp for children from ages 7 to 14 will be held in

Mountainside from Aug. 30 to Sept. 3 at the Borough Hall Field. The camp is operated by the US Sports Institute. A variety of sports from badminton to volleyball will be played. Cricket, flag football, lacrosse, and polo polo are on the schedule as well as baseball, basketball, field hockey, soccer, softball and tennis.

Exercise room helps seniors stay fit

The Senior Fitness Room at Borough Hall is air-conditioned and offers opportunities for seniors to stay fit while staying cool this summer.

Great Adventure, gate price \$45.99

Great Adventure, gate price \$45.99, theme park, \$29.99. Waterpark-adult only. Discount price \$29.00 theme park, \$26.00 Waterpark - adult only.

Waterworld at Mountain Creek, gate price \$27.99

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Someplace Place, gate price \$42.07

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Call the Recreation Office, at 908-232-0015 for information.

Summer reading continues

The summer reading program at Mountainside Public Library continues for children in grades kindergarten and up with the summer-long theme "Discover New Trails... Read!" Each child in kindergarten through second grade completes a reading log and lists the books he or she is reading throughout July and August.

Each child in grades three and up completes a reading log calculating how many minutes he or she has read.

Prizes are awarded each time a participant records his or her information, with the rule that each participant may only record information once a day. Various prizes are awarded as each participant progresses.

Artists sought for exhibit

The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., is currently accepting applications for artists who wish to exhibit their work in 2004-2005. Applicants are asked to submit a current resume, a list of six representative pieces of work and a stamped self-addressed envelope no later than Sept. 7.

Registration begins for fall sports in Springfield

The Springfield Recreation Department offers registration for upcoming fall sports.

Fall Soccer Program grades 3-8

Register or mail in form with payments to: Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall. The department participates in the Inter-County Soccer League. For information, call 973-912-2228.

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Make fees payable to: Township of Springfield.

Hats off to Harvard grad



Jessica P. Lau of Springfield received a bachelor of arts degree in economics, cum laude, from Harvard University on June 10. She was given the Quincy Coat of Arms award for her participation in student government. Lau is a 2000 graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School. She plans to work for one year before attending the University of Virginia Law School.

FDU students earn honors

Several Mountainside and Springfield residents were among the students at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham-Madison Campus who qualified for the spring semester dean's and honors list.

Honors list: Michael Lauricella.

Dean's list: Matthew Spada.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must have a 3.2 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0; for the honors list, a 3.5 or better.

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All players will have a non-refundable registration fee of \$25 by Aug. 1. Payable to: Springfield Stars Organization.

New players are \$60, which includes uniform, a professional soccer clinic and NJYSA membership.

Returning players pay \$25, which includes a professional soccer clinic and NJYSA membership.

After August 1, a late fee of \$25 is charged, payable to: Springfield Boys Parent Organization.

Partial Uniform Purchases are \$22 for a jersey/ \$15 for shorts /\$.55.50 for socks.

Partitions of the permanent Palmer Collection are on display throughout the year. Since 1992, the Museum has provided space for the exhibit of art and historical works and for the presentation of cultural programs. During these years, the Museum has exhibited the works of many fine local and regional artists. Exhibits featured have included: photography, sculpture, paintings, ceramics, handmade paper, and prints.

As part of an overall library renovation and improvement project, the Museum will receive a new accessible ramp to the second floor, which will improve lighting over the summer. These improvements will enhance the joint exhibit and program space.

Applications should be mailed to: The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield, 07081, no later than Sept. 7.

Editor: JR Parachini Can be reached in Maplewood at 973-763-0700

Snapple Bowl is tonight

Series tied 5-5

There have already been 10 Snapple Bowls.

Hard to believe. Before that, you had football fans wondering who was better - Union County or Middlesex County?

After the first 10 games, arguments are all even as the series is tied at 5-5. The 11th Snapple Bowl All-Star Football Game, featuring just-graduated seniors from Union County vs. Middlesex County, will kick off tonight at 7:30 at East Brunswick High School.

Proceeds from the game benefit the Children's Specialized Hospital of Mountainside and the Lakeview School for Cerebral Palsy in Edison.

For the first time in the series, the game is being played at the same site in consecutive years.

Union County won last year's game by a 13-0 count to pitch the series' first shutout.

Union County has won three of the past four games contests to even things up.

As a result of the Snapple Bowl, which has received unbelievable support from East Brunswick coach Marcus Borden and year-in and year-out contributions from longtime Roselle Park mentor John Wagner, more and more non-conference games involving Union and Middlesex county schools are taking place.

This upcoming season, for example, we have such non-conference Union vs. Middlesex clashes to look forward to including Bridgewater-Raritan at Union Oct. 29, Roselle Park at Metuchen Sept. 11, Highland Park at Roselle Park Oct. 29, Roselle Park at Middlesex Nov. 5, Hillside Park at Spotswood Nov. 6, New Brunswick at Roselle Nov. 6, Johnson at Spotswood Sept. 11, New Providence at Highland Park Nov. 6, Plainfield at Bridgewater-Raritan Nov. 5 and Old Bridge at Westfield Sept. 11.

Some of the top players from Union County will seek to give their team the lead in the series for the first time with a win over some of the best players from Middlesex County tonight.

Rosters include 40 players and cheerleaders on both sides.

Union County quarterback Mike Vicci, who led Johnson to the 2002 North 2, Group 2 championship, was last year's MVP.

Vicci handed off to Malcolm Jackson of Elizabeth for the game's first touchdown and tossed an 80-yard touchdown pass to Dane Reeves of Plainfield for the game's second and final score.

The road team is 8-2 and each squad has won two straight. Union is going for two straight for a second time.

Other Union County MVPs have included: James Allen, Summit, Louis Campbell of Rahway, Billy Gilbert of Elizabeth and Brandon Bracey of Linden.

Here's a look at the scores and MVPs of the first 10 Snapple Bowls:

2003: Union 13, Middlesex 0 MVP: Mike Vicci, Johnson, QB

2002: Middlesex 28, Union 20 MVP: Zack Earvin, South River, RB

2001: Union 17, Middlesex 16 MVP: Brandon Bracey, Linden, DB

2000: Union 27, Middlesex 21 MVP: Billy Gilbert, Elizabeth, RB

1999: Middlesex 33, Union 7 MVP: Jeff LeSeur, Perth Amboy, WR

1998: Union 16, Middlesex 0 MVP: Luke Cianello, Dunellen, QB

1997: Union 28, Middlesex 7 MVP: Louis Campbell, Rahway, QB

1996: Middlesex 21, Union 6 MVP: Kenny Rogers, South Bru., RB

1995: Union 17, Middlesex 15 MVP: Jamie Allen, Summit, WR

1994: Middlesex 35, Union 14 MVP: Khamis Jackson, Monroe, RB

Series lead: even 5-5 Home team: 2-8 Road team: 8-2

Most points: Middlesex 24 Least points: Union 156 Shutouts: 1-Union County

NOTES: Roselle Park's John Schinestuhl threw Union County's first touchdown pass in the inaugural game 10 years ago at Union's Cooke Memorial Field.

Schinestuhl quarterbacked Roselle Park to back-to-back 11-0 campaigns in junior and senior seasons of 1992 and 1993, leading the Panthers to consecutive North 2, Group 1 crowns.

Union County's first win in the series came in 1995 by a 17-15 played at the only Snapple Bowl played at Sayreville.

SPORTS

Baseball champions



The Police Auxiliary Diamondbacks captured the Springfield Junior Baseball League's Minor League championship. The Diamondbacks went 10-3 and beat the Twins, Angko and Orioles in the playoffs. From left, are Matthew Jurczak, Matthew Disko, Ryan Cutino, Michael Disko and Matthew Seale. Standing, from left, are Tyler Bujnowski, Stephen Lynn, Nicolas Matarazzo, Andrew Hornish, Matthew Singer and Matthew Nicola. Coaches, from left, are Mark Bujnowski, Michael Disko and Guy Seale.

Springfield swimmers excel on all levels of competition

Many stellar performances vs. North Caldwell

Springfield competed at Mountainside on July 7 and was defeated for a second time in North Jersey Summer Swim League competition, this time by a 231-168 score.

Here's a closer look at how well Springfield performed against North Caldwell.

In the individual medley, Jake Kozlenko and Alex Sturm third in the boys 12-and-under, while Dina Kapengut was third for the girls.

In 13-and-over, Louis Puopolo was first for the boys and Anni Demberger and Carolyn Maul second and third for the girls.

In the freestyle, Declan Kelly did well to finish first, Chris Boyle second and Saverio Salefas third in the 8-and-under boys.

Jane Ricciardi was second and Kelsey Baldwin third for the girls.

Jonjon Gonzalez was second for the 9-10 boys and Brooke Lantier second for the girls. Jake Kozlenko was second for the 11-12 boys and Clare Demberger second for the girls.

Kim Baldwin was second for the 13-14 girls and Cesar Santana second for the 15-18 boys.

Anni Demberger and Joanna Galante were second and third for the 15-18 girls.

In the medley relay, M. Leibowitz, C. Kelly, J. Kocur and A. Sturm were first for the 12-and-under boys. J. Gonzalez, M. Nisani, A. Fishkin and E. Karan were second for the girls.

In the backstroke, Jason Hoehn did well to place first and Tavish Boyle third for the 8-and-under boys, while Kelsey Baldwin and Allison Domeo were second and third for the girls.

Matthew Leibowitz was second for the 9-10 boys, while Jake Kozlenko and James Kocur were second and third for the 11-12 boys and Clare Demberger placed second in the girls' competition.

Andrew Kocur was second for the 13-14 boys and Kim Baldwin second for the girls.

Louis Puopolo did well to place first for the 15-18 boys, placed first and third in the freestyle. Nicandro Donadio won the backstroke, while Sean Hahner won the breaststroke and Keith Montero the butterfly. Jonathan Drori placed second in the breaststroke and TJ Nichols third in the butterfly.

The 11-12 age group had a lot of 1-2 punches, similar to the 10-and-under. Kim Wenson and Mackenzie Liss placed 1-3 in the freestyle. Dana Krajcsik was second in the backstroke and Hannah Markey and Jen Quaglia second and third in the breaststroke. Wenson and Quaglia placed first and third in the butterfly.

The 11-12 boys performed just as well as the girls. Justin Catalano and Brian Dunn were 1-2 in the freestyle. Joe Carroll and Matt Glassett 1-3 in the backstroke, Catalano and Tim Carroll 1-2 in the breaststroke and Tim and Joe Carroll 1-2 in the butterfly.

The 13-14 age group added to the accomplishments of the younger swimmers. Mary Strodel and Jordan Richlin-Zack placed 1-3 in the freestyle, Danielle Addonizio and Cheryl Montero were 1-3 in the backstroke, Amanda Quaglia was third in the breaststroke and Melissa Addonizio and Vicky Vitale were 1-3 in the butterfly.

On the boys side, Jack Pijanowski and Chris Whyte were 1-2 in the freestyle, Dennis Ruiz and Pijanowski 1-2 in the backstroke, Ruiz first in the breaststroke and Whyte first in the butterfly.

In the 15-over age group, Mary Jane Pijanowski placed second in the breaststroke and first in the butterfly. Justin Quaglia was second in the freestyle and second in the backstroke.

Mountainside started off the season on an excellent note and hopes to continue to have success in the second half.

Summit football has 3 scrimmages

First one is set for Aug. 27

By JR Parachini Sports Editor

While some of the best just-graduated seniors are getting ready to play their final high school game tonight in the 11th annual Snapple Bowl featuring All-Stars from Union County against Middlesex County, returning players are looking forward to the upcoming high school football season.

Several Union County athletes, including Ryan Holmes of Union, Dwayne Reid of Summit and Jamil Coleman of Hillside, sparked the North to a 26-21 win over the South in last month's 25th annual North-South Game at Rutgers Stadium in Piscataway. The South now leads the series 13-10-2.

New York defeated New Jersey 23-6 in last Saturday's Governor's Bowl All-Star Game at Michie Stadium in West Point, N.Y., cutting New Jersey's lead in the series to 5-2.

Tonight's Snapple Bowl, to kick off at 7:30 at East Brunswick High School, is all even at 5-5 after the first 10 games.

Union County is going for its second straight win and fourth in the past five years.

The 2004 season commences around the state the weekend of Sept. 10-11 for most schools. Teams that don't open that weekend - referred to as Week Zero - will open the following weekend, Sept. 17-18.

Before that, returning high school players will be anxious to hit someone other than teammates when scrimmages come around after the opening weeks of practice.

Here's a look at the 2004 scrimmage schedules of six of the 16 football playing squads in Union County.

Five of the six teams will have their game-scrimmages on Sept. 3 and one on Sept. 4:

UNION Thursday, Aug. 26 St. Peter's Prep, St. John Vianney, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31 at Ridge, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3 Sayreville, 7 p.m.

BRIDGEWATER Saturday, Aug. 28 Metuchen, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31 Montclair-Kimberly Academy, 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4 at South River, 11 a.m.

SUMMIT Friday, Aug. 27 at Northern Highlands, 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31 at Freehold Boro, 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 3 at Johnson, 4:30 p.m.

ELIZABETH Saturday, Aug. 28 Sayreville, 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 31 at St. Joseph's, Montvale, 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 3 Teaneck, 6 p.m.

CRANFORD Tuesday, Aug. 26 at Phillipsburg, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31 Johnson, 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 3 West Orange, 7 p.m.

JOHNSON Friday, Aug. 27 Delaware Valley, 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31 at Cranford, 10 a.m. Sept. 3 Summit, 4:30 p.m.

SAT dates are set for 2004-2005 academic year

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association just announced the Scholastic Aptitude Test schedule for the 2004-2005 school season.

Test dates for 2004 include Oct. 9, Nov. 6 and Dec. 5. And for 2005 include Jan. 22, March 12, May 7 and June 4.

The above dates may present conflicts for student-athletes. They can make arrangements to take these tests on a date not in conflict with their sport.

Boys' tennis singles and doubles competition is, for example, scheduled for Oct. 9.

The football playoff finals are scheduled for Dec. 4. Possible winter track group meet competition is scheduled for Jan. 22. Boys' tennis singles and doubles competition and outdoor track state group meets, public and parochial, are scheduled for June 4.

Tournament dates cannot be changed. However, all tournament dates will be finalized in August so that alternate testing dates can be arranged whenever possible.

The following are the registration close dates for the seven test dates that were mentioned above:

Oct. 9: Registration closing date is Sept. 7 for SAT 1 and 2. Nov. 6: Registration closing date is Oct. 19 for SAT 1 and 2. Dec. 5: Registration closing date is Oct. 29 for SAT 1 and 2.

Jan. 22: Registration closing date is Dec. 20 for SAT 1 and 2. March 12: Registration closing date is Feb. 7 for SAT 1 only. May 7: Registration closing date is March 25 for SAT 1 and 2. June 4: Registration closing date is April 29 for SAT 1 and 2. SAT 1 is the basic exam and SAT 2 is the achievement test.

Training program for field hockey officials offered this month

The Northeast Chapter II Field Hockey Officials Association, Inc. invites interested individuals to attend a training clinic called the 2004 Umpire Training Clinic, which will be held at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Florham Park/Madison.

Two separate training sessions will be offered. Session 1 will be held July 25 from 3-8 p.m. and July 26 and 27 from 6-8 p.m. Session 2 will be held the week of Aug. 2-6 from 6-8 p.m. each day. Registration information may be obtained by calling Nora at 201-439-0266.

Training program for volleyball officials offered in August

The Central Jersey Volleyball Officials Association, Inc. invites interested individuals to attend a training clinic called the 2004 Fall Season Training Clinic, which will be held at East Brunswick High School in East Brunswick.

The clinic will be held Aug. 10, 12, 17, 19, 25 and 26 from 6-9:30 p.m. each day. Registration information may be obtained by calling Pete Bogdan at this number: 732-776-5899.

Applications are available to referee soccer

So, you want to be a soccer referee? Applications are now being accepted for candidates wishing to become high school soccer referees in the School and College Officials Association (SCOA) for the 2004 season.

Candidates must be physically fit and a minimum of 18 years of age to refer. Successful candidates will be eligible to take the NJSIAA exam, which will then qualify them to referee high school varsity soccer matches.

Applications are due by Sept. 13. Interested soccer referee candidates may obtain information by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: David Klein, 37 Bryant Ave., Bloomfield, NJ 07003-5401.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST CHURCH

SEVENING CHRISTIAN CHURCH 234 CENTURY - 242 Shunpike Rd., Springfield, Rev. Frederick Mackles, Sr. Pastor. Sundays, 9:30 AM. Bible School for all ages - Nursery through Seniors. Spanish Sunday School 9:30 AM and 5:30 PM. 10:40 AM Worship Service and Nursery care. 5:30-7:00 PM: AWANA Club Program for children ages 4-11; 8:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. Wednesday, 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study. June/September High Ministry. Active Youth Ministry. Wake-King Music Program. Ample Parking. Call Lett provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office: 973-379-1511. Mondays - 7:00 PM - ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE.

JEWISH-REFORM

TEMPLE SHAR'AYE SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (973) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor. Education Director, Mrs. Greenman. Pres. Shalom, Director, Mindy Scheiff, Family Life Educator; Claire Dattner, President. Temple Sh'arayeh Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:00 PM, with monthly Family Services at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-3; on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7; and Tuesday evenings for 8th grade and up. Interfaith classes, classes are available for children ages 2-12 throughout the year. The Temple has the support of an active Synagogue, Heterodex, Renaissance Group, and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include: Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (973) 379-5387.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH AYM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 973-376-8559. Mark Mallach, Rabbi; Richard Kader, Cantor. Laurence R. Horowitz, President. Beth Aym is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekday services Mon-Fri 7:00 AM Sun-Thru, 7:15 PM Shabbat (Friday 6:00 PM & 9:30 PM) Shabbat 9:30 AM. Summer Camps, Shabbat, 8:30 AM Festival & Holiday services are provided. Religious and Holiday services are available. For more information, call the temple office, (973) 376-8559. Temple BETH AYM is a Conservative Temple. For more information, please contact the temple office.

LUTHERAN

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 973-370-1525. Fax 973-370-8987. Rev. Dr. John C. Schmitz. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 AM. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 p.m.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

229 Cooperwater Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Kriesech, Pastor. 908-232-1517. Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available. Wednesday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

METHODIST

SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, is a faith community, organized by God's love for people of all ages and backgrounds. Join us each Sunday at

10:30 am be renewed as you experience God's presence through contemporary and traditional music, scripture, prayer and Holy Communion. Families worship together prior to children leaving for age appropriate Sunday School which began midway through the hour. Meaningful intergenerational outreach (mission), fellowship activities & Bible study groups are open to all. All church members are invited to participate in all things new at Emmanuel!

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SUMMIT

is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue. Church School and Bible Study is held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship is at 10:30 a.m.; the emphasis of which is to always have a "good week" because of Paul's reminder to us in his letter to the Romans "that ALL things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose". The sermons are uplifting, Biblically sound and guaranteed to keep you awake. The music and quality children's message are memorable. All are welcome to hear the Good News of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers nursery care, after worship refreshments and fellowship, and many lovely programs for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how you too

AT THE LIBRARY

Storytime and Crafts

The Mother Goose Group promotes the enjoyment of language through nursery rhymes, simple stories, songs, and activities for toddlers ages 1 1/2 to 3 years old and their parent or caregiver. Plan to stay and play afterward. The program will be held July 26 from 10:30 to 11:50 a.m. No advance registration. For information or to register, stop by the Youth Services Desk or call 973-376-4930, ext. 232.

Every other week, there will be special guests, including a storytime workshop with Lisa Reinhold on July 22 and a program by Homeless Animal Lifeline, who will give toys for shelter animals on Aug. 5. Sing-alongs are required. For information, call 908-233-0115.

Unlikely partners meet in award winner

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., begins its summer international film festival today with "Man on the Train" at noon and 7 p.m.

A retired literature professor and a career thief, both long past their prime, strike up a conversation on a train. Both approaching a rendezvous with destiny at the same hour on the same day, one is scheduled for a triple bypass, the other, a bank robbery. Each begins to form a fantasy, what would it be like to be the man across the sea? While experiencing aspects of each other's lives over the course of a few days, they form an unlikely but solid bond.

This character study won numerous awards at festivals in France, Italy, Florida, Seattle, and Los Angeles. Directed by Patrice Leconte, the 2003 French film is 90 minutes and rated R.

The series will continue on Thursdays throughout the summer with "Nowhere in Africa" on July 22, "Real Women Have Curves" on July 29, "Time of Favor" on Aug. 5, "Take Care of My Cat" on Aug. 12 and "Lady and the Duke" on Aug. 19.

Admission is free for all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing. Refreshments will be served. For information, call 973-376-4930.

Something's witchy at film festival

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Youth Services Summer Film Festival on Tuesday, July 27 at 10:30 a.m.

In this movie, Kiki, a young witch-in-training, has reached the age of 13. According to tradition, all witches of that age must leave home for one year to learn how to live on their own. Kiki, along with her talking cat Jiji, fly away to live in the seaside town of Koroake.

After starting her own delivery service, Kiki must learn how to deal with her new life, especially after she loses the power to fly. Rated G, this film is one hour and 45 minutes.

The series will continue on Tuesdays throughout the summer.

Melodrama tackles weighty issues

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its summer International Film Festival on Thursday, July 29 with "Real Women Have Curves" at noon and 7 p.m.

That sound you hear is a clash of generations, attitudes, priorities, and cultures.

Ana, a second-generation Mexican American living in Los Angeles has a chance for a college scholarship, but her seamstress mother Carmen wants her to work in the family dress shop.

What's more, Carmen constantly criticizes Ana's ample frame, warning her

that a big girl won't be able to catch a husband. But Ana sees herself as beautiful — a view her mother cannot understand.

To the first-time director's credit, there are no villains here, just different ways of seeing the world. Female empowerment and mother-daughter dynamics are the dominant themes in this film in the mold of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" and "The Full Monty."

The comic melodrama won the Audience Award and the Special Jury Prize at the 2002 Sundance Film Festival. Directed by Patricia Cardoso, this 2002 Spanish film is 90 minutes and rated PG-13.

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Admission is free for all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing. Refreshments will be served. For information, call 973-376-4930.

High-risk scam highlights video series

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Luncheon Video Series, "Box Office Hits," on Tuesday, July 27 at noon.

Phobia-addled on artist Ross, played by Nicholas Cage and his protégé Frank, played by Sam Rockwell are on the verge of pulling off a lucrative scam when the unexpected arrival of Roy's teenage daughter Angela, played by Alison Lohman disrupts his carefully-ordered life and jeopardizes his high-risk scam.

The series will continue on Tuesdays, Aug. 10 and Aug. 24. Bring a brown bag lunch to the program. Refreshments will be provided. For information, call 973-376-4930.

Quest for Holy Grail leads to adventure in YA movie series

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Young Adult Movie Days on Wednesday, July 28 at 2 p.m.

Dr. Indiana Jones is on a perilous hunt for the Holy Grail. The Nazis have kidnapped his father, Professor Henry Jones, for his diary, which contains maps and first-hand accounts of many of the world's most sacred and



American Legion Post 228 sponsored James Cottage and Adam Ross, juniors at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, to attend the legions 59th Boys' State program at Rider University. Flanking the students are, Adjutant Ray Schramm and Commander Bill Smith.

Dayton High students represent American Legion at Boys' State

American Legion Post 228 sponsored James Cottage and Adam Ross, juniors at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, to attend the American Legion's 59th Boys' State which was conducted at Rider University in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, from June 21 to June 25.

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Summer square dances planned

Saturday night was a night to remember, according to Leo Eckman, organizer of the Harmony Dancers, a local square dance group that meets in Springfield.

The dance hall at the YMCA was filled with music and the dancers moved to the direction of the caller Michelle Jacobs. As promised, she had all the people dancing within the first five minutes, and some still dancing long after the music stopped.

The Douglas and Denbergs of Springfield had seen an article and photo about the Harmony Dancers in this newspaper

Our policy on wedding, engagement notices

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the lifestyle editor. Announcements should be typed, double spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than one page.

Information requested for wedding announcements are parents' names, date of wedding, where the wedding took place, who officiated, who attended the bride and groom, high school name and town, college name, and towns where located, job title and where the couple honeymooned and will reside.

When sending a picture with the announcement, a check for \$10 is required. Black and white or color pictures are acceptable. Pictures of the couple sitting or standing

together are preferred. Pictures of one person standing and the other seated present design problems, so if possible, side by side is better.

For information, call 908-686-7700.

PUBLIC NOTICE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE PLANNING BOARD
TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
Please take notice that the following decision was made at the regular meeting of the Planning Board held on Wednesday, July 7, 2004.
Application # 7-2004-S
Applicant: Albert A. Gargiulo
Site Location: 676 Morris Avenue
Block: 502 Lot: 15
For: Minor Site Plan and Variances for Signs and Lot Width
Was Approved
Said application is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Planning Board, 100 Mountain Avenue, Annex Building, Township of Springfield, NJ and is available for public inspection.
Robert C. Kirkpatrick
Planning Board Secretary
UR0420 ECL July 15, 2004 (513.63)

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Ruth M. Nease
Secretary
UR0411 ECL July 15, 2004 (513.13)

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Shared assets

Last April, with little fanfare, railroad workers met in Trenton to discuss the state of freight service including Union County. The meeting took place before the Surface Transportation Board. The focus was the spaghetti-like arrangement which is the merger between Norfolk Southern, CSX and Conrail.

Not yet interested? Well you should be very interested. These shared railroad assets are responsible for the non-truck movement of a whole lot of goods and services in our county, like the cost we pay at Lord & Taylor for a shirt, or at Pathmark for a box of tea.

Left Out

It turns out we are getting a raw deal. In supplemental testimony submitted last week, the special counsel for Union County said of the shared assets arrangement, "Against this honky dory picture, numerous parties from northern New Jersey painted a less-than-rosy picture of marketing failures, service problems and broken promises." Attorney John Heffner added "Union County fears that the board may have swallowed applicant's story hook, line and sinker."

Union County Economic Development Director James Daley was also blunt last week, saying that alternatives to truck-only transportation of goods is essential. Daley said the construction by the railroad of "major intermodal facilities in Harrisburg and Allentown" encourages off-loading in Pennsylvania, meaning more truck traffic through the major roads of the corridor.

Daley pointed to lead dragging by the railroad in expanding access to brownfields and Port Authority sites. "Port growth continues to exceed projections, but how much can be attributed to the merger has not been demonstrated."

William Wright, one of the county's leading experts on rail issues, calls it "a bad situation". Wright focused on the lack of steps to market new freight customers and what he termed the "10 to 1 ratio". Wright explained that the ratio of five round-trips by a truck equate to one boxcar.

The irony is that the county wants the STB to maintain oversight for at least two more years. This could be a problem since the trend in Washington is less, not more, oversight.

For county residents, the Surface Transportation Board is becoming a regular part of our activities. It was only a few weeks ago that the agency rejected the appeal of Springfield, Summit, Kenilworth, Roselle and Roselle Park to void the operating agreement which permitted the reactivation of the Rahway Valley rail line.

Up until a few months ago there were probably more people in the county who knew the lineup of the Chicago White Sox than the obscure agency. There are three members all appointed by the president with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The two Republicans include the chairman, Roger Weber of Maryland, an attorney with a background from the Department of Transportation, and Douglas Buttrey of Tennessee, with a background in security and biotech affairs.

The third member, Democrat Francis Mutey of Maryland, is an economist with a background in movement of hazardous materials.

The real bombshell from the county was the proposal to turn over the assets of the railroad conglomerate within the service area to the Port Authority. Think about the coordinating of rail truck and port movement of goods to maximize the security and minimize the costs of virtually everything we buy. We should think of this plan every time we drop a package in a supermarket cart. It could be seen as the sharing of assets.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

Union County

Rizzuto Park ready to roll

By Anna Kreyman
Staff Writer
An almost \$2 million construction project on more than 10 acres of land, Phil Rizzuto Park, named after the baseball Hall of Famer, is in the final stage of transformation into a recreational field of greens, featuring a "boundless playground," a first of a kind public playground in the state.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned Wednesday. The county wanted to name the park after a sports legend, but also a resident of the county and "we were able to find a man that fulfilled both — Phil Rizzuto," Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada said.

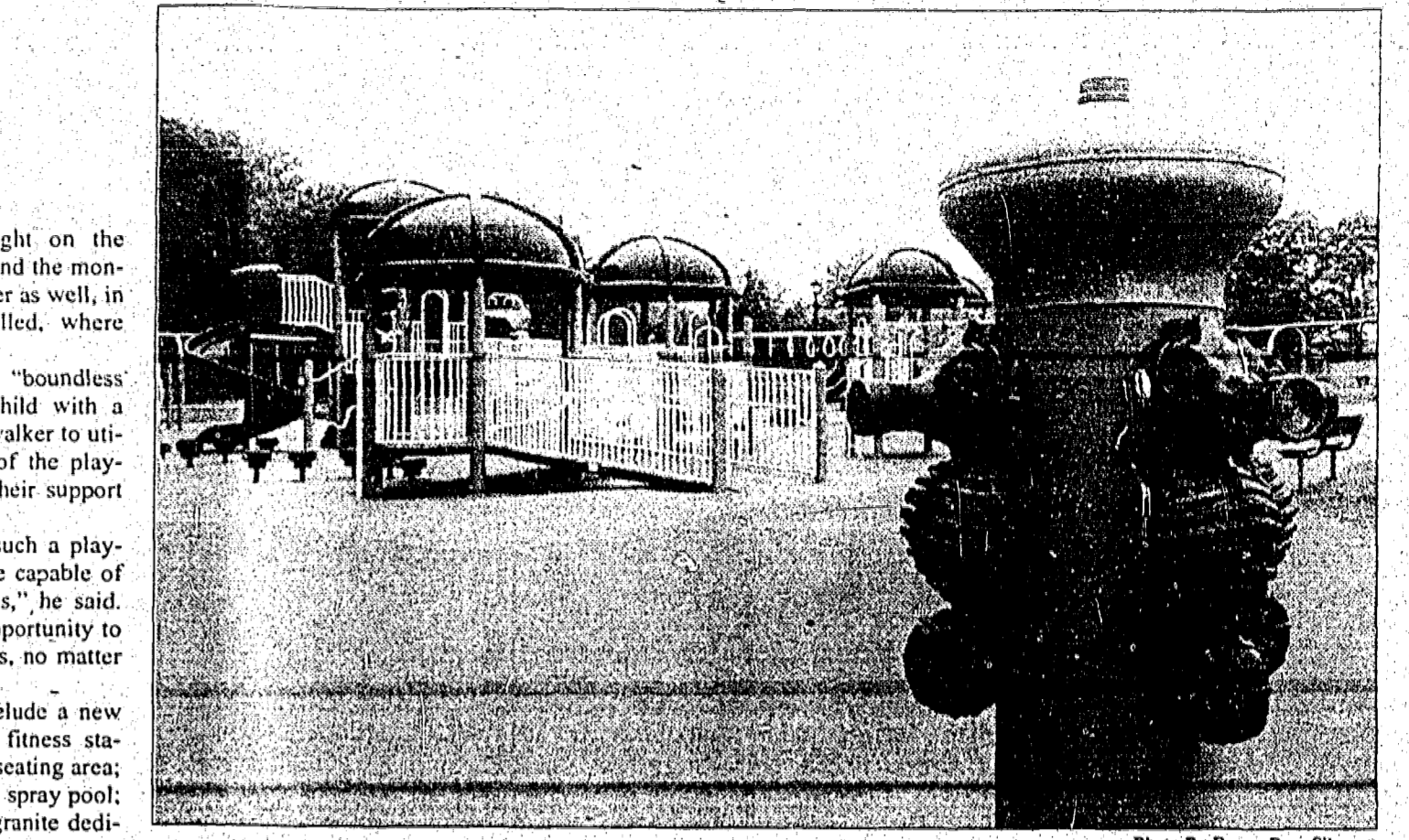
The county wanted to name the park after a sports legend, but also a resident of the county and "we were able to find a man that fulfilled both — Phil Rizzuto," Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada said. The park's playground design makes it "playable" for all children because it includes a "boundless playground."

"The swings, slides, seesaw etc. are designed in a subtle way to ensure that a handicapped child could play on it without needing help from an adult," Estrada said. "The height on the swings would be longer and the monkey bars would hang lower as well, in addition to ramps installed, where needed."

Estrada added that a "boundless playground," allows a child with a wheelchair, leg brace or walker to utilize at least 70 percent of the playground without leaving their support equipment behind. "The importance for such a playground is that all kids are capable of playing in the same areas," he said. "That all kids have the opportunity to play and enjoy themselves, no matter their physical abilities."

Additional features include a new soccer field; para-soccer fitness stations; a concrete baseball seating area; a stadium-themed gazebo; spray pool; pedestrian bridge, and a granite dedication monument. "We talked to Rizzuto and told him that the park will have a baseball theme but it is also a soccer regulation field because that is the biggest need, right now," Estrada said. "The demand for soccer is very high but it does not mean that baseball is out."

Estrada added that many kids in the community come to the parks on the weekends and in the afternoons to play in soccer leagues. "We should be opening the park next week," Director of Parks and Recreation Charles Sigmund said. "We are in the process of developing a check list" and making sure everything is ready to go. The park is about a year in a half off schedule due to bad weather, he said. Construction began in November 2002.



Almost 20 months of construction will culminate at Phil Rizzuto Park, adjacent to Kean University near the borders of Union, Hillside and Elizabeth, with next week's ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the new county park, which includes a boundless playground.

The county purchased the land for the park, located at the southeast corner of Morris and North avenues, in 1998. The property, located across the street from the Kean University campus, borders Elizabeth, Hillside and Union. "Parks are a meeting place that bring people together regardless race, color, or ethnicity," Estrada said. "Parks provide an avenue for sharing time with others. People plan to spend their time meeting and relaxing in the park because parks are amazing, they are like no other places."

Another hot summer outside the city

Fresh Air Fund brings kids to suburbs

By Anna Kreyman
Staff Writer
New York City's toughest neighborhoods and continues to do so all over the state, including Union County. "I don't want to take that much credit because these kids have their own families," Doreen said. "But I think it exposes them to different things they may not do at home. For example, once a week, I try to have dinner with china and crystalware in order to teach my own kids as well as Navon and Shaya to be comfortable with those kinds of utensils and not be afraid that they will break them. Also, they need to know that everyone has a right to eat with that kind of dinnerware."

Doreen added that this summer her kids and Navon and Shaya will attend basketball camp together. Both Navon and Shaya said they love coming to Union County for the summer because "we have a lot of fun playing and riding bikes." Last year, families in Union and Essex counties provided a total of 18 children with fun-filled summers in the suburban outdoors.

"This year we had a total of 12 families throughout Essex and Union counties, hosting kids," Susan Falzone, Union County's coordinator for the Fresh Air Fund. "But, only 5 families for Union County alone."

Falzone oversees families in Union and Essex Counties that want to open their doors and environment to disadvantaged kids, coming from a low-income family. "Families wishing to take a child in must go through an application process, interviews, and a reference check," she added. "We strive to accept families with children because we believe that kids need to have other kids to play with in order to have fun and not be bored."

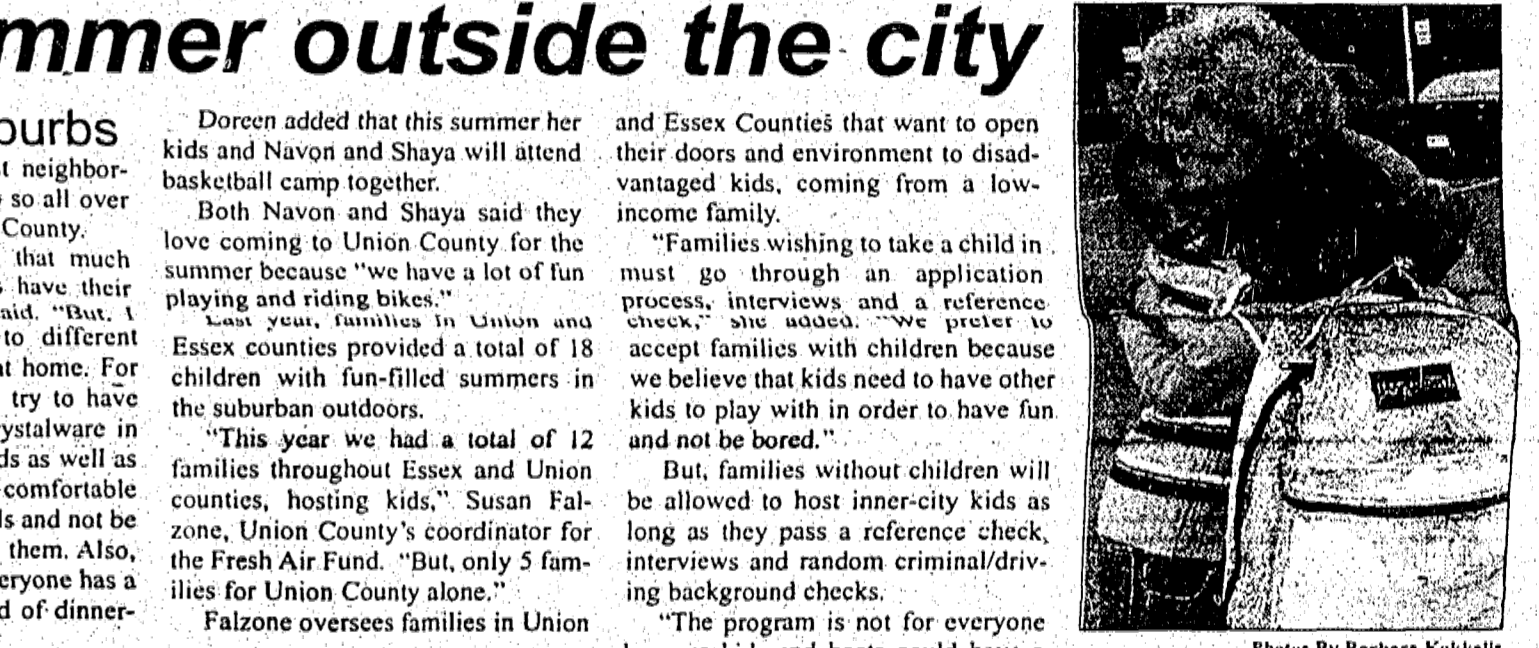
But, families without children will be allowed to host inner-city kids as long as they pass a reference check, interviews and random criminal/driving background checks. "The program is not for everyone because kids and hosts could have a bad experience," Falzone said. "But, it is a rare occasion and for the most part many of the host families ask to re-invite the same kids year in and year out."

Falzone added that one family from Union County has a teenager who has been coming to them for seven years and staying for the whole summer. "The teen has been working here as a camp counselor," she said. Children participating in this program for the first time cannot be invited for longer than two weeks but can stay as long as the whole summer, if it is their second or more time.

"There is no age limit for host families except that they must be a minimum of 21 years of age," Falzone said. "As for the kids they must be at least 6 years young and 12 years old, for first-timers." Anyone staying with the same family for more than one summer can be as old as 18 years of age. "The families pay for everything," Falzone said. "They volunteer their home and resources."

Falzone added that for some reason, this summer has had the least amount of host families. "New York City in the summer can be a difficult place to be for kids and our program is so rewarding because we give children a break from the urban environment," she said. "We are always looking for more families to host more kids."

Only children from the five boroughs of New York City participate in the program. Recruiting for families begins in the spring. For information, call 1-800-367-0003 or go to www.freshairfund.org.



Doreen greets Shaya and Navon, who spent two weeks with her last summer thanks to the Fresh Air Fund.

On the other hand, many families invite kids over on the holidays and weekends because "they enjoy having them so much" but that is not part of the Fresh Air program. "This program provides a great experience for both the parent and the children because they build relationships that they may not otherwise have," Falzone said.

The only requirement is that a family cannot host to more than two kids, Falzone added. "New York City in the summer can be a difficult place to be for kids and our program is so rewarding because we give children a break from the urban environment," she said. "We are always looking for more families to host more kids."

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Clerk's records room floods again

By Anna Kreyman
Staff Writer
Independence Day marked a loud occasion for Union County, but not just because of fireworks, because of flood works discovered around 4 p.m. Director of Operations and Facilities Richmond Lapolla said.

Lapolla indicated that a 10,000-gallon water tank sits on the ninth floor of the building across the street from the Administration Building, where the county clerk's office is found and when the tank got clogged it overflowed causing all of the floors beneath it to flood and the ceiling to collapse. Due to the malfunction, the records room was closed for clean up and re-opened on July 9 at 11 a.m.

County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi said the records room was closed because of questions of structural safety and it did not reopen until approval was received from engineers. The records room harbors various documents like titles and mortgages for residents of the county and according to Rajoppi is "mostly used by the public and rarely by employees."

"It was just water damage," Engineer Robert Nacamuli of Nacamuli Associates said. "It was just a matter of time

for the fans to fall because they were mounted over 17 years ago and it was done improperly." Floods eight through three were affected but not damaged, since they are empty but the first floor and the ground floor had various damages. "About 300 books were damaged as well as carpeting and computers in the records room," Rajoppi said. "The books are not completely ruined but all of my records are microfilmed in case such an event occurs so that we can recreate important county documents."

Two computers will be replaced as well as a printer from the records room. The county is investigating how much the cleaning will cost and if it is covered by insurance. "I think this thing will cost at least \$5,000 to \$6,000 but not more than \$10,000 for the clean-up and replacement as well as recovery of damaged items in total," she added.

The water damage has been occurring on and off over a period of 20 years and Rajoppi said she will address it. "I have a plan to drop the ceiling and put air conditioning that will protect the records," she added. "We are going out to bid in September to make the records room environmentally friendly for the records and the people."

The County Clerk's records room has routinely suffered water damage but last week a flood forced the room to be closed.

Senior Farmers' Market held throughout county

The Union County Division on Aging in the Department of Human Services will run the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program this month. The Senior Farmers' Market makes locally grown fruits and vegetables available to eligible participants age 60 and older.

Eligible seniors may receive vouchers only once during the season, but may use them at any farmers market where the WIC sign is displayed. Vouchers are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Bilingual staff from the Division on Aging will be available to assist seniors in filling out the information for the vouchers.

Vouchers will be distributed and farmers will be available at the following sites:

- Friday, Plainfield Senior Center, 204 Front St., Plainfield. Wellness fair and voucher distribution 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The market will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday, Union Senior Center, 968 Bonnet Court, Union. Wellness fair and voucher distribution 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The market will be open 1 to 4 p.m. every Monday through Aug. 30.
- Wednesday, Rahway Senior Center, 1306 Esterbrook Ave., Rahway. Voucher distribution 9 to 11 a.m. The market will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- July 23, First Baptist Church of Elizabeth, 204 Union Ave., Elizabeth. Voucher distribution from 10 a.m. to noon. The market will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Friday.

For those who only want to pick up vouchers you can go to the following sites:

- Tuesday, O'Donnell-Dempsey Center, 622 Salem Ave., Elizabeth, from 9 to 11 a.m.
- July 22, Hillside Senior Center, 265 Hollywood Ave., Hillside, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- July 27, Farley Towers, 33 Cherry St., Elizabeth, from 9 to 11 a.m.
- July 29, Roselle Community Center, 1268 Shaffer Ave., Roselle, from 10 a.m. to noon.

For more information about the Farmers' Market Program, call the Union County Senior Nutrition Program at 908-527-4877.

Center receives \$5K grant

Productivity is on the rise at the Occupational Center of Union County thanks to a \$5,000 donation of Net Services software from Novell Inc.

"The Novell donation will further enhance the Occupational Center's case management process, my staff will be able to enhance and maintain case records for over 350 individuals with disabilities throughout Union County," Michele Ford, vice president of Rehabilitation and Mental Health Services, said.

The Novell server software donation will allow the center to keep pace with the growing demands for record-keeping and accountability requirements. It will also allow case managers to have more time for the individuals they serve. Novell's software donations are part of its Community Relations program, which seeks to enable nonprofit organizations to develop and realize their visions through the power of technology.

Novell's corporate giving programs focus on the areas of education, critical community needs and cultural development.

Gifts in Kind International, the third-largest charity in the United States, manages Novell's software donation program coordinating distribution of Novell software to charities across the country.

"Novell's generosity sets an outstanding example for the software industry," said Susan Corrigan, president and chief executive officer of Gifts in Kind International. "Novell's products enable charities to take advantage of all the benefits technology has to offer and allows them to do a more effective job of helping those who need it most."

"Novell takes an active role in the communities and organizations in which our employees live and work," said Hal Thayer, vice president of Corporate Communications. "We applied the Occupational Center of Union County for their dedicated commitment to our community and hope our contribution will facilitate this important work."

The Occupational Center would also like to thank Gifts in Kind International, www.giftsinkind.org, the world's leading charity in product philanthropy, which serves as the vital link between corporate donors and recipient nonprofits. Its network of 450-plus local Gifts in Kind programs provides nonprofits access to millions of dollars in product and service donations—nearly \$800 million in 2003.

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Hazards of Summer

Summer is a time for fun in the sun even for pets. There are several hazards that one must try to avoid.

Pets that spend time outside, whether swimming or just off-leash for a moment (dog dogs are prone to getting hit by a car or poisoned by eating, drinking, or sniffing dead animals, and many are unaware of this). A few tablespoons of antifreeze is enough to kill a large dog. It tastes sweet and dogs love to drink it. The signs of poisoning and trauma to a pet can be so subtle that owners often delay seeking appropriate help until it is too late. Often, these animals will die a few days after returning home if they remain untreated.

High temperatures makes pets prone to heat stroke. Signs of heat stroke include excessive panting, weakness, collapse, vomiting, decrease in awareness and loss of balance. Never leave your pet in a car unattended. Cars and garages can get extremely hot in a short period of time. Provide your pet with water and shade when outside. Do not exercise the pet too much in extreme temperatures. If it is too hot for you, it is probably too hot for your pet as well.

Water can be a danger to pets. Like people, not all dogs can swim well. Dogs should be supervised while in the water.

Deer and other insect bites can cause localized and/or anaphylactic (allergic) reactions which could lead to death. Fleas can cause excessive scratching and allergic reactions (allergies, skin infections, combinations of allergies with infections, etc.) You should call your regular veterinarian for a physical examination to determine the appropriate treatment. Other insect bites can cause serious diseases such as Rocky Mountain spotted fever and Lyme disease.

Many of these problems can be prevented with a bearworm preventive (Interceptor, Sentinel, ProHeart, Heartgard, etc.) and a flea & tick product (Frontline, Advantage, etc.) or a combination product such as Revolution. These can be purchased through your veterinarian, and many manufacturers provide guarantees if your pet becomes ill with these products if purchased through your veterinary office.

For those of you going on vacation, if you are leaving your pet in a boarding facility, make sure their vaccines are current, especially Bordetella (kennel cough vaccine). If your pet will need vaccines, it is best to vaccinate about 1 week before boarding. Consult the kennel and your veterinarian for specific requirements/recommendations. The best flea & tick ticks are coming the facility.

Simply by following these helpful hints, you and your pet can have an enjoyable summer.

COUNTY NEWS

Self-defense the topic at Mothers & More

On Wednesday, the Union County Chapter of Mothers & More will host C. Alan Simms, Boardmaster of Karate N Motion, of Westfield, who will discuss self-defense for women at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St., Westfield.

Simms will talk about how to fend off attackers and how to use ordinary items in self-defense. The meeting is open to all interested mothers in the community.

Mothers & More is a national, nonprofit organization serving mothers who are by choice or circumstance altering their participation in the paid workplace over the course of their active parenting years.

The group isn't just for full-time stay-at-home moms, but champions the value and necessity of all mothers' work to our society, paid and unpaid, within and outside of the home.

The Union County Chapter holds meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St., Westfield.

For more information about becoming a part of Mothers & More, call K.C. Bree at 908-789-8626 or Linda Miklencic at 908-497-0283.

Senior outreach

The Union County Division on Aging in the Department of Human Services will bring its Outreach Services Program for Senior Citizens to Plainfield this week.

The Outreach Services Program offers senior citizens information and help with applications for a variety of important government assistance programs.

Bilingual staff members will be available to assist the senior citizens at all locations.

The Outreach Services Program will visit Plainfield on Friday from noon to 2 p.m. at Supremo Supermarket, Plainfield Plaza, 249 E. Front St.

Union County representatives will be available to help residents complete the necessary applications for a number of programs, including gas and electric support, pharmaceutical assistance, and home energy assistance.

There will also be screening for Supplemental Security Income eligibility, and information about the Senior Health Insurance Program.

For more information on the Outreach Services Program and other programs offered by the Union County Division on Aging, call the division's toll-free number at 1-888-280-8226.

County pools are open

Union County's two public swimming pools will soon open for the summer.

The Walter E. Ulrich Pool in Rahway River Park, off St. Georges Avenue in Rahway, will be open through Labor Day, Sept. 6.

The John Russell Wheeler Pool in Wheeler Park, at Stiles Street and Routes 149 South in Linden, will be open through Aug. 27.

Group swimming lessons for all ages, including adults, are available at Ulrich Pool. The first session will begin on Monday; the second session will begin July 19. Each session meets for 30 minutes, Monday through Thursday for 3 weeks.

The cost is \$60 per session. Pre-registration is required, and applications can be obtained at either pool office.

The group isn't just for full-time stay-at-home moms, but champions the value and necessity of all mothers' work to our society, paid and unpaid, within and outside of the home.

The Union County Chapter holds meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St., Westfield.

For more information about becoming a part of Mothers & More, call K.C. Bree at 908-789-8626 or Linda Miklencic at 908-497-0283.

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Friday, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Gallatin Hill Road, Union.

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Masonic Lafayette Lodge, 1550 Irving St., Rahway.

Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Summit Medical Group, 120 Summit Ave., Summit.

July 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Kendall Public Library, 548 Boulevard, Kenilworth.

July 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., Cranford.

July 25, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. James Church, 41-45 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield.

July 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Westfield Rescue Squad, 335 Waterston St., Westfield.

July 28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Union Firehouse, 1 Bond Drive, Union.

Donors must be at least 17 years old. There is no upper age limit for donors. Donors should know their Social Security number and bring a signed or picture form of identification.

For more information, or to sign up for a blood drive, call 1-800-652-5663, ext. 140.

YWCA seeks volunteers

The YWCA of Eastern Union County, 1131 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth, is seeking volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, call Lynn at 908-355-1500, ext. 18.

Trailside summer camp programs

Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, offers summer camp programs that present a unique opportunity for children to learn about nature and the out-of-doors through hands-on experiences. Camp sessions remain open for children entering fifth or sixth grade.

Backwoods Lore, July 26-30, 1 to 4 p.m., invites children to learn basic outdoor survival skills. Children will work together to create an emergency shelter using branches, leaves and other natural materials found in the woods.

Campers will learn to identify and collect plants that are safe to eat, discover the fundamentals of fire building, and make a campfire of their own.

Hooray for Herpetiles, July 26-30, 9 a.m. to noon, or Aug. 9-13, 1 to 4 p.m., focuses on different reptiles and amphibians that live in the Watchung Reservation.

Participants will investigate the lifestyles of these fascinating animals; learn proper catch and release techniques of wild snakes, frogs, toads and salamanders; and hike to remote areas of the reservation to collect information on local herpetile populations.

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"Catch of the Day" Aug. 16-20, 9 a.m. to noon, investigates the history of fishing and different fishing techniques.

Campers will learn to identify a variety of New Jersey fish species, play the "Fish ID" game, and make their own lures. Children will participate in casting activities and try their hand at fishing in Lake Surprise.

The week's activities will culminate with a van trip to the Pequest Hatchery in Oxford to see how trout are raised. Campers will have the opportunity to fish in one of New Jersey's premier trout streams, the Pequest River.

Half-day camps running in the same week may be combined for a full-day camp and will include a one-hour supervised lunch and trailside camp T-shirt.

The fee for each half-day camp is \$112 for Union County residents and \$140 for non-county residents.

For a full-day combination camp, the fee is \$260 for Union County residents and \$325 for non-county residents. An additional fee of \$20 is required for Catch of the Day to cover a van trip to the Pequest Hatchery.

Camps fill quickly, so call ahead for space availability at 908-789-3670.

Trailside is a facility of the Union County Department of Parks & Recreation.

Operation Child Care goes into effect

There's help on the horizon for military personnel returning home for a little R&R.

Child care providers in Union County are participating in Operation Child Care, a national effort to provide donated child care to U.S. National Guard and Reserve service members. The free child care will allow service members home for R&R to take care of personal business, take a spouse to dinner or enjoy other recreational activities.

Most Guard and Reserve units come from cities and towns across the country and do not live close to a military installation, so they do not receive the same support military personnel receive living on bases," Pat Mennuti, executive director of CCCC, said.

"This project enables the local community to reach out and lend a hand to service members who are participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom. We hope this project will improve morale and increase community support and respect for Guard and Reserve units."

Individual service members residing in Union County can call CCCC at 1-800-834-1184, ext. 147.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'Betty's Summer Vacation' at UCC

The Theater Project will present Betty's Summer Vacation Aug. 5 to 22.

Draw a line that nobody with taste should cross — then picture playwright Christopher Durang pole-vaulting over it.

Betty can't figure out why the cozy beach she is sharing with an off-beat assortment of housemates should come equipped with its own built-in interactive laugh track... wickedly funny send-up of Lorenz Bobbit, O.J., Monica, the Menendez brothers, and the whole media-saturated tabloid-TV culture.

"The funniest new farce in years," raves *The New York Post*.

"Not only wickedly funny but a trenchant commentary on the state of American culture." — MSNBC

The Theater Project, Union County College's professional theater company, is celebrating its 10th anniversary season of producing new works and contemporary classics.

"Betty's Summer Vacation", by Christopher Durang, will be presented Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m., from Aug. 5 to 22, in the Roy Smith Theater at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford.

Audiences are invited to meet the actors after each performance.

Tickets are \$15 for Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, \$10 for students. Thursday performances are \$10.

Senior Sunday, Aug. 8, offers senior tickets for \$10.

For reservations, call The Theater Project box office at 908-659-5189.

The cast includes Dennis DaPrile, Marc Donovan, Jessie Gill, David Maulbeck, Matt McCarthy, Megan Muckelmann, Ken Schactman, Bev Sheehan and Carol Todd.

The production is directed by Mark Spina, founder and artistic director of The Theater Project.

An award-winning affiliate member of the New Jersey Theater Alliance, The Theater Project is known for its color-blind casting policy and provocative actor's view of theater-seating — the audience is on-stage with the actors, where the action is.



Overdosing on television are, from left, Dennis DaPrile, Jessie Gill and David Maulbeck in 'Betty's Summer Vacation,' which will open Aug. 5 at Union County College in Cranford. The Theater Project, UCC's professional theater company, celebrates its 10th anniversary this season.

Music comes to Midtown

This summer, Elizabeth's newly refurbished Pedestrian Plaza at the Historic Midtown train station will come alive with a free concert series celebrating a variety of music.

Latin, jazz, R&B, and gospel music will all be performed as part of an outdoor concert series. The series will culminate in a season-ending celebration during Hispanic Heritage Month.

Performers such as David Cedeno and His Orchestra, La Creacion, Bonano, the Yarden's Ensemble, and the Nardi's Evil Ways Band will bring Latin music of Santana, and salsa music to Elizabeth. The sounds of jazz, blues and soul music will be performed by Michael Hill, Branford Hayes and Nick Rolfe and the Slick City Band, and TK Blue. Many other musical genres, including gospel, pop, hip-hop, rock, and Caribbean can be experienced free of charge at the summer concert series.

The recently redeveloped Pedestrian Plaza and Historic Midtown train station are part of an ongoing redevelopment campaign to beautify the city of Elizabeth by the Elizabeth Development Co.

The EDC allocates Urban Enterprise Zone funds to encourage urban developments and improvements in Elizabeth. Through this program the Elizabeth Development Co. was able to create the summer concert series, install a colosseum-style seating area, and bring street-scapes beautification to the Pedestrian Plaza.

The "Music of Midtown" summer concert series is held every Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. through September, at the Historic Midtown Train Station's Pedestrian Plaza on West Grand Street. The concerts take place every Thursday through Sept. 2, 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Historic Midtown Train Station located on West Grand Street, Elizabeth.

Schedule of artists

- Today: Rock — The Magic Hat Rock Band from the heart of Philadelphia will bring the vibrant sounds of classic rock to Elizabeth, with DJ Yawz (DJ Rob of Colorblind Productions).
- July 22: Soul — Nick Rolfe and Slick City Band, one of the featured performers in 2003, will return for a return engagement; with DJ Fauci Raouf of Newark.
- July 29: Caribbean/Island — C. Blast Entertainment and Elizabeth will present the rhythms of contemporary Haitian Compas, and the Verdick band will perform a mix of Jamaican Island rhythms.
- Aug. 5: '50s and '60s — The Willie Lynch Irish-American Show Band, and the Reminisc Band will bring back some fun party favorites, and classic hits from the '50s and '60s; with DJ Win Ballou.
- Aug. 12: Plena, Salsa, Merengue and more — Trio Crystal and La Creacion will present the flavorful sounds of mixed salsa Plena music from Puerto Rico; with DJ Rob of Colorblind Productions.
- Aug. 19: Jazz — Afro-Cuban jazz from TK Blue and the sultry sounds of Bradford Hayes will compose the evening; with DJ Mike.
- Aug. 26: Latin jazz and the music of Santana — Yarden's Ensemble from Arts for Kids presents a treat for Latin jazz lovers and the Nardi's Evil Ways Band will pour out the rhythms of Santana; with DJ Rob of Colorblind Productions.
- Sept. 2: Back-to-School with Salsa and more — Bonanno from Linden and a special guest performer will provide Latin sounds to bring in the new school year; with DJ Rob of Colorblind Productions.

'Stuart Little' offered at Family Flix night

The Union County Board of Freeholders announced the first annual "Family Flix" series to be presented during July and August in two county parks.

The movies, all suitable for family viewing, will be shown outdoors. Admission and parking are both free. Bring along a lawn chair or blanket. Movie fans can also pack a picnic basket with snacks. There will be popcorn and beverages available for sale at the screenings.

"This is a great opportunity for families and friends to get together in our fine county parks to enjoy some wonderful entertainment under the stars," said Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada.

"The lineup of outstanding films offers a variety of entertainment for a wide range of interests and tastes."

On Tuesday at Warranoco Park in Roselle, beginning at 9 p.m., the movie version of "Stuart Little" will be featured. This is the story of a mouse that is raised by a human family and learns the true meaning of family, loyalty, and friendship. "Stuart Little" is rated PG.

During August, "Family Flix" will move to Echo Lake Park in Mountainside for two more 9 p.m. shows.

On Aug. 3, moviegoers can enjoy one of the most popular, magical films of all time, "Casablanca."

And finally, on Aug. 17, the MGM movie classic, "The Wizard of Oz" completes the series. "The Wizard of Oz" is rated G.

"Family Flix" will be presented during good weather only. Call 908-352-8410 for updated information on the day of the event.

Faillace shows at Pearl St.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will present an exhibit of artworks by Rachael Faillace of Berkeley Heights in the gallery space at the offices of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth.

"The new exhibit in the Pearl Street Gallery features the creations of award-winning painter and printmaker Rachael Faillace," said Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada.

"Ms. Faillace has been an art instructor in the Berkeley Heights and New Providence recreation departments and we are honored to display her thought-provoking artwork."

Faillace earned her bachelor of fine arts degree in illustration from the Rhode Island School of Design. She is working toward her master of fine arts in visual arts from the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

While pursuing a career as a working artist, Faillace has committed herself to sharing her extensive knowledge and skills as an art instructor, exhibit curator, and reviewer.

Her work has been in many invitational exhibits throughout New Jersey and in New York City. The title of the exhibit is "Rachael Faillace: Suburban," reflecting her observations of changes in the New Jersey landscape.

Faillace's paintings and prints are on display at the Pearl Street Gallery through July 30. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"We are proud to see the work of one of Berkeley Heights' talented artists shown in the beautiful and historic St. John's Parsonage," said Freeholder Mary Rutolillo, liaison to the Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.

"The talent and diversity of all our local artists assures an ongoing variety of interesting exhibits. We thank Ms. Faillace for sharing her beautiful paintings."

Union County artists, whose works can be hung on a wall, interested in exhibiting in the gallery are welcome to apply. For more information about the Pearl Street Gallery, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202, call 908-558-2550; or send inquiries via e-mail to culturainfo@ucnj.org.

Summer Arts Festival concert series continues at Echo Lake

Union County's free Summer Arts Festival concert series continues on Wednesday with a performance by the Brass Tacks Big Band Orchestra.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites the public to attend this outdoor concert, which is sponsored by Schering-Plough Corp. The music begins at 7:30 p.m. in Echo Lake Park, on the border of Westfield and Mountainside.

The Brass Tacks have been entertaining audiences for more than 10 years, playing a variety of songs ranging from Glenn Miller, Count Basie and Harry James to more contemporary tunes made popular by the likes of Frank Sinatra, Gloria Estefan, Brian Setzer and Bruce Springsteen.

All Summer Arts Festival concerts are Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Avenue end of Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets are encouraged. A refreshment stand will be available at approximately 6:30 p.m.

In case of rain, concerts in the series move to Cranford High School, on West End Place off Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

For up-to-date concert and rain information, call the Department of Parks and Recreation 24-hour hotline at 908-352-8410 after 3 p.m. on the day of the concert.

The free Summer Arts Festival concert series continues, according to the following schedule:

- July 28: Verdict, sponsored by Wachovia
- Aug. 4: Sensational Soul Cruisers, sponsored by the Union County Education Association
- Aug. 11: The Ed Palermo Big Band with Rob Paparozzi
- Aug. 18: JoBonno & the Godsons of Soul, and Captain Hawker & the All Stars
- Aug. 25: The Party Dalls, sponsored by ConocoPhillips-Bayway Refinery

For more information, call the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4900.

Stage Presence Inc. offers up 'Bat Boy: The Musical'

Union-based Stage Presence Inc. will present the 2001 Off-Broadway musical "Bat Boy: The Musical."

Named Best Off-Broadway musical, "Bat Boy" is written by Keythe Farley and Brian Flemming, with words and music by Laurie O'Keefe.

The show will be staged at 8 p.m. today through Saturday at the Burgdorf Cultural Center, 10 Durand Road, Maplewood.

Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased by calling Stage Presence Inc. at 908-686-7497.

Praised by *The New York Times* as a tongue-in-cheek Gothic morality tale, "Bat Boy," is "bent on revealing the bat in all of us and urging us to 'know your Bat Boy/Love your Bat Boy/Don't deny your beast inside.'"

The musical tells the story of the twisted journey of an abandoned boy discovered by three teenagers in a cave and dragged back to town. Here the misunderstood youngster is taken in by a few caring residents but loathed by the remaining townspeople.

Accompanied by O'Keefe's eclectic, high-energy score, Farley and Flemming's bizarre storyline takes the audience on an emotional adventure as they follow Bat Boy's exploits, conflicts, and longing for love.

The cast includes Union residents Sam Jones and Jimmy Petrucelli. Jamie Anderson and Allison Busacca. Christopher J. Guell, Joe Puliafico, Devon Talbot, Lauren Burner, Jesse Pinchanski, Amanda Wormann, and Ivan Rusfield.

The production is sponsored by Union Center National Bank, the Independence Community Foundation, and through a HEART grant administered by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Stage Presence Inc. is Union Township's only nonprofit theatre company and is dedicated to providing comprehensive, hands-on theatrical education to youth throughout the state.

Submissions may be sent via e-mail to wcnarts@yahoo.com, or to editorial@thelocalsource.com with "A&E" in the subject line.

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What's Going On?

FLEA MARKET SUNDAY JULY 18th, 2004
EVENT: FLEA MARKET, CRAFT & COLLECTIBLE SHOW
PLACE: Beautiful Yankeetown Park, Park Drive, midway between Centre and Chestnut Streets.

RUMMAGE SALE THURSDAYS & TUESDAYS July 1st thru 22nd, 2004
EVENT: 17th Annual GIGANTIC TURNOVER SALE
PLACE: Morrow Memorial Church, 600 Riverside Rd., at Baker St. Maplewood.

REUNIONS
The following schools will conduct reunions in the coming months: Summit High School, Class of 1974, P.T. Party, July 24.

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Mystic Vision Players gets in 'Line' this month
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NJPAC, WYACT find that 'Anything Goes' with annual collaboration

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center's Summer Musical Program will present a Westfield Young Artists Cooperative Theatre production of Cole Porter's quintessential 1930s musical comedy, "Anything Goes."

The original "Anything Goes" premiered on Broadway on Nov. 21, 1934, starring the legendary Ethel Merman as the glamorous evangelist, Reno Sweeney.

"Anything Goes." I know it will be as good as the other shows! "NJPAC and WYACT really prepare us for the professional arena."

Mystic Vision Players will conduct open auditions for the New Jersey premiere of "After Midnight," late night TV from the other side of the camera.

This production of "Anything Goes" features music and lyrics by Cole Porter. NJPAC/WYACT is using the 1962 revised version of the script.

Many of the cast members have taken part in previous NJPAC/WYACT productions. Those actors and musicians speak of their experience with great respect and adoration.

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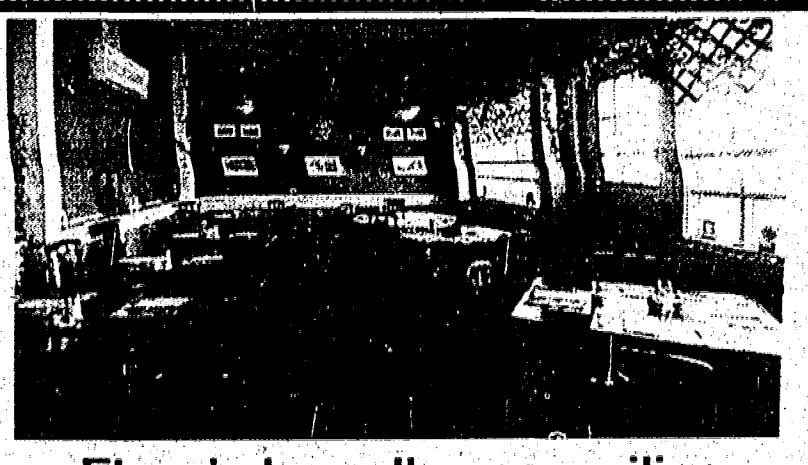
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Stepping Out

ART SHOWS

MOVING BY ART, the works of Fran Winter, Joan Goldsmith, and Nancy J. On, will be on exhibit at the 100th Anniversary Celebration, 57 New England Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-7253, send e-mail to wro@wcom.net, or visit the Web site at www.wcom.net.

TEEN ARTS TOURING EXHIBIT, sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, will be on display at CR Bard Inc., 730 Central Ave., New Providence, through July 23. The exhibit consists of 60 pieces of art selected from more than 600 visual art works at the 2004 Union County Teen Arts Festival in March. For information, call the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 908-558-2550.

THE LITERATURE OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION will be on exhibit through Friday at Westfield Memorial Library, 550 E. Broad St. For information, including hours, call the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 908-558-2550.

REEVES-REED ARBORETUM, 165 Hobart Ave., Summit, will exhibit the paintings of Suzanne Castelin in the Wiser House through July 27. Exhibit hours are Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information, call 908-273-8787 or visit the Web site at www.Reeves-ReedArboretum.org

RACHEL FALLACE: SUB-URBAN will be on exhibit at the Pearl Street Gallery, 633 Pearl St., Elizabethtown, through July 30. Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Pearl Street Gallery is located in the offices of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. For information, call 908-558-2550. All ratings open at 711, or send inquiries via e-mail to culturalinfo@ucom.net

SWAIN GALLERIES, 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, will exhibit selected works by the winners of the 2004 duCret-Jured Fine Art Show through July 31. An opening reception will take place Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call 908-756-1707.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside, will exhibit the works of Virginia Cranwell, Svetlana Aniskina, and Elissa Merkl throughout July.

EAST AND WEST, photographs and paintings by Susan Samokovic, will be on exhibit at the Mary Mahoney Art Gallery at Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave., through Sept. 8. Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call 908-851-5450.

WELCOME TO CRANSTOCK, Kevin Papa's photographic tribute to Cranford explores scenes, places, nightlife and faces over the last 25 years will be on display during July at Cranford Public Library, 224 Walnut Ave. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 908-709-7272, e-mail to library@cranford.org, or visit www.cranford.com.

ACRYLICS ON CANVAS, an exhibit of abstract work and flower paintings by award-winning artist and curator Mary Wick-liffe, will be on display through August at the Bouras Galleries, 25 DeForest Ave., Summit. The galleries are open to the public by appointment only by calling Linda Cole at 908-277-6054.

AUDITIONS

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The volume leader for the month was the C-Class model line of sedans, coupes and wagons, which posted an impressive 11.9 percent jump in sales for the month. Sales of the highly acclaimed E-Class model line increased 5.9 percent, to 5,034 units, in May 2004 versus 4,755 in May 2003. The classic SL-Class roadster, celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, demonstrated gains of 6.5 percent for the month.

In addition, for the first five months of the year, the C-Class model line paved the way as volume leader for year-to-date sales, posting 27,382 units. Year-to-date sales increased by 5.3 percent in the E-Class line of sedans and wagons, and jumped 32.3 percent in the SL-Class.

The new 2005 Mercedes-Benz models are beginning to arrive at dealerships nationwide, led by the fuel-efficient E320 CDI, the special edition of its M-Class sport utility vehicle and

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Separately, Mercedes-Benz USA recorded its best month ever for its Mercedes-Benz Certified Pre-Owned program with sales 5,512 units, an increase of 11.1 percent over May 2003. On a year-to-date basis, Mercedes-Benz Certified Pre-Owned sales increased 17.5 percent over the same period last year, 24,587 units vs. 20,930 units.

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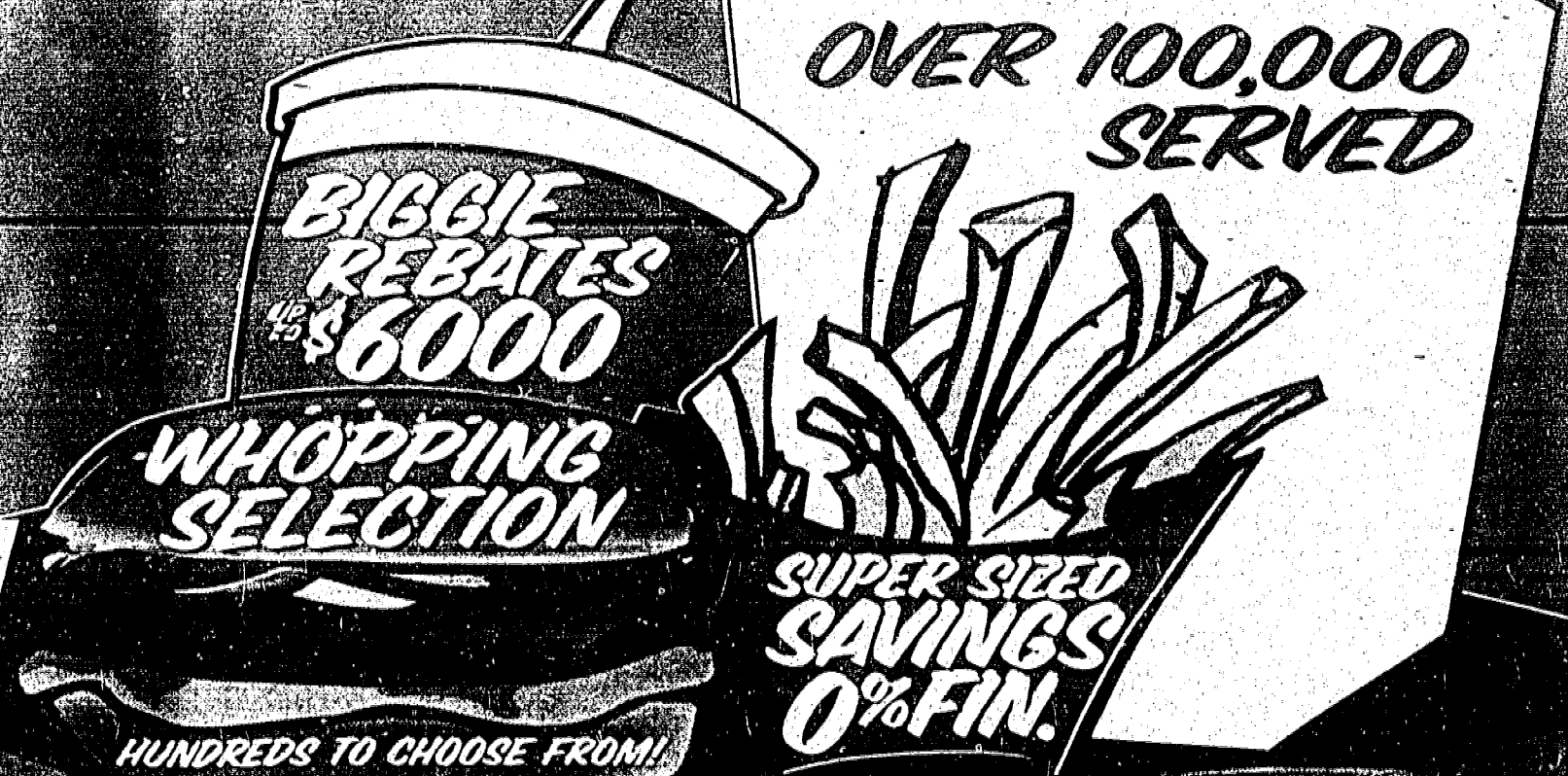
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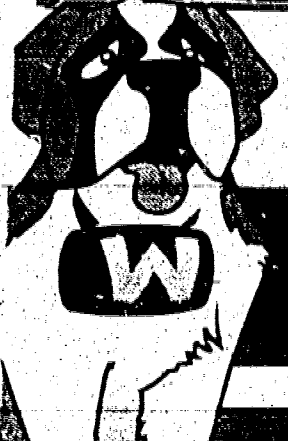
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