

### All-Area Softball

Four Lady Lions join the top high school athletes on Worrall Newspapers All-Area Softball Team, Page B1.

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Local stars shine, see center

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## Merchants expect usual business

By Dennis Schaal  
Staff Writer

With tens of thousands of spectators, press and golfers converging on Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield through Sunday for the U.S. Men's Open, some municipal and business leaders in Springfield and Mountaintop may not have wasted enough time to hit the green of marketing opportunity.

While Summit is decked out with banners and placards to greet the throngs, estimated to number some 30,000 per day, no organized municipal or business marketing effort has been put into place in Springfield, the host community, or in neighboring Mountaintop.

In general, area business people felt that restaurants and hotels would fatten their coffers during the June 14-20 tourney while other enterprises would probably feel little impact.

"This is a wonderful thing for Springfield, a prestige thing," offered Lou Kravitz, who's been the proprietor of Kay's Hardware on Morris Avenue for 44 years. "But people who come to something like this are here to watch golf and then, other than the

hotels and restaurants, they just leave town."

Kravitz recalled previous championships when he said the township hired a company to put up banners and placards to welcome spectators. But he said that for the 1993 Open, there has been little municipal or business leadership.

"No one took the bull by the horns," Kravitz said.

The lack of a concerted business effort in the two communities to make the most out of the Open may be tied to a lack of a central business organization like a Chamber of Commerce in the two municipalities.

Springfield Mayor Philip Kurcos recalled Tuesday that an effort was made about three years ago to resurrect a Chamber of Commerce in town, but the initiative was greeted by "an apathy among some merchants." And today, appointments to Springfield's Downtown Management Corp. have not been completed.

Still, several hotels and restaurants in Mountaintop and Springfield were already cooking down the monetary week, noted general manager Dan Sprigelo. He indicated that about 70

rooms were reserved by ABC Sports personnel and Japanese tourists while most of the rest of the hotel is filled by spectators and regular patrons.

"This is a major event business-wise and people-wise," Sprigelo said. "We're very happy."

He noted that in addition to patronizing the hotel's in-house eateries, Ruby's, guests have wandered over to Cafe Reputi and Ange & Min's in Kenilworth as well as Tower Steak House and the Spanish Tavern in Mountaintop.

"Barms & Noble on Route 22 West in Springfield organized a week of book-signings, discussions and rates clinics tied to its welcoming 'The U.S. Open to Springfield.'"

"Bring in your official U.S. Open passes and receive a free coffee beverage in our cafe," the bookstore advertised.

Mountaintop Mayor Robert Vigilanti emphasized that area restaurants would probably do brisk business during the championship. He confirmed that the borough has not planned any action to take advantage of the event.



Emilie Bontempo, center, was a caddy at the Baltusrol Golf Club from 1917-1926. He is pictured here with his wife, Lena, and brother-in-law Tom Statler.

## Caddy recalls early Baltusrol

By J.R. Parachini  
Sports Editor

Emilie Bontempo, a resident of Springfield since 1969 who will turn 87 in three weeks, was a caddy at the Baltusrol Golf Club before the invention of television, answering machines, VCRs and even the Internet.

The Mountain Avenue occupant, who lives four houses from Shumpick Road, spent the better part of his youth as a caddy at the famous golf club and, believe it or not, still plays golf with his son-in-law as a member of the Millburn Pro-3 course.

The two of them were headed for a walk to the Baltusrol Golf Course, just four-tenths of a mile from Bontempo's home, on Monday's opening day of practice. The 93rd U.S. Open Men's Golf Championship begins with the first round today and concludes on Sunday. This is the record seventh U.S. Open to be played at Baltusrol.

"I used to caddy on Saturdays and Sundays for 50 cents a round and then every day during the summer," said Bontempo, who began caddying at Baltusrol at age 11 and did so from the years 1917-1926.

Bontempo could tell you story after story of how things operated at Baltusrol during his stint as a caddy there. "Caddying was a good, healthy job where you got sun all day," Bontempo said. "You served on a caddy team and had to carry around their golf bags on carts. And there was a place on Shumpick Road where caddies used to sleep called Kemp's Bank."

Bontempo recalled some of the more famous golfers he caddied for, including New Jersey resident Mahlon Pinesy, a member of the Supreme Court, George Kauffman of Short Hills, who was president of the Chairman and Phoenix National Bank of New York and one of the founders of the Smith-Corona typewriter company.

The golf pros at Baltusrol during the time Bontempo spent there included George Wolf, James Danie, Alec Girard and Frances Gallit.

"No one ever seems to mention these people when talking about Baltusrol," Bontempo said. "They were all excellent golf pros."

Since his start as a caddy coincided with the beginning of World War I, Bontempo found himself caddying for injured soldiers.

"The Army used to bring a group of soldiers who were wounded from service, but could still play golf," Bontempo said. "They would come here and play some golf before returning to their stations."

Originally from Summit, Bontempo began his carpenter's apprenticeship in 1922 and continued to caddy on weekends. His first job was with Alex Smith in Short Hills. His pay was 50 cents an hour.

Bontempo later went on to work for such outfits as the Builders Construction Company in Maplewood and his biggest job was with R.W. Stafford in Summit. He retired in 1975 after working 16 years for the Murray Construction Company in Springfield.

Bontempo is still a member of the Carpenters Union and has been since he began his apprenticeship in 1922.

"Everyone in my family went into trade work," said Bontempo, who attended Summit High School one year before learning his carpenter trade.

Bontempo also played during the time he caddied and was a pretty fair golfer at that. Another popular pastime the caddies enjoyed included going to a shooting club near the golf course where they would shoot turkeys on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"The caddies used to play every Monday," Bontempo recalled. "We only had about three or four clubs and they were more like wooden sticks. Imagine playing a round of golf today with three or four wooden clubs."

That's what the game of golf was like some 65 years ago. That's what it was like for Bontempo, who in 1920 finished runner-up in a caddy tournament by shooting an 82 — wooden sticks and all.

"The game was much tougher and more challenging back then," Bontempo said.

And the challenge to win this year's U.S. Open title begins today as another round of history is to be recorded at Baltusrol.

## Blind athlete urges leadership

By Heather F. MacGregor  
Managing Editor

Leadership, confidence and self-esteem were all part of the message conveyed in a speech last Monday given by a world champion blind athlete at Jonathan Dayton High School.

Rich Ruffalo spoke to a group of more than 55 students from Jonathan Dayton and David Brewster about his personal triumphs, while he encouraged them to become role models, said Cliff Lauterbach, assistant student counselor.

"The purpose of the activity was to motivate and inspire the students and show them that they have the ability within themselves to reach out and help others," Lauterbach said.

The students who attended the speech said that his life story was one that deserves recognition.

Jason Perle of Mountaintop, a senior at Jonathan Dayton, said he found the speech inspiring. "The story of how he was able to deal with the long process from having sight to going completely blind and how he overcame his problem was very intriguing," Perle said.

Ruffalo completely lost his sight at 30 years old. He went blind gradually because of a condition called retinitis pigmentosa. At that time, he was a secondary school teacher, track coach and amateur athlete.

Since then, Ruffalo has gone on to receive many state awards and honors in athletics, academics and personal achievement, including two master's degrees in education, being named Teacher of the Year by Princeton University, Man of the Year by several cities for his community involvement and New Jersey's Most Courageous Athlete Award.



From left, Cliff Lauterbach, student assistance counselor, and Rich Ruffalo, speak to a group of students after a motivational speech given last week at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.

Ruffalo is a biology teacher with the Belleville School District and has been an educator since 1973. He also coaches discus, shot put, javelin, track and powerlifting.

Perle also recounted a story that Ruffalo told at the lecture about his first blind javelin competition. "He had two failed attempts, when four or five young blind children whom he had never seen came over to see what

he looked like by feeling his muscles. That was when he realized that he wasn't doing this for himself but for the children and the people who had never seen," Perle said, and then he went on to break the record in the javelin throw.

Aarti Vaswani, a junior from Dayton and a resident of Springfield, said she was really impressed by the speech. "He was a very motivational person," Vaswani said. "He encour-

aged us to follow through on our goals. I thought he did an incredible job," she said.

The program was funded by the Springfield Municipal Alliance, which sponsors prevention activities to combat drug and alcohol abuse. Lauterbach and Arlene Freese, advisor of the Peer Leader program, said the students reacted positively to the speech and that the purpose of the speech was met.

## Fitzgerald concurs with county and slices \$1.4M

By Dennis Schaal  
Staff Writer

Education Commissioner Mary Lee Fitzgerald last week sided with Union County Superintendent Leonard Pitts and five of the six municipalities that comprise the Union County Regional High School District and decided to trim the district's 1993-1994 budget by \$1.4 million.

In so doing, Fitzgerald rejected a recommendation by Kenilworth — the sole holdout — to make deep cuts, namely \$3.1 million.

If timing is everything, Fitzgerald's decision was keenly timed. A Department of Education spokesman said last week that the decision was mailed Monday to the Union County Board of Taxation, Pitts, the school district and the six municipal clerks — and faxed Tuesday.

A companion letter by Assistant Commissioner Robert Davis indicated that the reduction was based on the detailed list provided by Pitts last month.

Fitzgerald was forced to rule on the budget cut amount because the six municipalities that comprise the regional high school district — Belvidere Heights, Clark, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountaintop and Springfield — could not agree on a budget reduction figure. Following the \$303 million tax levy's April 20 defeat at the polls.

She followed Pitts' recommendation to trim the budget in the following manner:

- Regular program instruction, \$1 million;
- Business and support services, \$300,000;
- Student support services, \$20,000; and
- School administration support services, \$80,000.

The real basis for the high school district's budget deficit — the third in four years — was the board's November decision to cease operating David Brewster Regional High School in

Kenilworth later this month in favor of a three-school configuration.

Pro-Brewer activists in Kenilworth turned out a massive anti-tax vote in April that played an integral role in the budget's defeat — although several other towns voted it down as well.

In the first municipal and mayoral gatherings in late April and May, five of the six municipalities pushed for the district to accept a \$1.4 million budget cut while Kenilworth officials initially declined to specify a figure in favor of their stance — keep Brewster open.

Several weeks ago, however, when the Kenilworth Borough Council was required to adopt a resolution on its preference for the high school district budget cut, it voted to push for the \$3.1 million figure. The borough sought to scissor the following amounts in addition to the other

financial need — but because they thought a three-school setup would enable the district to expand its course offerings. They would be disappointed in any scuttling of the eight-period day.

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"I am pleased that a decision has been rendered by the commissioner of Education. I am also pleased that Union County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Pitts recommended that a reduction of \$1.4 million in the budget, not more, would enable us to provide our students with a thorough and efficient education. Now we can proceed toward the 1993-94 school year with an established budget and the officials from the district's municipalities can set a firm and final tax levy," he said.

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# Pact drafted for salary reimbursement

By Heather F. MacGregor  
Managing Editor

The United States Golf Association and the Township of Springfield made a written agreement stating that Springfield will be reimbursed for all its costs of services performed for the USGA before and during the U.S. Open.

The agreement was announced at a special Township Committee meeting held last Friday at 4 p.m. The agreement prior to this was only verbal, nothing was in writing, said committee member Jeff Katz.

By implementing the agreement into writing, the USGA is obligated to pay, Katz said, so there will not be an impact on the budget nor on the Springfield taxpayer.

Since the Open is being held at Baltusrol Country Club in Springfield, the township will be required to utilize its services. Some of the services under the agreement include the provision of certain police officers and other employees to work overtime during the Open for the protection of the citizens of the town and persons of the Open.

The agreement states: The USGA shall reimburse Springfield 85 percent of the anticipated cost of overtime work performed during the U.S. Open by June 15.

Springfield, under the agreement, is to provide the USGA with a detailed bill for the overtime hours worked by the police and firefighters, with supporting documentation. The bill will be due and payable within 10 days of receipt. Also at this time any payment made previously by the USGA to Springfield will be credited.

If the USGA disputes any part of the submitted bill, the township of Springfield must be notified within seven days. The USGA's obligation to pay Springfield the remaining portion of the bill is suspended until the dispute is resolved. From the time of resolution, the USGA shall pay the agreed amount within 10 days.

The USGA must additionally reimburse Springfield for all administrative expenses incurred in connection with providing overtime compensation.

## Local resident qualified for pageant finals

Melissa Rosenkoff, 9, daughter of David and John Rosenkoff of Mountside, has qualified as a State Finalist for the 10th Annual Miss American Pro-Teen Pageant to be held in July at the Hyatt in Cherry Hill.

Outstanding young ladies throughout the state who have been selected as State Finalists in the 10th Annual State Pageant for their age group will be competing for thousands of dollars in scholarships, prizes and awards, the State Title and a chance to represent New Jersey at the national pageant for their age group.

American Coed Pageants Inc., a Florida corporation, has recognized and awarded thousands of outstanding girls nationwide through an outstanding national awards program since 1983. The program seeks to recognize and reward young women for their outstanding achievements in academics, talent, speech, volunteer service, modeling, as well as outstanding program participation.

Emphasis is placed on the importance of physical fitness, mental alertness, self-confidence, achievement in school and service to the community and church while setting high goals for the future.

The theme of the national program is "With Pride of the Present... Hope of the Future."

Melissa Rosenkoff is sponsored by Atlantic Meats Products. Her activities, hobbies and awards include horseback riding. She won a first place ribbon.

Celebrating its 10th years in 1993, American Coed Pageants has grown from one program for teenagers in 1983 to four programs for outstanding girls in four age groups: Coed, 16-19; Teen, 13-15; Pre-Teen, 8-12; and Princess, 4-7.

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Police Officers John Cook, left, and James Fine direct traffic on Monday, the first day of limited access to Shunpike Road.

tion at a rate of 10 percent of the total bill owed to Springfield by the USGA for overtime work by the police and the firefighters.

Springfield will also be reimbursed by the USGA for all out-of-pocket expenses, goods and materials used by the police and firefighters in connection with the services provided for

the Open from June 14 through the end of the event. That amount is not to exceed \$300.

Also included in the agreement is payment to the Springfield building and construction office of \$15,000 for all the work performed by the construction and building office in connection with the Open. These fees include permit fees, certificate of occupancy fees, and cost of officials inspection fees and health code inspection fees.

## Correction policy

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# Civic Calendar

The Civic Calendar is prepared by the Springfield Leader and Mountside Echo. To avoid conflicts in scheduling local events, please post dates, times and places as early as possible and send to P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083, or call (908) 686-7700.

**June 30**  
The Professional Golf Association's U.S. Open begins today at Baltusrol in Springfield. The tournament concludes June 20.

**Monday**  
Graduation ceremonies will be held at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.

**Tuesday**  
The Mountside Board of Education will conduct a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, Central Avenue and School Drive.  
The Springfield Township Committee will meet at 8 p.m. in the municipal building.

**Coming events**  
The Mountside Public Library will host "Creepy Crawly Creatures" presented by Mark Wellington. The event is an environmental program that will be visited by an array of reptiles, rodents, amphibians, arthropods and insects. The feature will be held from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. July 12.

The MountainSide Board of Adjustment will meet at Borough Hall.

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# student update

**Hauelsen inducted**  
Craig Hauelsen, 19, son of Karl and Dagmar Hauelsen of Mountside, was inducted into the Salisbury State University freshman honor society Phi Eta Sigma.

A 1991 graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School, Hauelsen is a sophomore with a 3.75 grade point average majoring in biology. He is active in intramural softball and basketball and a member of the Medical Careers Club. Following graduation he plans to attend medical school.

Phi Eta Sigma, a national honor society, exists to encourage and reward high scholastic attainment among freshmen. Freshman women and men are invited to join if their cumulative grade point average at the end of the fall or spring semester of their first year is 3.5 or higher.

At SSU, 5,719 students in 29 undergraduate and five graduate programs pursue liberal arts and professional degrees.

**Zirkel earns bachelor's**  
Rebecca Patricia Zirkel of Mountside recently graduated from Ringling School of Art and Design in Sarasota, Fla., with a bachelor of fine arts degree in computer graphics. There were 106 students in the graduating class.

Zirkel is the daughter of Barbara and Richard Zirkel of Mountside. She graduated from Jonathan Dayton Regional High School. Ringling School of Art and Design, founded in 1931, is a nonprofit, accredited college of professional visual arts.

Ringling students receive top awards in national art and design competitions, and graduates are recruited by major companies. The Walt Disney Co. has selected the Ringling School as one of only a few art schools in the country to participate in an ongoing animation internship program in Orlando, Fla.

**Penna on dean's list**  
Kerry Penna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Penna of Springfield, has been named to the Seton Hall dean's list for the sixth consecutive semester. Penna will begin her senior year at the university this fall as a psychology major.

**Monaco earns degree**  
Christopher G. Monaco of Springfield was among the students at Cabrini College in Pennsylvania who graduated in May.

**Dachnowicz nets award**  
Dwight Dachnowicz of Mountside is one of 21 recipients of the Polish University Club of New Jersey scholarships.

The honoree, a senior English major at Washington and Jefferson

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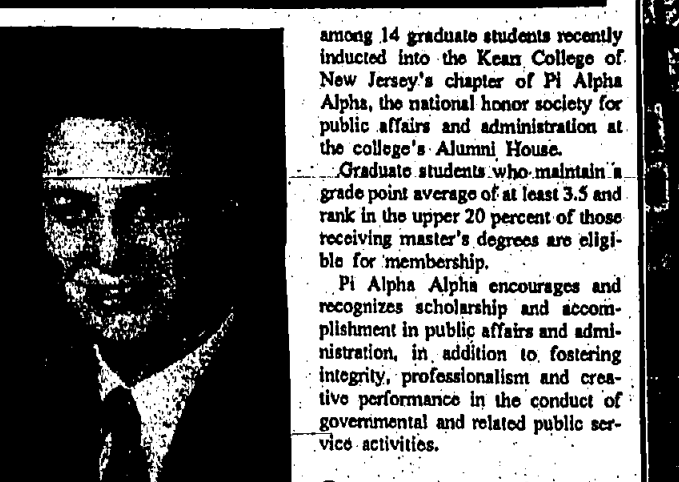
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# Art contest winners



Above, Allison Lau and Michael Puorro of Sandmeier School in Springfield were winners in the New Jersey PTA Art Contest of 1992. Lau received second place and Puorro was a Union County winner, grades K-3. Looking on is Principal Michael Antolimo. Below, with James Caldwell Principal Dennis McCarthy, is Jennifer Cheung, another Union County winner for grades K-3.

Among 14 graduate students recently inducted into the Kappa Chapter of Phi Alpha Alpha, the national honor society for public affairs and administration at the college's Alumni House.

Graduate students who maintain a grade point average of at least 3.5 and rank in the upper 20 percent of those receiving master's degrees are eligible for membership.

Phi Alpha Alpha encourages and recognizes scholarship and accomplishment in public affairs and administration, in addition to fostering integrity, professionalism and creative performance in the conduct of governmental and related public service activities.

**Growney earns degree**  
Sean Growney of Mountside received a degree in funeral service education from Mercer County Community College during its 26th annual commencement May 26 in the quadrangle on the college's West Windsor Campus.

**Barisonok graduates**  
Gregory Barisonok of Mountside was awarded a bachelor's degree in sociology with 954 graduates of Providence College who received their undergraduate degrees during the college's 75th commencement exercises on May 23.

**Lupus group to meet**  
The Union County branch of the Lupus Foundation of New Jersey will hold its monthly meeting June 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Union Hospital, 1000 Gallatin Hill Road.

The group will hold an end-of-year social gathering. Patients, families and friends are invited.

Lupus Erythematosus is a chronic, inflammatory disease which affects an estimated 1 million Americans. Lupus can affect the joints, skin, heart, lungs, kidneys and other parts of the body. Although the disease is controllable in most people, it can be fatal and there is still no known cause or cure.

The Lupus Erythematosus Foundation of New Jersey provides patient and family support services, information and referrals, public education about lupus and funds lupus research projects.

**Holdorf inducted**  
Harry Holdorf of Springfield and Alice Gilman of Mountside were

receiving a degree in funeral service education from Mercer County Community College during its 26th annual commencement May 26 in the quadrangle on the college's West Windsor Campus.

For the past 40 years, the Polish University Club has awarded more than \$239,700 to 282 New Jersey students in their junior year of college who need financial aid to complete their study year.

Student interviewers are a group of 25 juniors and seniors who are trained to interview and evaluate prospective students. Each member interviews approximately three candidates a week throughout the academic year for admission to the university. Students are chosen through a highly competitive selection process.

Cohn graduated from Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.

**Walsh makes dean's**  
Amy Walsh of Springfield was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at James Madison University.

To qualify for the honor, a student must have a grade-point average between 3.25 and 3.74 on a 4.0 scale and carry a course load of at least 14 hours.

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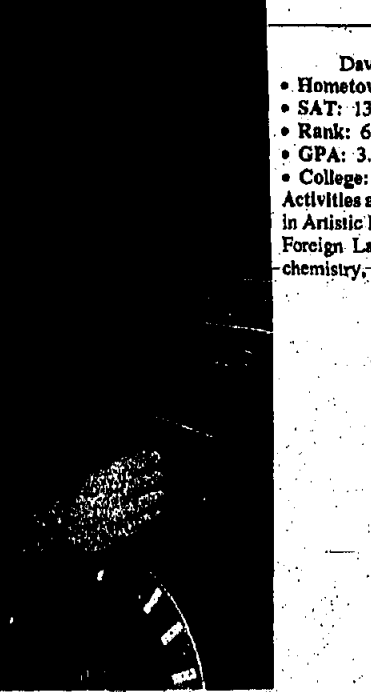
**Vicki Haddix**  
David Brearley Regional High School, Kenilworth  
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• SAT: 1330  
• Rank: 3  
• GPA: 4.06  
• College: Brown University, cognitive science  
Activities and honors: National and National Spanish honor societies, N.J. Governor's School on the Environment nominee, Bloustein Scholar, National Merit Commended Scholar, flute, Parish staff member, Peer Leadership, field hockey, alumni rep for NYLCP, camp volunteer.



**Solon Frazillus**  
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• Rank: 2  
• GPA: 3.32  
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Activities and honors: Rutgers Presidential Scholarship, Johnson & Wales University Presidential Scholarship, Drew University Scholar, Bloustein Scholar, National Achievement Program for Outstanding Negro Students, Mountain Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete Award, National and French honor societies, Math League, literary magazine editor, Future Businessmen of America, journal editor, soccer, wrestling captain, weight team captain.



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Roselle Park High School  
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• Rank: 3  
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Activities and honors: National Honor Society, College of St. Elizabeth Women in Chemistry Summer Program, Bloustein Scholar, St. John's Mathematics Award, Close-up Program Scholarship Publication Award, newspaper, television station, Ecology Club, forensics, tennis.



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Roselle Catholic High School  
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• SAT: 1410  
• Rank: 1  
• GPA: 4.0  
• College: Princeton University, chemical engineering  
Activities and honors: Princeton Scholarship, Cornell Scholar, Rutgers Merit Scholar, Outstanding Negro Student '92-'93 NMSQT — finalist, selected N.J. Governor's School, Bloustein Scholar, Schering-Plough National Merit Program Scholar, Star-Ledger Scholar, student newspaper, honor roll, National Honor Society president and French and Business honor societies, student council, forensics, yearbook editor, tutoring program, student congress.

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Mother Seton Regional High School  
Clark  
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• SAT: 1280  
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• GPA: 4.94  
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Activities and honors: Bloustein Scholar, National Honor Society, student council president, math and science leagues, Challenge Team, drill team captain, yearbook staff, voice, piano.



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Union High School  
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Activities and honors: Most Outstanding Character and Scholarship Award, National Merit Commended Student, All-American Scholar, Lafayette Merit Scholar, Notre Dame Scholar, Bloustein Scholar, Drama Club, prom committee, cheerleading, class officer, newspaper editor, Future Business Leaders of America, Key Club, National and German National honor societies, usher squad, Math League, Yearbook Staff, Psychology Club, Softball Manager, Special Olympics, CYO.

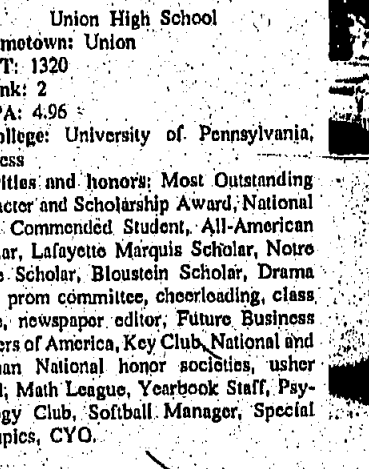


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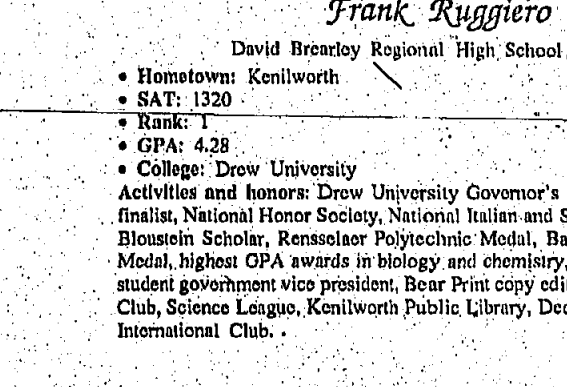
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• Rank: 1  
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**Renee Reck**  
Union High School  
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Mt. St. Mary Academy, Watchung  
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Activities and honors: Peer Minister, literary magazine editor, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Cum-Laude Society, PEES newspaper, writing club, Math League, Math tutor, Science League, Senior Retreat Team, Mount Recruitment Team — open house programs and elementary school visitations, CYO Peer Minister, Kids for Jesus leader, Friends of Linden Library, Hospitality House, volunteer, St. John the Apostle Rectory, Bloustein Scholar, Who's Who Among American High School Students.

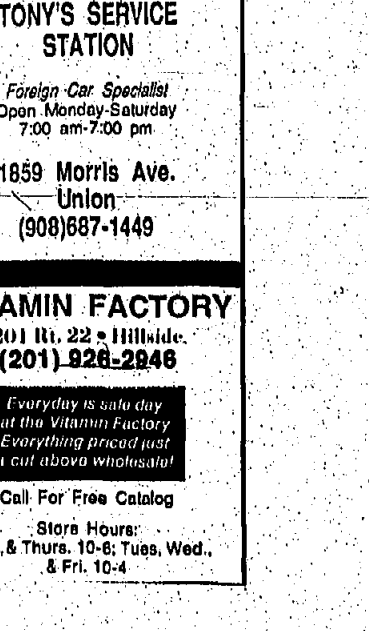
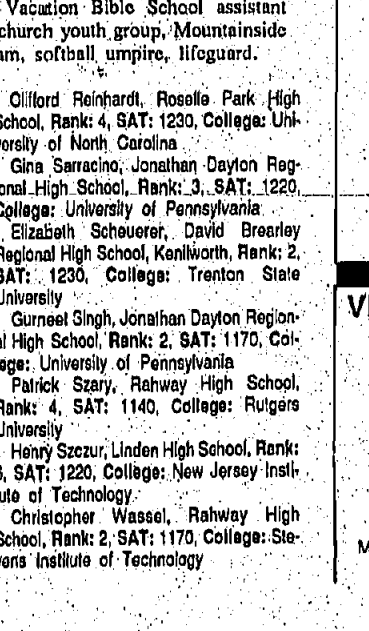
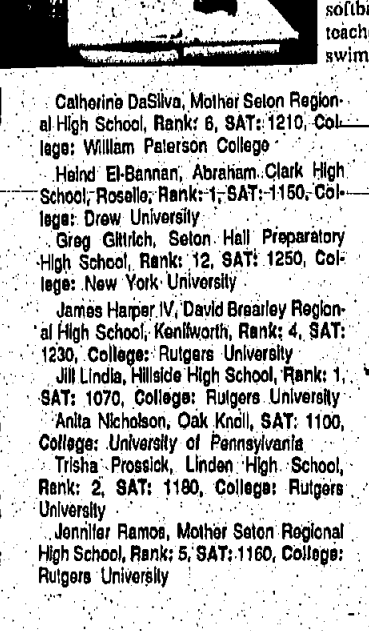
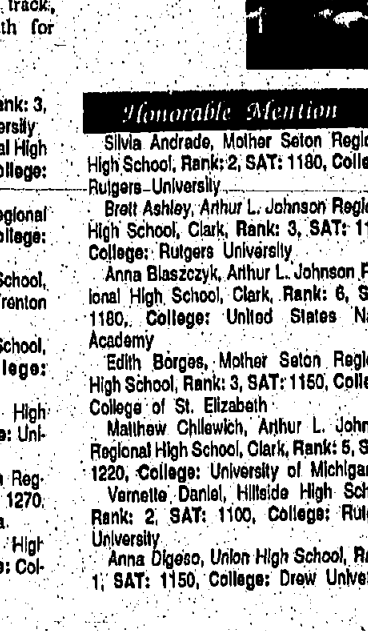
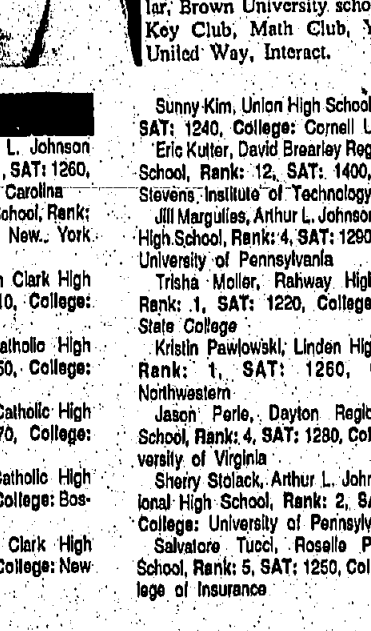
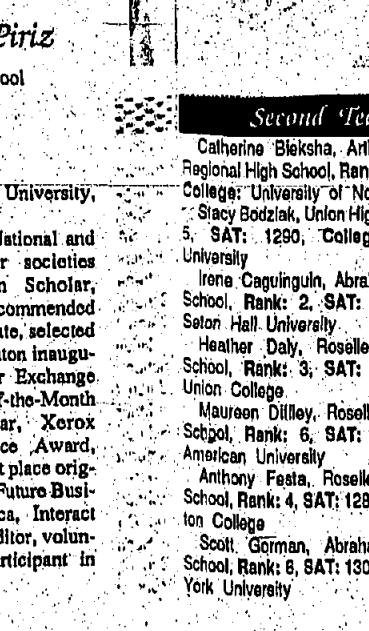
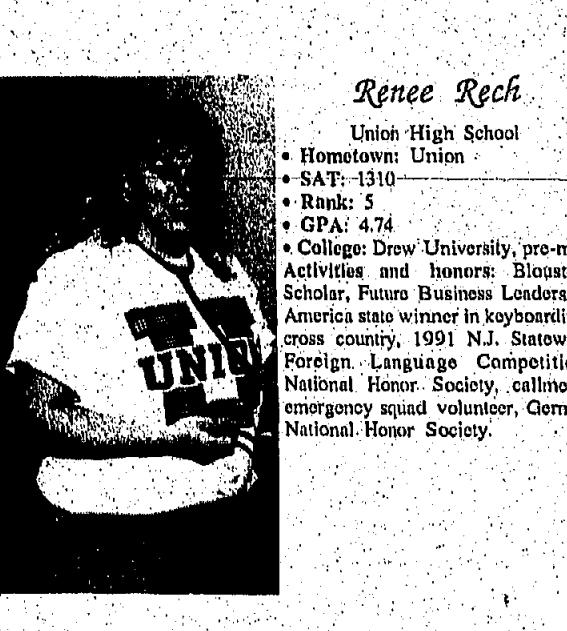


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• GPA: 4.82  
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## Not a typical role model

Congratulations are in order for Jonathan Dayton Regional High School for finding and introducing its students to a unique role model, someone they can admire and emulate. The role model is a blind athlete, Rick Ruffalo, who spoke at the school last week. Ruffalo is not a typical role model, someone who makes millions of dollars per year endorsing products and having their face in every advertising message. Ruffalo works hard and perseveres and hopes that by expressing himself to students, such as those at Jonathan Dayton, he will make a positive difference in their lives.

Ruffalo, an educator and athlete, lost his sight to retinitis pigmentosa when he was 30 years old. He could have given up, but that was not what he did. This hero earned numerous awards and honors for his work in academics and athletics, including winning the Gold Medal for the United States in Seoul, South Korea.

Ruffalo beat the odds, and he doesn't stop. He has taken his life experiences and inspirational spirit on the road to motivate others. He encourages students to become role models themselves and to help others. The high standards he has set for himself should be commended, and so should the Board of Education for introducing him to the students. We need more people like Ruffalo and more educational systems that recognize the need for positive role models.

"Free speech is the safety valve for abnormal times."

—Joseph I. France

## Letters to the editor

### Thanks for saving cat's life

To the Editor:  
I want to thank Officer William Sedlack of the Springfield Police Department for saving my cat's life. Officer Sedlack responded to a call from my home. By using a snare he was able to rescue my cat from choking on her flea collar. My cat was in great pain. Officer Sedlack is a great man and a great officer. He should be rewarded for saving a life because he will always be a big part of mine.

Peter Joseph  
Springfield

### Children must be held accountable

To the Editor:  
On June 2 at approximately 3 p.m., I was traveling east on Charlton Street. As I approached Rolling Rock, I noticed three girls around 13 years of age walking in the street traveling west. One of them was carrying a Gei-Well ballroom. As I began to pass them, one of the girls threw a rock at my car. I was absolutely stunned. The girl, her companions and some boys who were riding on their bicycles would not give me their names or the name of the girl who threw the rock. I am very confident they all live in this area. I proceeded to the Mountaintop police station and filed a report with the officer on duty. At present this incident is under investigation.

I thank God and consider myself lucky that I was not hurt. Of course, I would like the damage to my car fixed. Children should be held accountable for their actions. I would appreciate any one who saw the incident to please contact Detective Stephen Semancik at the Mountaintop police station. It would be in your best interest, as anyone can be the next victim.

Audrey Silverman  
Springfield

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## Regional board's decision remains arbitrary

I am writing this letter for many reasons: frustration, anger, dislike, anxiety, and pride and belief in the children of Kenilworth. Two weeks ago, the hearing of Janet Olynyk and more than 100 members of the Union County Regional Board of Education concluded. I realized at its conclusion that the Union County Regional Board was not only arbitrary in its decision of Nov. 17, 1992 to close David Brearley but was also arbitrary in defending its case in the Administrative Law building, and continues to be arbitrary in making the decisions that will affect the education and future well-being of our children. I cannot believe that this is how we are making up this regional district are not as outraged as we in Kenilworth are.

The Board of Education makes decisions without any public discussions and thought. They have no understanding of cost-containment, nor do they think they are accountable to the citizens that make up this district. They feel accountable only to themselves.

We have seen votes taken without knowledge of what is being done in the decision. We've seen spending that is insulting to say the least. Facts are used to their advantage and left unexplained. For example, when asked at a recent board meeting if the 17 teachers who took the early retirement incentive would be replaced, the answer was "Yes." In a recent article in the *Journal*, the teachers were shown defending themselves as to why no money was saved by closing a school and no teachers were eliminated. Mr. Long was quoted as saying, "Seventeen teachers took an early retirement incentive," end of quote. He did not mention that they would be replaced.

In an article in the *Kenilworth Leader* on May 20, Mr. Schwartz, the Union County Regional Board attorney was quoted as saying, "The regional board has acted in the communities' best interests," and he also was quoted, "The board really cares about Kenilworth." I take great exception to those statements. Talk to the children who are refusing to go to school next year, or to the children who are not replaced.

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As her enthusiastic supporters cheered "Jim must go Jim must go" at a June election night victory bash, GOP gubernatorial nominee Christine Whitman responded, "We'll do it. And we're going to do it based on the issues and appealing to the people that it's time for a change."

About the same time, Jim Florio was telling more than 1,000 loyal Democrats that he, too, was looking forward to an "issue-oriented" campaign in which Mrs. Whitman—who has continually harped on the 1990 Florida tax hike—would tell voters how "we" would have the "issue-oriented" campaign. "Change" and irresponsible hyperbole is that that work.

The logic of most high-priced campaign gurus like Jim Carville (Florida) and Ed Rollins (Whitman) is that the best way to build up your candidate is to tear down your opponent. This philosophy is particularly true for Florio, who will do all he can to get voters' minds off tax hikes and other things.

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OK, you figure Florio is the toughest ex-cop from Brooklyn. He's used to occasional hits below the belt, but what about the well-bred lady from Par Hills? No need to worry, we have been assured by her handlers that Whitman is ready to fight back in whatever way she needs to. She may say she wants to discuss her ideas for our state's future, but in reality, she figures there's a bigger payoff in just whaling away at Florio and his tax hike.

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## Be Our Guest

By Janet Glynn

receiving progress reports, who never received one before in their life. Talk to the students who can't sleep, eat or think of anything but Kenilworth. They are in September, only wanting to attend David Brearley. Talk to the residents of Kenilworth who are feeling a loss that is hard to explain, not only because of the school closing but because we know how arbitrarily the decision was made.

The board cares about Kenilworth? I would never dream something or someone that I care about like this board has done to Kenilworth, and continues to do to Kenilworth: principals who come to our schools and promise our children the world, knowing full well that their promises will never happen; people moving things out of David Brearley every day, dismantling the school; teachers who tell us that they are staying in the school. I like it to putting a knife in someone's back and then continuing to twist it. Another example: Mr. Schwartz, who says we are the best school in the county. He says the board cares about Kenilworth. The board's decision to allow students to pick between two schools as to which school they will attend, only added to the strain of attending a school. Do they follow their coaches, their friends or their brothers? Do they follow their friends or their siblings? Brothers and sisters may not be attending the same school, especially since incoming freshmen were not given any choice. Families have been torn apart. Another reasonable decision by this board?

They invite our students to spend a day at Dayton in Springfield, provide an agenda and then have our students sign up for sports and clubs without our knowledge, leaving out those students who do not wish to attend until a decision is made by a

## Issues? No, negative campaigns work better

By Steve Aduolo Jr.

The bottom-line is that the biggest reason most campaigns wind up dominated by personal attacks, simplistic slogans ("Road My Lip-No New Tax") and irresponsible hyperbole is that that work.

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## Country must make economic changes

By President Bill Clinton

On Feb. 17, I presented to our country a national economic strategy that will create jobs, increase incomes through investments in our future, and significantly reduce the deficit. This plan is tough and it requires real contributions from all Americans. This plan is now being considered in the U.S. Senate. The Senate's vote will determine whether we will invest in the economic future of our children and grandchildren or continue with the failed economic policies of the past 12 years.

This plan will improve America's long-term economic strength, the results of which we are already beginning to see. Once it becomes clear that we would take responsibility for bringing our deficit down, interest rates started to drop. If we can keep these interest rates down for a year, business analysts say we'll put over \$100 billion back into the economy—lowering interest rates on consumer, car, college, home, and business loans. This means more jobs for ordinary Americans, higher business profits, better consumer confidence, and more consumer spending—all of which strengthen our economy.

Last week, unemployment fell below 7 percent for the first time in a year and a half. In just the last four months, 755,000 new jobs were created. And last month, as mortgage rates hit a 20-year low, new home sales reached a seven-year high. We're moving in the right direction. If we get our priorities right and our government house in order, more people will be able to order houses for themselves. If we drive interest rates down, jobs and investment will keep going up.

## Be Our Guest

By President Bill Clinton

While nobody wants to pay additional taxes, the energy levy will add only a few dollars per month to household expenses. For the most part, we want to put in place the first big block of our welfare reform program. For the first time in American history, people who spend 40 hours a week and raise children in their homes will be lifted above the poverty line.

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## Cohen unseated as Democratic chairman; Brock takes reins

By Tom Canavan  
Editor

Summit attorney Kathryn Brock was elected chairperson of the Union County Democratic Committee during the group's reorganization meeting Tuesday night. Brock succeeded Neil Cohen, who was elected last year but threw his support to Brock's year in order to run his campaign for Assembly in the 20th Legislative District. Brock was unseated for the committee at press time, but Cohen said Tuesday that she is the first woman in the history of the state to be elected leader of a county committee.

Cohen said he was disappointed that he relinquished his chairmanship post because of the progress the county Democratic Party made during his term, but noted that Brock has made "purely loyal" for many years and will be an articulate voice for the county in all types of ways. Cohen was elected first vice chairman during the meeting and will remain active with the committee while making a bid for the Assembly seat.

## Be Our Guest

By Scott Welner

Motor vehicles emit millions of tons of pollutants into the nation's air each year. In many urban areas, they are the single greatest contributor to ground-level ozone, the most serious air pollution problem in our region. Pollutants in air emissions can cause a number of health problems, including respiratory difficulties and cancer, and also contribute to the environmental problems of acid rain and global warming.

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## Filling station to serve county needs

By Joseph D'Allegro  
Staff Writer

Union County officials recently celebrated the opening of a new natural gas filling station on North Avenue in Westfield. It is the first county-run station of its kind in New Jersey. The \$100,000 facility was donated to the county by Elizabethtown Gas Co. It will serve the county's growing fleet of alternative-fueled vehicles. For many years, the county has had a fleet of alternative-fueled vehicles used by the Sheriff's Department. These were converted to natural gas last year at a cost of \$3,200 each. The new station will allow the county to give out 90 percent less carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide into the atmosphere than gasoline or diesel engines. It also will allow the county to give out 90 percent less carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide into the atmosphere than gasoline or diesel engines. It also will allow the county to give out 90 percent less carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide into the atmosphere than gasoline or diesel engines.

The converted vehicles will operate like regular ones regardless of which gas is being used, but the technology is new. Even if it were to be repaired, a venting system in the tank is designed to disperse the gas. "It's a transparent technology," Riecken said. "You don't notice that it's there."

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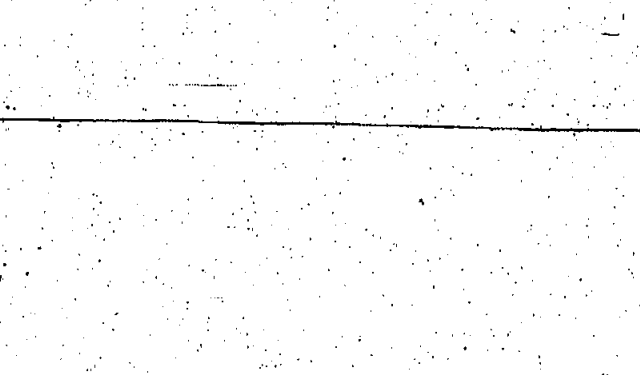
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investment on his company's part. Riecken said, "Union will be using our gas and it will set an example for other municipalities to follow. The county does not have to pay federal taxes on fuel and thus pays about 80 cents a gallon for its gasoline. The price of a natural gas will be about the same. "This is a great opportunity for us to show that Union County can work with the differences in our air quality and the needs of the residents," Kelly said.

## Learn the driving tips that make difference

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## Homeownership usually a good investment

By Scott Welner

Before buying a home, the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants recommends that you take the time to explore other housing alternatives and to consider how such a purchase will affect your personal financial plan and lifestyle goals.

For some people, no matter how low interest rates fall, renting makes the most sense. Choosing to rent from you from worries about property value declining and from incurring the costs associated with buying or selling a home. Instead of tying up your money in the down payment for a house, you can place it in other investment vehicles that might offer you greater liquidity or a higher rate of return. What's more, because you can simply move when your lease expires, renting also gives you increased flexibility. If you're not sure you want to buy, you're not being responsible.

## Money Management

By Scott Welner

When you sell your home, you not only have the opportunity to make a profit, you can also shelter that profit from taxes. To defer the capital gains tax, you must sell your principal residence and buy and use a new one within two years before or after the date of the sale.

If you are at least 55 years old, have owned and lived in the home for at least one year, you may be eligible for a one-time exclusion of up to \$125,000 of gain (\$250,000 if married filing separately) realized on the sale of your principal residence. To qualify for this exclusion, you must have owned and used the house as your principal residence for a total of three of the previous five years before the sale.

Finally, homeowners have the option of borrowing against the equity in their homes. What's more, you can take a tax deduction for the interest on

at an amount less than the purchase price. And, if you do lose money on the sale of your home, you may not take a tax deduction for the loss.

Despite these advantages, CPAs suggest that in most instances homeownership is still a smart investment. As long as real estate appreciation at least keeps pace with inflation, purchasing a home will allow you to accumulate wealth and give you the security that comes from knowing you own the roof over your head.

Money Management is a weekly column on personal finance distributed by the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants.

## Franks to boost state coverage

By Scott Welner

U.S. Rep. Bob Franks, R-7, announced the formation of the Coalition for New Jersey News to promote greater coverage of New Jersey news by commercial television stations based in New York City and Philadelphia. During a press conference last week, Franks was joined by representatives of some of the state's leading business and civic and community organizations who all share the same concern that New Jersey news and issues are being shortchanged by Philadelphia and New York City television. Rep. Bob Franks, R-7, is serving as co-chairman of the coalition with Franks. "Despite the fact that 30 percent of their viewing audience lives in New Jersey, the New York City and Philadelphia television stations still treat our state like the poor step-child-Franks said. A state with a population of 7.7 million people receives only token news coverage from the two dominant markets. It's clear that when it comes to television, there's a news vacuum in New Jersey. "We would like the goal of the coalition is to convince the New York City and Philadelphia based television stations to devote more of their air time to covering news and issues facing the people of New Jersey."







lifestyle



Cindy White and Joseph Erickson

stork club

Harrison Alexander Slater

A son, Harrison Alexander, was born April 9 in Overlook Hospital, Summit, to Leslie Dickinson and Mitchell Slater of Westfield.

Maternal grandparents are Arvone and Kenneth Dickinson of West Bloomfield, Mich. Paternal grandparents are Beatrice and Jack Slater of Springfield.

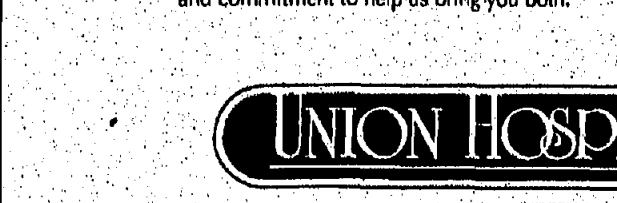
Sally Ann Johnston
A 6-pound, 13-ounce daughter, Sally Ann, was born May 25 in Overlook Hospital, Summit, to Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Johnston of Springfield.

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Engagement

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The bride-elect, who was graduated from Syracuse University, where she received a bachelor's degree in graphic design, is proprietor of her own graphic design business.

Her fiancé was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in Eau Claire, where he received a bachelor's degree in geology, Northern Illinois University, where he received a master's degree in finance and marketing, and the University of Texas, where he received a master of business administration in finance and marketing.

An August wedding is planned in Houston.

clubs in the news

The North Jersey Association of Female Executives will hold its monthly dinner meeting today at the Gallatin-Hill Inn-Union.

The evening will begin at 6 o'clock with an hour of networking, followed by a buffet dinner and a presentation of "New Roles in Leadership" by Maryann Hodas.

For further information one can call 548-5559, Ext. 4455.

religion

A host to homeless

Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, will be host to homeless families during the week of June 20 to 27. This will be the second of two weeks that the temple has participated in this program during 1993 as part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Union County.

The availability of about 28 additional beds located in the suburbs has become significant. According to John Schlager, social action chairman of the temple, "It is not only the homeless guests that benefit." During Sha'arey Shalom's last host week in January, 70 congregations — and some of their children — helped with the cooking, serving, overnight sleeping arrangements and driving.

The Kadima officers are: president, Nicole Loupis, and vice-presidents, religious, Maria Feigenbaum, program, Scott Sambar, social, Evan Fischbein, and communications, Sara Naggar.

Reception planned

Both Mesdres Goveha of Lakewood, The Rabbi Aaron Kotler Institute for Advanced Learning, will hold its annual reception at Congregation

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A Night in Israel

"A Night in Israel" will be the theme of Temple Beth Ahm's cantor's concert and Israeli Cafe Night to be held Saturday in the synagogue, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield.

Installation is held

Officers for the 1993-94 year at Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield, were installed on May 17.

For United Synagogue Youth, the officers are president, Brad Egenberg; vice-presidents, social executive, Carrie Fischbein, religious executive, Jay Falgenbaum, social action, Leah Kaplan and Jeff Schwarcz; programing, Amy Lipman and Stacy Sherman; membership, Ilyse Gerber and Peter Kay; communications, Amy Kirsch, and board chairman, Michelle Naggar.

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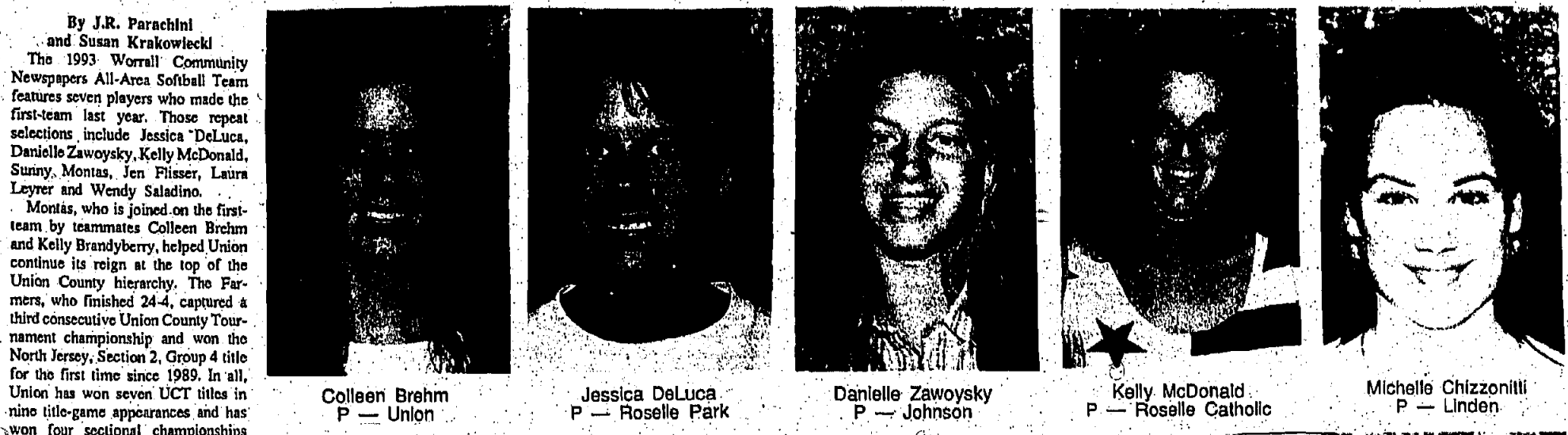
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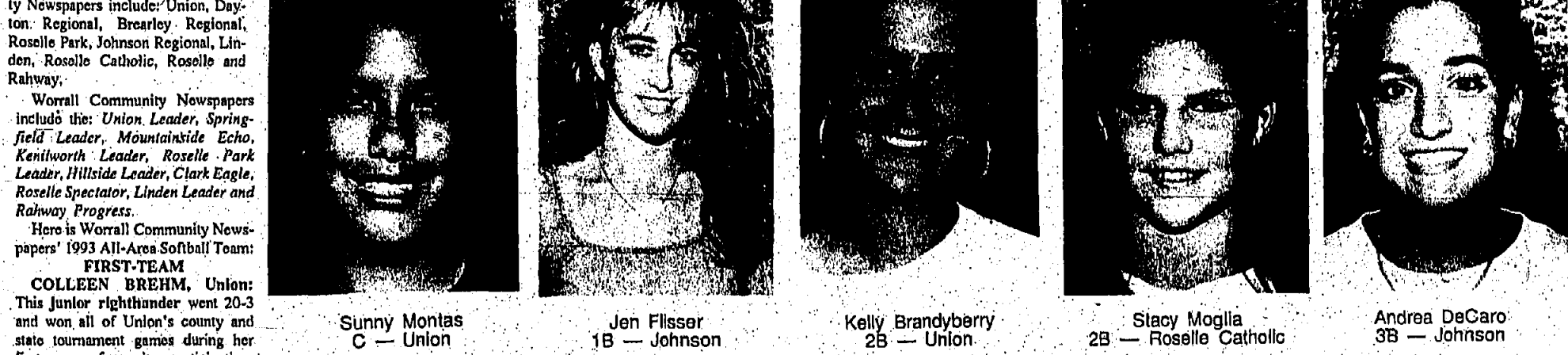
SPORTS

All-Area Softball Team has familiar look

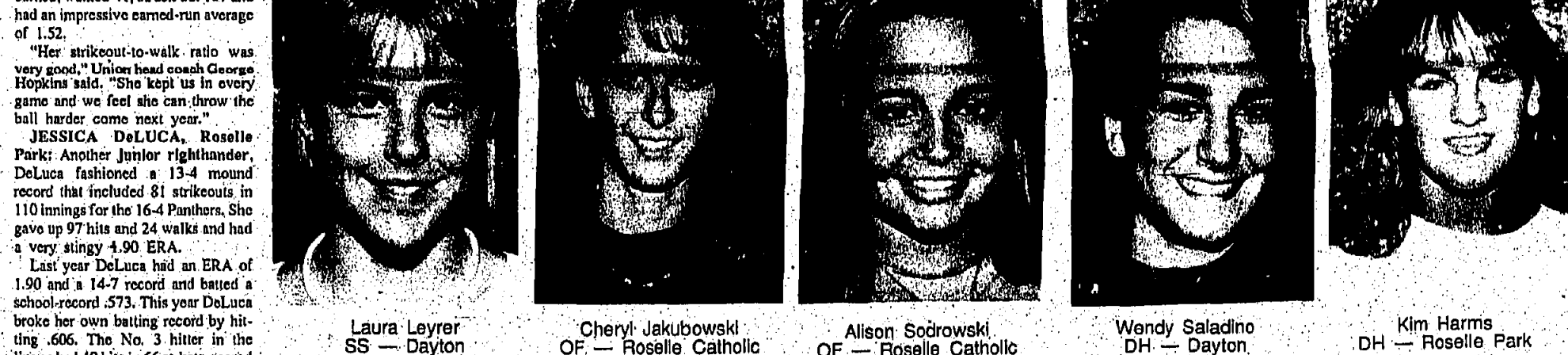
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Worrall Community Newspapers include the Union Leader, Springfield, Roselle Catholic, Roselle and Rahway Progress. Here is Worrall Community Newspapers' 1993 All-Area Softball Team: FIRST-TEAM COLLEEN BREHM, Union; JESSICA DELUCA, Roselle Park; DANIELLE ZAWOYSKY, Johnson; SUNNY MONTAS, Union; JEN FLISSER, Johnson; KELLY BRANDYBERRY, Union; STACY MOGLIA, Roselle Catholic; ANDREA DECARO, Johnson; LAURA LEYRER, Dayton Regional; WENDY SALADINO, Dayton; KIM HARMS, Roselle Park.

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Second-Team P-Jen Martel, Rahway; Renee Smythe, Roselle; Chris Rafallo, Rahway; Kristina Miller, Rahway; Allison Placca, Roselle Park; Kristin Grady, Johnson; Linda Canale, Rahway; Teri Boggs, Roselle Park; Casey Della Salla, Union; Kristine Vorndran, Roselle Park; Debbie Neschner, Dayton; Tina Miller, Rahway; Nicole Martino, Union; Emily Francon, Dayton.

Honorable Mention Linda Rapczynski, Breatley; Tina Kaufman, Breatley; Melissa Tonn, Breatley; Heather Furstenburg, Breatley; Kristin Alvarez, Union; Jennifer Florio, Union; Christina Duca, Union; Alyson Nitche, Roselle Park; Jamie Fuzo, Roselle Park; Mandy Boggs, Roselle Park; Christine Salloni, Dayton; Jessica Sorfanco, Johnson; Kelly Nock, Roselle Catholic; Lori Bens, Linden; Jessica Sheely, Linden; Danielle Moore, Roselle; Karina Woodard, Roselle; Karina Tse, Roselle.

All-Area Baseball next week. Worrall Community Newspapers will conclude its high school sports coverage for the 1992-93 academic year by publishing its 1993 All-Area Baseball Team in next week's editions.

One of the top players in the area, Roselle Park senior outfielder-pitcher Jerry Russo, competed in two NSIAA All-Star games last Saturday at Princeton University.



# Cubs push Pirates past the plank

The following are results of Mountainide Youth Baseball League games played last week:

**MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYOFFS**  
Cubs 8, Pirates 3: All of the Cubs' strength was in their championship game of the playoffs as they beat the Pirates in an exciting final to win the playoff championship. The game was tightly contested throughout until the Cubs scored three runs in the top of the sixth inning to take an 8-3 lead.

Hank Hansen blasted an over-the-shoulder home run, as well as contributing a double and a single to lead the Cubs' hitting attack. George Towell drove in the go-ahead run with a sharp single to left. Towell also stole two bases and scored a run. Even Chiswick blasted a double to drive in another run. John Jungeneer doubled for the

## Mountainside Y.B.L.

Cubs played a fine defensive game at first base.

Josh Zawack and Dennis Hadden also had hits for the winners. Billy Stouling had two hits for the Pirates and was a terror on the basepaths with his patented delayed steals.

Robbie Hopkins, Chris McPherson and Michael Lauricella had two hits apiece for the Pirates. Derrick Whittemore went the distance for the Cubs, striking out 13 and getting outstanding defensive play from his teammates.

Cubs 6, Orioles 11: The Cubs continued their mini-winning streak by whipping the Orioles to advance to the championship game of the play-

offs. Cubs pitchers Patrick Collins and Derrick Whittemore faced only two batters and combined for 13 strikeouts. The Cubs exploded in the first inning for five runs and the Orioles could not catch them. Danny Hadden and Whittemore had two hits and two RBIs for the Cubs. Josh Zawack also had two hits and scored twice. Clint King had the only Orioles hit, a solo home run in the fourth inning. Keith Jensen made a pro-style play at second base when he went into the hole toward second to backhand a hard grounder and threw the runner out at first.

Cubs 5, Mets 3: The Cubs gained the last playoff spot by beating the Mets behind the pitching of Derrick Whittemore and Patrick Collins. Ryan McManis had two hits and drove in two runs for the Cubs. Josh Zaw-

ack played a fine defensive game at second base for the Cubs. James Her- man had two hits for the Mets and Chris Blalitt pitched well in this closely fought contest.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE PLAY-**  
Yankees 13, Angels 5: The Yankees whipped the Angels in the first game of the series, which required two days to play. The first four innings ended in a 5-5 tie, but the Yankees scored 11 runs after one additional inning.

For the winners, Joe Cosselli singled with two outs in the first, followed by Ken Sullivan single. John Stanton and Ryan Peralta had RBIs to bring home Cosselli and Sullivan. Frank Palumbo also contributed a single.

The Angels scored one run in the

first inning after Stephen Kress singled and scored on a single by Timmy Britt. In the second inning, Kerry Kolanko of the Yankees doubled and scored on Michael Boyce's fielder's choice.

The Angels came back with singles by Allen Giller, Jason Kurz, Andrew Thomas and Joe Nicastro. Greg Zimmerman tripled to score Giller and Kurz. Zimmerman was brought home by Thomas.

Yankee pitchers held the Angels to these five runs for the remaining innings. Kolanko singled and scored on a walk by John Bodenbach in the fourth. Mark Santos walked and scored when Jennifer Punsal was hit by a pitch.

In the tie-breaking inning the following day, Sullivan led off with a walk, followed by a single by Stan-

man and a walk to Feller. Palumbo was hit by a pitch which brought in Sullivan. Kevin Guidiciopietro singled to score Stanton.

Kolanko walked followed by a walk to Santos. Since this was the fourth walk, Santos had to go back up to the plate and hit off the tee. He singled to bring in Feller and Palumbo. Boyce also hit off the tee and drove in Guidiciopietro on a fielder's choice.

Bodenbach and Ciamelli both hit off the tee, bringing home Kolanko, Santos and Bodenbach. Thomas, playing shortstop, made an unassisted double play for the victors. Britt, Thomas, Nicholas Perez-Santalla and Nicastro pitched for the Angels.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Richard White as Phantom at Mill is a stunning, powerful performer

By Bea Smith  
Lifestyle Editor

The impact on the Paper Mill audience in Millburn of Richard White's stunning, powerful performance of the title role in the Arthur Kopit-Minyon musical, "Phantom," is enough to give him a standing ovation after every show. For while the excellent and rather large cast in this outstanding production, based on the 1911 novel "Phantom of the Opera" by Gaston Leroux, also deserves accolades, it is White who is absolutely smashing as the mysterious, masked opera mentor who lurks in the haunted bowels of an old opera house.

Through the years, Leroux's strange novel has been brought to the screen in various forms, from the silent film with Lon Chaney, through the classic, Claus Rains' movie, a recent television mini-series in which Kopit wrote the screenplay, the theatrical success of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Broadway musical, and now the Paper Mill production, which was originally produced in the United States at the Theater Under the Stars in Houston, Texas. Each version, however, had its own character, its own personality, its own interpretation of the fascinating Leroux story.

The Kopit and Minyon version of the story has offered a more personal glimpse into the complex life of the Phantom, or Erik, as he is known to a few. And in words and music melodic and appropriate to the telling of the story, the Phantom's psyche is "unmasked."

As the story unfolds, along the Avenue L Opera, the audience first comes into contact with Christine, wonderfully played by Marie-Laurence Danvers, a beautiful and lovely-voiced young woman who tells her music on the streets of Paris, singing "Melodie de Paris." She encounters the Count Philippe de Chandon, expertly portrayed by Paul Schoeffler, a rogue who offers her his



Christine Implores the Phantom to unmask himself with her song "My True Love." In a scene from "Phantom," which has extended its run at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, through July 25, Richard White plays the title role and Marie-Laurence Danvers is his tragic love, Christine.

whose acting abilities are equal to his great operatic voice: are the precisely articulated Larry Grey as Inspector Ledoux, Michael Hayward-Jones as Jean-Claude, Christiane Fan as the dancing Hollaude, and Kirk Ryder as young Carriere. One of the most difficult tasks for an actress with a beautiful operatic voice is to attempt to deliberately sing with some screeching and occasionally off-key. And credit must be given to the marvellously talented Allison, whose vigorous, intimidating presence as the Diva brings comic relief to some frightening and rather gloomy moments.

Paper Mill's artistic director, Robert Johnson, calls the shots on this magnificent production and has an immensely challenging directorial vision. He says, "The Phantom is a talented young man comes through with flying colors.

And, of course, there is the awe-inspiring, overwhelming scenery provided by scenic designer Michael Anania, who in the minds of many is the real star of the Paper Mill Playhouse. His scenic design, with its shades of grays and browns and black, is an absolute work of art: the cloudy, foggy gloom of the dampness and the grand beauty of the old theater, the misty river in which the Phantom maneuvers his boat, and the uppermost levels backstage with its aqueduct, catwalks, dangerous stairways and ducts, sootied walls. Even the dressing rooms are tiny,

but they are so well lit and so well decorated that they seem to be part of the Phantom's world. The Phantom's mask is a masterpiece of art, and it is White who is extending its run for yet one more week?

## Music Under Stars' set

"Music Under the Stars," sponsored by the Union Recreation Department, and the United States Recording Companies, fund in whole or in part the instrumental music for this performance as arranged by Local

151, American Federation of Musicians, will be held at 8 p.m. on June 24 at Fifer Park behind the Municipal Building in Union.

Performing will be Warren Vaché featuring Dieland Music.

## Watercolors are shown

An exhibit of watercolors by Andy Clatone of Scotch Plains is on display at Children's Specialized Hospital, Montclair, throughout this month. Clatone specializes in depicting the outdoors and wildlife. He has received honors and awards, and his works have been used as illustrations in state magazines and calendars. He studied at the duCret School of Art in Plainfield.

Individuals or groups who plan to visit the display will be invited to the public Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., can enter the hospital's East Wing entrance, for evenings or weekends, one can contact the hospital's community resource coordinator, Shirley Begler, at 233-3720, Ext. 379.

The artist's works are for sale, with a portion benefiting Children's Specialized Hospital, New Providence Road, reportedly New Jersey's only comprehensive pediatric rehabilitation hospital.

## Bea Smith, Editor

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# Crew, Madcap, Mastapeter continue winning ways

In Kenilworth Women's Softball League action last Sunday, Cuning Crew trounced Poo's Tracking 14-2. Madcap Entertainment doubled Lefty's Hardware 5-1 and Mastapeter Funeral Home defeated Kenilworth PBA 6-1.

Cutting Crew 14, Poo's Tracking 2: In a game played at Blackbrook Park, Cuning Crew took a 1-0 lead in the first as Mary Helen singled and scored on a double by Lori Noonan and Dawn Joyce and added on a fielder's choice. Crew scored two more runs in the second as Margaret Elnoke and Joanne Jankunas singled and both

## Women's Softball

scored on a single by Nancy Scholten. Crew took a 3-0 lead in the third as Noonan walked, advanced on a double by Joyce and both scored on a fielder's choice. Helen walked and scored on a double by Lori Holmes to give Crew a 6-0 advantage after three innings.

Poo's advanced with two runs in the fourth as Dawn Croone walked, advanced on a single by Diana Lino-

ra and scored on a fielder's choice to Colleen Crisowski. Crisowski scored Poo's final run on a single by Michelle DeRocco.

Crew broke the game wide open in the fifth with runs, high by Joyce and homers from Scholten and Joyce and singles by Hanlon, Noonan and Joy Christodou.

Madcap Entertainment 5, Lefty's Hardware 1: Madcap took a 2-0 lead in the first inning in the game played at Bradley Regional High School. Lisa Hayde got things going with a single. She advanced when Doreen

Gillet got on base with a fielder's choice and both scored on two errors. Madcap added two runs in the sixth as Jean McComb doubled and scored on a fielder's choice hit by Debbie Penick. Madcap advanced on a fielder's choice by De Appezato and two unearned runs scored on errors, giving Madcap a 5-0 lead after six innings.

Lefty's thwarted the shutout bid by scoring in the seventh. Donna Lomono reached on a fielder's choice, advanced on a single by Andrea Casoni and Terry Sues and scored on a single by Patty Miller.

Judy Mack was the winning pitcher. Mastapeter added four insurance runs in the fifth on singles by Sharon Borsolino, Linda Kaiser, Rudowski, Gleason and Curtis and three errors. Kaiser was the winning pitcher.

Sunday's Schedule  
Blackbrook Park 6 p.m.: Poo's Tracking (2-4) vs. Lefty's Hardware (2-4).

Bradley Regional High School: Madcap Entertainment (3-3) vs. Atlantic Fish (0-4).

Harding School: Cuning Crew (4-2) vs. Mastapeter Funeral Home (6-0).

# Defending champion Installations cleans Mayfair 22-9

Defending champion Installations Unlimited continued its march to the semifinals by defeating Mayfair Cleaners 22-9 in Springfield Junior Baseball League playoff action.

Installations was forced to use six pitchers; Joe Flesch, Adam Cohen, Adam Winter, Josh Adlman, Brett Berger and Jeff Stapfer, to earn the win. Flesch threw two scoreless innings and Stapfer hurled the last three innings to earn his fourth win of the season.

In tying his season record to 11-2, Installations' offense was led by Marc Eisenstein, Sean Cahill, Joe Mare and Dan Donohy's grand slam. Russ Rahms was hit by a pitch three times for Installations.

## sports scene

The first-place winners are now eligible to compete at the New Jersey Hersey Track and Field State meet on Sunday, June 27 at Ocean Township High School in Oakhurst.

## Kenilworth Jets football registration

The Kenilworth Jets Pop Warner football team will hold its season registration on Friday from 5:30-9 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Recreation Center on 24th Street and the Boulevard (near depot).

All candidates must bring two recent school pictures and be accompanied by at least one parent or guardian. Five-year players must also bring a quality copy of their birth certificate and all must pay a \$30 registration fee.

Registration is open to any boy who was not on earlier than Jan. 1, 1987 and no later than Aug. 1, 1990.

Regardless of the outcome of the Bradley Regional High School situation, the territory that includes Garwood will remain under Kenilworth's jurisdiction as it has since 1972. Children who live in Garwood will not be allowed to participate in any other Pop Warner seasonal program.

The program is well supervised and expertly coached. Its only aim is the welfare of the children. The program stresses the importance of education, family and religion, while it teaches good sportsmanship and builds high self-esteem.

A new program will be instituted this year called the Mighty Mites. This is a full uniform, no tackle flag

## Summer Day Camp

The Springfield Recreation Department is still accepting registrations for the Summer Day Camp at the Springfield Pool for 1993.

The Day Camp is a 1.5 p.m. program, Monday through Friday, at the Springfield Pool. The program is available to pool members ages 7-10 as of June 1, 1993. The cost is \$175 per Springfield resident and \$250 per non-resident pool-member.

More information may be obtained by calling the Springfield Recreation Department at 908-912-2228 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

## Summer Day Camp

The Panther Instructional Baseball School

The Panther Instructional Baseball School, headed by Roselle Park High School baseball coach Jack Shaw, will take place July 12-16 at Roselle Park from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Roselle Park boys in grades 3-8, based on the 1992-93 school year, are eligible.

A complete instructional baseball school will be offered, designed to coach and develop baseball skills.

Panther Instructional Baseball School brochures are available at Roselle Park High School.

More information may be obtained by calling Shaw at work at 908-241-4550 or at home at 908-647-8055.

## Panther Pride Camp

The fifth annual Panther Pride Basketball Camp will be held from Monday, June 28 to Friday, July 2 at Roselle Park High School. Headed by Roselle Park varsity boys' basketball coach Pat Lally, the camp will be staffed by area high school coaches.

The camp hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and offer area boys and girls, grades 3 through 8 (1992-93 school year), an opportunity to learn skills and participate in individual and league competition. All participants will receive a free T-shirt.

For additional information or to register, contact Lally at 908-241-5848.

## Berkeley Bkb School

The Berkeley Basketball School, under the direction of Dayton Regional High School boys' basketball coach John Thiel and Governor Livingston coach Jerry Britt, will hold its 1993 season from Monday, June 28 to Friday, July 2. The session will take place at Governor Livingston Regional High School on Watchung Boulevard in Berkeley Heights.

The Berkeley Basketball School is open to boys and girls in grades 4 through 8.

For more information, contact Britt at 908-233-7324 or Thiel at 908-273-2562.

## Brno first twice

Victoria Brno finished first in two events and second in another to lead the Springfield Youth track team at the District 3 Hersey's Track and Field meet in Scotch Plains June 3.

Brno was one of a host of local winners who excelled at the county meet. She won the 9-10 girls 50 and 100-meter dash events.

Maggie Zambolla and Brno tied for second in the 9-10 girls long jump. Zambolla also finished third in the 9-10 girls 100-meter dash.

Christina Puno took a first in the 9-10 softball throw. Marib Zambolla finished second in the 1-12 girls softball throw.

The Scott Beckelman won the 11-12 boys softball event. Alay Vigilante placed second and Stephano Sarracino third in the 9-10 boys softball throw.

Other youngsters who represented a strong Springfield group were Jamie Haganan, Rachel Tis, Joey Parter, Adam Stock, Kris Seebis, Anita Vigilante and Joshua Giamas.

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## AIDS benefit play held

The Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, recently held an AIDS benefit performance of "My Fair Lady," which raised \$42,175. Proceeds were donated to Actor's Equity Fight AIDS/Broadway Cares, the Iyachnik Foundation, a New Jersey-based organization, which assists AIDS patients and their families, and the Infusion Clinic at University Hospital, Newark.

Angelo Del Rossi, executive producer of the Paper Mill Playhouse, said, "We will continue to do our part to help those individuals who desperately need our support in the fight against AIDS, and when a cure is found, we'll turn our pins and ribbons upside down to show the letter 'V' for victory."

Contributors also donated its parking fees.

This was the Paper Mill's ninth AIDS benefit performance, making a combined total of more than \$248,000 donated to fight against this tragic disease," it was reported.

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# Joe Lugara of Union, self-taught, is successful in both art, writing

By Ben Smith  
Lifestyle Editor  
It can be a great life for someone who is talented in both writing and art and achieves a measure of success in both. And when this success is achieved with no formal training in either field, it is quite remarkable.

Take Joe Lugara of Union for example. The 30-year-old, interesting-looking artist-writer, who has an exhibition of 16 small works in oil, ink and watercolor, "Types," on exhibition at ADP Corporate Headquarters, Roseland, currently through July 1, is self-taught. He also is a draftsman.

"I was graduated from Union High School and Seton Hall University, where I majored in communications," he said during a recent visit to this office. "but as far as my career is concerned, I'm self-taught. I did take art courses in high school and college, and they were strictly academic, but valuable. There was a teacher in Union High School, who has since retired, named Marry Solomon, who had a great admiration for my ability, but I never paid serious attention."

"In fact," Lugara mused, "I never even thought about art at all, from the time I was a youngster, and we moved to Union from Newark. I always wanted to be a writer. Later, I was a practicing freelance writer, and to this day, I'm still writing. I've never stopped writing," he declared, "and I don't anticipate ever stopping. My first story short, 'Black,' is scheduled for publication this summer in the literary journal 'Oxalis.'"

Lugara also manages to work part time for the MetLife Co. in Plainfield. "It's strictly office work, but it gives

me plenty of time to paint my pictures. How I got to be an artist," he laughed, "was when, some years ago, my father wanted to paint, and before I knew it, I started to paint with his equipment. And I just kept going. Five years ago, I thought the time was right for me, and last year, I felt I could strike the major markets."

"I had submitted a portfolio to Agora Galleries in SoHo, New York City, and Michael Hunt Goltzack, the director, and Miki K. Shalit, the executive director, after a second consideration, accepted me. They represent me now. I was very surprised to get a media New York Gallery would accept me on my second attempt. I really consider myself very lucky."

Lugara who exhibited his work at the Montclair Women's Club in 1986, the Art Age Gallery in 1988, and last year, at the ADP Corporate Headquarters, explained that he has an upcoming exhibition this autumn at Agora Galleries in a group show. "My big thing right now is participating in a group show. I did a series of paintings, nine stereotypical portraits, and the 10th one is in the planning stage."

"I work with oil, watercolor, which I combine with black ink and ink drawings, which I make with a twig," he said.

"I found the twig on the ground one day, and I've been working with twigs ever since. They're great if you pull them in one direction, you get a very fluid line—in the opposite direction, you get a very sketchy, nervous line—very edgy. That's the major difference in my paintings."

"I also want to do some baseball pictures in oils—landscapes, por-



Artist poses with his work of art. Joe Lugara of Union shows off one of his paintings on the wall of his living room. He is exhibiting 16 small works in oil, ink and watercolor, "Types," at ADP Corporate Headquarters, Roseland, through July 1.

traits—I try not to do what's expected, and I stay away from action pictures. The way I feel, if you're going to make a picture, show it from a different perspective, otherwise there's no point in doing it."

"The artist explained that 'Automatic Data Process Co. has invited me to exhibit on two occasions. They have good space to show pictures. And I'm very happy to be there in a small works exhibit, about 20 inches or less."

Lugara described himself as "primarily a representational artist. I work in various levels of abstraction, but in the main, I'm representational. I've worked with pure abstraction, but every representational artist takes abstraction at one time or another, the same way a prose writer takes a crack at poetry. I believe," he smiled, "any artist who claims never to have painted an abstraction is a liar."

Lugara's studio is in the cellar of the home he shares with his parents, Tony and Joan Lugara, in Union. "I work in my cellar," he said. "It has a relatively low ceiling, but I've learned to cope with it," he chuckled. "My two cats come down to keep me company. I've done a couple of drawings of them. Sam has appeared in still life. I made him like And Bonters, and we have similar dispositions, and I have some small drawings of him. Actually, my pictures of cats are very limited. I've done a few. My favorite subject is the figure. I do portraits as well. I'm so concerned with the body that it takes me

away from landscape and still life. And I still would like to do more, but there's so much to be done with people. I do not do commission portraits, however, under any circumstances," he said. "I have maybe 400 drawings and watercolors, maybe 50 paintings of various sizes."

Lugara said that when he was in college, "I made some 16mm films. Films are very visual. It's like painting in motion, but it's an entirely different craft. I love filmmaking, but in painting, you have more control. There's no filming process, and no one can tell you where to mark the canvas. I love that kind of control," he declared.

"My parents and my sister, Beth, like my being an artist. I think that they are enjoying my recent success. They've always been tremendously supportive. 'I'll tell you,' he sighed, "I didn't had their support. I might not be here to talk about my career. You have to be in New York for several seasons to see if you're really going to make it," Lugara said. "It has to maintain the best quality I can. It's much easier now."

"It's been my experience," he added, "that the best creative work is the kind that looks like it's on the brink of spilling out of control. On the brink. Going over the edge gives you nothing. Van Gogh had extraordinary control. The watercolor artist Emilio Noddi never to have painted a line, and it's hard to walk."

"But," he said enthusiastically, "I'm so excited about this."

## Jewish Night slated in Echo Lake Park

The Middle East's musical heritage will be highlighted at the Wednesday installment of the Union County Summer Arts Festival. According to an announcement issued by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Jewish Heritage Night will feature Avram Pargaz and the Noga Group.

Jewish Heritage Night will be held in Echo Lake Park, located off Route 22 East in Mountaintop. The concert is free of charge and will begin at 7:30 p.m. It is suggested that patrons bring lawn chairs or blankets. The main site is Crawford High School, West End Place, Cranford.

"These performers enjoy tremendous popularity in the New York Metropolitan area," said James Keefe, freeholder liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. "Led by the magnificent voice of Avram Pargaz, concertgoers will be treated to a wonderful evening of quality family entertainment under the stars."

"Noga's music sounds out as a unique sampling of the authentic sounds of the Middle East," said Ann Baran, county manager. "They will be performing popular hits from Israeli songs featuring exotic Greek melodies, pulsating Latin numbers, traditional Yiddish tunes, captivating Arabic rhythms and a scintillating, limitless range of international favorites. I hope everyone will join us for this fun-filled evening of music and dance."

Pargaz, musical arranger, lead guitarist and bouzouki virtuoso, leads this band of concerters representing musical heritages "as diverse as their homelands." Every member of the group is a versatile and accomplished musician, delivering inspiring vocals accompanied by guitar, oud, bouzouki and keyboard.

Noga has made annual appearances sponsored by the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, repeated engagements at the West Side Jewish Arts Festival, and perfor-

## Symposium slated on 'Phantom' play

The Paper Mill Playhouse Guild, Millburn, will hold a backstage/ontage symposium featuring Arthur Koppl, who wrote the book, and Maury Yeston, who wrote the music and lyrics, creators of "Phantom," Paper Mill's current musical. The symposium, which will be open to the public, will take place Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the theater's auditorium.

Koppl and Yeston's collaboration on "Phantom," began in 1982, shortly after they won the Tony award for Best Musical for "Milk and Honey." It was soon after the two had met. Andrew Lloyd Webber announced plans to produce a musical based on the same novel, Gaston Leroux's "The Phantom of the Opera." Webber's show received a massive financial backing, leaving Koppl and Yeston without a means to produce their version. Once Koppl and Yeston saw Webber's production, they realized that their approach to the material was fundamentally different, and that they two shows could co-exist. They continued working, and in January, 1991, "Phantom's" Theater Under the Stars presented the world premiere of "Phantom."

In addition to Koppl and Yeston, attendees at the Guild's symposium will have an opportunity to talk to the director, Robert Johnson; the set designer, Michael Annala; and various artists in the show. Highlights will include an explanation of the falling chandelier, pyrotechnics and costumes.

## FAIR

**SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 1993**  
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ORGANIZATION: Township Presbyterian Church.

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PLACE: 40th Street and Prospect Ave., Irvington, NJ  
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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 1993**  
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PLACE: American Red Cross Thrift Shop, 203 West Jersey St., Elizabeth, NJ  
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ORGANIZATION: American Red Cross, Eastern Union County Chapter.

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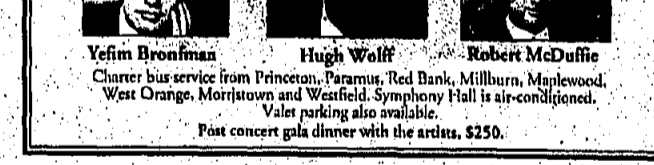
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Art scholarships are awarded. The 1992 Festival on the Green Committee awarded \$500 art scholarships to two Union High School students. From left are Alvin Kessler, executive director of the Union Township Chamber of Commerce; David Kessler, winner; Arlene Schorr, principal of Hamilton School and member of the Festival on the Green Committee; Sylvia Rozorska, winner, and Tony Giordano, 1992 chairman of the Festival on the Green of Castle Ford.

## Teenagers to be honored

The Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs will sponsor a reception recognizing students whose art work is part of the Teen Arts Touring Exhibit and honoring sponsors of the 1993 Union County Teen Festival. The reception will take place today from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Board of Chosen Freeholders' meeting room, 6th floor of the Union County Administration Building, Elizabeth.

Also honored at the event will be volunteers and supporters of all other programs sponsored by the Office, a unit of the Division of Parks and Recreation. The Freeholders' meeting room is an accessible site. Reservations are requested, it was announced. One can call the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 558-2550. Relay service users can call 1-800-852-7899.

"The County is pleased to thank our dedicated and generous citizens and to recognize the students for their exceptional art work," said Linda Leo-Kelly, chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and liaison to the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. "The Teen Arts Exhibit is on view in the Freeholders' meeting room throughout June, and we do hope the public will take the opportunity to see this display of the crea-

## Music is good therapy



Music therapy encourages singing, dancing and reminiscing. Cornell Hall Convalescent Center, Union, recently arranged for a performance by All Seasons, a non-profit organization from Plainfield that provides free professional musical performances to groups of people who may have difficulty leaving their places of residence. Brian F. Dallow, executive director of Music for All Seasons, and Rena Fruchter, artistic director of the organization, both seated at the piano, performed selections by Brahms, Debussy and Schumann for the residents.

## Ukrainian Festival will feature stars from home on Saturday

The Garden State Arts Center, Holmdel, will hold its Heritage Festival from June to October. They are celebrating, with colorful costumes, traditional foods, sports competitions, dancers on the mall, ethnic arts and crafts exhibits and demonstrations in a natural park setting on the Arts Center grounds.

Started in 1971, the festivals, sponsored by the Cultural Center Fund, are now the main events of New Jersey's ethnic celebrations. Many of the festivals are developing theme and stage shows featuring "stars from the home-land." Proceeds of the festivals help support the Garden State Arts Center Cultural Fund's free programs for senior citizens, school children, the disabled and the disadvantaged, it was announced.

Corporate sponsors for this year's festival are Shoprite, AT&T and American Airlines. Shoprite will be in attendance with a special display. Gannett Outdoor also is a corporate sponsor, assisting in promoting all

festivals with billboard advertising. The 1993 spring festival are listed. The 19th annual Ukrainian Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20, at the Garden State Arts Center, Holmdel. The festival will feature games and prizes. The 3:30 p.m. stage show will highlight Ed Bynon's, the Dimka Choir, Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, Horns Pop Orchestra and Lovko Darko. Tickets range from \$6 for lawn seats to \$20 for box seats. Mail box is \$5. The 23rd annual Irish Festival will be held June 27, and Gerald Lenihan will serve as general chairman. The Rev. Theodore E. McLaughlin, of the Garden State Arts Center, will be the emcee. Full festival tickets are available by mail through the Arts Center office, P.O. Box 116, Holmdel, N.J. 07733.

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Plants can be obsessive

In the Garden
By Barbara Palmer Stern
There's a point in gardening, like any other hobby, I suppose, where one crosses the line between pastime and obsession. And one of the most common symptoms of having gone over the edge is an uncontrollable acquisitiveness when it comes to plants.

What's in an unusual variety, or more of an old favorite, some gardeners just can't say so. Unfortunately, unlike most hobbies, the gardener's collection can't simply be stored in the closet. They must be kept out in plain view — and full sun — as a constant reminder of one's excesses, until a place can be found for them. Sometimes, this can get to be like the child's game of musical chairs, where one plant is dug up to make room for a new one, which in turn displaces another plant, and so on.
While I readily admit to being obsessive about acquiring plants, when it comes to taking care of them, I'm strictly an occasional gardener. This is why I've become partial to very important to you. Be ready for opportunities. This is a good time for buying and/or selling. A boat to you is likely — praise and recognition will come your way. You will meet some interesting people this weekend.

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- Laura Ellen Ross - These are the best of times. Go for it - enjoy! You are the Best! Love, Mom & Dad.
- Congratulations to our family's graduate, Daniel Martynis from St. John's Ukrainian Catholic School Kindergarten and Natalia Saletka from Seton Hall.
- Congratulations to my daughter JoGina. I wish you love, happiness and success always and forever. I love you, Mom.
- Dear Billy with love and affection I congratulate you. I wish you happiness and health and a bright, successful future! Love Donna
- Congratulations! Deanna! We knew you could do it. Don't stop now, ready for the start!! Love, Len, Helen, Sasha, Charlie.
- Linda Lee Lozzino, Achiever, Seton Hall, Understanding, Cate, Comedian, Substantive, Smart, Sincere, She's A Success. Love Mom, Frank, Teddy, Danny, Gary.
- Silvia Lorena Masella. Reach for it all! Dare to dream. Dare to try. No goal is too distant. No star is too high. Love you, Dad.
- Congratulations Lori Lynn on your High School Graduation. We couldn't be prouder! Love Mom and Dad, John, Peter, Nana and PopPop.
- Congratulations! May you continue to be the strong, intelligent woman you were raised to be. God Bless You, Tammy.
- Crissy, May you always walk in sunshine, just all your dreams come true. We love you, Mom, Dad and Family.
- Congratulations! Mike, Love, Mom, Karen, Darrel, Ellen, Ed, Amy, Sheila, Andy, Tara, Jesse, Grandma, Anna, Bob and Peter or Laura.
- Adrienne Thomas. God Bless You. We are proud of you. Good luck at Johnson C. Smith University. Mom, Dad, Rosalind.
- Congratulations Melissa Love Aunt Kaitie, Karen, Darrel, Ellen, Ed, Amy, Mike, Sheila, Andy, Tara, Jesse and Peter or Laura.
- Carroll Lynn Gillet - as always you have made us so proud. Congratulations on your graduation. Love Mom, Dad and Chris.
- Dear Tom, Congratulations to your graduation. Good luck in the Navy. We wish you dreams come true. Mom, Dad and Melissa.
- Congratulations Stacy, so proud of you! Villanova awards you arrival. Take all new opportunities and challenges offered you! Love, Mom.
- Dear Kimberly, May college and your future bring you happiness, success and your dreams come through. Love Mom, Nancy, Karen.
- Dr. John Paredes Villagas Medical Degree. The parents of John Paredes congratulate their son upon his graduation from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Our prayers are that he might enjoy a satisfying career in medicine. May God grant him success.
- Dear Danant, Congratulations! We are so proud of your accomplishments. Continued success at Lincoln University. Love, Mom, Dad and Ayana.
- Congratulations Craig on your graduation from Rowan College of New Jersey. We're proud of you! Love Mom, Dad and Chris.
- Congratulations Jesse and Danell! Jesse who are like brothers to us. Best Wishes. Love your cousins, Dickie and L.J. Darrell.
- Congratulations! Deerfield Class of '93. Thank you for leaving me "Ebenesser Sizzlers". Keep a song in your heart. Love Mrs. Brown.
- Congratulations to "Kellie" our favorite sister. Perhaps a ten mile hike to celebrate?? With much love Barbara, Rick and Jenna.
- Kim Hanson. Congrats on your graduation from Rowan College of New Jersey. We're proud of you! Love Mom, Dad and Chris.
- To The Graduating Classes of Harding and St. Theresa's Schools - Kenilworth. Congratulations and best of luck. Carroll Gillet's Mom (Doreen).
- Congratulations Jennifer Previtt from Mom and Dad. Receiving your BS in Agriculture Animal and Veterinary Science from West Virginia University.
- Congratulations to our sister Stacy. You go girl! Sing your way to the top! Love Pamm, Cory and Aubrey.
- Cheryl, it seems like only yesterday we played "Word Games" at the restaurant, remember? Health, Happiness and Love always, Joe.
- Cheryl, I'm so proud of you and hope you succeed at everything you set out to do. Love always, Mom, XXX.
- Bria-Ann. Congratulations. Best of luck in the future. Love Aunt Sharon and Uncle Mark.

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