

Cable Act of 1992

Cable act reshapes rates

By Chris Gatto Staff Writer Cable subscribers will be in for some changes in their service due to a new law adopted by Congress last year calling for the re-regulation of the industry.

First of Two Parts

The Cable Act of 1992 will go into effect next month, necessitating changes in the billing and programming procedures provided by Suburban Cablevision and all other franchisees across the country.

Representatives from Suburban have been attempting to explain exactly what some of these changes will mean to subscribers through a series of call-in programs and by meeting with members of the public.

Letters notifying Suburban's 235,000 customers who are dispersed throughout 42 municipalities in four counties, of rate and programming changes will be mailed out with September billing statements.

One Congress was debating over the act last year, an advertising assault was launched by the cable television industry alleging that rates would go up for customers if the law was passed.

"We in the cable industry were not opposed to reasonable cable television re-regulation," said Dr. DeJoy. "We recognize that there are some cable operators in the country who were guilty of some of the things they were charged with. But, I think, on the other hand, the majority of the cable operators were certainly doing a good job and going above and beyond the call of duty."

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Customers who receive Cable Plus in addition to the basic package will have to pay another \$11.75 per month on top of the basic rate. Cable Plus is currently \$8.95 per month, but cannot be received unless a subscriber already has the Economy Basic service.

To receive the Economy Basic plus a customer must have a non-addressable converter box, to unscramble the signal, or a cable-ready TV. A local monthly franchise fee of 30 cents will be added to the service, which along with the \$1.09 cost of a converter, would bring the total monthly charge to \$11.84 for each subscriber.

The Economy Basic service provides subscribers with 22 stations, including the four major broadcast networks, and is used primarily in those areas where residents cannot pick up over-the-air signals. Cable Plus subscribers, such as ESPN, TNT, and USA Network, other than those carried by the basic plan.

If the Cable Plus service is received by a customer without a cable-ready TV, a converter is required. A franchise fee of 63 cents will be added to the bill for customers who receive the Cable Plus service. The cost of a converter box must also be added into the bill for subscribers who do not have a cable-ready TV.

Franchise fees are paid by Suburban to the state and the municipality in which a subscriber resides. "About half our customers are going to see an increase from a bill that was supposed to lower rates," said Bulman of the new federal law, "and about half will see a decrease especially as it relates to additional outlets, and what they're paying for now."

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Suburban is asking all subscribers, who do not have multiple units and would like to hook up an additional TV set to cable on their own, to call and they will arrange for an installation date. A fee of \$17.50 plus tax, set by the FCC, will be charged for installation.

The cost, \$1.09 per month, of a non-addressable converter will now be listed on customers' bills, whereas in the past the rate was not itemized by Suburban. An addressable converter, at a cost of \$2.04 a month, must be utilized by all subscribers who wish to receive premium channels, with the exception of Home Box Office.

Under the new fee system, there will be a reduction of between 96 cents and \$2.96 from the monthly price that Suburban had been charging for addressable converters. A monthly charge of .47 cents will be required for the use of remote controls by subscribers. The cost was not previously itemized by Suburban.

Cost changes have also been set for premium channels. Anyone who subscribes to two or more premium services on their primary TV set will see \$1 monthly on each service. With the exception of Home Box Office, there will be an additional charge for all premium channels viewed on more than one TV by a subscriber. The new Channels, such as Disney Channel, Showtime, Sports Channel and the Playboy Channel on additional outlets will cost \$52.10 per hookup each month.

The rate for viewing an additional premium service had been \$10.30 a month per outlet, 51 percent more than the price will be on Sept. 1. Despite those new charges, customers carrying premium services and additional outlets will receive a decrease in their monthly bill.

Installation charges have been reduced as follows: primary outlet for an unviewed residence, \$50 to \$36.74; primary outlet, \$50 to \$32.74; additional outlet, same trip, \$10 to \$7; additional outlet, separate trip, \$30 to \$17.50; videocassette recorder connection, same trip, \$10 to \$8.75; and VCR connection, separate, \$25 to \$14.70.

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Board names new faculty

The Union County Regional Board of Education has announced the list of new and transferred teachers for the 1993-1994 school year. Since the closing of David Brearley Regional High School, several teachers have been transferred to other schools in the district. Some of those listed as transfers are teachers who taught only a part of the day at Brearley.

Former Brearley teachers and their 1993-94 teaching assignments: Arthur L. Johnson — Regina Rico, English; Inez Grosso, English; Donald Logan, English; Timothy Sexton, English; Nancy Eaton, foreign language; Leanna Fleming, foreign language; Bernie Baetner, art; Ronald Ferraro, social studies; Larry Stuchlik, social studies; Michael Londono, mathematics; Jamie Shoff, mathematics; Edward Broderick, science; Sandra Mand, special education; Catherine Wheeler, special education; Sherry Lerner, special education; Leslie Vazquez, special education; Martin Seltino, guidance counselor; Anita O'Neal, child study team. Governor Livingston — George Anton, English; James O'Driscoll, foreign language; Gail Giacobbe, foreign language; Ronald Ferraro, mathematics; James Dougherty, social studies; Diane Estrom, physical education; Victoria Huhner, science; Jerome Mandel, science; Michaela Quilan, science; Joseph Cozzio, guidance. Other transfers: Arthur David, English, Dayton to Governor Livingston; John Kowalski, math,

Benefit run scheduled for holiday

A five-mile run, a one-mile fun run and a children's 500-yard "hopping" race will be the highlights of the 16th annual Fall Classic Road Race to be held Labor Day, Sept. 6 at Union County College. Money raised will go toward the purchase of wheelchairs for Children's Specialized Hospital's Junior Wheelchair Team, known as the "Lightning Wheelies." The team has a total of 78 medals and established 13 national records in track and field and swimming en route to being named the outstanding team competing at the National Junior Wheelchair Championships in Columbus, Ohio. The day's festivities will begin at 8 a.m. and offer something for the entire family, including face painting, a puppet show and balloon balloons sponsored by Union County Family.

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Answering the call of the needy

By Glenn Farnick Staff Writer The Telephone Pioneers of America boasts a large membership of telephone employees who have worked countless hours for others. Their leader said they are more than happy to get involved locally, but they have not gotten requests from the area. Roselle is home to a strong chapter of one of the most powerful volunteer organizations in the country, yet local groups have not sought out the group recently to aid in their charitable work.

"Our motto is 'Answering the call of those in need,'" said Director Charles Chintala. "We're always open to new projects, but haven't done too much work in Union County lately."

The following teachers have been hired for the 1993-1994 school year: Arthur L. Johnson — Leslie Anderson, science; Karen Garcia, home economist; Beverly Hahn, science; Jennifer Stagnari, science. Jonathan Dayton — Jeffrey Elias, math; Frances Oglin, math. Governor Livingston — Karen Kellerman, math. Governor Livingston and Arthur L. Johnson jointly — Margo Rosencrancer, special education; Frank Todaco, social studies. Dr. Bruce Orm has been hired as the school director at Governor Livingston.

Other local efforts of the group have included the Ellinbeth Council's involvement in Adopt-A-Highway in which a portion of Route 28 is being cared for by the members; work on an Ellinbeth park facility for disadvantaged inner-city youth; and providing toys and entertainment for children who are AIDS victims to help them.

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A Night Out



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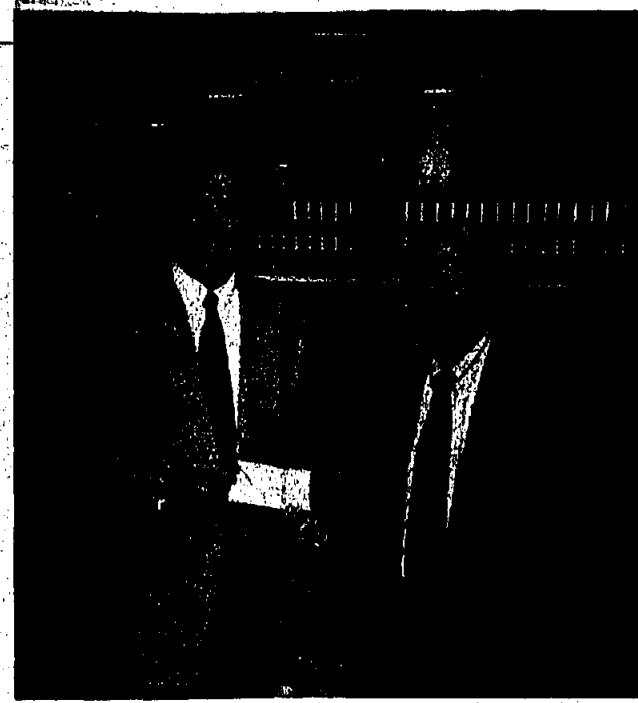
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From left, Zigmund Will, of the Will Family Foundation, presents a check to Dan Kalem, president of the First Aid Squad. The donated funds have been used to cover a substantial portion of the cost of a state-of-the-art portable defibrillator.

Will offers heart aid

American Heart Association studies show that irregularly beating hearts are the initial rhythm disturbance in approximately 86 percent of persons with sudden, out of hospital, non-traumatic cardiac arrest. Without effective treatment, this initial rhythm usually deteriorates into ventricular fibrillation or cardiac standstill and death.

student update

Cacclatore nets degree
Springfield resident Cacclatore was among the students at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Teasock and Rubenstein campuses who received degrees during commencement exercises recently.

Two make dean's list
Mountaineer residents Candice Mathews and Heather Nelson were among the 766 Lehigh University students who received certificates of achievement for being named to the dean's list for the spring semester. Undergraduates on the dean's list earned a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale and carried at least 12 hours of courses.

Gornstein nets honors
Springfield resident Marcia Gornstein was among the students at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster,

Pa., who were named to the honor's list for the spring semester. A student earns honor's list recognition for achieving a 3.7 or better grade point average. Gornstein, a sophomore, is a 1991 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School. She is the daughter of Martin Gornstein and June Waldman.

Hehricks wins for essay
Michael Hehricks of P.M. Gwendolyn School in Springfield was among the winners in an essay contest sponsored by Mount Vernon, the historic home of George Washington, and a group of supporters from New Jersey. Fowler majored in biology and chemistry, won first honors and carried a minor in German. He also was a four-year varsity letter winner in swimming and participated in water polo, a club sport, when he was 16 years old.

Delberton honors
The following are the students from the area who were named to the headmaster's list for the spring term from Delberton School:

Woman's club awards local scholarships

The General Federation of Women's Clubs and the Mountaineer Women's Club Inc., member of the N.J. State Federation of Women's Clubs, awarded four scholarships to four Mountaineer seniors graduating from Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Springfield, recipients were:

Matthew Gardella, making sixth academically in his senior year, maintaining a 3.9 grade-point average and named "Student of the Month" for May. A member of the National Honor Society, he has served as its treasurer. Gardella was awarded six varsity letters as a member of the soccer, wrestling and track teams, serving as co-captain for the soccer and wrestling teams.

He was an active member of the Key Club, Italian Club, International Club and a Peer Leader.

Outside school activities include Safe Ride/Safe Home of Springfield/Mountaineer and the Catholic Youth Organization of Our Lady of Lourdes-Church, Mountaineer. Gardella has been accepted to the School of Allied Health & Sciences of Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Conn., majoring in physical therapy.

Laura Leyer, a member of the National Honor Society, was co-editor of her graduating class and named student of the month in December. Academically, she has distinguished herself as the recipient of many awards, such as National Merit Commended Scholar, Rutgers University Scholar, N.J. Bloomsburg Distinguished Scholar, Academic All-American Can-

didate, French National and Dayton French Language Societies.

She has been active in the Peer Leadership Program, Spirit Club Organization, Church involvement as an acolyte, usher, lector and assistant Bible School teacher and a representative to the Girls Career Institute at Douglass College.

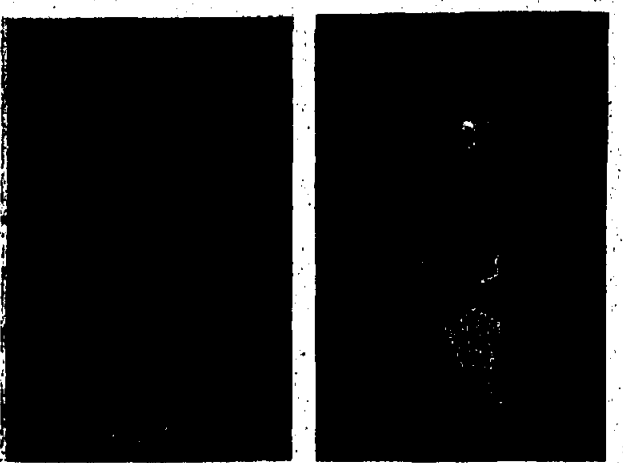
Leyer will be attending the University of Virginia with a major in chemical engineering and a minor in environmental sciences. Connie Martinez whose activities have included Key Club, French Club, Safe Ride and Alternative Club, Spirit Club and Spanish Club. As a member of the Foreign Language Honor Society, she has distinguished herself in Spanish.

She served as officer of her class and Student Council, and 170 members of the Cheerleading Squad, Mountaineer Community Pool Lifeguard, Cadet, and active in the Our Lady of Lourdes Church Youth Organization.

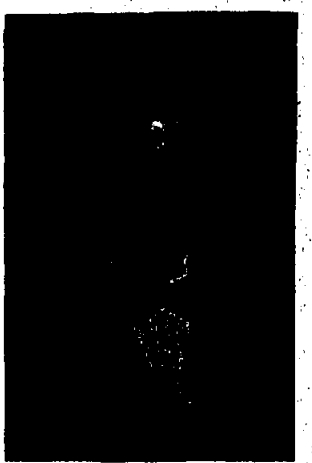
Martinez was active in having her class sign and complete a petition pledging not to drink and drive. She will be studying international business at Villanova.

Erik Swartz has participated in the Key Club, Safe Ride and the Peer Leadership Program. He is captain of the winter and spring track teams. He was state champion of the shot put, Group 1 in the winter season and state champion of the discus, Group 1 during the spring season.

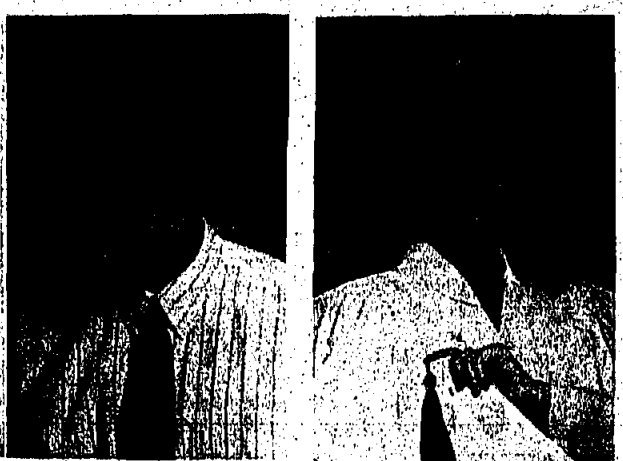
Swartz will be attending Bucknell University majoring in environmental sciences.



Laura Leyer



Matthew Gardella



Erik Swartz



Connie Martinez

Gala plans set for 60th

Toby Grodzins and Hanna Raport, both of Springfield, and William Blumso of Mountaineer, chairman of the Union County College Board of Governors, are among 90 presenters appointed to the Auction Committee by Union County College, Cranford, Elizabeth and Plainfield, to give contributions and ticket-purchase support for the college's 60th Anniversary Gala Concert and Silent Auction on Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Cranford Campus.

The gala, a black-tie-affair event, will kick off a year-long observance featuring activities aimed at promoting the "Diamond Jubilee" theme for the 60th Anniversary. The kick-off event promises to be one of the most elaborate events ever conducted by the college, according to James Perry of Plainfield, a member of the college's Board of Trustees and event chairman. All proceeds of the gala will benefit the college.

Dorms for the gala will open at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 16 in the Commons Building stadium area, Cranford Campus. The gala will feature a wide assortment of items. Entertaining the bidders and other guests will be a three-piece ensemble. Patrons also may enjoy elegant dining cuisine at gourmet buffet stations set up around the stadium's perimeter.

"It is all part of our effort to promote unity, pride and school spirit," explained Wickline, who has served as the principal of Jonathan Dayton since February 1990. "It is students have a positive attitude regarding school, they stand a much greater chance of succeeding academically." Wickline also appealed to all parents of Jonathan Dayton students to get involved in their children's education by becoming active in the school's Parent-Teacher-Student Organization and other school support groups.

When freshmen and new students report for orientation on Wednesday, they will be greeted by Wickline and Jonathan Dayton's peer leaders—

specially trained students who are committed to helping their schoolmates. In addition to receiving their class schedule for the year, a map of the school and their locker combination, each new student will have an opportunity to meet his or her guidance counselor and teachers.

The peer leaders, who already have met to plan for the orientation program, will be available throughout the day to answer questions and provide other assistance to the new students. Wickline emphasized that students from Springfield, Kenilworth, Mountaineer and Garwood are serving as peer leaders at Jonathan Dayton this year.

A series of changes in the Jonathan Dayton building will be completed in time for the opening of school. A new classroom, to be used by students enrolled in the photography course, has been constructed within the existing school room. New carpeting has been installed in the vocal music room, and lockers have been replaced in the field house. Finally, new stage curtains have been hung in Jonathan Dayton, and I want our students and parents to feel good about the school as well."

"Our primary emphasis, as always, will be on academic achievement. In addition, it is extremely important that I be as supportive as possible to the students, staff members and parents during the coming school year," she said. "A difficult year has passed, so now it is our goal to make sure that we carefully tend to the academic and emotional needs of every student. We want all of the kids to be happy and comfortable here at Jonathan Dayton," according to the principal.

With the reconfiguration of the Union County Regional High School District from four schools to three, many new students — freshmen and upperclassmen — will be attending Jonathan Dayton for the first time in September. In order to make the change of schools easier for new students from Kenilworth and Garwood, transition activities were conducted last winter and spring.

In addition, the Jonathan Dayton Transition Committee — a group of faculty and staff members which is now known as the Orange and Blue Committee — has planned, more events for the fall which will serve to further unify the school's students and staff.

Regional board advises students on new school year changes

Classes will be dismissed at 2:45 p.m. on Sept. 2, which is the normal school closing time.

Approximately 700 students, including 186 freshmen, are anticipated for the opening of school at Governor Livingston this year.

"I'm confident that we will enjoy a good school year here at Governor Livingston," said Rosalie Lamonte, the school's principal.

"We intend to continue our school's tradition of academic excellence, and I am looking forward to a very positive transition for the students from Mountaineer and for the new staff members who will be coming to Governor Livingston."

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The freshmen and new students will also have an opportunity to meet their teachers and guidance counselors. Students from the Welcoming Committee and Student Outreach, who are especially trained and dedicated to helping their schoolmates, will be available throughout the day to answer questions and provide other assistance to the new students.

School activities scheduled at Governor Livingston during the fall months include Student Outreach, Freshman Night Sept. 14, Back-to-School Night on Sept. 29, The "Pages of Champions" band competition on Oct. 24, the annual Regional District College Night on Oct. 25, the Fall Drama on Nov. 19 and 20, the Highlander Band Town-Wide Candy Sale on Nov. 20, the Fall Sports Award program on Dec. 8, and the Holiday Vocal Concert on Dec. 14.

Students in both schools. Students have been given an opportunity to enroll in no fewer than five new courses: Introduction to World Processing, Advanced Placement European History, Introduction to Computer Assisted Design, Contemporary America and Algebra Foundations.

Students who complete the Introduction to World Processing course or

otherwise demonstrate proficiency in this skill will satisfy the regional district's new word processing graduation requirement, which applies to all students in the Class of 1997.

The Introduction to Computer Assisted Design course will provide all students — especially those interested in architecture, engineering and design — with an excellent opportunity to explore an important, fast-growing field of study.

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-Jean Otto

Election coverage guidelines are set

In fairness to all political candidates and to provide the best service to our readers, this newspaper has established ground rules and a schedule for coverage of local, county and state elections.

Under the guidelines, this newspaper is committed to specific elements of coverage. It will give background information on all known candidates, including stories on basic positions taken by each, and it will write news stories on the issues raised during the campaign.

We also will list important political events such as candidates nights and fund-raisers in news stories. We will aim to stimulate discussion of the issues during election campaigns through independent research and initiative stories.

If appropriate, editorial endorsements of municipal, county and state candidates will be considered. News releases and campaign position statements from candidates are welcome. They will be used at the editor's discretion and they will not necessarily be printed as such but may be used as material to develop news stories if the issues raised in them merit such treatment.

Story use, timing and treatment are entirely at the discretion of the managing editor.

We will strive to avoid the initial raising of controversial or sensational issues in the final edition before election.

We aim to focus on what the voter needs to know and not on what the candidates want to say.

Our guidelines reflect the reader service objectives of this newspaper in municipal elections. However, we will review our guidelines from time to time and revise them if necessary to benefit our readers.

Following is the schedule we will adhere to in the Nov. 2 elections:

Letters to the editor: Political letters will be accepted up to an including the issue of Oct. 21. Letters may be printed or appear as excerpts at the editor's discretion.

Candidate's Corner: Candidates running for office will be given the opportunity to speak to the readers on these pages as they present their backgrounds, platforms and goals. Their columns will appear Oct. 21.

Our endorsements: Endorsement editorials will appear Oct. 28.

Staff-written round-up stories: A final look at the candidates, their platforms and goals, etc. Their columns will appear Oct. 28.

Election results: Look for complete election result coverage on Nov. 4.

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Vaccine needed to control deer population

Almost 100 years ago, the white-tailed deer was considered an endangered species. Today, many parts of our state are being overrun with the deer population that has exploded to 150,000 deer despite 100 days a year of hunting. Deer that was once very common about their health and safety. With the appearance of deer, many believe that the possibility of the deer tick — the carrier of Lyme disease — cannot be far away.

Some citizens describe accidents, or near accidents, with deer crossing streets in the middle of very developed communities. We know that "deer toppling" in our state has destroyed thousands of acres where deer formerly lived. We also know the deer, lacking natural predators, continue to multiply and adapt. What are the answers?

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Be Our Guest

By Maureen Ogden

In seeking answers to this growing problem, the Assembly Environment Committee, which I chair, held a day-long hearing recently to hear the views of various state agencies, spokesmen for research centers and the general public. The responsibility of management of wildlife in our state currently rests with the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife. The division has stated that the major cause of deer overpopulation and local deer damage is a lack of hunter access to protected lands.

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Radio entertainment stimulated imagination

The Way It Was

By William Frolich

In Newark as the Bamberger Broadcasting Company. From here live programs of local interest were sent out over the airwaves. In New York City other stations were licensed, such as WEAP, WIZ and WABC, and they had affiliated stations across the country.

Radio listening became an art in itself. A person could go about his work with one ear tuned to the radio, while his hands and eyes were free to do his work. But by listening his imagination ran; he could visualize the scenes in his mind as they were explained by the dialogue of the actors. The sound effects must have had a field day with some of the programs. Who can ever forget the sound of Fibber McGee's closet door being opened, after he always too late warning from Mollie?

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Letters to the editor

Article on cleanup inaccurate

To the Editor:
Several members of the Springfield Rotary Club have mentioned an article written by Jay Lapros which appeared in the July 15 edition of the newspaper titled "Committee makes plans to improve."

In the interest of accuracy, we wish to point out that Springfield has had at least four such cleanup days dating back to approximately 1986, when the Springfield Rotary Club spearheaded the first "first" cleanup day.

The Springfield Rotary Club proudly began what has hopefully become a tradition in town. At some point, township government became involved and the turnout and support seemed to fall off. Last year our club again managed the event and even on a raw, damp day there were many children and adults who took the time to come out and clean up parking lots, streets, stream beds and other areas which needed care.

It is nice to live in a community that cares about itself and about the people and families who are its members. The Springfield Rotary Club believes in this community and will continue to do what it can to help maintain and improve not only the physical environment which we see every day but the unseen fabric which binds us together.

This fall, the club will once again be distributing "Preserve Planet Earth" book covers to our grammar school students. The covers contain a report of information and material about our common need to respect our environment and do whatever we can to preserve and protect it.

In any event, we would like to ask a correction be noted in the reporting which appeared in the article or to its source, Committeewoman Marcia Forman.

Jonathan G. Williams, President
The Rotary Club of Springfield

Florio's new law tough on crime

To the Editor:
As a law enforcement official, I am well-acquainted with the arguments both for and against mandatory minimum sentences for convicted criminals.

The subject has been the cause of some recent controversy, as the governor recently signed legislation imposing a mandatory minimum sentence of five years on convicted carjackers. In contrast, his opponent, Mrs. Christine Todd Whitman, stated her opposition to mandatory minimum sentences in general,

spokesman for the division believes that a chemical fertility control material has not been developed sufficiently to be used on a trial basis in our state.

Critics of the Fish, Game and Wildlife Division accused it of being primarily concerned with ensuring that there would be a substantial deer population for the hunters. Many mentioned that the fees that hunters and taggers pay to the state make up the budget for the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

Jay Kirkpatrick, a biological assistant of the Deane Research Institute of Montana, has designed a vaccine to reduce deer fertility through the use of experimental wildlife contraceptives. At the hearing, Kirkpatrick testified that the contraceptive vaccine would be injected with a dart and would not travel down through the food chain. Its protein base would enable it to be absorbed in the deer's system. Once vaccinated, the deer would remain infertile for three years. Such an experiment is currently being carried out on Fire Island, in northern

Virginia and several states in the Midwest.

As a result of this hearing, I am going to gather data on the immunization method from the areas where the vaccine is being used to control deer population. In addition, legislation may be needed to require the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife to take a broader perspective on the solutions to the deer overpopulation, especially in built up areas like the town of district 21, where hunting is unobtainable. In developed suburban areas, immunization has the promise of being a valuable tool for controlling the deer population that is spilling over from public parks, reservations and watershed lands. The wildlife contraceptive vaccine appears to be the only answer in our populated suburban areas, but the entire state needs an integrated response to this problem.

Assemblywoman Maureen Ogden represents the 21st Legislative District, which includes Springfield, Union, Kenilworth and Roseland.

Halloween story. More than 50 years ago magic and mystery, with the sound of dragging chains and clanking doors, crackled bolts and the noisy laugh of Nancy the Old Witch who introduced the story while cooking up a witch's brew over an open fire.

Alonso Deas Cole was a star of the show, and frequently in trouble, or rescuing Marie O'Flynn, who might have been hired for her ability to scream. From whatever disaster she had become involved.

Many of the afternoon programs were only 15 minutes long, but one usually followed another from 4 to 6 o'clock, not much different from television's soap operas which run for or more plots in a one-hour spot. At least in the past, the hour was all one plot. We had "Little Orphan Annie" who was always getting found or getting lost again, depending on her present status in the story line. There was "The Shadow" who had the power to "cloud man's mind" and become invisible, a handy asset.

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stating that a new emphasis must be placed on alternative sentencing. Who is right?

In answer to this question, I cannot endorse the notion that violent criminals such as carjackers should be let off with a mere slap on the wrist.

Mrs. Whitman fails to make the distinction between the various degrees of crime. Carjacking is a heinous crime that often results in severe injury or death. Carjackers are armed, they are often willing to kill, and they would view anything but hard jail time as a mere business expense. Fines, counseling, community service — these should certainly be components of a carjacker's sentence, but alone, they make a mockery of criminal justice.

Carjackers are no doubt more prevalent in my part of the state than where Mrs. Whitman hails from. While I appreciate her attempt to address this serious issue, I respectfully suggest that she learn more about the nature of violent crimes such as carjacking. I also hope that she will give more consideration to the opinions of law enforcement officials such as myself.

It is time for New Jersey to question the effectiveness of mandatory minimum sentences. They might not be the blarney solution. But at the same time, we must realize that letting violent criminals off easy is wrong. It is wrong because it rewards the deterrent, and it is wrong because it chasms victims of appropriate justice.

Governor Florio should be applauded for his decision to crack down on these violent criminals. In Union County and in so many other parts of the state, people live with the fear of carjacking every day. Now, perhaps they can rest easier.

On her next tour of the state, perhaps Mrs. Whitman will visit the people who must live with this fear. It might just change her mind.

Ralph Frolich
Union County

Letter writers
Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor expressing views on topics of interest. Letters should be typed, double spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than 250 words. When necessary, letters will be edited for length, clarity and fairness.

For purpose of verification, all letters must include a name, address and daytime telephone number. Unwanted letters will not be published. Names may be withheld from print in certain circumstances upon the request of the writer and with approval of the editor. Address letters for consideration to: Letters to the Editor, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., P.O. Box 3100, Union, 07083. The deadline for letters is 9 a.m. Monday.

Today, we must not run away from the debt

Editor's note: This month's Senate Report by Bill Bradley is the text of the floor speech he delivered Aug. 6, the night the Senate passed President Clinton's budget package.

Last year, voters in this country voted overwhelmingly for change. They were fed up with economic hardship and fear for the future.

This demand for basic change swept Bill Clinton into the White House and brought this package before us today. Most of the provisions in this bill the president advocated in the campaign, and the people elected him. With this bill, we begin dealing with one of our primary national problems — the staggering deficit and astronomical debt.

The president deserves credit for acknowledging deficit spending as a problem. Last January, I hoped that he would boldly move on the debt and put on each legislator's desk by spring the vote of that legislator's lifetime — a vote that would challenge special interests, ask all Americans to give up a little now so they can have more in the future, and deal a death blow to the exploding debt that, like acid, eats away at our future prospects. This package is not that vote of a lifetime, but it is an important first step, the biggest of the last decade, to reduce the increase in the deficit. Remember, that's all this package does. It's a sad but true comment on our predicament and the disastrous economic stewardship of the last 12 years. If we do nothing, the debt will go from \$4 trillion to \$4.9 trillion. It's sobering to think just 12 years ago the debt was \$900 billion. Because I believe we need more spending cuts and deeper deficit reduction, I know there must be a second step, but we will never reach the second step without taking the first today.

This first step is \$500 billion in real deficit reduction. That's what this vote is about today. If you vote for deficit reduction, you will vote for this bill. The time for making excuses and passing the buck is over. If you vote against this package, you must either lay out a specific alternative plan to cut the deficit by \$500 billion or be revealed as someone who doesn't care about the burden we're loading on our children's backs. Without a specific alternative with equivalent deficit reduction, opponents of this package are simply playing the old political game, which is to delay exclusively good news, never to level with consumers, and, above all, always to appear all things to all people.

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The Senate Report

By Bill Bradley

There will never again be a \$500 billion deficit reduction package that sets the tone of the middle class than this package. Eighty percent of all tax cuts come from people making more than \$100,000. Only 15 percent of the entire citizenry in America will pay higher taxes on their Social Security benefits. Only 1.2 percent of the taxpayer will pay higher income tax rates. Lower middle class families under \$27,000 in income actually will pay a tax cut. Small business will get a targeted capital gains. Big business will pay higher income tax rates. Lower middle class families under \$27,000 in income actually will pay a tax cut. Small business will get a targeted capital gains. Big business will pay higher income tax rates.

But there is something missing. I don't mean another penny on the gas tax or another one-tenth of a percent reduction in Medicare or another loophole for anyone else. What I mean is change. How much will we really achieve with this package? Not enough. At its core, this package is disappointing because it is only change from something, and not change to something.

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Information, please

Some of the most important information concerning our daily lives never reaches the people it is intended for because they are unaware of where to find it. Our tax and charity dollars go to support many state and county activities. The information they provide is invaluable.

Residents who want to report safety problems with vehicles can call the Auto Safety Hotline at 800-424-9393.

The State Department Office of Consumer Protection has a number for information on banking and credit rights and lending laws at 609-392-1102.

A 24-hour, Child Abuse hotline is run by the Department of Human Services at 800-792-8610.

The Public Advocate's Office runs a toll free number for citizen complaints about state agencies at 800-792-8600.

The Department of Higher Education provides financial aid information at 800-792-8670 during business hours.

Those with consumer problems can call the Department of Consumer Affairs at 201-648-3622.

A 24-hour hotline is manned at 609-292-7172 for air and water pollution complaints.

Federal agency information is available by calling 201-645-3600 or 609-396-4400.

The United Way offers a help line at 202-353-7171 for information on human service offerings by the organization.

The Department of Health hears complaints about health care and health care facilities at 800-792-9770.

The Bureau of Taxation runs a line during business hours for questions on state income tax at 609-292-7580.

Information on pending state laws and bills can be obtained from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs at 800-292-8300.

The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development runs a complaint line for housing discrimination at 800-424-9500.

The State Museum in Trenton provides a recorded message for information on its cultural events at 609-292-8300.

The New Jersey Bar Association refers citizens for legal services and takes complaints against its members at 201-249-5000.

The confidential Union County Rape Crisis Center can be reached by calling 233-RAPE, 24 hours a day.

The Department of Human Services provides pharmaceutical aid during business hours at 800-792-9745.

The Public Utilities Commission accepts questions during the day and emergency calls after 5 p.m. at 201-648-2325.

The State Office of the Aging offers toll-free information at 800-792-8620 on seniors information.

Unemployment insurance information is available by calling 609-292-7257 during business hours.

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county news

Disposal day scheduled
The Union County Utilities Authority will hold a Household Special Waste Disposal Day Oct. 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the football field parking lot between West Weber and Colfax avenues in Roselle Park.

Diamond jubilee auction
Approximately 90 persons have been appointed to the Auction Committee by Union County Council. The committee will be responsible for the sale of the 60th Anniversary Gala and Silage-Auction on Oct. 16 at the County Center.

Secretaries to meet
The Union County chapter of Professional Secretaries International will meet on Thursday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the County Center.

worship calendar

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Singles mingle and help others

Singles from throughout Union County and the state are invited to volunteer their time with other singles at the Hillside-based Community FoodBank of New Jersey.

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REGIONAL DISTRICT BUS SCHEDULES REGULAR SCHOOL DAYS 1993-1994

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UNION COUNTY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
1993-1994 KENILWORTH BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR TO-AND-FROM ARTHUR L. JOHNSON REG. H.S.

ROUTE 601
Route begins 7:44 a.m. Brookwood and Penbrook Road, 2nd stop 7:45 a.m. Wilkino Drive and Boulevard, 3rd stop 7:46 a.m. Brookwood and No. 8th Street (On St.)

ROUTE 602
Route begins 7:54 a.m. Brookwood and Penbrook Road, 2nd stop 7:55 a.m. Wilkino Drive and Boulevard, 3rd stop 7:56 a.m. Brookwood and No. 8th Street (On St.)

ROUTE 603
Route begins 8:04 a.m. Brookwood and Penbrook Road, 2nd stop 8:05 a.m. Wilkino Drive and Boulevard, 3rd stop 8:06 a.m. Brookwood and No. 8th Street (On St.)

ROUTE 604
Route begins 8:14 a.m. Brookwood and Penbrook Road, 2nd stop 8:15 a.m. Wilkino Drive and Boulevard, 3rd stop 8:16 a.m. Brookwood and No. 8th Street (On St.)

Franks calls for change

Joined by a dozen local officials, Congressman Bob Franks on Thursday announced the introduction of legislation that he hopes will encourage local property taxes by barring the federal government from imposing new mandates on local and state governments without providing funding for them.

At a press conference on the steps of Plainfield City Hall, Franks said, "The federal government has been playing a very dangerous game of 'passing the buck.' Every year, Congress passes bills that impose new programs or requirements on state, county and local governments without providing the funding needed to pay for them.

Franks, who has bipartisan support, already has received the endorsement of the National League of Cities and the National Taxpayers Union. Franks said, "With the enormous federal deficit capturing the public spotlight, state and local officials are understandably concerned that Congress will solve the budget deficit by merely transferring more and more program costs onto local governments. That's why the timing of this constitutional amendment is so important. Unlike a law, which can easily be waived by Congress — this constitutional amendment — you have a guarantee that Congress face up to its own fiscal responsibility."

REGIONAL DISTRICT BUS SCHEDULES FRESHMAN AND NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

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Route begins 8:24 a.m. Brookwood and Penbrook Road, 2nd stop 8:25 a.m. Wilkino Drive and Boulevard, 3rd stop 8:26 a.m. Brookwood and No. 8th Street (On St.)

ROUTE 606
Route begins 8:34 a.m. Brookwood and Penbrook Road, 2nd stop 8:35 a.m. Wilkino Drive and Boulevard, 3rd stop 8:36 a.m. Brookwood and No. 8th Street (On St.)

Visit Your House of Worship This Weekend
A large advertisement for church services, featuring a central image of a church building and text encouraging attendance at weekend worship services.

lifestyle



Rose and Doug Scogno

Kirchner-Scogno nuptials

Rose Kirchner, daughter of Mrs. Irene Kirchner of Springfield, was married May 15 to Doug Scogno, son of Mrs. Josephine Scogno of Brigantine.

DelPrincipe-Rosenberg

Dina Marie DelPrincipe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard DelPrincipe of Orchard Park, N.Y., was married July 17 to Jeffrey L. Rosenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Rosenberg of Springfield.

Charge for pictures

There is a \$10 charge for wedding and engagement pictures. Glossy photos suggested. Black and white preferred. Story and photo must be submitted within eight weeks of the wedding date.

obituaries

Edward Ruggieri

Edward Ruggieri, 46, of Margate, Fla., formerly of Mountaintop, died Aug. 14 in Boca Raton Community Hospital in Florida.

Jacob Eisen

Jacob Eisen, 92, of Mountaintop, died Aug. 17 in his home.

religion

Members tea slated

The membership committee of Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield, will sponsor a new member tea Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Marc Rosen, temple president.

death notices

DUFF, Ann Cicchese, of Union, on Aug. 20, 1993. Wife of the late J. Howard Duff, mother and grandmother of J. Howard, Jr. and Dawn G. Duff, granddaughter of Brian D., Keith M. and Catherine A. Duff, sister of the late Charles D. Cicchese, dear friend of Ruth Vasko and Lynn Laska. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Church, Mountaintop, Friday, Aug. 27, 10 a.m. Burial in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Union. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lions Ladies Club of Mountaintop. Fund for the Blind, c/o 785 Pinecroft Rd., Union, NJ 07083.



Glen Goldberg and Rozalyn Horn

Horn-Goldberg betrothal

Herbert and Marilyn Berger Horn of Springfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rozalyn Jill, to Glen Michael Goldberg, son of Stephen and Nancy Goldberg of East Windsor.

Drucker-Kepler troth

Mr. and Mrs. William Drucker of Bedminster and Boca Raton, Fla., formerly of Springfield, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Chedy, to Stephen David Kepler, son of Mrs. Patricia Fiel of St. Petersburg Beach, Fla., and the late Mr. Charles Kepler.

stork club

Arli and Daniel Zucker. Twin sons, Arli and Daniel, were born Aug. 13 in Overlook Hospital, Summit, to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Zucker of Livingston.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION. Notice of Public Hearing. The Board of Education of the Township of Springfield, New Jersey, will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 13, 1993, at 7:00 A.M. on Monday, September 13, 1993, in the office of the Superintendent, Mr. Claude M. Clendinning School Board Office, South Jersey Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey.

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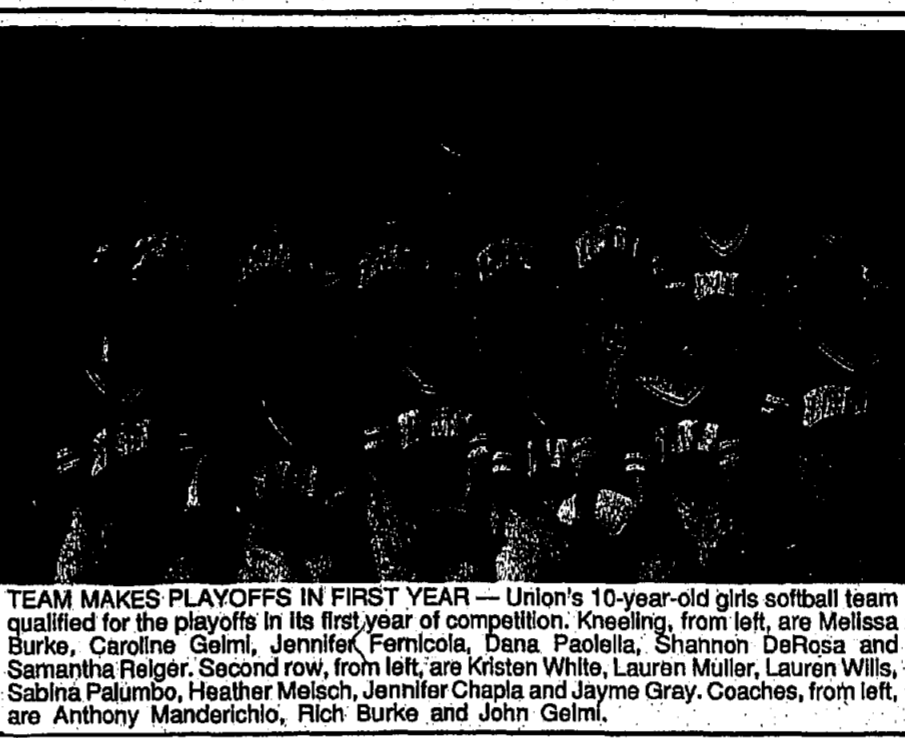
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Crescent Batting Cages advances to playoff final

The Crescent Batting Cages of Union men's softball team closed out its regular season with a pair of ties against Riolca USA and then swept through the opening round of playoffs with consecutive wins against local rival PBC/Grahams.



TEAM MAKES PLAYOFFS IN FIRST YEAR - Union's 10-year-old girls softball team qualified for the playoffs in its first year of competition.

Substance abuse workshop helpful to youngsters

Many UHS athletes learn message of how important sports are to teenage wellness. By J.R. Parrachini. Sports Editor. UNION - There are too many stories today about athletes who waste their talent by abusing alcohol and taking drugs.

athletes, marijuana, alcohol and related chemicals regarding the physical and emotional ramifications to the user was also dealt with. Included in the information were the signs and symptoms certain drugs may precipitate in an individual.



Ron Gaetano of Genesee, far right, discusses substance-abuse with, from left, UHS field hockey coach Lois Hochli, Ed Collins, Christine Borowick, Rodney Tullis, UHS football coach Lou Rattino and Heather Silman.

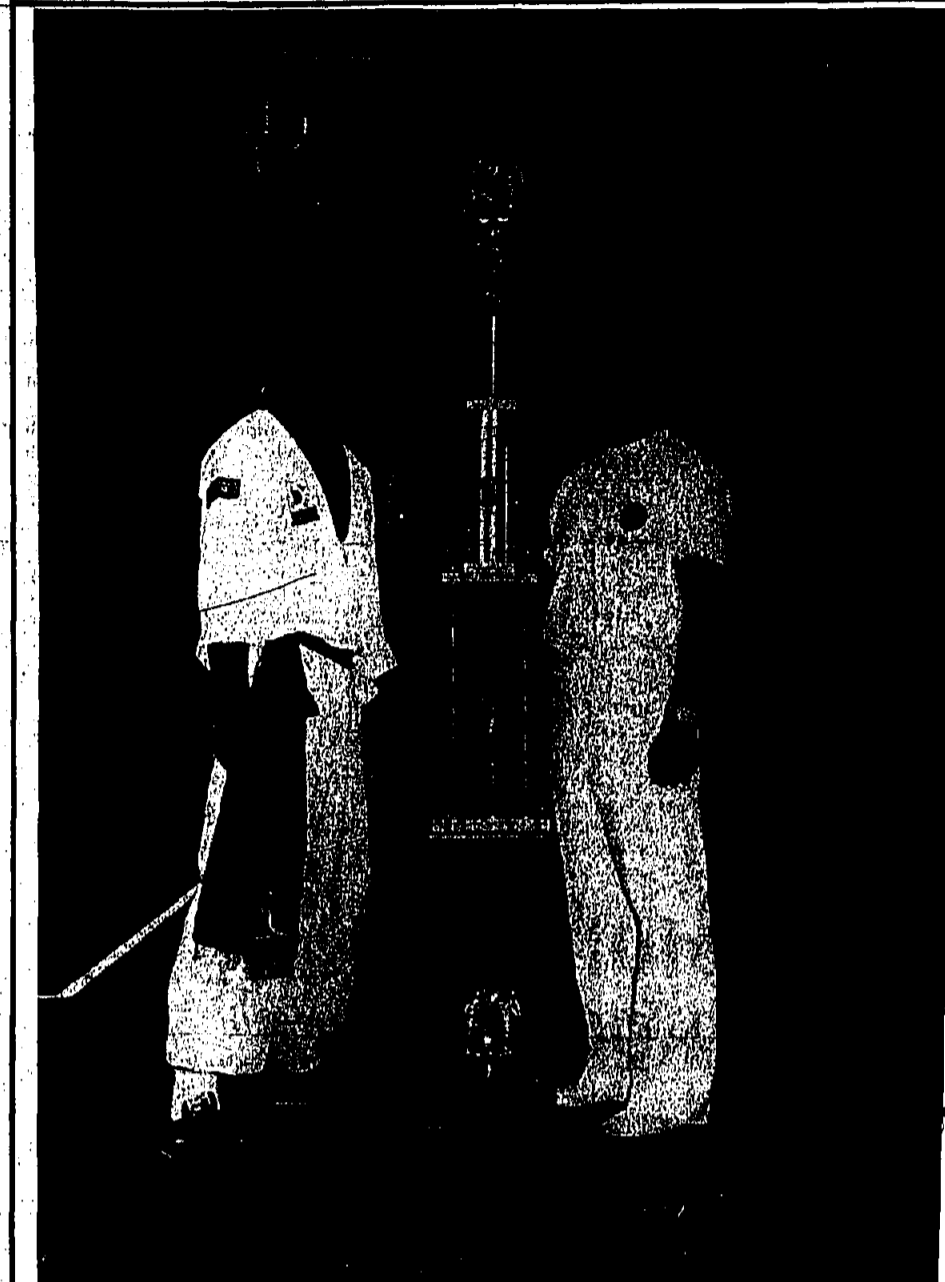


Ron Gaetano speaks to a group of athletes and coaches at last Friday's 'Wellness is a part of Winning' workshop held at the Genesee Center on Morris Avenue in Union. The one-day event was sponsored by the Union Township Municipal Alliance.

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KARATE CHAMPION — Young Sun Yum of Union, left, recently won several karate tournaments around the metropolitan area. An instructor at the World Hwa Rang Do East Coast headquarters at 1070 Stuyvesant Ave. in Union, Yum was awarded Grand Champion of the 1993 Fight for Cancer National Karate Championships held at Atlantic City. The tournament, which consisted of over 2,000 competitors, was held at Trump Taj Mahal Hotel and Casino Aug. 14-15. Pictured at right is Yum's father Ki Nam Yum, the Grandmaster of Hwa Rang Do — the original Korean system of hand-to-hand combat.

Youth soccer offered this fall

Youth soccer for children ages 5-14 is being offered by the Mountainside Recreation Commission this fall. Sign-ups for all programs began yesterday. Instructional clinics are scheduled for 5-year-olds who are in kindergarten and for 6-7-year olds. The 6-7-year-olds will meet on Saturdays from Sept. 11 to Oct. 30 from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Deerfield School Junior Soccer Field. The 5-year-olds will meet on Saturdays from Sept. 18 to Oct. 9 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the same field. The registration fee for both clinics is \$10 per child. Registration forms are available at the Recreation Office and the Community Pool. Signups began yesterday at the Recreation Office.

Speedslide Championship Saturday

Raging Waters waterpark, located at both Morry's Pier and Mariner's Landing in Wildwood, is presently the scene of intense daily speedslide racing competition leading up to the final competition on Saturday. Water slide speed racing, at its best, can be experienced daily as men, women, teens and children vie to qualify during preliminary heats leading up to the Fifth Annual Speedslide Championship to be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Raging Waters on Morry's Pier. Nearly 50,000 people have been riding and splashing since Aug. 11 as approximately 3,000 people a day have been competing in preliminary heats from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. To qualify for the championship race, competitors must negotiate a 300-foot long speed slide in approximately 20 seconds. An electronic beam timer records each run. Once every hour during qualifying heats, the fastest rider will qualify to compete for the speedslide championship. There will be 150 qualifiers from each place* water park for a total of 300 people vying for the speedslide championship title. All finalists will be invited to compete for the grand prize and may enter the Raging Waters waterpark on the day of competition with one guest. Raging Waters water theme parks are located on Morry's Pier, 25th and the Boardwalk, North Wildwood and Mariner's Landing; Schellenger and the Boardwalk, Wildwood. The waterparks are open daily from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. through Labor Day.

Happy Birthday

If you would like someone to join in the celebration at your child's birthday, just clip out the coupon below and send your child's photo along with the information requested and we will print it as near the big day as possible. Photos must be received two weeks prior to publication. Only children 12 and under are eligible. Enclose a 2x3 or larger photo (black & white is best, but we'll take color photos) with your child's name on the back. Relatives or friends' photos must not return address on the back of the picture. Fill out the following form. *Clip and Mail!*

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Springfield's Morrison on Gettysburg football roster

Gordon Morrison of Springfield, a 1993 Dayton Regional High School graduate, is one of 33 freshmen on the Gettysburg College varsity football roster. Morrison is one of seven athletes from New Jersey, four of them freshmen, eligible to play this year for the Gettysburg, Pa. Division 3 school. Morrison, 18, is listed as a 6-1, 185-pound linebacker. He will wear No. 98.

McGriff, Wolski win tennis tournament

Winstory McGriff and Audie Wolski emerged triumphant among a field of 13 entries in the 8th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Doubles Round Robin Tennis Tournament. The tourney was sponsored by the Linden Recreation Department and held at the Wilton Tennis Courts in Linden. McGriff and Wolski defeated Antonio Romero and Frank McNickens.

UHS boys' soccer begins Wednesday

Union High School boys' soccer practice commences on Wednesday at 8 a.m. at the Gruber Avenue Field. Practice will continue at 9 a.m. on Sept. 2, 3, 4 and 6. Practice will take place Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 2:30 p.m. On the first day of practice all athletes must bring permission slips. Union board of education physical forms and sneakers.

Linden PAL football registration

The Linden P.A.L. Flag Football League final in person registration will take place Thursday, Sept. 9 and Friday, Sept. 10 at Cooper Field, 9-12 at 6 p.m. both days. Teams will be limited to a first come first served basis, so sign up now. All players will receive and keep their jerseys, team socks and athletic

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Talented artist maintains unusual sense of humor

By Bea Smith
Lifestyle Editor

Dentle DeVone of Springfield, a wondrously talented artist with an unusual, sometimes outrageous, sense of humor, which transmits itself in many of her paintings, is utterly casual about her accomplishments.

Some of her award-winning paintings will be displayed in a solo show, a mild retrospective of her extensive paintings at the Donald B. Palmer Museum at the Springfield Free Public Library from Sept. 1 through Sept. 30. The exhibition is called "Amalgamated Coconuts Presents — The Painted Lady Rides Again."

"Amalgamated Coconuts is the name of my company," DeVone declared the other morning during a visit to this office. The busy young artist explained that "because I happened to be a fan of the Marx Brothers, I used the spelling of one of their movies for the name of my company."

Her studio is in an extension built at her home in Springfield, she said. "It was time to become a really tiny fish in a big pond," DeVone laughed.

DeVone has had numerous solo exhibitions in Honolulu and throughout the metropolitan area, as well as two person, group, juried. She also has done commissioned murals, her work is included in collections and numerous publications, and she is listed in Outstanding Young Women of America, 1986. She also has served as a juror, contributed her work to film and video and is a member of six art associations.

In addition to her paintings, she enjoys working with youngsters, and by calling the Springfield Recreation Department at 908-912-2226.



Award-winning artist Dentle DeVone of Springfield stands beside one of her paintings, 'The Coast House,' which will be part of her exhibition show at the Donald B. Palmer Museum at the Springfield Free Public Library from Sept. 1 to Sept. 30. The exhibition is called 'Amalgamated Coconuts presents — The Painted Lady Rides Again.'

Singles to dine

A new group, the Jewish Singles Dining Out Group, is being formed for professional singles between the ages of 25 and 35. Further information can be obtained by calling 549-2849.

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DINING REVIEW

By Lillian Abbracciamelo,
Staff Writer

Question: What stimulates your senses, tingles your palate and warms your heart?

Answer: Star of India restaurant, located at 496 Boulevard in Kenilworth.

From the moment you enter this marvelous family-run place, you feel you have gained entrance into an oasis in the family's native Punjab. Brass Star of India charger plates, jeweled brass lanterns and intricate tapestries of fabrics on the walls lend an exotic air to this very inviting and cozy atmosphere.

Chef Amar Nath, who has owned Star of India since its inception three years ago, introduces a visitor to his wife, Sangeta, and the two usher the visitor into the kitchen to show off the authentic clay oven, used for certain breads and Tandoori specialties. They sweep you off your feet and into a magic carpet food fest.

Their lovely daughter, Asha, attired in a traditional sari, is ready to explain the different foods and offer suggestions. Son Satish waits and tends and anticipates your every need.

All of the dishes are light and aromatic. The ingredients are the freshest, the quality the highest and the spices are subtle so as to cater to everyone's taste.

Among my favorite appetizers were the Palova, a spinach fried in the Sansas Vegetable, a crisp spiced potato and pea turnover, and the Tandoori Amoretti Appetizer, a Scotch Egg, Shrimp Tandoori and Chicken Tikka.

The menu notes wisely that "you'll never go back to 'Shake & Bake'." DeVone righted, "I thought I was going into maula. I really didn't know what I was going to do. But in high

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 1993
EVENT: Parking Lot Barbecue - Take Out
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Professor plans piano recital

Maria Marchesa, assistant professor of music at Kean College of New Jersey, Union, will perform a piano recital Sept. 26 at 3 p.m. in the college's Wilkins Theater.

A 'Ragtime' concert is scheduled today

The songs of Joplin, Ellington, Gershwin, Rodgers and Kern will be featured in 'Ragtime to Broadway' starring Ed Pierson, the final concert in the 'Summer Signs & Sounds' free luncheon music series, today from noon to 2.

The performance, sponsored by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Division of Parks and Recreation, will take place on the lawn of the Union County Park adjacent to St. John's Parsonage, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth.

Ed Pierson has performed for more than 25 years in opera, concert and on Broadway. Pierson spent 15 years in the New York City Opera singing a variety of roles which included Don

Basilio, Jokanaan, and Scarpia, often sharing the stage with Beverly Sills, Placido Domingo and Jose Carreras.

Brian Connors of Elizabeth, a professional actor and member of the Screen Actor's Guild and Actor's Equity Association, will teach acting workshops Sept. 13 through Dec. 20 at the YM-YWHA of Union County, Green Lane, Union.

Artist-photographer to hold exhibition

Susan Daboll, an artist and photographer, will have an exhibition at Kean College of New Jersey's James Howe Gallery, Union, from Sept. 2 to 30.

Daboll's exhibition, "Bodies of Work: 1984-1993," will present an overview of the artist's photographs, which depict various techniques, consistently reveal a thoughtful consideration of the female body in the Western pictorial tradition.

Christine Ebersole will star opposite Gregory Harrison in the world premiere musical of 'Paper Moon' at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, from Sept. 8 through Oct. 24.

Art in oils on exhibit

The works in oil of Robert Sarsory and John Troyer will be displayed Sept. 8 through Oct. 24 at the Ronco Foomer Art Gallery at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn.

Bea Smith, Editor
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Music career seminar set

Reba McEntire, Dwight Yoakam, Tammy Wynette, James Brown, Roy Orbison and Leon Russell respectively will have a chance to learn the ropes from a 40-year industry veteran Sept. 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Springfield.

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Now, three generations later, they are celebrating their 53rd year in business and still serving the public at the same location, 1873 Morris Avenue, in their hometown of Union. And they are still serving the public in the same way that Cal, Sr. started doing 53 years ago.

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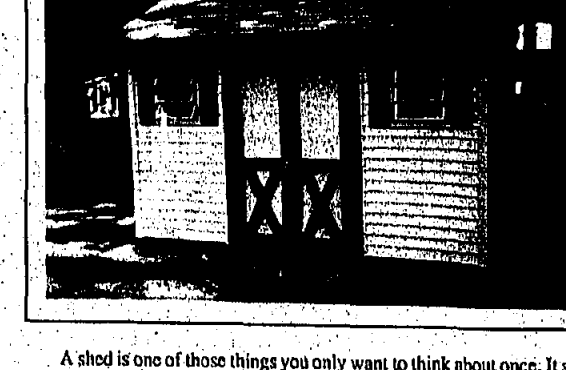
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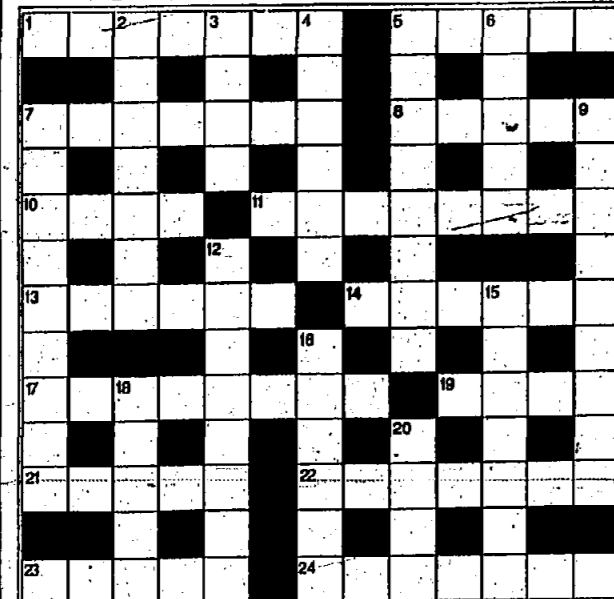
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'Culinary Gala' set for Clinton Manor

An international cuisine with famous chefs from Northern New Jersey is being offered on Monday evening, Sept. 13, at the newly-decorated Clinton Manor, Rt. 22 West Union, by the Children's Specialized Hospital of Mountaintop and Springfield B'nai B'rith chapter.

Sample dinners are being offered including foods from Italy, India, Spain, Portugal, China and Japan as well as American. Some of the participating restaurants in the "Culinary Gala" include the Hearth, Star of India, Tadi's, Angle and Mia's, Uncle Mike's, Daphne's, Sagres Tavern, Hilary and da Silvio. The tasting experience includes desserts by Calger, Mimi's Italian Ices, Tulip Chocolates and DiPaolo Bakery.

Some of the main course offerings include Tender Chicken, Paella, Shrimp Milano, Chicken Am Marie, Tortellini Carbonara in addition to Chinese, Japanese and traditional American foods. Also offered is an opportunity to sample various international coffees and various teas by Twining.

"Those who attend the event will be able to talk to the chefs and find out recipes and techniques used in fine food preparation," according to Myron Solomon, event chairman.

Tickets are available for the "Culinary Gala" by calling 201 762-0691 and 908 686-7921.

Open auditions due for stage musical

The Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway, has announced that it will hold open auditions for the musical, "West Side Story," which will be produced Nov. 19 to 21 at the renovated 1928 theater.

Dance auditions will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sept. 12. Vocal auditions will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. on Sept. 13. It was requested that auditioners must attend both auditions and present a picture and a resume. All roles are available to dancers and singers in the 18-30 age range. There are four mature roles. It was announced that auditioners are prepared to dance and sing with a "prepared song with music to the appropriate key."

Those interested in becoming a stage manager or in technical work are asked to leave their name at the theater. The director is Marsha Watson. Music director is Ruby Robertson and choreographer is Allison Brunton-Dooley.

Additional information on the auditions can be obtained by calling 322-8591. Information on the theater can be obtained by calling 499-8226.

Auditions for 'Li'l Abner' slated Saturday in Union

The Union Theater Guild, sponsored by the Township of Union Recreation, will hold open auditions for the musical, "Li'l Abner," Saturday from 1 to 6 p.m. Auditions also will be held Sept. 7 from 7 to 10 p.m.

Needed are actors, singers, dancers and stage crews. It was announced. Auditioners are requested to bring their own material if possible, otherwise material will be furnished.

Auditions will be held at F. Edward Dietschmann Senior Center, 2155 Morris Ave., Union.

Show dates are Nov. 19 and 20.

For further information one can call 687-3924 or 686-4209.

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horoscope

For week of Aug. 28-Sept. 4

ARIES (March 21 to April 20) You may be feeling a bit emotional or moody this week. Try not to take your frustrations out on loved ones. Spending time alone will help you get back on track. An interesting business opportunity will practically fall on your lap. Get all details before signing papers or contracts.

TAURUS (April 21 to May 21) You must be a team player if you want to be a success in business. Emotional outbursts will get you nowhere. Romance and new experiences will be the highlight of the week, particularly on Thursday and Friday. Keep your eyes out for Captains or Libras of the opposite sex.

GEMINI (May 22 to June 21) You'll discover a new way to spend your productivity at work. This will give you more time for creative endeavors. If planning a trip, Wednesday would be a good day to make arrangements. You may even come across a bargain. Be extra sensitive to the feelings of your mate.

CANCER (June 22 to July 22) Seize the opportunity to mix business with pleasure. You may get offered the chance to earn extra money. This will come in handy in the next couple of months, especially if you're planning to travel. A long talk with an old friend will enlighten you. You will find out some exciting news.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 23) Peace of mind will only be obtained if you're honest with yourself. Try not to be too demanding on loved ones or close relationships will be strained. Weekend plans may be cancelled at the last minute. The fine lines you gain will help you finish up long-term domestic projects.

VERGO (Aug. 24 to Sept. 23) This week will have its ups and downs. But don't let the downs get to you. With patience, everything will work out for the best. You may have to make a compromise in order to achieve harmony in family matters. The compromise will be even better than the original plan.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 to Oct. 23) Avoid shopping sprees and frivolities. Keep a small nest egg for unexpected expenses. What may have seemed to be a disappointment at first turns out to be a stroke of good luck. You will have something to celebrate. A new hobby or interest will take up a lot of time this week. Opportunities will literally come knocking at your door.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 to Nov. 23) Things start falling into place this week. This is a good time to sign contracts and make major purchases. If you're not careful, you could lose another friend over a misunderstanding. It wouldn't hurt to keep an open mind. Small children will be the focus of this weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 to Dec. 21) You could find yourself with your foot in your mouth. If shoes aren't your favorite delicacy, then keep your opinions to yourself. There will be major emphasis over finances. You will figure out a better way to manage your money. A new routine at work should be easier for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) A negative attitude isn't going to help a situation you can't control. It will just make it worse. On Thursday, you could find yourself in the right place at the right time. This could lead to career advancement. A letter — or some written material — could be the cause of controversy at work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) This is a good week to start new projects. You'll feel more organized than you have in weeks. Socializing seems to pick up. You'll enjoy spending time with friends in the next few weeks. Romance is looking good. Single Aquarians could meet someone special this week.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to March 21) Find out what friends are planning for the weekend. There could be an event that would be of special interest to you and may encourage you to make some constructive changes in your own plans. A major problem may occur at work. Laying your cool is no way to remedy a situation.

Your birthday this week: You could accomplish a great deal this coming year. Both work and personal projects will come more easily than you think. You will have your hands full for most of the year, but will gain a lot from it. Single Virgos will be intrigued by a Taurus of the opposite sex. A romance is very likely sometime this fall. During the winter months, a close friend will show a completely different — and shocking — side. You will be very disappointed and may decide to sever your ties with this person. Travel would be an enjoyable relaxation break this coming spring. Consider taking a trip overseas. But be sure to make plans early.

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The studio, located at 590 Chestnut St. in Union near Five Points, is owned and directed by Denise Lynch, who holds a master's degree in dance from the Dance Education of America and is a life member of the organization. Assistant instructor Robyn Dominguez is a graduate of the Dance Educators of America and all instructors are certified to teach.

The school features an award-winning dance group that performs in various dance competitions throughout the area. Graduates of the school include Cynthia Cherney, Linda Elwert, Patsy Tully and Cindy Hughes, all former Radio City Music Hall Rockettes. Graduates Linda Swigel, Patsy Tully and Lynn Frazier operate dance studios in New Jersey and Vermont.

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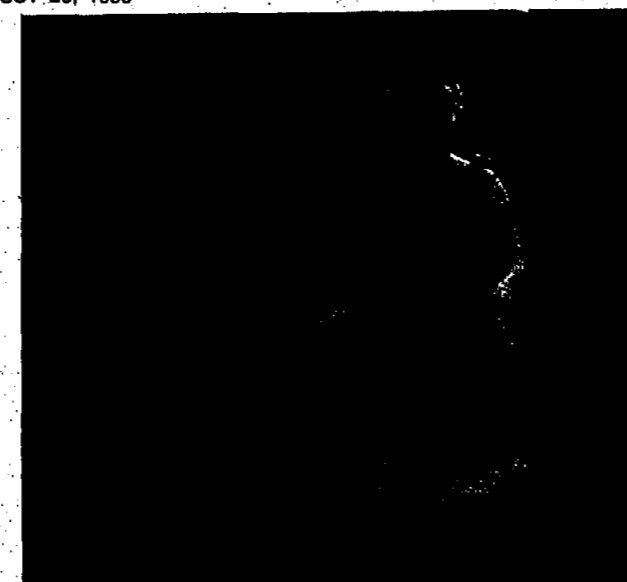
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The studio is home for the state and national award winning A.T.D. Dancers — a student pre-professional company under the direction of Kowalski. The senior team recently returned from the Dance Educators of America National Finals Competition held in Las Vegas, Nev., taking home two gold, six silver, two bronze trophies, along with Wendy Henderson and Tina Williams, Miss D.E.A. National Finalist and third High Score Duet cash award winners. Also, the senior and junior teams are returning from the Star Systems National Finals Competition held in Niagara Falls, N.Y., taking home eight first, five second, one third and one fourth place trophies. Several other awards and achievements were received by the dance company during the year including the "Miss Union County Title" winner Tina Williams, who also received a talent scholarship at the Miss New Jersey Scholarship Pageant and a ballet scholarship from Dance Educators of America. The A.T.D. Dancers have achieved national talent recognition for the past 11 years.



Senior A.T.D. dancers, standing from left, are Maria's Dones, Jaime Costanza, Allison Placca, Tina Williams and Alyson Niche. Sitting is Windy Henderson. Kneeling is Erin Fritto.

Said Salvanto-Kowalski: "I am dedicated to the art of dance and see that my students are given every opportunity available to excel — whether at workshops in New York City, guest teachers, trips to Radio City, Rap-O-Mania competitions, involving the United States of America and so much more. I not only teach your children — but care about your children. That's what makes All That Dance different and so special."

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Oak Knoll students reach out to help others

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During the summer and school year, Oak Knoll students have contributed countless hours to help these homeless children of Elizabeth. The volunteers tutor the children after school, play games with them, and help with emotional and social problems.

The idea for this service project came from Oak Knoll Creative Arts Department Chairman Will Cardell of Summit, who had enjoyed his own weekly tutoring visits with the children at St. Joseph's Center and felt the

program would be a perfect fit for the Oak Knoll service program.

The program has been a successful partnership for the Oak Knoll students and the homeless children they tutor. This year, Cardell accompanied 10 students to Elizabeth for their twice weekly tutoring visits. The children await their "special" friends who take an interest in them and provide a stability to their lives.

The Oak Knoll tutors and the Elizabeth children began a special project this past April. Thirty-five children, ranging in age from 6 to 13 years old, wrote letters to President Bill Clinton. They addressed serious issues of concern to them, that of drugs and violence in their communities, homelessness and world issues,

such as the Bosnian conflict. They asked for aid for the St. Joseph's Coalition and the Elizabeth Children's Tutoring Program.

The letters were bound in an album, with a cover letter and information on the center and sent to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. In May, the students received their response. Much to their delight and amazement, they received two signed letters from Clinton, photos of Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, some informational sheets about the Constitution and biographical information on the president and vice president. In his letter to the Elizabeth children and their tutors, Clinton commended them for their efforts. He added, "I am counting on you to work hard in school, avoid drugs and work

in your community to protect the environment."

The Oak Knoll volunteers have continued their work with the homeless children this summer, leading the children in art projects and music sessions. They have become their camp counselors directing their activities from games to fun outings. Cardell and Oak Knoll music teacher Ruby Robertson are the advisors and drivers for the seven to 10 girls who volunteer at the center each week. The summer program serves as a recreational link

to the important tutoring the Oak Knoll students accomplish during the school year.

About 80 percent of Oak Knoll students, grades 7 through 12, volunteer their time to community service, in such settings as soup kitchens, senior citizen centers and hospitals. Other service projects involving Oak Knoll students are the St. Rose of Lima in Newark, the Elizabethport tutoring program, and a clowning group known as "The Clown Typists," which cheers the young patients at the Valerio Center with its funny antics.

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In-person registration sessions will be conducted in the Rahway High School cafeteria, 1012 Madison Ave., Rahway. Ample parking is available. Fall term classes for the Rahway Adult School will start the last week of September.

A 32-page brochure listing mini-courses and full semester courses was mailed to residents of Rahway, Avenel, Carteret, Clark, Colonia, Cranford, Garwood, Linden, Roselle and Winfield in August. To receive a brochure, call the Rahway Adult School hotline at 908-382-1361. A tape is available seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Call the hotline to inquire about course offerings and any special requirements.

There is a variety of special one-night presentations and seminars to go with mini-courses and full term courses during the fall season of the Rahway Adult School. Most classes are held at Rahway High School unless otherwise indicated in the brochure.

Sign language, calligraphy, craft workshops, golf, tennis, sewing, illnesses and total fitness, German, Italian, Spanish and oil painting are a

few of the 105 courses offered during the fall term. Popular computer courses include Wordperfect, Introduction to Windows, Lotus, DOS, Excel, PageMaker and Introduction to Macintosh. Enrollment is limited in computer classes, and individuals requesting a computer class should start their registration process immediately.

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Orientation program kicks off school year

Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark will reopen Sept. 7 with a morning orientation program for new faculty members and a meeting of department chairpersons with Sister Regina Martin, principal, and Joan Samon, assistant principal. A

later meeting with the entire faculty will be followed by a liturgy celebrated by the Rev. Kevin Murphy, school chaplain. A luncheon is scheduled for all faculty members after the liturgy. A "Welcome Freshman Picnic"

will be held for grades 9 and 10 on Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. In addition, a special orientation program will acquaint the freshman class with student life at Mother Seton Regional High School. Faculty and student council members will be

involved in this program scheduled for Sept. 10. A Freshman Parents' Night program is scheduled for Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Mother Seton Regional High School offers extensive academic and co-curricular activities. A full honors program at each grade level is offered in the major subject areas. A complete college-preparatory curriculum is offered to the students. Several advanced courses, such as calculus, physics and advanced biology, are offered to students who successfully qualify. Courses in computer literacy

are required of all students, and electives in computer science and word processing are also available. A series of science workshops for seventh and eighth graders will be held in the fall.

The school serves Union, Middlesex and southern Essex counties. Busing is available from each county. An "active" and "supportive" Parents' Guild sponsors many social and fundraising events. Prospective students and their parents are welcome to visit the school at any time or to obtain further information by calling 908-382-1952.

Education funding will be issue

How New Jersey funds education will dominate public discussion, following the November gubernatorial election and throughout the remainder of the 1993-94 school year, a top official of the New Jersey School Boards Association predicted.

Caryn R.S. Smith, NISBA president, pointed to a commission now at work developing a new system to fund the education of New Jersey's 1.1 million public school students. "The Education Funding Review Commission is scheduled to report to our governor and Legislature after the November election," she said. "The action will spark considerable public discussion."

The commission resulted from last January's school funding compromise among the governor, the Legislature and a coalition of education groups and advocates, including NISBA. By providing \$242 million more in state aid than school districts received the previous year, the funding compromise averted program cuts in many communities.

In addition, the compromise also took the issue of school funding off the political "front burner" for 1993, according to Smith. But she expects school funding to return to the forefront of discussion after the November election.

"The EPRC faces a genuine challenge," said Smith. "It must come up with a formula that will provide adequate resources for our children's education, no matter where they live and must satisfy a state Supreme Court decree on school funding."

The 15-member commission was appointed by the governor and Legislature this spring. Its members include Robert E. Boose, NISBA executive director.

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Mike is eight years old and so far the most significant thing he has learned in school is how to fall. He has trouble reading, seldom finishes a project, and has difficulty concentrating. When his teachers speak in class he doesn't listen.

Months pass, and his parents recognize he isn't learning properly. Each day the boy's self-image sinks a bit lower. Eight years later, Mike is six feet tall and still barely can read.

Two facts have changed, however. Mike now has a probation officer assigned to him by juvenile court and attends a continuation high school on an irregular basis.

The above scenario is every parent's nightmare and, yet, according to author and educator Lawrence J. Greene, there is hope for kids like Mike if they can be diagnosed and brought into treatment early enough.

His book, *Learning Disabilities and Your Child: A Survival Handbook* (Falcon Column) is illustrated throughout with actual case histories of kids who had

difficulty in school and were treated successfully.

Additionally, the book explains every issue related to learning disorders, such as IQ, hyperactivity, low self-esteem, autism, sensory impairment, perceptual dysfunction and genetic influence.

"There are a number of signs of the warning signals for learning problems of a child," Greene explains. "Restlessness, restlessness, inability to follow directions and messy handwriting are all indicators of a possible problem," he says.

Greene also stresses the importance of parents taking a role in their child's education and says that they must be willing to commit time, energy and, in some instances, money to help solve a child's learning problems.

In 1970, Greene founded the Developmental Learning Center, now located in Saratoga, Calif., and recently opened a new center in Morgan Hill where children who suffer from disorders such as

dyslexia, or letter reversal, and aphasia, a communication disorder, can go for help.

A visitor to one of these centers can find students on a trampoline spelling their names backward, sitting at desks reading with the help of a machine that lets them see one word at a time, practicing writing on a chalkboard or trying verbally to guide their teacher through a maze.

Although these exercises seem unrelated to learning problems, Greene says the emphasis on following directions helps him reach his goal—teaching the children to correct, or at least to compensate for, their learning problems.

A diagnostic evaluation and parent conference is Greene's first step in the remediation process. Once the source of the learning problem is identified, next comes developing a learning-assistance strategy that fits the child's specific needs.

"Sometimes treatment can be very straightforward," he says. "A student may be doing poorly in school because he

or she can't read efficiently or can't concentrate.

"What makes us unique, I think, is that we concentrate on concentrating, on training children to process information more efficiently."

"I train the kids," he adds. "In much the same way an athlete is trained—breaking down a complex skill into conceptual parts and practicing those parts, then reintegrating them."

"Kids who don't function well in school are demoralized," Greene says. "The majority need additional help." He points out that learning problems often result in repeated failure and frustration that affect not only the child but his or her entire family.

"Poor self-esteem, manipulative behavior and defiance mechanisms are but a few of the self-defeating behaviors that parents of a learning disabled child must learn to handle."

"For most couples, producing a child is relatively easy," he says. "Helping that child become happy, self-confident, and

self-confident can be far more difficult. The process demands love, dedication and a lot of skillful parenting."

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Educational toys are helping America's youngsters get a jump on school lessons

Millions of youngsters will be better prepared for school this fall, thanks to a strong trend in the toy industry toward educational products.

Amid widespread concern over the quality of this country's educational system, parents appear to be re-evaluating the ways in which their youngsters spend their playtime.

The educational electronics category has grown 65 percent over the past two years, as high learning aids replace more traditional playthings. Close to half of the American families with children between the ages of three and 11 now own at least one electronic learning aid, according to a recent research study.

The popularity of these electronic tutors stems from their ability to turn learning into a fun and stress-free pastime. Lively animation, flashing lights, spirited musical tunes, sophisticated sound effects—even simulated human voices serving as talking instructors—transform reading, writing and arithmetic into hi-tech, game-like challenges.

"The infusion of electronic graphics and sound effects has created a generation of learning toys that are fun and educational," said Jack Hirsch, president of Video Technology, the leading maker of electronic learning aids.

"These game-like audiovisual effects not only make learning enjoyable, but also improve retention and encourage children to spend more time engaged in educational activities."

A lot of attention in the educational electronics category is currently focused on Video Technology's new Socrates. Socrates is the first educational video system to work directly through a television set without requiring a VCR. It turns a household television into a fun-filled learning center, providing entertaining one-to-one instruction in math, spelling, music and drawing for youngsters from

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The main Socrates unit simply connects into a TV set's antenna input. Children interact with over 40 pre-programmed activities using a wireless remote control keyboard.

By store shelves are full of self-contained electronic learning aids that run the gamut from helping preschoolers recognize shapes and colors to teaching older students touch typing and computer programming.

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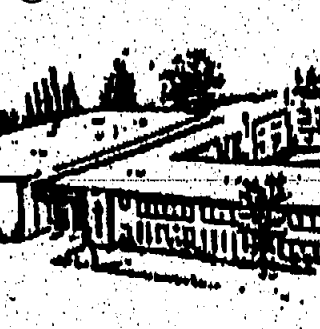
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In the last few years, a number of books, centers and training programs have sprung up to help busy American executives, business people and housewives get better organized. They all come to the same conclusion—being better organized means being more successful.

These same organizational skills are just as important for students entering their junior and senior high school years, according to Ruth Whitman, assistant director at the American Federation of Teachers.

"It's become evident for students as well as adults that clear and critical thinking are valuable skills that will be in increasing demand in the coming century," said Whitman. "Organizational tools that assist young people in developing these skills can be extremely valuable."

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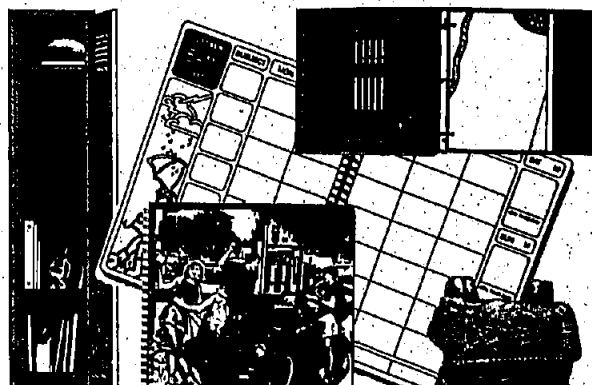
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How do you teach children that studying now will pay off handsomely later in life? Some education experts believe parents don't necessarily have to drag children away from that tempting palette of sight and sound. Instead, they can entice children to "learn how to learn" through the power of video.

"Often, children with poor study habits have short attention spans and are poor readers. Video can be used effectively to teach these students.

"A fast-paced video tape that uses modern electronic effects, contemporary

music and students in real-life situations is a good tool to teach youngsters how to develop good study habits," said nationally-renowned educator Dr. Alvin Cronowsky, vice president, School and Library Services, World Book, Inc., which had just introduced an entertaining 45-minute VHS-format video titled "How To Study."

Many educators agree that poor study habits and inadequate reading skills are the two major reasons youngsters fail in school. The National Center for Education Statistics also reports that Junior high and high school students who fail in school often have few study aids available to them at home.

Parents want to help their children but often don't know which study and reading skills are important or how to teach

these skills that should be introduced in the primary grades.

Three out of four teachers, librarians and school administrators recently surveyed for World Book by noted educator Dr. Keith Coburn, Ph.D., professor of child development and education, the University of Georgia, said many sixth through ninth graders have not mastered the basic study skills needed to be successful in school.

Of the 2,400 educators surveyed, the respondents said that by junior high school students should know, among other skills, how to:

- Locate, interpret and evaluate information.
- Determine the main idea of a paragraph or story.

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One of the best methods currently used to help students boost their ability to learn these critical skills and develop good study habits is SQ3R—Survey, Question, Read, Recite and Review.

SQ3R is designed to help students study more effectively so they have more time for fun. This easily-learned, but successful, technique is presented on World Book's "How To Study" video.

"I use SQ3R with my students with good results," said reading specialist Mickey Silverstein, M.Ed., an Evanston, Illinois, elementary school teacher.

"I have my kids survey the reading

material and turn each title or heading into a question. This helps my students think about what they're reading. After they've read the assignment, they recite aloud the main ideas. Then I ask them to review the assignment."

"Demonstrating how study skills help youngsters in the real world is critical," Dr. Cronowsky points out, "to capture the students' attention and help them understand that learning is an important part of the natural environment, at home and in school."

John Casella, keyboard player for the John Cougar Mellencamp rock band, tells students in World Book's "How To Study" video that the skills he developed to help him in school are the same ones he now uses in the music business.

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A handful of practical pointers for taming the homework blues

It's that time again! While students everywhere prepare with great anticipation for the school year ahead by choosing a new wardrobe, trying out a different hairstyle or just looking forward to the adventure of a brand new semester, there is one risk of fall that they don't prepare for particularly or look forward to, and that's the "9-5" word—homework!

As yes, homework! It brings out the procrastinator in even the best of us. It seems so easy to put off homework assignments until we find ourselves staying up half the night cramming for a big exam the next day.

Start this school year right by setting up a strategy for dealing with homework assignments and sticking to it. The expert at Faber-Castell, the most trusted name in school supplies, has a few tips that may help you tame the homework monster and actually end up a better student.

• Keep all your homework supplies in one spot. It will be easier to tackle creative assignments if you don't have to spend a half hour rummaging through your closet for a protractor.

When it's time to create those special maps, charts or graphs that will accompany your assignments, choose a quality product such as Rainbow Writes markers, that won't bleed through paper.

Covering the entire spectrum of colors, these markers contain vivid washable watercolor ink in three versatile styles. Best of all, they come in a convenient plastic pouch that ensures that your markers won't end up scattered beneath your bed when you're through with them.

• When you've settled down for a long night of studying remember to take a short break at least once every hour. Move around, stretch, even go outside for a short walk and a breath of fresh air. You'll be surprised how much easier it is to absorb the material at hand when you give yourself a few minutes to escape from it.

• Need a lift when your brain starts getting muddled from too many algebra equations? Break out your yellow-pencil rat with Wild Wood's pencils, featuring popular jungle prints in dazzling colors—the most fashionable pencil style since the 1950s.

One warning: If you plan on bringing them to class, be sure to stock up on plenty of Wild Woods—you'd be surprised how many of your classmates will be asking you if they can borrow a pencil.

• Why does homework make you so hungry? Could it be all that extra brain power you're using? Next time you get

the "homework munchies," instead of reaching for a sugary candy bar or soft drink that gives you a quick lift, but zaps your energy in the long run, try a natural snack like fresh fruit or yogurt.

Natural sugar gradually lifts your blood sugar while it keeps your energy high and your appetite under control.

• Everyone knows the importance of note-taking. But have you ever tried to read notes that were taken with a ballpoint pen that glopped ink everywhere. What a mess! Besides smearing all over your hands, sloppy-looking notes greatly diminish your enthusiasm for studying them.

The rescue: Pony retractable ballpens. Besides their sporty graphic styling in contemporary pastels or sleek black barrels with bright color accents, Pony pens rotate with a simple push-button click, avoiding smears and subsequent ink glopping.

Pony pens come with almost one and a half miles of writing, so you can keep up

with even the most challenging teacher's notes.

• How to earn an "A" on your art projects? Don't forget to stock up on Uni POSCA paint markers. Available in vivid fluorescent colors that don't fade and are quick-drying, these markers are the ideal tool for creating memorable posters, signs, greeting cards and an entire array of craft projects. Your only limit will be your imagination.

• If you have a big assignment looming ahead of you, such as a term paper or a science project, don't procrastinate until you're cramming the work in the night before. Big projects are much easier to

digest when you break them into smaller steps.

Set up a timetable and stick to it. Include in the timetable any library research or books that will be needed to finish the assignment.

As you reach each new step, you'll gain confidence in your ability to complete the assignment and you'll be done on time with a project you can be proud of.

With a little advance planning, the proper school supplies, and the right attitude, homework can be a rewarding learning experience for students of all ages.

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