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Downtown awaits approval

(Continued from Page 1) plan is to beautify the downtown area and attract new business, which would create a stronger tax base. The business and township hopes to attract will not be hired, unless the landlords in the area grant long-term leases to businesses, which in the past they have not. Coan said.

Other parts of the plan are ambitious and inconsistent, he said. "The whole thing does not make sense," Coan said.

UCUA, ARTS set schedule

The Union County Utilities Authority and Advanced Recycling Technology Systems Inc. have released the schedule for curbside pickups of recyclables during 1994 for Springfield.

Newspaper, glass bottles and jars, aluminum and tin cans, plastic bottles, corrugated cardboard, mixed paper and household batteries are collected at curbside every other week according to the following Friday schedule:

Feb. 11 and 25; March 11 and 25; April 8 and 22; May 6 and 20; June 3 and 17; July 1, 15 and 29; Aug. 12 and 26; Sept. 9 and 23; Oct. 7 and 21; Nov. 4 and 18; Dec. 2, 16 and 30.

Residents are reminded to set out their recyclables by 6 a.m. the day they are scheduled for collection. Because separate trucks are used to collect different materials, all recyclables may not be collected at the same time.

Kid Care ID



Mo Kevoe, owner of Mack Camera and Video Service, participated in a Kid Care ID program by taking pictures of prekindergarten, kindergarten and first-graders at the Walton, Sandmor and Caldwell schools. From left are Teresa Catania and Kevoe and Liz Bussicchio of the Parent-Teacher Organization.

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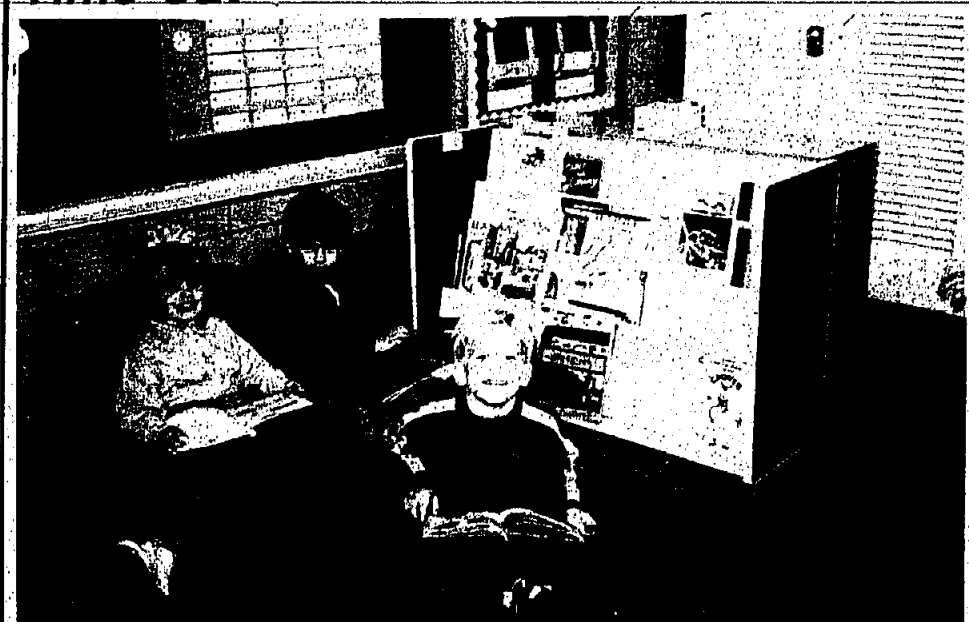
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Time out



These Walton School preschoolers take time out in the book corner to read. From left are Shannon O'Connor, Michael Noss and Matthew Byk.

Snowstorms Michael in monetary loss

(Continued from Page 1) first state of emergency declared this year. "The good news," he said, is that the town may be able to recoup the money spent on snow removal incurred by Friday's storm because of the declaration of emergency.

Springfield Fire Chief William Greis said the main problem resulting from the storm was that almost all of the township's 370 fire hydrants were buried under snow. "We're still trying to locate some of them," he said on Tuesday.

Greis added that the township was fortunate enough not to have any fires during the storm. The department did lend assistance at a fire on Clinton street in Linden at 12:52 p.m. on Friday.

Mayor Vecchione, with the Springfield and department, said that \$507 had been spent on salt to melt ice on the grounds of the municipal building before Friday's storm. Also before the storm on Friday the township had spent \$9,233 on 250 tons of salt and

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Regional board discusses technology

By Joseph Nieldelaki Staff Writer

At the Tuesday evening board conference meeting of the Union County Regional High School District Board of Education, curriculum coordinator Kenneth Matfield, Dayton Regional Principal Judith Wickline and adult and vocational education Supervisor Charles Serson briefed the board on the impact of technology on various areas of the district and how that technology could be absorbed in the district.

Matfield recommended that the board call for the formation of a technology planning committee.

Matfield said new and emerging technology suggests that the district will need a long-range plan to incorporate that technology into education. The proposed technology planning committee would include a board member, administrators and teachers in the district, students, parents and other community members.

Matfield recommended that the committee present its initial report to the board in May. At that time he said the committee would set a final target date with the board for completing the task of incorporating the emerging technology into the district. Interest in the district would also be scheduled.

"My guess would be, no later than a year from now, we would have a fairly detailed plan for technology in the district," Matfield said.

Matfield said a fully developed plan is required in this area because districts have adopted technology in different ways and have fallen into traps where available technology may be applied in a haphazard or organic manner. "We've been able to avoid that to a large extent," he said.

Citing initiatives where technology

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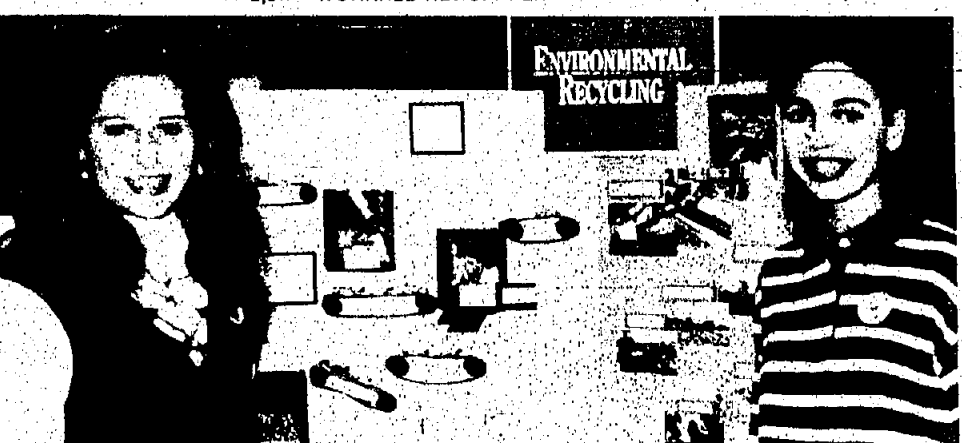
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From left, Kristin De Angelo and Jessica Pflug, eighth-graders at St. James School in Springfield, display their winning entry at the annual science fair during Catholic School Week. The week was celebrated from Jan. 30 to Feb. 5.

Elizabethtown 'shares the warmth' with elders

As temperatures drop to record-breaking lows this winter, Elizabethtown Gas customers continue to watch out for their elderly and less fortunate neighbors by contributing more than \$25,000 to the utility's "Share the Warmth" fund.

These contributions, earmarked to help pay gas heating bills, are then matched dollar-for-dollar by the company's shareholders, who also kick in the fund drive with a \$50,000 donation.

The funds total approximately \$101,000. The money is distributed through local social service agencies in grants of up to \$200 per household.

"Elizabethtown Gas is proud to provide the means by which neighbors can help neighbors," said Robert P. Kennedy, Elizabethtown Gas president. "Share the Warmth has given much needed assistance to many of our customers, and we are happy to be involved."

"Our customers have been very generous this year with contributions running significantly ahead of previous years. This winter's extreme cold weather has made people more aware of those who are having difficulty paying their heating bills. Since those bills will be higher than usual this year, Share the Warmth is especially needed now."

Four social service agencies that operate within Elizabethtown's seven-county franchise are responsible for distributing Share the Warmth funds. Those agencies are The American Red Cross of Eastern Union County, the Urban League of Union County, the Perry-Ryan Association for Human Development of Perth Amboy and the Northwest New Jersey Community Action Program of Philadelphia.

Contributions to Share the Warmth can be sent care of Elizabethtown Gas Co., One Elizabethtown Plaza, Union, 07083, or enclosed with gas bill payments. Checks should be made payable to Share the Warmth, and contributions are tax-deductible.

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Handgun exchange program gets overwhelming success

By Debbie Morton
Staff Writer

Union County's first handgun exchange program ended Monday, resulting in 847 guns being turned over to authorities during a successful two-week effort, which prosecutors said far exceeded their expectations.

The \$68,000 program, called "Food and Funds for Guns," was initiated by county prosecutors and the Hillside-based Community FoodBank of New Jersey, with help from corporate contributors, small businesses and hospitals.

Handgun holders were given \$50 in cash and \$50 worth of certificates for food, auto parts and sportswear in exchange for their weapons. Other weapons, such as shotguns, were exchanged for \$25 in cash.

A total of 648 handguns and pistols were collected, according to Prosecutor Andrew Rucolo, who said handguns were the focus of the effort because they pose the biggest threat to law enforcement and the citizens of Union County.

Among the guns turned in were eight assault weapons and 18 sawed-off shotguns, which are illegal to possess, as well as two miniature guns small enough to fit in eye glass cases or cigarette boxes.

"There are Third World countries that would not have the fire power you see in this room," Rucolo said at a press conference Tuesday in the county administration building.

"The program will be implemented again in the spring, when adjustments

will be made to include new collection locations.

"It requires a major commitment of money and resources," Rucolo said, anticipating increased cooperation from contributors as a result of the program's unexpected response.

The most successful collection site was Heard AME Church in Roselle, where 311 guns were exchanged, followed by First Christian Assembly in Plainfield with 204 guns, the Community FoodBank in Hillside with 139 guns, St. Mary's Church in Elizabeth with 103 guns and Broad New Day in Elizabeth with 30 guns. More than 2,000 rounds of ammunition also were turned in.

Rucolo called the program "a resounding success," saying authorities had set their sights on collecting 100 guns.

"No one anticipated this," he said, estimating that an additional 1,000 weapons could have been collected if the program had not been cancelled on two days because of inclement weather. He said the overwhelming response to the program during such poor weather conditions was encouraging.

Although a "no-questions-asked" policy was enforced and gun holders were not asked to reveal their identities, Rucolo said some information was volunteered: Weapons were turned in by people ranging in age from teen-agers to senior citizens, many of whom said they chose to participate in the program for the money or because they were worried about



Union County Prosecutor Andrew Rucolo and Kathleen DiChiara, executive director of the Hillside-based Community FoodBank of New Jersey, examine handguns turned over to authorities during a two-week weapons exchange program.

A total of \$25,000 was donated by local companies, including Elizabeth town Gas, Wakefern, Merck, Schering-Plough, Ciba Pharmaceuticals, National Starch, ATT-Bell Labs, Jimmy's Auto Parts, Drier Sporting Goods and other donors which asked to remain anonymous.

Additional funding was provided by Union County's seven hospitals: Elizabeth General Medical Center, St. Elizabeth's, Rahway Union, Mablecote, Overlook and Children's Specialized hospitals.

"Getting guns off the street was the purpose of the handgun exchange program, and the number turned in speaks for itself," said David Fletcher, president of Elizabeth General Medical Center. "On behalf of all of the hospitals involved, I would like to reiterate our commitment to working with law enforcement to make Union County a safer place."

Daytime adult class scheduled at Brearley

The Union County Regional Adult School will offer daytime courses and programs for adults starting next month.

A total of 12 new courses geared to professional and personal development will be offered during the day at David Brearley Regional High School, located on Moore Avenue in Kenilworth. The classes, most of which run for four weeks, will be offered on a monthly basis beginning March 7. Area residents may enroll in

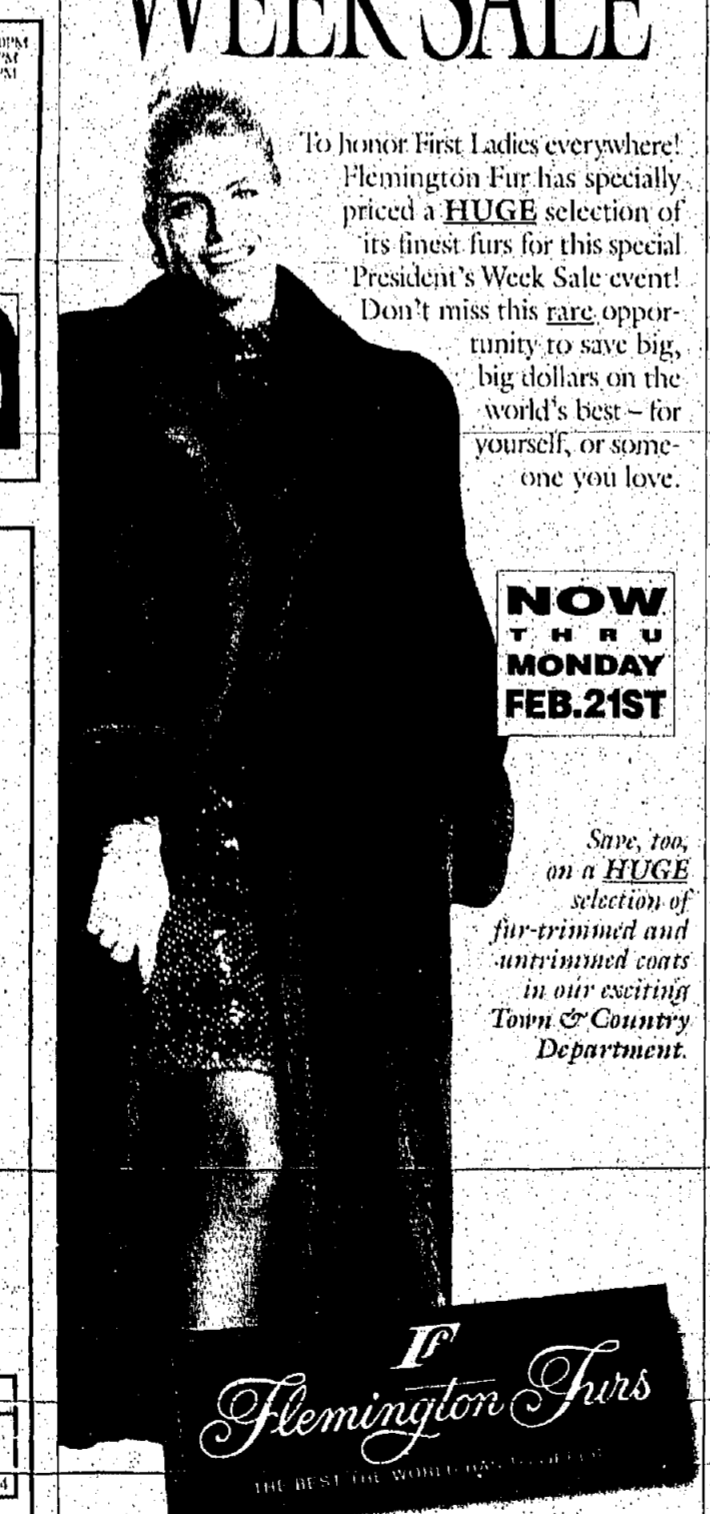
courses which begin on April 4, May 2, June 16, July 11, Aug. 8 and Sept. 6.

Classes offered through the Regional Adult Daytime Program include: Developing Basic Skills for Employment on School; Word Perfect 6.0; Word Perfect 5.2; Basic Word Processing Principles; Automated Office Systems; Microsoft Windows 3.1; Microsoft Word for Windows; IBM to Excel; Computers for Seniors; Lotus for Windows; English as a Sec-

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OPINION PAGE

Forgotten facts are what make our history

The Way It Was

By William Frolich

There are times when the conversation of a group of people gets around to old recollections and starts off with "Did you know...?" or "Remember when...?" and interesting little tidbits of knowledge come to mind. For instance, did you know that the City of Elizabeth was the first English settlement in New Jersey and was started in 1664? Most of the older residents must be aware of that, but are they aware that at one time it was known as the Borough of Elizabeth, and that the last mayor of the borough became the first mayor of the city?

How many remember when the courthouse next to the church was only the single building which is now dwarfed by the annex and 14-story tower behind it? Erected in 1903 to replace a smaller courthouse, it stands also on land once occupied by the Sheridan House, a well-known hotel in its day. From the law library on the top floor of the building, a visitor can get a wonderful view of most of Union County, from the Arthur Kill and Staten Island to the mountains of Summit and Hackensack Heights.

On the lawn near the front of the original building stands a bronze cannon, but how many remember that it was more than 100 years ago, about 1800. An old newspaper tells us that back in 1861 a large American flag was flying from the spire, as a symbol of the patriotism of the congregation at the start of the Civil War.

Did you know that the long, grassy strip of land between the sidewalk and the church is all that remains of what had been Elizabeth's first town commons, of course, was that area in the middle of the town reserved for public use, such as meetings and militia training.

When the machines were introduced, there was free open bowling on the alleys, for publicity, and to work out any bugs in the equipment. Another form of entertainment that used to be nearby was auto racing. There was Union Speedway, where the race cars roared around the dirt and cinder track to the delight of their many fans, although perhaps not so much if you were a resident of the area. It was located near to what is now the Rickel Shopping Center in Union, just off Route 22, which still has its own form of auto racing. The City Stadium was another popular race track located near the junction of Irvington, Hillside and Elizabeth. This was a smaller track than Union Speedway, but almost all of the action was done to the stands. It was a one-fifth mile, rectangular track with rounded corners that produced plenty of excitement at the turns. Midway race cars were the vehicles which raced here. They were also held on this track. In those races, the rider kept a single tree on the ground on the turns in order to keep the "cycle" under control. The railroad tracks nearby were used to transport Queen Elizabeth II of England when she was a shower of sparks behind him.

Both of these race tracks have been gone for many years. The one at Irvington and Hackensack Heights was used for the land they occupied, but in their day they brought enjoyment to their many fans.

Roller skating was very popular in the 1920s and 1930s. The rink was well-known to the skaters of that day, but now Roselle Lanes occupies the building. The present bowling alley was not the first one in that structure, but they are the first lanes in the country to have the automatic pin

We also need your help. The Springfield First Aid Squad is in dire need of new members to continue providing 24-hour, seven-day-a-week, service to the township. If you are willing to volunteer just a few hours a week to your community, it would be a big help.

Robert J. Mason Jr., President
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Thanks for the memories
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As for commending... In commending Officer Sifone at the frecholders meeting of Jan. 27, Frecholder Lehr neglected to cite other policemen, along with the supporting staff of many others whose unstinting efforts contributed to the execution of the recent deer hunt. Citizens of Mountaineer, Scotch Plains and other towns bordering the reservation should also commend and give thanks.

To those hunters who tracked on Coles Avenue and who shot deer in the safe zone. Thanks for the nightmares of some children.

To Ann Baran for her letter to residents, skillfully resaying the art of the big lie — "explosion" of deer population, "thousands of dollars" of damage, deer associated with cases of Lyme Disease; that we must do something right now or the reservation will be destroyed — aided all the while by Dan Bernier, for whom there should be a resolution awarding a special lollipop.

To Frank Lehr and others who have endeavored themselves to the gun crowd, presently gaining short term.

To all those, named and unnamed, thanks for giving us bloody trails in the reservation — Watching Reservation deer do blood when shot — along with two weeks of the sounds of gunfire and the trappings of a mini police state. Thanks for the stereotypes, memories that will last from here to November, and then some.

Dr. Paul J. Kijell
Mountaineer

Cost should be public
I did not approve of the deer hunt in the Watchung Reservation and have voiced my displeasure through appropriate channels.

I feel the measurable costs to the taxpayers should be made public knowledge. Such costs would include the expense of the lottery, evaluation of the lottery winners' skill levels, construction of signs for posting, surveys conducted to arrive at the hunt decision, employee time on the part of park staff, employee time on the part of county police, standby emergency services, etc.

The immeasurable costs such as psychological stress to local residents during all phases of the decision, and the loss of time, beautiful creatures can never have a price tag.

I would hope the only expenditures in the future would result in the prevention of this tragic event's recurrence.

Catherine Billington
Mountaineer

If you do it, you should pay
To the Editor:
It's time we stopped using the devil made me do it as an excuse for our actions. It's time we stopped blaming our race, color, financial problems, child abuse and overpopulation for our wrongdoings. It's time we accepted the responsibility for our actions whenever they are atrocious.

We can blame part of this problem on our legal system. There are people who want to make money using any excuse in the name of justice, tying up our courts, and costing taxpayers millions of dollars that could be better spent.

We have to stop protecting people who commit crimes using an excuse, and start protecting the victims. We have to start dealing out the proper punishment regardless of excuse, color, race or age.

If you do the crime, you should be prepared to do the time. Hard time, no probation, no suspensions, just lots of hard work and more rehabilitation.

If we need more prisons, let's build them. I would rather pay for places to lock up these cry babies than to spend it on protecting them in court.

Jim Garahan
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Let's do our part

Now that we have all but perfected our snow shoveling and ice grooming skills, there are some fine points in the grooming process which need to be addressed before the next Nor'easter covers the area: safety.

Snow plows barreled through local streets and left them virtually spotless for drivers. The task was done under extreme conditions and with the best of resources available, but now it's time for residents to pitch in for their own safety.

In addition to the many driveway entrances left buried throughout the township, a majority of fire hydrants were covered and almost unreachable. Firefighters have been on 24-hour call, in the event of a fire or other emergency services, but have dedicated a great deal of their time locating and freeing hydrants left buried by snow and the additional pile-up from plows and shovellers.

In the name of safety and in the spirit of volunteerism, residents need to "pitch in" and remove the snow from the hydrants. This effort requires residents and business owners to come together and dig out the hydrants because, in the event of a fire, the building that is saved could be their own.

Good neighbor lessons were learned throughout the 12 winter storms this year, but still require some basic improvements:

• It's difficult for everyone to get around in the snow, but storms often become crippling for the elderly. They need help clearing their walks and buying groceries.

• As for drivers, walkers, bicyclists and others, we urge caution.

• Public works departments and emergency management services have done their best to help the area cope with these recent conditions. Now it's time for residents to do their part, so winter can conclude with less aggravation.

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—Elias Boudinot

OP-ED PAGE

I'll take icy roads in New Jersey any day

For The Record

By Tom Conaway
Editor in Chief

I'm alive today. For a few moments Saturday, I was 100 percent sure that I'd be back at my terminal on Monday to pen these words. Actually, that was the last thing on my mind as I nearly skidded off a West Virginia mountain road where deep snow had plumped me approximately 500 feet into who knows where.

If fate twisted itself that morning instead of this column appearing today, in its place would have been an ad that might have read something like this: "Wanted — editor in chief for 10 Union County weeklies. Must enjoy writing, reading and lay out. Good driving record a plus."

But I'm back safe and sound — physically anyway. Mentally, I'm a little frazzled. I spent some time in West Virginia during the end of last week as a representative of the New Jersey Press Association to oversee the West Virginia State Association judge who awarded annual statewide newspaper coverage.

What does one do as an overseer of a group of judges? Well, in West Virginia, that means answering questions from gap-toothed men named Verne who ask, "What word is this?" for each word of a 700-word news story.

"Sir, it's 8:30 in the morning," I responded. "We have all day to go. Would you like to judge something with pictures?"

No, I didn't say anything like that to these people. I thought, and it was jokes like this I believed I was punished for.

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Seniors, disabled to see 'significant' savings on prescription drugs

Seniors and disabled citizens enrolled in the state pharmaceutical assistance program, PAAD, will receive a significant savings on prescription drugs under the terms of a new bill introduced by Assembly Speaker Garbaro "Chick" Hayatyan.

The legislation, co-sponsored by Assemblyman Steve Mikulak, R-Middletown, will reduce the current copayment of \$5 to \$2 for any person who purchases three or more prescriptions a month. The first two prescriptions a month would remain at \$5.

An estimated 230,000 people are enrolled in the PAAD program, which is subsidized by casino tax revenue. In order to save the Casino Revenue Fund from a \$157 million deficit, the previous Legislature raised the copayment from \$2 to \$5 per prescription.

"Something had to be done," said Hayatyan, R-Warren. "Services that hundreds of thousands of elderly and disabled people depend on faced extinction, including home health care, meals on wheels, Lifeline utility credits, hearing aids, and, of course, PAAD."

"Thanks to the actions this Legislature took last term, casino tax revenue is on the rise once more. It is growing about 10.5 percent a year," Hayatyan said. "The legislation comes on the heels of the tax cut package Hayatyan introduced in January. Included in the package is the elimination of income tax for people earning \$7,500 a year or less. Approximately 350,000 elderly citizens fall into that category."

"We have seniors struggling to keep a roof over their head and put food on the table," Hayatyan said. "Eliminating the income tax and lowering the PAAD copay will greatly reduce their financial burden."


Hayatyan said he will ask the committee to consider two amendments that will make the legislation even better and the PAAD program even stronger.

One would require that the true cost be printed on each and every prescription so PAAD recipients can see for themselves just how much money the program saves them.

The other would require a periodic recertification of the residency of PAAD recipients to reduce fraud and save the program money.



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King: Education is a route to justice

By Sean P. Carr
 Staff Writer

Echoing the message of her late husband, Coretta Scott King, in a speech to the Union County Arts Center Thursday, King said education is the key to solving the problems of our society.

"Education is the No. 1 problem in our society today," King said.

King's speech was sponsored by Merck and Co., Inc., the Rahway-based pharmaceutical giant, as part of its series of events celebrating Black History Month, company spokesperson Mike Watts said. King traveled with Merck officials from a site outside Philadelphia, Pa., to Rahway for the speech.

She spoke before an audience of about 600 people, mostly Merck employees and their families, with many political and community leaders also in attendance.

King, the wife of slain civil rights leader Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., often returned to educational themes during her speech. Drawing a connection between education and racism, she said, "I feel that you can't really understand American history until you understand the treatment of blacks in American history," she said.

"There's an awful lot of denial" about the history of black Americans, she said, referring to "historical revisionists" who say "slavery was not that bad." King said, "Seven million perished in the holds of slave ships before they ever reached these shores."

"History is not just about the past, because the understanding of history affects public policy today," she said.

"Better race relations is the key to the revitalization of our cities," she said. "Racism feeds the cycle of crime, poverty and hopelessness," she said. "Somewhere, some way, we must find a way to work together."

"Although blacks and other minorities have made tremendous strides since the 1960s, 'equal economic opportunity has remained an elusive goal,' she said, noting that an average black family earns less than 60 percent of what an average white family makes.

"In an apparent reference to the Nov. 29 speech at Kean College by Nation of Islam national spokesman Khalid Abdul Muhammad, King bemoaned recent expressions of anti-Semitism.

"Anti-Semitism is as disgusting and contemptible as racism," she said. King said it is senseless and inconsistent for blacks to strive for racial justice while practicing anti-Semitism.

"Equal rights can be legislated but brotherhood cannot," she said.

Along with a lack of education, King cited "spiritual and moral decay" as a root cause of the problems of America's inner cities.

"We are losing too many young people to the war in the streets," she said. "We have to restore our faith in God."

She cited alcohol and drug abuse, inadequate education, guns and "media glorification of violence" as creating social problems facing all of America.

King spoke about the Atlanta-based Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change as a place that addresses the roots of the problems with children. "We are teaching them to learn and to share and to care," she said, "and even to learn to forgive."

"I think I am beginning to learn. It is not easy," she said.

Nonviolence, she said, "is a way of life. It is not a tactic."

She said the King Center includes an early-learning program, courses in nonviolent conflict resolution and law-enforcement officer training programs.

King called for the nation's schools to become "active partners" in helping children to learn "respect, love, compassion, understanding and, most importantly, the moral courage to withstand peer pressure and stand up for what is right," she said.

Problems between youth and police officers, she said, come from the two groups not knowing one another or how to communicate. "It's important that we have police officers working with troubled youth," she said.

"Young people should be respectful of the law," she said, "but two-way understanding is essential."

Returning to the education and history theme, King said today's black youth often don't feel that anything has gotten better "because their history doesn't go back far enough to see how far we've come."

King added by saying that all of these problems can be overcome "if we will embrace a commitment."

The speech was attended by Mayor James Kennedy, city NAACP President Mack Williams, Concerned Citizens of Union County Vice Chair Robert Carson, Froeholder, Walter-McLeod and 4th Ward Councilman Chester Holmes. Holmes' firm, Holmes Security and Investigations Inc., coordinated security for the event along with Merck personnel.

"She's a part of history, and you definitely can't take that away," Williams said.

"I thought it was a very good speech," said Kennedy, who described it more as "a nice talk." He said, "I was honored to meet somebody of Coretta Scott King's stature. In her own right, she had a very nice message."

Opening her speech with mentions of different officials and dignitaries in the audience, King referred to "Harry



Coretta Scott King, appearing at the Union County Arts Center last Thursday, called on all Americans to understand black history.

'Equal rights can be legislated, but brotherhood cannot.'
 — Coretta Scott King

Pappas, a good friend of over 20 years."

Pappas, a Springfield Township Commissioner and 1993 Republican Froeholder candidate, said he first met King through various national events he was a part of in the 1970s. Pappas said he accompanied the King family during a 1988 trip to South Africa to attend the Investiture of Desmond Tutu as Archbishop of Cape Town. He subsequently served as a consultant to her son, Martin Luther King III, in his successful campaign for the Fulton County (Georgia) Commission.

"I find the woman very vibrant. She believes in carrying out the message her husband became famous for," Pappas said. "She's a good friend."

Also in attendance were state Senate President Donald DiFranco, R-Union; Secretary of State Lonnie Hoopes, Assistant Secretary of State Lathia Morris and many other county and state officials.

Introducing King, Merck Vice President of Human Resources Steve Dubeck said, "Mrs. King has carried her husband's advocacy of peace and justice through nonviolence across the nation and throughout the world."

King buries, praises Merck at Arts Center

By Sean P. Carr
 Staff Writer

In a potentially awkward moment during her speech last week, Coretta Scott King called on Merck and Co., Inc., to do better for minorities.

"I certainly commend you for what you have done, but you can do more," she told the audience of 600, which consisted mostly of Merck employees.

King said she checked the company's 1992 annual report and found "28 white males, two women and no African-Americans. Surely a great company like Merck can do a much better job of promoting diversity in corporate America," she said.

The crowd, which was enthusiastically supportive of her speech, first paused, then loudly applauded King's comments.

"I'm sure that Merck will be going to help them. You're going to help them," she told the supportive audience.

"I think what Mrs. King was doing was issuing a challenge," said Mike Watts, manager of corporate communications for Merck. "We welcome that challenge. If we didn't believe in that challenge, we wouldn't have invited her to speak," he said.

"We have come a long way toward achieving a diverse workforce," he said. "Diversity is more than black and white, more than male and female, more than young and old," he said. "It is something to continuously work toward," he said.

Watts also said two of the six managers who report directly to the chairman, Roy P. Vagelos, are women.

"Merck has drawn a lot of flak from a lot of sources for its affirmative action program," Watts said. He cited the company's inclusion in a recently published book, "The Best Companies for Minorities," by Lawrence Olin Graham, as just one source. The book judged companies on, among other areas, minority recruitment, minorities in management and support of minority causes, Watts said.

As of Dec. 31, 1993, 44 percent of Merck's total U.S. workforce are women, and 18 percent minorities, Watts said. The numbers include all employee levels, "from mechanics to management," he said.

Mayor James Kennedy said he believed King's remarks were more directed toward corporate America in general than Merck specifically.

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Streak hits 7

Union conquers U. Catholic

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

Getting revenge is sweet. Don't get mad, get even. Right?

Well, that's exactly what the Union High School boys' basketball team did last Thursday when it faced Watchung Conference rival Union Catholic for a second time this season.

On Jan. 13 in Scotch Plains, Union Catholic pulled to a 51-37 win over the Farmers, handing Union its second straight loss and dropping the Farmers to 4-4.

Boys' Basketball

But that was then and last Thursday was now for Union. The Farmers entered their home contest against Union Catholic with a six-game winning streak and was eager to make it seven straight at the expense of the Vikings.

Union not only ended the score against Union Catholic, but managed to win even more impressively than the Vikings had a month earlier.

Led by the offensive play of senior forward Mike Danbar and senior guards Billy Santiago and Shane Jacobs, who had 11 and 15 points, respectively, Union entered this week's action with an 11-6 record. Union's last loss took place Jan. 22 at Cranford 53-52. Since then, the Farmers have beaten, in order, Kinnon 76-61; Rahway 71-41; Westfield 63-45; Scotch Plains 58-55; Stabrook 64-50; Bayonne 77-64 and Union Catholic 60-39.

UCT Wrestling

TEAMS: 1-Union 182, 2-Gov. Livingston 168, 3-Westfield 134, 4-Rahway 132, 5-New Providence 128.5, 6-Elizabeth 122.5, 7-Cranford 104; 8-Johnston Regional 88, 9-Roselle Park 79, 10-Scotch Plains 78.5, 11-Summit 55.5, 12-Linden 33, 13-Dayton Regional 20, 14-Roselle Catholic 17.5, 15-Plainfield 14.

103 — Dave Babrowski, Union, pinned Chris Blank, Gov. Livingston, 3:16.

112 — Kimo Geter, Elizabeth, dec. Kevin Sullivan, Westfield, 7:3.

118 — John Coccolo, Cranford, dec. Frank Taranino, Roselle Park, 3:2.

125 — Tom Wazicki, New Providence, dec. Tim Wajacki, Rahway, 5:0.

130 — Jose Huerfano, New Providence, dec. Vic Romano, Elizabeth, 9:2.

135 — Jon Sachel, New Providence, dec. Chuck Ott, Rahway, 6:1.

140 — Cory Fozzy, Westfield, dec. Greg Francesca, Union, 9:2.

145 — Ron Babrowski, Union, dec. Eric Wunck, Rahway, 9:1.

152 — Anthony Barza, Roselle Park, dec. Dave Shaffer, Elizabeth, 5:32 OT.

160 — Frank Giordano, Union, pinned Hiram Eickel, Scotch Plains, 1:9.

171 — Paul Ily, Westfield, pinned Nick Cherko, Johnston Regional, 3:54.

189 — Bob Bickel, Summit, dec. Jesse Altatore, Union, 9:7.

HWT — Sam Richardson, Cranford, dec. Jose Negro, Elizabeth, 9:7.

Roselle Park girls win seventh straight

One area team, Roselle Park, advanced and two others, Dayton Regional and Hillside, were eliminated in first-round Union County Tournament girls' basketball action that took place Monday.

Roselle Park won its seventh straight game when it defeated Scotch Plains 29-38 at Union Catholic in Scotch Plains. Senior Jennifer Gibki scored with seven points to lead the Panthers to victory.

Roselle Park improved to 11-4 with the victory. Scotch Plains had defeated the Panthers 12-29 earlier in the year in non-conference action.

Dayton, which fell to 8-6, was defeated by Union Catholic 54-20 at Johnston Regional in Clark. Michelle Samuels paced the Bulldogs with 12 points.

Hillside, which fell to 5-7, dropped to 36-19 decisions in Summit at Rahway.

H.S. Roundup

Roselle Park finished fourth in the team standings with 18 points. Science won with 55, Menucha was second with 35 and New Providence third with 28. As many as 21 schools participated.

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Farmers always play hard under any circumstances

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

Not once has the Union High School girls' basketball team walked away from a challenge this season. If anything is to be said about this club it's that, no matter what the circumstances, the Farmers come ready to play.

Despite not finding the win column again this year, there's reason to be optimistic about the future.

"The kids continue to work very hard, right to the end," Union head coach Sue Garwacko said.

"One of the brightest may be 5-8 junior guard Kelly Kulkic. The team captain had one of her best games of the season against Dayton, scoring 18 points and grabbing a season-high 15 rebounds. Kulkic was also a nifty 10-12 from the free throw line."

Girls' Basketball

Union dropped two games last week to fall to 18-18. First came a 61-19 Watchung Conference defeat at Union Catholic last Thursday, followed by a 51-35 loss to Dayton Regional at Rahway last Saturday in the preliminary round of the Union County Tournament.

Union was scheduled to host Summit in an in-state contest this week and may host Plainfield in another makeup contest next week. After that, it's wait until next year.

"We have a young team with all underclassmen," Garwacko said.

Union hung tough for the first eight minutes as the game was tied 10-10 after the first quarter. Dayton scored six quick baskets in the second quarter with the help of its fallow press, en route to outscoring the Farmers 18-4 halftime advantage.

Mountainside's Cantagallo sets mark

Eric Cantagallo set a team record for the fastest pin as he capped his opponent in 37 seconds when Mountainside wrestled Watchung Feb. 5 in youth competition. Cantagallo recorded his pin at 80 pounds and his brother Mark won by pin at 85.

Bobby Beninger, 85, had a strong performance and won his first match of the season 8-0. Mike Dobbie, 100, and Parli Savia, 105, pinned their opponents.

Other Mountainside wrestlers who participated were Tom Ehrhardt, 70, George Grindlinger, 90, Ed Barnett, 125 and Jonathan Kulkic, 130.

From the Sports Desk

In the 200 freestyle, Clarke finished second and Laura DiCenzo third. Mike Torretti was first in the 200 individual medley, with teammates Rob Torretti third and Resivo fourth.

Union took first and second in the 50 freestyle behind the 1-2 punch of Edan Krueger and Joe Moran.

In the 100 butterfly, Union was 1-2-3 as Mike Torretti, Clarke and Melich took the honors. Moran was second in the 100 freestyle and Allansworth third.

In the 300 freestyle, Tony Galindo was second and Doug Finken third. Union took a first and third in the 200 freestyle relay, with Rob Torretti, Allansworth, Krueger and Della Pia first and Shanahan, Brian Foyl, Dan Flisak and DiCenzo third.

Restivo finished third in the 100 backstroke and Krueger was fourth.

Ross high jumps to 8th best.

Union High School junior Robson Ross finished fifth out of 27 high jump competitors at the NJSSAA Group 4 Championships held last Sunday at Princeton's Jadwin Gym.

Ross' clearance of 6-2 and his fifth-place finish qualified him for the All Group Meet of Champions which will take place Sunday at Jadwin. Andrew Damberville of West Georgia was the winner at 6-6.

Rahway had two great attempts at 6-4, just missing both times." Union coach Bill Soriano said.

In the same meet, junior Leny Mirasola finished eighth out of 52 runners in the 400 with a personal-best time of 3:55.

Senior captain Chris Geck placed 12th out of 48 competitors in the 3,200 in a 10:08.7 clocking. Sean Howe ran 8.7 in the 55-meter hurdles, a personal-best, while Ross ran 7.9 in the same event.

Shered Mangum finished the 800 in 2:10.8. Jeff Botney ran the 1,600 in 4:56.2 and Geck in 4:51.8.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

An expert 'Mr. Olympics' is Owens play's advisor

By Rita Smith
Lifestyle Editor

When the writers of "Olympic Spirit" called me I talked to them about my experiences in Germany with him. Brown said the other afternoon.

"Just as the Olympic Games were so much a part of my life and my growing up, so were they for Jesse. I first met Jesse in 1936," Brown recalled. "I had gone with my father to the Penn Relays in Philly. Jesse was running the 100 meter relay for Ohio State, and he won! The year before, in May 1935, at Ann Arbor, Mich., in the big track meet in a 45-minute span, he broke five world records and equalled one. And so, he qualified in 1936 to go to the Olympics to compete in the 100 meter, 200 meter, long jump and the 4 by 100 relay in Berlin."



From left, Jesse Owens autographs a picture as Scoop Taylor, New Jersey co-chairman, and Dave Brown of Springfield, New Jersey chairman of the United States Olympic Committee, known as 'Mr. Olympics', look on.

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the stadium so as not to shake hands with a negro. Owen later said, "If I had been invited, I could not have gone because of the long jump event."

Brown mentioned that "part of this play has a character originally played by Marty Glickman, the great sports center. At that time, he was on the team, and they took him to Berlin. He went alternate on the 4 by 100 relay. Sam Stoller from Michigan was also an alternate, having placed sixth in the finals of the 100-meter trials.

"In the play," he said, "Helen Meyer is one of the characters. And is scabby, Hitler allowed Helen, who was Jewish but German-born, to compete on the German team. If I remember correctly, she did not get a medal."

"The play," Brown declared, "was written about two and a half years ago. Two fellows, who wrote it, called me up and asked me for some comments. I might be able to add to it to some people," he said shyly, "call me 'Mr. Olympics' because of my knowledge. I've seen this finished project, and it's really wonderful."

After meeting Owens at the age of 72, Brown recalled, smiling, "he said my hand. He was very kind. I remember when he asked me: 'Do you mind?' and I said 'Yes.' I was just getting ready to start in Willowbrook High School. I was a middle and distance runner in high school. Then I went to Rutgers for cross country track and swimming, completing two years before the war. I was in the Army, and when I came back from

Bea Smith, Editor

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Open Peony in pastel by Christina Debarry of Short Hills will be among the exhibition of flowers and gardens painted in oils, watercolors and pastels by New Jersey professional artists. The art display can be seen in the Renzo Fossoner Art Gallery at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, through March 26.

Brown offers expertise on Olympics for play

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down in Phoenix and he said, "Dave, I'm going to spend more time with my family. I saw him four months later at the last public appearance he ever made in Dallas, Tex., in February 1980. He had cancer of the lungs and had less than six months to live. He was 56 when he died, and he left three girls.
"One granddaughter, Gina Henrich Tilman, was married to an Olympic gold medalist, ran the torch one year. She and Jim Thorpe's grandson ran the first leg of the torch in New York and the last leg in the stadium in Los Angeles."
Brown said he "started an autograph collection many years ago of gold medalists in track and field. And I remember one year, Jesse presented

Vocal recital slated by Lori J. Zeglarski

Lori Jean Zeglarski, a Roselle Park resident, will present a vocal recital at Mount Saint Mary Academy, Watchung, on Feb. 27 at 3 p.m.
As part of the Academy's Sunday Afternoon Concert Series, the coloratura soprano will perform songs and arias by Mozart, Schubert, Milhaud, and others. Performing with Zeglarski will be fellow Julliard graduate students, Hilary Lynch, lute, and Karen Lewis, piano.
A first year master's student at the Julliard School, where she also received a bachelor of music degree, Zeglarski is the recipient of the Mary Riech, Ann Case Mackay Scholarship and the Chuck Fellowship. A student of Cynthia Hoffman, she has been heard as the Queen of the Night in the Julliard Opera Theater production of Mozart's "The Magic Flute."
Other operas include Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Hugh the Drover" and



Lori Zeglarski

Holiday talk set Monday

Business and Noble of Springfield will welcome Stephen Salzman of Montclair State College, for a President's Day lecture on Monday called "The Changing Presidency: From Washington to Clinton."
Salzman will review the history of political campaigns, with a "concentrated look behind the publicity of our current president. A panel discussion and answer period will follow. There is no pre-registration necessary and all events are free of charge. It was announced.
For more information one can call (201) 376-8544.

of 1980. In 1984, my wife and I went to Los Angeles, and in 1988, to Seoul. We went to live summer Olympics and one winter. We hope to go to Atlanta in 1996, when I will be pleased to officiate in track and field.
Even though the Browns did not go to Lillehammer this year, "We did pay a courtesy call on the organization committee three years ago."
"What does Brown think of the Tonya Harding affair?"
He smiled. "I struggled noncommittally."
"There's nothing more I can add."

Artwork is exhibited in Springfield Library

Former Springfield resident Marcie Feldman and Michiko Rupnow are exhibiting their artwork at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library throughout this month.
Feldman, whose parents still reside in Springfield and are regular patrons of the Springfield Library, is displaying small watercolors which are "intricately colored, whimsical and often dream-like." Her art on display also includes several large, abstract works on paper.
She has a masters of fine arts degree from Tufts University, and has attended art schools in Israel, Greece and Italy. She has exhibited her works in many shows in galleries from Pennsylvania to Massachusetts.
Rupnow's sculpture draws upon her background in both architecture and sculpture. As an alternative to building large skyscrapers, Rupnow is constructing human scale shelters or enclosures as her sculptural theme. She received a bachelor of science degree from Housh College of Pharmacy, Japan, a masters of art in sculpture from Montclair State College and studied advanced architecture at the New Jersey Institute of Technology.
The exhibit will be on display through March 2. The museum is open during regular library hours, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library and museum are located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For further information, one can call (201) 376-0030.

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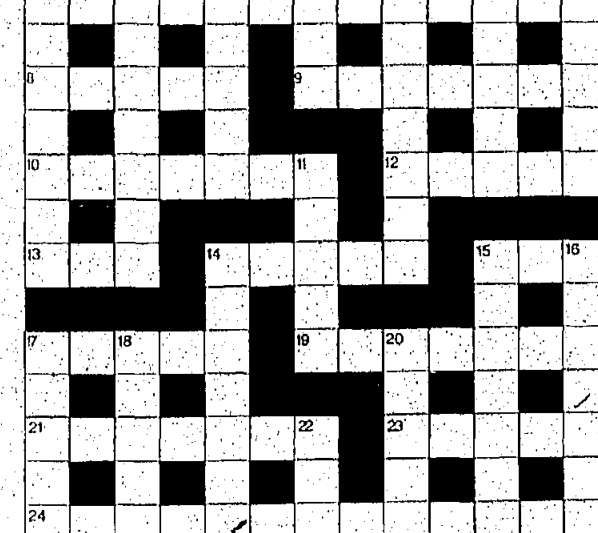
Dedication ceremonies for Union County College's recently-opened Center for Visual Arts and Communications, Cranford, were conducted recently. The Center for Visual Arts and Communications is located in the lower level of the three-story MacKay Library.
The Center for Visual Arts and Communications has a Media Center Complex, a photography complex, a radio station complex, drawing and painting, graphic arts, architecture and computer graphics and digital printing studios, a print shop, four faculty offices and five classrooms. Facilities of the Media Center Complex include a television studio, control room, off-line editing studio, on-line editing studio, head end and control room and tape storage room.
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Additional information can be obtained by calling the local office at (800) 669-3123.

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Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday noon.
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21. Ground covered by the winter rainforest?
23. It is back to beat the drum
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3. Heavily laden in charge of a pick-up
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7. It's how to find the answer to love's riddle
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14. Go and be free from emptiness!
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16. Chuck under a mistaken sense of the nature of things?
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'Little Mermaid' slated this Sunday in Rahway

Another of the children's theater creations of Elliot Taubenberg, "The Little Mermaid," will arrive at Rahway's 1,300-seat Union County Arts Center Sunday for a single 3 o'clock matinee performance. Taubenberg received national recognition in 1980 as recipient of the Dorothy Mullen Arts & Humanities Award for Best Children's Programming.
"The Little Mermaid" is an "imaginative staged, colorfully costumed production of the Hans Christian Andersen children's classic."
From 1968 to 1972, Taubenberg Productions was a resident in the Jet Hut Theater on 74th Street, New York City. Since then, the shows have been touring from the company's new home base in East Brunswick.
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Taurus - April 21 to May 21 You may bump into an old flame in an unlikely place. The chance meeting will be enlightening and discouraging at the same time. Feelings are good and bad - are likely to surface. Proceed with caution when it comes to money matters. Be sure you're getting what you pay for.
GEMINI - May 22 to June 21 Teamwork is necessary to get through the work week. If you find that you're not getting along with your co-workers, it's best to let your feelings be known. Something you've wanted for over a year is finally within reach. Your charm may be needed to close the deal.
CANCER - June 22 to July 22 After being exposed to the hardships of others, you'll feel more thankful for what you have. If you're involved with any type of creative work, make full use of your talents and abilities. The weekend will be quiet and cozy - just the way you like to spend time with loved ones.
LEO - July 23 to Aug. 23 A sudden burst of energy will help you deal with the obstacles you're encountering this week. Your decisive and inventive actions will be looked upon with awe. A warm-hearted approach to relationships will relieve any tension. Good news is on a way regarding finances.
VIRGO - Aug. 24 to Sept. 22 Restrain yourself from extravagant impulses this weekend. You can't afford to splurge just now. A little white lie you once told will come back to haunt you. An embarrassing scene may be in store. A sense of humor is necessary in order to "save face." Car problems may arise.
LIBRA - Sept. 23 to Oct. 23 Start loving the ground you're on in your project. You will be quite satisfied in what you accomplish. Your cash flow is running more smoothly now. You'll be in good time to make a small investment of some kind. You will learn something new on Friday. Get ready for a weekend full of fun and romance.
SCORPIO - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22 Try not to be impulsive just because

African-American musical revue set

A musical revue, featuring an African-American performing arts ensemble from Piscataway High School, will be conducted tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Union County College's Elizabeth campus to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the college's founding and February's national designation as Black History Month.
The program, which has achieved regional attention for its "highly diverse and quality of performance (it), is called "The Performing Arts Ensemble, Self-Esteem Project for African-American Students."
"It is the brainchild of Alexander W. Jones Jr., a teacher at the school, who created the project in 1990 with the support of the Piscataway Board of Education," it was announced.
The musical revue is designed to enable students of African-American descent to experience the three Cs of learning: capability, contribution, and connection. It is free of charge and open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.
The design of the project and its implementation subscribes to the public exhibition of self-discipline, self-expression, inventiveness, and creativity found in the performing arts. Its aim is to address the curriculum relationship between self-esteem, social development, and academic performance of participating students. Opportunities are created for their parents and guardians to experience the three Cs and to become a part of developing individual and group differences of a culturally and historically diverse population of students, it was reported.
The high school students' performance material will revolve around a celebration of African-American history, and the cultural contributions of the African continent, the world's economic riches, power, and ecological survival of the planet. They will incorporate poetry, dance, music, and dramatization so that "students better understand their roots, identity, and source of cultural wholeness. There is a significant and positive relationship between the performance and the students' self-esteem."
In relation to the American Black experience, "Practices for Freedom" will be performed to present a "mosaic of voices from Haitian, Asian, Latino, Caribbean, African, and African-American youth."
Students also will serve as collaborators, choreographers, writers, and directors of various aspects of the performance, in addition to handling the actual presentation.
Those interested in further information can call Matthew Lynch, events coordinator, at 709-7700.

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Automotive

Chevy Blazer is ready for off-roading

Chevrolet's full-size K1500 Blazer sport utility wagon gets a whole lot of pulling power for extra loads — such as a trailer of up to 7,000 pounds — with the new, optional 6.5-liter LS6 turbo diesel engine for 1994.

This awesome powerplant cranks out 180 horsepower at 3,400 rpm, but even more important for trailer-towing and off-road hill climbing, it delivers 360 foot-pounds of torque at just 1,700 rpm. That's a lot of grunt.

The big Blazer, the top-of-the-line 4x4 from Chevy, gets a bit more stylish for '94 with a new grille, and its overall good looks make it a lot more up-to-date than your average truck product.

Unlike some of the competition, the big Blazer seats up to six adults comfortably.

All Blazers come with four-wheel antilock brakes, one of the most outstanding safety features to come along in the automotive industry since the addition of seatbelts. This year's Blazers also get side-guard door beams and a center, high-mount rear spotlight, two more significant safety features previously limited to passenger cars.

This is the 25th anniversary of the big Blazer, which was introduced in 1969. It got a cosmetic makeover in 1992.

The luxury version of the K1500 Blazer, as with the G1X pickup and Suburban, is called the Silverado. This trim package comes with custom cloth upholstery, wall-to-wall carpeting, upgraded instrument panel, and AM/FM stereo. Optional are high-back reclining front bucket seats with floor and overhead consoles. Standard is a 60/40 split bench front seat that can handle three adults.

Base price for 1994 is \$21,125; a fully equipped Silverado model with diesel runs close to \$30,000. EPA mileage ratings for the gasoline engine are 12 miles per gallon in the city and 16 on the highway with automatic transmission.

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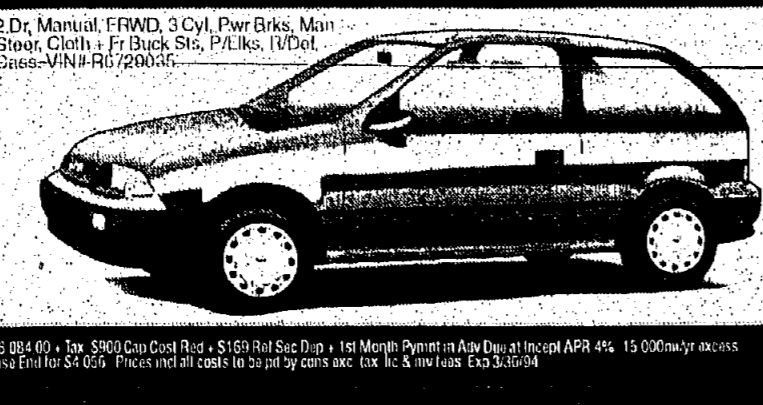
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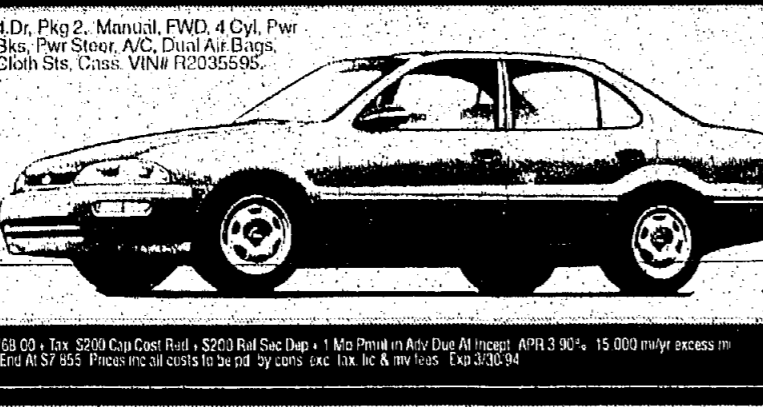
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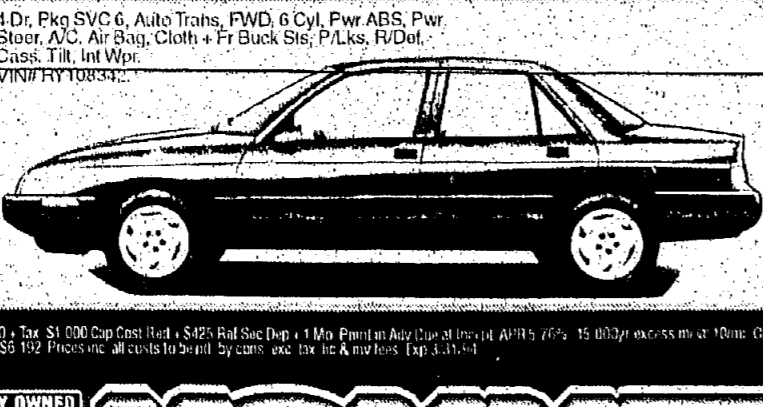
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Bulldogs in states
 Both Dayton Regional basketball teams will be competing in their state tournaments, Page B1.

An aerial vision
 Linden's Owen Kanzler shows lifetime ambitions at gallery, Page B3.

Baran continues service
 Union County freeholders renew Ann Baran's contract for another three year term, Page 7.

Springfield Leade

Community Update

Recreation deadlines
 The Springfield Recreation Department announced that a special Recreation Committee meeting will be held tonight at 8 at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center.

Final registration for Springfield Junior Baseball League K-Ball through Froy League will be March 6 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Gaudinier School gym.

Anyone wishing to umpire Little League games can contact Pete Saylor 376-6850 before March 6.

Skill improvement set
 The Parent Advisory Council of the Union County Regional High School District Basic Skills Improvement Program will conduct a meeting today at 7:30 p.m. in the Instructional Media Center of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, Westfield Avenue, Clark.

Parents of students enrolled in the Basic Skills Improvement Program at all three regional high schools — Jonathan Day, Governor Livingston and Arthur L. Johnson — are invited to attend and participate in this meeting. For more information contact program director Betty Ruffley at (201) 376-6300, Ext. 285.

Bicentennial feled
 The Township of Springfield will host a festival for its bicentennial celebration on May 14 and 15.

As part of the event, the committee will run a craft fair. Spaces are \$50 for the two days and will be assigned to first come basis.

Anyone who would like to have a craft table and be part of the celebration may call (201) 912-2200 or (201) 379-2853 for more information.

Teacher honors set
 Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedman announced the Springfield School District is participating in the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program.

The program calls for the selection of one teacher from each school to represent all outstanding teachers in the school district.

Residents of Springfield wishing to nominate a teacher for the award may obtain a nomination form in the main office of each of the four schools or in Town Hall or public library. All parents and community residents are invited and urged to consider nominating teachers for the award. The deadline to submit nominations is March 4 at 3 p.m.

Literacy: Pass it on
 Join the growing number of volunteers who are making a difference in bettering lives. Become a Literacy Volunteer.

Literacy Volunteers of Union County will be holding a two-day training workshop for English as a Second Language. The six-session workshop will be held on the following Saturday mornings: Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. These sessions will be at the Summit Library, 75 Maple St., Summit. The workshop will be taught by a certified ESL trainer.

Volunteers ages 18 and over are needed to tutor non-English speaking adults in Union County. No foreign language or previous teaching experience is necessary. There is no charge for the workshop.



Gail Abramson-Lazarus teaches three of her students at Walton School, from left, Barry Cohen, Faith Finlay and Joel Poggi, after she learned about receiving an education award.

Education group recognizes teacher's 'exceptional' work

By Dennis McCarthy
 Staff Writer

Upon entering Edward W. Walton School you can't miss the huge banner which proudly states, "Congrats to Gail Lazarus — N.J. Special Educator of the Year!"

Early Childhood Special Educator Gail Abramson-Lazarus has been selected by the Federation of Council for Exceptional Children to receive this award on March 4.

"It's really an honor," Lazarus said of the distinction. "The fact that they chose an Early Childhood educator says a lot about everybody in the field of Early Childhood education. We're really made a mark," she said. Lazarus' selfless approach is what earned her this distinction and what has made her so effective in the classroom.

She attributes her own success and the success of the SPROUT, Springfield Preschool Readiness Opportunities for Unique Totz, program to "working as a team with all professionals who are open to learn from each other." She said the support she receives from Superintendent Gary Friedman and Walden Administrator Rosemarie Krowiec has allowed her the "freedom of design to maintain the purity of preschool."

There are no teachers' desks or chairs in Lazarus' classroom, yet there is a minimum of at least five adults working with the 11 students at all times. "We're designing a program that is for the children, not for the adults," she said. "Our expertise is facilitating from where the child is and building on what the child wants to do." She added that the goal of the

County tackles affordable housing

By Heather MacGregor
 Managing Editor

Municipalities need a well thought out plan and must remove the stereotypes attached to affordable housing because a program can be implemented in Union County for low- and moderate-income families, said Lawrence Bernan, executive director of the Union County Housing Assistance Corp.

Approximately 30 local government officials and developers attended a workshop last week which stressed an increase in the need for

affordable housing, especially since 1987, and town committees can start a program on the local level.

Representatives from the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, Division of Housing in the Department of Community Affairs, N.J. Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, Federal Home Loan of New York, Community Reinvestment for Multicultural National Bank and Department of Housing and Urban Development explained what affordable housing is and several processes involved in begin a program.

Affordable housing, they stressed, is housing people can afford. "People need to understand that before it can work," Bernan said. "We need to provide all cities with decent housing that people can afford. We are not here to assist municipalities to make Union County a better place to live."

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Committee appoints recreation director

By Dennis McCarthy
 Staff Writer

The Township Recreation Committee appointed George A. Ragno to the position of Recreation director Tuesday night.

"We have a lot of hope for George," Committeeman Jeffrey Katz said. He added that nine people were interviewed from 40 applications of those people were presented to the governing body for final evaluation. The decision to appoint Ragno was "unanimous," Katz said.

Ragno has served as Recreation director in Scotch Plains and in Fairbairn, Pa. He worked in Middle-town for two years before he became available to the Township of Springfield.

Katz said that Ragno's diverse experience is what set him apart from the other applicants. Ragno, already in the office of the director may be filled by the balance of the unselected men by the Township Committee.

Committeeman Harry Juppans offered his congratulations to Ragno. "He has a lot of work ahead of him," Juppans said. "He will have the full support of everyone on the Township Committee."

Shifting the focus from the newest township official, the committee passed a resolution recognizing the 25th anniversary of administrator Helen E. Maguire-Keyworth.

The resolution, prepared by Helen Keyworth, states that in recognition of the office of the director may be filled by the balance of the unselected men by the Township Committee.

Maguire-Keyworth continues to serve the people of Springfield as registrar of vital statistics, and was responsible for filing and receiving a grant for the Donald Palmer Museum for the 1976 bicentennial celebration.

The Township Committee proclaimed the week of Feb. 21 as Helen E. Keyworth Week.

Company drafts plan to privatize authority

By Heather MacGregor
 Managing Editor

To lower costs, a private water company has submitted a proposal to the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority which outlines possibilities of privatizing the RVSA by contracting out the pump-out facility, according to a consultant for the company.

Heary Meyer, a private consultant to US Water, the largest contracting water and waste water facility in New Jersey, said privatizing the authority would save municipalities 15 percent to 20 percent in the first year simply by creating a more efficient operation.

The proposal includes a long-term contract for the operation and maintenance of the authority's treatment facility and would make it run more efficiently because there would be no major capital requirements, Meyer said.

Richard Tokarski, executive director of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority, said the RVSA is probably too large to be privatized because a majority of the problems incurred are solved through experience. Large private facilities are generally more successful in other places, he said.

"I don't know how it would work. We run the place like a business and we don't make a profit," he said. "It is a little bit involved and too large for something like that. The other members of the staff are used for their experience. If they go, the experience goes down the tubes."

See WATER, Page 2

Classes mark halfway point to celebration

By Dennis McCarthy
 Staff Writer

Students in Arnetta La Cioppa's "Diverse" class at James Caldwell School are celebrating Springfield's bicentennial with a display of 100 red candles and 100 blue candles in the hallway just outside of their room.

Joan Magoo's kindergarten class carefully recreated the second session of the "Meat and Potatoes" in a work site cleverly called "Meat and Potatoes." Her classmate, Brett Berger, took a more patriotic approach to the assignment and constructed the missing half of the White House, and its rolling lawn.

Fourth-grader Corby displayed a stunning reproduction of a clown's face, and Danielle Ruff showed her artistic talent by drawing a merry-go-round horse.

Maureen Miraglio's 16 first-grade students created a half black, half white bulletin board with eight black faces are asked to have the students

Auto dealer charged for deception

By Heather MacGregor
 Managing Editor

The Springfield Automobile was one of three auto dealerships charged Feb. 17 with customer deception in handling repairs and misleading advertisements and falsifying sales contracts to mislead investigators.

Judge John Boyle issued a temporary restraining order for the companies to cease practices. A full hearing is scheduled for March 14.

In a complaint filed in Union County Superior Court, the companies, which also included Crystal Auto, Mall in Crosswicks and Ocean Chevrolet in Toms River, were charged with 36 violations of the state's Consumer Fraud Act.

Attorneys for the companies said the allegations were misleading.



From left, Laura Fraenkel, Victoria Rizzolo and Marc Esquerra join Springfield's bicentennial celebration and mark the halfway point to the end of school in front of their creations of 100 blue and red candles.