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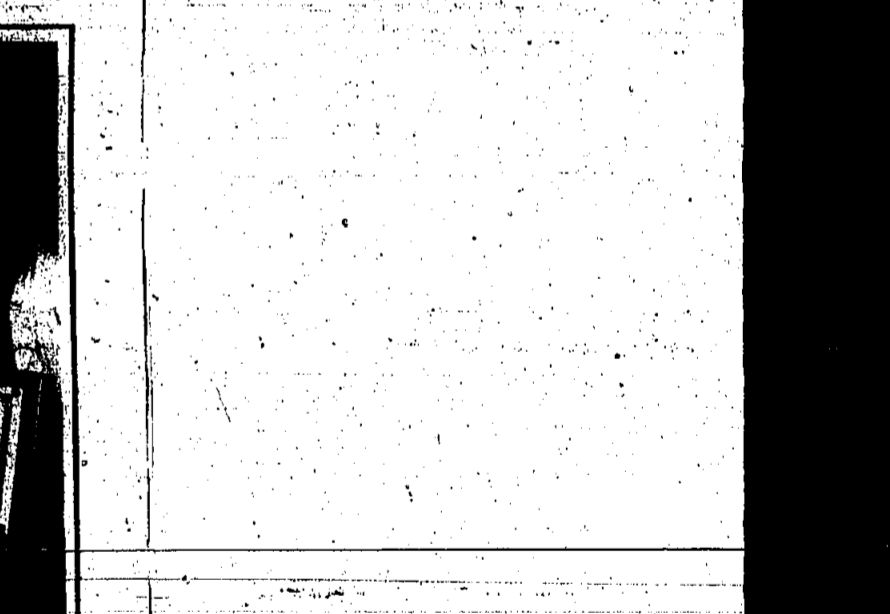
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Artistic students earn honors

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LIFESTYLE

Belated banquet



First Lt. Kevin Paul, top left, Treasurer Gerry Gebauer, Corresponding Secretary Murry Hurwitz, middle left, Recording Secretary Shelly Gornstein, VCO President John Bowen, President Gloria Simpson, Trustee Jackie Herzlinger, bottom left, Captain Elizabeth Fritzen, and House Committee members Peter Shevitz and Herbert Simpson are the newly-elected First Aid Squad officers for 1996. The banquet, scheduled for January, was rescheduled for March 3 at the Spanish Tavern due to the snowfall at the beginning of the year.

PEOPLE IN THE SERVICE

Naval officer returns from tour near Bosnia, Iraq

Naval Officer Paul H. Bredlau, son of Howard C. Bredlau of Evergreen Court in Mountainside, has returned to Norfolk, Va., after completing a six-month overseas deployment to the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia and to the Persian Gulf near Iraq aboard the aircraft carrier USS America.

Bredlau is one of more than 5,000 sailors and Marines aboard the carrier who completed the 51,000-mile voyage. A 1977 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Bredlau joined the Navy in June 1977.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

UCC professor earns fellowship

Anthony Signorelli, a psychology professor at Union County College, is one of five faculty members selected for admission to the Mid-Career Fellowship Program at Princeton University. The program is co-administered by Princeton and the New Jersey Community Colleges Partnership.

Springfield resident earns massage diploma

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Sharing Network names executive director

Marc D. Smith has been appointed executive director of the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network. Smith, who holds a doctoral degree in academic administration from St. Louis University, served most recently as vice president of research, education and public policy for BIC Health System in St. Louis.

Resident wins Senior Pairs championship

Phyllis Barstein of Springfield, participated in the 1995 Senior Pairs on March 7, one of the major events contested at the Spring North American Bridge Championships in Philadelphia, Pa.

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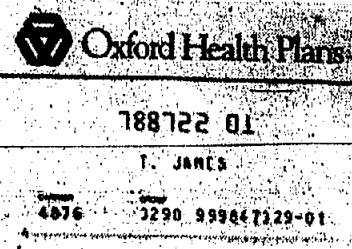
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## Contact We Care volunteers see an increase in 1995

Contact We Care's annual meeting and coordinating service was held March 5 to celebrate the 22nd anniversary of the organization. The non-profit helpline services, which serve central New Jersey, include Contact Helpline, Contact TDD Helpline and Counseling. Janet Kullmann, president of Contact's Board of Trustees, convened the annual meeting where individuals were nominated for board of trustee positions. Re-elected to the board were Jane Annis of Mountaintide; Joan Bonner of Fairwood; and David Monzella of Scotch Plains. Newly elected to the board were Christopher Loder of Summit; Edwin Mitchell of Fairwood; and Linda Van Fossen of Scotch Plains.

Candy Saino, executive director of Contact We Care, gave the State of the Service Report. She stated that in 1995, 120 volunteers donated a total of 7,798 hours on the phone lines handling 13,258 calls, an increase from 1994. Saino noted that in spite of tough financial times, Contact had a successful year.

Saino also spoke about what it takes to run Contact We Care, including recruiting and training volunteers, scheduling telephone workers, the administration it takes to give direction to the organization, as well as planning for Contact's future.

The executive director also spoke about the varied types of calls Contact receives on a daily basis and how important it is for the volunteers to be there to answer them. She said, "at the end of a shift on the helpline one volunteer expressed, 'It's good to be here for people.'"

During the past year, 32 individuals became Contact We Care volunteers. Following the address, they were commissioned and presented with Contact pins and certificates.

Telophing workers who reached milestones in 1995 were recognized. Honored for a career total of 2,000 hours on the lines was Ellen Anthony, of Westfield. Those honored for serving 500 or more career hours on the phone lines were Joan Bonner, Paul Coughlin, George Doldoriss, Helen Crystal, Justine Henry, Caroline Iler and Millie Labas.

Fifteen volunteers who played an important part in Contact We Care, other than phone time, during the past year were also recognized and presented with the "Enter Drumming-Honorary Hug-Award."

MUSIC FOR THE evening was provided by accomplished organist and choral conductor Trent Johnson, director of Musical and the Arts at the First United Methodist Church in Westfield.

The annual event, held at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, concluded with a reception for Contact's volunteers and their guests.

Contact's helpline is staffed by trained volunteers to answer calls for help about various issues including loneliness, depression, stress, family problems, financial troubles, abuse and neglect. Its Careline service provides a daily telephone call to homebound, elderly and disabled individuals.

Contact We Care provides these services free of charge and all calls are confidential. The Helpline number is (908) 232-2880 and TDD (908) 232-3333. For information about training to become a Contact volunteer, call (908) 889-4140.

Contact We Care is a member of the United Way. Contact USA and Life Line International.

## Newcomers announce schedule

The Mountaintide Newcomers Club is a social and charitable non-profit organization designed to introduce new residents and current residents who had a recent change in their life-style, such as a new baby or marital or employment change, to the community. To join, call Pat Colwell at 908-235-8414 or write to Mountaintide Newcomers Club, P.O. Box 1115, Mountaintide, 07092.

• April 11 - Learn the secrets of great appetizers during the Ladies Night Out Cooking Class at the Kings Cooking Studio.  
• April 27 - Join the entire group at a house for appetizers, split into small groups at several houses for dinner and then join the whole group at yet another house for dessert during this Progressive Dinner.

• On a date not yet designated in May, an evening of fun and laughter is guaranteed as the Newcomers participate in a Murder Mystery Dinner Theater Night at B.G. Field's Restaurant.

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## Gala, auction benefits Oak Knoll students

The 21st Annual Grand Prix "An Evening in Provence," a gala dinner dance to benefit Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, will be held in Oak Knoll's Tidal Hall, 83 Astland Road, on March 30.

The Oak Knoll Mothers' Auxiliary and the Father's Club are co-sponsoring this fundraiser. All proceeds from the evening go directly into the school's operating budget, helping to bridge the gap between tuition and spending at Oak Knoll.

Entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m. with a reception. The evening's main event is the Grand Prix, which will feature a variety of activities, including a silent auction, a raffle, and a live performance by the Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child. The school, founded in 1924 by the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, is celebrating the 150th anniversary of international Holy Child education this year. It is part of a network of 25 Holy Child

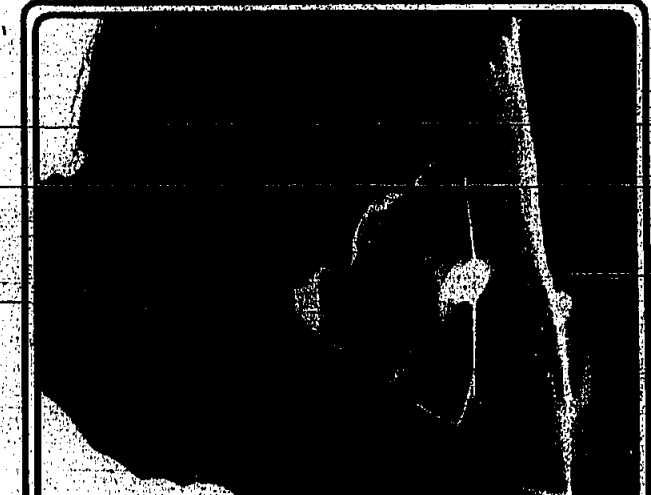
schools in the United States, Europe and Africa.

For more information on the Grand Prix "An Evening in Provence," call Suzanne Lewis at 522-8105.

## Flower power

Through tomorrow, the Union County Unit of the American Cancer Society will celebrate spring with the biggest and brightest event — Daffodil Days. Thousands of fresh-cut and potted flowers will blanket the county as a demonstration that there is hope in the fight against cancer. Daffodils are not only the first flower of spring, but a symbol of hope that cancer can and will be cured. Five dollars will buy 10 cut flowers, or donate \$7 and receive a pot of four mini-daffodils.

There are many other ways to get involved with its Daffodil Day Festival. Buy, sell, publicize or help deliver the flowers. For more information about Daffodil Days, or to place an order, call the Union County Unit at 354-7373.



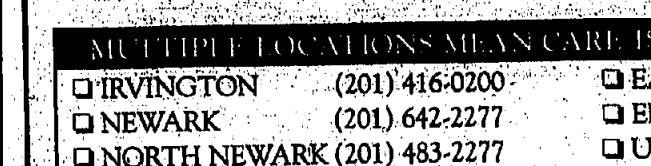
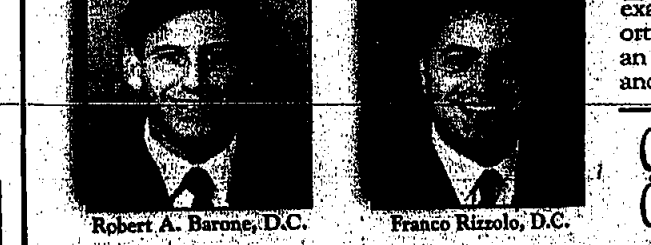
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STUDENT UPDATE

Deerfield student places second in essay contest

Briely Ash, daughter of Mark and Lisa Ash of Mountaineers and eighth-grader at Deerfield School, is the second-place winner in the 1996 New Jersey State Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Contest titled "Exploring America" for her essay on John Fremont.

The award was presented at the annual D.A.R. Conference on March 12 at Rutgers University.

GLRHS presents 'Guys and Dolls'

"Guys and Dolls," the beloved musical fable about the underworld of urban gamblers and sentimental chorus girls in old New York, will be presented by the students of Governor Livingston Regional High School on March 29 and 30. Curtain time for both performances in the school's Davis Hall auditorium is 8 p.m.

Based on a story and characters by Damon Runyon and adapted by the music and lyrics of Frank Loesser, "Guys and Dolls" is a musical show with staying power: its popularity with theater-going public remains strong many years after its introduction on Broadway. Jeanmarie Clavoc, a teacher of English and drama at Governor Livingston who is acting as stage director for the production, credits the show's durability to a series of factors.

"This is a nice, big show, and we have a tremendous number of people working in every phase of the production," she said. "As far as costuming, it's a very busy cast with many popular musicals, the best thing about this show is the music and dancing. We're fortunate to have an excellent group of students in the cast and so many interested dancers. But the one thing that separates 'Guys and Dolls' from many other musicals is that it's a very funny show. Some mistakes have been made, but they are forgiven in the dialogue; but this show is really as funny as it is musically pleasing."

Headlining the cast are Katie Harrison as Sarah Brown, Jeannine Pills in the role of Miss Adelaide, James Carrigan as Sky Masterson and Robert Andrews in the role of Nathan Detroit. Also being featured are GL students Lauren Gaffney, Mike Furtner, Jeff Biddle, Monica Spambone, Allison Kotch, John Lee, Brian Jobe, Tim Pickett, Adam Pardo, Mike Corzo and Keith Lindiga.

General admission tickets for the show are priced at \$8, while student tickets, if purchased in advance, are \$7. For ticket information, contact Governor Livingston Regional High School at (908) 464-3169.

Dayton students perform 'The Boyfriend'

Students at Southern Dayton Regional High School will present the musical "The Boyfriend" on March 29 and 30 at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Finishing touches are being rehearsed for the opening "Upbeat" that includes tap dancing, soft shoe and Charleston and songs ranging from charming ballads to witty burlesque.

Jamie Macchia, Jackie Hont and Jackie Sweigart of Kenilworth and Carrie Finckelstein and Lauren Tuma of Springfield play the "barber young ladies" of Madame Dubonnet's fashionable finishing school, where most of the romantic entanglements of the plot take place. Polly, played by Macchia, is a millionaire's daughter who falls in love with Tony, a delivery boy played by Keys Dennis of Springfield.

To hold his interest, Polly pretends she is a working girl. Complications arise with the involvement of Dubonnet, played by Julia Keller, and Polly's father, portrayed by Steve Kepler; both of Springfield. Nigel Lennox plays Hortense, the beloved housekeeper and senior Jimmy Porter sings and dances his way into the girls' hearts, with numerous "what-ifs" that lead to their union.

Rounding out the cast are Dayton students Dana Avidan, Liron Ben Simon, Brian Canado, Scott Schaefer and Laura Schuchman, who also serves as assistant to Dayton's team of directors that includes Brenda Kay-Koehn, music director Susan Dambrosio, stage director and Sandle Hilliard, choreographer.

Tickets for "The Boyfriend" are \$7 - reserved seating for those obtaining tickets in advance - and \$8 at the door. There is no charge for senior citizens, but tickets must be secured. Tickets may be obtained from any cast member, at the door, by calling Dave Van Hart at (201) 376-6300.



Emily Asch is the beloved musical fable about the underworld of urban gamblers and sentimental chorus girls in old New York, will be presented by the students of Governor Livingston Regional High School on March 29 and 30. Curtain time for both performances in the school's Davis Hall auditorium is 8 p.m.

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Lenten dinner

A fish and chips dinner, cooked in... Lenten dinner... at the Springfield Emmanuel Church...

Hadassah meeting

The Springfield chapter of Hadassah invites the public to celebrate... Hadassah meeting...

Walk Through Holy Week

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Springfield... Walk Through Holy Week...

Sophie Bech

Sophie Bech of Teaneck, formerly of Springfield... Sophie Bech...

Rose M. Brady

Rose M. Brady of Springfield died March 12 in her home... Rose M. Brady...

Stork Club

The ICC MetroWest Teen Production Company will present... Stork Club...

JCC presents play

The JCC Teen Production is scheduled for the Clarence Reifel... JCC presents play...

UCUA will take lab waste

The Union County Utilities Authority will accept school laboratory... UCUA will take lab waste...

Obituaries

Dr. Jerome DeMasi, 57, of Neatlantic, formerly of Springfield... Obituaries...

Worship Calendar

Assembly of God 9:30 AM, Baptist 8:00 AM, Church of Christ 10:00 AM... Worship Calendar...

SPORTS

Super 15 Boys' Basketball Team

Allen, Campbell, Washington, Hawkins, Spotwood on First Five



Wise, Brown, Horton, Rosebert, Knight complete Second Five

By J.R. Paracchini and Michael Ziegler... This was a championship season for many area high school boys' basketball teams...

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Assembly of God 9:30 AM, Baptist 8:00 AM, Church of Christ 10:00 AM... Worship Calendar...

What good is a good deal without a good dealer?

Advertisement for Chrysler and Plymouth cars, featuring a large image of a car and promotional text.

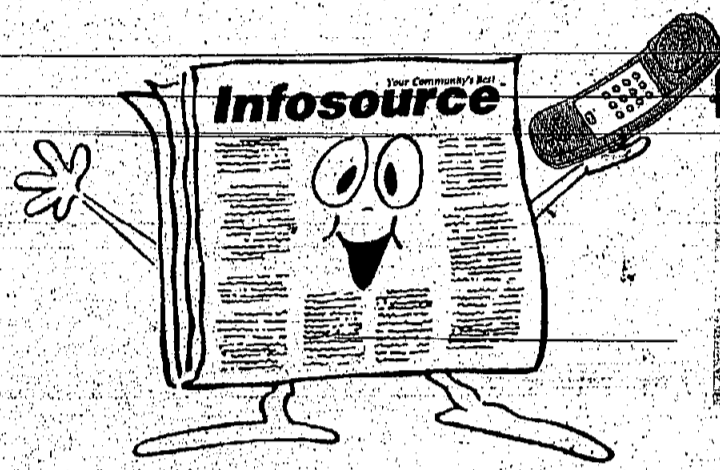




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County seat
(Continued from Page B1)
I remember one meeting at which I was in attendance and Lashbader made some noise about the potential conflict of interest it would create if two attorneys from the same law firm were appointed to two county posts...

Community Child Care earns grant
A \$120,000 grant had been awarded to the Community Coordinated Child Care of Union County to implement the 'New Jersey Sows the Seeds for Growth' project.

Franks, chiefs ask judge to quit post
(Continued from Page B1)
also threw out the videotaped confession of a woman who admitted that she was transporting cocaine and heroin in her car and had done so on at least 20 other occasions.

Franks bill offers solution
(Continued from Page B1)
Albert Ceramda, executive vice president of the International Longshoremen's Association, said he welcomes the long-term solution and hopes the State of New Jersey now comes to their senses so that we can have a short-term solution.

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Advertisement for Roselle Park H.S. Theater: Citizen Ticket Special. From March 28, 1996 - if picked up by train, March 26, Sunday, March 31, 1996.

Advertisement for Garden State: 15% to 40% OFF VERTICAL BLINDS 40% to 70% OFF FREE. Call 1-800-439-7827.

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Advertisement for Barbara A. Faria: Director of Administration. BA in Elementary Education. BA in Administration Supervision. State Cert. Early Childhood.



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AST's Advantage Pentium series is a multi-media computer that integrates fax, telephone and voice mail services. It offers its users individual passwords and mailboxes.

### It's still the Pentium for PC power, speed

To buy or not to buy? Will your new computer be obsolete by the time you bring it home? Should you trade in your 386 and get a 486 or go for the ultimate Pentium? The questions come fast and furious once you cross into the computer department. And they have led to a curious phenomenon: Consumers are eager to buy computers, but many are also confused.

### For one PC maker, color counts

Like other consumer electronic goods, color has gone so far as Acer in getting rid of the office look. In addition to capturing the imagination of consumers shopping for the home, the Aspirer line opens the door to a softer, look for PCs being purchased for the home office. It represents a marriage of home and office.

### Realtor brings land into cyber space

In a truly innovative move, Century 21's Kuzma Realty uses the Internet to not only sell homes but to sell a section of New Jersey, allowing potential buyers to explore areas from the comfort of their keyboards.

### Connection allows fuse access

A key phrase today, in both public and private life is accessibility. The new era of connectivity has led to a "Permanent B" connection in the fuse panel for accessory or test equipment hook-up.

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Infosource advertisement: ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS! Infosource can help your business or organization grow by providing exciting opportunities to publicize your information and enhance communication!

### Ad agent discusses new way to increase net profits

The "net" Michael J. Motto is talking about is the Internet. With Archie, even novice computer users will be able to set up the PC in five minutes, navigate the system with "easy, intuitive" icons, launch applications and play back telephone answering machine messages with voice commands.

### Internet makes shopping easier for consumers, retailers

Despite shopping — the malls, traffic, noise, crowds, pushy sales people, long lines, and inconvenience of it all — physical stores are not where I want to spend time. For many years now, I have shopped through the hundreds of direct-mail catalogs that fill my mailbox.

### Ad agent discusses new way to increase net profits

More and more shoppers are lifting their "goggles" and surfing in cyberspace, said Michael J. Motto Advertising, an agency that specializes in Internet advertising. Millions of Internet users log on for local buying information before making a purchase decision.

### Internet makes shopping easier for consumers, retailers

Some retailers on the Net also shop using a secure credit card transaction, but almost all have a toll-free number, and many offer gift-wrapping services. The use of pushy clerks to interfere with your selection and packing is not a problem. Convenience search features make looking for a particular product easy.

PC Ed, Personal Computer Education advertisement: Courses in Windows, Wordprocessing, Spreadsheet, Database, Graphics and more. Includes contact information for PC Ed.

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ARTS/DINING/ENTERTAINMENT

'Bus Stop' offers shelter from the storm

Blizzards are something we all are used to after this winter, and it is a blizzard which brings together the characters in William Inge's 'Bus Stop'...

Theater View

By Rondee Boyer-Spittel, Staff Writer

It is full of the fire this character requires. He moves easily through the louder scenes, but it is during the quiet moments when his portrayal sometimes rings false...

Parody practice



Acress Gail Lou and Union County College graduate Cecelia Casillo, of Elizabeth, rehearse a scene from 'An Evening of Parodies' by Christopher Durang...

Expressionist adds dimension to jazz



'Gamer Plays Misty,' a collage of cardboard pieces and magazine clippings, is among the more than 20 abstract paintings, collages and etchings by Arnold J. Brown...

An exhibition of more than 20 abstract paintings, collages and etchings by Elizabeth school teacher Arnold J. Brown continues its run at the executive offices of Schering-Plough Corp. in Madison...

UCC Cranford campus to host Teen Arts fest

Union County College will host the annual Union County Teen Arts Festival, a showcase of visual and performing arts training for young people...



The American Repertory Ballet returns to the Union County Arts Center with a production of Prokofiev's 'Romeo and Juliet'...

KINETIC CANINES — The All-American Dog Pound Frenzy will be among the performers in the Yantees Doodle Circus on Saturday...

Advertisement for Rougeau's Manor, featuring 'The Calypso King of the World, THE MIGHTY SPARROW' performing on Saturday, March 30, 1996.

Advertisement for 'Dining Out' featuring a \$10.95 steak special and other dining options.

Locals compete for 'Best Chef' honors



Cheryl Good, left, manager of community relations of Kings Supermarkets, meets with Margie's Baker, director of food development at the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council...

The OSCARS OF FOOD AT BEST CHEFS NIGHT. These outstanding Best Chef's Night on March 25 will be casting their ballots for the food and beverage 'winners' of the evening...

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CORTINA. Once you're inside the restaurant, it's hard to leave. Noted simply in the heart of downtown Cranford, across from the train station, the Cortina Restaurant is easy to find...

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HEALTH/FITNESS & MEDICINE

Depression sometimes requires treatment

Feeling depressed is an experience common to all of us. To varying degrees, we all have felt its effects...

Focus on Mental Health

By Barbara Albenberg

Recognizing the problem and coming to grips with a diagnosis is difficult, particularly in the case of low-grade depression...

Physicians open facility for impotence treatment

To better help diagnose and treat impotence, a group of physicians have formed the Impotence Center of America...

Area nursing provider earns CHAP's approval

Executive Director Johanna Austin, Tri-County VNA, Inc., has been granted accreditation for quality health and community care...

People who snore get wake up call

Although snoring is a problem common to 85-90 percent of adults, it can lead to a more serious problem known as sleep apnea...

Seminars scheduled

The Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Center at Cranford will host a free two-part program titled "All About Diabetes"...

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Are you at risk? Then — Take the Test. Know the Score. It's Free! Tuesday, March 26, 1996 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Also Sponsoring Diabetes Awareness Day on Thursday, March 28, 1996 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Come and see the latest technology in self blood glucose testing. Bring in your current monitor to compare and exchange if you desire.

American Diabetes Association logo and contact information for Diabetes Management Center at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

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Arts Calendar

The Arts Calendar, prepared by Worrall Community Newspapers, is a list of upcoming theatrical and musical performances, art exhibitions and other cultural events in the area...

Guitar Bob to perform

"Guitar Bob" Meszaro will bring his brand of children's music to Trillick's Nature and Science Center in Mountaintop Sunday 2 p.m.

Resident artist to play

Composer Mercedes Otero will appear at Keia College as part of the International Artist in Residence Music Program March 28 at the East Campus at 8 p.m.

Keen hosts NJ Ballet

The New Jersey Ballet will present a new work by John Kowall, titled "Perpetual Cycle" Sunday at 8 p.m. at Keen College's Wilkins Theater.

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Green Mountain Arts Festival. WIN one of the following prizes: \$400.00 Paul Miller Book, \$200.00 Robert Ballard Poets Book, \$100.00 Performance Poem, \$100.00 Poetry Book, \$50.00 Gift Certificate to any book store.

Functional Art. Something Wonderful! Something Wild! An American Craftsman Galleries presents. 8th Westfield Craft Market March 29-30-31 Westfield Armory, Westfield, NJ.

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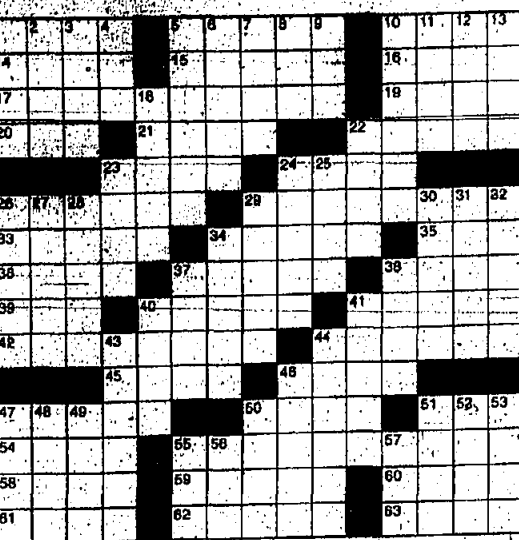
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For The Week of March 24-30

ARIES
March 21-April 20
You'll be called upon to make plenty of decisions this week. The more you know the better.

Taurus
April 21-May 21
It's planning time so get it in gear. You'll be glad you did at harvest time. Now would also be a good time to change your filing habits for the better, since you're already thinking about vegetables.

GEMINI
May 22-June 21
Catch up on the news and what's going on in the world. They could be feeling left out of the circle, and your efforts will make a big difference.

CANCER
June 22-July 22
Make an investment in a health care plan. You'll be glad you did at harvest time. Now would also be a good time to change your filing habits for the better, since you're already thinking about vegetables.

LEO
July 23-August 23
You're a kisser when it comes to information this week, so expect yourself to be all kinds of things you've always been interested in. Pick one you expect to like and sign up for a group that specializes in that.

VIRGO
August 24-September 23
Take a good inventory before investing in the store. Something you have on hand could inspire your creative juices, and put the money you save in a jar. With it, it could pay for a month of your someone you have yet to meet.

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NEWS CLIPS

Looking at two sides
An opening reception Sunday will give the public an opportunity to speak with the artists as they review their work.

Photo exhibit continues
An exhibition of abstract art, "New Small Works," by Jim Pease of Brooklyn Heights continues its run at the Leo Malmut Gallery in the Union Public Library on Monday-Avance in Union through March 28.

Public notice
SUNSHINE COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CONCRETE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Flea Market

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
MARCH 22 AND MARCH 24, 1996
EVENT: Craft Show
PLACE: Cranford Elementary School, 110 Ashwood Avenue, Summit, NJ

Garage/Yard Sale
SATURDAY
MARCH 30, 1996
EVENT: 10th Annual Spring Fling Craft Show
PLACE: Townley Presbyterian Church, 134 Prospect Avenue, Irvington, NJ

Rummage Sale
FRIDAY, SATURDAY
MARCH 22 AND MARCH 23, 1996
EVENT: Spring Rummage Sale
PLACE: The Union Presbyterian Church in Union, Oakwood Terrace at Bervin Street, Union

Auction

THURSDAY EVENING
MARCH 22, 1996
EVENT: Annual Spring Fair Auction
PLACE: Christ the King School, 397 Columbia Avenue, Hillsdale, NJ

Workshops
EDUCATIONAL
MARCH 21 TO MAY 12, 1996
EVENT: Life on the Edge: A video series highlighting people with special needs about identity, marriage, career, etc.

Garage/Yard Sale
SATURDAY
MARCH 30, 1996
EVENT: Garage Sale
PLACE: YWCA, 305 Main Street, Orangetown, NJ

Annual Job Fair Planned
The New Jersey Theatre Group, the statewide association of professional theater, will hold its 10th annual Job Fair Sunday from 10 am to 3 p.m. at the State Theatre located at 19 Livingston Road in New Brunswick.

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## Saint Barnabas Health Care System to Encompass Eight Acute Care Facilities and Affiliates, Serving Communities Throughout New Jersey

## Saint Barnabas Performs 1,000th Kidney Transplant—a New Jersey First

With affiliation pending between Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Mount Sinai Hospital and their affiliates with its major acute care institutions and their affiliates throughout the state, the Saint Barnabas Health Care System stands to become the largest and most diversified healthcare delivery system in New Jersey. Final approval of the proposed affiliation is expected by the Saint Barnabas Health Care System Board of Trustees in early March and will be followed by required state and federal approvals.

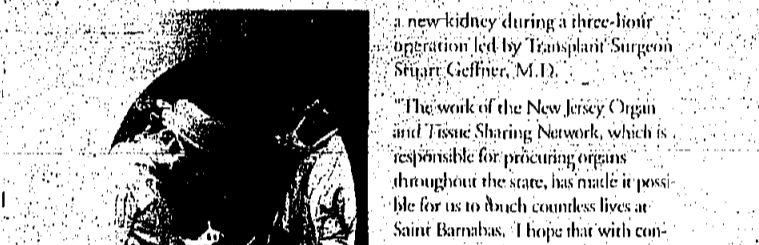
The many well-served existing health care systems and each of the eight individual facilities, all of which will remain separate entities. The affiliation will also expand the health care systems' service area throughout the state of New Jersey.

The new facilities include: Community Medical Center, Trenton, River, 1996 (60 beds); Irvington General Hospital, Irvington, 1957 (60 beds); Kinross Medical Center, Lakewood, 1998 (60 beds); Bloomwood Medical Center, Long Branch, 1927 (60 beds); Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Newark, 1967 (60 beds); and Wayne General Hospital, Wayne, 231 (60 beds).

In addition to these affiliations, Saint Barnabas Medical Center and United Health Care System in Newark are partners in creating a network of medical, surgical and other primary health care services for the children of New Jersey and the nation.

The Saint Barnabas Health Care System will have combined revenues of nearly \$1.5 billion and a total of 3,225 acute care beds, and more than 30,000 employees, making it the state's third largest employer. In addition to the hospitals, the system also will include six nursing homes with 1,100 beds, five ambulatory care facilities, three geriatric centers, two psychiatric facilities and a statewide behavioral health network. The combined medical staffs will total more than 4,000 physicians and 443 residents.

The entire health care system will have nearly 166,000 inpatient and same day surgery patients, more than 300,000 emergency department patients and 27 million treatment and services for nearly one million outpatient visits each year.



**Thomas G. Jones** is the new Chief Executive Officer of Saint Barnabas Health Care System. He is a member of the board of directors and has been with the organization since 1993. He is currently serving as the President of the Board of Trustees.

The renal center at Saint Barnabas performed its 1,000th kidney transplant in September, marking the first in New Jersey. This is a landmark achievement that reached this impressive milestone.

"This is one further landmark establishing the program at Saint Barnabas as a major national and international kidney transplant center. It also serves to reaffirm Saint Barnabas' strong commitment to remain a leader in providing all aspects of care for patients with renal disease," said Martin G. Jacobs, M.D., director of the Department of Nephrology.

The record-setting transplant at Saint Barnabas took place when 57-year-old Summie James of Paterson received

### In Vitro Fertilization Pregnancy Rates Verified by Independent Auditors

The Institute for Reproductive Medicine and Science of Saint Barnabas, a leading authority in reproductive medicine, has been engaged by Saint Barnabas to audit records and verify in vitro fertilization pregnancy rates at its Institute for Reproductive Medicine and Science. The firm developed a schedule of standardized pregnancy rates by age and type of procedure for each retrieval (direct and indirect) and a schedule of the rate of pregnancies from the retrieval performed by the Institute. The total reviewed during the period August 15, 1995 to December 15, 1995 were 336.

In a recent confirmation regarding the Institute's pregnancy rates as opposed to previously published rates, for its former assisted reproduction program, Saint Barnabas has provided the schedule of pregnancy rates, at right.

In vitro fertilization (IVF) is a method of assisted reproduction in which the man's sperm and the woman's eggs are combined in the laboratory for fertilization. The resulting embryos are then transferred to the woman's uterus. In direct cases, an assisted fertilization procedure called Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI) is used, which involves the direct injection of a single sperm into the egg.

The Institute provides treatment for patients with medical and surgical problems related to reproduction. Under the direction of James L. Brown, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Saint Barnabas has assembled a world-class team of physicians and embryologists who have developed and refined many of the technologies used today.

For information about the Institute for Reproductive Medicine and Science of Saint Barnabas, call (201) 533-8266.

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# a message from...

RONALD J. DEL MAURO  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
Saint Barnabas Medical Center



## Dear Friends:

The Saint Barnabas Health Care System has aggressively embarked on building a statewide integrated healthcare network. The goal is to ensure quality healthcare and the financial stability of Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Union Hospital and all the individual affiliates as we move into the most competitive, most dynamic era ever experienced in the history of healthcare in New Jersey and the entire country.

This network will enable our physicians and employees to provide comprehensive, high quality, cost effective medical care to patients throughout New Jersey. It will also allow us to offer insurers and managed care companies the opportunity to negotiate with a single organization for access to quality healthcare facilities for the residents they cover around the State.

Our efforts are ambitious but mandatory. Managed care is revolutionizing the way healthcare is delivered and financed. New Jersey is only beginning to feel the impact of managed care and only starting to see the changes with the creation of larger systems. It is expected that within a short period of time the single hospital will be the exception and most facilities in New Jersey will belong to one of the few or systems that will be formed.

In our effort to create the strongest possible system in New Jersey and the tri-state area, we will affiliate closely with six acute care hospitals and their affiliates (see page 1). Simultaneously, we will continue talks with other hospitals in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. We are looking to attract quality hospitals committed to our philosophy that will be joined under singular management.

The creation of a statewide network further enhances the Saint Barnabas Health Care System's commitment to providing high quality, cost effective medical care with the focus on patient satisfaction. Each of the community hospitals will be strengthened by joining together in a statewide system and community residents will be the beneficiaries. This emphasis will be on keeping people well, which will result in healthier communities. Hospitals will be held to the highest standards of accountability as performance and outcomes are measured.

We will continue to rely on the best physicians and employees because they are responsible for our acknowledged reputation. We will continue to create a wide range of statewide programs, such as the Johns Diabetes Center (see page 4) and the Behavioral Health Network (see page 3).

There will be savings in economies of scale, better use of capital and reduced duplication of costly tertiary services, and joint purchasing of expensive equipment. The savings resulting from these efficiencies will allow us to take advantage of new technologies and make them more accessible to increasing numbers of residents.

The virtues of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System have led to the creation of a statewide system, a transition to what will surely be the most exciting time in healthcare. Together with our affiliates, the Saint Barnabas Health Care System will continue to be the dominant healthcare provider in the State of New Jersey.

Sincerely,  
Ronald J. Del Mauro  
Ronald J. Del Mauro

## Saint Barnabas Opens Women's Resource Library

Saint Barnabas Medical Center recently dedicated a new Women's Resource Center, providing residents from surrounding communities with a comprehensive resource for obtaining information on a multitude of women's health-related topics.



The library features more than 150 books—covering topics such as gynecological surgeries, menopause, PMS, pregnancy and osteoporosis—which are available at no charge for a one-week loan period. In addition, a user-friendly, computerized information system called MEDIX Health Digest may be accessed for answers to health and medical questions. The library is located on the ground floor of the Medical Center, 4 hours a day from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, call (201) 533-5090.

## New Institute Brings Saint Barnabas to Forefront of Neurosurgery

Saint Barnabas Medical Center has officially opened the new Institute for Skull Base Surgery, a multidisciplinary team of specialists experienced in the uniquely complex surgeries involving all parts of the brain.

"The removal of certain complex tumors requires the expertise of more than one specialist," said Dr. R.C. Lindachmann, M.D., director of the Institute and chief of Neurologic Surgery. "Saint Barnabas has chosen a team of international, skull base cases using a multi-disciplinary team approach for several years. As the volume and complexity of cases increases, we are formally combining the separate disciplines."

THE SKULL BASE SURGERY TEAM. The Institute for Skull Base Surgery includes Dr. Lindachmann (Neurosurgery), Joseph M. Kissel, M.D. (Neurosurgery), Anthony E. John, M.D. (Otolaryngology), Howard M. Berg, M.D. (Otolaryngology), Mark Levy, M.D. (Otolaryngology), Craig D. Hall, M.D. (Craniofacial Plastic Surgery) and Jane M. Neigel, M.D. (Otolaryngology). Edward S. Izbicki, M.D., director of MRI and chief of Neuro-radiology at Saint Barnabas, supervises all diagnostic studies. Specially trained anesthesiologists, nurses and technicians assure that patients undergoing this type of surgery receive the highest quality treatment and comprehensive care.

PREMIER NEUROSURGERY PROGRAM. Saint Barnabas' Neurosurgery Program is on par with the best known centers in the country. In the four-level Neurological Intensive Care Unit (NICU), a highly specialized team provides care and treatment for patients suffering from rare tumors, aneurysms, head trauma and complex spinal problems.

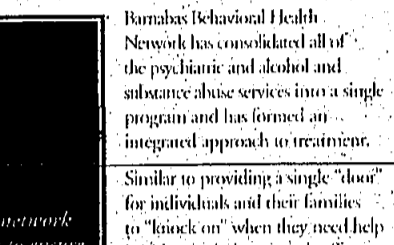
COMBINED PROBLEMS. Skull base tumors are extremely complicated because the skull base is the watershed area where the anatomy is complex and one field of surgery bleeds into another. It contains vessels and nerves which are displaced by tumors and are easily obscured during surgery. Damage to these nerves can affect such vital functions as vision, eye movement and swallowing. For example, one complex case required a plastic surgeon to remove and replace half of the jaw to gain access to the base of the skull so the neurosurgeon could remove a recurring brain tumor. After the neurosurgeon removed the tumor, the plastic surgeon reconstructed the jaw using special plates and put it back into its normal position. These type of surgeries usually last twelve or more hours.

In addition to tumors, the Institute specializes in treating "intractable" (refractory) neuropathic (nerve) and other conditions.

For more information, please call (201) 325-6732.

## Saint Barnabas Forms Behavioral Health Network

Where can parents go to get appropriate help for their teenager who poses a "behavior problem" in school and at home and who also has a pattern of drinking or using drugs? Is the teen having a symptom of mental illness, or does he or she have an alcohol/drug abuse problem? Is the teenager...?



Unfortunately for many parents, a number of services are separated for those with a psychiatric problem and those with an alcohol/drug abuse problem. For one youngster, parents and child may be referred from one agency or professional to the other with a response indicating that only one or the other problem can be addressed in that program. This situation is not unique to teenagers. It occurs with all ages—children, adults and the elderly. However, it is now becoming recognized that very frequently individuals need help in both areas.

Saint Barnabas Medical Center and its affiliate, Union Hospital, have recognized this dilemma and created the Saint Barnabas Behavioral Health Network to better respond to individuals who may need help in either area. The Saint Barnabas Behavioral Health Network has consolidated all of the psychiatric and alcohol and drug abuse services into a single program and has formed an integrated approach to treatment. Similar to providing a single "flow" for individuals and their families to "check out" when they need help is either area, the network offers a range of services from the most intensive such as inpatient care to the least intensive such as outpatient counseling.

The Saint Barnabas Behavioral Health Network, with more than 100 professionals, can offer patients options that best meet their particular needs.

In addition to its inpatient care, the Saint Barnabas Behavioral Health Network offers 24-hour emergency services and a full range of outpatient treatment and counseling in 21 locations throughout New Jersey and New York.

To receive more information or to verify services, call 1-800-327-3121 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The number can also be used at other times for emergency care.

## Good Air Gang Learns Value of Clean Air

The preschoolers at the Kinder Care Learning Center in Livingston were doing more than fine blowing out birthday candles and blowing feathers through a straw. At a recent program led by a more education from The Cancer Center of Saint Barnabas, a group of four and five-year olds learned about the importance of breathing fresh, smoke-free air.



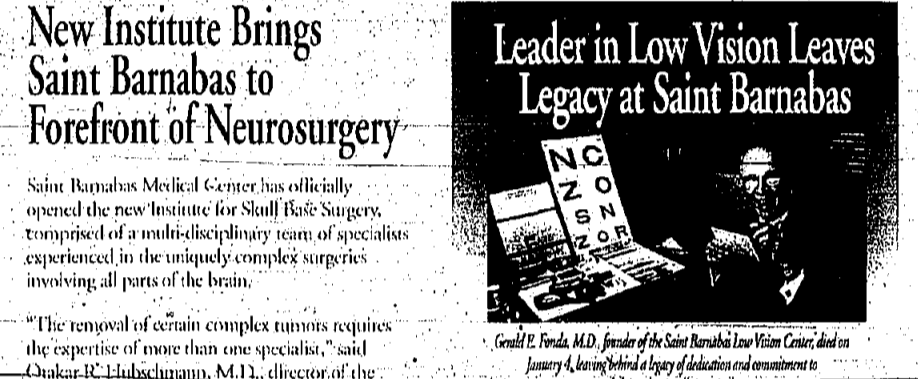
The Cancer Center's "Good Air Gang Program," in conjunction with the American Cancer Society, has been created to help children understand the importance of breathing fresh air and to empower them to keep their environment free of cigarette smoke, according to Betsy Bunker, R.N., oncology nurse educator at Saint Barnabas.

"Preadolescent and kindergarten children are especially responsive to learning positive health care behavior patterns," she said.

More than 45 years ago, the strong link between cigarette smoking and lung cancer was discovered. Patterns begin at early ages and young children are at an optimal age to learn and maintain positive health-care behaviors, McHudlow said.

The "Good Air Gang Program" led by Ms. Paulina and Teresa Goodman, cancer center educators, and is designed for children of pre-kindergarten and kindergarten ages. It includes 40 minutes of presentational breathing exercises, role modeling playing and reading.

For further information on the Good Air Gang, please call Diane Paulina, R.N., at 201-533-5772.



Gerald E. Fonda, M.D., founder of the Saint Barnabas Low Vision Center, died on January 4, 1993, of a heart attack and cancer in his sleep.

When Gerald E. Fonda, M.D., first came to Saint Barnabas in 1966, he had already established Low Vision Services at Newark Eye and Ear in 1947, the Light House in New York in 1953 and New York Eye and Ear. In 1971, he instituted this important service at Saint Barnabas with the opening of the Low Vision Center. In the years that followed, Dr. Fonda examined more than 4,000 low vision patients at the facility—the largest clinical, teaching and research center in the region devoted to the care of low vision patients.

In honor of Dr. Fonda's lifelong commitment to the visually impaired, said Ronald J. Del Mauro, chairman and chief executive officer of Saint Barnabas Medical Center. "The Low Vision Center of Saint Barnabas will be officially named 'The Gerald E. Fonda, M.D., Low Vision Center of Saint Barnabas. Also, Saint Barnabas, in conjunction with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, has established an annual Gerald E. Fonda, M.D., Low Vision Lecture Series."

Janis M. White, D.D., Ph.D., will continue Dr. Fonda's legacy by providing low vision services and prescribing, optical and visual aids for those whose vision cannot be corrected by standard measures. Now located in Suite 102-B, 101 Old Short Hills Road, directly across the street from Saint Barnabas, the Low Vision Center will move later this year to new quarters in the Geriatric Center of Saint Barnabas on Hillside Avenue in Livingston.

For more information, please call (201) 325-6720.

## Pediatric Department Broadens its Horizons

The Department of Pediatric at Saint Barnabas Hospital has grown in both its inpatient and outpatient services during the past year.

CHILDREN'S HILLYARD. ST. BARABAS. A NEW CHILDREN'S HILLYARD. In partnership with United Children's Hospital in Newark, the Saint Barnabas Health Care System offers a host of pediatric services at 101 Old Short Hills Road, located directly across the street from Saint Barnabas. Services offered include immunology, infectious disease, gastroenterology, neurology and nephrology. By March 1, a full range of services in hematology oncology will also be offered.

Through the newly formed partnership, a number of pediatric services are also available in the Saint Barnabas-Lincoln Hospital Medical Building located at 1050 Gallatin Hill Road in Union. Services offered include general pediatric practice, which has served the Union community for 23 years; and pediatric subspecialty services in immunology, allergy, pulmonology, cardiology, rheumatology and gastroenterology. To schedule an appointment call (201) 243-6245 or (908) 816-6400 for an appointment at 11550 Gallatin Hill Road.

PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE TRANSPORT SERVICE. The PICU and the Neonatal Department also offer a 24-hour critical care transport service which utilizes a fully equipped ambulance customized specifically for the neonatal and pediatric population. The transport service includes neonatal and pediatric transport to and from Saint Barnabas. Additionally, the service is available to area hospitals requiring in-hospital transfers, as well as long distance and out-of-state transfers. The service is available by calling 1-800-379-5004.

PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE TRANSPORT SERVICE. THE JOHN BODGEN CENTER FOR IMMUNOLOGY, GASTROENTEROLOGY AND PEDIATRIC INFECTION DISEASES. The John Bodgen Center, located at 101 Old Short Hills Road, is committed to providing state-of-the-art



diagnoses and treatments for infants, children and adolescents with immunological disorders, and/or chronic or severe infections. The center also provides psychological and nutritional support.

A medical consultation service for people traveling to Jersey counties is also available at the center. For further information or to schedule an appointment, please call (201) 243-6245.

CHILDREN'S GASTROENTEROLOGY AND NUTRITION CENTER. This new center provides care to infants, children and adolescents who suffer from digestive disorders such as infantile colic, formula allergy, gastroesophageal reflux, abdominal pain, constipation, diarrhea, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, pancreatic insufficiency, and liver disease. Emphasis is focused on understanding the concerns of children and their parents and providing helpful dialogue. For an appointment at the center, which is located in Suite 100, 101 Old Short Hills Road, please call (201) 243-6250.

HEMATOLOGY ONCOLOGY SERVICES. The Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Center provides compre-

hensive, state-of-the-art diagnostic and therapeutic services for infants, children and adolescents with cancer and blood disorders. A team of six pediatric hematologists/oncologists, nurse practitioners, nurse therapy and social workers provide medical care, education and support to families. The center functions in its own ambulatory unit and same day hospital, which helps prevent many overnight hospitalizations. If hospitalization is necessary, inpatient care is provided on the Pediatric Unit at Saint Barnabas Medical Center. Family support groups, professional school visits and opportunities to attend summer camps are available. For additional information or to schedule an appointment, please call (201) 243-6254.

CHILDREN'S RHEUMATOLOGY SERVICES. A board-certified pediatrician provides expert diagnosis and therapeutic programs for children suffering from a wide range of rheumatological disorders, including juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatic fever and Lyme disease. For additional information, please call (201) 810-6100.

KARATE PROGRAM. In the Karate Program for Children with Special Needs, participants make progress toward their therapeutic goals while engaging in a popular community-based recreational program. Held at the Flower Karate Studio in Springfield, the program offers children with a variety of developmental disabilities the opportunity to work with highly qualified karate instructors, as well as occupational and physical therapists from Saint Barnabas. Through karate, these children learn to improve balance, coordination, attention, self-esteem and social skills. For more information, fees and schedule of classes, please call (201) 533-5911.

HIPPOTHERAPY THERAPY. HIPPOTHERAPY. Hippotherapy, which actually means "trekking with the help of a horse," uses the movement of a horse to improve the physical skills of children with mobility problems. The Hippotherapy Program at Saint Barnabas utilizes a team approach to assist its participants in achieving goals to improve balance, posture, range of motion, sensory processing and self-esteem. For more information, fees and schedule of classes, please call (201) 533-5911.

NEUROLOGY SERVICES. Board-certified neurologists evaluate children with neurological disorders: seizures, headaches, developmental delays, learning disabilities, severe handicapping conditions and neuromuscular disorders. For further information or to schedule an appointment, please call (201) 243-6254.

CARDIOLOGY SERVICES. This service encompasses a complete array of non-invasive diagnostic and therapeutic procedures to identify

cardiac complications and anomalies. For additional information or to schedule an appointment, please call (201) 810-6100.

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## Joslin Center for Diabetes at Saint Barnabas—NJ's Foremost Leader in Diabetes Care

Joslin Center for Diabetes at Saint Barnabas is available at the following locations:

**Saint Barnabas Hospital**  
300 Montgomery Ave., Suite 200  
West Orange, NJ 07093  
(973) 339-5000

**Princeton Division**  
700 Princeton Ave.  
Princeton, NJ 08540  
(609) 987-2037

**Kimball Medical Center Division**  
500 Broadway  
Lakewood, NJ 07040  
(908) 343-5757

**Community Medical Center Division**  
500 Lakewood Blvd.  
Lakewood, NJ 07040  
(908) 343-5757

### Education: Critical Component of Joslin Diabetes Treatment

Recent efforts of the Joslin Center for Diabetes at Saint Barnabas help people with diabetes become healthier and more fulfilled by providing the tools needed to manage diabetes effectively. Joslin provides both individual and group education to accomplish this goal. The exciting result again illustrates the importance of this process.

**ATRIAL DAY FOR WOMEN**

"I feel better about myself," wrote one of the more than 50 women from all over New Jersey who attended Joslin's first annual all-day conference for women with diabetes. Her enthusiasm was typical of the evaluations of this annually received event. Held off-site at a hotel, participants commented that the setting provided an intimate and pleasant "non-clinical" atmosphere which was "conducive to helping them open up" and discuss their issues.

The special day provided an opportunity for women to come together to share and network with other women over breakfast and lunch. The morning's speakers discussed the challenges of diabetes, ways to succeed in managing the condition and the effects of diabetes on sexuality.

Small-group workshops held in the afternoon covered a variety of topics.

**LESSONS FROM HOW WOMEN LIVE THEIR LIVES**

One important Joslin goal is to direct educational programming toward

professionals as well as those who are living with the condition. The fourth annual Joslin/Saint Barnabas school nurse symposium was expanded this year to also include teachers, because caring for children with diabetes at school is a shared responsibility.

Entitled "Caring for the School Aged Child With Diabetes: A Team Effort," Joslin Youth Diabetes Day-long seminar provided practical information for over 200 New Jersey school nurses and teachers. In addition to valuable clinical material, such as blood glucose monitoring and medical alert bracelet, school staff learned about meal plans, snacks and party foods, recess and after-school sports, and how to manage emotional issues.

### Joslin Foot Care Program: Early Intervention is Key

Diabetes can cause decreased blood flow to the feet and nerve damage, leading to a loss of sensation. Consequently, common disorders such as cuts, scratches, dry skin and calluses can become serious problems. Feet in most foot wounds are the result of deteriorating circulation, possibly amputations. Studies show proper foot care and good diabetes control can substantially reduce the possibility of amputations—advances in diagnosis and treatment have made it possible to prevent 50 percent of leg amputations.

Each offers a number of foot care services, including board-certified/qualified podiatric medical and surgical team appointments, foot screenings to help detect foot problems at an early stage, before they become serious, instruction and techniques in proper foot care, surgical consultations, second opinion consultations, infection and ulceration treatment and care for the injured foot.

A thorough screening examination is recommended for anyone with diabetes who is not currently receiving regular foot care. Assessments include circulation, sensation, skin condition and foot and joint health. The podiatric medical and surgical team will develop a plan with the patient for maintaining foot health. *People with diabetes noticing signs of foot problems should consult their podiatrist, or call the Joslin Foot Care Program at (201) 255-6555.*

### Arthritis and Rheumatism Disease Center Expands with New Osteoporosis Program

The Arthritis and Rheumatism Disease Center at Saint Barnabas is the first hospital-affiliated outpatient center in New Jersey devoted to the care of patients with rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, and inflammatory disorders. One of the most common causes of musculoskeletal pain, the center has added an exciting new osteoporosis program.

**OSTEOPOROSIS PREVENTION AND TREATMENT: IN FOCUS**

Most people have heard about osteoporosis, a condition that causes bones to lose mass and become thin. Twenty-five million Americans, 80 percent of them older women, suffer from osteoporosis, the "silent bone disease." Unfortunately, they are usually unaware of their condition until a painful fracture occurs, or, "I'm too young to worry about osteoporosis."

After age 35, everyone begins to lose bone density. Menopause is the most predictable factor leading to osteoporosis in women due to the decrease in "estrogen levels." Until recently, the first evidence of osteoporosis was often either a fracture of the wrist, hip or spine, or loss of height or curvature of the spine. Now, highly accurate technologies can help diagnose osteoporosis very early, before significant bone loss has occurred.

In many cases osteoporosis can now be prevented and treated with a combination of lifestyle, diet and hormone therapies. "This is an important message for women and their health-care providers."

professionals became a great opportunity to learn about osteoporosis and make informed choices about prevention and treatment," said Ellen Rosenstein, M.D., co-medical director of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Disease Center. "State-of-the-art technology coupled with rapid advances in evolving therapies for osteoporosis, is creating new opportunities in the medical community for early intervention in this common disorder," continued Mel Krumer, M.D., co-medical director.

The Center's new Osteoporosis Program provides a sophisticated bone densitometry and the highly-advanced rheumatologist services to meet the needs most effectively. The noninvasive bone densitometer is safe, fast and painless. It is a very simple procedure for the patient, unlike methods such as the bone scan to measure metabolic procedure requiring an injection of radioactive imaging material. The bone densitometer is extremely sensitive and can detect small changes in bone mass with minimal radiation exposure. Long-term treatment success has a correlation that with an ordinary chest X-ray. Regular X-rays of bone cannot reveal a problem until at least 50 percent of bone mass is lost.

The Center's rheumatologists will interpret the bone densitometer exam and plan a course of treatment with the patient.

### New Program Teaches High School Juniors About Breast Health

More than 150 young women at Livingston High School recently participated in an educational program that could eventually save their lives.

The program focused on the importance of breast health and techniques for breast self-examination to detect cancer in its early and most treatable stages. The educational presentation, called "Check It Out," was the first breast health awareness program of its kind in New Jersey. It was jointly sponsored by Livingston High School, the Saint Barnabas Health Care System and the American Cancer Society.

"Although breast cancer is found mostly in postmenopausal women, breast self-examination should be performed once a month by women beginning in the teenage years. This examination is important to learn the early signs because women get to know what their breasts feel like at a young age; they can notice any changes as they get older," said Diane Budoff, oncology nurse educator and coordinator of Community Outreach Programs for the Saint Barnabas Cancer Center.

While breast cancer is primarily a disease of older women, data from the Saint Barnabas Cancer Registry has revealed a younger distribution of women diagnosed with breast cancer than the national average. There was a nine percent increase—from 53 to 62 percent—in the number of young women less than 60 years of age treated for breast cancer at Saint Barnabas between the years 1985 and 1992 respectively. According to national data, 44 percent of the breast cancers were diagnosed in women younger than 60 in 1991, and in 1985, 45 percent were diagnosed.

The program, which also was attended by a handful of mothers invited by their daughters, used teaching models to demonstrate breast cancer detection.

"For more information about the 'Check It Out' program, please call Diane Budoff, oncology nurse educator for the Saint Barnabas Cancer Center, at (201) 533-5772."

### Joslin Clinical Research: Vital to Diabetes Care

Research keeps the Joslin Center for Diabetes at Saint Barnabas on the cutting edge of new discoveries and treatments which will help patients control their diabetes and prevent complications, treat existing complications, and make life with diabetes easier.

Research volunteers are now being sought to participate in a clinical research trial of a new oral medication to treat Type II diabetes. The study will take place at the Joslin Center for Diabetes at Saint Barnabas and its Princeton Division. Participants must be over age 21 and have Type II diabetes that is not being well controlled by diet, exercise or oral medication. People with Type I diabetes, and those taking Glucophage or insulin, are not eligible.

Those interested in participating in the study should contact Anne Geller, R.N., in West Orange at (201) 325-6555, or Patricia Canon, R.N., in Princeton at (609) 987-2037.

*If you are interested in research participation, but do not qualify for the study, please still to give your name added to our volunteer list for future studies.*



More than 250 people attended the recent open house at the Joslin Center for Diabetes at Saint Barnabas. Princeton Division. Pictured from left are Arthur Kromick, M.D., medical director; Patricia H. Canon, R.N., director of Research and Education; Hoda Blum, executive director of the Saint Barnabas Development Foundation; Terry Sullivan, R.N., executive director of the Joslin Center for Diabetes at Saint Barnabas; and administrative director of Saint Barnabas Retail Services; and Alan Katz, D.P.M., medical director of the Joslin Foot Care Program.

### A New Study Proves Early Detection Increases Breast Cancer Survival Rates

Saint Barnabas Has One of Highest Survival Rates in Nation

A study comparing trends in breast cancer diagnosis and treatment at Saint Barnabas Medical Center with national data proves that early detection of breast cancer really increases survival rates.

The study revealed a 98 percent five-year survival rate for Saint Barnabas patients who were diagnosed with Stage I breast cancer, compared to the national rate of 82 percent as reported from the National Cancer Data Base. Stage I breast cancer is an early stage where the cancer cells have not spread beyond the breast and the tumor is no more than about an inch across.

"Saint Barnabas Medical Center began a breast conservation program in the mid-1970s. As a result, we have seen younger patients, a higher percentage of earlier stage and performed more breast conserving surgeries," said Andrew Zalkov, M.D., co-author of the study and a radiation oncologist at Saint Barnabas. "We attribute our success rate to an aggressive community relations program that targeted all socioeconomic levels to educate our patients about early detection and self-breast exam."

The timely knowledge of trends in breast cancer at Saint Barnabas from 1985 to 1992 and compared the data to national statistics from 1985 and 1991. It revealed 266 patients who were initially diagnosed at Saint Barnabas and/or whose first course of treatment was administered at the hospital.

"We begin to question why we were seeing a higher incidence of breast cancer because significant for women with dense breasts "where plain film mammography can indicate about 10 percent of cancer and approximately 10 percent of mammally-detected lumps. Although researchers at Saint Barnabas do not believe MRI breast imaging will replace plain film mammography, they do believe it will be used for questionable breast post lumpectomy follow-up and imaging of very dense breasts.

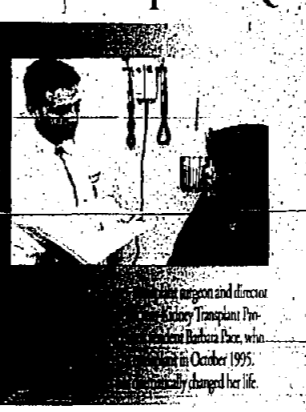
Saint Barnabas has one of the country's leading plain film mammography breast cancer programs, providing a spectrum of educational seminars, support groups, advanced surgical and alternative treatments, comprehensive genetic screening, nutritional counseling and clinical research. For information or scheduling of mammography, please call The Radiology Center of Saint Barnabas Outpatient Center at (201) 325-6587 or 6597. For information in the Cancer Center of Saint Barnabas, please call (201) 533-5627."

**DIABETES SUPPORT BILL SHARRO**

One Chinese Whisman recently signed into law the diabetes support bill which guarantees health insurance coverage for diabetes-related equipment, supplies and self-management education. Non-therapeutic diets will be able to take advantage of the full range of educational and clinical programs they need as part of their diabetes management plan.

For more information, call the Joslin Center for Diabetes at (201) 325-6555.

### New Pancreas-Kidney Program Offers Patients Improved Quality of Life



The Renal Center at Saint Barnabas recently reaffirmed its commitment to organ transplantation with the creation of a Simultaneous Pancreas-Kidney Transplant Program. During a simultaneous pancreas-kidney transplant, the two organs are recovered from the same donor and transplanted together.

"The implementation of this program further strengthens Saint Barnabas' position as a leader in the field of transplantation. It also reaffirms our dedication to providing comprehensive, high-quality care to the many patients who are in need of these life-saving operations," said Bruce Gelfner, M.D., transplant surgeon and director of the new program.

Like the others who have undergone a simultaneous pancreas-kidney transplant at Saint Barnabas, Mrs. Pece suffered from diabetes. Failing kidneys required that she undergo dialysis three times a week. A pancreas that would not produce insulin made it necessary for her to have insulin injections three times daily. "The transplant has changed her life. 'I didn't realize how sick I was before. Now I feel great. I have more energy, I'm more awake, more alert. My concentration's better and I can enjoy doing my craft," she said.

"We are very pleased that all of our transplants have been successful," Dr. Gelfner added. "Our patients have done well and, in keeping with the program's goals, have gone home and not required insulin or dialysis after their transplant.

While improved quality of life remains a primary goal of the program, emphasis is also placed on the long-term benefits. "The simultaneous pancreas-kidney transplant allows us to prevent or delay the onset of secondary complications of diabetes such as blindness and neuropathy," Dr. Gelfner said.

With the anticipated growth of the Saint Barnabas program, Dr. Gelfner hopes to soon be performing 15-20 transplants a year. "This would make us the largest simultaneous pancreas-kidney transplant program in the northeastern United States," he said. "We want certain patients with diabetes to know that this is a new and viable alternative treatment for them, and if the new organ function properly, it significantly enhances their quality of life."

For more information about the program, please contact The Renal Center at Saint Barnabas at (201) 533-5065.

According to the American Cancer Society, one out of every eight women will develop this type of cancer in her lifetime. In addition, statistics have shown that New Jersey has an above average incidence of breast cancer compared to other states.

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### LIVE from Saint Barnabas



Max Gamra, Ph.D. (far right) medical reporter for WCBS-TV, recently broadcast a live segment called "Ask the Doctor" from Saint Barnabas Medical Center. Experts fielding viewers' questions included (from left) Samuel Doves, M.D., associate medical director of the Joslin Center for Diabetes at Saint Barnabas; Regina Hanna, R.N., program director for Joslin; James I. Brown, M.D., chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Saint Barnabas; Richard E. Stone, Jr., M.D., director of the Andrology and Reproductive Program for the Institute for Reproductive Medicine and Science of Saint Barnabas; and John Bouasah, M.D., an attending urologist/gynecologist at Saint Barnabas.

### Other important numbers at

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Behavioral Health Network 300-327-3121	Cardiac Rehabilitation Center 533-8923	Home Care 301-6123	Optical Dept. 533-5880	Stent Care 533-5850
Blood Donation Information 676-2700	CRJHS Innovation 533-8013	Institute for Reproductive Medicine and Science of Saint Barnabas 533-5236	Outpatient Building Center 325-6580	Social Work Services 533-5855
Burn Treatment and Prevention 533-8071	Diabetes Prevention 533-8081	Outpatient Care of Saint Barnabas 325-6555	Outpatient Unit of the Surgery Center 533-5738	Speech and Hearing Department 533-5738
The Cancer Center 533-5827	Discharge Planning 533-5223	Outpatient Unit of the Surgery Center 325-6555	Special Care 533-5815	Women's Health Services 533-5300
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Community Health Services 533-8001	Immunology 533-5984	Medical Imaging 325-6557	Physician Referral 533-5555	

## Ronald J. Del Mauro Featured on PBS



*Ronald J. Del Mauro, (left) president and chief executive officer of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System, talks one-on-one with Emmy award-winning host Steve Adubato on 'Cause Up Close' which features in-depth interviews with some of New Jersey's most interesting people. Mr. Del Mauro's 'Cause Up Close' appearance will air February 24 at 12:30 p.m. on Channel 13 and February 25 at 9 a.m. on NJN. The program will also air on various cable outlets across the state. Please check local listings. ■*

## ACBC Program Tops \$1 Million Mark

With the support of firefighters and corporate sponsors in nine counties, the Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation's Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC) recycling program recently surpassed the \$1 million mark.



Months raised since the program's inception in 1986 have been used to underwrite educational programs for school children and the Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation's mobile fire safety house. Proceeds from the ACBC program have also been used to purchase non-medical items for pediatric patients treated in the Burn Center at Saint Barnabas, New Jersey's only certified burn treatment facility.

"We would like to extend our thanks to the firefighters, corporate sponsors and individuals from the local communities who have contributed to the overwhelming success of this program," said David A. Wappes, executive director of the Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation.

Counties participating in the program include Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and Union. The Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation encourages New Jersey residents to continue to donate their aluminum cans to participating fire stations.

For the participating ACBC fire department nearest you, contact the Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation at (201) 533-8913. ■

## Program Provides Extra Measure of Service to Older Adults

Senior health is a program of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System with a membership of over 66,000. Available at both Saint Barnabas Medical Center and Union Hospital, it is the largest hospital-affiliated community outreach organization for older adults in New Jersey. As a fee membership program for people over age 50, Senior Health has developed comprehensive services to address the many needs of this diverse population.

**Free Health Insurance Counseling.** Private counseling sessions are provided by volunteers at both Saint Barnabas and Union Hospital who are certified CHIME (Counseling for Health Insurance for Medicare Enrollees) counselors. CHIME is a federally funded program administered by the NJ Division of Aging and the State Department of Insurance. This free service is available by appointment.

**Educational Programs:** Each month Senior Health members are invited to free health talks. Some recent and upcoming programs include: Caracase - Your Options for Improved Vision; Healthy Holiday Cooking at Union Hospital's Senior Supper Club; 7th Chi Club Class; Senior Aerobic; Recording Your Memories - A Writer's Workshop.

Self-help groups such as the Muscular Dystrophy Support Group are also available.

**Social Activities:** Senior Health organizes periodic trips to New York City and places of interest in the tri-state area. In addition, members have enjoyed vacation cruises and a trip to Ireland. Special holiday parties and tours are planned for members throughout the year.

**Keeping Fit:** Two Senior Health mail-order programs are provided monthly - Saint Barnabas and Union Hospital at the Livingston Mall and the Mall Walker or the mall in Morristown. The programs encourage people to walk on a regular basis and include monthly walks, light workouts and health talks.

**Discounts:** Senior Health members are entitled to a broad range of discounts at Saint Barnabas Medical Center and Union Hospital. Many food restaurants, opticians, plumbers and other businesses provide discounts, as well.

**Seniors Helping Seniors:** In this very special program, Senior Health volunteers visit patients over age 60 at both Saint Barnabas Medical Center and Union Hospital, providing kindness and peer support.

**Additional services:** In addition to educational programs, support groups, social events, a newsletter and magazine, Senior Health provides information about the Saint Barnabas Health Care System and community resources.

For more information call Senior Health at (201) 525-6593 or (908) 964-0446. ■

## Saint Barnabas Health Care System Designs Home Care for Individual Needs

The Saint Barnabas Home Care Network provides patients with a full array of home care services which allows them the freedom and flexibility to receive treatment for their illness or injury while remaining in their own home. Skilled services by registered nurses and physical, occupational and speech therapists are made upon referral by the physician. Services include assessment, teaching, prescribed treatments and supervision of certified home health aides. Continuous feedback and updating of the patient's condition is communicated to the physician.

Acute and chronic 24-hour-a-day care can also be provided in the home. Patients requiring ventilators, intensive monitoring and intermittent care can be cared for at home. Specialty home care, funded by advanced in-network providers, has enabled patients who may never have been candidates for home care in the past to remain in the home. Private duty nursing is available in the home or hospital.

Certified home health aides can provide assistance as long as patients remain in the comfort of their own home. Services include bathing assistance, personal grooming, exercising, meal preparation, light housekeeping and errands. For individuals requiring 24-hour supervision, live-in services are available.

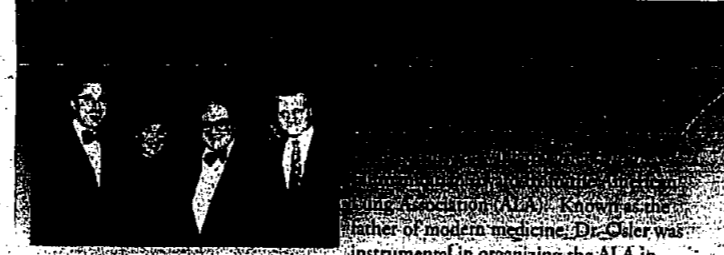
Many specialty programs are also offered by the Saint Barnabas Home Care Network, including care for personal patients who are at

risk for pre-term labor or other complications of pregnancy. Twenty-four hour coverage is provided by specialized registered nurses to answer any questions and provide support and teaching throughout the pregnancy. Mothers, babies and families are supported by the Postpartum Program which provides assistance with monitoring baby and mom, teaching and breastfeeding. The program also provides care in the home by home health aide specifically trained in the field of baby care.

Infusion Therapy Services are provided in the home by certified registered nurses. Services include infusion of antibiotics, chemotherapy, hydration, pain management and other drugs prescribed by the physician. Services are available in all homes for delivery of the products and skilled nursing support.

The Saint Barnabas Home Care Network is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations. "Our health care system has always responded to the needs of our community. The health and safety of our living care services support our tradition of providing high quality patient-oriented services. Our patients' satisfaction surveys indicate that we are succeeding in continuing this tradition," said Suzanne R. Blandford, vice president of the Saint Barnabas Home Care Network.

For more information about programs and services, please call (201) 501-6123. ■



Dr. Adler is the recipient of the "Atlantic City in 1904" award, given annually to a physician who exemplifies Dr. Adler's philosophy: "We are here to add what we can, not to get what we can from life." Pleared with Dr. Jacobs are (from left) Matt Lauer, news anchor from "60 Minutes"; Rosanna Scotto, news anchor from Fox Channel 5; and Jim Kerr, morning personality from WMXV-FM Radio. ■

## Union Hospital Unveils New Emergency Department

In an effort to increase efficiency and enhance the care provided to patients and their families, Union Hospital last year embarked on a \$1 million renovation of its emergency services. The renovations have been completed and the new department is now fully operational.

"The renovation was designed to streamline patient services, improve patient comfort and privacy when registering for treatment and add new technologies for better monitoring and diagnostic services," said Kathryn Coyne, vice president of operations. "The result has been faster and more responsive emergency services for our community."

According to Steven Rosenbaum, M.D., medical director of the department, Union Hospital's Emergency Department is currently among the top three facilities in the state in terms of the number of patients received from paramedics and ambulances.

The new department also has better capabilities to treat pediatric cases. Emergency Services staff are trained to treat a child for any severe emergency. A pediatric specialist is on-call 24 hours a day to respond to a pediatric emergency. ■

The renovations of the 1,000 sq-ft-deck-

## Saint Barnabas Opens New Pediatric Physiatry Program

Saint Barnabas Medical Center has named Martin Diamond, M.D., as director of its new Pediatric Physiatry Program at the Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Center (CORC). The program is designed to diagnose, treat and rehabilitate children of all ages for disorders that produce pain, impairment and disability.

Dr. Diamond is currently director of Outpatient Services at Children's Hospital in Montclair, where he has worked since 1980 and is a fellow of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R). In addition, he has provided pediatric physiatry consultative services for many years to numerous cerebral palsy centers and developmental schools throughout the state.

Dr. Diamond holds board certifications in both Pediatrics and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and is one of only approximately 100 similarly qualified physicians in the country.

"We are honored to have a physician of Dr. Diamond's caliber join our medical staff," said Anthony R. Minicore, M.D., chairman of the Department of Pediatrics. "His participation in the development of the Pediatric Physiatry Program confirm Saint Barnabas' commitment to meeting the total healthcare needs of all children."



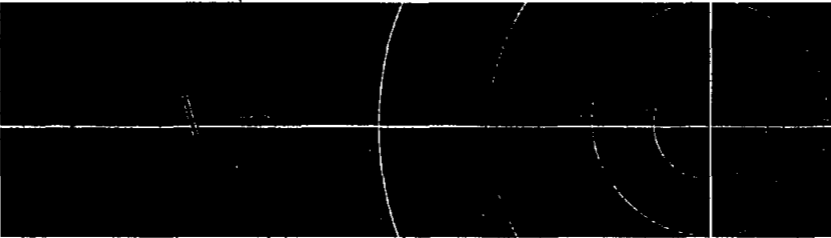
Martin Diamond, M.D., is director of the Pediatric Physiatry Program at Saint Barnabas and will oversee care of all ages to improve, maintain and enhance their quality of life with respect to pain, impairment and disability.

At Saint Barnabas, Dr. Diamond is treating newborns, children and adolescents whose gross motor skills have been impacted by a variety of disorders, including birth injuries, brain injuries, cerebral palsy and spina bifida. Dr. Diamond also treats children who exhibit or experience problems with the orthopedic system, including walking, sitting, falling, playing and clumsiness.

According to Dr. Minicore, the program also benefits children who have been treated in Saint Barnabas' Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and Burn Center and have experienced developmental delays as a result of their injury or illness. Critically ill and high-risk newborns who "graduate" from the Medical Center's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and are at higher risk for developmental disabilities, will also benefit from the new pediatric physiatry services.

"This program allows Saint Barnabas to offer a continuum of care to our pediatric patients by addressing their medical needs even after they no longer need hospitalization," Dr. Minicore said. "Pediatric physiatry is an often neglected but vital element in health care that can optimize the recovery of children from a variety of disorders. Patients may be referred to the program by their physician or may call (201) 533-8990 to schedule an appointment. ■

## Saint Barnabas Opens Refractive Surgery Center; Theodore Perl, M.D. Performs Excimer Laser Procedure



The Refractive Surgery Center at Saint Barnabas has opened at 101 Old Street Hill, Road in West Orange. A facility of the Saint Barnabas Outpatient Center, the center provides exceptional vision correction services through a state-of-the-art facility for the full array of refractive surgery options.

Refractive surgery provides individuals the opportunity to become less dependent on glasses or contact lenses. Each refractive surgery candidate must be evaluated to determine the procedure or combination of procedures best suited for their needs.

The Excimer Laser is used to reshape the cornea, the clear front portion of the eye, thus reducing dependence on glasses or contact lenses. The advantage of the laser is greater precision in shaping the cornea compared to other refractive surgery procedures.

For more information about refractive surgery, please discuss the various options with your ophthalmologist. If you would like to attend a free informational seminar on refractive surgery or would like to have information sent to you, please call (201) 736-1333. ■

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**SAIN BARNABAS OPENS NEW KIDNEY TRANSPLANT - NEW JERSEY FIRST**

In furthering Saint Barnabas' commitment to increasing awareness among dialysis patients about kidney transplantation and building a program of individual and institutional cooperation, the first world-class paid off. Saint Barnabas has seen its Rapid Center grow from its inception in 1968 when the program was founded, to an unprecedented 108 in 1994.

"In 1994, we became the first renal center in the state to perform more than 100 kidney transplants in a single year and in 1995, we became the first in New Jersey to have performed 1,000. We expect to reach even greater milestones in the future," Dr. Malignon said.

According to data from the United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS), Saint Barnabas ranked as the twenty-second most active renal transplant center in the country, two years ago—the highest rating of any such facility in the Northeast. ■

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**Eating guide**  
 Union County's finest restaurants can be found in our 1996 dining guide. See insert.

**Familiar faces**  
 Favorite stories are celebrated in Sandmeier School's library mural. Page 7.

**Honored Alumni**  
 Assistant Superintendent Judith Zimmerman receives Rutgers' appreciation. Page 3.

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## New Fire Engine Spreads Message of Burn Safety and Prevention

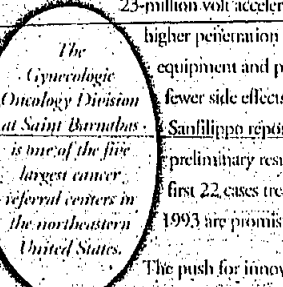
Children as well as adults were drawn to the shiny red fire engine. "Can I sit in the driver's seat?" a small child asked. His father smiled as the youngster eagerly climbed behind the wheel of Saint Barnabas' new educational fire engine. Purchased in February 1995 from the 1998 Scangeo-Dumpco, the fire engine will be used by the local fire department, Stokely, Pa., where the truck was still in operation. The fire engine was also able to be used at the original 600-gallon tank and can be driven to 250 mph.

The push for innovative approaches to treating ovarian cancer is prompted by the fact that the five-year survival rate for the disease has remained at 40 percent since the early 1970s. The high mortality is associated with late diagnosis. Although cure rates for early-stage ovarian cancer are greater than 80 percent, most cases are diagnosed at an advanced stage when the disease has spread in the body.

## Physicians See Increased Role of Radiation Therapy in Treating Ovarian Cancer

For the past 20 years, the standard treatment for ovarian cancer has been surgery followed by chemotherapy. While the role of radiation therapy in treating this disease is still controversial, recent experience in using radiation to treat a select group of patients at Saint Barnabas has led to a change in how the disease is treated.

According to Louis J. Sanfilippo, M.D., chairman of the Department of Radiation Oncology, "In the 1970s we used whole abdominal radiation therapy as an adjuvant to surgery and single-agent chemotherapy at Saint Barnabas, and we have seen a significant number of long-term survivors from that era."



The Gynecologic Oncology Division at Saint Barnabas Medical Center is one of the five largest cancer referral centers in the northeastern United States.

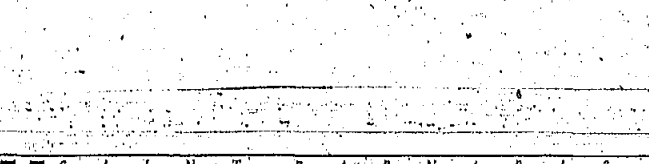
## Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation Honors New Jersey's Firefighters

The Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation recently presented eight New Jersey firefighters with Valor Awards and honored an additional 35 firefighters with Special Recognition Awards during the eighth annual Valor Awards Dinner at Mayfair Farms in West Orange.

The Burn Foundation supports the Burn Center at Saint Barnabas, New Jersey's only certified burn treatment facility, and each year recognizes firefighters from throughout the state for their heroic endeavors in the line of duty. This year, more than 200 supporters attended the annual dinner which raised \$45,000 for The Burn Center at Saint Barnabas.



Recipients of the 1995 Valor Awards presented by the Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation. From left to right: Mayor Richard P. Durkin, Mayor of Union Township, New Jersey, Michael D. DeLoe, Mayor of Firefighters Union, Fire Captain Michael DeLoe, Mountaintop Fire Station, Camden, Jersey City Firefighter Brian Salafin, Jersey City Firefighter Philip Gomez, Mountaintop Fire Station, Mountaintop Fire Station, Firefighter Henry Boudin and Orange Firefighter Fred DeLuca, Firefighter and Captain J. Bigger, captain of the Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation, and San Kaplan, R.N., administrative director of the Burn Center at Saint Barnabas.



Ronald J. DiMuro (right), chairman and chief executive officer of Saint Barnabas Medical Center, presents the 1995 Humanitarian Award to the Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation to Jacques Levine, head coach of the New Jersey Devils.

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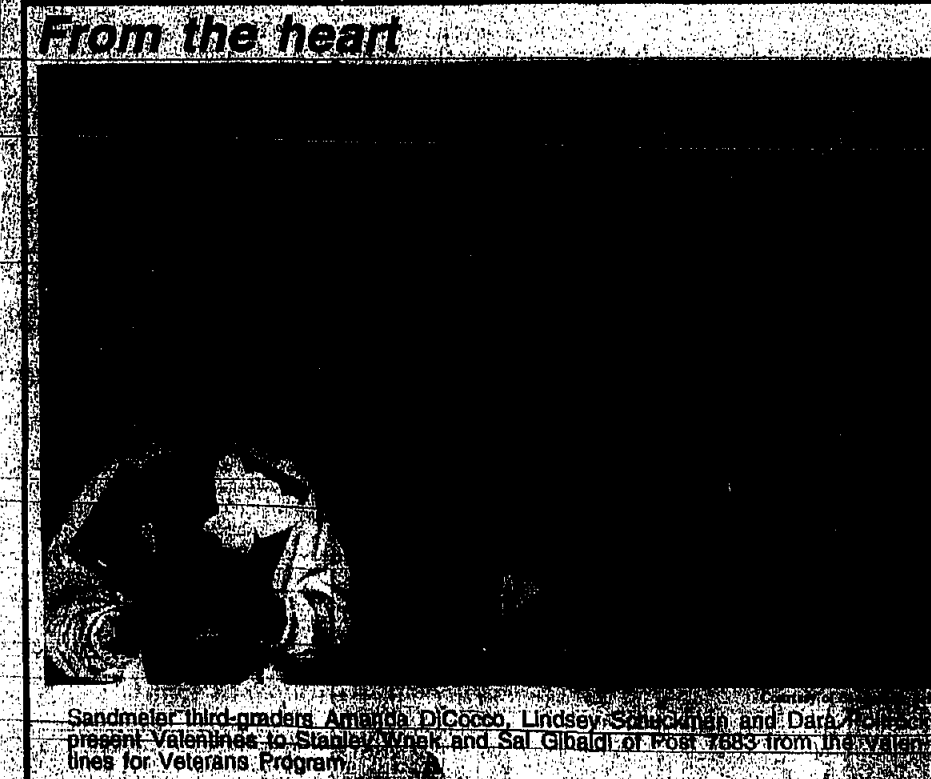
**Offices closed**  
 The offices of the newspaper will be closed Friday, April 5, in observance of Good Friday. We will resume Monday, April 6.

**The deadline for the April 11 election are as follows:**  
 • Affidavits, including church and club taxes, etc. — Thursday, April 4, noon.  
 • Letters to the editor — Monday, April 8, 9 a.m.  
 • What's Going On — Monday, April 8, 3:30 p.m.  
 • Display ads — Thursday, April 4, noon for Sections 11 and Section A.  
 • Sports news — Monday, April 8, 9 a.m.  
 • General news — Tuesday, April 9, 9 a.m.

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**Tax assistance**  
 Free income tax assistance is available Tuesday, March 29, 9 a.m. to noon at the Public Library, 666 N. Liberty St., 976-8230. To arrange an appointment, please call this number or bring copies of their previous year's state and federal tax returns, 1099 forms and other relevant material, allowing income for 1995.



Statue of the Vietnam Veterans Program in the lobby of the Springfield High School. From left to right: Linda Schaeffer and Dan Schaeffer, project coordinators.

## School Board OKs budget

By Kathryn Fitzgerald  
**Managing Editor**  
 During its public hearing Monday, the Board of Education accepted a proposed \$11,724,376 budget for 1996-97 that allows for an estimated 3 percent increase over last year's figures.

The increase, according to board Secretary Ellen Ball, will allow the school system to "improve the quality of education to the people who will implement quality instruction, and maintain an educational program that already exists." This allows the public school system to implement the new social studies curriculum, purchase new instructional equipment, materials and services, increase enrollment and upgrade the five-year technological plan.

Residents with children in the Springfield public school system would face a 3 percent tax rate, or approximately \$46 per homeowner.

According to board member Keith Kurzer, the board "charged the administration to work on a budget that would be as tight as possible to keep and continue the kind of instruction that we like."

**Outstanding teachers**  
 The Union County Regional High School District has announced it will again participate in the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program. One nominee from each of the three Union County regional high schools — Jonathan Dayton, Arthur L. Johnson and Governor Livingston — will be selected for a panel of teachers, administrators, regional Board of Education members and community residents.

Nomination forms are available in any regional high school main office or library, or in the municipal buildings and public libraries of any of the six district communities. Completed forms are to be returned by 3 p.m. on April 19 to Kenneth Matfield, Office of Curriculum Services, c/o Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081. For more information, call (201) 376-6300, Ext. 272.

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## District's desire to cut costs shows in budget

By Kathryn Fitzgerald  
**Managing Editor**  
 The Union County Regional Board of Education adopted its proposed budget for the upcoming school year during its public hearing on Tuesday. According to the figures, the regional district will be requesting a total of \$24,453,162 to be raised by taxation, a decrease of \$247,958, or 1 percent, from last year's revised budget numbers.

These figures do not include the multiple sources of the aid given to the district. The maximum allowable budget, as outlined by the board's budget manual, is \$24,386,075 — a \$76,087, or 0.3 percent decrease, from last year's revised figures.

According to Springfield representative Ned Sambor, the Budget Committee, of which he is a member, feels the final proposed budget is "very good," although not perfect. "It has set us on the road, that if this district continues to be in place after the deregulation vote, and I'm not discussing any way or whether or not we are in the right direction to continue our continuing," he added.

Sambor noted that although the board is not satisfied, "by changing around money, many years of philosophy is going to happen overnight." He also proposed that the decrease in the budget will continue in the coming years.

While Kenilworth and Clark will pay 17.88 percent and 4.6 percent in local taxes, respectively, Springfield residents will face a 3.9 percent rise in their taxes, Berkeley Heights will face a 2.81 percent increase and Garwood's taxes will climb 6.56 percent. Mountaintop's budget will pay 7.09 percent more this coming year, based on the proposed budget.

Mountaintop will also suffer in the total tax levy, handling over 7.05 percent more than last year, while Springfield will pay 3.86 percent more. Berkeley Heights, 2.77 percent; Garwood, 6.52 percent; Kenilworth and Clark again are projected to receive reductions, paying 17.91 percent and 4.49 percent less, respectively.

Superintendent of Schools Donald Merendino pointed out that the proposed budget will "permit a continuation of program services for students.

"We charged the administration to work on a budget that would be as tight as possible to keep and continue the kind of instruction that we like."

— Keith Kurzer  
 Board of Education member

## Committee awards tree bids, architect contract

By Elaine Dillipport  
**Staff Writer**  
 During its meeting Tuesday night, the Township Committee voted to award a contract to the firm of architect and landscape architect Robert A. Merendino & Associates to design and construct a tree planting area in the downtown area along Morris Avenue.

The first order of business was the final hearing of the \$95,000 pool bond, ordinance, which was passed unanimously by the committee. The bond will go toward the improvement and renovation of the Municipal Pool's pump system, as well as the renovation of the bath house of the pool.

In addition, the committee voted to raise pool fees by 5 percent for the upcoming season. The new cost of a family membership will be \$220, an individual membership will be \$145, and a children membership will be \$58 and an out-of-town membership will increase to \$420.

Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedman pointed out that the cost per pupil had dropped \$300 for 1996-97. Although this was a public hearing, resident turnout was sparse. Springfield resident and bus driver Marlene Foote presented the only public comment.

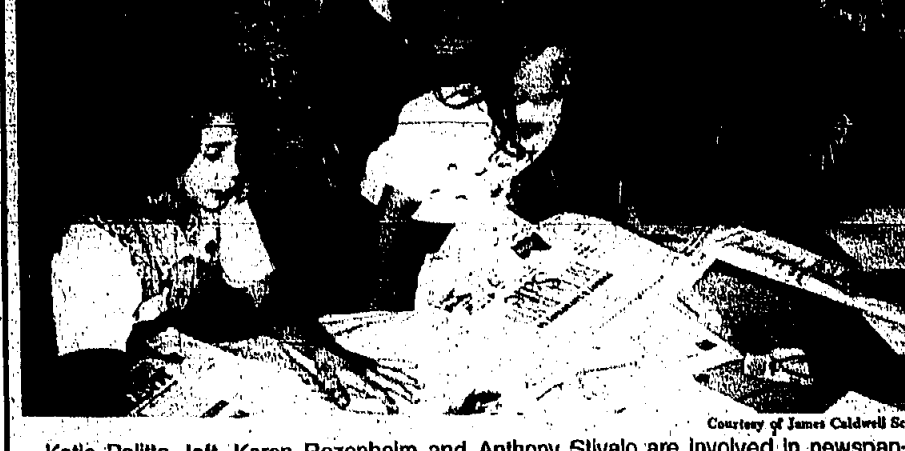
Foote commented on the board's budget, but noted that she was concerned with a \$23,000 budget cut in transportation. "Looking at it as a parent, I'm concerned because I like to know with the increase of students coming into the system of primary education age, I can't believe that they're all walking distance from their schools. My concern is with a large budget cut. How are you bringing in school and who's going to take care of them? On the other hand, as a person who works for the Springfield Board of Education, my concern is regarding the cutting and cutting and cutting this year. What happens next year? Who's going to take care of these kids and what's going to happen to them?"

Ball reiterated that the budget is only a proposed version and that the numbers compiled on the copy of the budget that was made available to the public, the numbers compared indicated revised budget figures — the actual figures were higher. "Bear in mind that we don't know at this time; we have no crystal ball to see what enrollment will be next year and where the students will be located. That is something that each year we have to reconstruct and hopefully provide the best and most efficient service possible," she added.

Foote questioned what the budget was based on if not a projection of next year's enrollment. Friedman stated that the board based the budget on present figures and entering class numbers.

The budget will be placed on the April 15 school election ballot for approval.

## Newsworthy lessons



Katie Palitto, left, Karen Rozenbolm and Anthony Sivola are involved in newspaper activities in Marcia Bright's fourth-grade language class at James Caldwell School. The students are using newspaper activities across the curriculum including science, math, social studies, reading and language.

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