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Borough Highlights

Meetings scheduled

The Borough of Mountainside Recreation Commission will not meet as scheduled on April 20. The commission will instead meet April 27 at 8 p.m. at Borough Hall.

The quarterly meeting of the Mountainside Local Assistance Board will be April 10 at 4 p.m. in the conference room of Borough Hall.

Parade preparations

In preparation for its centennial-commemorating parade scheduled for June 3, the borough is recruiting groups and individuals who wish to participate. Those who want to take part are urged to call Lou Ruggiero at 233-8741 before April 15.

WPA meeting

The Widowed Persons Activities club of Mountainside will meet April 23 at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of Our Lady of Lourdes on Central Avenue.

Entertainment will be provided by a barber shop quartet. New members are welcome. For more information, call Stan at 233-5904.

Weekly tax advice

The Mountainside Public Library will host only one more tax-counseling session for the elderly before the April 15 deadline for filing income taxes. Sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service and the American Association of Retired Persons, the service will be offered from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Counselors request that those planning to attend bring their W2 forms, 1099 forms, 1994 state and federal tax forms and copies of 1993 tax returns.

Children's activities

The Mountainside Public Library has scheduled Storytime Theatre programs for children in May.

Jan Elby, chairperson of the Westfield Summer Workshop Drama Department and director of Studio One, will lead youngsters in programs combining stories with acting, movement, props, costumes and lots of imagination.

The 45-minute sessions are scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays until May 23. Registration is required; call 233-0115 to sign up.

The library has also planned an afternoon of origami for children for Monday, May 1 at 3:30 p.m.

Origami aficionado Elizabeth Perrin will teach children how to make a simple paper-folding project, including a May Day flower.

Space is limited and registration is required; call 233-0115 to sign up.

Creative Arts Day

The Mountainside Women's Club will hold its Creative Arts Day on Wednesday at L'Affaire.

Their guest lecturer is Doris Krueger, who will speak on "Creative Thinking Women in the '90s," the group announced. Krueger is an accomplished speaker on matters relating to the arts, and she has her own art studio in Springfield.



Telling Mountainside Superintendent of Schools Leonard Baccaro that he felt "tremendously relieved" to be finished with his report, Union County Superintendent of Schools Leonard Fitts prepares to release the study Friday afternoon. The study advises against dissolving the high school district, but says reforms to that district will be needed if it does remain intact.

Governor Livingston wins state Science Olympiad

Students from Governor Livingston Regional High School recently proved their scientific prowess when they captured first place honors in the high school division at the New Jersey Science Olympiad academic competition at Rider University.

This championship performance by the Governor Livingston team marks the second consecutive year the school has posted a first place finish in this statewide competition.

By virtue of its efforts on the state level, the team of students from Governor Livingston has earned a place at the National Science Olympiad, where they will compete against champions from 49 other states.

That tournament will be held May 19-20 at Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind.

The G.L. Science Olympiad team consists of 17 students: Saurabh Asthana, Shefali Asthana, Roger Barkan, Karen Chu, Michael Del Corso, Matt Dubno, Dan Ehrlich, Matt Einbinder, Larry Good, Courtney Mansfield, John McDonald, Adrian Perez, Mike Pieja, David Sayres, Deepa Sekhar, Jonathan Wong and Dennis Yueh.

The team is coached by science teacher John Penna.

"Almost all of the burden of preparing for Science Olympiad falls upon the students," said Penna, who has been named "Outstanding Coach" at the New Jersey Science Olympiad in both 1994 and 1995. "The students put in countless hours after school and at home on their projects, preparing for this event."

Borough Council gears for new cop, fire truck

By Cynthia B. Gordon
Staff Writer

In preparation for their next regular meeting, the Borough Council convened Tuesday to address Police and Fire Department matters.

One issue concerned the authorization to hire a new police officer, with the condition that Federal Grant Funds are received.

Pending receipt of the grant, Michael Perrotta of New Providence Road will join the force.

Perrotta will be in probationary status for one year from the date of his appointment at a salary of \$31,873.

Another item concerned a change in the purchase order for a new fire engine.

The Fire Engine Review Committee and the borough attorney recommended a few changes in specifications. The total cost for the changes is \$3,944. According to the resolution, which will be read on Tuesday, sufficient funds are available in the bonding ordinance for the subject project.

The changes are as follows:

The addition of an indicator light at each discharge valve control to indicate when the valve has reached the fully open position.

Changing the nozzle from an Elkhart model SM-100 to an Elkhart model HF-350 foam nozzle.

The deletion of two folding steps from the rear of the apparatus.

The addition of two electric rewind hydraulic hose reels with 100 feet of twin quarter-inch 5,000 PSI hoses installed on the reels.

The addition of two handrails at the upper rear of the compartments.

A third issue concerned repairs to the Hetfield House caused by a drainage problem. It was decided that there is no money available for this project, and that it is the Historical Preservation Committee's responsibility, not the governing body's responsibility.

Superintendent releases report

By Jay Hochberg
Managing Editor

In his report on the feasibility of deregionalization of the Union County Regional High School District, county Superintendent of Schools Leonard Fitts noted that reform is needed, but dissolving that district would not be in the best interests of the students.

Fitts released the report on Friday, one week after the expected release date, to the school boards and municipal governments of the six constituent towns, to the regional board and to state Education Commissioner Leo Klagholz.

Fitts' report recommends keeping a regional district intact because "the proposed creation of six pre-K to 12 districts, four of which would operate independent high schools, does not provide sufficient enrollments in each high school to offer a varied and comprehensive school program without a significant financial commitment."

The report also is critical of the costs of operating the current regional district. Calling the county high schools not "financially efficient," the report mentions the penalty levied against the district by the state for "excessive noninstructional costs resulting in a loss of state aid for the 1995-96 year."

Earlier this year, the Regional High School District was fined more than \$800,000 for exceeding the cap on administrative costs. The State Department of Education included the salaries of librarians, nurses and other state-mandated staffers to be among those costs.

Fitts' report has been criticized by those favoring deregionalization, who allege the study advises against dissolving the district only because of financial restraints, while neglecting to note the feasibility and benefits of deregionalization.

On Monday, representatives of the Springfield, Mountainside, Kenilworth and Berkeley Heights boards of

education met to discuss Fitts' report and to plan a course of action in response.

Springfield Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland said he was "just amazed at the conclusions drawn by the county superintendent."

The report is typical of the politics and bureaucracy of the state's educational system, he added.

Kenilworth Superintendent of Schools Lloyd Leschuk said his school district has been preparing for the day the borough will operate its own high school. Kenilworth's David Brearley High School was closed two years ago by the Regional High School District.

"We've been developing a course of study for a 9-12 program to determine the number of teachers and classrooms we will need," he said. "We've also been considering using an eight-period day."

The borough has received "a number of requests" from nearby municipalities wanting to rent space in Brearley, he also said, adding that moving sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders into Brearley also would lead to efficiency in operating a high school.

The report followed Fitts' study of three rival audits submitted by the regional district, four of the constituent municipalities and Garwood.

The study commissioned by Springfield, Mountainside, Clark, Berkeley Heights and Kenilworth was conducted by Deloitte & Touche, and recommended dissolving the high school district.

The study commissioned by the regional district was conducted by Towers Perrin; that report and the one initiated by Garwood call for leaving the district intact.

Fitts' study is not a ruling on the proposed deregionalization. It is an additional resource that Klagholz may use before determining the fate of the county high school district.

Parties wishing to continue lobby-

ing for deregionalization may still do so within prescribed guidelines.

"The commissioner will schedule a hearing," Fitts said, "after appointing a board of review."

"After conducting public hearings, the board may approve further appeals," he added. If that happens, "the county representative to the review board will be instructed to set a date for special elections."

The referendum on deregionalization must pass two hurdles before implementation. First, a majority of voters in each of at least four of the six constituent municipalities must approve deregionalization. Then a majority of all voters within the high school district also must approve dissolution.

"We want to bring it to the people," Leschuk said, adding that the Kenilworth school board was "disappointed" with Fitts' study. "We think the people of Kenilworth really want this."

Fitts also said any concerned individuals may submit comments to the state commissioner, but better results would be achieved if residents contacted their respective boards of education first.

"What we have here is a process... with checks and balances in it," Fitts hinted that redesigning the regional high school district may be the answer.

"The architects have to create the best educational opportunities for the kids," he said, adding that a rebuilding of the regional district will be needed if deregionalization is rejected by the voters.

Friedland concurred, saying the Springfield Board of Education is "looking to bring this forth until the commissioner lets it go to the voters, who will decide the best configuration for their school systems."

concepts and knowledge, science processes and thinking skills, and science application and technology.

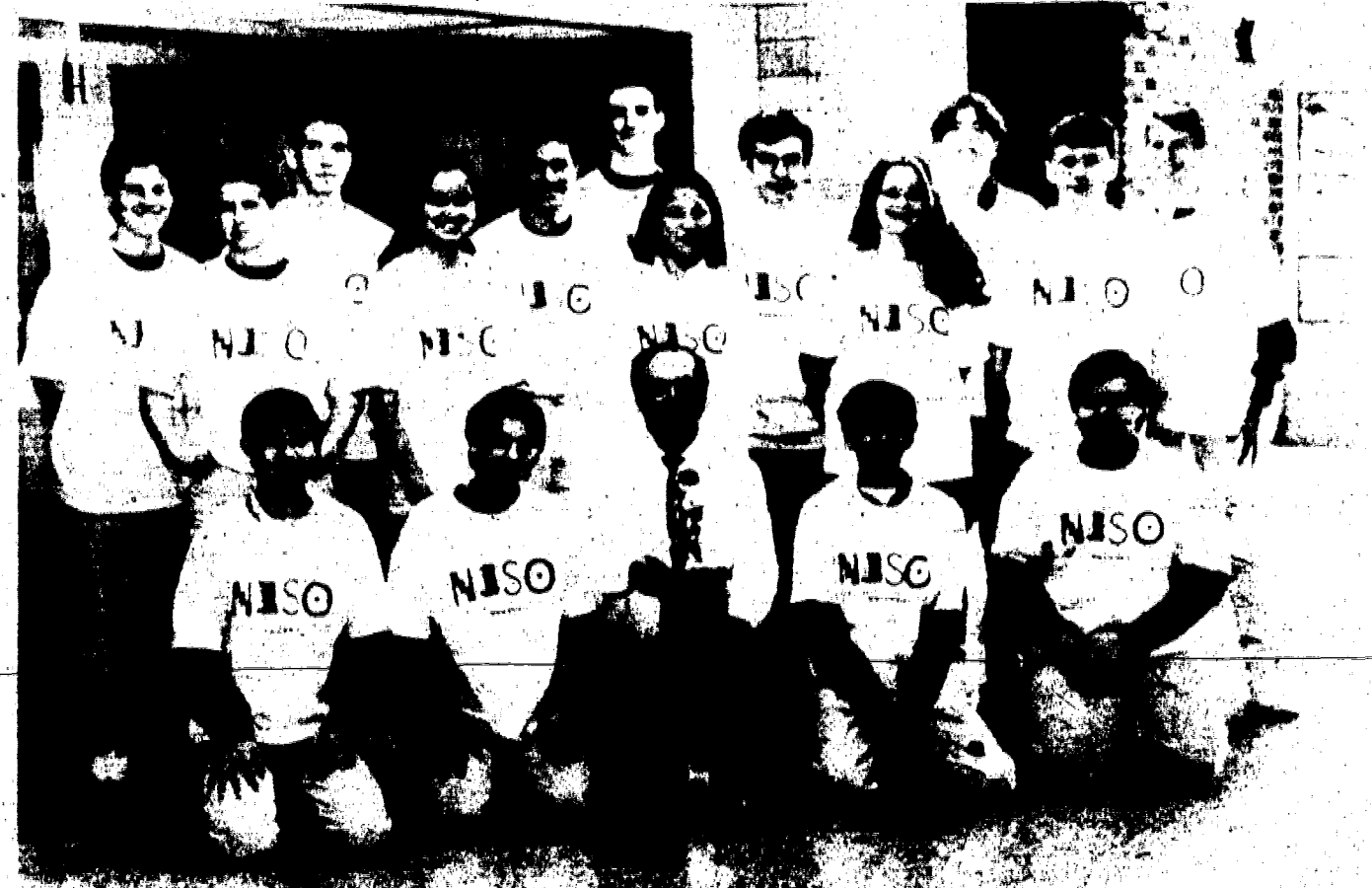
Included among these areas are 19 categories in which competitions are held. The Governor Livingston group took first place in four categories: cell biology, circuit lab, qualitative analysis, and genetics problem solving, en route to their overall team championship.

In addition, G.L. earned second place honors in three categories, metric mastery, periodic table, and writing/graphical interpretations; and Governor Livingston took third place in four other fields of competition.

The Science Olympiad was created

in 1983 as an alternative to traditional science fairs and single-discipline tournaments. After successful trial olympiads were held in their respective states of Michigan and Delaware, the Science Olympiad began to grow.

Today, the olympiad program is operating in all 50 states with more than 12,000 schools participating. The Science Olympiad is devoted to the goals of improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science, and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by both students and teachers.



Courtesy of Regional High School District

For the second consecutive year, Governor Livingston Regional High School earned first place honors in the New Jersey Science Olympiad academic competition, held recently at Rider University. As a result of their victory, the team has earned a place in the National Science Olympiad.

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Gov. Livingston senior to compete in speaking contest

By Cynthia B. Gordon
Staff Writer

Chetan Gulati, a senior at Governor Livingston High School, will compete in the National Forensic League Tournament in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in June.

Gulati qualified for the tournament when he placed as a finalist in the category of extemporaneous speaking

at the state finals and then by placing first in the same category at the national qualifying tournament. It is his third year competing in the nationals.

"I've been to the nationals twice

before. I'm hoping to improve this year upon my prior two performances. It's exciting," he said.

"I've always had an interest in politics and speaking. Mr. Fox was my biology teacher freshman year; that's how I got involved in it," he continued. "I had heard about it, and I decided to join and give it a try.

Gulati has been in the program and prepared extensively over the past four years.

Eugene Fox, the coach of the Speech and Debate Team and the forensics adviser, is accompanying Gulati to the nationals.

According to Fox, the program has an average of eight to 10 students who participate in activities including impromptu speaking, extemporaneous speaking, poetry readings, short story readings and play dramatizations.

Gulati chose to participate in the extemporaneous speaking for the past four years.

"It's very interrelated with current events," said Fox.

Gulati has two boxes of files that are filled with magazine and newspaper articles. "Bosnia, aid to Russia, Haiti, anything in current events, must be known about," said Fox.

According to Fox, there are 35 schools active in the league; of those, 15 host tournaments between October and March.

"At a given competition there are three preliminary rounds. He has vir-

tually never failed to make the finals," Fox said of Gulati. "He does four speeches on four different topics every time he goes out."

The day of the event he takes his files and is given three questions and has to select one question. He is given a half hour to compose a speech on the topic. In addition, he must answer the question with logical organization, and he must have citations to the statistics on quotes.

"Competition is real tough; it's fun to compete with people at that level and caliber," said Gulati.

According to Fox, the program helps students in many ways.

"It gives them great poise, self confidence as a speaker, helps them to be better organized and be better students generally," said Fox. "When you're good, you get the satisfaction of winning a trophy virtually weekly."

Fox shared one of his more memorable moments in the league.

"In one competition, an extemporaneous team came up to me and asked if Chet was there that day," Fox recounted. The team members then said they would have to play for second place that day.

"He is a leader within this league and will be sorely missed next year. He is respected by everyone connected in the league; coaches, fellow speakers," said Fox.

Gulati plans to attend the University of Rochester for an eight-year medical program.



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police blotter

On April 5 at 10:05 a.m., a man identified by police as Arthur Bigger, 60, of Irvington was charged with driving while intoxicated after his van struck a car and knocked down a utility pole on Route 22.

The suspect also was charged with careless driving. The accident tied up traffic on both sides of the highway for more than two hours, according to Lt. James Debbie. The highway was closed until downed wires were removed.

Bigger lost control of his van and hit a car which was driven by Carolyn Schoellnast, 46, of Long Hill Township, police said. Schoellnast's car in turn hit a fire hydrant as Bigger knocked down the utility pole.

Schoellnast was taken to Morris-town Memorial Medical Center by helicopter. She was listed in stable condition with bruises and lacerations and was held overnight for observation.

Bigger and his passenger, Charles White, 40, of New Brunswick, were both transported to Overlook Hospital in Summit.

White was admitted to the intensive care unit, and Bigger remained in the emergency room until late in the afternoon.

On April 7 at 11:15 a.m., a caller reported three or four suspicious persons in the area of the Teamsters Union building on Summit Road. When Patrolman Richard Latargia,

who was assisted by Sgt. Oseija and Patrolman Kenneth Capobianco, responded to the scene, the four suspects were apprehended. One other escaped.

After running a check on one of the suspects — a man identified as Wilbert Fonder — the police learned of a warrant for his arrest. He had been arrested in Hudson County for a drug offense. The warrant was outstanding since May of 1991 because he failed to appear in court. Fonder was held without bail and turned over to the Hudson County Sheriff's Department.

The individuals told police they were at the Teamsters Union Hall looking for work.

Police brought the suspects to headquarters for further investigation.

According to reports, one suspect, identified as Phillip Lambert of Elizabeth, was found to be carrying Bufotenine, an illegal drug. Lambert was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

On April 7 at 7:16 p.m., police received a call reporting a fire in a residence on Chapel Hill Road from a neighbor who had seen smoke coming

from the kitchen of the home.

The house sustained smoke and water damage to the kitchen and smoke damage to the rest of the house. The cause of the fire is undetermined to date. The Union County Arson Squad was asked to investigate the cause of the fire.

The home was vacant at the time of the fire.

On April 9 between 2:45 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., a car was reported stolen from the parking lot of the Steak and Ale Restaurant on Route 22 East while its owner dined inside.

The 1990 Honda Accord, valued at \$11,500, has not been recovered. Miscellaneous items in the car were also taken, including two leather coats, gym equipment, and one pair of binoculars valued at \$1,000.

On the eve of April 8 into April 9, after 2 a.m., two vehicles were broken into on Ridge Drive. A cellular phone, which was valued at approximately \$600, was taken from one of the vehicles. In the second vehicle, a Mercedes-Benz, a set of King Cobra golf clubs was reportedly taken.

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Foods from far away



Courtesy of Deerfield School

Deerfield students Julie Lordi, Christine Force, Matt Sterenczak, Matt Grett, Elizabeth Klebaur and Keri Ciasuffi enjoy foods from other lands during a recent tasting party sponsored by foreign language classes.

Voters will choose boards and budgets for 1995-96 year

The school election being conducted in the Union County Regional High School District on Tuesday will be one of approximately 550 school district elections in New Jersey that day.

These elections will decide school budgets for the 1995-96 school year and, in many districts, there will be contests for seats on the board of education.

In the Union County Regional High School District, which includes the municipalities of Mountainside, Springfield Berkeley Heights, Clark, Garwood and Kenilworth, voters will have an opportunity to approve the amount to be raised by taxation for the general fund — regular budget, \$27,401,050. These funds will support the total proposed 1995-96 regional district budget of \$35,562,602.

The regional district's proposed fiscal plan for 1995-96 calls for a decrease in both spending and taxation: the total proposed budget for next year is \$1,665,094 or 4.47 percent less than the current year's budget.

The proposed tax levy is \$724,356 or 2.58 percent less than the amount required during the 1994-95 school year.

This reduction in expenditures and taxation was accomplished by the Regional Board of Education despite the fact that the district will be receiving \$699,922 less in state aid for next year. All six regional district communities share in the cost of the total budget appropriations. The proposed regional school budget for 1995/1995 will provide the necessary funding to support high-quality instructional and co-curricular programs and services for students enrolled in the three Union County Regional High Schools — Jonathan Dayton, Arthur L. Johnson and Governor Livingston.

In addition to voting on the school budget on April 18, residents of Springfield will elect one representative to the Regional Board of Education for a three-year term. Incumbent Luigi Monaco is vying with challenger Ned E. Sambur for election to one of Springfield's two seats on the regional board.

Also on April 18, voters of the regional district's six municipalities will have an opportunity to vote on a ballot question calling for a change in the funding formula currently employed by the school district. The question will read as follows:

"Should the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 modify the method in which it apportions its annual and special appropriations, including the amounts to be raised for interest upon and the redemption of bonds payable by the district, among the municipalities included within the regional district over the next three

years, from the current method, which utilizes a formula based upon 100 percent equalized valuations, to the following: For the 1995-1996 school year, the formula shall be based upon 80 percent equalized valuations and 20 percent enrollments; for the 1996-1997 school year the formula shall be based upon 60 percent equalized valuations and 40 percent enrollments; and for the 1997-1998 school year and thereafter the formula shall be based upon 50 percent equalized valuations and 50 percent enrollments?"

Approval of this ballot question would result in a change in the way regional school district costs and taxation are divided among the communities of Berkeley Heights, Clark, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside and Springfield. Over a three-year period, the formula which determines these costs would be modified so that less emphasis would be placed on a community's relative wealth and more emphasis would be placed on the

actual number of Regional High School students residing in each community.

Although it is difficult to determine exact dollars at this time, passage of this ballot question and implementations of a new cost formula would probably lead to lower regional district school taxes in Berkeley Heights, Kenilworth, Mountainside and Springfield and higher regional school taxes in Clark and Garwood.

Polling places will be open from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18. Regional district residents may vote in the regional and local school elections at the following locations:

- Mountainside: All districts: Deerfield School, School Drive at Central Avenue.
 - Springfield: Districts 1-6: James Caldwell School, Caldwell Place. Districts 7-10: Florence M. Gaudineer School, South Springfield Avenue. Districts 11-14: Thelma L. Sandmeier School, South Springfield Avenue.
- For additional information, call (201) 376-6300, Ext. 268 or 272.

Trash in Overlook incinerator ignites; EMS squads respond

By Mark Devaney
Staff Writer

The Summit Fire Department and Volunteer First Aid Squad responded promptly to a smoldering fire in an incinerator chute at Overlook Hospital one evening last week. Because of their timely efforts, along with a host of other municipal emergency agencies in Union County, a potential disaster was averted.

According to Summit Fire Department Battalion Chief John Mullen, an alarm was activated for the third floor at Overlook Hospital at 7:29 p.m. on April 6 and within three minutes, Summit firefighters were on the scene.

"On arrival, security indicated a smoke condition on the third floor. Personnel directed us to the third floor area for investigation along with security staff. A water supply was established by engine number three and sprinkler and standpipe connections were made," reported Mullen.

About 10 minutes later a request for additional manpower at Fire Department Headquarters was put through and five minutes after that, upon confirmation of a possible fire, a transmittal for additional manpower at Overlook also was put through, stated Mullen.

"One engine was requested for assistance with smoke control in the building and possible evacuation. Another engine company was requested for additional assistance with fire and smoke control. A field communications unit was also requested to assist at the scene," Mullen said.

"Smoke is what caused the hazard. No patients had to be evacuated, but because it was a hospital, we took extreme precautions," stated Fire Chief Christopher Cotter.

The hospital itself instituted its own internal disaster plan called Operation Overlook.

"Part of this plan calls for the establishment of a command post in the hospital auditorium and telephone contact with CENCOM, Overlook's dispatch agency. Due to a telephone malfunction, CENCOM was unable to contact anyone in the command post and the dispatchers on duty assumed the worst. A call for 'one

ambulance from each town' was made over the county police radio and a mobilization call for 'all Summit First Aid Squad members' was transmitted," said Lt. John Staunton, publicity chairman of the Summit First Aid Squad.

According to Staunton, Summit Firefighter Rick Locke, who was driving Summit's Engine 4, discovered a woman down on the Morris Avenue side of the hospital and immediately requested the Summit First Aid Squad.

"Summit firefighters, all of whom are now trained in first aid, began to treat the woman," explained Staunton, who pointed out that the First Aid Squad crew was at the scene a minute after receiving word of the injured woman.

"The woman, a hospital employee who had fallen on the sidewalk and sustained a head injury was quickly treated, stabilized and transported by ambulance to the emergency room," Staunton added.

Meanwhile on the third floor, firefighters, along with engineering personnel, were able to determine that there was a fire in the incinerator chute and were able to control and extinguish the fire using a sprinkler system designed for the incinerator, reported Mullen.

According to Cotter, it was garbage in the incinerator's charging chute, the part of the unit where trash actually enters the incinerator, that ignited.

That statement was confirmed by Virginia Gayo, spokesperson for Overlook Hospital.

"There was some trash stuck in the charging chamber and heat from the fire box within the incinerator ignited the trash in the charging chamber," stated Gayo.

"In the future, Overlook Hospital will double check to make sure that nothing gets stuck in the charging chamber," added Gayo.

"The fire was reported out at 8:38 p.m. and the incident considered under control seven minutes later," said Mullen, who stressed that mutual aid assistance from the Springfield Fire Department and traffic control from the Summit Police Department helped make the emergency operations run smoothly.

Before the fire had been extinguished a host of emergency squads had convened at Overlook as a result of the open call for help that went to the various towns of Union County.

Other organizations sending ambulances included Berkeley Heights Rescue Squad, Callmen's Emergency Unit of Union, Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, Kenilworth Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Cranford First Aid Squad, Fanwood Rescue Squad, Garwood First Aid Squad, Kean College Emergency Medical Service, Mountainside Rescue Squad, Roselle Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, Springfield First Aid Squad, Watchung Rescue Squad, Westfield Rescue Squad, and the Union Volunteer EMS and EMTAC, a paid ambulance service that covers Irvington.

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Today

□ The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will meet at 7 p.m. on the sixth floor of the county Administration Building on Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.

Monday

□ The Mountainside Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the library's meeting room.

Tuesday

□ New Jersey municipal Election Day — voters will cast ballots for board of education candidates and board budgets for the coming academic year.

□ In Mountainside, the polls will be open from 2 to 9 p.m. in the gymnasium of Deerfield School.

□ In Springfield, the polls will be open from 2 to 9 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Caldwell, Sandmeier and Gaudineer schools.

□ The Mountainside Borough Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the courtroom of Borough Hall.

□ The Union County Regional High School Board of Education has cancelled its scheduled meeting.

□ The Springfield Board of Adjustment will meet at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building on the second floor.

Wednesday

□ The Springfield Development Review Committee will meet at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building on the second floor.

April 20

□ The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will hold a pre-meeting conference at 6:30 p.m. on the sixth floor of the county Administration Building on Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.

April 21

□ The Springfield Committee on Aging will meet in the Municipal Building at 9:30 a.m.

April 24

□ The Springfield Board of Education will have its reorganization meeting at 7:30 p.m. Its regular meeting will follow at 8 p.m. Board of Education meetings are in the board's offices in the rear of Gaudineer School.

April 25

□ The Springfield Township Committee will meet at 8 p.m. in the courtroom of the Municipal Building.

□ The Mountainside Board of Education will have its reorganization meeting at 8 p.m. The board's regular meeting will follow.

April 27

□ The Mountainside Recreation Committee will meet at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.

□ The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will meet at 7 p.m. on the sixth floor of the Administration Building on Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.

May 2

□ The Union County Regional High School Board of Education will have its reorganization meeting in the library of Governor Livingston High School at 7:30 p.m.

SAGE's 'Meals on Wheels' serves elderly

By Mark Devaney
Staff Writer

In 1971, a White House conference on aging admitted that the elderly in the United States were malnourished. Perhaps those leaders should have contacted Summit and SAGE in particular because several years earlier a grass roots Meals on Wheels organization had already been formed.

According to Lucky Lyons, director of the Summit Gerontological Endeavor's Meal on Wheels program, it all began in Ruth Hansheit's kitchen. From those humble beginnings, Meals on Wheels has rolled over many miles through the years delivering food for those who need it. And yes, that includes Summit.

"Believe you me, right here in Summit there is malnutrition. When a person's mentally or physically disabled, a good diet will help bring them back to health; it gives them an edge on the day, as long as there's nothing physiologically wrong with them," Lyons said.

Though headquartered in Summit, Meals on Wheels covers Springfield, New Providence, Berkeley Heights, the Chatham, Short Hills and Mill-

burn. In 1994 Meals on Wheels served 33,544 meals. Deliveries are made to 95 different people. Most of the clients are referred to SAGE by Overlook Hospital, the Rehabilitation Institute of Morris Hospital and St. Barnabas Medical Center. In order to become a client, one must be 60 years of age or older and must reside in one of the serving towns.

How does the food get delivered? Lyons has a crew of dedicated volunteers.

"Monday through Friday and on Saturday, a core of the most wonderful volunteers gets the job done. If anyone tells me that people don't care, I have seen people who do care. People from all ages, sizes and nationalities and all they want is to make a little bit of difference in their local communities.

"Sometimes it does more for the volunteers than it does for the clients. The visit is as important to them as it is to the client," Lyons said.

Joan Hoffmann of Summit has been volunteering with meals on Wheels for 20 years.

"I started as a summer substitute and gradually I continued on. They

needed me and I enjoy doing it. I felt I was helping people who needed help," Hoffmann said.

Mary Lou Van Voorhis is a two-year volunteer from New Providence.

"I think it's wonderful. It makes me feel like I'm doing something worthwhile instead of going to endless meetings and seeing nothing come to fruition. It's immediate gratification," Van Voorhis said.

Anita Franzese of Springfield has been pitching in for 10 years.

"I love doing it and like the people I meet. I'm doing good for somebody. I feel I'm helping the folks who can't get out. When I get old I hope they do the same for me," said Franzese, who added that, "Sometimes we're the only people they see all day. It's sad."

Lyons stressed that the contact between the volunteers and the clients is crucial.

"Their feedback is important. Sometimes there is no answer at the doorbell. Some of our volunteers have found dead bodies. Families depend on us for checking in on their parents," said Lyons, who insisted that the stigma attached to present-day American families regarding caring

for the elderly is unwarranted.

"Families get a bad rap. Most families care. It's a myth about old people being shoved into nursing homes," said Lyons, adding that only about 6 percent of the nation's elderly population is in nursing homes.

That statistic proves there are indeed many senior citizens still at home and many of them cannot provide for themselves, which is exactly where Meals on Wheels fits in.

According to Lyons, a lot of old people lose interest in eating. They can no longer cook, cannot shop; their taste buds can become numbed from medication or dulled from sickness.

The food supplied by Meals on Wheels provides clients with at least one-third of their daily nutrient requirements and is prepared by a dietitian. SAGE contracts with Meals on Wheels, Inc. of Elizabeth, which cooks about 2,000 meals per day for all of Union County.

"Meals on Wheels ties in beautifully with SAGE's mission, which is to provide assistance for the elderly so they can remain independent and to keep people at home," Lyons said.



Courtesy of Lynn Slotkin

SAFE PLACES — Students in Lynn Slotkin's sixth grade art class in Deerfield School display the quilted placemats they made for distribution in an urban 'meals on wheels' program sponsored by the Museum of American Folk Art in New York City.

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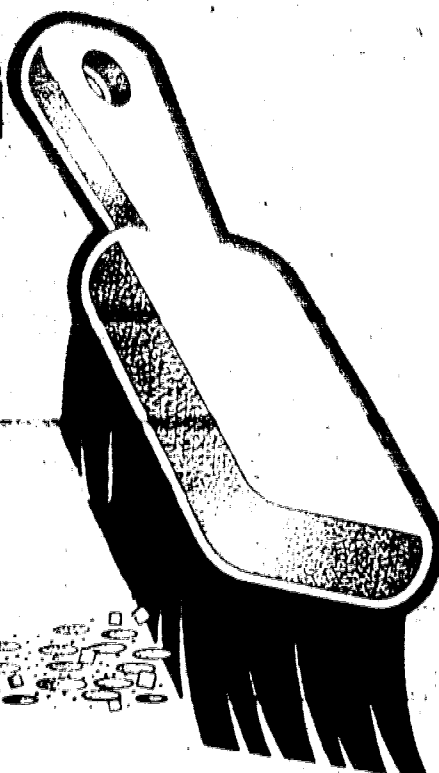
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Let's try again

The budget proposed by the Mountainside Board of Education flies in the face of the common sense the borough's taxpayers must live by.

At a time in America and in New Jersey when government tells its constituents that fewer services will be made available, despite growing populations, the board's budget for 1995-96 bucks the trend.

The problem is in the amount of money kept in surplus.

Funds kept in reserve are generally needed for making improvements within the district — adding buildings, real estate, etc. — to accommodate growing student bodies. In the case of Mountainside's school district, the board estimates an increase of 4 percent for the coming academic year; that's 20 new students.

Because the school district does not expect a large increase in the number of students enrolled, one must ask why so much money must be held in the bank. The situation poses a head-splitting paradox.

On the one hand, we'd like to think that we will pay any price and bear any burden to ensure the quality of our children's education and to make the community more attractive to those shopping for a home. For example, some board members' ideas of technological overhaul — that is, massive computerization — within the school district are valid.

However, if local school district taxes increase at such a rate year after year, the number of children in the borough will decrease as young families unable to shoulder such tax burdens leave the town.

The complaint echoes the borough Democratic Club's complaint that with taxes at the municipal and local school levels already so high, young couples in search of a first home will bypass Mountainside in favor of more affordable environs.

It's a point that's hard to ignore. Even a most cursory glance around the borough will show the "empty nests" and other leading indicators of the aging of the borough's population.

In the real world, people have had to grow accustomed to accomplishing more with fewer resources. In the realm of government, whether it is local school boards or the executive branch of the federal government, there has been no such evidence of an economic slump. The operations continue to grow as they are financed through the public trough.

There must be another way to finance the school district's operations. Whether the board rethinks its need for surplus revenue or revisits the appropriations for the payroll of non-mandated personnel, the borough's taxpayers are entitled to some tax relief. We urge them to vote against this year's budget and, in effect, ask the Borough Council to take another look at it.

Tinkering worked

Computing the budget for the Union County Regional High School District required more than the usual patience and planning involved when a school board tries to restore order to its finances.

In order to operate the three facsimile high schools, the regional Board of Education has had to subtract funds lost in state aid cuts, add some of those dollars back into the equation after they were won on appeal, and then figure a way to please taxpayers in six towns.

The process is similar to how Harley-Davidsons turn regular people into mechanics.

The board did a good job for Springfield. Regarding taxation, Springfield property owners will see a savings of almost \$460,000. That represents an 8 percent cut in the amount of money the township has sent to the district for the current academic year.

Mountainside taxpayers are less fortunate; the borough will send an additional \$110,000 to the district for the year, amounting to a total of nearly \$3.7 million.

Kenilworth taxpayers also get a break. The borough will see a tax cut of almost \$75,000, bringing the total of dollars sent to the district down to \$4,146,000.

Clark will see an increase of more than 4.6 percent. The total dollars sent to the district will increase by more than \$270,000, bringing the total above the \$6 million mark.

All things considered, the regional budget as it relates to Springfield, Mountainside, Kenilworth and Clark makes for a sound financial plan.

Although Mountainside residents are being asked to pay more in taxes, the total increase on the borough is barely more than 3 percent, which is less of an increase the borough's own board is seeking, and it is commensurate with the rate of inflation.

Easy choices

When voters decide which of the four candidates for the Board of Education will take the three open seats this year, there should be no problem.

Incumbents Richard Kress and Pat Taeschler should be returned to the board to continue working toward implementing their ideas on where education in Mountainside should head in the beginning of the next century. Although they both support the school district's proposed budget, their experience and thoughts on policy matters are indispensable.

Of the two challengers, one clearly stands above the other.

Sally Riviuccio will make an excellent addition to the Board of Education. Her invaluable ideas on an "adopt-a-school" program, that would connect the school district with nearby businesses, could not be more timely.

Deborah Giordano — the second challenger — has her heart in the right place. According to the mail the *Echo* has received during the past week, she is a hard-working and selfless woman who genuinely cares about the children and the borough.

But that is not enough. By not voicing opinions about the key issues, candidate Giordano has proven that she is not the best candidate in this year's election.

OPINION PAGE



MARCHING ORDERS — Members of the 100th Anniversary Parade Committee are joined by borough residents as they walk along the anticipated parade route. The parade will begin at Echo Lake Park, continue along Mountain Avenue through the borough's center, turn onto New Providence Road, cross Route 22 and conclude on the grounds of Deerfield School and Our Lady of Lourdes Church. The event is scheduled for 10 a.m. on June 3. Following the parade will be a picnic, featuring entertainment and food vendors.

Marketplace of ideas offers a great deal

No matter which of the four candidates wins the three seats available on the Mountainside Board of Education, the borough will benefit by implementing the suggestions made by those candidates during the campaign.

Unfortunately for the voters, candidate Deborah Giordano neither attended candidates night nor offered an issue-laden essay for this newspaper's candidates corner page last week. However, the other challenger and both incumbents have made certain that the voters' choice will not be an easy one to make.

Incumbent Richard Kress' ideas about technology — particularly upgrading the schools' computers — should be explored, financed and made policy.

His plans for constructing an information superhighway off-ramp leading into the borough are among his reasons for seeking a third term on the board.

In addition to upgrading and adding to the computers in the classrooms, Kress said he wants Mountainside's schoolchildren to be able to use their computers at home to access a database in the school system.

If there is a drawback to such a plan, it would be found in the students being too far ahead in computer literacy upon reaching high school and then

Common Sense

By Jay Hochberg
Managing Editor

having to endure classwork they already had covered. Not bad, as far as shortcomings go.

Challenger Sally Riviuccio also has contributed to the exchange of good ideas during this campaign.

Her proposal regarding the school district reaching out to the private sector for sponsorship of programs could not be mapped out and implemented soon enough.

During candidates night last month, Riviuccio suggested that the Board of Education seek financial support and educational mentoring from members of the county's business community.

In her words, such an "adopt-a-school" program would bring supplemental income into the school district, and bolster community ties.

As evidence, she cited the success the borough's 100th Anniversary Committee has enjoyed when soliciting donations to finance the events of the centennial celebration.

Incumbent Pat Taeschler also has valid ideas for the direction of school policy. As chairman of the board's Policy Committee, Taeschler offers an insider's view of how school district procedures are enacted.

She has pointed out that such experience would help in implementing her plan for tapping the "wealth of knowledge" found among the borough's senior citizens for the "enrichment" of existing studies.

Springfield's Gaudineer School has a course that Mountainside would do well to emulate. That program pairs students with senior citizen mentors to the delight of those seniors, the advantage of the students and the satisfaction of teachers.

Each of these proposals, among the others heard during the open exchange of ideas during this campaign season, has the substance to stand alone. Taken together, the sum of these ideas would benefit the students and community as a whole. For example, perhaps area businesses could be encouraged to underwrite computer upgrades.

While these original ideas reflect the differences of the candidates, the three have found common ground on the prospect of dissolving the regional high school district.

Curiously, none have expressed

dissatisfaction with the quality of education offered by the high schools. Instead, the focus has rested on the financial burden Mountainside taxpayers carry in relation to the share of the schools' resources the borough's students enjoy.

Mountainside now pays more than \$20,000 per high school pupil.

Since taxation without representation is conceivable that the Regional Board of Education's efforts to equalize the tax sharing among the six constituent municipalities may have come in time to diffuse the dissent.

During its meeting last month in Dayton High School, the regional board agreed to phase in a new funding formula. By the 1997-98 school year, the high school district would take in half of its money from property taxes and half from enrollment.

If this plan is somehow passed on Tuesday by voters of all six towns, Mountainside's push for deregulation may fizzle. In any case, the issue will be settled by the state Department of Education — likely by the end of 1996.

So far it looks like the Mountainside Board of Education will be in the hands of farsighted people who are looking for other problems to solve.

That is an asset the borough can't afford to do without.

Statistics are deceptive — crime is on rise

Statistics say that crime is down in many of the big cities. Horseshit. Anyone can manipulate numbers, interpret information in many ways and lead people to believe that crime is on the decrease. I will agree that dueling has been wiped out.

I suppose that authorities, eager to keep public paranoia to a minimum, must come up with stats aimed at relieving our concerns.

A day does not go by that we don't read or hear of another crime, more vicious and heinous than the one before. Innocent people walking down a block get caught in the crossfire of gangs dealing drugs; young thugs invade convenience stores not only to rob the owners but also to kill them; we read and hear about people being pushed off subway platforms, while others get their jollies by car-jacking and murdering. Crime down? Don't you believe it.

Even in the peaceful suburbs of Summit, we have a problem with crime. Not as bad as Newark or Plainfield or New York City, but there is a problem. Reading the *Summit Observer* bears this out with the number of car-thefts, robberies, home break-ins, etc. The police do the best they can, but they can't be in 100 places at the same time.

What is frustrating is the fact that many of those who commit crimes are no stranger to criminal offenses. They are recidivists who served jail time before committing their latest offense. Many of us wonder what is happening inside our prisons when so many return after committing another crime. That our prisons are overcrowded goes without saying. Almost every week we read where some pris-

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

er erupts when convicts run wild and a riot breaks out. Rikers Island in New York City is a prime example. We are always hearing that the time is rapidly approaching when "the Big One" will occur. It's like comparing prison riots to the expected earthquake in California, which also has the unsettling title of the "Big One."

Why do so many criminals return to prison after serving their time? Are prisons only holding pens until the prisoner is released or paroled? Do jails mollycoddle prisoners for fear if they crack down too hard, the prisoners will rise up in insurrection and wreck the place while taking out a couple of guards to boot?

How many times do we hear of prisoners on parole who commit a crime that is so heinous, we wonder how he/she was permitted to go free? This is especially true in child-molestation cases when a newly released offender commits a similar crime and the public cries out for vengeance. Megan's Law is a good example of this type of vengeance. But, of course, there are those who feel that Megan's Law is unconstitutional to apply to ex-convicts who have already served their time because any further penalty would be harassment and cruel and inhuman punishment. But, again, how many times do we read about a child molester who has

already served his time only to be arrested again for the same crime? It happened last week outside a McDonald's restaurant in New Jersey.

We seem to want to give the bad guys all the breaks, forgetting that the good guys wind up being the victims. Something is wrong here. Prison life doesn't always help and when a criminal gets his/her just deserts, our judiciary has other plans or interpretation and the criminal comes out a winner. We don't seem to be able to hook together crime and punishment.

There are those who would do away with prisons and permit malefactors to roam the streets while seeing a therapist to discuss their problems. I'm afraid that would not work.

Jails are not getting the job done for several reasons: money, lack of space, lack of agreement on how prisoners should be treated, and improperly trained personnel. We hear more and more where prisons are getting to be

like country clubs, where discipline is loose, where the prisoners are allowed to roam the facilities, permitted TV, workout rooms, good food and a place to sleep every night.

I'm not saying prisons should be cruel and inhumane places, or that prisoners should be mistreated or punished for the slightest offense. But I do think the people who run our prisons should take a good, hard look at the system and try to figure out why so many alumni return. Perhaps our

concept of jail is wrong, and we must figure out some way to teach convicts in jail that it's best to get out and stay

out. Maybe tighter control and more discipline are the answer. Maybe the pendulum has swung too far, and it's time to readjust the swing.

Norman Rauscher, a former newspaper publisher in Summit, is an active member of the Summit community.

the State Republican Committee and all of the county chairmen for permitting the governor to usurp their prerogative in the selection of their state chairman. Governors should be beholden to the state and county committees and not the reverse.

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letter to the editor

Whose party is it anyway?

To the Editor:

It was nice to see James J. Elekes column "Where have all the Republicans gone?" in the March 30 edition.

I'm not taking a position of defending Chairman Littell, but I want to chastise

letters to the editor

Time to stop fighting the system

To the Editor:

As a strong advocate of the Regional High School District, I applaud county Superintendent Leonard Fitts' decision to recommend maintaining the regional system.

With a keen awareness of the seriousness of this matter (dissolution of the regional system) and after deep deliberation regarding the educational and financial implications, it is concluded that the dissolution of the Union County Regional High School District ... would not be advisable and should not be recommended, the report stated.

There are several points included in the report that residents of the district should keep in mind:

- Four high schools would not have sufficient enrollment to offer a varied and comprehensive school program without a significant financial commitment.

- Underutilization of high school buildings based on the enrollments would be costly and inefficient.

- Deregionalization would not be in the best interest of the students, or the taxpayers.

I think Dr. Fitts' recommendation is educationally correct, since the academic program offered by the regional high schools is excellent and the program choices are numerous.

It is time for the supporters of dissolution of the regional district to stop working against the system, and work within the system to improve the positive aspects of the regional district.

Imaginative, creative programs are planned for the future of our students. We must all start to work together for the good of our communities, and the education of our students. The regional system will give them opportunities for an excellent future.

It is time that the local boards and the regional board become partners in caring for the educational well-being of all the students. We will all be winners in this election.

I would like to correct the Springfield Township Committee's report, which stated in error, that the regional budget was increased in 1995-96.

The actual budget is reduced by 4.47 percent.

A note of appreciation to Ms. Andrea Zawerczuk, freshman honor student at Dayton, for putting the "scenario" in perspective. You are right, Andrea, the students are our most important product, and we should ask their opinion, since the board's decisions affect the students.

Luigi Monaco
Springfield

Give credit where it's due

To the Editor:

Elizabeth's Mayor Bollwage should not be hogging all the credit for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's denial of a rate increase requested by the Union County Utilities Authority.

When, in fact, it's been the Concerned Citizens of Union County who've been at the forefront in opposition to the siting, burning of recyclables and the waste of the taxpayers' money that is all part of the Union County garbage incinerator. Mayor Bollwage only showed his face during the UCUA's public hearing on the rate increase, to blast the increase proposals.

I feel that this is equivalent to Pucatawney Phil popping his head out of the ground every February to see what season we all will be having — which is probably when we will see Mayor Bollwage again, unless it's the silly season, which is upon us all once again as candidates out there ask us for the votes, with my favorite being the freholder race.

Now, GOP County Chairman Frank X. McDermott is taking credit for "throwing the first lob," the first jab, the first strike. If the man read his county papers he would have known that it was me who took the first strike when I wrote in opposition to the possible GOP candidate that stated to me, "the deer hunt is here to stay." So Frank, give credit where credit is due and that goes also to Mayor Bollwage.

It started with the people — by the people and for the people. Words to live by.

Vincent Lehotsky
Linden

Deadbeat dads must take care of kids

I have recently begun speaking about a trend that poses a significant threat to our society. Everywhere we look, we see evidence that our commitment to our communities is weaker than it once was. We spend less time getting to know our neighbors, and we make less of an effort to form meaningful bonds with other people — even members of our own families.

What especially disturbs me are the number of children in New Jersey who are growing up with one parent and paltry resources, simply because their other parent refuses to contribute to the cost of their upbringing.

The family unit is at the heart of our society. Preserving a sense of family is essential to our well-being. In order to do this, people must recognize that there can be no such thing as sex without responsibility. To bring this point home, I have proposed that if a man has sex with a woman and she

The Senate Report

By Bill Bradley

becomes pregnant, he should be prepared to have 15 percent of his wages for 18 years go to support the mother and child.

Lawmakers can play a role in mending and strengthening families. I created and served on the Interstate Child Support Enforcement Commission. In 1993 I wrote a bill to overhaul our child support system based on the commission's recommendations. Improvements in federal law have more than doubled the amount of

Fight cancer by giving

To the Editor:

The American Cancer Society is conducting its "Dear Neighbor" campaign in New Jersey this month. We urge you to give generously if you receive a letter from one of your neighbors in behalf of the American Cancer Society. The funds you contribute will provide essential means of fighting cancer locally through prevention, early detection, research and support for patients.

The American Cancer Society has 28 research grants in effect in New Jersey. Volunteers provide essential services to local residents who are living with cancer. Valuable cancer prevention programs are actually saving the lives of your friends and neighbors. With nearly 43,300 New Jersey residents expected to develop cancer in 1995, these services will be more essential than ever. Be sure to make your donation to a group that is truly making a difference. Please give generously when an American Cancer Society volunteer contacts you.

Mary Goodman
Chairman of the Board
American Cancer Society
New Jersey Division, Inc.

Grateful for the goodies

To the Editor:

On behalf of the cast and crew of "On the 20th Century," I would like to thank Cioffi's Deli on Mountain Avenue in Springfield for their generous donations for the party following our final performance on March 25 in Gaudinier Middle School.

Gail Boroff
Springfield

Hemingway — the hunter's mentality

To the Editor:

Norman Rauscher's poignant essay "Excuses don't make killing deer palatable" on March 30 aptly cites Ernest Hemingway's penchant for "leading safaris to kill whatever came into his sights" making him "a second-rate human being" It was just Hemingway's own conception of what he perceived in himself to be second-rate, that which he struggled with his whole life and finally led to his suicide, that reveals just another clue into why people want to kill animals and/or support and associate themselves with those who do.

Hemingway could not reconcile his basic sensitive self with what he considered manly. He was struggling with his underlying feminine self, his latent homosexuality, something his conscious being would not accept. To ward this off he adopted macho traits, womanized, drank hard, worshipped the bull fighter, wrote about war and stayed as close to the battlefield as he could, developed an aggressive straight-forward style of writing, and killed animals. He once even stepped into the ring with Jack Dempsey and got his comeuppance.

Finally, his creativity waning, he felt impotent literally and figuratively and could no longer deny his latent homosexuality. As in the case of the autoimmune disease where one part of the body destroys the other, Hemingway had no alternative but to destroy that in himself he could not abide.

As a psychiatrist, I must be careful in what I say. For example, what I say about Hemingway, a man I never met, is known. And lest someone reading this interpret that I am indicting homosexuality, the opposite is what I'm saying. Those who are comfortable with their sexuality, homosexual or heterosexual (we're not really all of one or the other) are the best adjusted.

Homosexuality is not considered an illness in psychiatric nomenclature. But what I do indict are those who adopt a macho stance to counteract that part of themselves they want to deny, the bullies (like Hemingway) and those who live vicariously through them, whose insecurities dictate they must shoot guns and fabricate excuses to kill defenseless animals.

Just another reason why our politicians and park commission, for their own needs, manipulate — through a committee they loaded to begin with — the shooting of deer.

Paul J. Kiell
Mountainside

'Knowledge workers' need nurturing

To the Editor:

Throughout the month of April more than 300 New Jersey schools and organizations will celebrate Math, Science and Technology Month with special, family-centered activities for the entire community. We invite you to help us tell people about the excitement of math, science and technology, and its importance to all our lives — especially our children's.

New Jersey prides itself on being a progressive, high-technology state, home to nationally known scientists, mathematicians and inventors, and to many of the world's leading research-based companies. But is New Jersey nurturing the "knowledge workers" these companies look for? Are our children learning the skills they need to compete in tomorrow's global marketplace — the ability to think independently, combine several skills to investigate and solve problems, and work in diverse teams?

New Jersey has launched a more than \$10 million, five-year effort to achieve excellence in mathematics, science and technology from kindergarten through high school. Known as New Jersey's Statewide Systemic Initiative, the project is a collaborative effort of the New Jersey State Department of Education, Rutgers University, partner institutions, schools and districts to reform the way math, science and technology are taught. Math, Science & Technology Month helps NJSSI increase public awareness and involvement in achieving education excellence. A broad alliance of statewide organizations along with NJSSI support Math, Science and Technology Month, which is coordinated by the New Jersey Mathematics Coalition.

Warren Crown
Statewide Coordinator
Math, Science and Technology Month, '95

Senior volunteers enrich us all

To the Editor:

Announcement of April 26 as National RSVP Day brings to mind the many ways our own Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is working with nonprofit groups in Union County.

Over 55, but far from being "over the hill," these 1,000 energetic men and women, whom Catholic Community Services has been proud to locally sponsor for 22 years, volunteer nearly 130,000 hours of community service a year. They can be found working with the elderly, children and the ages in-between.

Borrowing from this year's national program theme, "RSVP Volunteers — Seasons of Service," I can only add that thanks to their good works all of us, young, old, and in-between, are enriched.

Readers can call RSVP at (908) 709-2150 for information.

Joseph Bordo
Union County Division Director
Catholic Community Services

Failure to pay taxes can become costly

April 17 is the day the Internal Revenue Service expects more taxpayers to have filed their income tax returns and paid the balance of their 1994 tax liability. If you haven't filed or paid your taxes by this date, or if you paid less than the amount you owe, you can expect to face some stiff penalties from the IRS, cautions the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants. Late filing and late payment penalties are added to any interest you'll pay on the balance of taxes due.

Many taxpayers who are unable to pay their tax bills delay filing their returns. That approach can be very expensive. If you don't file your tax return on time or apply for an extension, you can expect a late-filing penalty amounting to 5 percent of the net amount of tax due for each month, or part of a month, that your return is late. Until your return is filed, you're subject to interest and both the late-filing and late-payment penalties, which together are capped at 25 percent of the amount you owe. To put a quick stop to the late-filing penalty, which is the harsher of two penalties, send in your tax return as soon as possible even if you can't send your tax payment.

If you filed your tax return but failed to pay your tax bill in full, the IRS will send you a bill for the amount you owe and assess a late-payment penalty of one-half of 1 percent per month, up to a maximum of 25 percent. Keep in mind that this penalty, which is the equivalent of 6 percent a year, is in addition to the interest you will be charged on the unpaid balance. The

Money Management

Interest rate charged by the IRS is compounded daily and adjusted quarterly based on the federal short-term rate.

The IRS may show some leniency if you can demonstrate reasonable cause for not filing or paying on time. For example, if you were seriously ill, faced a financial hardship, or had your tax records destroyed by fire, the IRS may be willing to waive late-payment and late-filing penalties.

If you haven't paid your taxes and you haven't requested an installment agreement, the IRS will continue to notify you about your tax bill. Letters will be mailed to you over a period of six months or so. The final notice is likely to advise you that the IRS intends to file a lien against your salary and/or your assets. You should make every effort to avoid reaching this stage of non-payment. A tax lien can affect your credit rating for seven years, even if you pay your tax liability in a shorter period of time.

Failure to file and pay your taxes are serious offenses. If you are unable to meet these important financial obligations, you may want to consult a CPA for professional advice.

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

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NJCVA schedule

The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts calendar is prepared by the *Summit Observer*. Gallery hours are Monday to Friday from noon to 4 p.m., and from 2 to 4 p.m. on the weekend. The center is located at 68 Elm St. For more information, call 273-9121.

Today

- NICVA Winter classes end. Sunday
- The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts will be closed.

Apr. 22

Decorative Papers, workshop instructors Fran Willner and Lois Shapiro, papermakers extraordinaire, lead you into the universe of past paperism, stencils, tie-dye, spray paint, folding, craft papers, gift papers, printer papers, stationery and envelopes. Walk away with a portfolio in a day, or the raw materials for future projects. Request materials list when registering. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$45; materials fee is \$10.

Apr. 27

Black Maria Film Festival is at 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 27 and 28

Spring Walk-in registration is from 10 to 2 p.m.

Apr. 29

Spring Walk-in registration is from 10 to 2 p.m.

May 1

Spring classes begin.

May 5

Exhibition opening, "The Artful Message: Contemporary Video." This exhibition, held in the Fred L. Palmer Gallery, will focus on the evolving art of video, tracing that evolution through the work of well-established artists such as Alan Rath and Tony Oursler, and several emerging video artists. Members Preview Reception is from 6 to 9 p.m. The exhibition will continue through June 11. Admission is \$1; it's free for NJCVA members, children (through age 12) and seniors.

First Friday at The Art Center from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. If you are not already a member, come and join. People joining as members this evening are invited to participate in the opening reception of the "Artful Message: Contemporary Video." Individual memberships start at \$35.

May 13 and 14

Raku Workshop with Tom Neugebauer, a two-day workshop that is designed to take the student through the entire raku process. Students must bring bisque-fired pieces made with raku clay (available at the Art Center). Limit of eight medium-sized pieces per student. Enrollment strictly limited to 12 students, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; fee is \$94.

Valerie Fund nets support

Children and families whose lives have been touched by cancer, as well as community residents and health care professionals were on hand as Overlook Hospital officially opened its Valerie Fund Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders in the Medical Arts Center at 33 Upper Overlook Road. During a ceremony to mark the occasion, Overlook officials acknowledged the receipt of a \$25,000 donation from the Jenna Chambeau Foundation to be disbursed over five years, and a \$5,000 annual scholarship gift and a research grant, both from the Marvel S. Platoff Foundation.

The Valerie Fund Children's Center at Overlook is part of one of the nation's largest networks of health care organizations dedicated to inpatient and outpatient treatment for children with cancer and blood disorders. Overlook's Valerie Fund Children's Center was the first to open in the state in 1977, and was previously housed in the hospital's main building before moving to its new quarters in the recently completed MAC. Other center are the Children's Hospital of New Jersey/United Hospitals Medical Center and the Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, both in Newark; Cooper Hospital/University Medical Center, Camden; and the Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch.

"Patients and their families have come to depend upon the Valerie Fund Children's Center at Overlook for medical and emotional support," said Dr. Steven Halpern, Overlook Center Director. "We haven't been doing it alone and we're glad to recognize our many friends who have helped support our efforts through the years."

During the ceremony, Overlook and Valerie Fund officials recognized the contributions of several donors, including the Jenna Chambeau Foundation, which has pledged a \$25,000 gift over five years, and the Marvel S. Platoff Foundation, which

F&M students soar

A pair of local residents received academic honors for the fall semester at Franklin & Marshall College.

Earning honors were juniors Thomas Andrew Miller and Kenneth Mark Veit, both of Summit.

Miller is a 1991 graduate of Concord-Carlisle Regional High School. He is the son of Richard and Sharon Miller, Summit.

Veit, a junior geosciences major and music performance minor, is a 1992 graduate of Summit High School. He is the son of Frank and Virginia Veit, Summit.

A student earns honor list recognition for achieving a 3.7 or better grade-point average.

has initiated an annual \$5,000 scholarship to New Jersey's five Valerie Fund Centers, including The Valerie Fund Children's Center at Overlook, to track the physical, emotional and social development of former Valerie Fund patients. The statewide research effort is expected to yield important information about life experiences following cancer treatment.

Bruce Chambeau of Summit, father of Jenna Chambeau, who died in 1987 at age 14 only nine months after being diagnosed with leukemia, said, "When my daughter was sick I saw many families suffering not only emotionally, but financially. We thought that this gift from the Jenna Chambeau Foundation would help alleviate some of that hardship."

Richard Platoff, nephew of Marvel S. Platoff, who established the Marvel S. Platoff Foundation in 1954 to support worthy causes, said, "We established this scholarship fund for children of The Valerie Fund Children's Center at Overlook to help pay for their education. We've received many wonderful, enthusiastic letters from the students about their educational experiences and we're as enthusiastic as they are to be able to help."

"Families with ill children are often overwhelmed by the physical, emotional and financial strain that an illness imposes," said Howard Brechner, president of The Valerie Fund. "By helping to alleviate the financial burden and ensuring quality care close to home, The Valerie Fund and Overlook are contributing to the well-



From left are Haskell C. Twitchell, trustee of the Marvel S. Platoff Foundation; Dr. Steven Halpern, medical director of the Valerie Fund Children's Center at Overlook; and Richard Platoff, nephew of Marvel S. Platoff and trustee of the foundation he established, which has initiated an annual \$5,000 scholarship gift for the Valerie Fund Center.

being of these precious patients and their families."

Overlook and the Valerie Fund also recognized donations made in the memory of children, including Megan Gray of Basking Ridge, Emily Anne Barowitz of Long Valley, Andy Bovin of Short Hills and Tyler Landerman of Summit, as well as a contribution from Leslie and Genio Krause. These donations helped furnish the new center's playroom, treatment and examining rooms, as well as provide two tropical fish tanks and a pediatric emergency cart.

To further commemorate the opening, the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts donated a painting created by Japanese artist Tetsupo Tamai. Tamai entered the center's annual international juried show in 1994 and requested that his entry be donated to a children's hospital.

Patients of The Valerie Fund Children's Center at Overlook have access to highly advanced therapeutic options, including new treatments and investigative drugs, and are attended to by Overlook's professional team of pediatric oncologists/hematologists,

nurses and social workers. In addition, outreach programs help family, friends, classmates and others in the patient's life to understand and cope with the illness.

The Valerie Fund's mission is to provide financial support for the comprehensive medical care of children with cancer and blood disorders. A non-profit organization established in 1976 in memory of nine-year-old Valerie Goldstein, The Valerie Fund is dedicated to making quality outpatient care available close to a child's home.

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Koch and the TWIGS



Photos By Mark Devaney

Above and below members of the Overlook Hospital Auxiliary take turns posing with former New York City Mayor Ed Koch who appeared at The Hilton at Short Hills as the auxiliary's guest. The top photo shows members of the Summit TWIG auxiliary, while the bottom shot shows Springfield members.



news clips

IKEA offers deal

"The IKEA Elizabeth Great Tax Rebate" offers a tax break for those who overpaid on sales tax last year.

This is how it works: Anyone who purchased furniture from any furniture retailer in calendar year 1994 and paid more than 3 percent sales tax, can bring the receipt to IKEA Elizabeth on April 17. In exchange, IKEA will do their 1994 tax return for free — up to a \$59 value. IKEA also will give \$10.40 — 1040, like the tax form — off any purchase of more than \$50.

IKEA Elizabeth is located in an Urban Enterprise Zone and is permitted to charge a reduced rate of 3 percent sales tax.

According to Pamela Diaconis, spokesperson for IKEA, the idea was created as a break to people who never seem to beat the system. "If to err is human, shouldn't that err be tax deductible? Or at least allow you to have your taxes done by H&R Block

for free and get a discount on home furnishings?" she said.

The IKEA Great Mistake Tax Rebate will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday. H&R Block will be on the premises preparing tax returns. All participants must bring a receipt showing they purchased home furnishings in the year 1994 clearly indicating they paid more than 3 percent tax, as well as all necessary documents for figuring their taxes.

ESL series offered

An 8-week "English-as-a-Second-Language Conversation Series" will begin on Monday from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. at the Resource Center for Women, located in Summit.

Led by Elizabeth Nagle, teacher of ESL, the series is for women who wish to practice and improve their conversational skills in English, and to gain some practical

knowledge.

Beginners and intermediate speakers of English are welcome to join the discussion of such everyday situations as going to the doctor, looking for a job, communicating with a child's school or seeking legal advice. Special attention will be given to common errors in grammar and pronunciation. The program is partially funded by the Junior League of Summit.

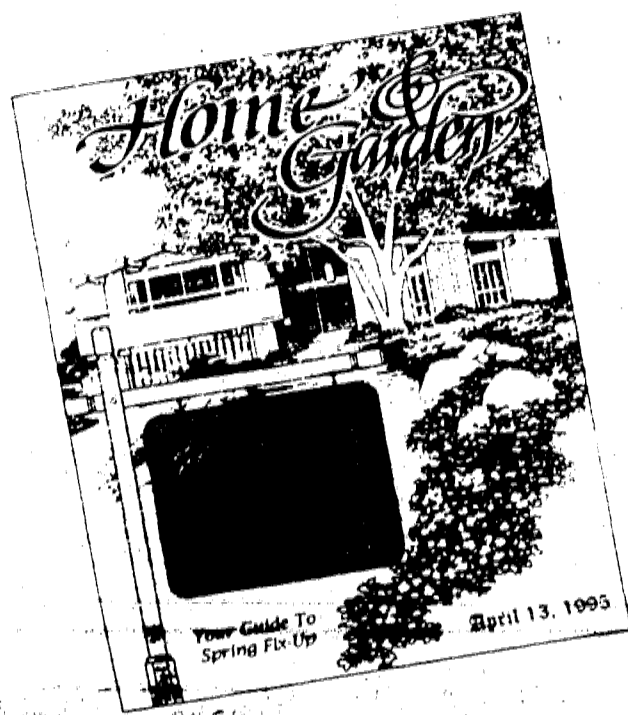
The fee is \$20, \$15 for center members, and the registration deadline is today. Those interested in more information should call the office at 273-7253.

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Kessler Institute holds tourney

Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation will conduct its 13th annual Golf and Tennis Classic on June 12 at the Canoe Brook Country Club.

The day will feature golf and tennis tournaments. To accommodate all golfers there will be an early registration at 7 a.m., 10 a.m. for all other golfers. The shotgun start for the morning golfers is at 8 a.m., followed by breakfast. All others will begin golfing at 12:30 p.m. Registration for all tennis participants is at 10 a.m.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Patient Services Fund at Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation and Kessler-Welkind Hospital, according to Thomas N. Marks, tournament chairman. Marks is a trustee of Kessler-Welkind and the Henry H. Kessler Foundation.

The Patient Services Fund provides

direct financial assistance to those experiencing financial hardship so that they might be able to afford the many aspects of their physical rehabilitative care.

Fees for the 18-hole golf tournament are \$400 per golfer and \$4,000 per corporate golf sponsorship. Golf fees include valet parking, brunch, green fees, caddy or cart and a reception of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Corporate sponsors receive a company sign at a designated hole, four golf passes and four additional cocktail-hour invitations for guests.

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For more information, call Abe Kasbo at the Henry H. Kessler Foundation, (201) 243-6818.

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The Solid Brass will appear April

28 at 8 p.m. at Calvary Church, Summit, to benefit The Interweave Center for Holistic Living. Tickets are \$18.

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Sadhana: The Path of Attainment with Puran Perez, for three Thursdays beginning April 13, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$48, \$45 for members.

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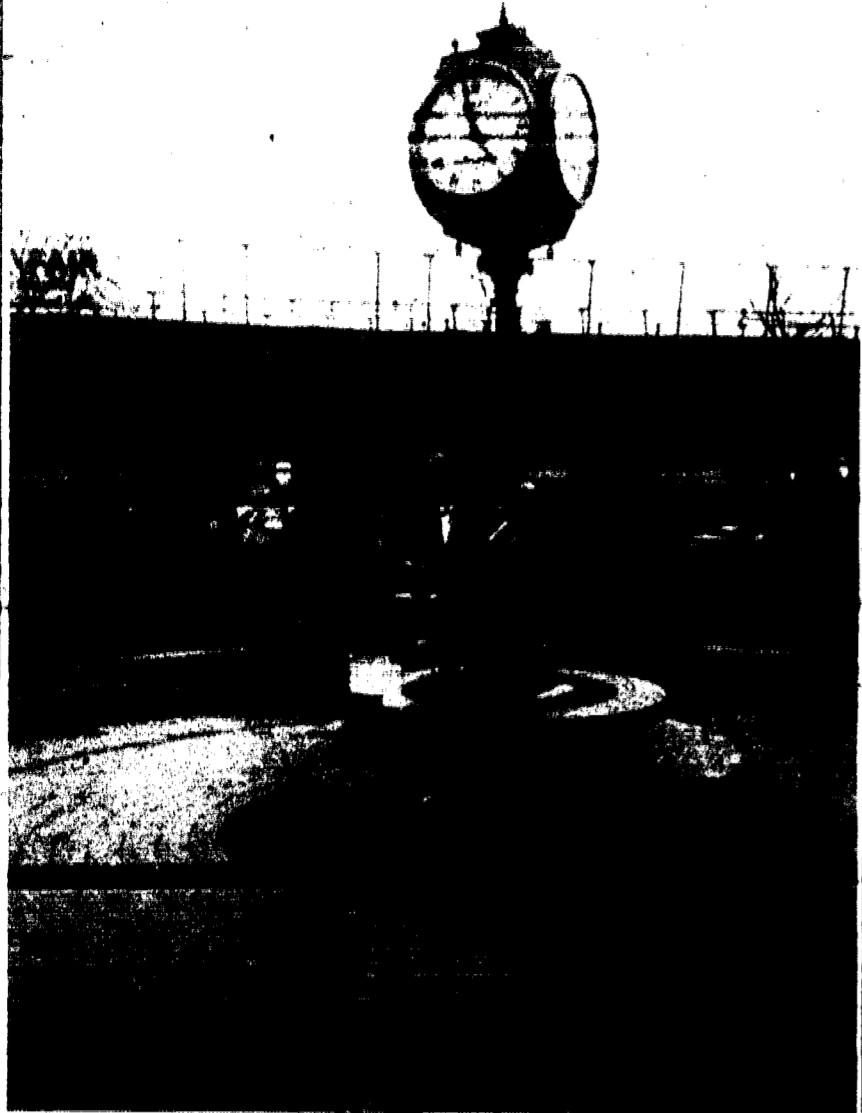
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Springfield's Annual Public School Budget Election

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Time for golf



Courtesy of American Red Cross

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross has scheduled its fourth annual golf outing for May 1. Ellen Ramer, owner of Martin Jeweler; Gail Moffett, executive director of the chapter; and golf chairman John Tabachnick display the Rolex watch Ramer donated as a prize to a golfer who scores a hole-in-one.

Call the editors

Ever want to talk about something you think should be in the paper? Know something that might make a good story? Do you know someone who might be the subject of an interesting feature? Do you know of a sports story we don't? If the answer to any or all of the above is yes, call the editors at 686-7700. General or spot news: Jay Hochberg, managing editor. Sports news: Jim Parachini, sports editor. Problems: Tom Canavan, editor in chief.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Springfield Free Public Library Board of Trustees will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, April 13, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room, 66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey. U715 Springfield Leader, April 13, 1995 (Fee: \$2.75)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J. AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OR ACQUISITION OF MATERIALS AND SERVICES BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY. TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing ordinance was passed and approved at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union, and State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, April 11, 1995. HELEN E. KEYWORTH Township Clerk U5304 The Springfield Leader, April 13, 1995 (Fee: \$7.50)

SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S NUMBER: CH-751767 DIVISION: CHANCERY COUNTY: UNION DOCKET NO. F389704 PLAINTIFF: SPRINGTOP CO., A NEW JERSEY PARTNERSHIP DEFENDANT: BRADLEY H. HANSEN, UNMARRIED, ET ALS. WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: DECEMBER 27, 1994 SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 3RD DAY OF MAY A.D. 1995. By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, in the FREEHOLDERS MEETING ROOM, 6th FLOOR, in the Administration Building, in the City of Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. Property Location for mortgaged premises: County of Union 445 Morris Avenue Apt. B7 and garage number upper ten Township of Springfield Tax Lot 32 Block 56 A deposit of 15% of the bid price in cash or certified funds is required at the time of sale. JUDGEMENT AMOUNT: THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND SEVENTY-THREE DOLLARS & 88/100 (\$35,073.88) ATTORNEY: COHN & COHN 14 SOUTH ORANGE AVENUE SOUTH ORANGE, NJ 07079 SHERIFF: RALPH G. FROEHLICH FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THREE & 32/100 TOTAL JUDGEMENT AMOUNT: (\$37,303.32) U7143 Springfield Leader, April 6, April 13, 20, 27, 1995 (Fee: \$74.00)

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SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH 751744 DIVISION: CHANCERY COUNTY: UNION DOCKET NO. F-375102 PLAINTIFF: CITICORP MORTGAGE, INC. DEFENDANT: YERVANT ESENYAN, ET ALS. WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: DECEMBER 04, 1994 SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 26TH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 1995. By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, in the FREEHOLDERS MEETING ROOM, 6th FLOOR, in the Administration Building, in the City of Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. Municipality: Township of Springfield - County of Union Street Address: 10 S. Audlen Terrace Tax Lot: 19. Tax Block: 06 Approximate dimensions: Use Full Legal Description. Nearest cross street: Baltusrol Way A deposit of 15% of the bid price in cash or certified funds is required at the time of sale. JUDGEMENT AMOUNT: THREE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY NINE CENTS (\$348,603.59) ATTORNEYS: KATZ ETTIN LEVINE KURZWEIL & WEBER 906 N-KINGS HIGHWAY CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034-1580 SHERIFF: RALPH G. FROEHLICH FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. THREE HUNDRED NINETY ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR DOLLARS AND NINETY FOUR CENTS TOTAL JUDGEMENT AMOUNT: (\$391,654.94) U7105 Springfield Leader, March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 1995 (Fee: \$74.00)

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

For one reporter, landing an interview is a journey in itself

By Cynthia B. Gordon
Staff Writer

After seeing Steve Perry in concert at the State Theater in New Brunswick, and enjoying the show, I thought it would be fun to write a review of his concert and his new album.

Well, some of the fun was taken out of the job thanks to the run-around that I received from Columbia Records' publicity department, specifically Steve Perry's publicist Neil Lowey.

It took the publicity department three weeks to send a press kit and two months to tell me I wouldn't be interviewing Perry, as they had suggested in the first place.

As far as I knew, the job of a publicist is to promote the clients. If Perry or the brass at Columbia knew how this chain of 22 newspapers was treated, they would not be too pleased.

After not receiving a press kit after two weeks, I was transferred to Lowey, who said he was scheduling interviews with Perry and to call back to set up an interview time.

I had not even called to ask for an interview, I just wanted a press kit, but when Lowey led me to believe I would get the interview, I was thrilled.

After three months of phone-tag, an interview was scheduled for a Monday in March.

I called his office the preceding Friday and according to Lowey, Perry cancelled his dates for 10 days and I should expect a call again to arrange for an interview.

Two weeks later, Lowey said Perry had cancelled the rest of his tour and may be going to Japan.

Well, while he was on tour, Steve Perry sang his heart out to audiences throughout both the east and west coasts, after a seven-and-a-half year hiatus.

On Feb. 6, he sang before a sold out crowd in what was one of the best performances I've seen in a long time. It was kept simple and straightforward, which brought out the elegance and gifted voice of Perry.

Where has Perry been, why has he been away so long and why did he cancel his tour?

According to reports submitted by his publicity department, "after Jour-

ney's 1986-87 tour, Steve Perry disappeared. He vanished. He left the building. Not only had Journey disbanded, but its frontman had become MIA."

"At the end of that tour, I honestly had to stop," Perry said. "I was suffering from serious fatigue, job burnout and all sorts of other things happening in my personal life as the result of the 10-year burn."

Perry continued, "I have a private side of my life. I like to keep a piece of Steve's soul for himself. I have to have a life and that's one of the things, I think, I had to go back and find."

Did he miss the fame?

"I did not really miss the limelight. There were a few times where it became difficult to go places and I didn't like the isolation that comes as an alternative. But I just feel like a different person now."

The vocalist was first-rate. Some singers lose their ability as they get older, but not Perry. His voice is as radiant as ever.

Perry began a journey back in time, as he sang such favorites as "Lights," and "Wheel in the Sky." According to Perry, he was the one to bring these songs to his previous band, Journey.

He continued with songs from his earlier solo album including, "Foolish Heart" and "Sherrie." And throughout the concert he mixed in songs from his newest album titled, "For the Love of Strange Medicine," as well as songs from his days with Journey.

Out of nowhere, a red jacket slowly fell from the stage ceiling, as vamping music began. "Where did you come from?" asked Perry. "I haven't seen you in a long time."

"Should I put it on?" he asked the audience. "I don't even know if it still fits," he said to himself. The jacket was from his first album with Journey, and yes, it still fit.

Then Perry began telling a story about a lover he was living with. He said he drove up to their apartment and found her passionately kissing with another man in a car in front of their apartment.

"I pretended I was sleeping when she came in. I asked her if she had a good time. She said yes. When she fell asleep, I packed my bags and I left her."

"I didn't yell, I got even with her. I

wrote a song about her," said Perry with a mischievous smile. That song was one of Journey's first hit songs, "Loving, Touching, Squeezing."

His new album is exceptional. Ten out of 11 songs on the album are solid, portraying Perry's diversity of talent, as well as his new band members' and co-writer's abilities.

"The new record is a bit more emotionally exposed, I think, than anything I've ever done. It can be a little apprehensive to be vulnerable, but it's the only answer, I think, to grow," Perry said.

The album is filled with beautiful melodies that have just enough direction to give them a sense of completeness, as well as personal, reflective and emotional lyrics.

"Donna Please," is my favorite song on the album. It's one of the best ballads I've heard in a long time; it's filled with heart-wrenching lyrics.

The title track is another of my favorites. It continues Perry's theme of having hope. It's filled with beautiful, melodic vocal lines with equally emotional and inspiring words.

Perry shed some light on the lyrics of this mysterious sounding song.

"More times than I'd care to mention, I have hinged my happiness on outside stuff — strange medicine. Whether it's gambling or relationships or a new car or winning the lotto, whatever. It's all strange medicine because it only works so long. It's basically about all the things we do for the love of strange medicine."

"Somewhere in the inside/all along the road/lady luck has fallen/rolling dice remember/what promises regret/ helps me to remember/ helps me to forget . . ."

The band also performed Perry's hit single, "Somewhere There's Love." The vocals and harmonies that began the song, were spine-tingling. With special effects added, it made for a truly dramatic performance.

What does music mean to Perry? "I think that writing these things down and being able to see them definitely is an expression, a venting of internal locks, that I get into. It kind of breaks the door down and lets air into some corners of my soul."

"In my opinion, it's probably why I'm alive," he concluded.

And fortunately for his fans, hope has led Steve Perry back to his love of music.



Singer Steve Perry poses for a publicity still. After negotiations befitting a labor dispute, the publicity department of Columbia Records failed to come through with the goods.

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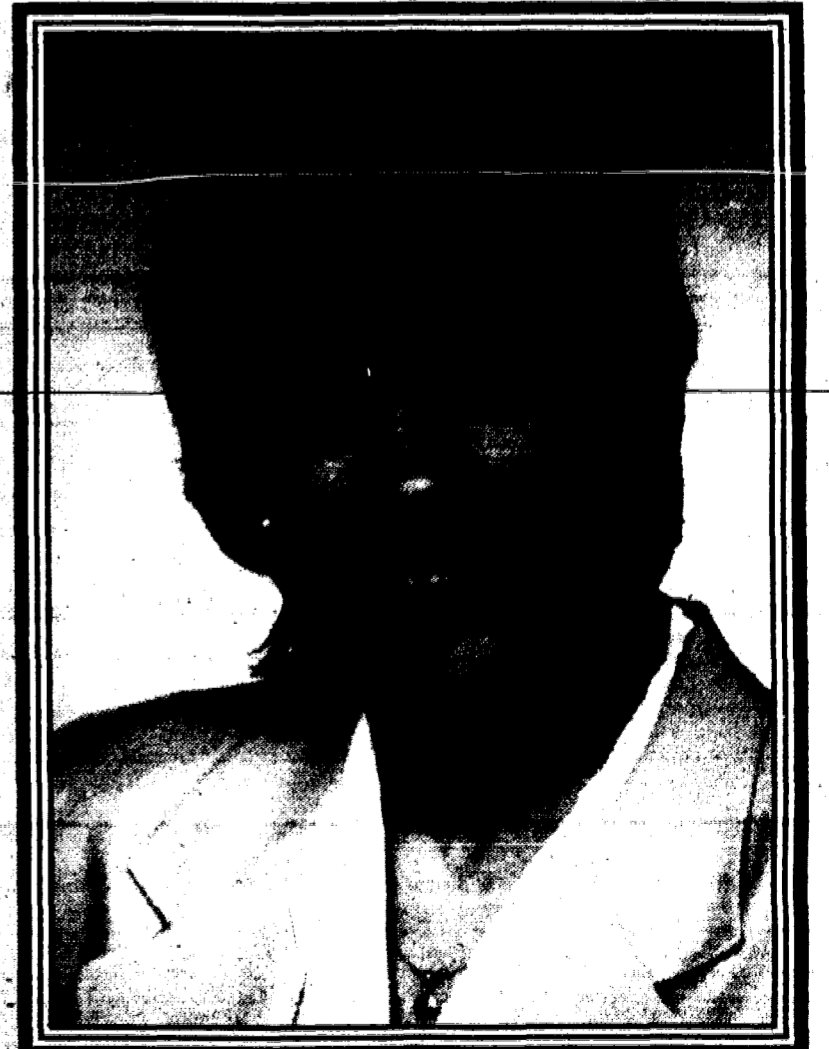
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An 8-week support group titled "Relationship Issues for Lesbians" will begin on April 26 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at the Resource Center for Women, located in Summit. Whether interacting with lovers, friends, relatives or others, lesbians encounter challenging interpersonal issues that strain their relationships. Led by Deborah Smith, MS, CADC, this group will explore the issues of external and internalized homophobia, self-esteem, communication, boundaries, conflicts and compatibility, power and validation.

The fee for this support group is \$60, \$50 for Center members, and the registration deadline is April 21. Those interested in more information should call the office at (908) 273-7253. The Resource Center for Women, located in Calvary Episcopal Church on the corner of Woodland and DeForest avenues in downtown Summit, is a nonprofit, nondenominational organization offering programs and services to all area women.

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Heart hopping



Photo Courtesy of Christine Episcopo

Jump Rope for the Heart was an event at Jefferson School supported by the third, fourth and fifth grade students. Bonnie Liebowitz, from the American Heart Association, and school nurse Myrtle Nunn organized over 70 children into teams. Above, Jose Miranda shows his technique as teammate Alejandro Quesada waits his turn. Each team jumped for two hours.

Helpful tips to improve memory for seniors slated

A workshop designed to offer senior citizens helpful tips for improving their memory will be held at Overlook Hospital's Wallace Auditorium, May 2 from 9 to 11 a.m. The forum, titled "Improving Your Memory: A Memory Improvement Course For Older Adults," will be led by Cheryl S. Gauff, R.N.C., M.S.N., G.N.P., gerontology clinical nurse specialist and nurse practitioner at Overlook. Free blood pressure screenings and refreshments will be available.

The memory improvement workshop is the first of several "Here's To Your Health" educational forums and

special events for seniors planned by Overlook this year.

"We recognize that there is a growing need for health information and services specifically geared to older residents of our communities," commented Gauff. "These forums are part of a concerted effort to ensure that this large and growing segment of our patient population receives important primary and preventive health services."

To register for the memory improvement workshop or find out about other upcoming events/forums for seniors, call Health Connection at 522-5353.

Summit students diversify

Fourteen students from Summit High School recently participated in the third High School Student Conference Day at Somerville High School, which focused on identifying and dealing with issues of diversity and charging the students with developing diversity programs at their own schools.

The all-day program was supported by the Diversity 2000 Council of Kean College and was attended by more than 600 students from 25 school districts. The event featured speakers, small workshop groups, and a performance by the Teen Esteem Players of Somerset County Vocational Technical High School.

Under the direction of Summit High School Spanish teacher Gilda Spiotta and social studies department

supervisor and teacher Pamela Ramsden, the Summit students are continuing to work on in-district diversity projects. The Diversity 2000 Council will share each district's innovative programs with the other participating schools.

Summit's students who attended the conference are:

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Passover at GSH

Beth Hatikvah, a Reconstructionist congregation in Chatham, will have its second annual Passover Seder April 15 at the Grand Summit Hotel, 570 Springfield Ave., at 5:30 p.m. For information or reservations, contact Rhona Fiore, Seder chairwoman, at 354-4051.

Passover — which this year begins April 14 and concludes on April 22 — is the first of the major Jewish festivals mentioned in the Bible, and is observed and celebrated by more Jews than any other holiday in the Jewish calendar. Passover celebrates the escape of the children of Israel from the Egyptian "house of bondage."

Holy Week

First Baptist Church

Maundy Thursday

April 13 at 7:30 pm
Personal reflection on the cross and the Lord's Supper

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1 Pet. 4:11
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In fact members of the Lord's Church (true christians) were warned against observance of special religious seasons. (Gal 4:10-11, Col 2:16, 21-23, Gal 1:6,9.)

For example, Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, etc are NOT found in the bible. The origin of Easter is Paganism not Jesus Christ.

Have You Not Read: That our Lord has commanded and gave authority to members of His Church (only christians) to "Do this in Memory of Me" on every Lord's Day worship service. (Acts 20:7, Rev 1:10, 1 Cor 11:23-26)

Therefore as obedient children (1 Pet 1:14-17) to our Heavenly Father there will be NO so called "Special Easter Services" at the Church of Christ (Jn 14:15, 2 Jn 9.)

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Global trade award nominations being sought

Nominations for the sixth annual International Trade Awards are now being accepted by the World Trade Week Committee of the New York/New Jersey region.

The awards will be presented to one manufacturing firm from each state during a luncheon in observance of World Trade Week, featuring a distinguished speaker from the international trade community. This year's luncheon will be held May 18 at the New York Vista Hotel at the World Trade Center in Manhattan.

This year's annual national observance of World Trade Week and the importance of international commerce is scheduled for May 21-27.

Award criteria includes a company's long-term commitment to international trade, significant increase in international sales as a proportion of total sales, successful development of new export markets, innovative export programs, and con-

tributions to expanding public awareness of the importance of international trade.

Past recipients of the awards are the New Jersey firms of H.F. Henderson Industries; the EMCORE Corporation; Davidson International Company; Red Devil, Inc., and Inverness Corporation; and the New York firms of E.B. Designs; Thomas C. Wilson, Inc.; Products Finishing Corporation; R.H. Cosmetics Corp., and Pavilion Cosmetics, Ltd.

The World Trade Week Committee of the New York/New Jersey region represents chambers of commerce, world trade clubs and institutes and other trade organizations and groups involved in the issues or practice of international commerce.

These organizations sponsor trade-related seminars, symposiums, lectures, trade missions, exhibits and other programs designed to increase the public's awareness of, and encour-

age its participation in, World Trade Week. The committee publishes an annual calendar detailing the various World Trade Week events.

World Trade Week was initiated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1935, and its theme is announced each year by an official proclamation from the president. The event has grown to include the participation of government and trade organizations across the nation.

Those interested in nominating a New York or New Jersey company for an International Trade Award should submit a description of how the company meets the criteria. The deadline for nominations is April 19.

For more information contact Julie Sio, Port Authority, World Trade Week Committee Office, One World Trade Center, 34 North, New York, NY 10048, or phone (212) 435-3248, or fax (212) 432-0297.

Money in the bank



Photo By Jay Hochberg

Pulaski Savings Bank, located at 136 Mountain Ave., in Springfield, has joined the ranks of local businesses that have earned municipal tax rebates. Due to the diminishing values of commercial properties caused by a glut of such properties, tax rates have been reduced and business owners in Springfield and Mountainside have been reimbursed for taxes overpaid.

An artist reflects



Courtesy of Caldwell School

Caldwell School third-grader Jessica Maas, joined by Principal Kenneth Bernabe and art teacher Marylin Schneider, displays her entry in the Union County PTA's 'Reflections' art program, for which she recently received honors.

County college sets summer schedule

Union County College will begin its Summer Session I on May 30 and Summer Session II on July 10, when students may get a jump toward earning college credit in a wide variety of disciplines.

Classes will be available during convenient daytime and evening hours at the Cranford, Elizabeth and Plainfield campuses to afford working students the opportunity to tailor their schedules according to their business and personal agendas.

Summer Session I will run for six weeks, from May 30 through July 7, except for certain selected courses, which will run through July 20 for an eight-week period. Summer Session II will be conducted from July 10 through Aug. 17 for a six-week period. Certain special sessions also will be held during even shorter time spans, ranging from three weeks to five weeks in duration.

Summer Session I will provide cre-

dit courses in the following disciplines: Accounting, Architecture, American Sign Language Studies, Communications, Criminal Justice, Computer Science, Economics, Education, English, Fine Arts, French, Geology, Government, History, Human Services, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Nursing, Oceanography, Physical Education, Physics, Practical Nursing, Psychology, Physical Therapy Assistant, Radiography, Respiratory Therapy, Sociology, and Spanish.

Developmental courses will be offered without credit during Summer Session I in Chemistry, English, and Mathematics; noncredit, English-as-a-second Language courses also will be available during Summer Session I.

Summer Session II credit courses will be provided in the following disciplines: Accounting, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Communications,

Economics, English, Fine Arts, Geology, History, Mathematics, Nursing, Oceanography, Office Systems Technology, Psychology, Radiography, Sociology and Spanish.

Noncredit development courses also will be offered during Summer Session II in Chemistry, English, and Mathematics.

Registrations now are being accepted, and prospective students may sign up for either Summer Session I or Summer Session II classes from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays at the Cranford, Elizabeth, or Plainfield campuses. Students need not sign up at the specific campus where they wish to take classes.

For more information call the college's Admissions Hotline at (908) 709-7500.

Post-employment reform bill introduced

Reacting to the Whitman administration's "revolving door" hiring policy with lobbyists, Assemblyman Bob Smith, D-Middlesex, has introduced legislation to revise the post-employment restrictions for Cabinet officials and the governor's chief of staff.

"I have no vendetta against Judy Shaw, but I do have a problem with lobbyists joining the administration and then leaving to return to lucrative lobbying posts," said Smith.

"This administration in particular has turned the political payoff game into an art form. We need to slam this

revolving door shut or it will forever continue to spin out of control."

The bill, A-2729, was submitted for introduction on Monday, the same day Judy Shaw, Whitman's former chief of staff, was named a partner in Policy Management and Communications Inc. The lobbying firm is headed by Hazel Gluck, Shaw's previous lobbying partner.

Smith said the bill would prohibit the governor's chief of staff and the heads of principal executive branch departments from representing any person or entity, other than the state, before any state agency in connection

with any matter for a period of one year after leaving office or employment.

While Smith commended Shaw for promising to abide by a self-imposed one-year moratorium on "legislative" lobbying, Smith said his bill is needed to protect against undue influence upon the executive branch.

"Judy Shaw's influence with the legislative branch was never that critical," said Smith. "Her influence is with the governor's office, and that's not emphatically addressed in her self-imposed moratorium."



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Information requested for engagements are parents names, high school name and town, college name, town and degree, name of employer and town where located, job title and the date of marriage.

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When sending a picture with the announcement, a check for \$10 is required. Black and white or clear color pictures are acceptable. Pictures of the couple sitting or standing together are preferred. Pictures of one person standing and the other seated present design problems, so if possible, side by side is better.



Paul Morris and Colleen Delaney

death notices

BAYUK-Ann E., of Union, on April 6, 1995, mother of Christine C. Bayuk, sister of Rose Smith, Ethel Scherer and Mae Gill. Funeral was from The JOSEPH W. PRESTON FUNERAL HOME, 153 South Orange Ave., South Orange. Funeral Mass was offered at St. Paul Apostle Church, Irvington. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. Those who wish may make contributions to the Make A Wish Foundation.

BIANCONE-Lily Whitehouse, on April 7, 1995, beloved wife of the late Fred Biancone Sr., dear stepmother of Fred Jr., loving grandmother of Laura and Frederick Biancone. Funeral services were at The MC CRACKEN FUNERAL HOME, 1500 Morris Ave., Union. Interment services were private.

BRZOZOWSKI-Richard W., of Union, N.J., on Friday, April 7, 1995, husband of Ida S. (nee Pennek) Brzozowski, brother of Alfreda and Azzie. Funeral services were held at The MC CRACKEN FUNERAL HOME, 1500 Morris Ave., Union. Interment Hollywood Memorial Park, Union. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to the memorial fund of either of Calvary Lutheran Church, Hillside, N.J., or the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Union, N.J., would be appreciated.

CONNELL-Sylvester L., 76, of Union, on April 9, 1995. Beloved husband of Antoinette (nee Gross), dear father of Dennis and Roger, brother of Philip. Funeral services were held at The MC CRACKEN FUNERAL HOME, 1500 Morris Ave., Union. Funeral Mass at St. Michael's Church, Union. Interment Holy Name Cemetery.

JASINSKI-Blanche (nee Medzela), of Newark, on Thursday, April 6, 1995, mother of Dorothy Wolosen, Frank Jasinski and Constance Liebnauser, also survived by seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Funeral was from The MC CRACKEN FUNERAL HOME, 1500 Morris Ave., Union. Funeral Mass was offered in St. Casimir Church, Newark. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to the Center for Hope Hospice, 176 Hussa St., Linden, N.J. 07036.

MC ELROY-Marie, 77, of Union, on April 9, 1995. Beloved wife of John J. McElroy, devoted mother of John W. McElroy and Cynthia Carrera, dear grandmother of 6. The funeral was held at The MC CRACKEN FUNERAL HOME, 1500 Morris Ave., Union followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Michael's Church. Entombment at Hollywood Memorial Park Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Cancer Society, 507 Westminister Ave., Elizabeth, NJ 07207-0815 would be appreciated.

MOYLE-Walter T., 91, of Union, on Monday, April 3, 1995. Husband of Helen (nee Weisseder), father of Walter T. Jr. and Dorothy M. Bird, brother of Martha Ballentine and grand-father of two. Funeral services were held at The MC CRACKEN FUNERAL HOME, 1500 Morris Ave., Union. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Hillside.

Delaney-Morris to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Delaney of Mountainside have announced the engagement of their daughter, Colleen, to Paul R. Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Morris of Philmont, N.Y.

Miss Delaney is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School and Siena College. She is employed by General Electric as a business systems analyst.

Mr. Morris is a graduate of Taconic Hills High School and Siena College. He is employed by Matthew Bender and Company Inc. as a programmer/analyst. A September wedding is planned.

Ryan Richard O'Donnell

A son, Ryan Richard, was born to William and Patrice O'Donnell of Springfield on March 20 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He weighed 7-pounds, 10-ounces and measured 19 inches. He joins a sister Allyssa and a brother William.

Mrs. O'Donnell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Paraventi of Sterling Heights, Mich. Her husband is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Martin O'Donnell of Buffalo, N.Y.

people in the news

Two continue training

Two Springfield residents, now serving in the Navy, entered new phases of training recently.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Robert M. Zentz, son of Donald and Mary Zentz of Meisel Avenue, recently graduated from the Navy's Basic Nuclear Power School.

During this training in Orlando, Fla., Zentz was taught the principles of science and engineering that are needed to design, construct, operate and perform maintenance on the Navy's nuclear propulsion plants.

Zentz joined the Navy after graduating from Jonathan Dayton High School in 1993.

Marine Corps Pfc. Scott Gerhardt, of Troy Drive, recently reported for

duty with 23rd Marines, Fourth Marine Division in Las Vegas.

Gerhardt joined the Marines in June 1994, after graduating with a bachelor's degree from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa.

9-year-old wins state championship

Caldwell School fourth-grader Lisa Sze became a state champion last month when she won first place on bars in the Level 8 state meet in Edison.

Sze trains at Eastern Gymnastics Academy in Cranford under coaches Jennifer Whinnery and Erin Hagen.

obituaries

Bella Krichman

Bella Krichman, 89, of Springfield died April 8 in her home.

Born in Ukraine, Mrs. Krichman lived in Springfield for many years. She was the owner of the Novelty Kiddie Shop, Newark, from 1944 to 1977 when she retired. Mrs. Krichman was a member of the Seniors Group and was chairwoman of the Sewing Group at Temple B'nai Jeshurun, Short Hills. She was a member of the Seniors Group of Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield. Mrs. Krichman also was a member of Hadassah and a life member of the National Council of Jewish Women. She was a member of the Current Events Club of the Millburn Library and Lifelong Learning at the YMHA of Millburn.

Surviving are two daughters, Carolyn Claire Wideman and Harriet

Permuter-Pilchik; a son, Monroe; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Meyer Yanowitz

Meyer Yanowitz, 85, of Springfield died April 8 in his home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Yanowitz lived in Hillside before moving to Springfield 35 years ago. He was a shoe salesman with the Castle Bootery of Westfield, when he retired a year ago. Mr. Yanowitz was a member of the Local 108 of the Shoe Salesmen's Union, the Springfield Lodge of the B'nai B'rith, the Young Men's Hebrew Club of Union and the Senior League of Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield.

Surviving are his wife, Freda; two daughters, Audrey Silverman and Lynn Frost; a son, Herbert; two step-

sons, Marvin and Robert Share; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Minnie Stewart

Minnie N. Stewart, 90, of Millford, Pa., formerly of Union and Springfield, died April 9 in Wayne Memorial Hospital, Honesdale.

Born in Philadelphia, Mrs. Stewart lived in Union and Springfield before moving to Millford last year. She was a member of the German-American Society of Tri-State, Port Jervis, N.Y.

Surviving are a son, Robert Adolph Niede; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday noon. Entertainment - Friday noon.

news clips

Sale scheduled

The Friends of the Springfield Public Library are now accepting donations of costume jewelry, household items, toys, etc. for a giant lobby sale on May 5 and 6.

Donations can be dropped off at the library, which is located at 66 Mountain Ave.

Going to Caesar's

The Ruth Estrin Goldberg Memorial for Cancer Research of Springfield will sponsor a trip to Caesar's Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City on April 23.

For more information, call 687-3211 or 687-1784.

Onion drive

Once again, the Mountainside Women's Club is selling Vidalia onions to raise money for scholarships.

A 10-pound bag will be delivered to the address of the buyer's choice. Make checks of \$14.95 payable to the Mountainside Women's Club, Inc. and mail them to Miriam Dudick, 1085 Sylvan Lane, Mountainside 07092.

Active retirees

The Mountainside Active Retirees have scheduled several events.

On April 25, the Rev. Jim Cyr will entertain the group with his storytelling talent.

Both events will be in Borough Hall at 10 a.m.

On April 27, the group will charter a bus to Birchwood Manor in Whippany for a variety show and luncheon. Reservations may be made by calling 232-3488.

Meeting rescheduled

The Springfield Mayor's Committee on Aging meeting scheduled for Friday has been postponed until April 21 in observance of Good Friday.

Singles meet

His & Hers Singles, the new introduction service for unmarried people, will have several affairs during the coming weeks.

On April 22 at 9 p.m. and April 28 at 9 p.m., the group will have dinners at Tower Steak House on Route 22 East in Mountainside.

Admission is \$12 and jackets are required.

For more information, call (201) 635-2888.

Parade of the century

The Borough is preparing for the parade of the century, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Mountainside, scheduled for June 3 at 10 a.m.

Marching bands, classic cars and dignitaries from across New Jersey will be on hand. A picnic will follow.

Holiday services

There will be a Good Friday service and Communion at 7:30 p.m. in the Mountainside Chapel, 1180 Spruce Drive.

Easter services

Holy Week and Easter services are scheduled at St. Stephen's Church, 119 Main St., Millburn, for today at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday, tomorrow at 10 a.m., noon, and 8 p.m.; and Easter Sunday, Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

The Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 p.m. will commemorate the last supper shared by Christ and his disciples with a simple family-style eucharist, celebrated by the Rector, the Rev. Cornelius C. Tarplee. Music at this service will include the anthem "Behold the Lamb of God" by Healey Willan sung by the Senior Choir under the direction of John Eric Floreen, Music Director and Organist. Preceding the service, a symbolic seder meal and covered dish supper will be served in the church parish hall at 6 p.m.

At 10 a.m. on Good Friday morning a passion pilgrimage designed with children in mind will retrace Jesus' steps to the Crucifixion, with stops at each station along the way to read from the Bible and pray. Children from St. Stephen's Church School will read the Biblical passages and identify the symbols of each station. This simple and direct observance is also open to adults.

From noon until 3 p.m. on Good Friday, the traditional hours of Christ's crucifixion will be marked with a somber service of Biblical readings and meditations led by the Rev. Tarplee. Churchgoers are invited to keep the three-hour vigil or to attend any portion of the service, as their schedules permit.

The Good Friday evening service at 8 p.m. will be a brief service of prayers and collects following the Proper Liturgy for Good Friday. This later service is offered particularly for those who cannot attend a Good Friday observance during the day.

On Easter morning, services of holy eucharist at 8 a.m. and festive choral eucharist at 10 a.m. will both be celebrated by the Rev. Tarplee, who will also preach the Easter sermon. Special music at the 10 a.m. service will feature trumpets, organ, choir and soloists under the direction of Floreen. A prelude for Easter scored for two trumpets and organ will announce the beginning of the service. The Senior Choir will offer two anthems with organ and trumpet accompaniment: Bach's "Alleluia, for

Christ the Lord is Risen" and "Day of Resurrection," composed for Easter by Dr. Floreen. Trumpets will echo again in "The Trumpet Shall Sound" from Handel's "Messiah" with Richard Cole of Springfield as bass soloist.

From 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, St. Stephen's is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt and Party for children affected by AIDS, for foster children, and for children of the parish, ages 4 to 8. A 7-foot Easter Bunny will share the fun and add to the festivities.

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Spring fling



Courtesy of Children's Specialized Hospital

Westfield resident Suzanne Jurgens buys a ticket to Children's Specialized Hospital's annual spring party. An afternoon of cocktails, lunch and a fashion show is scheduled for April 21. Tickets are priced at \$40 each and they can be obtained by calling 233-7974 or by visiting the hospital.

'Kapkowski bill' rejected by committee

At recent meeting of the Senate Natural Resources and Economic Development Committee, S-1760, otherwise known as the Kapkowski Road Super Mall legislation, was voted out of Committee unanimously. The bill, which will permit the creation of a land reclamation special improvement district in the Elizabeth Area in order to aid the economic development of the municipality, received bi-partisan support from the committee members.

"This is a victory for all residents and businesses alike in our region," said Senator Ray Lesniak, co-sponsor of the job stimulus bill with Senate President Donald DiFrancesco. "Passing this Committee in an unanimous vote is a tremendous victory in our effort to bring 5,000 permanent jobs and over 2 million man-hours of con-

struction work to area laborers. Ultimately, the project is expected to be responsible for over 18,000 new jobs," said the Senator.

The project is expected to generate approximately \$320 million of private investments and will create a host of new businesses and rateables for the City of Elizabeth. The new mall will sit on a 1.5 million square foot enclosed area and will encompass an overall plot of 166 acres, including a parking lot for several thousand cars.

"This was a joint effort between business political and community leaders throughout our County," said Lesniak. "Without the help of all parties involved, we would not have been able to advance this project."

Testifying on behalf of the legislation today was Elizabeth Mayor,

Christ Bollwage, Union County Freeholder Vice Chair Ed Force, Union County Administrator Ann Baran, Union County Central Labor Council President Ed Zarnock, Union County Economic Development Corporation President Maureen Tinan, Dr. Hank Ross of Kean College Economic & Community Development Department, New Jersey Regional Plan Director Linda Morgan and other local leaders.

The legislation now moves forward for consideration by the full Senate and will be heard before the Assembly Solid and Hazardous Waste Committee on March 9th.

"We are hoping to have this legislation passed by both houses and on the Governor's desk no later than the end of March," concluded Lesniak.

Use common sense at supermarket

By Andrew J. Stewart
Staff Writer

A little common sense in the supermarket can go a long way toward a cleaner environment, according to Rahway residents who made presentations at a Concerned Citizens of Union County forum on recycling and composting.

The group hosted the event Feb. 18 at the Rahway High School cafeteria to make people aware of how to reduce the amount of garbage they produce. Author and gardener Trina Paulus, who has been profiled in *The New York Times*, was at the forum to speak on composting, while members of the Rahway-based anti-incineration group spoke on techniques for reusing materials and cutting down the amount of trash that is sent to the incinerator.

A way to reduce the amount of non-recyclable trash in the home is to follow a system called green shopping, Concerned Citizens Treasurer Joanne Eash said. One of the ideas of green shopping is avoid buying materials that are packaged excessively or unnecessarily, she said.

As an example, she showed a coconut she bought recently in a local supermarket. The coconut was wrapped up in cellophane.

"Now what purpose is that?" Eash asked. "That is waste. We're adding this to the waste stream. It's going to burn in the incinerator."

Another tip Eash gave is to avoid buying products that individually wrap small portions for convenience in packing a lunch bag. Often such items as raisins or drink boxes come in cellophane-wrapped packages of six individual portions, which creates more trash. Eash recommended buying large boxes of raisins or large bottles of juice and putting them in reusable plastic containers to pack in lunches. In addition buying one large package is often less expensive than several small ones, she said.

"You're not only paying for the product you're using, you're paying for the packaging," Eash said. "The idea is if it's something you use a lot, you buy in bulk and re-use these containers."

Other items such as roll-on deodorants are sometimes unnecessarily packaged in boxes, while some sauce bottles are wrapped in paper bags.

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— Joanne Eash

One brand of dog biscuits also has its box in shrink wrap, which does not really affect the flavor or freshness of the biscuits, Eash said.

"Your dog doesn't care," Eash said of the shrink wrapping.

Eash also recommended buying recycled paper products, using paper cups instead of plastic cups and buying eggs in recyclable cardboard containers instead of ones made from Styrofoam, all of which can reduce the amount of garbage a home produces.

"You really have to be smart and think before you buy something," Eash said.

Similar theories apply to selecting cleaning materials for the household. Concerned Citizens member Kerri Blanchard said people have alternatives to commercially made cleaning fluids which contain toxic ingredients.

Blanchard recommended using more natural cleaners like oil soap in the house, which she said is very effective. A very effective disinfectant is tea tree oil, which can be made into an antiseptic cleaning solution by mixing two teaspoons of it with two cups of water, she said.

"It's a general antiseptic. You can use it on cuts and bruises," Blanchard said.

In addition, a scrubbing cleaner for areas like bathroom tiles can be made with a simple combination of baking soda, vinegar and salt, she said. The resulting paste is similar to abrasive cleansers and cleans just about anything off, she said.

Vinegar kept in a spray bottle is also very effective for cleaning windows, which can then be wiped clean with newspaper, which is also collected as a recyclable material, she said. Many people think the newsprint will come off on the windows, but that does not happen, she said.

"It comes off on your hands. It doesn't come off on your windows and it works really well," Blanchard said.

She also had some tips for the use and removal of pesticides. Keeping the lawn cut a little higher can stop rain from washing the pesticides onto the sidewalk where they can be picked up by animals, and a limited use of the pesticides in the first place can be more effective than using large amounts, she said.

"You don't want to treat for every bug under the sun. You want to address the specific problems," Blanchard said.

To remove pesticides from foods a solution of one gallon of water and two tablespoons of lemon juice creates a bath that will remove the chemicals, she said.

People with babies can be more environmentally conscious by using cloth diapers instead of the disposable plastic kind, Elise Bochicchio said. There are pros and cons to each type of diaper, but the cloth diapers are reusable and create less solid waste, she said.

"The real difference is the type of waste produced," she said. Washing cloth diapers creates more water waste than simply throwing away plastic diapers, but all plastic diapers find their way into the solid waste stream, she added.

Old calendars and magazine photos can also be re-used instead of being thrown away. Mary Messe uses the photographs from calendars on her stationary. She wraps envelopes with the photos to provide a more artistic touch to the letters and greeting cards she sends to friends. An adhesive label is used for the sending and return addresses.

"I think these calendars are great because the scenes are so beautiful," Messe said.

worship calendar

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

CALVARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD 953 W. Chestnut St., Union, 964-1133. Pastor: Rev. John W. Bechtel. Sunday School 9:30 AM, Worship Service 10:45 AM, Sunday Evening Service 6:30 PM, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7:30 PM.

BAPTIST

CLINTON HILL BAPTIST CHURCH "Where the Bible Comes Alive" 2815 Morris Ave., Union, (908) 687-9440. Reverend Tom Sigley, Pastor-Teacher. WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Sunday: 9:45 AM - Sunday Bible School for all ages, multiple adult electives are offered each quarter on relevant life topics, nursery care & a children's department (with a puppet ministry). 11:00 AM - Fellowship of Worship. We offer a celebration service which combines a blend of contemporary and traditional worship style; weekly children's sermon, children's church & nursery care is provided. 4:00 PM Tree Climbers for boys ages 5-7 and their dads. 6:00 PM - Family Gospel Hour, nursery care provided; rehearsal for spring musical play for children. Monday: 6:30 AM - Early Morning Prayer Meeting. 7:00 PM - Boy's Battalion (grades 7-12). Tuesday: 8:00 PM - Overeaters Victorious. Wednesday: 9:15 AM MOPS, young mothers of preschoolers and schoolers; child care & program provided; meets every 2nd & 4th Wednesday. 10:00 AM - Keenager Bible Study, for senior adults, meets every 1st & 3rd Wednesday. 7:30 PM Prayer & Praise, current Bible Book Study in "THE REVELATION OF Jesus Christ." Thursday: 10:00 AM - Women's Faithful Workers meets every 2nd Thursday. Friday: 7:00 PM, Pioneer Girls for girls in 2nd - 9th grades. 7:00 PM - Christian Service Brigade for boys 3rd - 6th grades. Saturday: 7:00 PM Youth Group for students in 7th - 12th grades. 7:00-10:00 PM Union's Coffee House. Union's Coffee House meets every second Saturday of the month, contemporary music, food, FREE! All are invited. There are numerous Home Bible studies that meet during the week in Union and surrounding communities, call for information. For FREE information packet please call (908) 687-9440.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of VAUXHALL 5 Hilton Ave., Vauxhall, N.J. Church office, (908) 687-3414. Pastor: Dr. Marion J. Franklin, Jr., Pastor. Sunday School - All ages - 9:30 am; Sunday Morning Worship Service including Nursery room facilities and Mother's Room - 11:00 am; Weekly Services: Mondays - Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7:30 pm. Tuesdays - Tuesday Evening Fellowship of Prayer & Pastor's Bible Class 7:30 PM. Wednesdays - Voices of First Baptist Rehearsal - 6:00 pm - Tutorial Program from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - First Baptist Inspirational Rehearsal - 7:30 pm Thursdays - Thursday Morning Prayer 6:30 am - 7:45 am; Saturdays - Every 2nd & 4th Saturday Youth Choir Rehearsal - 11:00 am. First Sunday of each month - Holy Communion. Call the church office if transportation is needed. (908) 687-3414.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Colonial Ave. and Thoreau Terr., Union, Rev. Robert Fox, Interim Minister. Church phone: (908) 688-4975. Sunday services: 9:45 AM - Sunday School for all ages; 11:00 AM - Morning Worship (with nursery provisions available through Grade 4); 7:00 PM - Evening Praise Service, Informal Bible Study, Wednesday: 6:45 PM - Middle School/Senior High Youth Fellowship at the Church; 7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study; 8:10 PM - Chancel Choir rehearsal. Monthly meetings include: Singles' Group, Couples' Bible Study; Missionary Circles for ladies; Men's Fellowship Breakfast every third Saturday (7:30 AM). Wide range of musical opportunities for children, youth and adults in choirs, handbell choirs and instrumental ensem-

bles. This church provides barrier free accessibility to all services and programs. A cordial welcome awaits all visitors at all of our services and programs.

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH "Declaring His Excellence Sharing His Love" 242 Shunpike Rd., Springfield, Reverend Frederick R. Mackey, Senior Pastor; Reverend Edward Muska, Youth Pastor. Sunday: 9:45 AM Bible School for all ages, electives for adults. 11:00 AM Worship Service, Nursery Care and Children's Church. 6:00 PM Evening Service, Nursery Care. Wednesday: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study; Junior/Senior High Koinonia. Active youth program; Cross-Cultural Ministry; Senior's Luncheon 3rd Thursday 11:00 AM; Woman's Prayer Watch, Music Program. Ample parking. Church is equipped with chair lift. All are invited and welcomed with us. For further information contact church office (201) 379-4351.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 2933 Vauxhall Road, Vauxhall, Millburn Mall Suite 6. Meets Sunday 10:00am Bible Study, 11:00am Worship Service 6:00 pm Evening Service. Wed. 7:30 pm Bible Study. We are offering a FREE Bible Correspondence course with no obligation, or private Bible Study in your own home at your convenience. Free for the asking. Harry Persaud, Evangelist. 908-964-6356.

CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST

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EPISCOPAL

ST. LUKE & ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH 398 Chestnut Street, Union 688-7253. Sunday Worship Service at 9 a.m. Morning Prayer Tuesday and Thursday, 9:15 a.m. The Rev. A. Wayne Bowers, Vicar and The Rev. Philip Wong, Associate Priest. Chinese School Saturday afternoon 2:30-5:00 p.m. for children and adults. Computer interest group, first Saturday of month 3:30-5:00 p.m. Chinese Bible Study Saturday, 8-9 p.m. The Chinese Community Center provides job training activity and services, call for more information. Anyone interested in a Chinese Language Church Service, call Fr. Wong, 1-201-998-7934 or 1-908-688-7253.

JEWISH CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH AHIM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 376-0539. Perry Raphael Rank, Rabbi; Richard Nadel, Cantor; Jack Goldman, President. Beth Ahim is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekly services (including Sunday evening and Friday morning) are conducted at 7:00 AM & 7:45 PM; Shabbat (Friday) evening: 8:30 PM; Shabbat day: 9:30 AM & sunset; Sunday, festival & holiday mornings: 9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third-seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesdays. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Nursery School, Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for fifth

through twelfth graders, and a busy Adult Education program. A Seniors' League meets regularly. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

JEWISH - ORTHODOX

CONGREGATION ISRAEL 339 Mountain Avenue, Springfield 467-9666. Daily services 6:30, 7:15 AM - 7:15 PM or at sunset. During the summer, evening services at sunset. During the winter, evening services at 7:15 PM. Classes are held in Maimonides, Sunday, 8:30 AM. During the winter months, we offer Torah study between mincha and ma'ariv, and during the summer months we offer a session in Jewish ethics, 45 minutes before mincha, after which we join for seuda shel shabbat fellowship. On Wednesday evenings after 8:00 PM, or ma'ariv services, our Talmud study group meets. Sisterhood meets the second Tuesday evening of every month, and our Boy Scout Troop meets on Wednesday evenings. Please call our office for information concerning our NCSY youth group, nursery school, summer day camp, etc. and our special programs at 201-467-9666. Office hours, Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Friday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, summer hours, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Rabbi Alan J. Yuter and Rabbi Israel E. Turner, Emeritus.

JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHAR'AY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (201) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor; Rene Bolton, Education Director; Debbie Berger, Pre-School Director; William Moesch, President. Temple Sh'aray Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:30 PM, with monthly Family Services at 8:00 PM. Saturday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-3; on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7; and Tuesday evenings for post-bar mitzvah students. Pre-school, classes are available for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (201) 379-5387.

JEWISH - TRADITIONAL CONSERVATIVE

CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM Affiliated with the United Synagogue of America, Vauxhall Road and Plane Street, Union, 686-6773. Harold Gottesman, Cantor; David Gelband, President. Congregation Beth Shalom is an affiliated Traditional Conservative Synagogue. Daily Services - Mon. & Thurs 6:45 A.M. Tues., Wed. & Fri 7:30 A.M. Civil holidays and Sunday morning Services - 8:30 A.M. Shabbat Services - Friday - 8:30 PM, Saturday, 9:15 AM. The new creative Elementary Hebrew School meets Sundays 9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon.

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF UNION 2372 Morris Avenue, Union, 687-2120. Meyer Korbman, Rabbi; Hillel Sadowitz, Cantor; Esther Avnet, President; Hadassah Goldfischer, Principal. Temple Israel of Union is a traditional Conservative Congregation with programs for all ages. Friday Services 8:30 PM. Saturday Services 9:00 AM Mincha 5:30 PM. Sunday Tallis and Tefillin 9:00 AM. Religious School with a full time Principal. Grades Three through Seven meet Sundays 9:10-10:30 AM and Mondays & Wednesdays - 4-5:30 PM Primer Class for

Grades One and Two, Sundays - 9-10:30 AM. Adult Hebrew Classes including Bar and Bat Mitzvah Preparation - Thursdays - 8-10 PM. Temple Israel sponsors programs and activities for Youth Groups Grades Seven through Twelve. We also have a very active Sisterhood and Men's Club.

LUTHERAN

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HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 301 Tucker Ave., Union 688-0714. Slovak Worship 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., English Worship 11:00 a.m. Communion on first and third Sunday of every month.

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METHODIST

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11:00 A.M. United Methodist Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12); 4:00 P.M. Sanctuary Choir (Sr. High Youth & Adults); Wednesdays at 8:00 P.M. Prayer Phone: (908) 245-2159. All are welcome!

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SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 40 Church Mall, Springfield, Rev. J. Paul Griffith, Pastor. SUNDAY MORNING CHURCH SERVICE 10:30 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL RECONVENES 9:15 A.M. Church is equipped with a chair lift to Sanctuary for Handicapped and Elderly.

MORAVIAN

BATTLE HILL COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH 777 Liberty Avenue, Union, 686-5262. Pastor John Jackman, Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Service of Worship, 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided. First Sunday every month Fellowship Hour after Worship. Prayer Group every Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Study every Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Women's groups meet first Tuesday 7:30 p.m. and first Thursday 1:30 p.m. monthly. New Jersey Chrysantheum Society second Friday of month 8:00 p.m. (except Jan., Jul. & Aug.). For more information call the Church Office.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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PRESBYTERIAN

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SPORTS

Dayton SB team wins first, baseball squad still trying

Rapczynski raps HR, Mack smacks grand slam

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

As both teams were scheduled to play their first game of the week on Tuesday, the Dayton Regional High School softball team had its first win of the season neatly tucked away while the Bulldogs' baseball squad was still searching for its first triumph.

It may be time for the Dayton baseball team to see what its made of.

The Bulldogs began the week with an inauspicious 0-3 start and embarked on a five-game road swing that began in Somerville Tuesday against Immaculata.

The first week of the season was not too kind to Dayton, as the Bulldogs first lost a 2-1 game in the bottom of the seventh to host Millburn April 1 and were topped at home by North Plainfield 10-7 Friday. The roof "caved in" Saturday as Dayton fell to rival Johnson Regional 22-2 in the Millburn Tournament consolation game. Dayton led 2-0 in the fourth inning before its pitching and defense began to erode.

"Some of our players have hit the ball well, but our pitching and defense has to improve," Dayton head coach Rick Iacona said. "We're not going to score a lot of runs, so we've got to play defense and get some pitching to make a few runs matter."

Dayton, which finished 13-8 last year, is missing the senior leadership provided by the likes of 1994 All-County players Peter Kucharski and Carlos Lucyk.

Perhaps the return of senior centerfielder Chris Reino to the lineup, he missed the team's first three games, will provide a spark. Reino enters the season with a three-year varsity lifetime batting average over .400.

The Bulldogs' pitching staff consists of senior lefthander Steve Florio, sophomore lefty Jim Lehnhoff, senior righty Bob Brede, junior righty Andy Steir and senior righty Brian Hart.

Senior Jason Perez handles the catching chores. The infield consists of senior Alex Colatruaglia at first, senior Rich McNanna at second, senior Bob Gardella at third and senior Roberto Tarantino at shortstop.

The outfield is made up of senior Joe Cioffi in left, Reino in center and either Lehnhoff or Florio in right. "We didn't play that bad against Millburn and hit the ball pretty well against North Plainfield," Iacona said.

Lehnhoff allowed just one hit and struck out nine in pitching the first five innings against Millburn, getting a no-decision.

"I don't feel that our talent is as bad as we're achieving at the moment," Iacona said.

Bulldogs belt North Plainfield

Senior standout shortstop Linda Rapczynski helped the Dayton softball team win its first game of the year by rapping a two-run homer and two triples, leading the Bulldogs past North Plainfield 19-5 in Mountain Valley Conference Mountain Division action last Friday in North Plainfield.

Rapczynski drove in six runs to help Dayton improve to 1-3. Dayton began the season with non-conference losses against Watchung Conference teams Rahway 18-4 April 3 and Scotch Plains 19-3 April 5.

Karyn Mack smacked a grand slam and Julia Keller had a two-run homer, two doubles and two singles for Dayton.

Dayton, guided this year by former Elizabeth coach Frank Casso, began the week with a home game against Immaculata Tuesday and a road game against Bernardsville yesterday.



Linda Rapczynski
...senior shortstop



Steve Florio
...senior lefthander

NFL Draft Review Party this Wednesday in Clark

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

An NFL Draft Review Party will be held Wednesday (April 19) from 5-7 p.m. at the Clark American Legion Hall, corner of Liberty Street and Westfield Avenue in Clark.

Local NFL players Tony Siragusa of the Indianapolis Colts, Todd Burger of the Chicago Bears and Mike Chalenski of the Philadelphia Eagles will sign photos and discuss the upcoming draft and other NFL news.

Siragusa and Chalenski played their high school ball at Brearley Regional in Kenilworth and Burger at Johnson Regional in Clark. Siragusa played his college ball at Pittsburgh, Chalenski at Pitt and UCLA and Bur-

ger at Big 10 champion Penn State.

All three played in the Mountain Valley Conference along with Keith Loneker of Roselle Park, who plays for the Los Angeles Rams and who attended Kansas.

Not many small high school conferences can say that they have four players performing in the NFL at the same time.

All professional, college and high school football fans are invited to join the event, which includes videos and interviews.

Tickets may be obtained by contacting Ken Drake at 388-7224, Charles Serson at 388-0629, Brian Hirth at 654-1248 or Carmine Rossetti at 272-1971.

Mount. Valley Conference boys' hoop teams picked

Some of the top boys' basketball players in Union County come from the Mountain Valley Conference. This year's conference champs were Roselle in the Mountain Division and New Providence in the Valley Division.

Both have players on this year's All-Conference teams.

Here's a look at the Mountain Division and Valley Division squads:

MOUNTAIN DIVISION

First-Team: Malcolm Smith, Roselle. Rasheed Sparks, Newark Central. Dave Boff, Governor Livingston. Kirt Durrette, Hillside. Rahim Alexander, Roselle.

Second-Team: Damion Dunn, Hillside. Matt Paszko, Roselle Catholic. Jon Torgriksen, Immaculata. Scott Reddy, Governor Livingston. Tony DeSousa, Roselle Catholic.

VALLEY DIVISION

First-Team: Sean Smith, New Providence. Mike Rottmann, Roselle Park. Martin Ferreiro, St. Mary's. Dan Conroy, North Plainfield. Scott Hudson, Ridge.

Second-Team: Chris Yarashas, Bound Brook. Rico Baptiste, St. Mary's. Casey Rust, New Providence. Steve Novak, North Plainfield. Jim Hamilton, Oratory.

Seniors are getting chance

Softball league recruiting players age 50 and older

The Union County Senior Softball League is recruiting players age 50 and older.

Senior softball offers the same enjoyment as regular softball, but there are some significant rule changes designed to help the players:

- To avoid collisions, players can't touch home plate. In addition, catchers must touch home plate before runners touch a second home plate several feet away, thus avoiding collisions.
- There is a "commitment line" halfway between third base and home. After a runner passes that line he can't return to third base and must go home.
- There are two first bases. On a close play the runner must run to the outside bag while the first baseman goes to the inside bag.

The senior softball league has given corporate executives, businessmen and players from every possible occupation — including retirees — the opportunity to compete.

Some of the waistlines have expanded a few inches, the temples are grayer and the hair is thinner, but these players don't seem to mind and they are bent on playing softball until they can go no further.

"You can't tell our age by the way we play or the way we act. Everybody hustles," one player said.

"It's a disease that you catch when you first hear the crack of the bat and you never get cured. We love it!" another said.

"Senior softball is definitely here to stay," one player exclaimed. "As long as I can walk, I'll be playing. If I can swing a bat and walk to first base, I'll play."

"The enjoyment and competition are what makes it all worthwhile," another said.

Any man age 50 or older and a resident of Union County is eligible to participate in the league. More information may be obtained by contacting Tony Muccia at (908) 272-3140.

"You're playing against your age and there is good competition," one player said. "Once you have that competitive desire to win, it never leaves you." "Ever since I was young, I loved to play ball," another said. "It's good for older guys to get some exercise. It helps keep you in shape."

Sharp Shooters to run in June, July

Kean College men's basketball coach Mike Gatley will be directing the Sharp Shooters camps and clinics at Kean College, Marmora and Somers Point.

The clinics will run each Saturday during June and July from 10 a.m. to noon at Kean College.

Topics include: shooting, ball-handling, guard and big men skills, passing, rebounding and defense.

Clinic cost is \$25, which includes an Adidas T-Shirt and certificate of achievement.

Camp dates are: July 17-21 at Marmora, July 31-Aug. 4 at Kean, Aug. 7-11 at Somers Point, Aug. 14-18 at Ocean City.

The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily, with emphasis on individual team competition, sportsmanship and the development of the student athlete.

Discount rates will be available and camp gifts will be given to the first 50 campers registered at each camp. Camp cost is \$100.

More information may be obtained by calling Gatley at 908-527-2995 or 609-448-6128.

Sports Camps

Somogyi Shooting

The seventh annual John Somogyi Shooting Camp, directed by John Somogyi and Neil Horne, will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 24-25 at St. Peter's High School in New Brunswick.

The camp, open to boys and girls ages 9-17, will include two 3½ hour sessions that will enable players to improve on their shooting techniques and give them individual and partner drills for further practice.

Each player will have his/her shot videotaped and analyzed during this two-day period.

More information may be obtained by calling Somogyi at 908-846-8928. Early registration is suggested, as last year's camp was filled by May 15.

The Central Jersey Basketball Camp, directed by Somerville High School athletic director Neil Horne, Watchung Hills boys' basketball

coach Wayman Everly and Union Catholic girls' basketball coach Kathy Matthews, will be held for two six-day sessions in July.

The camp, located on the campus of the Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville, is in its 22nd year of operation and has proven to be one of the most successful resident basketball camps in the area with over 400 boys and girls attending the camp last summer. The camp staff is composed primarily of high school coaches and college players from Union, Somerset, Hunterdon, Monmouth, Middlesex and Mercer counties.

The first week of camp for boys and girls ages 9-17 will be held from Sunday, July 16 to Friday, July 21. The second week will run from Sunday, July 23 to Friday, July 28.

A boy may attend camp for either or both sessions, while girls may attend the first week only.

More information may be obtained by calling Horne at 908-654-5691 or Everly at 908-654-5424 any evening, or write to Horne at 627 Hanford Place, Westfield, N.J. 07090.

Youth Football

New York Giants football player Michael Strahan is proud to announce he will be holding a youth instructional football camp for the second year.

The overnight and day program will be held at Kutztown University in Kutztown, Pa. from June 27-July 2.

The program is for boys ages 8-18 and features instruction from the New York Giants and top college coaches.

"There needs to be more camps like the Michael Strahan Football Camp," former Giants running back and Super Bowl XXV MVP Otis Anderson said. "I have been to several, but I can't think of any that's better than Michael's."

New York Giants that will instruct at the camp include All-Pro running back Rodney Hampton, Dave Brown, Howard Cross, Jumbo Elliot, Carlton Bailey, Lance Smith, Brian Williams, Jesse Armstead, Keith Elias and many more. Strahan will be at the camp 24 hours a day.

More information may be obtained by calling the Michael Strahan Football Camp at 1-800-466-6888.

UCC's 5K Spring Run set for Sunday morning, May 7

Union County College's 11th annual 5K Spring Run, which generally attracts hundreds of runners from throughout the metropolitan area, will be held Sunday, May 7 at the school's Cranford campus.

The 5K race, to commence at 10 a.m., will be preceded by a one-mile Fun Run at 9:30 for persons who wish to use the shorter distance course as a warmup for the more strenuous race, or for those who simply prefer a less challenging run.

The course, accurately measured by a surveyor's wheel, will cover a flat surface on the campus, as well as in Nomahegan Park across the street. Mileage markers will be available to designate already-run distances. A large, digital clock and electronic printing timer will be provided, as well as computerized scoring and postcard results.

Custom-designed T-shirts will be distributed to all pre-registrants, with post-registrants who sign up on the day of the race given T-shirts upon availability.

Runners will be divided up into the following age groups, each of which will be separate for male and female: 14 and under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and over.

Pre-registration forms must be received by Monday, May 1. Check-in and post-registration will be conducted from 8-9:15 on the day of the race.

Cost for the race participation is \$7 for pre-registrants of the 5K race and \$6 for Fun Run racers. Post-registrants will pay \$8 and \$7, respectively.

More information may be obtained by calling 908-709-7091.

Jersey Girls seeking players

Jersey Girls, Union County's premier softball team, is looking for talented high school players interested in playing 16-and-under or 18-and-under fast-pitch softball this summer. Experienced coaches for a 16-and-under team are also sought. Interested players and coaches may contact Rich McDonald at 908-964-0123.

Seven-A-Side soccer at Kean

If you're looking for exciting soccer games against people your age, then every Thursday from June 15 through the beginning of August, Kean College will be the place to be.

The 1995 edition of the Seven-A-Side Soccer League is now accepting teams.

There are six different divisions including high school boys, high school girls, men's division, women's division, men over 30 and women over 30.

The games will start at 6 p.m. at the Kean College East Campus. Rain-outs will be made up the next day at the same scheduled time.

The \$490 registration fee includes league insurance, referee fees, 12-Reebok-T-Shirts per team and trophies for first- and second-place teams.

More information may be obtained by calling Tony Ochrimenko at 908-527-2936.

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Prevention is key to combatting burglaries

Several million residential burglaries occurred last year — about one every six seconds. Unfortunately, the worst is yet to come, as the U.S. Department of Justice projects that three out of four homes will be burglarized during the next 20 years.

How can you protect yourself?

"The best defense is to be at home all the time," says Mike Einstein, director of consumer products marketing for Intermatic Inc., a manufacturer of home security and lighting control products. "Since that's not practical, the next best solution is to make it look like you're home when you're not."

Burglars generally want to work quietly, quickly and undetected. The challenge for homeowners is to either discourage burglars before they strike or scare them away by drawing attention to them.

Household timers can play a key role in giving homes a "lived-in" look. For example, set a lamp and appliance timer to turn a television on in the family room at 7:30 p.m. and off at 10 p.m. A bedroom timer can turn a light on at 10 p.m. and off 30 minutes later.

For added security when away from home, Einstein recommends using security timers with a random pattern that turns them on and off at slightly different times each day, eliminating a predictable timer-controlled look. Another option is a programmable timer that allows for scheduling on/off times each day, making it perfect for vacations.

"Timers are a basic, inexpensive preventive measure readily available to every homeowner," said Einstein. "Studies also show that they're extremely effective."

While a house filled with light makes homes less inviting to potential burglars, sound-activated security switches provide an extra measure of deterrence. These devices are designed to turn on lights when sound is detected. They feature an adjustable sound-sensing setting and also help save energy by turning lights on only when they're needed.

According to Einstein, the most fundamental step homeowners can take to discourage break-ins is to make the outsides of their homes less inviting. He suggests installing a floodlight in dark alleys or walkways that could be inviting to a burglar.

Similarly, low voltage outdoor lights can be used to highlight landscape. Because the lights use 12-volt current, a typical set costs just pennies per night to operate. Installation requires a few basic tools.

"Almost everybody has a friend or relative who has been burglarized," said Einstein. "Odds are, it will happen this year or next to someone you know. When you consider that the average value of items stolen in a burglary is about \$1,000, the cost of protecting your home is a worthwhile investment. It's certainly much less expensive than gambling that you won't be victimized — and losing."

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Most cooling systems require very little owner maintenance. However, operating your unit while dirty can result in an unnecessary loss of efficiency and can damage the unit.

"Consumers generally don't realize they play a vital role in making sure their cooling systems operate at peak performance to maximize home comfort and money savings," DiGangi said.

Although its best if a qualified service technician handles major maintenance tasks, service experts at Polar-Air offer homeowners these tips to ensure a more comfortable summer:

- ♦ Trim brush and shrubbery surrounding outdoor units to prevent airflow obstruction.
- ♦ Make sure your outdoor coil is free from grass clippings, leaves and other debris.
- ♦ Make sure your indoor unit's filter and blower are clean.
- ♦ Keep in mind, a properly ventilated attic can reduce your system's cooling load.

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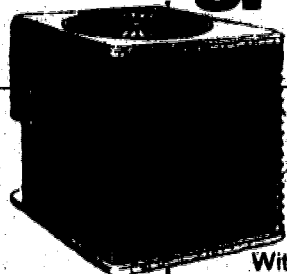
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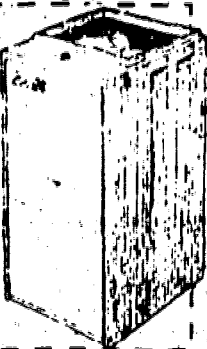
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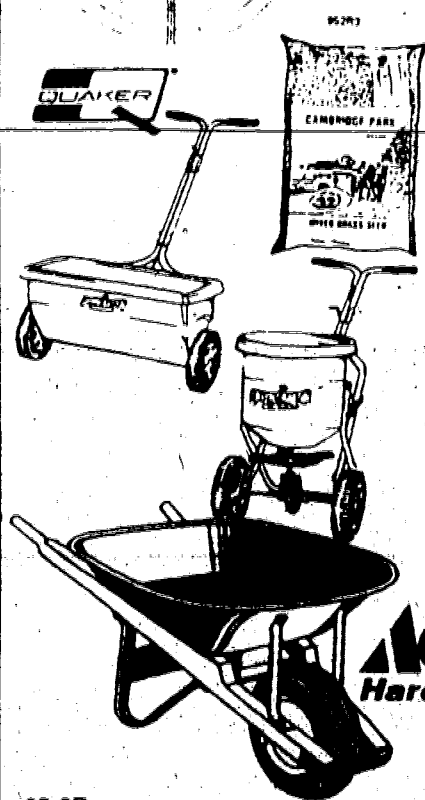
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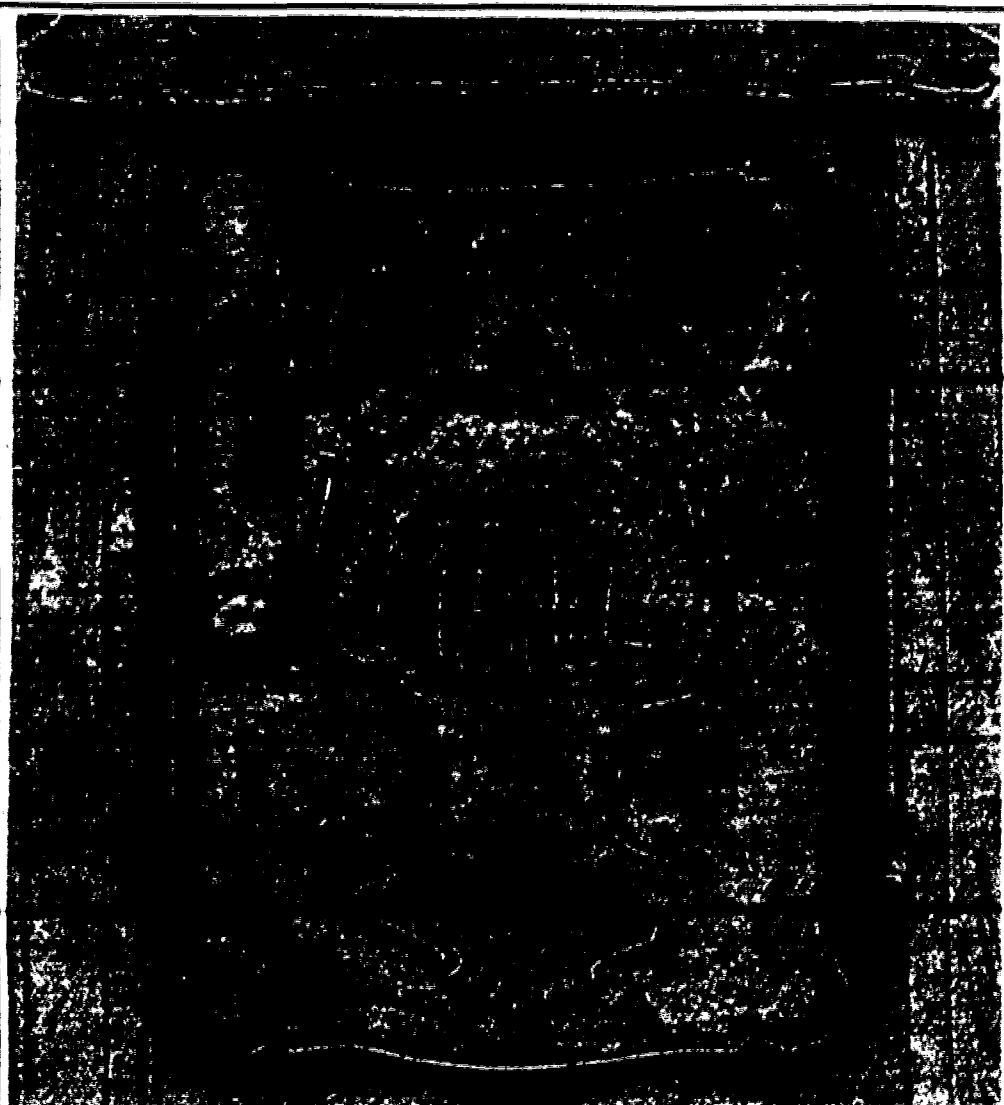
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The one style which continues to be popular are the swags and cascades — sometimes referred to as festoons and jabots. In nearly every historic period, the swag has graced windows to a lesser or greater degree of formality and this is the aspect that has gained them such popularity — from the formal design of traditional swags and cascades, to the casual scarf and pole wrap designs. Decorative rods have increased in popularity and help enhance draperies. Wrought iron and brass poles create an old world style treatment. With wood poles, the options in color and texture become endless. Recently, companies have expanded their line of rod sizes and decorative finials for an individualistic appeal. Look for more attention to be drawn to these fancy rods in the future.

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Hard window treatments are equally as important as fabric treatments and have lasted throughout the years, proving their worth in terms of beauty, durability and ease of maintenance. Hard treatments such as blinds, shades and shutters are made of metal, fabric or wood.

Metal blinds such as the micro- and mini-blinds have been an ongoing force in today's market. These blinds vary in quality, which is reflected in the price; it is important to select a blind that fits your need. Manufacturers continue to improve vertical blinds. Offered in a

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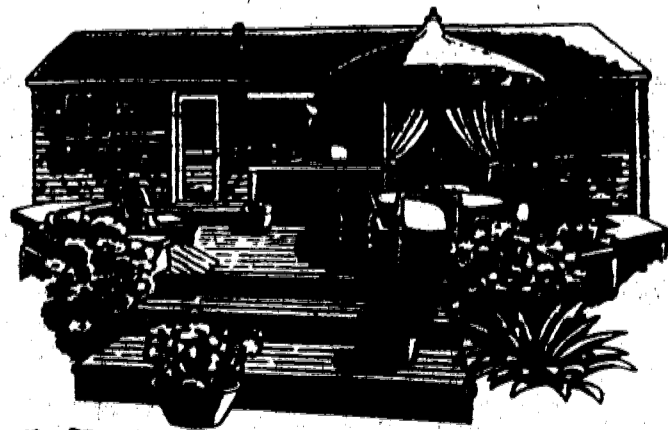
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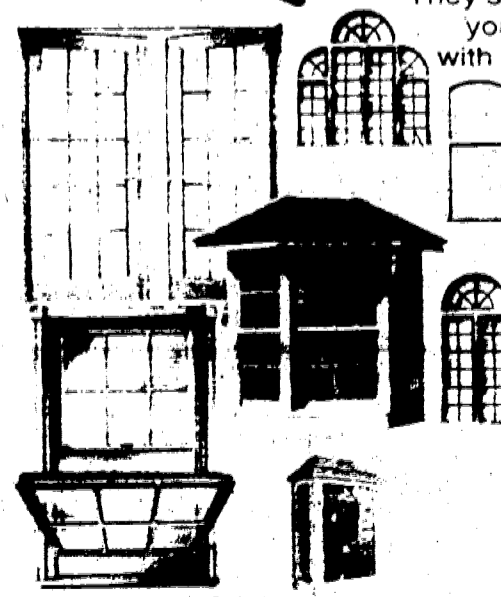
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"Some people do not realize that certain layouts do not do justice for the specific building. In other words, you should not design a modern look for a colonial home," Shields said.

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Investing in a landscape upgrade



Steve Shields is the owner of Shields Landscaping Contracting in Cranford.

increases the value of one's property by as much as 25 percent.

Shields' establishment is located in Cranford; however, he works throughout the state. He said that no matter how big or small, everyone should keep their

property well-maintained and landscaped.

"It does not cost a fortune to plant some perennials or mulch. Landscape and watch your investment blossom," he said.

Product lines are upgraded

Congoleum Corporation of Mercerville has expanded its Medalist product line by adding the new design "Brittany." In addition, new colorations have been added to the existing Medalist "Terrace Tile" and "Makefield Place" patterns.

"Medalist has consistently performed well for us since its introduction in 1989," said Leonard Ludovico, Congoleum vice president of product styling and design. "We felt that by incorporating these exciting new design elements, which represent the results of constant, ongoing research into our customers' color and design preferences, we could make an already winning line into a real champion."

Brittany, a contemporary-styled design, is offered in four colorations: Rose/Swedish Blue, Toast/NuPeach, Midnight Green/Navy and Black/Charcoal.

The new colorations have been added to broaden and update existing patterns include Warm White, which has been added to "Terrace Tile," and Light Platinum, added to "Makefield Place."

Medalist sheet vinyl flooring offers a no-wax, satin-gloss finish and Bac Stop Mildew Protection. The product's Chromabond wearlayer furnishes it with superior stain resistance. The product also offers a 10-year limited warranty against wear and manufacturing defects, and 5-year warranty coverage on Bac Stop features.

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New flooring is part of any decorating scheme

Most people probably don't think about flooring often, but getting a new floor can give an unexpected boost to any room. It will freshen it up and help more clearly tie together a decorating scheme.

Commonly, it is the kitchen and bath that homeowners remodel. These rooms are probably the ones that get the most use, are considered the "showcase" rooms of the home that help it sell when it is put on the market, and they are also the rooms which guests see more often. Yes, even the kitchen, as it has in recent years become not only a place to cook food, but where family and friends gather in a casual and unpretentious space, to share in preparing a meal and have conversation. When having a casual party in the home, it's the kitchen where most people congregate.

With this in mind, flooring is needed for the kitchen or for the bath that looks good enough for guests, can stand up to the added wear and tear, and most importantly, minimize the time needed to spend to keep it looking tidy. A sensible choice that has come a long way in terms of style and durability, is resilient, or vinyl flooring. The Resilient Floor Covering Institute, a professional association of resilient flooring manufacturers, offers the following suggestions to help make shopping for resilient flooring a little easier.

Vinyl tile or sheet vinyl? Each offers specific features one may find preferable to suit their needs. Sheet vinyl, for instance, can be installed quickly and offers a clean, virtually seamless look. It is generally available in

both 6- and 12-foot widths. Vinyl tile, on the other hand, offers unlimited customizing options and do-it-yourself possibilities. Its convenient size, usually 9- or 12-inch squares, allows for its and same-day installation.

How flexible is your budget? Will your budget determine the "look" you want or will the "look" determine the budget? Also, in general, vinyl tile is sold by the square foot, sheet vinyl by the square yard. Be careful to calculate the cost of the different flooring being considered in terms of one measure or the other. Whether going high-end or for an entry-level product, there are a broad selection of stylish choices.

One of the prime benefits of any resilient flooring is its durability and scuff, stain and scratch resistance. This translates to a low level of maintenance as compared with other types of flooring that may require substantive upkeep, like waxing, polishing and buffing. A recent RFCI survey shows that consumers find vinyl flooring easiest to maintain, a finding supported by vinyl's 72 percent market share in kitchens. This is so because vinyl flooring is an entirely man-made product and manufacturers have been able to develop scuff-and stain resistant features to keep step with people's needs for fuss-free household products.

If the safety of children and/or pets will be key to flooring choice, resilient flooring can provide somewhat more cushioning against falls and mishaps than ceramic and wood. It is also easier on the feet when standing for long periods of time. Dishes dropped on a

resilient floor will be less likely to break and shatter as they would on very hard surfaces like ceramic or marble.

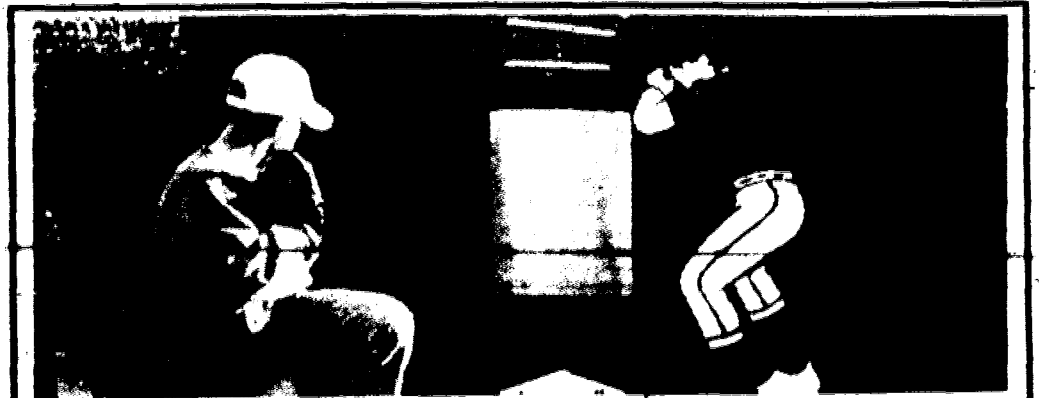
Design options are extensive. Today, there are more choices than ever before in resilient flooring. In both sheet and tile form, choose faux marble, ceramic, wood, stone, mosaic or colorful all-over pebbly designs or geometrics. Vinyl tile offers opportunities to create accent borders and insets with special feature strips and shapes that can be purchased with the tile.

If budget is a concern, do-it-yourself installation can be a good place to save. While a cut piece of sheet vinyl is a bit more unwieldy and perhaps best handled by a professional, all manufacturers provide installation instructions. Do not sacrifice style,

however, when doing it yourself. The selections available in D-I-Y vinyl tile are quite extensive.

There are a myriad of resilient flooring choices available today. Finding a flooring design and color that coordinates with other decorative finishes like countertops, wall-coverings, window coverings and cabinets. Be sure to bring swatches and samples with when visiting a flooring retailer, including carpet swatches from adjoining rooms. A retailer flooring store should also be able to provide samples to take home as well.

All resilient flooring manufacturers offer warranties on their products. The more expensive the product, the more extensive the warranty coverage. Note the terms of the warranty of any floor purchased.



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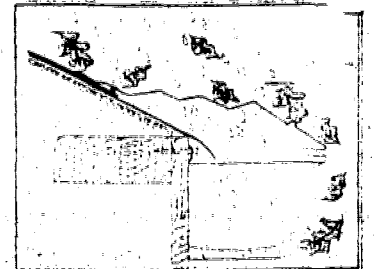
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Options are plentiful when selecting a new floor

Anyone who has decided to go with a new floor, whether it is in the kitchen, bath or any other room, don't puzzle over how to harmonize it with an existing home style or with an entirely new plan or remodeling project.

The Resilient Floor Covering Institute, a professional association of vinyl flooring manufacturers, offers the following suggestions to smooth the process.

Top down or bottom up? When remodeling a room entirely or planning a brand-new home, it can be helpful to decide right away if flooring will be a background element or a strong design statement that actively supports the rest of the decorating scheme. More than half, or 56 percent of respondents to a recent RFCI survey said buying new flooring was part of a larger remodeling project involving the replacement of cabinets, fixtures, appliances and other room elements.

If it is preferable that flooring take a backseat, then pick a muted and neutral pattern and color with a lot of flexibility and plan the rest of the room from there. Otherwise, wait until the major elements of the plan have been worked out — for instance, cabinetry, flooring in adjoining rooms, appliance colors and countertops — before trying to bring in the flooring. This is a safe way to proceed if opting for resilient flooring because of the incredibly vast numbers of designs and colors available, probably more than any other type of flooring. Plus, many resilient flooring manufacturers are now working together with manufacturers of other decorative home products like wall-

coverings and counter laminates to make the selection process easier.

Decide on an overall plan before going to the stores. It is a good idea to have a general idea of the look being sought, be it contemporary, eclectic, country, or traditional, so as not to be overwhelmed with the number of choices, not only in resilient flooring, but with wallcovering sample books, paint chips, cabinet finishes, window treatments — blinds, fabric, roll up shades, etc. — and on and on. Narrow the field by style, general pattern type and by color, and save a lot of time and agonizing over choices.

Vinyl tile vs. sheet vinyl. If there is already a lot of pattern/decorative elements in the room being redecorated — e.g. occasional tables; shelving loaded with books, framed photos, pictures, bowl; artwork; borders; chair rails; cooking pot racks — it may be best to go with a more neutral flooring design. A sheet vinyl, which offers a clean look with a minimum of seams — sheet vinyl generally comes in 6- and 12-foot widths so that waste is minimized in purchasing and installing it — in an "all-over" pebble or other small-scale pattern, with the small color chips or shapes that make up the design picking up the colors used in the room can be selected.

Or, if your room has a cohesive or neutral look confined to a few colors and simple patterns and designs, the flooring selected can help tie it together and create a statement or a customized look. With vinyl tile, many manufacturers now offer a good selection of border strips and insets. Or simply create a

design using the tile squares, which generally come in 12-inch squares. Border around the perimeter of a room and a kitchen island, or create different checkerboard patterns to mark off the cooking and eating areas of the kitchen. For example, use a two-color combo in the kitchen and then combine one of those colors with another to set off the dining area.

When it comes to high gloss vs. matte fin-

ish, many consumers prefer a high-gloss finish on their flooring, an attribute often associated with cleanliness and newness. However, a matte-finish may be more appropriate for certain rooms, such as a family room or den, and may look better with a more traditional scheme, as high-gloss also tends to give a room a more contemporary look. Resilient flooring offers both looks so a preference can be selected.

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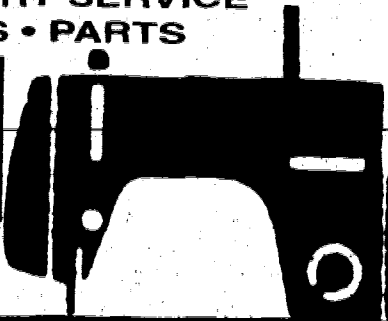
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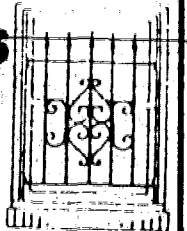
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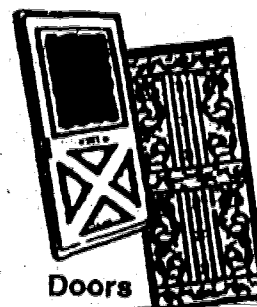
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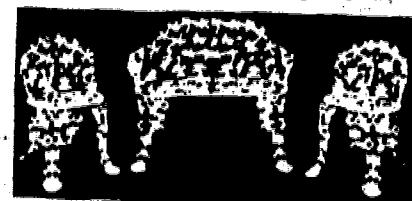
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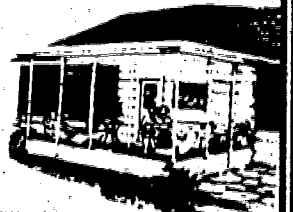
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Pristine made its debut in New York and Los Angeles in October 1994 in more than 900 colors, three finishes — flat, eggshell and semi-gloss — as well as a primer-sealer. The product line will be available in other parts of the country during 1995.

"Benjamin Moore & Co.'s reputation for quality products which perform superbly and are safe for the user and for the environment is well-established," said Yvan Dupuy, Benjamin Moore's vice president of sales and marketing. "Pristine represents a continuation of our commitment to manufacture quality coatings which meet our performance standards while at the same time contribute to the overall effort of improving air quality."

Pristine has been under development since 1988. New technology, the creation of two new latex resins, and the innovative use of different raw materials, enabled the Pristine line to be formulated without the solvents typically found in conventional latex paints.

"For a large part of this century, alkyd or oil-based paints were manufactured and used, providing good penetration, durability and color retention," said John Oberle, Benjamin Moore's vice president of manufacturing and technology. "In the '50s, latex was developed. This technology grew and rapidly achieved popularity for its ease of application, and soap and water clean-up. Water-borne paint systems continued to improve and today perform in many cases equal to or better than alkyd coatings. And now Pristine is the next generation of paint."

Pristine is manufactured using equipment dedicated exclusively for these products, with a segregated filling line from which the product is poured into its quart, gallon and five gallon containers, thus assuring "pristine" conditions.

Long before the EPA was formed, Benjamin Moore took its environmental responsibilities seriously, according to Oberle. Harmful ingredients such as lead, mercury and certain types of pigments were removed from Benjamin Moore products more than 20 years ago. All Pristine products are formulated without using volatile organic compounds. VOCs are carbon-containing chemicals that, under normal conditions, evaporate into the atmosphere. Examples of VOCs include gasoline, alcohol, paint thinner and other types of solvents.

While oil-based paints typically contain large amounts of VOCs by virtue of their requirement for petroleum solvents, latex paints, with water as their primary diluent,

have considerably lower VOC amounts. In conventional latex paints, VOC-containing ingredients are needed for coalescing paint film and freeze-thaw capability.

Much of a paint's characteristic odor is attributable to VOC-containing solvents. When a typical paint dries, these volatile components evaporate into the air. The paint odor usually remains for as long as it takes the paint to dry and cure. Pristine paints are odor-free because the VOC containing raw materials are not present due to Benjamin Moore's development of unique resin systems which allow for their removal.

The Pristine product line is available in Benjamin Moore's very popular whites and off-white, five ready-mixed colors in all. Hundreds of other custom colors can be created as well. While adding colorants to Pristine will introduce negligible amounts of VOCs to the paint, it will not contribute any

odor. For those who want to apply a solvent-free coating system, the Pristine primer-sealer should be used.

Pristine was carefully formulated to provide the performance characteristics expected from a Benjamin Moore paint. Despite their unique formulation, Pristine products perform like conventional coatings. Extensive testing demonstrates that Pristine has excellent spatter resistance, stain removal and scrub resistance. Its hiding and touch-up are also very good when compared to other high quality latex paints.

"The Pristine line is, in fact, the future of all coatings," Dupuy said. "It represents quality products which are environmentally friendly in both their manufacture and application."

For further information on Pristine, contact a local Benjamin Moore Dealer.

Yorkshire Woods offers luxury

Trafalgar House Residential brings its reputation for dramatic floorplan designs and high quality to the Princeton area. Yorkshire Woods, a new community of single-family luxury homes will feature 108 homesites nestled against the heavily wooded hills of Montgomery Township.

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Outside, adults and children alike can take advantage of Yorkshire Woods' private recreational center with tennis courts, full-court basketball, a safety-assured tot lot playground and a picnic pavilion for summer barbecues, birthday parties and live entertainment.

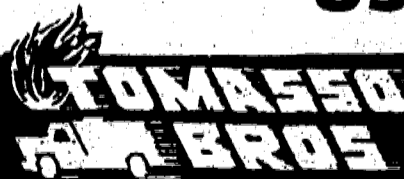
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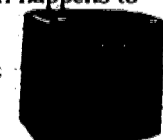
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Gutter Helmet: the solution to clogged gutter problems

A new and different device promises to make cleaning rain-gutters a chore of the past. The U.S. and Canada patent offices have granted patents on a unique gutter and add-on system — the Gutter Helmet.

Homeowners cannot simply ignore gutters, stuffed full of leaves, pine needles and twigs. In the spring the gutters become full of seed pods that form a pasty mat to block the downspout strainer or seal off screens that may be installed over the top of gutters.

If the homeowner fails to clean out the gutter, water runs over both the front and back of the gutter, causing the fascia board to rot, damaging plants, and leaking into basements and crawl spaces.

Cleaning the gutter generally involves at least two trips up and down the ladder, often a dangerous and unpleasant experience.

Working from the roof, which can be awkward and risky, results in a substantially shorter shingle life. And the bad news is the overflowing and freezing continues, even when the gutters are only partially filled. The only effective solution lies in preventing debris from entering the gutter.

Homeowners report that Gutter Helmet covers keep the gutters clean season after season even in areas where pine needles, leaves and seed-pods are severe.

Unlike the various screen and louvered devices, Gutter Helmet is made of imperious aluminum that induces rain water into the gutter trough. Debris landing on it falls over the side or is blown away by the wind.

Tests simulating the heaviest rainfalls experienced in North America, those on the Gulf Coast, have demonstrated that the Gutter Helmet can accommodate flows of equal and greater magnitude.

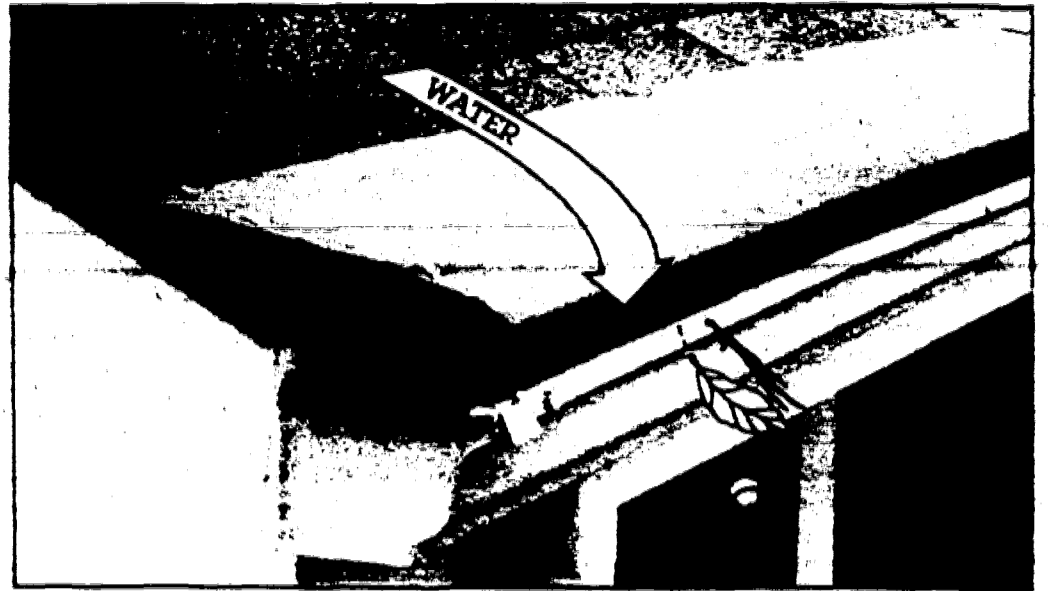
To satisfy skeptics, the developers have devised a simple "sink deonstrator" for use under the faucet in a kitchen sink. There the ability of the device to convey large quantities of water around the nose is evident.

The installation is hardly seen on the house. According to homeowners, visitors fail to notice the Gutter Helmet installations.

In most installations, only the "nose" is visible and since covers come in a variety of colors, they blend in with the shingle color. Gutter Helmet is compatible with existing installations and requires no moving or modification of existing gutters.

American Metal Products, a division of Masco Corporation which manufacturers Gutter Helmets, gives a written warranty. It states the system is guaranteed to keep your gutter free flowing or your money back.

New Jersey residents no longer have to worry about getting on the roof to clean gutters. For a free estimate and demonstration, call Precision Aluminum at (908) 499-0814.



Gutter Helmet is a low investment gutter 'add-on.' It installs over existing water gutters to keep out leaves, pine needles and other debris. Water flows around and into the gutters.

Cultivars make gardening easy

Choosing the right plants and trees for your lawn or garden is even easier than before, thanks to "cultivars" of native plants. Here, the American Association of Nurserymen answers questions about cultivars, native plants and plant selection.

What is a cultivar?

Cultivar, short for cultivated variety, refers to plants that have been selected for specific characteristics by nursery profes-

sionals. For example, a flowering plant might be cultivated to be more fragrant and less susceptible to cold, or a vegetable to withstand drought while not succumbing easily to pests.

What are the benefits of selecting cultivars?

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To help them save energy, Macklanburg-Duncan, one of the country's largest manufacturers of do-it-yourself weatherproofing products, offers three ways to check the tightness of windows and doors:

- Place a dollar bill between the door and door frame or between the window sash and sill. With the door or window closed, attempt to remove the dollar bill. If it slides out easily, energy is being lost.

- Shine a flashlight around the edges of your door at night. If light can be seen from the other side, then energy is being lost.

- Pass a moist hand around your doors' edges and windows. If draft is felt, energy is being lost. This test works best on cold, windy days.

If any doors fail these tests, experts at M-D suggest installing a new threshold, door sweep

or new door jamb weatherstripping depending on where the air is infiltrating the home.

Thresholds are installed on the floor across the bottom of the door frame. Door sweeps are installed on the bottom inside of the door to provide a tight seal between the door and the threshold. Door jamb weatherstripping is fastened to the inside of the door frame along the door stop. All three seal out cold air in winter and hot air in summer.

Air infiltration around windows may be eliminated through the use of a weatherstripping tape. One of the more popular versions of this energy saver is foam tapes. These tapes are installed on the bottom of the window sash so the foam is compressed against the sill when the window is closed.

Another type of weatherstripping tape is made of flexible polypropylene and looks like a "V" placed on its side. With the point of the "V" facing the inside of the house, this tape is installed on the window sill where the window meets the sill.

For additional information on how to save energy through weatherproofing of doors and windows call 1-800-348-3571 or write to Macklanburg-Duncan, P.O. Box 25-188, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73125.

Find the finishing touches at Mitchell and Zaldivar

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at Mitchell and Zaldivar, including wonderful pillows in needlepoint, tapestry, embroidery, wool, silk, satin and antique fabric to accent any decor. Choose from an incredible selection of old and new glassware, silver, china, linens and textiles, and even estate jewelry.

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Mitchell and Zaldivar is located at 202 Bellevue Ave., Upper Montclair. For more information, call 783-3680.

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Greenery can help conserve energy

This spring when you landscape around your home, keep in mind that while planting trees and shrubs improves the appearance of your home, they also can be used as an energy-saving tool. Public Service Electric & Gas Company has some tips for the energy-conscious gardener.

Trees, shrubs and plants help insulate homes from the outside climate by locking out the sun's heat in the summer and keeping the heat inside during the winter. The four factors affecting home comfort are air temperature, air movement, humidity and the energy contained in heat-radiating objects. By using trees, rocks and other plants, these factors can be controlled through landscaping.

When the ideal plants are properly placed, they can reduce a home's energy costs by 10 to 30 percent. Well-placed, wind-breaking evergreens can reduce heating bills by as much as 20 percent during the winter months. One tree can absorb the same amount of British Thermal Units in a given day as five air conditioners running for 20 hours.

Before planting anything, first examine the climate and decide on the types of trees needed to plant to maximize comfort in the home.

There are four types of climates in the United States: cool, temperate, hot/arid and hot/humid. New Jersey's climate is in the temperate region and consists of contrasting seasons. When landscaping, major goals are to maximize the sun's heat in the winter, while blocking the wind and funnel breezes, and reducing the sun's rays in the summer.

In the temperate region, plant low density, low crowned trees to the east and northeast. This will help filter the sun's rays during the summer months without blocking the light. High-crowned, deciduous trees, such as the Norway Maple, placed on the south side create shade during the summer without blocking the sun in the winter. Densely foiliated trees block out 95 percent of the visible radiation and 75 percent of the full radiation with their multitude of branches and leaves. They also improve ventilation in the summer by allowing breezes to pass under their canopy.

Western exposures can overheat during the summer months and experience excessive glare in the winter. Short coniferous and deciduous trees and shrubs planted on the northern and northwestern sides can help diminish these problems.

Evergreens and shrubs planted along the home's foundation may also act to insulate the home. Growing vines up the outside southern or southwestern walls will protect the home from sun and wind.

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Crincoli Woodwork Co. is a distinguished custom furniture company whose facility is in a two-story brick building on Route 1 & 9 in Elizabeth, two miles south of Newark Airport. Although the company has been in the United States for more than 30 years, it is like a well-kept secret among the most discerning exclusive homeowners. Peter Crincoli, the company president and owner, has an established reputation for producing unsurpassed quality custom cabinetry. His cabinetry is made by the highest standards possible.

The custom cabinetry is produced in a 17,000 square foot state-of-the-art factory which includes a separate finishing room. Under the supervision of Crincoli, talented European craftsmen apply their skills to produce some of the most extraordinary custom cabinetry one can own. The cabinetry is made from special woods such as maple, cherry, oak, birch, poplar, walnut, mahogany and white ash; as well as exotic wood veneers such as ebony, pearwood, movingui, amboyna, butternut, olive, basswood, bubinga, cypress, peachwood, pecan, hickory, sapele, teak and zebrawood. Many more exotic woods and wood veneers are used by Crincoli Woodwork Co. All types of stains and finishes are applied by hand to the cabinetry by the company's master finishers. The company has professional home remodelers and installers who complete all home remodeling and installations to the same high standards as the cabinets they manufacture.

Crincoli Woodwork has a staff of award winning designers to assist clients with the design of their custom cabinetry and room layouts. In addition to producing cabinetry designed by their own designers, the company works with renown architects and interior designers whose work regularly appears in design magazines. Kitchen cabinetry is a major percentage of the custom cabinetry Crincoli Woodwork produces; however, they can manufacture any custom furniture, such as media centers, bedroom furniture, bathroom vanities, wall units and bars. Peter Crincoli is involved with the final design and production of all custom cabinetry the company produces as well as with the remodeling and installation they complete. High quality is the trademark of Crincoli Woodwork and Peter Crincoli ensures that the highest standards are always met. Cabinetry by Crincoli Woodwork has been featured in several magazine design editorial sections.

Custom cabinetry by Crincoli Woodwork is an investment that lasts a lifetime. The company recently expanded its 2,000 square foot showroom to include two additional lines of cabinetry — in addition to Crincoli cabinetry. The new cabinet lines, which are also quality made, are the Wood-Mode and Brookhaven lines. The showroom is open to the public Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Other times are available by appointment only. The designers can assist clients on their first visit to the showroom if an

appointment is made in advance.

Homeowners from New Jersey and New York have had custom cabinetry manufactured and home remodeling completed by Crincoli Woodwork. Clients from as far as Florida and Bermuda have gone to Crincoli Woodwork. It is common for clients to refer their family and friends to Crincoli Woodwork due to the extreme satisfaction they have with the work they receive from the company. Many second generations of clients go to Crincoli Woodwork for custom cabinetry and remodeling for their homes. Former clients themselves even return for additional cabinetry for their homes. One client, from Woodcliff, had cabinetry manufactured by Crincoli Woodwork for his home 22 years ago and recently returned to the company for a custom-built media center. This client stated that he has enjoyed his Crincoli custom cabinetry for the past 22 years and expects to get the same enjoyment from the media center he just

purchased. He stated that he would not even think of going somewhere else since he knows and wants the quality Crincoli Woodwork produces. Clients repeatedly speak about the lasting beauty and quality of the custom cabinetry they purchased from Crincoli Woodwork.

A visit to the showroom causes one to realize that this is a unique company. The displays in the showroom are set up as beautifully as they would be in the home. Crincoli Woodwork puts care into every stage of production for the projects it completes. The planning and design, the manufacturing, and the remodeling and installation stages all work under the same high standards the company is known for. Cabinetry by this full-service custom furniture manufacturer is as beautiful as any fine piece of art.

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Gardening is all in the family

One of the many challenges of parenting is providing your children with wholesome, inexpensive and enjoyable activities. Thanks to gardening, you can provide your kids with hours of fun right in their own backyard.

◆ Step 1 — Get your children's gardening activities started on the right foot — with a visit to your local retail garden center.

Many garden centers have "kids clubs"

that provide birthday parties, children's gardening newsletters and discounts on tools designed for little hands. Encourage your children to browse through the gardening books, and show them the wealth of plants and flowers that grow well in your local area.

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Feeding birds all year is best for survival

Wild Birds Unlimited, a store which caters to the hobby of backyard bird feeding, is often asked the question, "When should I stop feeding the birds?" The answer is to feed them all year long.

According to Nancy Schneck, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, the early spring months are often the leanest months for wildlife. Most wild fruits and seeds have been eaten, and no spring buds, insects or seeds have become available. In many ways, feeding birds in early spring helps the birds survive more than any other time of the year. From now and into early summer, feeding activity should be heavy. The process of mating and nesting causes them to choose

easily accessible food sources, such as feeders. Remember, birds eat in cycles throughout the day. The first few early morning hours starting just before dawn bring the heaviest activity. This will weaken quite a bit until evening hours, which is the second most active time of the day.

Enjoyment of bird feeding increases when the birds are at the most colorful and active stage of the year. The bird that stayed the during the winter now sings songs that were not heard previously. These birds may exhibit brilliant colors to attract a mate.

Many new birds may start to come into yards either as migrants traveling through or

as summer residents returning for the season.

Much entertainment can come from watching spring and summer behavior that differs substantially from winter behavior. Courtship, nest-building, raising their young and territorial defense can teach people much about wildlife and themselves. Inviting birds to backyards can help to control insects without the use of pesticides. Many seed eating birds also eat insects and most feed them to their nestlings.

Attracting birds to local yards is a reminder that any effort made to preserve or help preserve nature is rewarded ten-fold. Nature

responds with beauty, diversity, and an increased quality in the environment.

This column represents the views and professional advice of Nancy Schneck, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited. If you have any questions, call Nancy at (908) 233-5004 or visit Wild Birds Unlimited at 2520 U.S. Highway 22 East, Scotch Plains.

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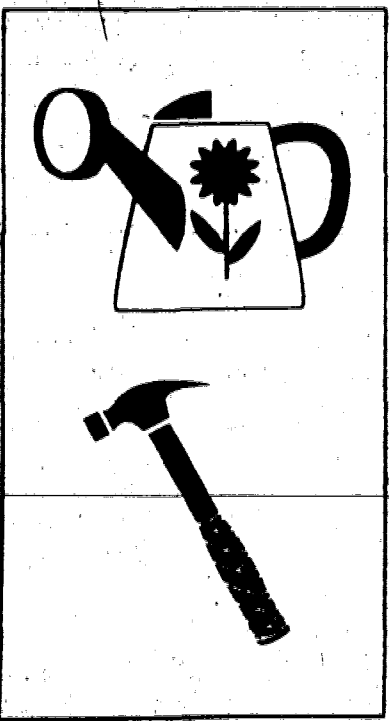
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quickly the selling price of homes in the area drops sharply. This accelerates the cycle of degeneration.

In order to keep and maintain the nation's housing and neighborhoods, government at all levels have programs to give homeowners money — that does not have to be repaid — for repairs or to lend them money at below-market levels or at no interest. In many areas utility companies will either do energy conservation work free or at low cost and in other places will lend homeowners money at no interest to pay the contractor of their choice for the necessary work. In addition there are tax incentives to promote effi-

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Consumer Education Research Center, a national non-profit consumer group founded in 1969, has published a 208-page edition of Consumers Guide to Home Repair Grants and Subsidized Loans. It is available for \$16.95 plus \$3 postage and handling from Cerc Grants, 350 Scotland Road, Orange 07050 or by calling (800) 872-0121. The booklet lists more than 7,000 sources of loan and grant programs offered by federal, state and local government, utility companies and others; typical programs offered and how to qualify. Form letters for inquiries to these loan and grant sources are included as well as detailed instructions on determining debt-to-income ratio for eligibility.

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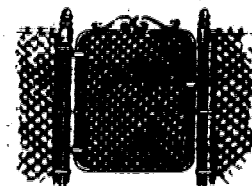


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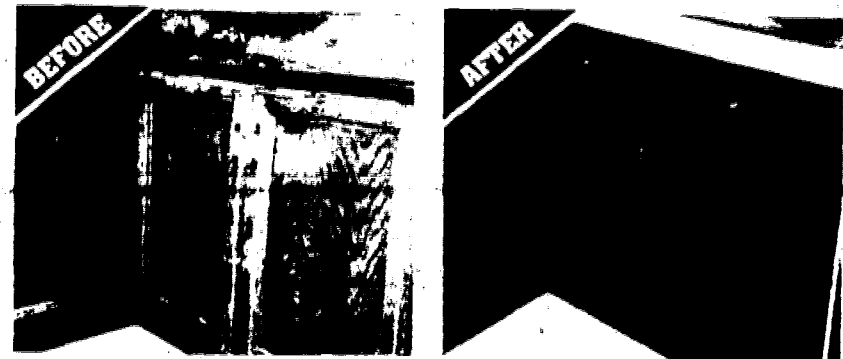
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