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Borough Highlights

Help wanted

In preparation for the Heritage Day Fair — the centennial celebration-capping event scheduled for September — the borough is recruiting crafters.

The Heritage Day Fair will provide a high profile opportunity for crafters to display and sell their wares to the public.

The fair will be held Sept. 16, beginning at 2 p.m. and is the centerpiece of a three-day celebration of Mountainside's 100th anniversary.

Crafters' tables are available for a \$25 fee.

For more information, or to reserve a spot, call Beth at 789-8649; Carol at 654-3898; or Donna at 232-4904.

In addition to the crafts available, the fair will include an antique car display, carnival games, miniature golf, pony rides and a wide array of other rides for children of all ages, including a tethered hot-air balloon.

There will be plenty of free entertainment provided. Mimes, jugglers, clowns and unicyclists will be on hand throughout the Deerfield School grounds.

Musical entertainment will continue all day long.

AARP holds picnic

The Mountainside chapter of AARP will hold its first summer picnic today at noon at the Mountainside Pool.

Anyone who would like to participate is welcome and is asked to bring a casserole for six people and \$5.

The rain date is Friday. For more information, call Alice Strohmeier at 232-8797.

Collectors show

The Greater New Jersey Music Collectors Expo will be held in the Holiday Inn on Route 22 West in Springfield on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The expo will feature more than 80 dealers of records, compact discs, posters, memorabilia and one-of-a-kind collectibles.

In addition, donations of non-perishable foods will be collected on behalf of local food banks. Those who bring a donation will receive a \$1 discount on the price of admission.

Admission is \$4; seniors will be admitted at half-price and children under 12 will be admitted free.

Bagger business

The legislative office of Assemblyman Richard Bagger will be open to the public on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The assemblyman's office is located at 203 Elm St. in Westfield.

In addition, Bagger's office is open to the public on Thursdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Residents of the district also can contact Bagger by calling his office at 232-3673.

Stories and crafts

The Public Library continues its weekly children's programs, bringing picture books, folk tales and crafts to the borough's children.

On Monday evenings, bedtime stories are read to kids of all ages. Sessions begin at 7 p.m. and usually last between 30-45 minutes. Pajamas and teddy bears are encouraged. The program will end on Aug. 7.

On Wednesdays, story and craft sessions are held at 2 p.m. The program will end on Aug. 9.

For more information or to register for the programs, call the library at 233-0115.

School's out



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Regional selects top teacher

By Cynthia B. Gordon
Staff Writer

A resident of the borough, who teaches at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, has been named the Union County Regional District's teacher of the year.

Linda Schneider, who also serves on the Mountainside Board of Education, teaches Dayton's neurologically impaired students.

She will represent the regional district in the county-wide search for best teacher. The recipient of that award will continue to the state level, at which time Gov. Christine Whitman will recognize New Jersey's top teacher.

"I feel very honored to be the recipient of this distinction and to represent the district in the selection for county teacher of the year," said Schneider, a Dayton veteran of more than 10 years. "My favorite part of teaching is the day-to-day contact I have with students and watching the students learn and mature as they go through high school."

Regional District Supervisor of Curriculum Kenneth Mattfield is a member of the district committee that selected the finalists.

"It's one of the most pleasant responsibilities to set up the selection committee, collect names from students, parents and teachers," he said. "Each year I've done that, I've been impressed by the number of teachers nominated — mostly by their colleagues."

The committee examines the teachers' courses, extra responsibilities, coaching sport teams guiding student clubs, working with students and con-



Linda Schneider
Teaches special education

tributing to the community.

"Each year we have a difficult time because we get so many nominations for teachers from all three high schools," Mattfield added. "The selection is based not only on excellence in class, but their contribution to the community at large."

"Schneider is not only a fine teacher," Mattfield continued, "but she serves as a board member and has volunteered for various activities — including being an advisor for the women's issues group, which she recently started."

Schneider seemed to accept all the responsibility in stride, saying it fits with her thoughts on teaching.

"My teaching philosophy is based on the belief that every child is a unique and valued human being," she explained. "I believe too, that every child can and will learn, and that my

job as a teacher is to help students become active learners, critical thinkers and productive members of a multi-cultural society."

"I have a strong belief that every student should be educated with dignity and with a community to help them reach their potential," Schneider added.

Prior to her career at Dayton, she taught special education in other school districts, including Union and Roselle Park.

She also was an adjunct faculty member at Kean College of New Jersey, Seton Hall University and Middlesex County College where she taught preparation courses for teachers going into the field of special education.

Citing an early source of inspiration, Schneider recalled her days in college, when she decided to pursue a career in special education.

"One professor I had in undergrad school, who herself was disabled, served as a wonderful role-model and inspiration to learn more about the field of special education," she said.

Aside from teaching, Schneider also has been an active member of the Board of Education for the past 15 years. In addition, she has been involved in various community events, including the Girl and Boy scouts.

She was a member of the Mountainside 2000 committee, and the committee assembled to celebrate the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.

Schneider has been a resident of Mountainside for 24 years, and resides with her husband, Kenneth, and their three children, Jason, Benjamin and Jessica.

Bagger's bill signed into law

Legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger, R-Union, that would conform New Jersey's trademark laws with federal laws, was signed by Gov. Christine Whitman earlier this month.

The bill, known as A-2424, became law on July 5. It is intended to modify state trademark law and registration practices, making them consistent with the federal trademark law system, and to improve state trademark examining procedures.

"By rendering the terminology, regarding trademarks in New Jersey law, we can make New Jersey a more attractive place to do business," Bagger explained. "This law will expand

the definition of 'trademark' to include the use of a trademark in identifying unique products and in distinguishing goods from those manufactured by others. This will create a better climate for innovation and entrepreneurs in our state."

Under provisions of the new law, the definition of 'service mark' also will be expanded to include any word, name, symbol or device used by a person to identify and distinguish the services of that person. In addition, the law will set new standards and procedures for registration of trademarks with the office of the secretary of state.

"We need to streamline our trademark process by not allowing people to merely reserve a right in a mark," Bagger continued. "We must establish standards for when a mark is deemed to be in bonafide use. This legislation will accomplish that goal. This new law also requires the secretary of state to establish a classification of goods and services, so that trademarks can be distributed more effectively and in a shorter time period."

"New standards for enforcement of trademarks by an owner of a mark are defined under this law, as are procedures to prevent the dilution of famous trademarks," he added.

Breaks in taxes, traffic announced

By Jay Hochberg
Managing Editor

Addressing topics ranging from taxes to traffic, the Borough Council convened Tuesday evening for a 17-minute meeting that set a new record for brevity.

Borough residents receiving tax bills this month will receive a tax break of between \$35-\$50, according to Mayor Robert Vigilanti. The savings — based on a home assessed at \$155,000 — was attributed to both the cut in the regional high school district's budget and a reduction in county taxes.

Last month, the state Department of Education intervened in the budgetary stalemate among the constituent municipalities of the regional high school district, cutting its budget by \$2.7 million.

Mountainside has been one of the five member towns of the district to contest the regional's bookkeeping since its budget was defeated by voters in April. Springfield, Clark, Kenilworth and Garwood sought a cut of \$350,000. The Borough Council passed a resolution pushing for a cut of \$800,000 — a resolution Vigilanti attributed to the tax break seen on the current bills.

"The town's regional bill is the same as in 1986-87," Vigilanti said. "I know it was Mountainside's resolution that got the state to look into the

regional's budget." In other tax-related matters, the council agreed to list additional information on future property tax bills.

For the public's information, Vigilanti said, the bills will feature a section titled Distribution of Taxes.

The telephone numbers of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Regional High School Board of Education, the borough Board of Education, and the Borough Council will be listed to enable residents to contact elected officials regarding taxation matters.

The Borough Council also passed an ordinance regulating automobile traffic at the intersection of Mountain Avenue and New Providence Road.

The ordinance creates an official right-turn-only lane on the southbound side of Mountain Avenue at New Providence Road by both designating that lane for the turns and by authorizing the police to enforce the new law.

In addition, the council agreed to act on Councilman Robert Beattie's suggestion to change the functioning of the traffic light at that intersection.

Currently, the light flashes yellow between the hours of 2-6 a.m. The borough, in conjunction with the county, will change the light to operate as a red-yellow-green signal 24 hours a day. The borough will pay \$180 a year for the added electricity.

School board continues search for legal counsel

Continuing its search for new legal counsel, the Board of Education has narrowed its list of candidates to two or three attorneys.

"We're still checking references," Board President Frank Geiger said Monday. "We hope to hire someone by mid-August."

The board has been interviewing lawyers to find one capable of handling all of its legal needs, Geiger said.

"We're consolidating" the position, he added, explaining that the board used to have both a legal representative and another firm to handle its labor law.

"We're consolidating the firms to handle the entire body of work." According to Geiger, the purpose of the consolidation is "to avoid any conflict with law firms being used by other towns in conjunction with the deregionalization situation."

"And by combining the two positions," he added, "we hope to save some money also."

One of the job responsibilities, on the labor side, would entail handling disputes.

"We don't anticipate any labor disputes," said Geiger, "but the board is required to have an attorney for that purpose."

The general legal practice involves examining contracts and leases.

According to Geiger, the board has cut costs during the last two years because it is no longer required to have a lawyer present during each board meeting.

"It seems to work out fine," Geiger added. "When we have a question, we can ask for the lawyer's advice and present the answer at the next meeting or sooner. That cuts out substantial legal costs."

The attorney's salary "will be negotiated on an hourly basis to begin with," Geiger also said. "The cost will be attributed to how much work has to get done."

Backstroke beautiful

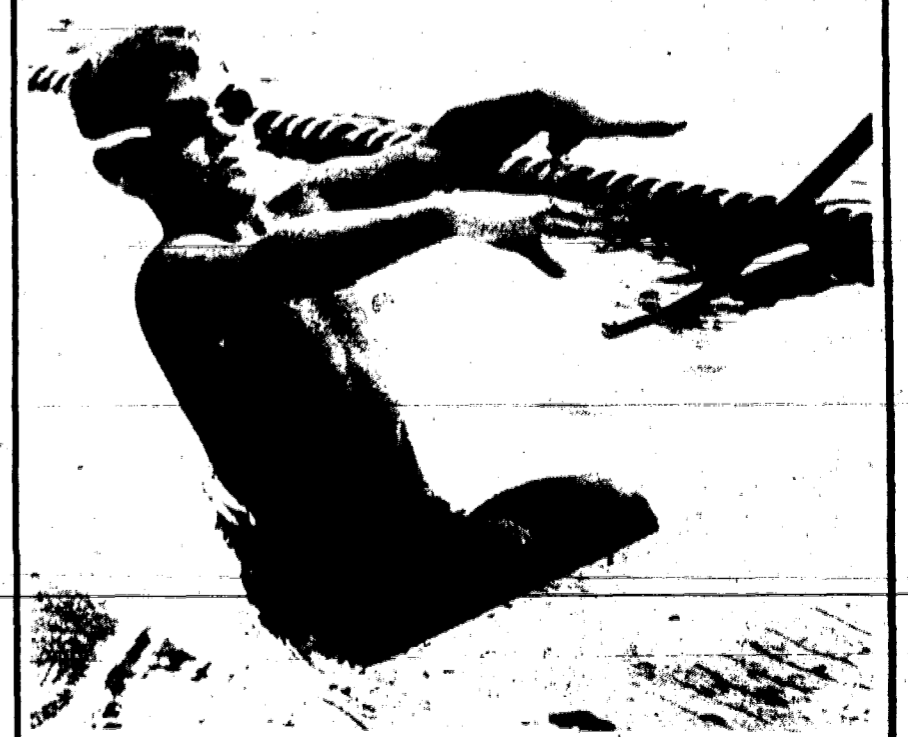


Photo By Norma Sataria

Mountainside's Stephen Kress pushes off during the backstroke competition of a swim meet against Springfield at the Mountainside Pool. See additional swim meet coverage on the sports page.

Garwood may send kids out of district

Structural problems may leave students stranded

By Mark Crudele
Staff Writer

The Garwood Board of Education has received a document that has raised the possibility of it sending all of its students to another municipality should dissolution of the Union County Regional High School District occur.

A report from the board's consulting engineers says that it would cost less to build new schools than it would to upgrade and repair the township's existing ones.

"It is not feasible to reinvest in Lincoln and Franklin schools because of the amount of structural repairs required," the board summarized in a statement. "It is estimated that the structural repairs and the building code upgrades would cost more than a new building."

The Lincoln and Franklin schools are the backbone of Garwood's school system. Franklin, which was built in 1913, houses K-4 students and Lincoln, constructed in 1930, is attended by grades 5-8. The schools are located on the same block and are connected by a walkway constructed in 1977.

A third, Washington School, holds the Board of Education offices and has four classrooms for pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first-graders. It was built in 1922.

Garwood's high school students are enrolled in the Union County Regional High School District. Most attend Arthur L. Johnson in Clark.

The report said that Lincoln has serious cracks on the interior and exterior walls, along with a leaky roof.

Franklin also has problems. Cracks on the front sidewalks are "potential tripping hazards," columns in the rear storage room have "lost their structural integrity," and the "concrete is separating from the reinforcement" in the concrete roof beams.

Both buildings currently do not meet the building code requirements. "The cost of demolishing, repairing and rebuilding the current school will exceed the cost of constructing a new school," reported consultants Lippincott, Jacobs & Gouda of Riverside. "A new building will result in a safer, more energy-efficient building with a lower maintenance cost for many years."

And while Washington School is in the best shape of the three, it also does not meet current codes. Though the brick walls are acceptable, pipe supports in the attic "need to be repaired immediately," and "walls around the exterior stairs leading to the basement should be repaired to prevent further deterioration."

The report could mean that Garwood will be looking at different options should deregionalization of the high school district occur. Garwood representatives have already talked with those of other municipalities to look for a place to send its high school students if the regional dissolves. Now, it could be faced with finding a place for all of its students.

Garwood Board of Education President Loretta Spina indicated that township officials had previously met with both Kenilworth and Clark about

accommodating its high school students.

However, she maintained that Garwood is committed to the regional and steadfastly opposed to any change of the current set-up. The township pays about \$8,000 per high school student compared to the \$22,000 Mountain-side taxpayers pay, and township officials worry that having to send students to another district would financially devastate the municipality.

Kenilworth made Garwood an offer to charge the township the tuition it will pay in its last year in the regional district for the first five years of a "send/receive" relationship with one another. After that, the tuition could increase by no more than 5 percent each year.

That "send/receive" partnership would give Garwood the opportunity to help shape curriculum, said Kenilworth Board President Cathleen Cohen. She wrote that although Kenilworth "recognizes" Garwood's opposition to deregionalization, "if dissolution were to take place, Garwood should be prepared to deal with sending its high school population to the best place possible."

"The Kenilworth community would like to see Garwood as a partner in the process of reopening David Brearley," concluded the proposal.

Kenilworth sends about 260 high school students to the regional district, and is looking for more students to make its high school more viable. If the district dissolves, the borough plans to reopen David Brearley High School, closed by the regional in 1993, and even offered to house Garwood's middle school students in a wing of Brearley. Garwood's high school students attended Brearley with Kenilworth kids until it was closed.

But Cohen said Kenilworth is not going to make any new offers to Garwood. "How they will deal with this is something that they have to work out," she said. "We will not make a new proposal. They know that the door is always open for communication with Kenilworth."

Cohen said that there would be room for all of Garwood's students if Kenilworth proceeds with its plan to house middle-schoolers in Brearley. "We would like to put grades 7-12 or 6-12 in the high school. But that's all we discussed with Garwood. We never talked about elementary students."

"However, we made sure to leave

the door open for any new ideas," she added.

Spina said Garwood also has met with Clark in an effort to examine "all the options. We are not closing any doors should dissolution come."

She said her board met with Clark Superintendent Paul Ortenzio and the board president about Clark taking Garwood's 9-12 grade students in the event of dissolution.

"We did not talk about money," said Spina of the March meeting. "We talked about education and the feasibility of what could happen. They showed an interest in our students if the district dissolves. We liked what we heard."

Spina said that while Clark was able to handle Garwood's high school students, the possibility of elementary students was not discussed. "I don't know what position Clark is in with their elementary students," said Spina. "We have 415 pre-K to eighth-grade kids, and our population is expanding. I don't know if they could handle that."

Ortenzio said Clark could not accommodate that number "right now," but with some reorganizing could.

However, Ortenzio does not think Garwood will resort to sending all its students to another municipality. "The elementary schools in Garwood are part of the hub of that community," he said. "I don't think they will want to give that up."

Spina talked about a K-12 relationship with another municipality yet, but indicated the issue could arise during a special public meeting scheduled on July 18 to discuss the building report. That meeting will be in the gymnasium of Lincoln School and is slated for 7:30 p.m.

Garwood has contacted Westfield and Cranford, but both of those school districts have enrollment crunches. Westfield declined to talk with Garwood representatives because they are out of space for their high school students themselves, and Cranford reported they could only accommodate Garwood students for five years.

Joan Toth, Garwood's representative on the regional board, said she "wouldn't want to see our K-8 students travel to another town. Garwood will find a way to solve its problems as we have done in the past. We don't want to lose our home rule."



Photo By Mark Crudele

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Trailside offers outdoor studies

Attention all students entering the seventh, eighth and ninth grades: If you enjoy being outdoors and are seeking a challenge this summer, Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside will be providing the opportunity to do just that.

The center, located in the Watchung Reservation, a 2,000 acre Union County park, will provide an in-depth investigation into ecosystems through orienteering, map reading, tracking, aquatic studies and other habitat explorations.

Tomorrow and on the two following Fridays, from 9:15-11:45 a.m., students will be challenged through outdoor activities to gain a better awareness and appreciation of the natural world.

"Outdoor Challenges" promises to help build self-esteem, while promoting the concept of the interconnectedness of all living things through hands-on experiences. The fee for each Friday is \$10.50 or students can register for all sessions at a reduced rate.

In addition to "Outdoor Challenges," "Animal Care & Behavior" offers students an opportunity to go behind the scenes and learn firsthand

the "dos" and "don'ts" of the care of live animals on exhibit at Trailside.

Each class will focus on a different live animal group — including reptiles, amphibians, fish and insects — their diet, habitat and habits. Participants will closely observe animal behavior and record their findings. Graduates of this class may be selected as future volunteer animal care assistants.

The program will take place on three consecutive Fridays, Aug. 11, 18 and 25, from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m. The fee is \$10.50 each Friday or \$30 for all three.

Both classes require pre-registration and class size is limited. Call 789-3670 for space availability or more information. Trailside is a facility of Union County Division of Parks & Recreation.

Civic calendar

The Civic Calendar, prepared by the *Springfield Leader* and the *Mountainside Echo*, is a list of local and county government meetings.

- Today**
- The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will hold a pre-meeting conference at 6:30 p.m. on the sixth floor of the administration building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.
- Monday**
- The Springfield Township Committee will meet in executive session on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 8 p.m.
 - The Union County Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board will meet at 7 p.m. at 300 North Ave. East in Westfield.
- Tuesday**
- The Springfield Township Committee will meet in the courtroom on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 8 p.m.
- July 27**
- The Mountainside Recreation Committee will meet in Borough Hall at 8 p.m.

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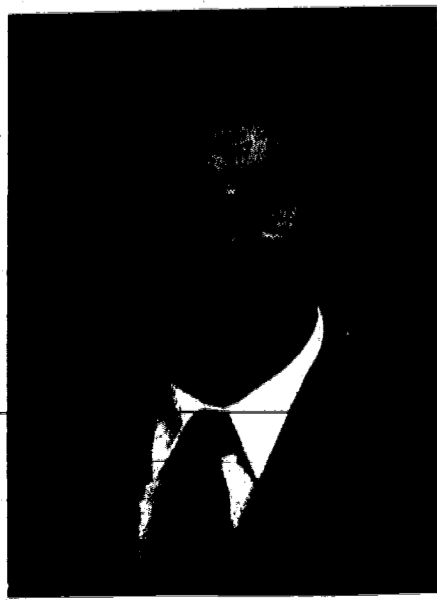
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To begin residency this month

City resident helps as president of fund

David C. Farrand of Summit has been elected president of the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children by the fund's board of trustees. The board also added four new members: John T. Dolan of Bernardsville, Richard D. Billera of Convent Station, Lorraine A. Cunningham of Westfield and Ronald C. Rak of Bloomfield.

Farrand is a retired managing director of the fixed income division of Morgan Stanley & CO., Inc., and he now serves as the director of planned giving for the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. He succeeds James H. Lynch, Jr. of Pottersville, who served three terms as president of the Newark-based organization that provides scholarships for needy Catholic school students within Essex, Hudson, Union and Bergen counties.

Two Newark attorneys are among the four voted onto the board of trustees. Dolan is a partner in the firm of Crummy, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione, and Rak is a member of the firm of Sills, Cummins, Zuckerman, Radin, Tischman, Epstein & Gross. Billera is the principal manager of investment accounts for Alex Brown & Sons, Inc. Cunningham, along with her husband, James, have been long-time supporters of the scholarship fund. They have recently established an endowment to support the fund's efforts at the elementary school level.

Local chosen by chamber as group's new president

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sure as a necessary job which she will enjoy doing. She said she was happy to serve in the position when asked.

The executive committee meets four to six times a year in addition to the full board meetings which take place four times a year.

Locally, Estabrook is a member of the Union County Chamber of Commerce where she served as a board member for three years.

"One of the most valuable perks of being a member of the Chamber of

Commerce is the contacts that you make and the people that I now know on a first-name basis," Estabrook said.

She will serve as treasurer of the state Chamber of Commerce for two years.

The chamber's Board of Directors is comprised of 75 executives of member companies and organizations, each of who serves a term of three years. About 1/3 of the board is elected annually by the chamber's membership.

Historic trends result in arboretum grant

The Reeves-Reed Arboretum, a 12.5-acre national and state historic site in Summit, has been awarded a \$416,658 matching grant by the New Jersey Historic Trust for specified preservation projects that meet criteria established by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Eligible applicants for the highly competitive trust grant from the Historic Preservation Bond Program must be listed on or be eligible for inclusion on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places. The Reeves-Reed is listed on both the New Jersey and National registers and is the first Summit site to be designated in either category.

The Reeves-Reed was selected, according to the Historic Trust Project Profile, as "a fine example of a late 19th century estate in one of the original railroad suburbs of New York City. The grounds represent late 19th and early 20th century trends in residential landscaping as designed and executed by some of the country's leading landscape architects, such as Calvert Vaux and Company, Ellen Shipman and Carl Pilot."

The profile also stated that "this property bears witness to the early 20th-century trend" that brought together professional landscape architects and suburban women in a partnership reflected in the garden-club movement across America and the popularity of women's gardening magazines.

In the Reeves-Reed's application, it is further noted, "Although European migrations are well documented, the

late 19th century movement of New Yorkers to New Jersey in search of hospitable climate and open space is largely untold."

It continued, "A parallel historical note is the story of immigrant Italian stone masons employed by these same families to delineate their properties with artfully assembled dry-stone walls." Reeves-Reed Executive Director Lu W. Rose pointed to the "cascading stone steps leading down the the gardens that, today, still represent the talents of those artisans."

The grant will match funds for restoration of several of the gardens to their original "garden-room" design as well as restoration and rehabilitation of Wisner House, built in 1889 by John Horner Wisner and currently the center for administrative offices, a specialized library and public space for concerts, lectures and other events.

Robin Reed, president of the Reeves-Reed board of trustees, affirmed that the overall goal of restoring and preserving the century-old Wisner House and surrounding gardens "will give the public the opportunity to experience what it was like to visit a landed estate in early 20th century New Jersey. Such preservation will capture and chronicle this unremarked aspect of New Jersey's history."

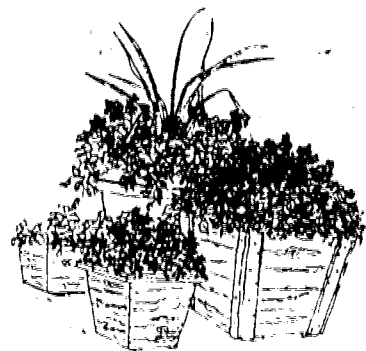
Rose said that sources of the funds matched by the historic trust grant included unrestricted funds from the Reeves-Reed's prior "Capital Campaign for a Greener Future" and

restricted campaign funds from the Reeves Foundation, the Hyde and Watson Foundation, the Summit Garden Club and the Fredrickson Foundation. Separate from the campaign, funding from the Manley-Winsor

Foundation was also matched. Retroactively, the historic trust grant covers the rehabilitation of the carriage house/garage to an Education Center that retains the architectural style of the main house.

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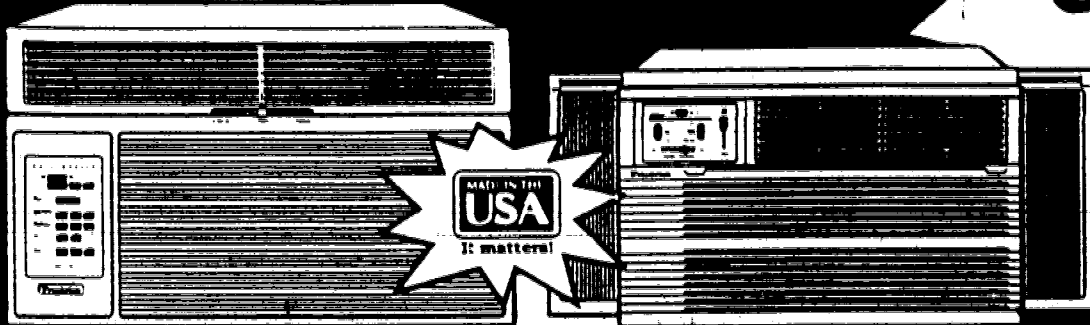
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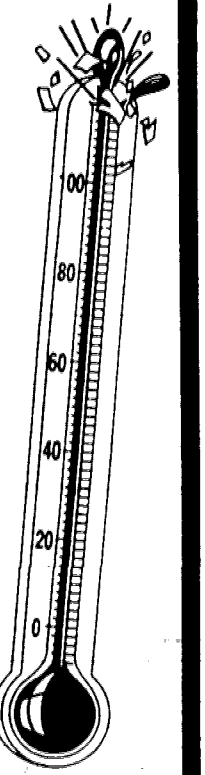
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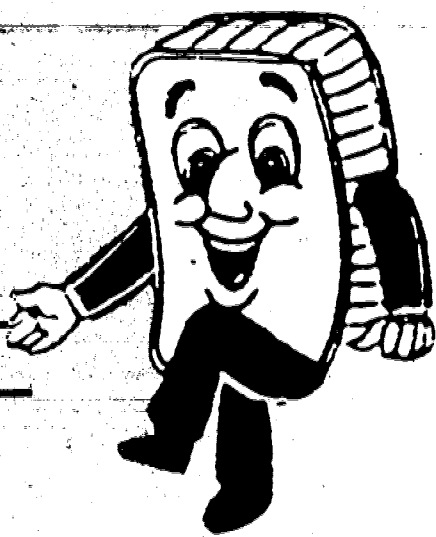
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letters to the editor

Stop the Twin Towers

To the Editor:
 We understand that the Grover Connell's Twin Towers project on the Runnell's property, which was stalled in 1992 by the Berkeley Heights/Watching Coalition, is now back in the works.
 Beware Mountainside. Get involved in the opposition.
 Summertime meetings of the freeholders are when these things are pushed through. This could mean the end of our wonderful rural environment.
 It would attract thousands of automobiles, and the traffic would come across the top of the mountain in Mountainside: over Sky Top Drive and Coles Avenue, down New Providence Road, Deer Path, Central Avenue and Summit Road.
 The leaders and residents of Watching, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, North Plainfield and Westfield are planning to voice opposition to this due to the astronomical traffic anticipated, and we have urged our mayor to get involved to protect the property owners of Mountainside.
 We also urge Mountainside residents to get involved in this opposition before it is too late, and our rural atmosphere is lost forever.
 Doris and Robert Trumbower
 Mountainside

Becker Road must remain as is

To the Editor:
 Webster's Dictionary gives the following definition of neighborhood: A section lived in by neighbors and having distinguishing characteristics.
 A neighborhood is a part of our heritage, and we do not wish this tradition to disappear.
 I live in a neighborhood where people come from adjoining areas to walk and jog on our streets. Children play on our streets. Neighbors greet you as you pass by. My neighborhood is now united in a cause: to keep the "no outlet" status of Becker Road.
 A Superior Court judge will soon have the fate of our neighborhood in his hands. He will decide whether or not to change the "no outlet" status of Becker Road, making it a street that will rival Route 22 in traffic congestion, due to the proposed construction of several hundred housing units on the Bojczuk Stone property behind the Holiday Inn.
 With a possible one or two cars per housing unit, the traffic and safety factors would be horrendous.
 The judge's decision will be based upon the Kinsey report, which recommends that Becker Road be opened up.
 If this happens, there will be no more neighborhood.
 At the many town meetings we attended, we were all assured that Becker Road would not be opened up. We believed that Becker Road would retain its "no outlet" status.
 During the June 27 meeting of the Township Committee, we were told we should have protested against opening Becker Road before the Kinsey report was released.
 We did nothing, since we had been assured that Becker Road would keep its current status.

Who can you believe? No copy of the Kinsey report was available to us at that time.
 Hopefully the people who will reside in the hundreds of housing units will be able to enjoy our neighborhood.
 God bless the judge who rules in our favor. God damn the judge who rules against us, for another part of our American tradition will have bitten the dust.
 We are running out of time.
 Edith Becker
 Springfield

UCUA, DEP don't know right, wrong

To the Editor:
 A recent Union County Alliance Workshop concerning bringing back business to this county, along with protecting the environment stressed the "need to educate the public." As I sat there with business and government leaders, I realized that I may have been the only "grass-roots environmentalist." Though a few of the others have "green" per se in them.
 Assemblywoman Maureen Ogden spoke about the Merck Pathological Waste Incinerator in Linden and of how the Department of Environmental Protection was selling it pollution credits because it was too old to retrofit with pollution control devices. That was when I wondered, who is educating our public officials? As the incinerator only has been in operation for less than two years.
 When I approached her about it, she asked "How did Merck get to build it then?" I told her that it was the DEP which issued the permits. But, as we debated, I told her of Merck's plan to build the same exact incinerator in Branchburg, whereupon, on its first day of operation, it would be in violation of the Clean Air Act. She didn't want to hear of it.
 I suppose that law will be rewritten so that all facilities such as this will be in compliance. It will be rewritten by those in industry who are right now rewriting laws in their favor and passing them on to our elected officials to mandate into law. Now I know who is educating our Elected Officials.
 It's the lobbyists.
 But it's more like brainwashing, because also attending the alliance's workshop was Utilities Chairwoman Blanche Banasiak. Two nights later, during the incinerator's rate-increase hearing, that part about educating the public must have been tossed in the burner along with the other knowledge. I was denied my right to videotape for cable broadcast during the public hearing. If the DEP and the UCUA do not know right from wrong, maybe the courts can give them an education.
 Vincent Lehotsky
 Linden

Letters and columns

Worrall Community Newspapers welcomes submissions from its readers. Either letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages.
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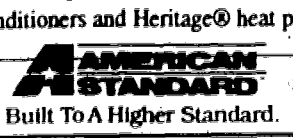
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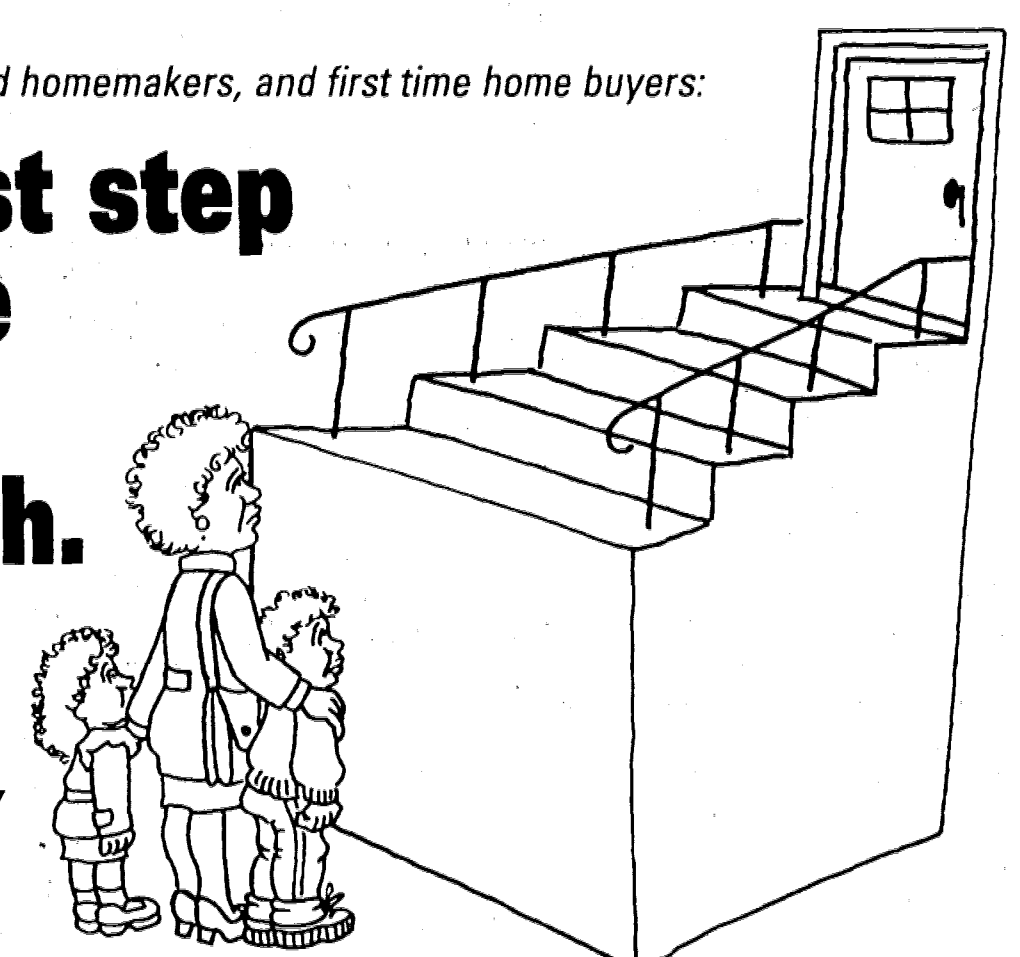
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News for Newcomers



The Newcomers Club of Summit, Berkeley Heights and New Providence has chosen its 1995-96 board. Celebrating 48 years of providing social activities for those new to the area, as well as participation in philanthropic endeavors, the Newcomers are anticipating an exciting calendar of events for the coming year. The front row includes, from left, Karin Thwaites, Pat Daquila, Robin Casely, Rosanne Toglia, Susan Nycum and Betty Rauch. The middle row includes Linda Littlejohn, Club President Jo Woodworth, Lisa Burns, Susan Hood, Patricia Baker and Theresa Turner. Catherine Masucci, Sarah Hammond, Ginny Lima and Maria Brown make up the rear row. Beth Ann Conaghan, Tricia Ott and Lynn Schiavo, not pictured, also were elected to the board.

Summit Bank gives to fencing fund

Millburn resident and 1995 Pan American Games silver medalist Tamir Bloom went to the Chatham headquarters office of Robert G. Cox, president and CEO of Summit Bank, to make a point. When you are the top ranking epee fencer in the U.S., the point is plain to see. Tamir was demonstrating the different pieces of equipment he uses in his sport and described some techniques to Cox and Michael J. Giacobello, the bank's Northern Regional president.

Tamir is extremely interested in winning. As a world class fencer, his goal is to be on the 1996 U.S. Olympic Fencing team going to Atlanta, Ga., next year. To aid him in that pursuit, Summit Bank was the first corporate sponsor to make a donation to the "Tamir Bloom Fencing Fund," created specifically to offset the great expense that comes along with the training and tournaments when following such a dream.

In support of his undertaking, Bloom's fund is being maintained at Summit Bank's 343 Millburn Ave. office in Millburn. Donations can be sent to P.O. Box 691, Short Hills 07078.

Bloom is a 1994 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. He has put his further education on hold, while he strives for an Olympic medal. After that, he intends to go on to study medicine.



Tamir Bloom, top ranking U.S. epee fencer, shows Robert G. Cox, center, and Michael J. Giacobello, both of Summit Bank, just how he makes his point when he competes for his medals.

Grant will upgrade blue-collar

The state Department of Labor's Office of Customized Training has awarded Union County College a grant of \$67,030 to conduct a program to upgrade the skills of 65 workers from 10 small companies in Union County and vicinity.

Through the college's Industry-Business Institute, the grant will provide skill development for managerial-level and blue-collar employees who need to upgrade their skills so that their firms might compete effectively with an ever-more competitive marketplace.

Companies that will participate in the training program are as follows: A&A Co., Inc., South Plainfield; Biglow Industrial, Inc., Mountain-side; Billick & Sons, Inc., Linden; Hydraulic Service Corp., Scotch Plains; Kason Corp., Linden; Radiant Thermal Products, Inc., Roselle; Renida Service, Inc., Kenilworth; Sidney M. Johnson & Associates, Union; St. George Florist, Rahway, and Turk's Construction Co., Inc., South Plainfield.

Based on a needs assessment, customized training was requested by the participating firms in the areas of computer training and troubleshooting, such as keyboarding, WordPerfect, Lotus, Excel, Windows, and Microsoft Word; technical training, such as shop mathematics, blueprint reading, AutoCAD, and SmartCAM; sales, such as direct sales, marketing, listening skills, writing skills, negotiating, and closing skills, and office management and supervisory training, such as management skills for supervisors, office management, communication skills, and bookkeeping/office accounting.

Courses will be scheduled at one of these firms, for 2 to 3 hours weekly. Their durations will range from seven to 10 weeks.

As Hanna Praport, director of the college's Industry-Business Institute, noted that "In order for companies to increase their productivity and remain competitive, it is mandatory that their employees' skills be upgraded."

She added that "small businesses have a more difficult time in preparing their workforce for...changes, because they don't know where to turn for help, have limited personnel, and lack the necessary funding," even though statistics show that these small businesses represent the backbone of our nation, with almost 89 percent of all companies in Union County having 48 or fewer employees.

Under the new grant, smaller companies that otherwise would be unable to afford or have the human and/or physical resources to have their own, on-site training customized to their employees' needs, now will have the chance to pool their resources by having the courses conducted at one of

these firms, to which employees of any of the participating firms may attend.

"Without this training, these companies will be at a disadvantage in relation to some of their larger competitors," said Praport.

She noted that with technology

changing constantly, these small companies need the computer and technical training for their employees in order to become more efficient and remain competitive. With better office management and supervisory skills, they hope to reduce errors and improve consumer service.

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William Doble and Susanne Rendeiro

Rendeiro to wed Doble

Susanne Rendeiro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rendeiro of Springfield, and William Doble of New York City, son of Lee Doble, Jr. of New York City and Sheila Doble of Parsippany, have announced their engagement.

Miss Rendeiro graduated from Jonathon Dayton Regional High School and Rutgers University's School of Nursing, New Brunswick, where she received her bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is currently pursuing her master's degree at Pace University in New York City, and is employed at the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey in North Brunswick.

Mr. Doble graduated from Parsippany High School and the Rutgers University Mason Gross School of the Arts in New Brunswick, where he received his bachelor of arts degree in fine arts. He is a freelance set designer and general manager for an off-Broadway theater company in New York City.

A November wedding has been set at Vorhees Chapel in New Brunswick, followed by a reception at the Sheraton in Woodbridge.

Announcement policy

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the lifestyle editor. Announcements should be typed, doubled spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification or if questions arise.

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.

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.

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Joshua Michael Melnick

A son, Joshua Michael, was born July 10 to Audrey and Michael Melnick of Mountainside. He joins a sister, Amanda.

The maternal grandparents are Dale and Suzanne Springer of Roselle Park. The paternal grandparents are Fred and Maxine Melnick, formerly of Linden.

Thomas James Campagnolo II

A son, Thomas James II, was born June 30 at Overlook Hospital, Summit, to Drs. Denise I. and Thomas J. Campagnolo of Mountainside.

Maternal grandparents are Carmine and Rosalie Inana of Bayonne. Paternal grandparents are William and Geny Campagnolo of Warren.

obituaries

Anna R. Peto

Anna R. Peto, 83, of Mountainside died July 11 in Cornell Hall Convalescent Center, Union.

Born in Union, Mrs. Peto lived in Kenilworth before moving to Mountainside 30 years ago. She was a member of the Sharon Chapter 249 Order of the Eastern Star in Union, Maalas Temple 20 Daughters of the Nile in Livingston, the Foothill Club in Mountainside, the National Chrysanthemum Society, the Holly Society of America and the Friends of the Frelinghuysen Arboretum in Morristown. Mrs. Peto was treasurer of the New Jersey State Chrysanthemum Society.

Surviving are a son, John George, and a sister, Rhoda B. Schuler.

Registration for riding continues

Registration for fall riding lessons at the Watchung Stable has begun and will continue throughout the summer.

Troop will begin the week of Sept. 5 and run for 10 weeks, said County Manager Ann M. Baran. "This is an extremely popular program which fills quickly," she said. "I encourage any member of the public who is considering lessons to contact the staff at the stables to obtain registration information as soon as possible. Slots are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis."

All children applying must be 9 years of age or older. Assignments to classes are based upon riding ability as determined by the stable management. Applicants with previous experience may be asked to demonstrate their riding ability in order to be placed in the appropriate squad.

Classes are available at various times, Monday through Saturdays. The fee is \$170 for county residents,

\$210 for out-of-county. Required uniforms and helmets must be provided at the trooper's expense.

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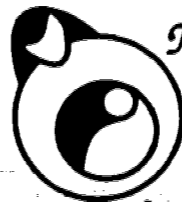
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