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Highlights

School registration

Deerfield School would like the parents of any children who have not yet been registered for kindergarten for the 1997-98 school year to immediately call the school to register the child. Children being registered should be 5 years old by October 1, 1997. For more information, call (908) 232-8828.

On the trail

On June 22, Trailside Nature and Science Center's planetarium will present an educational program on spring constellations and other sky events at 2 p.m. Included will be constellations such as Leo, Ursa Major, Bootes and other visible planets. Each family will receive a spring star map. Admission is \$3 per person.

At 3:30 p.m., the planetarium will present a program exploring the dinosaur extinction-outer space connection. Admission is \$3 per person. For more information, contact Trailside at (908) 789-3670.

Soccer clinic

The Recreation Department of Berkeley Heights is sponsoring a Soccer Clinic for boys and girls in grades one to eight. The dates are June 30 through July 3 and July 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Columbia Park in Berkeley Heights. Rob Osieja, boys head soccer coach at Governor Livingston, is the director of the camp. Further information can be obtained by calling Gary Mills, the Berkeley Heights recreation director at 464-0550.

Stable lessons

Watchung Stable in Mountainside offers two programs, in addition to its fall and spring series of lessons, which are designed to introduce the sport of horseback riding to all.

Programs can be arranged at date and time convenient for any group. There is a \$20 fee per hour; actual horseback riding is available at an additional cost. Contact Jean Jacobus at (908) 789-3665 for further information. The Watchung Stable is a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation and is located at 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside.

Book drive

The Governor Livingston PTA is planning to collect used books as a fundraiser for its ninth annual Project Graduation Party.

The PTA has arranged for Project Renaissance, a book recovery program, to recirculate or recycle all the books collected with the proceeds going to Project Graduation. Containers for additional books are available at the high school through the end of the school year. More information about the used book drive is available through publicity chairperson Gayll Fisher at 665-9319.

Council meeting

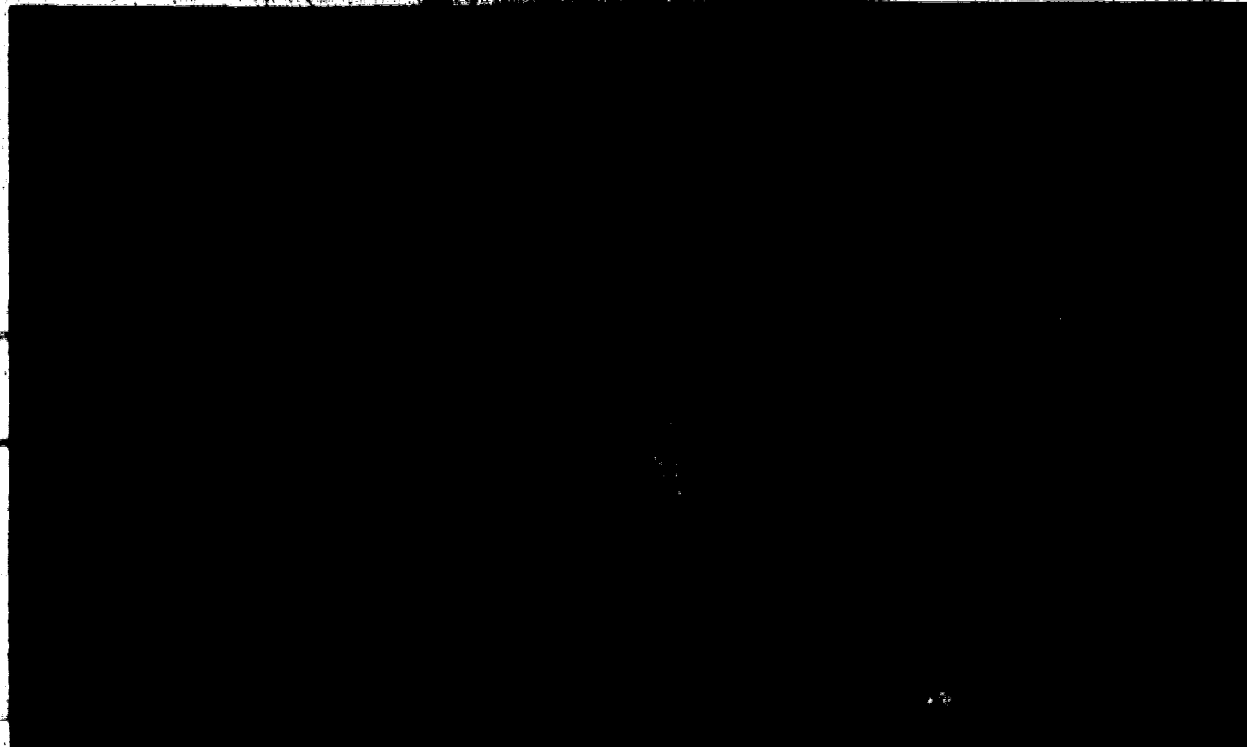
The Borough Council is scheduled to hold a regular meeting on Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

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Remembering one's roots



Borough resident Kevin J. Ward, second from right, executive vice president and chief financial officer of Provident Savings Bank in Jersey City, presents the first installment of a \$25,000 pledge to his alma mater, St. Peter's Preparatory School in Jersey City. The gift represents the bank's commitment to the Jesuit school's 'Keys to the Future' capital campaign, which has been funding a series of multi-million dollar renovations. Ward, a 1966 Prep graduate, is shown with James C. Horan, left, St. Peter's vice president for planning & external affairs; school President Father James F. Keenan, S.J., second from left; and Campaign Chairman Kevin J. Collins, right.

Democratic candidates plan for current election season

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

The primary election votes have been counted and there are two new candidates who will be running for the two open Borough Council seats along with Republican incumbents Tom Perrotta and Ronald Romak. Michael Krasner and Steven Brociner both received write-in votes in the primary election, which puts them in the running for council seats on the Democratic ticket. Prior to the primary election, the borough Democratic organization did not announce who would be running against the Republican incumbents.

Krasner received 11 write-in votes during the primary election, while Brociner received eight. According to Borough Administrator Kathy Toland, each of the candidates really only needed one write-in vote to be included on the November ballot. On the Republican side, Perrotta received 134 votes and Romak received 124 in the primary election, which featured a low electoral turnout.

Both Krasner and Brociner have run for borough seats in the past. Krasner as recently as the last election, in which he garnered more than 1,300 votes. Krasner is hoping he and Brociner can carry the momentum gained in the last election into this year's election. "I certainly hope we can continue to have a strong showing this year. We got over 1,300 votes last year so there is every reason to believe that we will do that well this year, if not better," said Krasner.

The two new candidates are in the midst of formulating

their strategy for the upcoming election. "At this moment, I can't talk about specific issues. We obviously do have several ideas, but we have not sat down yet to formulate the campaign," said Krasner. "There is nothing I can say about that at the moment, but we will be coming up with a platform shortly."

The voting history of the borough, which has seen Republican control for the last 100 years, is not a discouraging factor to the new candidates, who feel they have a strong chance to turn the tables on the current Borough Council. "We hope to end the Republican control of the council. If I didn't believe that was possible, I certainly wouldn't get involved in the election, and I think there are plenty of people in Mountainside who think the same thing," said Krasner.

Brociner, the second new candidate, knows exactly why he wants to run for the council this year. "I am sick and tired of being told how wonderful things are in Mountainside, and yet we had a shortfall of a huge amount of money in our budget for school debt. Also, when we had a public referendum about the new Borough Hall building, the people of this town voted against it by a 5 to 3 vote, and yet the council turned around and ignored everybody and did what they wanted," said Brociner. "We are constantly ignored as residents and I would like to see the Borough Council be more forthcoming with the residents of the borough," said Brociner.

Student group combines theater with community service

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

Thanks to the efforts of Governor Livingston High School senior Monika Szymborski, many local patients at area hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities were able to enjoy entertainment provided by the school's students.

The Thespian Group, which was started by Szymborski at the beginning of this school year, has been traveling to local care facilities in the area to provide various types of entertainment to those who were staying in the hospitals and nursing homes. For the students who took part in the Thespian Group, it gave them a chance to tie their experience with the performing arts with the experience of community service.

"I put the Thespian Group together as part of my gifted and talented project that I had to complete at Governor Livingston," said Szymborski. As part of the requirement for graduation from the gifted and talented program, all of the seniors in the program must complete a project that involves community service.

"The main idea behind the Thespian Group was to incorporate entertainment with community service. I came up with the idea because when I was younger, I belonged to an acting troupe at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, and as part of our performances we performed for the Make A Wish Foundation," said Szymborski. "I wanted to go and do something along the same lines with my senior project for the Gifted and Talented Program."

Once Szymborski let it be known that she was putting the Thespian

Group together, there was a big response to the idea from her fellow students. "In the beginning of the year, I sent a flier to all of the students to see who might be interested in joining the program. There were about 50 students who were interested in joining the group, but I had to narrow it down to about 20 students, and then we ended up taking about 12 students to each of the four places we visited," said Szymborski.

Thanks to the efforts of the Thespian Group, four local hospitals and care centers were treated to visits from the students. "The first trip we made was to the Chelsea in Fanwood, which is an assisted living facility. The next trip was to Manor Care in Mountainside. Recently we went to Meridian Nursing Center in Westfield and Runnell's Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights. We had several other facilities that wanted our group to come and perform, but unfortunately we did not have the time to organize any more trips this year," said Szymborski.

Although the group was unable to go to all of the places that wanted them to come this year, thanks to the efforts of Szymborski, the program is scheduled to continue into the next school year. "One of the criteria for having a gifted and talented project is to make sure that the project continues after we graduate. One of the girls who was in the group this year and very involved in the project was Leigh Pafford, and she will be continuing the group next year along with faculty advisor Frank Bihon," said Szymborski.

Szymborski, who will be graduating shortly, plans to attend New York



Leigh Pafford, left, Monika Szymborski, second from right, and Frank Bihon, right, entertain a Manor Care resident, second from left, during a recent performance by Governor Livingston High School's Thespian Group.

University in the fall for a pre-med degree along with a performing arts

Key jobs merge by school board

Superintendent Baccaro to retire in '98

By Kevin Singer
Managing Editor

On the heels of a search for a permanent principal for Deerfield School and the formal announcement of Superintendent of Schools Leonard Baccaro's June 30, 1998 retirement, the Board of Education voted unanimously to combine the positions of superintendent and principal.

Under the present system, Deerfield School has a principal and vice

principal. Baccaro fills the superintendent, business administrator, and board secretary roles. With the impending change, a chief school administrator will fill the superintendent and principal positions, and a part-time business administrator will be hired. The vice principal position will be retained.

"I had concerns over the restructuring of the district," said board member See SCHOOL, Page 2

Council to consider pooper scooper law

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

The Borough Council held a short work session Tuesday night to discuss issues it will be taking action on during the next regular meeting. Mayor Bob Vigilanti began the meeting by informing those on the council who may not have heard already of the passing of longtime borough resident and valued community member Rowena Miller who suffered a heart attack on Friday.

The idea of putting a pooper scooper ordinance into effect for the borough was discussed at the meeting. Councilman Werner Schon stated that the Board of Health would like the council to initiate an ordinance that residents who own dogs would be required to pick up after their animals when walking them around the borough.

The question of enforcement of the ordinance, if it were to pass, was the main concern for many of the council members. The responsibility would

fall on residents who would have to come into the police station to fill out complaints against offenders, which would then be handled by the police.

Many members of the council questioned if this was the proper way to handle what would basically turn into neighbor disputes over dogs on people's lawns. The council finally decided to table the issue to see if any more resident complaints come into the violations bureau. So far the Violations Bureau has only received two complaints about this problem.

The Borough Council will be awarding a contract for janitorial services to Urban Contractors of Scotch Plains for \$25,000 per year. This will include the basic janitorial service for Borough Hall, the Mountainside Public Library, the First Aid Squad building and the Volunteer Fire House.

The next Borough Council meeting will be held Tuesday at the Borough Hall Courtroom at 8 p.m.

Man pleads guilty to business theft

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Mountainside business owner Richard Liebowitz may feel a little better now that his bookkeeper pleaded guilty last Thursday of stealing \$242,600.

James E. Sterns Jr., 36, of Congers, N.Y., pleaded guilty to one count of second degree theft by deception before Superior Court Judge Walter R. Barsonek. He was originally charged with embezzlement by the Mountainside Police Department March 27.

Sterns, according to Acting Union County Prosecutor Edward Neafsey, faces up to five years in prison. He may also be ordered to make full restitution

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minor. She also plans to come back to visit Governor Livingston and see

how the Thespian Group is doing next year.

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age items. For more information, call Arlene Hagger at (908) 654-7853.

Coming events

Today
• An epilepsy support group will meet at the Wallace Chapel AME Zion Church, 140 Broad St., Summit, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. It will be an open group discussion, and all people with epilepsy, family and friends are welcome to attend. For more information, call Brenda Simmons, social worker at (201) 992-5900.

Friday
• Seth Swirsky, author of "Baseball Letters: A Fan's Correspondence with His Heroes," will appear at Barnes & Noble Bookstore, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, from 6 to 9 p.m. He will talk about and sign copies of his book. For more information, call (201) 376-8544.

Sunday
• Trailside Nature and Science Center's planetarium will present an educational program on spring constellations and other sky events at 2 p.m. Included will be constellations such as Leo, Ursa Major, Bootes and other visible planets. Each family will receive a spring star map. Admission is \$3 per person. This event will continue throughout the month of June.

Tuesday
• The Mountainside Borough Council will meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

Wednesday
• The Mountainside Newcomers Club will hold a "Very Merry Unbirthday" party barbecue to kick off the summer. Volunteers are sought to bring food and beverage items.

June 19
• The Mountainside Recreation Commission will meet at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.

June 21
• The Mountainside Newcomers Club will hold an "All American" barbecue today. The cost for the event is \$35 per couple or \$17.50 per person. For more information, call Arlene Hagger at (908) 654-7853.

June 22
• Trailside Nature and Science Center's planetarium will present an educational program on spring constellations and other sky events at 2 p.m. Included will be constellations such as Leo, Ursa Major, Bootes and other visible planets. Each family will receive a spring star map. Admission is \$3 per person.

June 24
• The Mountainside Board of Education will meet at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School media center, Central Avenue and School Drive.

July 2
• At 11 a.m., the Mountainside Library Summer Reading Club for children will host singer songwriter Bob Killian who will lead the group in sing-alongs. All ages are welcome, and no sign-up is required. For more information, call the library at (908) 233-0115.

July 8
• The Mountainside Borough Council will hold a work session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

Theft reportedly hurt borough business

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when sentenced on July 11.

"The sentence is appropriate with what he did," said Liebowitz. "He stunted our growth. We never knew how much we were really growing."

Liebowitz's attitude was different from the shock he received from his accountant in December that his business, Culinary Specialty Produce Inc., was losing money.

"I said, 'That's impossible,'" said Liebowitz. The news didn't square with the brisk sales he saw CSP having.

"We started in North Salem, New York, five years ago," said Liebowitz. "We moved to Mountainside because it was closer to all the corridor routes two and a half years ago. CSP is a

broker of produce from growers to markets."

About the time he moved to Mountainside, Liebowitz hired Sterns to do the bookkeeping.

A bank statement happened to arrive the same day Liebowitz's accountant told him of the unexplainable losses. Inside were three cancelled company checks made out to Sterns totalling \$85,000 that he never issued. He said he later discovered more than 100 checks totalling \$160,000 made out to Sterns dating back to three weeks after his hiring.

Mountainside Detective Sgt. Richard Osieja and Union County Special Prosecutions Unit Assistant Prosecutor Alan Silver were called in to investigate. Osieja arrested Sterns four weeks later.

"This man was employed as the bookkeeper of this firm and wrote more than 100 checks to himself for his own personal gain," said Neasey. "He was forging checks in the owner's signature and then cashing them in his own signature."

"It's serious when someone is given a position of trust with a firm," said Silver, "and then abuses all those things."

Sterns, when confronted, said he was near bankruptcy and intended to pay back the principal.

Liebowitz knows, however, of the damage done and the lengthy recovery process.

"We don't know how much money we'll get back," said Liebowitz. "Much of it has been invested in penny stocks, which are highly speculative in nature. Many of our suppliers have agreed to pay for goods over long time periods."

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Internet access for public use is now available at the Mountainside Public Library. Workstations are available in the reference area and in the Children's Department for patrons interested in exploring the World Wide Web.

The library's set-up features Pentium computers with full graphics and 30K telecommunications lines for faster access than standard dial-in hook-ups. Users may search for specific World Wide Web addresses or URL's or try topic and keyword searched through various search engines, such as Yahoo, AltaVista or Infoseek.

Librarians have organized web sites into a user-friendly structure for subjects, such as law, government, consumer information, health, arts and entertainment, education and resources from other libraries. A vast array of information is quickly available, such as New Jersey statutes, federal government documents, transportation schedules and thousands of magazines, newspapers and newsletters, greatly expanding the library's print collection.

The Children's Department multi-media workstation offers internet access through child-friendly sites, such as Yahoo!igans and CyberSurfer Blastoff.

Introductory sessions for beginning users will be offered this summer and librarians are able to provide brief instruction for Mountainside residents engaged in research. Barring increased demand, availability is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Time limits on use will be imposed only when made necessary by demand. Printers are available at each workstation, with no charge for the first 10 copies. Drop by the library for a look at its newest addition and try "surfing the web."

School district is restructured

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ber Richard Kress. "However, considering the retirement of the superintendent and the current environment in the state, the time is right for this change."

"This brings the superintendent right into the school building," said board President Pat Taeschler. He or she will be directly involved in education and will be on site in the school building."

Board member Pat Knodel added that there are currently about 126 other districts which operate with a chief school administrator.

One of the central concerns was the subsequent redistribution of duties. The board stated that the duties of the vice principal would be reassessed to ensure parental access. "The vice principal in this structure is a very important position," said Taeschler.

It is expected by the board that this restructuring will result in a cost reduction, but they could not give any estimates at this point.

For a fee of \$3,500, the School Boards Association will be hired to coordinate the search, which is expected to take from four to six months. During the search period, Zavetz, who is tenured in the vice principal position, will retain her acting principal post. Concern was raised over the fact that acting Vice Principal Beverly Ellenport will return to her position as reading specialist in September, leaving the vice principal role

unfilled for an unknown period of time. The board responded that Baccaro, Zavetz, and Special Education Supervisor Neiani Laffer will work together to ensure smooth operation. "No one person will be given more than they can handle," said Taeschler.

The school board added that it will solicit parents and teachers for input regarding qualities which they want applicants to possess.

Advertisements for the chief school administrator position, which by state law is a minimum three-year contracted, non tenured post, are due to run this weekend. "Our goal is to get our new chief business administrator as quickly as possible," said Taeschler.

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FINGER LICKING GOOD — Fifth grade students at MountainSide's Deerfield School display their home grown butterflies. Flown in as larvae from California, the American Painted Ladies were nurtured before making their entrance into the world and eventually set free by the class. From left are students Anthony DeAngelis, Jean Brodian, Brittany Hamill, Jeff Hoffman, Michael Mankowski, Rob Condillo, Danielle Pace, Jamie Boyce, Jenna Blasi, Marissa Basile and Tamara Ciasulli.

Springfield resident honored by temple

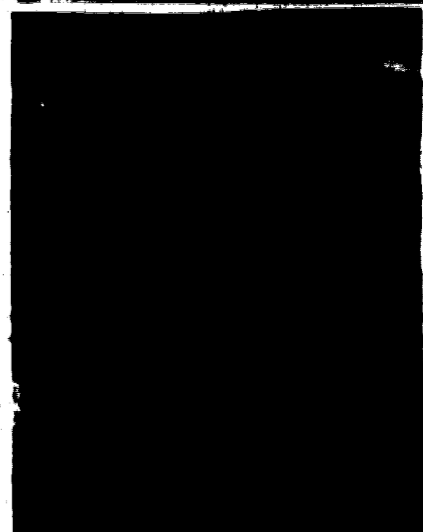
By David Goldberg
Correspondent

Some residents simply pass time in their community, going to work, paying taxes, and raising a family, never leaving a mark on their town or an impression in the minds of their neighbors. Others go to great lengths to better their community, dedicating their time and giving back more than they receive. Springfield resident Eleanor D. Kuperstein would best exemplify the latter type of attitude.

On Wednesday, May 21, Kuperstein attended the annual donor dinner of the Women's League of Temple Beth Ahm at the Richfield Regency in Verona, when she was named the League's Woman of the Year. "It was very nice to have the recognition for my years of work," said Kuperstein, a former two-year president of the Temple Women's League.

The following night at Temple Israel, Mrs. Kuperstein was elected and installed as president of the Springfield Chapter of Hadassah.

Currently working as a special education home instructor, Kuperstein has worked in home study for over twenty years. She said that she finds it easier than the typical all day teaching job, because there is more flexibility



Eleanor Kuperstein

where an individual is able to "make their own hours". She received her bachelor's degree in education from Hunter College and her master's degree in special education from Kean College. She enjoys it more than a regular all-day teaching job, because it's a job "where you can make your own hours" which makes it a little more flexible. Kuperstein has three children, Susan, Samuel, and Matthew, and is married to her husband Hy.

Bookstore showcases 'virtual' comics

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The rarity of a world premier took place in Springfield when Virtual Comics made its hardcover debut at the Route 22 Barnes & Noble Saturday afternoon. Virtual Comics Editor-in-Chief Danny Fingerroth and cover artist John Pierard unveiled their storybook lineup before an appreciative crowd. Their works, "They Call Me the Skul," "The Suit" and "The 6" will be offered by the book store chain as part of Virtual's authorized sales network.

Springfield's selection, as store Community Relations Director Stephanie Zinardi explained, was more the result of successful lobbying than the location's possible significance.

"We've had authors come to the store for signings or to talk about their work before," said Zinardi. "But we haven't done much in the children or young adult areas. When the corporate headquarters in New York was offering the Virtual's launch, I got it scheduled for here."

Nor was the unveiling Virtual's premiere. Fingerroth said that the company's works have been on the World Wide Web and on compact discs for a year. "Virtual started two years ago and our first comics appeared on-line last July," said Fingerroth. "We went on the web and CD-ROM first to attract a new

audience for comics. The digest books, which are smaller than the standard pulp size, is to reach the more traditional readers. The hardcovers don't have the choice of interactive plotlines like the web does."

Fingerroth is familiar to Marvel Comics readers as the former writer and story consultant for "Spiderman" and "The Incredible Hulk." He wanted to enter cyberspace, among other ideas new to the industry, and formed Byron Preiss Multimedia Company. From Byron Preiss, Fingerroth, Pierard and a few other Marvel expatriates created Virtual.

Some of the Marvel's influence, as in some of the offerings from other comic book companies, is found in Virtual's lines. They share similar artistry and the concept of heroes with human frailties. Virtual's plot and characters, however, are a little more complex.

"We're starting with the superhero comics because it's one of the most popular genres," said Fingerroth. "If we touch upon a current issue, that's fine, but our primary goal is to entertain the reader."

Fingerroth said that the comic industry has been expanding with diverse mediums and styles over the last decade. He credits Art Spiegelman's "Maus" series and other graphic novels for the expansion and mainstream acceptance.

Virtual's hardcover publications, if not already on the shelves, should be in Barnes & Noble stores soon. Its web site is found at www.virtualcomics.com.

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For girl scouts troops, there is a program designed to allow them to earn a Horse Lover Badge. This one-time session is appropriate for Junior Level Scouts and addresses the requirements as set forth in the badge handbook.

Pre-schoolers, youth and scout groups, senior citizen clubs and organizations for people with disabilities

will enjoy the stable's one-hour tour of the barn and its facilities. Opportunities to mingle with a couple of the stable residents are included.

Both programs can be arranged at date and time convenient for any group. There is a \$20 fee per hour; actual horsebackriding is available at an additional cost. Contact Jean Jacobus at (908) 789-3665 for further information. The Watchung Stable is a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation and is located at 1160 Summit Lane, MountainSide.

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Another municipal election is under way, with candidates in the hunt for Township Committee seats.

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We want to see a fair, decent campaign.

To prevent damage to the political process, the West Orange League of Women Voters years ago introduced a fair campaign pledge and code of ethics for candidates to follow in their political bids. The code has helped candidates focus their campaigns on the issues without resorting to sensational hype or backstabbing of foes.

For the information of voters and candidates, the West Orange Ethics Code states:

"I pledge to conduct my campaign for public office openly and fairly. I will discuss the issues and participate in fair public debate with respect to my views and qualifications.

"I will not engage in, nor permit, defamatory attacks upon the character of my opponents; nor shall I engage in unwarranted invasions of personal privacy unrelated to campaign issues. I shall not appeal to, and I shall condemn, appeals to prejudice based upon race, creed, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, or political affiliation. I will not use, nor permit the use of, any campaign material or advertisement which misrepresents, distorts or otherwise falsifies the facts regarding my record or that of any other candidate."

Candidates who sign the code also pledge to "repudiate support from any individual or group whose activities violate this campaign pledge."

We suggest that candidates vow to take the high road by signing this editorial and sending it to us. There is no reason why candidates for the Township Committee cannot take five minutes to sign this editorial and send it or drop it off to our main office at 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

We will alert the public about all signed pledges we receive from candidates so they know where their candidates stand, and they can evaluate which candidates have the courage to live up to that pledge.

The constant symbol of a changing nation

When competing for attention in contemporary culture, it doesn't seem to garner much attention, so we remind you that Saturday is Flag Day.

Although decided by Congress, rather than an observance foisted upon the public by government, Flag Day was conceived and championed by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks earlier this century. That social service fraternity has a history of honoring and preserving the symbols and institutions that identify our God-given freedoms.

It's an art its members call Americanism.

The symbols a society chooses to state its identity are important; they always have been, but as the sun sets on the 20th century, our symbols are targets of derision — or worse.

A generation ago, T-shirts were fashioned from American flags. Earlier this decade, an American flag was used in an exhibit by a taxpayer-subsidized "artist" who had spectators stand on that flag.

It's been argued that flag desecration is the perfect example of the freedom symbolized by that flag and guaranteed by the Constitution.

Well, yes and no. When protestors burned homemade American flags in Tehran in 1979, they weren't celebrating the 21st Amendment, which repealed Prohibition; they were damning an enemy they call the "Great Satan."

That mentality is not as foreign as the politics of so distant a land. In America, from pulpits to classrooms, this country is denounced as though the Indian wars, institutional slavery and discriminatory voting laws of past centuries are still in effect.

Of course, they are not. That is the beauty of America and its Constitution. It is a country that adapts according to compromises forged to benefit everyone, and while the flag has changed since 1776, that fact has not.

In Philadelphia on June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress agreed there would be "thirteen stripes, alternate red and white" with "thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

The local Elks lodge has a Flag Day ceremony planned and the public is welcome. If you can't attend, we hope you'll remember the enduring freedom the flag of the United States of America symbolizes, because we all live in that changing constellation.

"[Newspapers] owe the reader a clear look at the naked facts, as best our instant historians can discern them."

—Shelby Coffey III
newspaper editor
1993



CLEANING UP — After cooking dinner for the homeless at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Scotch Plains, Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School KEY Club members and an advisor clean up the kitchen. From left: Jason McCarrick, Lauren Pandolfo, Maureen Monagle, Jessica Lakata and Regina Rice. Rice, a Springfield resident, will teach English at Dayton High School in September.

Kids today are getting away with murder

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

There are some issues facing us today which will never go away, at least in our lifetime. Abortion is one and the existence or non-existence of God is another. Both questions can be heated subjects of debate.

However, we have another issue which is relatively new but one which will remain with us for a long time. This has to do with what should happen to children, barely into their teens, who commit gruesome, hideous crimes like murder and then go one step more and mutilate the bodies.

Two 15-year-olds in New York City have been accused of knifing to death a man with whom they had been drinking. According to the newspapers, the two then proceeded to cut up the body and even went so far as trying to cut off the man's hands to make identification almost impossible.

Every day we read or hear of another incident when young teenagers commit grisly crimes and we are left with the question of what to do with them. We can't hang a 14-year-old as they did in early Victorian England for the capital crime of stealing a loaf of bread. Nor can we wag a finger at them, give them a slap on the wrist and send them off by saying, "Go and sin no more."

Our problem is that part of a gener-

ation thinks murder is no big deal and because of his or her age, nothing will happen to them except for the proverbial slap on the wrist.

And therein lies the problem. There are some among us who think that if those two New York kids are found guilty of murder, they should pay for it by forfeiting their own lives. The same holds true for the killer of little Megan Kanka or the two teenage killers of a pizza delivery man and the dozens of similar cases we hear about daily.

First of all, what drives these "babies" to commit such crimes, and are we afraid to fully prosecute those we deem guilty? More and more juvenile authorities are asking that youthful defendants be tried as adults where the punishment is more harsh than those tried as youthful offenders.

Are parents to blame? Let's go back to the two New York City kids who allegedly murdered a 44-year-old

man. The murder allegedly took place about 3:30 a.m. What were two young teenagers doing out at night at that time in Central Park? Parental supervision must have been lax to say the least, if there are any parents to start with.

Do television or the sordid strains and lyrics of modern music play a role in the increase of teenage violence? Perhaps our teenagers have a score to settle with someone, anyone, and that hostility is taken out by murdering the first person he or she sees.

There is not enough room here to debate the reasons why such violence continues to grow. Young kids are being arrested for crimes we once blamed the older, the non-educated deadbeats for. Some of the prime "crimes" kids used to be picked up for were breaking windows, stealing gate posts, shooting out street lights or throwing nails into busy auto thoroughfares. Police today shrug at such goings on. There are other crimes to solve. There are people being murdered and maimed. What's a broken window or a stolen gate post?

There are some things that can be done quite easily. Why can't newspapers or radio or television provide the identity of these juvenile misfits so that we can at least know who's

prowling the streets in a mischief or murderous mode? State law prohibits the media from divulging kids' names. Why? Beats me.

The media cannot report on previous crimes or convictions nor can they provide any background not related to the case at hand. Why? I don't know.

But, I do know: We go out of our way to protect our young in hopes they will see the "error of their ways" and enter the straight and narrow. I don't buy that argument because it does not help the child. Anonymity is the most valuable asset a young kid in trouble has. No one knows who he is.

Perhaps what should happen is if a 13, 14 or 15-year-old is found guilty of a heinous, unforgivable crime, he should be sentenced to 25 years to life to ponder the consequences of what he did. Instead of being out with the boys and girls, having fun, living a life that's wholesome, tempered by work and fun, they would find themselves cooped up in prison day in and day out. But most important is to see to it that a future judge doesn't commute the sentence to a slap on the wrist and freedom.

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

Suggested police merger could hurt a lot

I am writing this in response to an editorial titled, "How Could it Hurt?" which appeared in your newspaper. I would like to start by answering that question.

• First, a merger of the Union County Police Department with the Union County Sheriff's Department would actually cost the county millions in lost revenue. This would result in the raising of taxes to compensate for the loss.

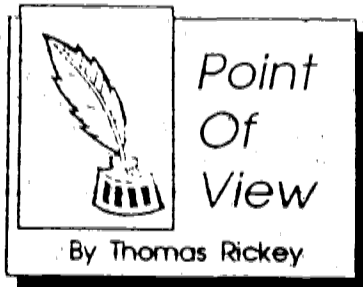
• Second, a County Police officer earns approximately \$2,000 less than his counterpart in the Sheriff's Department, meaning that the county would need to increase the salary of approximately 65 officers, which would cost the county approximately \$130,000.

• Third, the County Police employs 22 civilians, only three of whom are clerical staff. The other 19 are security personnel, who are used at the various county buildings and earn less than a County Police officer.

To replace the security staff with law enforcement officers, be they County Police or sheriff's officers, would result in an increase in the budget to pay the salaries of the extra officers, again resulting in increased taxes.

• Fourth, one of the main reasons for the merger is to provide staffing for a prisoner transportation unit. Currently, the sheriff's officers pick up prisoners from municipal jails and transport them to the county jail, but only during the daytime. With the exception of the Fugitive Squad, sheriff's officers do not work at night, on holidays or weekends.

Freeholder Chairman Linda Stender would like to merge the two departments so County Police officers could pick up these prisoners. The idea of the program is to allow local police to be on the streets patrolling



instead of being tied up transporting prisoners to the county jail. However, utilizing County Police officers to do these transports would contradict her own philosophy, because now you have to take County Police officers off the streets to transport prisoners.

That would mean less County Police officers on the road and less of a police presence on county property and parks, which would lead to an increase in crime.

So, you tell me, how could it hurt?

It is true that a state study commission did review law enforcement services throughout the state in 1992. However, this study did not transfer the duties of the County Police to the Sheriff's Department. It did establish "core functions" of the Prosecutor's Office, police departments and sheriff's departments to eliminate a duplication of services. In Union County, there is no duplication of services. The Sheriff's Department is responsible for transportation of prisoners, providing security at the County Courthouse and Probation Buildings, serving warrants and arresting fugitives and a K-9 Unit, as these are their "core functions."

The County Police provides services and patrol functions on all county-owned property, parks and roadways; staff a Bomb Disposal Unit, Under Water Search and Rescue Unit, Mounted Unit, Narcotics Unit, SWAT Unit, Polygraph Unit and a

Truck Weight Enforcement Unit; as these are their "core functions."

In addition, the County Police provides officers to the County Narcotics Strike Force and Essex/Union County Auto Theft Task Force.

The Truck Weight Enforcement Unit patrols the county roads, inspecting trucks and ensuring that trucks are not traveling overweight. Overweight trucks pose a great safety hazard to the public, because the brakes on an overweight truck may not stop the truck, plus overweight trucks cause great damage to the roads and bridges, which is very costly. The revenue generated by this one unit is approximately \$3 million, plus approximately \$1 million in revenue generated by the Union County Police Patrol Force.

This revenue is split with the towns where the violations occur. However, only two agencies are permitted by state law to enforce truck weight limits. They are the State Police and any county police.

The Sheriff's Department is prohibited by state law from enforcing these laws. Also, the attorney general, who is the chief law enforcement officer in the state, has determined that state law also does not permit sheriff's officers to issue even a regular traffic ticket as part of their routine duties. So if a merger of the County Police and Sheriff's Department takes

place, the county and towns would lose approximately \$4 million in revenue, and the county would not have an agency to enforce even simple traffic laws. So again, how could it hurt?

• Lastly, the article mentions that counties around the state which are more populous than ours have eliminated their county police departments. This is not the case. Only Essex County has merged the two departments. However, that was not a true merger; it moved control of the Police Department from the Department of Public Safety to the Control of the Sheriff's Department. Essex County still has a county police. Only Hudson County has completely eliminated its county police, and that was because it was going through tough financial problems.

Now that I have given you the facts, how can it hurt? Less police on the road, less revenue to the county, less revenue to the towns, increase in crime, increase in dangerous drivers and higher taxes. Is this really in the best interest for the residents of Union County? I would say absolutely not.

Thomas Rickey is president of PBA Local 73, which represents the officers of the Union County Police Department.

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VIEW POINT

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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Did you vote in the June 3 primary?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dayton offered friendships

To the Editor:
Be careful what you wish for, you just might get it. In my opinion, never have truer words been spoken. Although we have decided our fate within the school system, it is with a heavy heart that I write this letter. While all of the adults debated what was "best" for our children, some were so blinded by their prejudices they "couldn't see the forest for the trees."
I would like to go on record as stating that never in my 50 years in Springfield have I been as proud of Dayton as the past couple of years and I do not feel that

is a coincidence. From competitiveness on the athletic field to the drama of a theater production, the people of K-town have helped instill confidence and pride that Dayton was really lacking.
Not one of you can deny that you have seen friendships grow and relationships blossom. I have felt from the beginning there was a sort of town animosity toward each other, but maybe instead of being so ignorant, we should have seen the pride in our children's eyes.
Good luck, K-town. I, for one, will miss you.

John Tuma
Springfield

Store's anniversary includes benefit for hospital

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer
Springfield store owner Rosina Angelo is planning her first anniversary in business in a big way for charity Saturday.
Angelo has scheduled a fashion show for 3 p.m. at R Treasure House, culminating in the selection of a model of the year. While the occasion celebrates the gift and gourmet food store, its proceeds will benefit the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

"I have always had a feeling for children, especially for those who have problems," said Angelo. "Ten percent of our sales will go to the hospital."
When Angelo opened R Treasure House, she started a Model of the Month drawing. The winner, picked a random, receives a photo session in clothing provided by Sears Roebuck of Watchung and qualifies for the Model of the Year drawing.
"I only ask for an 8 by 10 photo of the child from the parent so I can post

it on a wall at the store," said Angelo. "We have winners from as far away as Summit and Warren and they like to see themselves on the wall. If the model likes the outfit Sears had donated, he or she gets to keep it."
At about the same time, Angelo made donations to the American Cancer Society.
"I had a relative," said Angelo, "who died from the disease. Now I'm working with the Children's Hospital and the Wish Upon A Star Foundation."

Wish Upon A Star is an organization which sets up celebrity appearances, arranges particular trips or grants special requests made by a terminally ill youngster.
Perhaps the most difficult part of R Treasure House is finding it. Located at 649 Morris Ave., it is in a house behind Bed, Bath and Beyond and next to the Summit Learning Center. R Treasure House's anniversary party is to run between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Call Angelo at (201) 564-9444 for details.

Springfield Auxiliary Police



Springfield Auxiliary Police Officers who aided in the Law Enforcement Exposition include from left Nick D'Achille, Angelo Palumbo, Ralph Carpini, and Jim Bonacorda.

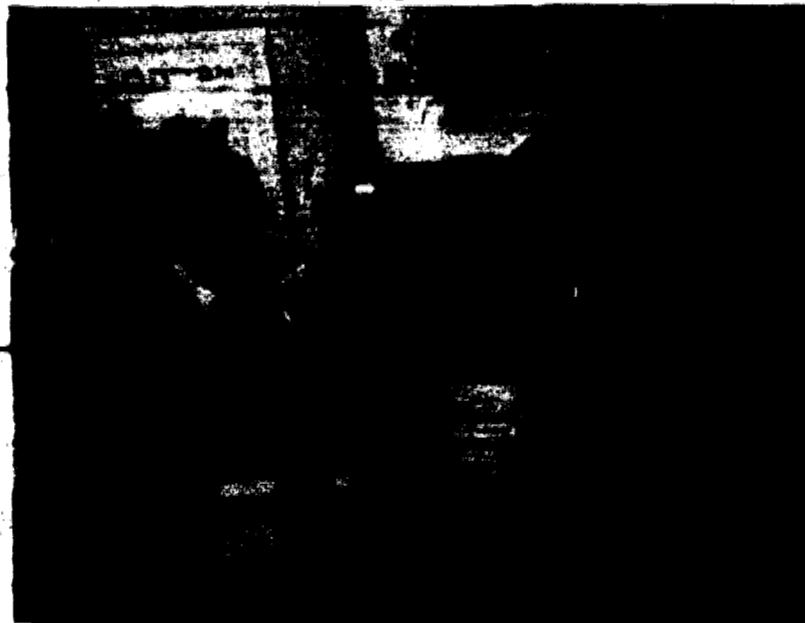
Multiple birth club officers include borough resident

On June 5, the Mountain Plains Mother of Multiple Club retired its previous 1996-97 officers and installed the new 1997-98 with a formal dinner and candlelighting ceremony at the Park Place Restaurant in Scotch Plains. The new roster of officers are: President, Mia Kottler; First Vice President, Deborah Buckner; Second Vice President, Diane Scudato; Secretary, Jill Condon, and Treasurer, Kimberly Downes.

The club will hold a couple of seasonal summer outings, but will resume in September for monthly meetings. The Mountain Plains Mother of Multiples Club was established in 1962 to give support, information and encouragement to mothers with multiple children. Mothers raising twins, triplets and more face a unique set of problems and concerns and sharing information and experiences can be quite beneficial. The club meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. and features a vast array of speakers as well as social functions and "Sanity Savers." Sanity savers are smaller discussions that focus on topics appropriate for a specific age of child/children. The club also distributes a monthly newsletter.

The club is open to anyone with multiple children or anyone pregnant with a multiple birth. For more information about meetings or the club, call Membership Director Tricia Miller at (908) 317-9628.

Man of the year



Joseph Tenenbaum of B'nai B'rith Springfield was chosen as volunteer of the year of Northern New Jersey Council. From left are Isaak Lenczicki, president of the council, Joseph Tenenbaum, and Dr. David A. Leibowitz, the incoming president of the council.

Auxiliary force lends a hand

On June 1, the Second Annual Union County Law Enforcement Exposition took place at the John H. Stampler Police Academy in Scotch Plains. The Springfield Auxiliary Police were there to display equipment and vehicles as well as provide traffic assistance for the event.

Members brought their four-wheel drive patrol car as well as their mobile emergency such as radios, traffic devices, first aid equipment, and other items. The auxiliary members then invited children and parents into the vehicles allowing them to see firsthand what they do. Seven members of the unit were there, including their chief, Harry Vargas.

Springfield Auxiliary Officers were asked by Nick Ardito, Union D.A.R.E. officer and co-chairman of events, to provide traffic assistance and coordinate the landing of one of New Jersey's State Police Helicopters. The officers created a temporary landing zone in a field between the parking lot of the event and Raritan Road. The officers had to close the road while the helicopter landed and took off. They also provided security and crowd control during a display by the Union County Bomb Squad. Ardito said, "The Springfield Auxiliary Police helped make this event a success."

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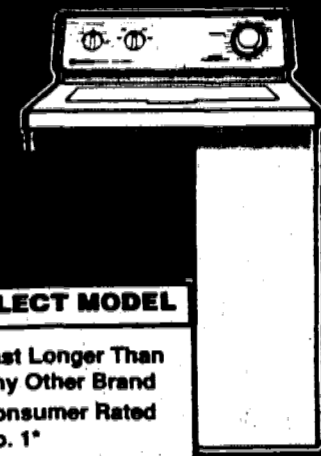
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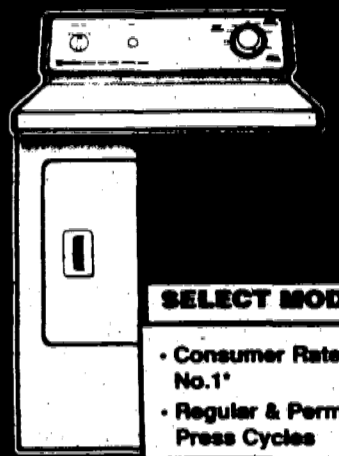
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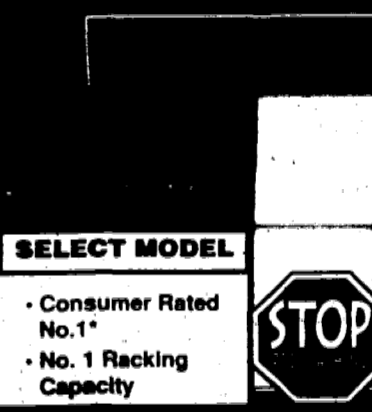
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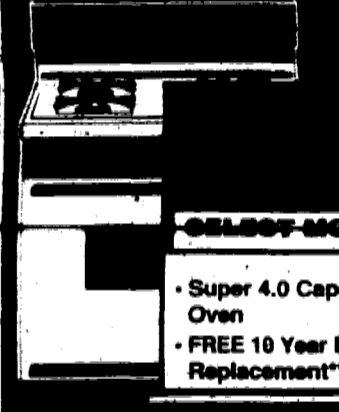
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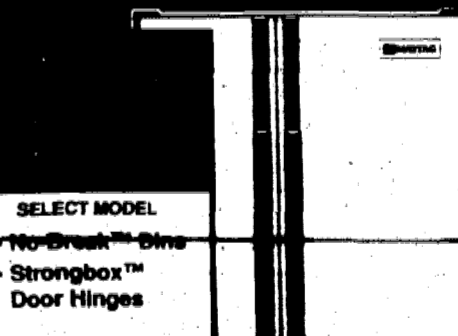
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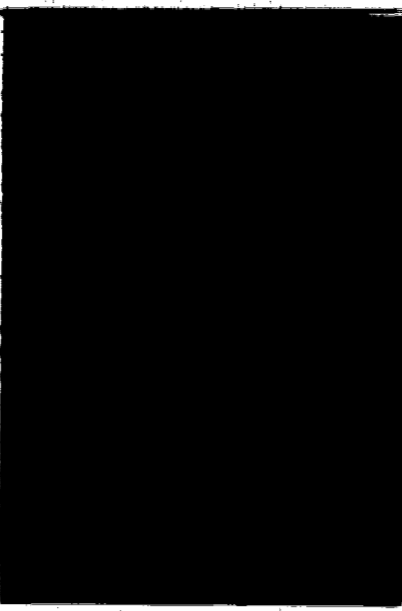
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STUDENT UPDATE

Resident graduates cum laude

James Forker of Mountainside was among the 894 graduates of Providence College who received their undergraduate degrees during the college's 79 commencement exercises on May 18. He was awarded a bachelor's degree in psychology, and graduated cum laude.

Providence College, the only college or university in North America administered by the Dominican Order of Preachers, is a Catholic coeducational liberal arts and sciences institution. The college offers undergraduate degrees in 35 disciplines including a bachelor's degree in public and community service through the college's Feinstein Institute for Public Service, the only program of its kind in the nation, and a cooperative engineering program with Columbia University and Washington University.



James Forker

Penna earns advanced degree

Kerri G. Penna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David B. Penna, Jr., of Springfield, recently graduated from Montclair State University with a Master's Degree in Counseling, Human Services and Educational Leadership. Penna is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield and obtained a B.A. in psychology from Seton Hall University in South Orange. Penna is currently employed as a social services counselor/case manager at Comprehensive Behavioral Healthcare Services, Inc., Hackensack.

Sempepos graduates cum laude

Christina P. Sempepos of Mountainside graduated from Salve Regina University on May 18, with a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Secondary Education and Mathematical Sciences. Sempepos, who graduated cum laude, is the daughter of Philip and Carolyn Sempepos. She also is a member Sigma Phi Sigma, the national honor society established by the Sisters of Mercy, and is one of the recipients of the Salve Regina Chorus Award.

Teixeira earns department award

Alexandra Teixeira, a 1997 graduate of Connecticut College, was honored with an award from the college. She received the French Department award for outstanding achievement in the department.

Teixeira is a 1993 graduate of the Pingry School, Martinsville. She is the daughter of Manuel and Maria Teixeira of Mountainside.

Connecticut College is a coeducational residential liberal arts college enrolling 1,600 undergraduates, located in the former whaling port of New London. It maintains centers for international studies and the liberal arts, conservation biology and environmental studies, community challenges, and the arts and technology, and offers research fellowships for summer work with faculty members. Founded in 1911, the college maintains a student-run Honor Code and has a long tradition of community service and participatory governance, preparing students to become citizen leaders for a global community.

Stivalo to receive scholarship

Joyce L. Stivalo of Springfield was a recipient of a Kings Tuition Scholarship awarded by Kings Super Markets, Inc.

Stivalo works in the Kings Bernardsville store and plans to attend Union County College in the fall.

The Kings Tuition Scholarship Program, established in 1989, provides a one-year scholarship to active associates who are enrolled in accredited degree programs. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of academics, job performance and special skills.

Bareford scores on honor roll

Dr. Donald Farmer, vice president for academic affairs at King's College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., recently announced that 564 students have qualified for the spring 1997 deans list, signifying a grade point average of 3.4 or higher. Among those students who have received the award are Elizabeth Bareford, Springfield.

King's College was founded in 1946 by the Congregation of Holy Cross Fathers from the University of Notre Dame as an independent, four-year college, located in Wilkes-Barre in northeastern Pennsylvania.

LIFESTYLE



Andrew Gansler and Meridith Dorer

Dorer to wed Gansler

Mr. Robert and Dr. Sharon Anelora of Upper Montclair and Dr. Robert Dorer of Cedar Grove have announced the engagement of their daughter, Meridith Lynn, to Andrew Kevin Gansler, son of the late Doris Gansler and Robert Gansler of Springfield.

Dorer graduated from Cornell University, College of Engineering and is currently employed as a client analyst for Merck Medco Managed Care, LLC.

Gansler graduated from Leigh University, College of Engineering, and recently received his MBA from the Stern School of Business at New York University. He is a senior consultant with Grant Thornton, LLP.

Dayton students whiz math event

Eight students from Jonathan Dayton Regional High School earned recognition for their outstanding efforts during the 34th Annual Joseph J. Scott Mathematics Day competition, held recently at all three Union County Regional High Schools.

In the Level I Mathematics contest at Jonathan Dayton, Daniel Kazemi and Todd Walters tied for First Place honors, and Jessica Lau, Dina Gordon and Brian Young all tied for Third Place. In Level II competition, Scott

Sambur came in First Place, Steven Lin took Second Place and Debbie Gill earned Third Place honors.

The annual Mathematics Day competition in the Regional District is named for retired educator Joseph J. Scott, who was a teacher, supervisor and coordinator of Mathematics in the Regional High Schools for many years.

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One of the significant changes that went into effect on June 8 is that coverage limits for insured mail will

be increased from \$500 to \$5,000 and for high value merchandise such as electronic and computer equipment sent by Express Mail from \$500 to \$5,000. This will enable the Postal Service to compete more effectively in the parcel market for higher value items. Other changes include: increased certified mail fee to \$1.35; simplified registered service for certified, insurance and registered mail has been enhanced with no increase in fee.

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Trailside workshop team children with nature

Trailside Nature & Science Center's Summer Fun programs offer a full range of programs for children from pre-first through ninth grade. The center, at 432 New Providence Road in Mountainide, will have some openings for its nature and astronomy camps and workshops.

Pre-first grade programs start with "The Two of Us," an hour-long, interactive program for adults and their 3-4-year-old child. "The Two of Us" is offered on Tuesdays at 9:30 or 11 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. throughout the summer. Themes explored will be seashells, dandelions, Lenape Indians, pond & brook sampling, bubbles and minibeasts.

For the 4-6-year-old set, Trailside offers 4-day, one-hour long drop-off workshops. Parents can combine two workshops to allow for a 2-1/2-hour long program which includes a supervised snack break in between.

Students entering the first or second grades may register for "Trailside Rocks," a geology mini-camp featuring rock and mineral identification and collection. There are also two 5-day camps: "Nature Discovery Club" and "Earth and Sky Wonders." Each camp is divided into two 3-hour long sessions.

Camp is also offered for older children. For third and fourth graders, choose from "Junior Naturalists," "Eco-Kids" and "Astro Nuts/Back to Basics." For fifth and sixth graders, Trailside offers "Trailside Trailwalkers," a multi-session hiking workshop designed to provide participants with the skills and knowledge

necessary for hiking. Hikes will be led by an experienced naturalist. "Knots and Lashing" will teach this age group basic knots and lashing techniques.

For the natural lover in 7, 8 or 9 grades, the center will be providing an opportunity to go behind the scenes at Trailside and learn the "do's & don't's" of animal care during "Animal Care & Behavior." This 3-session, 2-hour long program will have students studying the care and behavior of live reptiles and other animals on exhibit through hands-on activities.

In addition to the age group workshops and camps, Trailside also offers many family programs throughout the summer. Topics include: "Stream Search," "Night Out With the Stars," "The Forest At Night," and "When I'm Sleepy." A brand new program, "Railway River Ramble," will take families on a canoe ride down the lazy Railway River in Cranford.

Other family possibilities include Wednesday Matinees, held every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. and Planetarium Shows, held Thursdays at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Matinee performances feature musical drama; live animals; dinosaurs; puppets; and an interactive show about electricity, magnetism, light, sound and simple machines.

All programs except Planetarium and matinees require preregistration. Call ahead for space availability. For more information regarding fees, times, availability or any other Trailside programs, call (908) 789-3670.

Fall soccer registration set for tomorrow

Summit Soccer Club will be holding registration for the fall 1997 season on Friday evening from 7-9 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. - noon at the Memorial Field House, Myrtle Avenue in Summit. All Summit residents born between July 31, 1989 and August 1, 1983, third through eighth grade, are welcome to play on a Summit Soccer Club travel team or recreation team. Because of varsity sports, Summit Soccer Club does not field fall teams for those children born

between July 31, 1983-Aug. 1, 1978. The fall season is scheduled to begin Sept. 14 and end Nov. 23. All games are scheduled for Sunday afternoons, with some Saturday makeup games. Team practices may begin at the end of August. Because of numerous spring commitments, Summit Soccer Club is forming "fall-only" teams for the 1997 season.

Travel team players are registering for one year - fall 1997 and spring 1998 seasons. Only those players who attended tryouts will be eligible to play on Summit's travel team in the Mid-New Jersey Youth Soccer League. Those players who attended tryouts May 17 and June 4, and were selected for travel teams, will be notified prior to registration. All third and fourth graders, along with those players who were not selected for travel teams, should register for fall recreation league play.

For all incoming third grade players, there is a mandatory parents meeting tentatively scheduled for Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Summit High School Cafeteria. At the meeting, parents can meet the team coaches and learn about Summit Soccer Club. Be sure to confirm this location, date and time at registration. Any questions, call (908) 277-0544 for Spanish speaking residents, or (908) 522-1780.

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Women's Games '97, presented by Sports Action/Reaction and PNC Private Bank, will be conducted at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on Saturday, June 28.

The Games are open to all girls and women from ages 8 to 60 plus and features a full day of athletic contests.

Festivities kick off with a 5K road race through residential streets and Tamaques Park. The event, which is sanctioned by USA Track and Field, will feature a strong field of local runners and will conclude on the track to the cheers of family and friends.

Track and Field activities include runs from 100 to 3,000 meters, a race walk, a hurdles race, and the shot put, discus, high jump and long jump. Sessions are planned at 9:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

Over 500 medals will be awarded in 13 age groups and special trophies will be given to the Games' outstanding athlete and youth team.

Athletes from track teams, recreation departments, high schools and running clubs from all over New Jersey and New York have been invited to run, jump, walk and throw as Part 1, 2, 3 plays music throughout the day. Fees are \$12 for pre-registration in the 5K road race and \$6 for each track and field event.

More information about Women's Games '97 may be obtained by calling Mark Zenobia at 732-381-0318.

With the Metrostars using Kean College as their training facility, summer camps and leagues for children are being run by Kean's coaches. Kean seems to be the place for soccer this summer.

Men's coach Tony Ochrimenko will be running two soccer camps and leagues for girls and boys of all ages. Ochrimenko has made Kean synonymous with soccer over the past 20 years as head coach and Assistant Director of Athletics. He has led the Cougars to 15 consecutive post-season appearances, including the 1992 Division 3 NCAA championship.

The summer activities include:
 • The 15th annual Cougar Soccer School for boys and girls ages 6-17. The school offers two full and half-day sessions, July 28-Aug. 1 and Aug. 4-8.

• Seven-a-Side Summer League, run by Ochrimenko. This league is scheduled for eight weeks, beginning June 17 and ending Aug. 7. Each team will play one game a week, Tuesday or Thursday, beginning at 6:05 p.m. There will be eight different divisions, including boys' 16-under, high school boys', men's division, men's 30-over, men's premier, etc.

More information about any of the outstanding soccer opportunities may be obtained by calling Ochrimenko at 908-527-2936.

• The All East Field Hockey Camps will conduct three sessions at two locations for the 1997 summer camp season and are sponsored by Nike.

The first session will run from July 20-24 at Moravian College and a second sessions will take place from Aug. 3-7 also at Moravian. The third session is at Rowan from July 27-31.

More information about any of the outstanding field hockey camps that are offered may be obtained by calling 609-224-0959.

Springfield soccer standouts



The Soccer Club of Springfield began its inaugural season by sending two teams to the Nike 4 vs. 4 Tournament held at Kean College. The Club begins its regular-season play in September as part of the Morris County Youth Soccer Association and will play its home games at Sandmeier Field. Kneeling, from left, are Doug Singer, Noah Friedman, Adam Moss, Jimmy Guarino and Jason Cappa. Standing, from left, are Evan Ring, Jwsse Galinkin, Zach Silverman, Michael Dubiel, Zwch Marshall and Kyle Seeley. Coaches, from left, are Michael Friedman, Marc Marshall and David Moss.

AA playoffs continue tonight with four contests scheduled Marlins, Red Sox are No. 1 seeds

The Springfield Youth Baseball League AA playoffs continue tonight with four games scheduled.

The Marlins and Red Sox are the No. 1 seeds in their divisions.

The Marlins, National Division champs, take on Merola while the Mets battle the Pirates to complete the National Division bracket. The Marlins won their first 10 games, before losing to the Mariners, and led the division wire-to-wire.

The Mets and Pirates have both had up and down seasons, but now look to gear up for the playoffs with potent offenses.

In the American Division bracket, the division champion Red Sox will face the winner of last Sunday's playoff game featuring the Orioles and Gauer.

The Red Sox won six consecutive after starting the year at 2-2. They defeated the Yankees 19-6 after the Yankees led the division for most of the season.

In the other American Division contest, the Yankees will face the Mariners, who defeated the Red Sox, Yankees and the Marlins late in the season. The Mariners pose a serious threat to their post-season competition.

The division championship games are scheduled to be played Saturday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at will be Roessner Field.

The AA championship game is scheduled for Tuesday at Roessner Field at 5:30.

• The Marlins scored 36 runs to win four games and the Giants 24 to capture two contests in other SYBL competition.

• **Marlins 9, Mets 5:** The Marlins were paced by the efforts of winning pitcher Matt Farley. He pitched four innings and played excellent defense. Dan Kahoonie struck out five of the six Mets batters he faced in the final two innings. Dave Tarullo and Keith Salardino hit safely for the Marlins. Playing well for the Mets were Tim Kubucko, Lee Silverman and Jesse Fishbein.

• **Marlins 18, Merola Electric 4:** Winning pitcher Joseph Mitarotonda went the distance, allowing only three hits and striking out 10. Ryan Walsh and Charlie Connolly had two hits. Jorge Portal, Jason Dressler and Mike Rasania played well for Merola.

• **Marlins 13, Mets 8:** Lee Silverman pitched well and Tim Kubucko belted three hits to spark the Marlins. Steven Tettamanti and Joseph Mitarotonda pitched well.

• **Marlins 16, Pirates 7:** David Tarullo banded out four

hits to spark the Marlins. Matt Farley and Boris Pivtorak pitched well. The Pirates were paced by the play of Randy Herring.

• **Giants 11, A's 4:** Winning pitcher Frank Miceli earned his first mound victory of the season. He also scored two runs, stole three bases and drove in one run. Relief pitcher Michael Nittolo scored two runs, stole five and belted a triple. Closing pitcher Lisa Clark struck out two of the

Springfield Baseball

three batters she faced to end the game. She also drove in three runs scored twice and stole home. Catcher Robbie Maul had three stolen bases and one RBI. He also defended the plate well, stopping two runs at home in the first inning. Connor Hamilton caught Joe Kahoonie's high fly to right field in the first inning and his line drive to right in the second. Steve Cohen had one RBI and scored twice.

• **Giants 13, Yankees 2:** Winning pitcher Kevin Dash singled to right, flied out to left and hit a long fly ball to center that was snagged at the fence by David Levine. Dash also caught a difficult infield fly hit by Dean Chencharik. Michael Nittolo tripled to left, singled, stole second, third and home and drove in three runs. Steve Cohen hit a line drive double to right and scored once. Lisa Clark hit a sacrifice fly to left so Dash could score. Clark also singled to right, stole second and scored one of the six runs in the third. Closing pitcher Dean Kakounis pitched well in relief. He also led the team in stolen bases with four, scored two runs and drove in one. Third baseman Robbie Maul caught an infield fly, singled to left and scored twice. Frank Miceli belted a two-run single and later on in the inning scored. Connor Hamilton scored one run and drove in two. Catcher Sara Steinman scored twice, drove in one run and defended the plate well.

Meet of Champions to be broadcast two more times

High school track and field fans will get a chance to see The Comcast Network's coverage of last week's NJSIAA Meet of Champions held at South Plainfield High School's Frank Jost Field.

Governor Livingston High School standout senior and Mountainside resident Elizabeth Segall qualified.

The times are as follows:
 • Saturday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m.
 • Tuesday, June 17 at 1 p.m.

Mets, Orioles and Marlins victorious Each scores in double digits

The following are Mountainside Youth Baseball League results of games played as of June 5:

MAJOR LEAGUE

• **Mets 19, Orioles 3:** Peter Klebaur pitched three scoreless innings, striking out six. Chris Bergeski and Chris DeVito closed the game, striking out two. Bergeski led the Mets with six hits, three of them singles and three doubles. DeVito and Steve Kress had five hits and Klebaur four, two singles and two doubles. Chuck Orlando, Eric Feller and David Apigo shared pitching duties for the Orioles. Feller belted a double and scored.

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• **Mets 8, Blue Stars 3:** Peter Klebaur and Chris DeVito each pitched three innings to help the Mets improve to 6-4. Klebaur had nine strikeouts and DeVito had a four-pitch fifth inning thanks to the fine defensive plays of Chris Bergeski at second and Patrick Klebaur in right field. Bergeski belted a two-run homer in the first and John Bodencheck had a double and stole third and home in the fourth. Eric Gay had an RBI-double in the first and Jason Kurz scored on a fielder's choice in the sixth inning for the Blue Stars.

• **Mets 12, Braves 7:** Peter Klebaur hurled a complete game and struck out 12 to help the Mets improve to 7-4. He went 2-for-4 and scored twice. Chris DeVito had two hits and scored twice and Chris Bergeski, Steven Kress and Sasha Orenczak scored twice. Joe King pitched three scoreless innings for the Braves, striking out eight. He went 3-for-3 with a triple and two home runs, scoring three times. John O'Dowd had two hits and scored twice and Geo Capodanno belted a home run.

• **Orioles 8, Blue Stars 4:** Chuck Orlando and David Apigo drove in two runs to snap a 4-4 tie in the last inning. Katie Moore and Morgan Starkey played well defensively. Jake Savette and Mike Mankowski played well for the Blue Stars.

• **Orioles 8, Cubs 2:** Eric Feller and Kenny Kolanko belted two doubles and Adam Foti drove in two runs. Chuck Orlando pitched four scoreless innings in relief. Jude Faella pitched well for the Cubs in relief, giving up one run. Pat Barrett belted a triple.

• **Orioles 11, Mets 10:** The Orioles scored five runs in the bottom of the sixth to erase a 10-6 Mets lead. Chris Perez-Santalla belted a home run and double, Matt Miller went 3-for-3 and scored the winning run and Chuck Orlando blasted a triple and double. Winning pitcher Eric Feller went the distance. Peter Klebaur and Steve Kress played well for the Mets.

• **Orioles 14, Pirates 13:** Katie Moore belted a two-run homer and played well defensively for the Orioles. Mike Kolanko and Kenny Kolanko had key hits and played well in the field. The Orioles erased a 10-5 deficit by scoring nine runs in the last two innings. Andrew Diamond and Brian Skorge belted home runs for the Pirates.

• **Orioles 8, Braves 2:** The Orioles won their fifth consecutive game and clinched first place in the Major League. Eric Feller belted a grand slam in the third inning. Adam Foti went 3-for-3 and David Apigo went 2-for-3. Matt Miller played outstanding defense and Chuck Orlando pitched three scoreless innings in relief. Kevin Wyvrat went 3-for-4 for the Braves and teammate Joe Nicastro played well defensively.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

• **Marlins 5, Giants 0:** Ryan "Mango" McAdam belted a three-run homer and Matt Zimmerman belted a two-run shot to help the Marlins win their sixth game. Playing well defensively for the Marlins were McAdam at first, Zimmerman at second, Danny Camargo at third, Michael Tate at shortstop, Jeff Aranjio at pitcher and Leanne Skorge in left field. Sal Arpino also played well. Playing well defensively for the Giants were Mark Bodencheck at first, Thomas Amalfi at second, Rebecca Kutner at third, Thomas Weakley at shortstop and Brian Wyvrat at pitcher.

• **Marlins 10, Blue Jays 1:** The Marlins improved to 7-1 behind the excellent pitching of Michael Tate and Ryan McAdam. Hitting the ball well were Linnea Buttermore, Scott Foster and Matt Zimmerman. Playing well defensively were McAdam, Zimmerman, Dan Camargo, Tate, Jeff Aranjio and C.J. Antorino.

Basketball camp in July

The Central Jersey Basketball Camp, co-directed by Neil Horne, Wayman Everly and 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 24th 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 first week of the camp for boys and girls ages 9-17 will be held from Sunday, July 13 to Friday, July 18. The second week will run from Sunday, July 20 to Friday, July 25.

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

The camp staff is composed primarily of high school coaches and college players from Union, Somerset, Hunterdon, Monmouth, Middlesex and Mercer counties.

Again this year, the Central Jersey Camp will offer a camp session for girls during the week of July 13-18 along with the boys.

Matthews, the highly successful girls' basketball coach at Union Catholic, will direct the girls' program.

Other features of the camp include: top college and high school players as counselors; two-hour drill session each day where each camper is taught and then practices basketball fundamentals in small groups; outstanding basketball facilities including five full indoor courts; team and individual contests and each camper plays two or three games a day.

The camp is divided into three different age and skill level groups for both drill sessions and games — elementary, junior and senior high school age groups.

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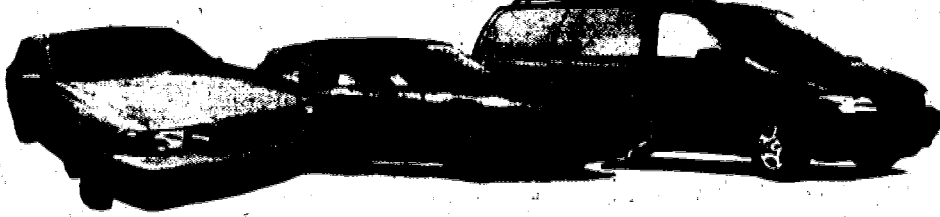
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Shipping company shares their driving safety tips

It's summertime again and many Americans are asking the question — What do we do for summer vacation? For millions, it will include car travel. So, before packing up for a week's vacation, a weekend getaway or just a day at the beach, UPS drivers have tips to help get motorists there safely:

Safe driving is a way of life for the 80,000 UPS delivery drivers. Following these "Five Space and Visibility Habits" makes UPS drivers among the safest professionals on the road.

- Aim high in steering. Rather than staring directly over the hood of the car, look farther down the road. This will give you more time to adjust to changing traffic conditions.

- Get the big picture. Stay back and see it all. Knowing what's ahead, beside and behind you can help you make safe driving decisions.

- Keep your eyes moving. Scan, don't stare; shift your eyes every few seconds and check your mirrors frequently.

- Leave yourself an out. Maintain a cushion of space on all four sides of your vehicle. Keep a four-to-six second interval between you and the traffic ahead.

- Make sure other drivers see you. Communicate in traffic. Using signals, lights and the horn established eye-to-eye contact.

According to the Department of Transportation, motorists will drive more than 850

This company's drivers logged more than 2 billion miles last year, so driving safety is a subject they know.

billion miles on U.S. roads between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

"With so many motorists on the road, the chance of getting into an accident increases dramatically," said Tom Walsh, UPS Corporate Health and Safety Manager. "Safe driving is integral to UPS' daily operations. We are proud of our drivers for maintaining such a high safety record, and encourage motorists to follow their example and take extra care on the roads this summer."

Last year alone, UPS drivers logged more than two billion miles on the road to deliver more than three billion packages. On average, UPS drivers experience only one accident for every two million miles driven. While the average U.S. motorist will experience nine accidents over the same distance, using statistics supplied by the National Safety Council.

UPS drivers also encourage motorists to "buckle up." Proper use of seat belts can save lives.

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In-dash computers take guessing out of driving

Last year, thousands of visitors to Orlando, Fla., drove away from the airport in rental cars that literally told them where to go — and how to get there.

The drivers took part in a one-year experiment called Travtek. Recruited mostly by the American Automobile Association, the rented new Oldsmobile Toronados from Avis. These 100 cars were equipped with computerized in-vehicle navigation systems that included computer maps and detailed instructions to every street address and significant destination in the area.

At the airport, after an attendant briefs the driver on how to use Travtek, the system showed an animated map advising what route to take. The map appeared on a TV-like monitor built into the dashboard. The system also gave audible instructions by means of a machine-generated voice. The city of Orlando operated a central traffic center that gathered information on traffic congestion and kept the in-vehicle systems informed by radio of where accidents, construction and other congestion sources were to be avoided. Satellite and dead-reckoning navigation kept continuous track of the location of each car.

The Orlando Travtek experiment was a rousing success. Public and private partners worked together to give the public a taste of a futuristic system, and the comments of those who drove the cars — overwhelmingly positive — are being evaluated to perfect the elements of the system.

In-vehicle navigation systems were first tested in the United States in a small California program called Pathfinder. Chicago is now launching a test called Advance. This huge program will involve up to 5,000 vehicles. If Advance proves successful, Chicago authorities expect to continue and expand it as part of the Windy City's ongoing traffic management program.

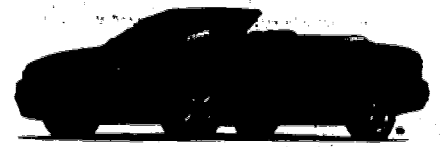
In-vehicle navigation systems are just one of the many types of intelligent vehicle-highway systems being developed and deployed across the United States, Canada, Japan and Europe.

The Intelligent Vehicle-Highway Society of America, called IVHS America, urges Americans to become familiar with the promise of IVHS.

The IVHS experts believe that in-vehicle navigation systems as sophisticated as Travtek and Advance won't be widely available in the United States for another five or more years. But other forms of IVHS — computerized, area-wide traffic management systems, electronic toll collection, advanced traveler information systems and smart public transit systems — are already in use.



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Planning can make long-distance drives easier

At last — the house is safely secured, the car is packed, the kids are buckled up. You even remembered to turn off the iron before driving away. Now, as you pull out of the neighborhood, ready to begin the family vacation you've been planning for months, reality sets in. Less than four blocks from home, you hear: "Are we there yet?" "How much farther?" and worse, "Mom, Susie keeps hitting me!"

The AAA New Jersey Automobile Club Travel Agency offers the following tips to help keep your kids occupied while driving to your destination:

- Before you go, stop by the AAA Store, located in your local AAA office, and pick up a copy of the "AAA Travel Activity Book" for each of your children. At \$5.91, it's a real bargain, packed with enough entertaining and educational games, puzzles and drawing activities to keep the kids busy

for miles. The AAA Store also carries a variety of other children's travel activity books and games specially discounted for AAA members.

- Create grab bags for your kids to dig into during the trip. Take ordinary brown paper lunch bags, personalize them with each child's name and decorate with full stickers. Fill the bags with dime-store goodies, toys and trinkets, then staple them shut and save them for the trip. Build a sense of anticipation by letting your kids know that a treasure trove of treats awaits them as you head towards your destination. If the trip is a long one, you may want to make several bags, parceling them out throughout the journey.

- Take along a few of your children's favorite books and toys. A drastic change of scene can be disconcerting to young ones, so a familiar teddy bear or doll can ease the

way.

- Pack a picnic basket and cooler with snacks and drinks — be sure to steer clear of sugary substances, known to charge up even the most placid kids, and go easy on the liquids for obvious reasons. Instead, try trail mix or fruit roll-ups and compact fruit juice boxes.

- Make the trip more real to your children by showing them your route on a map or Triptik and letting them trace the route with their finger. AAA members can obtain free personalized trip routings, called Triptiks, at their local AAA office. You can also share any literature you've gathered about your destination. Even if they're too young to read, the pictures will give them a clearer understanding of where they're headed.

- Use the miles ahead as a chance to bond with your kids. Tell funny stories about car trips you took with your family as a child, or

encourage your children to recall humorous family incidents of their own. Storytelling of all kinds can be great fun and a real exercise in imagination. One person can begin an outlandish or silly story, then each family member takes turns adding fanciful details and plot twists to the tale until it's the original storyteller's turn again. He or she then has to come up with an equally wacky ending. Or try singing familiar songs, making up your own verses as you go along.

- Check your local library or the AAA Store for books, songs and stories on cassette, which can be very entertaining. Despite being more accustomed to television and videos, kids can let their imaginations soar while listening to a tale on tape.

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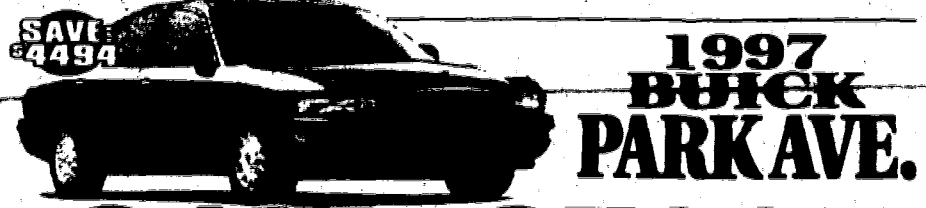
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Mechanical troubles are not inevitable

Cruising the information highway and surfing the Internet might be the latest craze in cyber-travel, but millions of families will pack up the kids and go on the real thing this summer — the traditional automobile vacation. Unfortunately, some of these trips will become a virtual mess, due to mechanical breakdowns.

To help lessen the chances of mechanical troubles, the nonprofit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence offers the following advice for vacationers:

- Start preparing your vehicle well ahead of your vacation. Automotive components already weakened by last winter's harsh conditions are poised for failure in summer's heat and stop-and-go traffic.
- Make automotive maintenance and service a year-round investment. Your vehicle will last longer, and you will gain peace of mind.
- Inspect your vehicle periodically in performance and handling, leaks, drips. Be prepared to mention these symptoms to your auto technician.
- Read the owner's manual, follow recommended service intervals and keep good records.
- If you are not a do-it-yourselfer, find a shop with a courteous staff, qualified technicians and up-to-date equipment. Reward good service with repeat business. Ask your friends for their own recommendations and check the reputation of the shop with your local consumer organizations.
- Look for repair facilities that employ one or more ASE-certified technicians. These technicians have taken national exams to prove their competency to their employers and to you. They wear blue-and-white ASE insignia; their employers display the blue-and-white ASE sign and often post their technicians' credentials in the shop.
- A summer inspection should cover the air conditioning system, condition and tightness of belts and hoses, engine performance and fluids. Also check the radiator, brakes, tires, including spare, suspension and steering, all lights and bulbs, the battery and windshield wipers.
- Carry some basic tools, road flares, a car phone or CB radio, and a flashlight for emergency use. And keep plenty of windshield washer fluid on hand.

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- Carry an extra-large key ring. This will help make your keys harder to ignore. It's also easier to find when you're in a hurry.
- Learn to only lock your car from the outside with your key.
- Give an extra car key to your spouse or a friend. Ask your spouse or friend to bring you the extra car key if you should accidentally lock yours inside the car.
- Hide a spare key in a magnetized holder under your car. Ask your mechanic to help you locate a secure spot in which to hide a key holder.
- Join an automobile club. Many offer an emergency lockout service which reimburses members for locksmith charges.

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The two motels pride themselves on their repeat business developed over the years, including airline service personnel and general trucking and construction guests. They feature long term occupancy in their suites and daily and weekly stays with moderate rates in their upgraded bedrooms. Throughout the years they have catered to family reunions-visiting sports teams and small conventions. There is a home away-from home atmosphere and much of the staff has been employed for as much as 20 years so that the guests always see smiling friendly faces.

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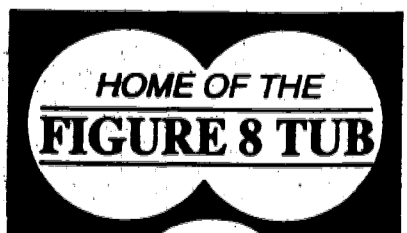
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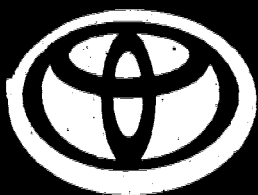
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The idea behind anti-lock brakes is simple. They are designed to prevent skidding and help drivers maintain steering control during an emergency braking situation. The ABS eliminates the need to pump the brakes because ABS pumps automatically at a rate of up to 18 times per second whenever a sensor detects the start of wheel lock. Because the wheels are kept from locking up, the driver is able to better control the vehicle.

There are two kinds of anti-lock brakes: four-wheel and rear-wheel. Four-wheel ABS, found primarily on passenger cars and many newer light trucks, prevents wheel lock-up on all four wheels.

Rear-wheel ABS is found exclusively on light trucks and is designed to prevent only the rear wheels from locking up so that the vehicle doesn't skid sideways. It is important for drivers to understand the differences between four-wheel and rear-wheel ABS because it affects how they use their systems.

Here are the dos and don'ts for driving with ABS:

DO keep your foot on the brake, maintain firm and continuous pressure on the brake while steering to enable four-wheel ABS to work properly. Avoid pumping the brake, even if the brake pedal is pulsating. In light trucks that are equipped with rear-wheel anti-lock brakes, however, the front wheels can still lock up the same as conventional brakes. If that happens, the driver should ease up on the brake pedal with just enough pressure to allow the front wheels to roll again so you can steer.

DO allow enough distance to stop. Follow three seconds or more behind vehicles when driving in good conditions. Allow more time if conditions are hazardous.

DO practice driving with ABS. Become accustomed to pulsations that occur in the brake pedal when ABS is activated. Empty parking lots or other open areas are excellent places to practice emergency stops.

DO consult the vehicle's owner's manual for additional driving instructions on ABS.

DO know the difference between four-wheel and rear-wheel ABS. Four-wheel ABS is generally found on passenger cars and is designed to maintain steerability and directional stability in emergency braking situations. Rear-wheel ABS, found exclusively on light trucks, is designed to maintain directional stability and prevent the vehicle from skidding sideways.

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- Security systems — alarms, electronic locks and disabling devices.
- Changing driving habits — commuting by public transit, using a company vehicle for work-related travel and carpooling.
- Formal agreement not to drink and drive — the availability of a discount for signing such an agreement varies among insurers and states.
- Buying home owners and auto policies from the same company — if your home and your car are insured by different companies, check the cost of carrying both policies by one insurer. Your agent can give you guidance as to which insurers offer discounts.

You can also lower your insurance by requesting higher deductibles — the amount of money you pay before you make a claim. Increasing your deductible on collision and comprehensive coverage from \$100 to \$250, or even \$500, will bring your rates down. Remember, too, that where you live can affect your premium.

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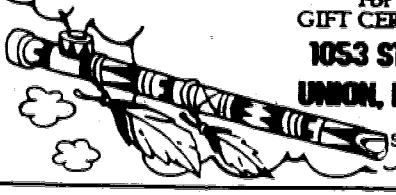
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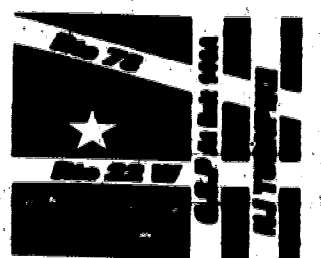
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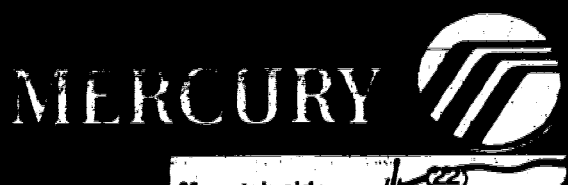
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