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Borough Highlights

Offices closed

The offices of this newspaper will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen Tuesday.

The deadlines for the Sept. 7 edition are as follows:

- Lifestyle, including church and club news, etc. — today, noon.
- Letters to the editor — Friday, noon.
- What's Going On — Friday, 3:30 p.m.
- Display ads — Friday noon for Section B and 5 p.m. for Section A.
- Sports news — Friday, 9 a.m.
- General news — Tuesday, 9 a.m.
- Classified advertising — Tuesday, 3 p.m.
- Legal advertising — Tuesday, noon.

Fireworks on the 4th

The borough's fireworks display will take place tomorrow. Both the Borough Council and the Volunteer Fire Department have put up \$5,000 apiece to have Garden State Fireworks put on the display at Deerfield School at approximately 9 p.m., or when it gets dark enough.

It is suggested that everyone get there early since parking will be restricted to one side of the surrounding streets near the school.

Sizzlin' coupons

Readers can take advantage of our summer sizzlin' days coupon offered by local merchants. See Page B5.

Stable lessons

Watching 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 Watching Stable is a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation and is located at 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside.

Concerts at Echo Lake

Music will fill the night air in Echo Lake Park when the annual Union County Summer Arts Festival begins its season.

The schedule for July is: Wednesday, Jukebox Heroes, featuring the Mahoney Brothers, sponsored by Comcast Cablevision.

July 16, A reggae, calypso evening, featuring Verdict.

July 23, Dixieland, featuring the Wooster Street Trolley Jazz Band, sponsored by Schering Plough Corp.

July 30, Oldies night, featuring A.J. and the Hearts, sponsored by Tosco Bayway Refinery.

All concerts are held at the Springfield Avenue end of Echo Lake Park in Mountainside.

Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets are encouraged. There is a refreshments stand available beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m.

In case of rain, Cranford High School Auditorium, West End Place, Cranford will be the site.

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Three of the final three



Photo By Milton Mills

Governor Livingston Regional High School's Class of '97 included Michael Pieja, Deirdre Barnett and Steven Siegel, shown here before the commencement exercises held June 25 on the campus in Berkeley Heights. With the final act of deregionalization, this class is among the last three to graduate regional high schools in Union County.

Board begins its search to fill administrator post

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

The search is on for a chief school administrator and the Board of Education hopes to find the perfect candidate to manage Deerfield School and the rest of district's affairs.

The Board of Education has begun the process of finding a suitable candidate and plans to involve the community throughout the search process.

With the help of the New Jersey School Boards Association, the Board of Education hopes that they will find someone in the near future that will be interested in taking the position. "We are using the consulting services of the New Jersey School Boards Association. The service involves the entire process from start to finish, which was what we were looking for," said Frank Geiger of the Board of Education. "One of the main points beyond their service is that they also show candidates that we are serious

and that any candidates will not have to worry about their confidentiality being broken."

In conjunction with the search the board has sent out a survey to all of the residents of the borough to get some sort of idea of what the community is looking for in someone to run the district. "The survey asked questions about what residents would like to see happen as far as both the district and potential candidates are concerned as well as any objectives that the community would like to see the district head for. I would like to see a wide range of responses to the survey and not only responses from households who have children in the school, after all the whole community is involved in budgeting for the district," said Geiger.

Another aspect of the process will involve the creation of a brochure that will help candidates get acquainted with Mountainside. "We will have our

brochure done by the end of this week and I think next week is when they will all be sent out to prospective candidates. I think that most of the candidates will have an idea of what Mountainside is all about through their own sources, but this will give anybody who is not familiar with the district a better idea of what Mountainside is all about," said Geiger.

The chief school administrator position was created to combine the positions of Deerfield principal with the job of superintendent of schools for the district.

'Match burglar' gets 20 years

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Borough homeowners can breathe a little easier now that "The Match Burglar" has been imprisoned for a while.

Rafeeq Abdul-Samad, 42, was sentenced to up to 20 years in prison Monday. Abdul-Samad, formerly known as Ricky Williams, won't see parole until half his sentence is served.

"He was methodical, driving to neighborhoods between 6 and 8 p.m. to find houses that appeared to be unoccupied," said Mountainside Det. Sgt. Richard Osieja. "We got his name when we noticed burnt matches on the floors of the homes he entered."

Osieja said that Abdul-Samad apparently used matches to see his

For six distr distribution looms

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

The fat lady was singing at the final Regional High School Board of Education meeting on June 26.

The district is officially dissolved. The long and sometimes vicious battle over the dissolution of the district is over, and the four high schools owned by that government have been turned over to the state Department of Education, which will pass them to the local school boards in Springfield, Kenilworth, Berkeley Heights and Clark.

A proclamation that was read and signed by all of the members of the regional Board of Education summed up the demise of the regional district:

"Let it be known throughout the land that on June 30, 1997 the Union County Regional High School District No. 1, after 60 years of service to high school students from Berkeley Heights, Clark, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside and Springfield, shall be dissolved as a school district. Let us all share in the knowledge that the last meeting of the Regional District Board of Education shall be conducted on Thursday, June 26, 1997 at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in the Township of Springfield, New Jersey.

"During that final meeting, at which time the board shall terminate all official business of the school district, the members of the last Board of Education shall also honor, recognize and reflect upon the deeds and service of former Board of Education members who have shared in the history of this school district during its successful 60-year long journey in providing quality high school education.

"And, as a final tribute to the Regional District, let all who cherish quality education and service to students remember with fondness and appreciation the memory of a school district which so ably served its student body and which no longer exists."

On Monday, a meeting of all of the superintendents of schools from the six sending districts met at the Union County superintendent of schools office for the handing over of keys to the various high school buildings. Leonard Baccaro was on hand at the meeting for Mountainside. "We basically met so that we could be brought up to date on what will be happening as far as the dissolution process will go. There are a lot of reports that are incomplete at the moment, so it looks like the actual splitting up of the regional district between the six districts will take quite some time, the superintendents are scheduled to meet again on July 16," said Baccaro.

Bill Van Tassel, who is the business administrator for the Berkeley Heights school district has been appointed to oversee the dissolution of the regional. He will be in charge of making sure that the dissolution goes as smoothly as possible and that all of the districts receive their fair share of the assets. According to Frank Geiger of the Mountainside Board of Education this was a perfect choice. "We have complete faith in Bill Van Tassel and we are sure that he will do the best job for everybody involved."

According to Van Tassel there is a long road ahead for everyone concerned. "I have been calling this process the close-out of a business, we have to take a look at what is there and what needs to be done and then finally just make the distributions. It is going to take awhile because some of the assets that are being identified were left off original lists, so the appraisal company has to come back and take a look at the new items. We have to finalize the month of June as far as bills are concerned and we will be working on that at the start of next week. I still have a lot to do but we are glad that we have gotten to this point," said Van Tassel.

Abdul-Samad, during sentencing, apologized to his victims and blamed a 20-year-old heroin habit for his actions.

way, instead of using house lights, making his trail easy to follow.

"It was a matter of time before he was caught," said Osieja. "This case is an example of detectives from different towns cooperating for a common goal."

Osieja was joined by detectives from the seven communities where the burglar had struck. The team included Detective Sgt. Richard Dopf and Detective John Zimmerman of Kenilworth.

"We got a break when one of us lifted a fingerprint from a home in Cranford," said Zimmerman. "It was taken to the FBI's fingerprint lab, where it matched with a prior record in Essex County."

Police arrested Abdul-Samad at his East Orange home in October. Abdul-Samad, during sentencing, apologized

to his victims and blamed a 20-year-old heroin habit for his actions.

"Though no one was hurt during his spree, the defendant caused significant disruption to the lives of many innocent victims," said Acting County Prosecutor Edward Neasey.

"Given the amount of time apprehending and trying the defendant," said Zimmerman, "I feel his sentence should've been longer."

Hospital hosts show of disabled artists

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

A very special art exhibit is now being displayed at Children's Specialized Hospital.

The inspirational exhibition featuring the acrylics of Tom Noonan, seasonal artistic interpretations from Diane Lopez-Daniels and Rev. Beatus T. Lucey, and mixed media by artists with disabilities from the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts will be on display during the month of July.

Tom Noonan utilizes a technique best described as photorealism, whereby he attempts to capture, as closely as the human hand and eye allow, an artistic reproduction of the relevant subject matter.

Noonan describes himself as a "self-taught artist attracted to the age, architecture and uniqueness of city subjects." He conveys in his artwork detailed reproductions of various subjects representative of historic downtown Charleston and the picturesque South Carolina coast.

In his first New Jersey exhibition, Noonan will include details of cobblestone, wrought iron and older architecture. This artist, born and raised in the metropolitan area and currently residing in North Carolina, is pleased to present his works so close to home.

Artists Diane Lopez-Daniels and Rev. Beatus T. Lucey will jointly exhibit watercolors and other media used in compositions reflective of the summer season. Together these artists convey their love of working in watercolor as well as celebrate a 20-year professional relationship as colleagues at Delbarton School in Morristown.

Noonan's technique, described as photorealism, attempts to capture, as closely as the human hand and eye allow, a reproduction of the subject.

A majority of their artwork is expressive of the traditional approach to watercolor. Lucey's paintings of historical landscapes and summer in Cyprus, alongside Lopez-Daniels' outdoor subjects, result in a display of nature at its best.

Since 1990, the New Jersey Center for the Visual Arts has provided an award-winning arts education program serving individuals with developmental and physical disabilities. The innovative curriculum they follow is designed to provide new avenues of expression through artistic creations that encourage personal growth and enhance self-esteem.

The exhibition is open to the public, free of charge, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., daily, at Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road. Visitors are requested to enter the hospital through the ambulance entry.

The artists' works will be offered for sale during the month long exhibit. A portion of the sale proceeds will benefit Children's Specialized Hospital.

All American success



The Mountainside Newcomers Club recently held their 'All American Barbecue.' Nearly 90 people attended the event. From left are club board members Maureen Giannone, Robyn Hoy and Donna Panagos enjoying the barbecue.

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Starting a journey



Photo By Barbara Kakkalis

Valedictorian Gaile Rozan delivers her address, titled 'Journey Through the World of Learning,' at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School's commencement exercises, held June 25 at Meisel Field.

Regional quality report reflects improvements

By Toniann Antonelli
Staff Writer

The Quality Assurance Annual report was presented during the final meeting of the Regional High School Board of Education June 26.

Following the dissolution of the district on Monday, each individual school district will be responsible for putting together individual Quality Assurance Annual Reports each year.

The purpose of the report is to provide information about the students, programs, community support, facilities, and the school district as a whole. In addition, due to the dissolution, the report was intended to meet the requirements for providing data for the 1996-97 school year as required by the Union County superintendent of schools.

One of the first sections of the QAAR dealt with the achievement of the performance objectives by the students. Arthur L. Johnson, Governor Livingston, and Jonathan Dayton high schools. These are objectives that the

schools are expected to meet at some point during the year. The report for the 1996-97 school year indicated that at Johnson, 76 percent of students in English II classes raised their Scholastic Assessment Test scores by 10 points or more. The scores were measured by pre- and post-tests containing items similar to those on the SAT. In addition, it was determined that following the completion of the Basic Skills Improvement Program, the grades of students enrolled in basic math and English improved. The same was true for students at Dayton. Also, following a series of critical reading lessons, students in grade 10 from both schools showed an increase over their pre-test scores.

The QAAR also evaluated professional development activities for the year. The report showed that the Board of Education funded a number

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Jukebox Heroes continue Summer Arts Festival '97

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

Echo Lake Park will be a rocking place Wednesday night, as the Union County Summer Arts Festival is set to continue.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders, with Comcast Cablevision of New Jersey, will sponsor a free concert featuring the Mahoney Brothers doing all the jukebox favorites you remember from the 1950s and '60s.

The Mahoney Brothers promise to make all of the greats come alive. Tim Mahoney who plays bass, keyboards, guitar, drums and vocals, Brian Mahoney who plays guitar, keyboards, saxophone, flute, clarinet and vocals, and Mike Mahoney, who plays drums, percussion, guitar and vocals, will be joined by drummer, percussionist and vocalist Marty Mitchell. Together, through song, costumes, show-stopping impersonations, period staging and expert choreography, this talented group will salute the pioneers of rock 'n roll.

The first set of the evening will include impressions of such greats as the Everly Brothers, Buddy Holly, Jerry Lee Lewis, Ricky Nelson, Elvis Presley and a tribute to the Beach Boys. Chameleon-like transformations from one performer to another are so good, that you will have fun wondering, and finding out, what's coming up next.

The second set will recall the British Invasion, led primarily by a startlingly accurate presentation of the Fab Four. Portraying the Beatles is not new to the two founding brothers of The Jukebox Heroes. In 1979, Tim and Brian Mahoney auditioned for parts in the highly successful Broadway production of "Beatlemania." To their delight they were both hired and spent six months working with the show.

The concert will be held at 7:30



The Mahoney Brothers, as the Jukebox Heroes will perform hits of the 1950s and '60s Wednesday night in Echo Lake Park as part of the Union County Summer Arts Festival.

p.m. at the Springfield Avenue end of the Echo Lake Park, Mountainside. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets are encouraged. There is a refreshment stand available beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m. In case of rain, the Cranford High School Auditorium, West End Place, Cranford will be the concert site. Rain information is available by calling (908) 352-8410 after 3 p.m. on the day of the concert.

Aug. 27. These Summer concerts are part of a yearly tradition that the freeholders with various sponsors provide free of charge to the residents of Union County.

The next concert will be a Reggae Calypso Evening with Verdict on July 16. For a complete concert schedule, call the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900. Both the freeholders and the Union County Park Department hope that the residents will enjoy this years concert series.

The Jukebox Heroes perform as a part of Union County's annual Summer Arts Festival which will continue every Wednesday evening through

Swimming registration open

The Springfield pool is now accepting registration for group swimming lessons for the summer. Three sessions will be offered during the summer. This program is for all Springfield children 6 months and up. The fees are \$15 per child, per session and \$70 for each additional child, per session in the same family. Only checks will be accepted. Registration is being accepted 7-days-a-week until classes are full. For more information on group and private lessons call (201) 912-2227 or (201) 912-2234.

Day camp registration is still being

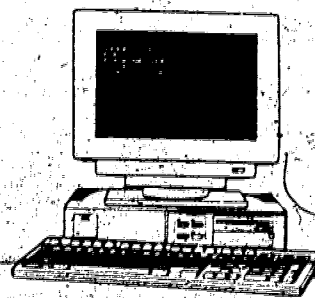
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The Community Calendar is prepared each week by the *Springfield Leader* and *Mountainside Echo* to inform residents of various community activities and governmental meetings. To give your community events the publicity they deserve, mail your schedule to Managing Editor Kevin Singer, Worrall Community Newspapers, P.O. Box 3109, Union, NJ 07083.

Sunday

A hike led by Bob Harsell, founder and director of the Arthur Kill Watershed Association, will be given today, in the Watchung Reservation on the Blue Brook in Berkeley Heights. This is one in a series of walks being given as part of Loantaka Group's Arthur Kill Water Watch project. Identification of trees, plants and birds are all part of Harsell's educational and leisurely walks. The hike will start at the west end of Sky Top Drive at 9 a.m. promptly. Call Harsell at (908) 388-8848 for further directions and info if necessary. The hike will be cancelled in the event of bad weather.

Trailside Nature and Science Center will present "Summer '97 Highlights," a preview of summer constellations, planets and special events, including the landing of Pathfinder on Mars, a meteor shower and other events. Each family will receive a summer sky map. Admission is \$3 per person and showtime is at 2 p.m. For more information, call (908) 789-3670. This program will continue throughout July.

The planetarium offers a special one-show-only laser concert featuring the music of U2 at 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$3.25 per person.

Interfaith Singles, a group for single adults over 45, will hold their weekly discussions on successful single living today. A continental breakfast will be served, and there is a donation \$2. The group will meet at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St. Westfield, every Sunday during July from 9 to 10:30 a.m. For further information, call (908) 233-2278.

Monday

The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the Board of Education conference room in Gaudineer School. An executive session is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., with the public session to follow at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday

The Mountainside Borough Council will hold a

work session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

The Springfield Township Committee will meet at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

Wednesday

At 1:30 p.m., Trailside Nature and Science Center presents "Songs for Our Environment," by Valerie Vaughn, featuring songs about the outdoors and about the importance of keeping the environment clean. Admission is \$4 per person and no children under 4 will be admitted. For more information, call Trailside at (908) 789-3670.

Coming events

July 10

Rodney and his Rock and Roll Rocket return to Trailside Nature and Science Center at 11 a.m. Rodney will tell of his tour of the planets, and the capture of Mr. Moonrocks by astronauts. Admission is \$3 per person.

July 13

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At 3:30 p.m., Trailside presents an exploration of the nighttime sky for parents and children ages 6 and up. Admission is \$3 per person. For more information, call (908) 789-3670.

July 15

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

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

July 16

Bob Conrad's Bugs and Bees, Spiders and Snakes puppet show returns to Trailside Nature and Science Center at 1:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$4 per person, and the performance will last 45 minutes.

Man alleges robbery near the library

A Springfield resident reported to police that he was relieved of over \$175 in cash and store credit slips in front of the Public Library June 26. He said that he was waylaid by a man and woman team who asked him about library hours midafternoon. One of the couple, he claims, may have reached into his car while the other talked with him to lift the cash and slips.

One or more sets of sticky fingers were at work in the township June 26. An employee reported \$161.27 in cash missing from a Mountain Avenue business at 3 p.m. while

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another businessperson down the street said a set of tax stamps, credit card statements and money order receipts were lifted at the same time. The owner of a Lincoln Continental parked along Warner Avenue said someone smashed a passenger side window at about 10 p.m. and removed \$1,100 worth of stereo and camera equipment, compact discs and clothing.

The long day began with word of a three-foot square door window pane being shattered at the Thelma L. Sandmeier School at 12:30 a.m. On a positive note, a Springfield Police Officer on duty at Mountain and Morris Avenues 6:30 a.m. discovered a woman's brown wallet containing Jonathan Dayton Regional High School i.d. and coins. The wallet is being held at headquarters.

Schaffernoth Road and Route 22 West wasn't the place to be for five motor vehicles. The first three — a Ford Bronco, a Geo Metro and a Chevrolet Blazer, came together in 22's fast lane when the Bronco driver suddenly stopped at 11:39 a.m. Friday. The Bronco driver was ticketed

Tearful farewell



Photo By Barbara Kerkalla

Graduating seniors at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School's commencement exercises look on as Jaclyn Hunt sheds a tear. The Class of '97 is Dayton's last as a regional high school. Deregionalization ended six decades of educating students from Springfield and surrounding communities. On Monday, the local superintendent of schools received the keys and deed to the high school.

for careless driving and the Metro driver was injured. A Ford Escort ran into the back of a Toyota 4Runner with four passengers, causing two injuries, on the ramp to 22 West noon Saturday.

There were two accidents on Mountain Avenue. The first, between a Dodge pickup truck and a BMW 325, happened on the ramp to Route 22 East 5:30 p.m. Friday; the BMW was towed away. The other occurred 100 feet north of Hillside Avenue when a Volvo 850 hit a parked Chevy Malibu at 7:11 p.m. Saturday.

Another deer versus car bout in the township took place, this time

along Shunpike Road 8:09 p.m. Friday. A Chrysler New Yorker driver was headed eastbound when a deer ran into her passenger side door. No word on how the deer fared.

Sometimes getting on or off local streets can be hazardous. The driver of a Chevy Nova, while attempting to make a left hand turn from northbound Hillside Avenue, was run into by a late model Acura 4:55 p.m. Friday. The Acura driver, identified as a white female, left the scene while the Nova pilot made a telephone call. A Ruby Street resident was backing out of her driveway at 3:48 p.m. Sunday when she ran into a stationary Plymouth van.

Merachnik says he likes results

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of workshops during the summer of 1996 as well as the regular school year for curriculum development and staff training in all areas including special education. The funding totaled \$25,000. Major revisions in curricula included concepts and principles of accounting, psychology, sociology, and honors chemistry.

The report indicated that additional funding was received through an Eisenhower Grant in the amount of \$706,50. The money was used to provide math teachers with training in the use of computer software, as well as to purchase software for the new computer laboratories. Dayton math and science teachers were also involved in training programs funded by a Strategic Systemic Initiative Thrust II Grant, with Kenilworth and Springfield. A number of professional days were also approved for employees to participate in one-day conferences and training sessions.

The QAAR also reported on the condition of the school facilities for the former district. According to the report, the district undertook one major project during 1996-97. Renovations to the track at Governor Livingston were made at a cost of \$739,885.25.

As part of the condition of school facilities aspect of the report, it was explained that each year, the principals of each high school are responsible for conducting a health and safety review. This is done through the assistance of a functioning health and safety committee. The committee inspects the building four to six times per year and recommends health and safety improvements.

The district is required to conduct periodic reviews of the various programs that the schools participate in. On May 20, 1997, the required Annual Review of Progress was completed and filed with the county superintendent. The QAAR indicated that the schools maintained a series of programs and services for students at risk. These programs included programs such as Basic Skills Improvement.


Funds have also been allocated, according to the QAAR, for other programs to help all students succeed. Some of these include peer leadership and substance abuse prevention. Other programs were also reviewed and approved during the last year including English as a Second Language, Special Education, Vocational Education and Child Nutrition.

The QAAR analyzed community support within the former district. A survey of all of the residents in the six constituent communities, as required for state monitoring, was distributed in October of 1995 via the district's newsletter. The survey measured support based on the public perception of the quality of programs, health, safety, goals and objectives for the school district. The data indicated that the "Achievement of Students" was cited

most frequently as one of the strengths of the district. Other strengths included the quality of the curriculum, extracurricular activities, athletics, and appropriateness of class size. The QAAR also showed, however, that out of a total population of 58,000, only 185 responses were actually received.

The Community Support section of the QAAR also pointed out the former Regional District's numerous resources and linkages to Social Service Agencies.

The report additionally pointed out that efforts were constantly being made to monitor the environmental conditions in the former district's communities, and that measures have also been taken to promote racial and ethnic balance through specialized programming.



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COMMUNITY FORUM

Would they recognize us?

If the Founding Fathers symbolically are the parents of contemporary Americans, would they recognize us on our birthday tomorrow?

It'd be reassuring to know they would, but doubting is easy. Tomorrow marks America's 221st birthday, and while there still is much on the surface of society that the 18th century nation-builders would know, many of the underlying principles for which they risked everything are being forgotten.

The Bill of Rights was added to the Constitution as 10 amendments to spell out specific powers of Congress and the states, and rights of the individual. By listing those 10 legal safeguards, the framers intended to ensure that government remained the servant, not the master, of the people.

Our First Amendment right to free speech and worship is under attack in sectors once thought to be safe havens of the same. On college campuses across the country, broadly defined "hate speech regulations" stifle debate that may hurt someone's feelings. The prohibition of Congress establishing a state religion, like Henry VIII's Church of England, has been turned around to prevent benedictions from being given at high school graduations.

Our Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms is being taken away incrementally by government that says disarming law-abiding citizens is the way to fight crime.

On unreasonable searches and seizures, the Fourth Amendment is blunt, but for 10 years there have been federal anti-drug laws on the books that allow police to confiscate private property on the mere suspicion — not even conviction — of drug possession.

The Fifth Amendment's coverage of crimes and indictments prohibits double jeopardy, but the U.S. Justice Department prosecutes the acquitted on "civil rights" charges to show how members of politically fashionable minorities are more equal than other citizens.

The Sixth Amendment's call for speedy trials was intended to benefit the accused, who now prolong legal proceedings for years and clog the courts with appeals and frivolous complaints after their convictions.

Reserved rights, as stated in the Ninth Amendment, supposedly prevent the denial of rights not named in the Constitution. Yet somehow, simple freedoms — from riding a bicycle without a helmet to smoking a cigarette in an open space — are becoming memories as government serves as babysitter.

And while often forgotten, the 10th Amendment is a big one. It prohibits the federal government from ordering state and local governments to do its work. To that we have only two words: unfunded mandates.

Benjamin Franklin said those who "give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." That is the crux of America's problem; government intrudes into our lives by giving away others' money, offering social programs and making empty promises of protection.

After seeing all of the above and then some, wouldn't the Founding Fathers give us a good spanking? Don't we deserve a strong lecture on the beautiful spontaneity of freedom and the need for the people to protect it?

Enjoy what's left of your freedom on this Independence Day. By this time next year, there will be less of it.

Plan for safety

Tomorrow night, the skies will be illuminated with colorful explosives set off by skilled and licensed pyrotechnicians. But, while many municipalities offer a safe and convenient way for families to spend the Fourth of July, still there are many people who visit the emergency room from firework casualties.

The day is supposed to be festive — a day celebrated in honor of claiming our independence from England and her beliefs with which our founders disagreed. Many would like to re-create in their own back yards that night in 1776 when explosives ruled the night sky.

While fireworks are illegal in the state of New Jersey, there are those who find ways to get the explosives and have their own night of fun. They don't think about the dangers they can face when using fireworks.

For instance, lighting a firework near someone's face can yield damaging results. Hearing loss could be inevitable depending on the sensitivity of the person's ear drum. Even loss of eyesight is possible should the explosive detonate very close to the eye.

However you spend your Fourth of July, make sure it is planned for safety.

"We should be encouraging children to use the library, not discouraging them. Our First Amendment affords all citizens the right to information, free of government restriction."

—Herbert A. Doyle
library board chairman
1994



AT THE SUMMIT — Fifth-graders from Deerfield School pause to rest as they reach the high point of their hike. This was one of the many activities in which the children participated during their class trip to the Weis Ecology Center.

Nothing's shocking in our violent society

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

Has the behavior of some people become so bizarre, unpredictable and callous as to make one wonder what is going on?

I specifically refer to a number of incidents reported in the press over the last few months that point to a changing attitude among those who would do harm to others. Take the case of the two pizza delivery men who were ambushed by two thrill-seekers who shot the pair to death just for something to do. What about the high school senior who gave birth to a baby during her prom, literally threw it away in the bathroom and then saw fit to return to her prom as though nothing happened? This was followed up a few days later by a similar incident.

And what about the death of Dr. Betty Shabazz, who was burned to death from a fire in her apartment allegedly started by her grandson? Surely you remember the case of the couple who discarded a new-born baby in Delaware some months ago and now face possible execution there. I could go on and on, but I think you get the idea of the callousness many people have within them.

Unfortunately, there will always be

murder and mayhem, but the way these crimes are currently carried out sends a chill down my back because some of these people have absolutely no conscience, no mercy and no idea of what havoc they cause.

Also, I'm getting sick and tired of hearing what has now become a tired cliché: the defendant came from a dysfunctional home where he was sexually molested, constantly beaten and whose parents were on drugs and alcohol. It's not the defendant's fault that he murdered a few people by lopping off their heads. At that stage of the trial, if there is one, the defense attorney will wring his hands and tell the court that the defendant is sorry for what happened and pleads for mercy and promises never to do such a thing again. Phooey!

We'll get angry many times during our lifetimes and we can say mean

and terrible things. We can even go as far as striking our tormenter. But, thankfully, it goes no further than that. How many heard about the driver who became annoyed when a cab driver behind him honked his horn and calmly got out of his car, walked back to the cabdriver and pumped 10 bullets into his body, and left and drove away? Talk about chutzpah or coldbloodedness.

More and more people fear that our so-called innocent youth is becoming more and more vicious, thinking nothing of killing and maiming. These incidents can give rise to blood pressure and anger, but surely not enough to kill for.

I know I'll be criticized by saying that many movies and television shows give some viewers the idea that murder is a rite of passage to adulthood. But this cannot be the reason, because we read more and more where the murderers are children in their early teens. To these babies, life is cheap. They watch Arnold Schwarzenegger and Chuck Norris do it in every film they're in. I must say that the villains get their due, but not before dozens of innocent people get blown away.

No one can tell me that violence on film and television does not beget more violence in real life. People who are easily led are prone to suggestion that to get out of life's problems, get rid of the problem, and in our make-believe world of film and TV, people generally are the source of the problem. So, why not get rid of that problem by creating as much mayhem as is possible without offending the faint-hearted? But what is a source of concern and fear is that some of this so-called make-believe rubs off on others who literally take these derring-do incidents as a license to kill others. Unfortunately more and more killers take the attitude that "others do it, why can't I?" Jesse Timmendequas did something along that line and you saw what happened to him... or, what might happen to him.

However, what is getting more and more out of hand is the savagery some killers resort to in settling a score or, even worse, what they'll do to get their jollies. It's frightening.

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

Attending rock concerts is not easy matter

Free Form

By Bob Rixon

Attending a rock concert isn't an easy matter for me. Having read too many spy and detective novels, I feel it's necessary to assume the identity of a typically dedicated fan of a particular act in order to observe, in a detached manner, the behavior of these fans. I'm compiling my accounts of these rock concerts into a book titled, "My Life in the Slow Lane of the Continental Airlines Arena Parking Lot Exit Ramp."

The first, and most simple, disguise I assumed was for an Elvis Costello concert. I wore a tight, dark suit with pants that ended 6 inches above my shoes, a very narrow tie, and a pair of black, horn-rimmed eyeglasses. Much to my surprise, people thought I was Elvis Costello, which resulted in several graphic solicitations from women for my companionship. I turned these down for ethical reasons, and because I worried that three women might be aware of certain tattoos on Mr. Costello's body.

The success of this venture gave me the confidence to tackle a Lynyrd Skynyrd reunion. I bought a Harley

Davidson T-shirt, sewed a Dixie flag patch on a pair of old jeans, which I then rubbed with motor oil. I never got to hear "Free Bird," and I woke up in the back of a Dodge pickup truck parked outside of a bar near Easton, Pennsylvania. I went into the bar, but my cover was blown when it was discovered that I didn't know anything about the World Wrestling Federation. But I learned that the Phillipsburg, N.J. police do not like hitchhikers.

The relative success of this adventure gave me the courage to attempt a Grateful Dead concert. Deadheads have always frightened me. They're nice folks, too nice. I feared what they would do to me if they found out I was a not only an unbeliever, but the equivalent of atheist. To know the Dead

and yet reject them is a grievous spiritual apostasy.

I bought a wig that resembled Cher's hair circa 1970. I invested in a very expensive tie dye shirt, and stocked up on love beads at a hippied shop on the Seaside Heights boardwalk. I borrowed a pair of sandals and some bongo drums, and tucked several clove cigarettes into a small pouch, along with some Zig Zag rolling papers and a small, scented candle. For my admission to the inner circle of parking lot van culture, I recorded a live Dead album using an extremely cheap tape recorder and marked the cassette with the cryptic code, "7/7/77 Sandusky Ohio."

When I arrived at the arena, I cautiously approached a group of Deadheads who were sitting in a Volkswagen van and scooping hummus with their fingers from a large, plastic bowl. I chanted the magic words, "I need a miracle," over and over again.

One of them, a guy named Tripping Skippy, asked if I had anything to trade, as he might have the miracle I

was searching for. I showed him my bogus tape.

"Man, that's just not cool," he said, shaking his head sadly. "I happen to know that Jerry was laid up with a toothache in Martin County on that date, and Bob Weir was scuba diving with his dolphin friends near Santa Catalina Island." He added, "The Dead did play Sandusky, but it was on the 7th of July in 1978."

After that experience I gave up disguising myself for rock concerts until the recent Marilyn Manson appearance at Ozzifest tempted me out of retirement. For the Manson show, I dyed my hair black, wore black combat boots, very white makeup, black lipstick, and a black dress. I had a great time until I jumped out of the seats, ran across the field, was tackled by a State Trooper, taken to the security office and frisked by a police matron.

Bob Rixon is a resident of Rahway.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Change will not affect residents

To the Editor:

In the past few weeks, my staff has received numerous telephone calls regarding the sale of Brighton Gardens of Mountainside to Prime Care, a private investment company.

I would like to clarify what this means for our residents and their family members, the majority of whom are your readers.

While Marriott International has sold the real estate assets of this community, Marriott Senior Living Services will continue to manage and operate Brighton Gardens of Mountainside under a long-term agreement.

This transaction will in no way affect the day-to-day operations of Brighton Gardens of Mountainside. Residents will continue to receive a myriad of services and amenities from our professional and highly trained staff.

For those of you not familiar with Brighton Gardens or Marriott Senior Living Services, let me take this opportunity to share our community with you. Marriott Senior Living Services, a division of Marriott International, Inc. was established in 1984 to develop retirement living communities throughout the United States. Marriott Senior Living Services views the senior housing market as an extension of their hospitality core and has developed a diverse range of housing options, including assisted living.

Brighton Gardens of Mountainside opened in January of this year, offering local residents a variety of assisted living services and levels of care that enable

seniors to live as independently as possible in private apartments and suites. In addition, we offer a Special Care Center for residents with Alzheimer's and related memorial disorders.

Rest assured, my staff and I will continue to provide the highest level of care and services possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me directly at (908) 654-4460.

Bob Love
general manager,
Brighton Gardens
Mountainside

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VIEW POINT

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OBITUARIES

Wall of honor planned

As part of the Capital Campaign, Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield is creating a Wall of Honor for the synagogue's children and their families. Each child has painted a tile which will be built into a wall in the new education wing of the synagogue.

Family worship services

The First Congregational Church, located at 125 Elmer St. in Summit, will host family worship in its newly air-conditioned sanctuary this summer. Services will be held each Sunday throughout July and August from 9 to 9:45 a.m.

Residents in 'Flight'

Mountainside resident Sandi Wagner will serve as director of music and drama, while Ariel Wagner will serve on both the music and drama and the recreation committees for the Princeton Alliance Church "Kids Klub Camp" program.

Richard C. Powell

Richard C. Powell of Springfield died June 18 in the East Orange Veterans Administration Medical Center. Born in Newark, Mr. Powell lived in Springfield for most of his life.

Vincent M. Cannady

Vincent M. Cannady, 59, of Mountainside died June 23 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston. Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Cannady moved to Mountainside in 1978.

Charles Crowley

Charles Crowley, 49, of Springfield died June 22 in University Hospital, Newark. Born in Summit, Mr. Crowley lived in Springfield for many years.

Matthew D. Wade

Matthew D. Wade, 67, of Mountainside, long-time attorney in Elizabeth, died June 26 in Point Pleasant Hospital.

Jacqueline Moody

Jacqueline L. Moody, 71, of Whitehouse Station, formerly of Springfield, died June 24 at home. Born in Paris, France, Mrs. Moody lived in Cranford, Clinton and Springfield before moving to Whitehouse Station three years ago.

Stanley Cornfield

Stanley Cornfield, 74, of Springfield died June 25 at home. Born in Springfield, Mr. Cornfield lived in Springfield for most of his life.

Born in Washington, D.C., Mr. Cornfield lived in Springfield for many years. He was chief executive officer of Sharon Life-Styles, a Millburn manufacturer of mirrors and picture frames for 52 years.

George Schwerdt

George Schwerdt, 64, of Toms River, formerly of Springfield, died June 25 in Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge. Born in Summit, Mr. Schwerdt lived in Springfield and Old Bridge before moving to the Lake Ridge section of Toms River last year.

Shirley Berezin

Shirley Berezin of Springfield died June 27 at home. Born in New York City, Mrs. Berezin lived in Maplewood and Short Hills before moving to Springfield 30 years ago.

Anna Monaco

Anna Monaco, 96, of Berkeley Heights, formerly of Summit, died June 21 in Runnells Specialized Hospital, Berkeley Heights. Born in Morristown, Mrs. Monaco lived in Summit before moving to Berkeley Heights in 1996.

Marian B. Anderson

Marian B. Anderson, 77, of Summit, an artist, died June 26 in the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center. Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Anderson lived in South Orange, Maplewood and Minnesota before moving to Summit in 1968.

SAGE remembers one of its own; new trustees and officers elected

On June 4, SAGE Inc. hosted its 43rd annual meeting at the SAGE Spend-A-Day Center in Berkeley Heights, with 75 people in attendance. A plaque remembering the late Jane E. Patterson, a former trustee of SAGE, was presented to her husband, Donald Patterson of New Providence.

Clare E. Whereley, outgoing SAGE president, conducted election of new officers and trustees. Thomas V. Inglesby, M.D., a cardiologist with the Summit Medical Group, and Diane P. Ruggiero of Mountainside were elected to the board as new trustees.

Language labs for children offered

Want to go on a journey to Italy or Germany this summer — without leaving Summit? The Summit Area YMCA is offering language classes for children ages 10 and up.

German will follow on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Beginning level material includes greetings, geography, numbers, food, clothing, time, color, literary figures and more.

Italian will follow on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Beginning level material includes greetings, geography, numbers, food, clothing, time, color, literary figures and more.

Nurse earns certificate

Jody Kaar, a general surgical associates nurse at Overlook Hospital is among 93 registered nurses who recently certified for professional achievement as a first assistant through the National Certification Board: Perioperative Nursing Inc.

Librarian receives award

On June 13, Kathleen A. Moeller, director of Library Research and CME Services at Overlook, received an award from the Medical Library Association at an annual conference in Seattle.

Interviews set

The Union County Rape Crisis Center is interviewing for the following groups: a group for teenage female survivors of rape age 13 to 17.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST
EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH 'CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE,' 242 Shurpike Rd., Springfield, (201) 379-4351. Reverend Frederick R. Mackey, Senior Pastor. Sunday: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages, interesting devotions for adults. 10:30 AM Worship Service with Nursery care and children's church.

SUMMIT JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
67 Kent Place Boulevard, Summit, 273-8130. William B. Horn, Rabbi. Janet Roth Krupnick, Cantor. Janice Wilson, President. The Summit Jewish Community Center (SJCC) is an egalitarian, conservative synagogue, serving families from Summit and nearly 35 surrounding towns.

JEWISH - REFORM
TEMPLE SHIA'AREY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (201) 379-5387. Joelia Goldstein, Rabbi. Amy Daniels, Cantor/Education Director. Nina Greenman, Pre-School Director; Bruce Pitman, President. Temple Shai'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC).

METHODIST
THE SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located on 40 Church Mall in Springfield, NJ unites people of all ages and backgrounds to join us on Sunday mornings for Adult Christian Education Forum at 9:15 AM, and for worship at 10:30 AM.

ROMAN CATHOLIC
THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081. 201-376-3044. SUNDAY EUCHARIST: Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:00 Noon. Reconciliation: Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Weekday Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

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JEWISH - ORTHODOX
CONGREGATION ISRAEL 339 Mountain Avenue, Springfield 201-467-9666. Daily services are 6:30 A.M. and 7:15 A.M. and 15 minutes before sunset.

LUTHERAN
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 201-379-4525, Fax 201-379-8887. Joel R. Yoss, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. at JONATHAN DAYTON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Mountain Ave., Springfield.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, 229 Cowperthwaite Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Kritch, Pastor. (908) 232-1517. Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available. Wednesday Evening Wor-

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NEWS CLIPS

Fraud hotline open

The Social Security Administration's Office of Inspector General fraud hotline is open.

The hotline is available for live operator assistance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Recorded message service is available and a person can leave a message 24 hours a day. The hotline telephone number is (800) 269-0271.

In addition, an address is available for reporting suspected fraud for those choosing not to use the telephone hotline. The address is: Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General, P.O. Box 17768, Baltimore, MD 21235.

New numbers needed

The Social Security Administration will no longer assign nonwork Social Security numbers to aliens who request them for income tax purposes, including bank accounts and monetary transaction purposes.

The Internal Revenue Service is assigning individual taxpayer numbers to noncitizens who need an identification number for tax purposes, but otherwise do not meet requirements for a Social Security number. These include:

- U.S. taxpayers required to file a U.S. tax return
- Dependents of U.S. taxpayers and who are in the U.S. without work authorization.
- Dependents of U.S. taxpayers and who are outside the U.S. without work authorization, including those who are residents of Canada, Mexico, Japan or South Korea.

Spouses of U.S. taxpayers and who are inside the U.S. without work authorization. Spouses of U.S. taxpayers and who are outside the U.S. without work authorization who elect to file a joint U.S. tax return.

Aliens who need individual taxpayer identification numbers may request IRS Form W-7 from the local IRS office, or write to IRS, Philadelphia Service Center, ITIN Unit, P.O. Box 447, Bensalem, Pa., 19020.

Institution outreach

The Social Security Administration has a program of incentive payments to state and local correctional and mental health authorities that report the names of newly institutionalized Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries.

The move is aimed at ensuring that persons in correctional and certain mental health institutions do not wrongfully continue to receive SSI benefits.

Social Security number. Name. Date of birth. Date of confinement, incarceration. Other identifying information about the confinement as required by the commissioner.

Incentive payments of \$400 will be paid for information received within 30 days of the confinement date or \$200 for information after 30 days but within 90 days after confinement.

Past due benefits paid

Effective with past due benefits paid on or after Dec. 1, 1996, people who are due Supplemental Security Income past due benefits will receive the benefit in installments at six-month intervals.

The new law will apply to past due benefits — minus any reimbursement to a state for interim assistance reimbursement — that are 12 times or more than the monthly federal benefit rate plus any federally-administered monthly state supplement. The installment payments must be paid in no more than three payments at six-month intervals.

The law also provides for an increase in the installment payment in certain circumstances. For example, if an underpaid person has incurred debts for food, clothing or shelter; has expenses for disability-related items and services that exceed the installment limit; or is purchasing a home, the installment payment may be increased by the amount needed to cover these debts and expenses. Full retroactive benefits also will be paid to a person who is terminally ill, or if

ineligible for SSI, is likely to remain so for the next 12 months.

Players wanted

The Union County Senior Softball League is seeking players for the 1997 season for both the 50 plus and 60 plus divisions.

Anyone reaching the age of 50 anytime during 1997 is eligible to participate in the 50 plus division and any player reaching the age of 60 before the end of the year is eligible to participate in the 60 plus division.

The league is entering its eighth year. Nine, or possibly 10 teams, will make up the 50 plus division, while the 60 plus division is expected to expand from four to six teams this season.

Many players participate in both divisions. Games are played weekday evenings on fields throughout Union County.

Anyone interested in joining should contact Tony Muccia at 272-3140 or Don Deo at 654-5088.

Memberships available

The YM/YWHA is promoting a membership special offered to seniors only at a term of one year for \$99. Bring a friend and receive another \$20 off membership.

On June 22, the group will travel to the Bucks County Theater, New Hope, to see "Damn Yankees." Members, \$35; nonmembers, \$40.

Call Susan at (908) 289-8112 for reservations. One need not be a member.

Book on loans available

Seniors who own their homes can request a free workbook titled "HouseMoney" that describes a reverse mortgage plan that provides cash advances based on equity held in the home.

The workbook answers questions about reverse mortgages and shows how seniors can use "HouseMoney" to meet financial and lifestyle needs. "HouseMoney" plans are designed for people age 65 and over who have a home valued at \$75,000 or more. These plans are offered by Transamerica HomeFirst in New Jersey.

Seniors interested in obtaining a free copy of the workbook should call Transamerica HomeFirst toll-free at (800) 538-5569, or write the company at 505 Sansome St., San Francisco, Calif. 94111.

Singers for hire

The Golden Lights, a seniors musical group from Evangel Church of Scotch Plains, is available to present their concert "The Time of Our Lives Opus" for your group's enjoyment.

Community centers, convalescent care facilities, etc. who would like to schedule a presentation of this musical may call Kathleen Deary at (908) 322-9300 to make arrangements.

Woven throughout the familiar musical number is refreshing (and at times comical) narration that recalls milestones of history and tradition.

There is no charge for this presentation; it is an outreach ministry of the church.

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Credit info available

Information about the "Ever Yours" reverse mortgage credit line from Household Bank can be obtained by walking into any of the 16 New Jersey branches of its affiliate company, Household Finance Corp.

Reverse mortgages are programs which provide homeowners age 62 and over with a method of getting cash from their residence by borrowing against their home equity, with no payment due until the home is sold or ownership is transferred. There are no income or credit qualifications, and title remains in the name of the customer.

"Ever Yours" is more accessible, as consumers have the option of either visiting an HFC branch or calling (800) 414-3837.

An HFC branch is located in Union.

"Ever Yours" is known for its credit line limit of up to \$250,000, its one page application and its fast two-week processing period. Unlike some other reverse mortgages, there is no application fee, no servicing fee, annual fees or back-end fees. There is also no requirement for repayment if the borrower has to relocate to a nursing home, nor does Household demand — as do some programs — that the customer pay them part of the appreciated value of their property when it's sold.

Help wanted

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Union County, RSVP, a program of Catholic Community Services, is accepting applications for volunteers who wish to serve with Travelers Aid of New Jersey.

Travelers Aid has been operating at the International Terminal B of Newark Airport since 1992. New volunteers will be assigned to Terminal C, handling domestic flights. Training and parking are provided by Newark Airport and Travelers Aid. For more information, call Jo-Ann Croteau, RSVP director, at (908) 709-2152 or 709-2150.

New ownership won't affect residents of seniors home

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The ownership of Brighton Gardens is set to change, according to management official Bob Love, but the operations and the Second Annual Children's Miracle Network Golf Tournament will continue unchanged.

"A principle of sale was reached between Marriott International and Prime Care, LLC in April," said Love. "It includes the existing Brighton Gardens here in Mountainside and Lakewood plus the center under construction in Cherry Hill. There are also properties in Houston and Chevy Chase, Md. involved."

Love said that the sale is a matter of open record as both Marriott and Prime Care, of Indianapolis, are publicly-traded corporations on the stock market. He stresses, however, that the level of care will be unaffected.

"Marriott Senior Living Services will continue to operate Brighton Gardens of Mountainside under a long-term agreement," said Love. "The staff will still be Marriott and our service to the residents will continue as before."

Marriott Senior Living has built

Brighton Gardens of Mountainside and opened it to a variety of senior citizens with housing and care needs since January. The company, better known for their global hotel chain, has been negotiating with private investment company Prime Care since early spring.

Love, as co-chairman of the CMN Golf Outing, said that their title sponsorship of the event is to continue.

"The sale won't affect the outing," said Love. "It will go on as planned at Marriott's Seaview Golf Resort in Absecon Sept. 22 and is also scheduled for 1998."

The outing features golfers playing on an 18-hole course at \$1,000 per foursome. Amenities include a continental breakfast, a cart, a luncheon and competition prizes.

Proceeds would go to CMN in their drive to improve health care for minors in local hospitals. The organization has recently completed a campaign with Quick Check convenience stores, of Whitehouse Station.

"Marriott has worked with the Children's Miracle Network for several years," said Love. "This is our way of raising awareness and essential funding for a good cause."

'Marriott Senior Living Services will continue to operate Brighton Gardens. The staff will still be Marriott and our service to the residents will continue.'

— Bob Love,
Brighton Gardens

It also shows that Marriott is interested in health care for all ages."

Love said that Brighton Gardens residents participated in the preparation of the inaugural golf outing by creating food baskets. Although the program is suspended this year, he hopes that residential participation will resume in 1998.

Love said that Brighton Gardens will honor local police and fire departments with an open house set for noon July 19. In the meantime, he is working on lining up associate sponsors.

Call Love at (908) 654-4464 for outing details.

Benefits checks to arrive Wednesdays

For future Social Security beneficiaries, Wednesday will become one of the most important days in their lives. It's the day that their Social Security benefits will be delivered.

"People who apply for benefits will not receive their benefit on the third of the month as in the past. Instead they will receive it on a second, third or fourth Wednesday of the month," said Dennis Mass, manager of the Elizabeth Social Security office.

The change is expected to even the workflow of the agency by avoiding the peak of telephone traffic that generally accompanies check deliveries on the third of the month. It is expected to help reduce telephone waiting times for all callers. Benefits to current Social Security beneficiaries will continue to be paid on the third. Benefits to current and future Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries will continue to be paid on the first of the month.

"When you apply for benefits, the Social Security representatives will tell you when to expect your benefit payment. The letter we send to you notifying you of your benefit amount will also have this information," Mass said.

"The day you receive your benefits will be determined by the birthdate of the person on whose work record the benefits are based," he added. "This means that spouses who apply can expect to receive their benefit based on the birthdate of the working spouse."

Here's how it works: For workers with birth dates between the first and the 10th, benefits are paid on the second Wednesday; for birthdates between the 11th and 20th, benefits are paid on the third Wednesday; and for birthdates between the 21st and 31st, benefits are paid on the fourth Wednesday.

"Adding new benefit payment days lets Social Security give better service to you and all other beneficiaries and callers," Mass also said.

Supplements depend on living arrangements

It's important that you tell Social Security when your living arrangements change so that you will receive the correct amount of Supplemental Security Income. Your monthly benefits may vary depending on where you live and whether someone else pays for your living expenses.

Generally, you can get the maximum SSI payment if you live in your own place, or you live in someone else's residence, but you pay the full cost of your food and shelter.

However, your SSI benefit may be reduced if:

- You live somewhere else and you pay only a part of your share of food or housing costs; or

- You live in a house, apartment or trailer, but someone else pays for your food, rent or mortgage expenses, and other things like electricity and garbage removal; or
- You're in a nursing home or hospital for the whole month and Medicaid pays more than half of your bills. Your SSI payment is based on your

income, not on your expenses. However, the cost of living expenses such as food, clothing or shelter that someone else provides may be considered income to you and could reduce your SSI payment.

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SPORTS

LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

The annual Summer Sports Spectacular offerings of intensive sports training for youngsters ages 8-15 will be presented during weekly intervals starting this Monday at Union County College's Cranford Campus.

The Sports Spectacular is co-sponsored by the Cranford Board of Education and Union County Division of Parks and Recreation, both of which will share some of their facilities.

Each sports program will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays.

The Summer Sports Spectacular programs are as follows:

- Baseball, choice of July 14-18 or July 21-25.
- Golf, choice of July 7-11 or July 14-18.
- Tennis, choice of July 7-11, July 14-18, July 21-25, July 28-Aug. 1, Aug. 4-8 or Aug. 11-15.
- Basketball, choice of July 14-18, July 21-25 or July 28-Aug. 1.
- Soccer, Aug. 4-8.

Special warm-up opportunities will be made available for each sport, except basketball, from 8-9 a.m. Separate registration will be required on selected days.

Expert teaching staffs will provide a safe, enjoyable environment for youngsters.

The training will focus on individual performance and competition, as well as cooperative teamwork and sportsmanship to help all participants improve their overall athletic skills.

They will open with announcements and emphasis of the day, followed by assignments to instructional stations, positional play and instructional specialization.

After lunch, the children will then observe individual and group demonstrations, participate in practical application of such demonstrations and conclude the day with athletic competitions.

More information about any of the excellent sports programs may be obtained by calling the college's Department of Continuing Education and Community Services, at 908-709-7600.

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The Central Jersey Basketball Camp, co-directed by Neil Horne, Wayman Everly and Kathy Matthews, will be held for two six-day sessions this month.

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.

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.

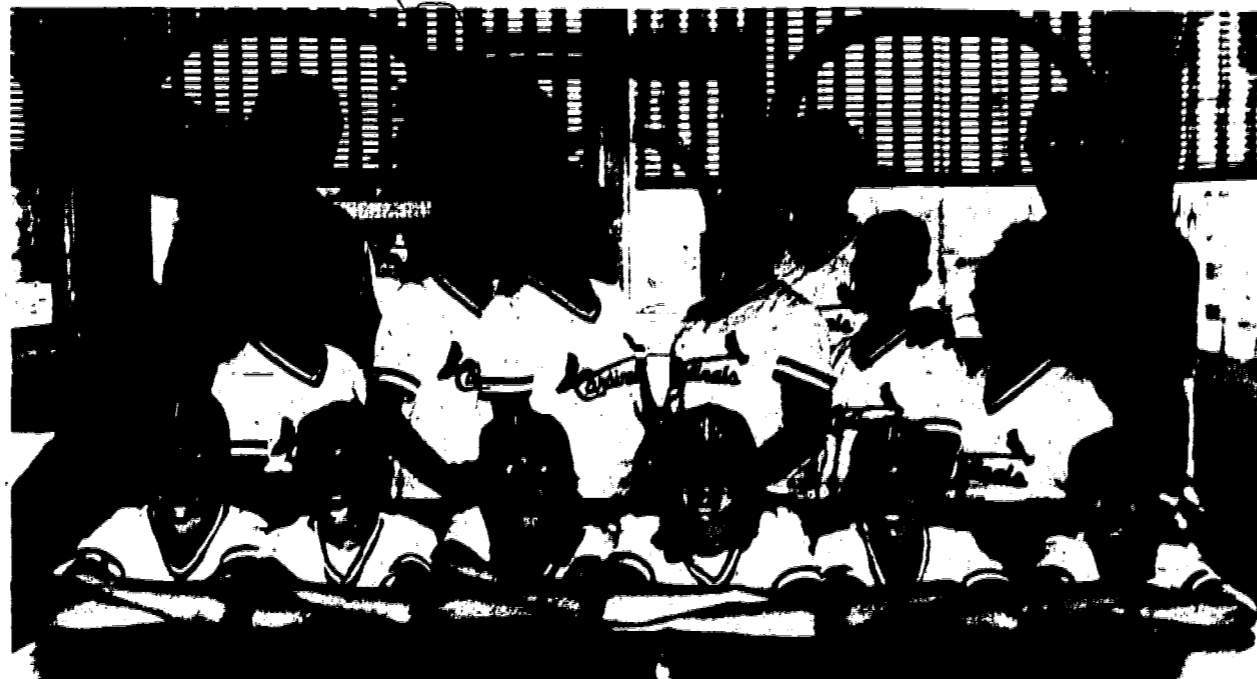
A boy may attend camp for either or both sessions, while girls may attend the first week only.

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

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.

More information may be obtained by calling Horne at 908-654-5691 or Everly at 908-654-5424.

Springfield Cards champs



The Cardinals won the Springfield Girls Softball League championship this year, fashioned a 12-0 regular-season record and became the first team in league history to finish the season undefeated. Sitting, from left, are Jaime Weisman, Julie Schneider, Jennifer Karl, Stacey Hagenbush, Jaclyn Salant and Alison Helfant. Standing, from left, are Stacey Fonseca, Renu Shah, Lindsey Brahm, Jessica Scott, Dara Poltrock and Kim Kraemer. Coaches, from left, are Bart Salant, Paul Schneider, Harold Poltrock and Steven Karl.

Local grid players excel in annual All-Star Classic

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

EWING TOWNSHIP — The individual efforts of area players involved in the 19th annual First Union North-South All-Star Football Classic were nothing short of spectacular.

Defensive linemen Guenter Kryszon of Johnson Regional in Clark and Billy Tulloch of Union, both starters who saw a great deal of playing time, were in on numerous tackles and harassed South quarterbacks Ed Mebs and Ed Byrnes all game long.

Offensive lineman Julian Gibson of Elizabeth did a nice job of filling in for fellow injured Minutemen teammate Anthony Martini as his blocking up front helped pave the way for Essex Catholic standout tailback Omar Conover to rush for a game-high 207 yards on 16 carries as he was named the North's MVP.

Although no Summit players were on the North roster, Hilltopper head coach Ray McCrann is still an active member of the All-Star Game committee.

All in all the annual All-Star Game, played last Friday night at The College of New Jersey, was indeed a Classic contest.

Unfortunately for the North, three turnovers hurt their chances of winning and the South capitalized on one late in the game to post a come-from-behind 28-24 triumph.

"This was a good test for college," said Kryszon, who will report to Georgia Tech Aug. 11. His next game will be in the Golden Dome as Georgia Tech opens this year at Notre Dame. It will also be the first contest in the newly expanded Notre Dame Stadium, seating capacity now at some 80,000.

A little more than 5,700 attended New Jersey's annual All-Star Game that pits the best players from North Jersey against the best from Central and South.

Kryszon, 6-6, 265, and Tulloch had the enviable task of lining up against stalwart offensive linemen Jordan Caruso of Shawnee (6-5, 305) and Kareem McKenzie of Willingboro (6-6, 330). Both All-Stars are headed to Penn State and Caruso was named the South's MVP for his blocking prowess.

Conover and Hoboken back Ravon Anderson rushed for North touchdowns and Hopatcong's Carlos Bolanos recovered a fumble for a touchdown for the game's first score. Montclair linebacker Ron Cook, headed to Virginia Tech, sacked Mebs in the end zone for a safety in the third quarter as the North overcame a 21-6 halftime deficit by scoring 18 unanswered points in the period for a 24-21 advantage heading into the fourth quarter.

The South scored one touchdown in the first quarter on a one-yard run by Ocean Township back Kevin Sinclair. Kyle Jenkins then made a spectacular catch in the end zone from a pass by Byrnes that covered 32 yards for the South's second score.

South running back Dennis Thomas of Salem scored his team's last two touchdowns, rushing from three yards out in the second quarter and one yard out late in the fourth.

All proceeds from the game went to the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis. The game raised \$8,000 for this charity in the past two years.

Two more television times

The North-South Game will be televised two more times by The Comcast Network as Scott Graham handled the play-by-play.

It will air tonight at 7 and Sunday evening at 8.

North-South alumni in the pros

The following is a partial list of North-South alumni who went on to play in the NFL, compiled by Hunterdon Central head coach Jim Meert.

JIM JEFFCOAT, Matawan 1979, Cowboys/Bills — DT IRVINGTON FRYAR, Rancocas Valley 1980, Dolphins/Patriots/Eagles — WR

KENNY JACKSON, South River 1980, Eagles — WR KEVIN ROSS, Paulsboro 1980, Falcons/Chiefs — S

GREG BATY, Sparta 1982, Dolphins — TE CRAIG HEYWARD, Passaic 1984, Falcons/Saints/Bears/Rams — RB

BOB KRATCH, Mahwah 1984, Patriots/Giants — OT DAVID GRIGGS, Pennsauken 1985, Chargers — TE

KEITH SIMS, Watchung Hills 1985, Dolphins — OG TONY SIRAGUSA, Brearley Regional 1985, Colts/Ravens — DT

DAVE SZOTT, Clifton 1986, Chiefs — OG CHRIS PORT, Don Bosco Prep 1986, Saints — OT

ANDRE COLLINS, Cinnaminson 1986, Redskins — LB RICKY PROEHL, Hillsborough 1986, Cardinals/Seahawks — WR

DAVE BROWN, Westfield 1988, Giants — QB DEVON McDONALD, Paterson Kennedy 1988, Colts — LB

TODD BURGER, Johnson Regional 1988, Bears — OG TONY SACCA, Delran 1988, Cardinals — QB

MIKE DEVLIN, Cherokee 1988, Bills — OT GLEN FOLEY, Cherry Hill East 1989, Jets — QB

ALONZO SPELLMAN, Rancocas Valley 1989, Bears — DE LOU BENFATTI, Morris Knolls 1989, Jets — DT

KEITH ELIAS, Lacey Township 1990, Giants — RB

South now has 10-7-2 series lead

The South has won four of the last five contests. Here's a look at the scores:

1997 South 28, North 24 at The College of New Jersey

1996 South 32, North 23 at Rutgers Stadium

1995 North 37, South 15 at Rutgers Stadium

1994 South 21, North 16 at Trenton State College

1993 South 9, North 8 at Giants Stadium

1992 North 7, South 7 (tie) at Giants Stadium

1991 North 26, South 12 at Giants Stadium

1990 North 14, South 10 at Rutgers Stadium

1989 South 24, North 0 at Rutgers Stadium

1988 South 12, North 9 at Rutgers Stadium

1987 North 21, South 10 at Rutgers Stadium

1986 North 20, South 17 at Rutgers Stadium

1985 North 10, South 10 (tie) at Rutgers Stadium

1984 North 7, South 0 at Rutgers Stadium

1983 South 41, North 7 at Rutgers Stadium

1982 South 16, North 7 at Rutgers Stadium

1981 South 32, North 0 at Rutgers Stadium

1980 North 13, South 6 at Rutgers Stadium

1979 South 34, North 13 at Rutgers Stadium

Teen Center at Springfield Pool

Set for Tuesdays, Thursdays

The Springfield Recreation Department will have Teen Center Pool Side on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. beginning this Tuesday, July 8.

All Springfield teens, ages 13-17, are welcome to join the teen center for the summer at the Springfield Municipal Pool.

A special I.D. is required and may be purchased at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center on 30 Church Mall in Springfield during the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

There is no fee for pool members and a \$20 fee for non-pool members. The sports activities include basketball, volleyball, swimming, paddle ball and many more.

Local players will be competing in Snapple Bowl 4 July 17

Summit, Dayton and Governor Livingston high school football players will be competing for the Union County squad in Snapple Bowl 4.

This year's annual Union vs. Middlesex contest, sponsored by the Home News & Tribune, is scheduled to take place Thursday, July 17 at 7:30 p.m. at East Brunswick High School.

Tickets are \$5. As is the case every year, proceeds will benefit the Lakeview School for Cerebral Palsy in Edison and the Children's Specialized Hospital of Mountaintide.

The game is played one year at a Union County high school and then the next year at a Middlesex County one.

The Middlesex County team has won two of the first three games, winning the first and third contests, both of which were played at Union High School's Cooke Memorial Field.

The Union County squad won the second game 17-15 at Sayreville High School two years ago.

Soccer for boys and girls at Kean College this summer

Kean College head men's soccer coach Tony Ochrimenko will be running two soccer camps and leagues for boys and girls of all ages.

Ochrimenko is one of the winningest local soccer coaches and guided Kean to the Division 3 national 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 eight-week league began June 17 and will conclude 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 may be obtained by calling Ochrimenko at 908-527-2936.

Springfield swim team scheduled to compete at Westfield Tuesday

The Springfield swim team, a member of biggest of the four divisions of the North Jersey Summer Swim League, has a meet scheduled for this Tuesday, July 8, at 9 a.m. against host Westfield.

Springfield competes in the same division as Mountaintide, Westfield, West Caldwell and Berkeley Heights. Each team faces the other four teams in the division twice, once home and once away.

Springfield's first meet was scheduled to take place last Thursday at home against perennial division-winner Westfield.

Springfield's second meet was scheduled to take place Monday night at West Caldwell.

Springfield's third meet was scheduled to take place yesterday morning at Mountaintide.

After competing in the season's fourth meet against Westfield on Tuesday, Springfield has a meet scheduled at home next Thursday, July 10, against Berkeley Heights at 6 p.m.

Other meets include Monday, July 14 at home vs. West Caldwell at 6 p.m.; Thursday, July 17 at home against Mountaintide at 6 p.m. and Thursday, July 24 at Berkeley Heights at 6 p.m.

The divisional meet is scheduled to take place Tuesday, July 29 at Westfield, starting at 8 a.m.

The league's championship meet, which will include swimmers from all four divisions who qualify from the division meets, will take place at one location and will follow the four division meets.

Olympic fever was at a high with the passing of Garden State Games torch

Olympic fever was at a high with the passing of the torch through the Garden State last summer.

New Jersey residents will look to the 15th annual Garden State Games, the local Olympic-style multi-sport festival to supply the thrill and excitement this July.

Since its inception in 1983, the Garden State Summer Games have had more than 150,000 athletes participate, representing each of the state's 21 counties — and this year is no exception.

The Garden State Games is a member of the National Congress of State Games which, as a member of the United States Olympic Committee, provides a direct to the USOC. State Games programs are measured according to the highest principles of amateur sports and the philosophies of the Olympic movement.

Events for Masters and physically-challenged competitors are also part of some of the different sports venues which range alphabetically from archery to wrestling.

In Olympic tradition, gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded while the Governor's Cup will be presented to the top male and female athletes in each sport.

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Township and borough prepare for night of rockets' red glare

The Mountainside Borough Council, in partnership with the Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department, will sponsor this year's fireworks display, which will take place on the Fourth.

Both the Borough Council and the Volunteer Fire Department have agreed to put up \$5,000 apiece to have a professional fireworks company come to the borough and put on the Fourth of July event. Garden State Fireworks Company will be putting on the display this year and they are said to be one of the best fireworks companies in the state.

The fireworks will be held at Deerfield School on Friday the fourth at approximately 9 p.m., or when it gets dark enough to put on the display. It is suggested that everyone get there early since parking will be restricted to one side of the surrounding streets near the school. Both the Fire and First Aid Squads will be on hand at the event to make sure that everything goes smoothly and so they can respond to any emergency which may arise.

The fireworks are free to all borough residents and the Volunteer Fire Company and the Borough Council hope that all of the borough will turn out and enjoy the Fourth of July celebration.

Springfield

This year's July 4 fireworks will be something special. In addition to the usual outstanding fireworks display, those attending at Meisel Field will enjoy an expanded food court, a moonwalk for the kids, a live band, Rev. Sole in the New World, compliments of Autoland. Radio Station Q104.3 Classic Rock will provide disc jockeys on the field and you even have the opportunity to win a 1997 Ford Ranger Pickup truck from Autoland.

July 4 Committee Co-Chairmen John Cottage announced that through the cooperation of the newly formed Springfield Chamber of Commerce, the committee

was able to significantly enhance this year's July 4 program.

The fireworks will be held on Friday night, July 4 at Meisel Field in Springfield. The gates will open at 5 p.m., a change from past years, and the fireworks will start at dusk. An expanded food court is planned and a wide variety of hot and cold food, snacks and sodas will be available from four local food vendors: Campus Sub Shop II, Cioffi's Deli, Johnny's Pizza and Hillary's Chinese food. The

public is invited to arrive early and have dinner at the field prior to the fireworks. Autoland of Springfield will have a new 1997 Ford Ranger pick-up truck on display which will be given away at the end of July in a promotion with Q104.3. The pick-up will be loaded with music CDs and if you guess the correct number of CDs, you may win the truck. The Springfield Chapter of the Union County Chamber of Commerce will be on hand as well assisting on the field.

A \$2 per person donation will be collected at the gates to help pay for the costs of the display. Seidel noted that the fireworks is not a money making operation. "Our goal is to collect enough from the gates and our mailing to break even. Should we fall short of our break even point we probably will not be able to continue having the fireworks." Assisting Emergency Management at Meisel Field on the Fourth are the American Legion Post 228, the Springfield-

Millburn Kiwanis Club, the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, the Springfield Volunteer Fire Department, the Springfield First Aid Squad and the Communications and Auxiliary Police units, both Divisions of Emergency Management. Fencing around the field is supplied by the Township Road Dept.

Taking down the colors



Photo By Barbara Krickalis

Jonathan Dayton Regional High School Principal Charles Serson observes, and a Union County police officer assists, as two graduates remove the school flag from the stage at the commencement exercises held June 25 at Meisel Field.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TAKE NOTICE that on the 15th day of July, at 8:00 o'clock p.m., a hearing will be held before the Springfield Board of Adjustment at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on Application #97-18 on behalf of Mrs. Fran Dorsey for a variance or other relief so as to permit construction of an addition to the existing house which violates the Building and Impervious coverage requirements and one of the front yard setbacks on the premises located at 70 Skyhawk Road, Springfield, N.J. and designated as block 2604, lot 11, on the Springfield Township Tax Map. The application, plans and survey are on file in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Street and available for inspection between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Francis Dorsey Applicant (\$10.25)
U5389 SLR July 3, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE

The property to be sold is located in the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081, County of UNION and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as 54 SALTER STREET, SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081. Tax Lot NO 389a36 in Block No 7070a56. Dimension of Lot approximately 50 feet wide by 150 feet long. Nearest Cross Street, Lincoln Road. Situate at a point on the northerly westerly side of Saller Street distance approximately 178.00 feet southwesterly from its intersection with the southwesterly side of Lincoln Road (aka Bryant Avenue). JUDGMENT AMOUNT: TWO HUNDRED TWENTY ONE THOUSAND SEVENTY FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTY ONE CENTS (\$221,074.81) ATTORNEY: FEIN SUCH KAHN & SHEPARD SUITE 201 7 CENTURY DRIVE PARSIPPANY NJ 07054 SHERIFF: RALPH FROELICH FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TWO HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS AND TWENTY TWO CENTS TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT (\$227,370.22) June 19, 25, July 3, 10, 1997 U5159 SLR (\$95.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE

o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. The following is a concise description of the property to be sold: Municipality: Springfield Street Address: 34 Springbrook Road Tax Lot: 24 Tax Block: 57 Approximate dimensions: 113.00' x 13.61' x 79.25' x 109.77' x 136.22' Nearest cross street: Park Lane. JUDGMENT AMOUNT: TWO HUNDRED THIRTY THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS AND SEVENTY NINE CENTS (\$233,530.79) ATTORNEY: KANZETTIN LEVINE KURZWEIL & WEBER 905 N KINGS HIGHWAY CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034 1589 SHERIFF: RALPH FROELICH FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TWO HUNDRED THIRTY NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE DOLLARS AND SEVEN CENTS TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT (\$239,588.07) June 12, 19, 25, July 3, 1997 U5138 SLR (\$75.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TAKE NOTICE that on the 15th day of July, 1997 at 8:00 p.m., a hearing will be held before the Springfield Board of Adjustment at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on Application #97-19 on behalf of Michael and Shirley Masi for a variance or other relief so as to permit the construction of an addition to an already existing back yard deck, which violates the lot dimensional requirements on the premises located at 37 Linden Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081 and designated as block 810, lot 8 on the Springfield Township Tax Map. The application, plans and survey are on file in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Street and available for inspection between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Richard A. Pizzi Applicant (\$10.50)
U5375 SLR July 3, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127, NJAC 17:27. Drawings, specifications, and bid documents may be inspected or obtained for a fee \$15.00, for full size drawings, at the NJDOT Plans Distribution Building, #8 Thokol Ctr. 600 Trenton, New Jersey 08625 during business hours. Names and addresses of prospective bidders for this project may be acquired by telephoning (609) 530-8584 or (609) 530-8585 during business hours. Their fax number is (609) 530-8347. Drawings, supplementary specifications, and boring logs may also be inspected (BUT NOT OBTAINED) by contacting organizations at our various Design Field Offices at the following locations:

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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, PROCUREMENT June 30, July 3, 10, 1997 U5332 MEC (\$75.75)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF CLARRISA GANO RETTING also known as CLARRISA M. RETTING and CLARRISA RETTING, Deceased. Pursuant to the order of ANN P. CONTI Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 23rd day of June, A.D., 1997, upon the application of the undersigned, as Executor of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.
Robert R. Retting Executor

Snevely, Ely, Williams, Gurneri & Blatz, Attorneys 306 East Broad Street PO Box 10707 Westfield, NJ 07091 U5377 MEC July 3, 1997 (\$9.00)

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL Take notice that application has been made to The Borough of Mountainside, New Jersey to transfer Carl Simon trading as N/A for premises located at Plans of building to be constructed may be examined at the office of the Municipal Clerk the Pinery Retail Consumption License #2010-33-003-0 heretofore issued to Echo Spirits, Inc., trading as N/A for the premises located at N/A. Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to: Municipal Clerk of Mountainside, Carl Simon Applicant Two University Plaza Suite 411 Hackensack, NJ 07601 July 3, 10, 1997 U5388 MEC (\$25.00)

SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH-752766 DIVISION: CHANCERY COUNTY: UNION DOCKET NO: F-338196 PLAINTIFF: GE CAPITAL MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. AS SUCCESSOR TO TRAVELERS' MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. DEFENDANT: ANNE M. SCHWARZ, UNION COUNTY, MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: AUGUST 07, 1996 SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 16TH DAY OF JULY A.D. 1997 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Railway Avenue, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH-753174 DIVISION: CHANCERY COUNTY: UNION DOCKET NO: F-17495 PLAINTIFF: CALIFORNIA FEDERAL DEFENDANT: ROBERT W. BARLOW, ET AL WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: APRIL 11, 1997 SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 9TH DAY OF JULY A.D. 1997 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Railway Avenue, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF CECILE GLEICH, Deceased. Pursuant to the order of ANN P. CONTI, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 23rd day of June, A.D., 1997, upon the application of the undersigned, as Executor of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.
Jeffrey M. Gochman, Attorney 1379 Morris Ave Union, NJ 07083 U5378 SLR July 3, 1997 (\$8.00)

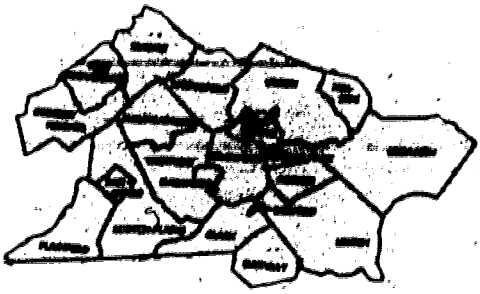
TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TAKE NOTICE that on the 15th day of July, 1997 at 8:00 p.m., a hearing will be held before the Springfield Board of Adjustment at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on Application #97-11 on behalf of Tomaso and Maria Pugliese for a variance or other relief so as to permit reduction in side yard requirement from 15' required to 2.5' (one side) and to permit production of food products and retail Italian Grocery Store Outlet, which violates the zoning requirements on the premises located at 71 Springfield Avenue and designated as block 301, lot 4 on the Springfield Township Tax Map. The application, plans and survey are on file in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Street and available for inspection between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Richard A. Pizzi Attorney for Applicant Tomaso & Maria Pugliese U5373 SLR July 3, 1997 (\$11.00)

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Test your literacy of liberty

Everybody knows tomorrow is July 4, Independence Day, but I sometimes wonder if we know what that means. To have some fun trying to figure it out, I submit this quiz. Test your revolutionary literacy by naming the source of each of the following quotations. The first respondent to list the names, in order, will receive a half-dozen delicious cigars from the Dominican Republic, Honduras and Nicaragua, hand made by free people who fled communist tyranny in Cuba. Send responses to Jay Hochberg, Worrall Community Newspapers, P.O. Box 3109, Union 07083. The answers will be published on Page B2 in next week's paper. Adults only, please — sorry kids — because the government says tobacco kills. Oh yeah, and no politicians either.

Common Sense

By Jay Hochberg
Regional Editor

"Government isn't the answer to people's problems. Government is the problem."

"This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow it."

"If I were an American, as I am an Englishman, while a foreign troop was landed in my country, I never would lay down my arms — never, never, never!"

"Lay then the axe to the root, and teach governments humanity. It is their sanguinary punishments which corrupt mankind."

"If the principle were to prevail of a single government 'being in force in the United States, it would become the most corrupt government on the earth.'"

"No nation was ever ruined by trade."

"A national debt, if it is not excessive, will be to us a national blessing."

"There is no art which one government sooner learns of another, than that of draining money from the pockets of the people."

"No free man shall be taken or imprisoned, or disseised, or outlawed or exiled, or in any way destroyed, nor will we go upon him, nor will we send against him except by the lawful judgment of his peers or by the law of the land."

"The worth of a state, in the long run, is the worth of the individuals composing it."

"Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is the creed of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves."

"The people never give up their liberties but under some delusion."

"Many forms of government have been tried, and will be tried in this world of sin and woe. No one pretends that democracy is perfect or all-wise. Indeed, it has been said that democracy is the worst form of government — except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time."

Firefighters from around the county earn certification

The Roy Smith Theater at Union County College in Cranford was the setting for the Union County Fire Training Academy 1996-97 Certificate Awards Ceremony.

More than 150 firefighters, officials, friends, and family witnessed the presentation of 37 certificates for the fall 1996 Fire Academy roster, and 50 certificates for the spring 1997 Fire Academy roster. Freeholder Chairman Linda Stender, who serves as the freeholders' liaison to the Fire Services Advisory Board, presented the certificates.

"It always gives me great pleasure to present these certificates to the men and women who literally put their lives on the line to protect the citizens of Union County," Stender said. "I can't help but remember the part in 'A Fireman's Prayer' that says, 'To guard my every neighbor and protect his property.' I can't say enough about our county's firefighters, and the people that train them. Good luck to all of them, on behalf of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders."

The academy, using state-of-the-art equipment, has become a professional training ground. It operates primarily out of the Linden facility, but also at other locations, providing outreach programs to municipal fire departments to aid in meeting their training needs. The staff consists of a dean, assistant dean, and 25 instructors.

The Union County Fire Chief's Association and the Union County Firemen's Association have operated the Fire Training Program since 1950. The academy, under the sponsorship of the Board of Chosen Freeholders,



Board of Chosen Freeholders Chairman Linda Stender, right, presents the Battalion Chief Ken Nocera Memorial Award to Louis Vecchia of Summit, for the spring 1997 roster. Summit Fire Chief Christopher Cotter looks on.

is dedicated to the training of the county's 21 firefighting forces, as well as providing a specialized education to ensure the very best in firefighting.

In 1997 the Union County Office of Emergency Management formed a partnership with the Union County Fire Chief's Association to combine resources to enrich the firefighters' education, and enhance the training of both paid and volunteer firefighters.

The Battalion Chief Ken Nocera Memorial Award was presented to Stewart Jurczak, Mountainside, and Richard Becker, Union, for the fall

1996 roster, and to Louis Vecchia, Summit, for the spring 1997 roster.

Among those receiving certificates for the fall 1996 Fire Academy Roster are:

Clark: Scott McCabe and Timothy Wierzynski.

Hillside: Jude DeLano, Donald Lipke and Michael Ruhl.

Kearnsworth: James Hart and Brian Soos.

Mountainside: Gerald Hann, Stewart Jurczak and David Pristasch.

Roselle Park: Richard Bogdanski, March Brulinski, Joseph Churchill and Erwin Heinrich.



Board of Chosen Freeholders Chairman Linda Stender, right, presents the Battalion Chief Ken Nocera Memorial Award to Richard Becker of Union, for the fall 1996 roster. Union Fire Chief Frederic Fretz looks on.

Springfield: Vincent Conte, Robert Fusco, Andrew Huber and Ted Kanarek.

Summit: Jason Lambert.

Union: Richard Becker, Scott Binder, Robert Falzarano and Paul McClung.

Spring 1997 Fire Academy Roster: Clark: Victor De Angelo, Angelo Furezeno, David Flamma, Thomas Harrington, George Lopes, Scott Maloney, James Marczewski and Carl Matthews.

Kearnsworth: Robert Cox, James Hart, Michael Scuderi, Brian Soos,

Donald Vitale and Anthony P. DeLuca.

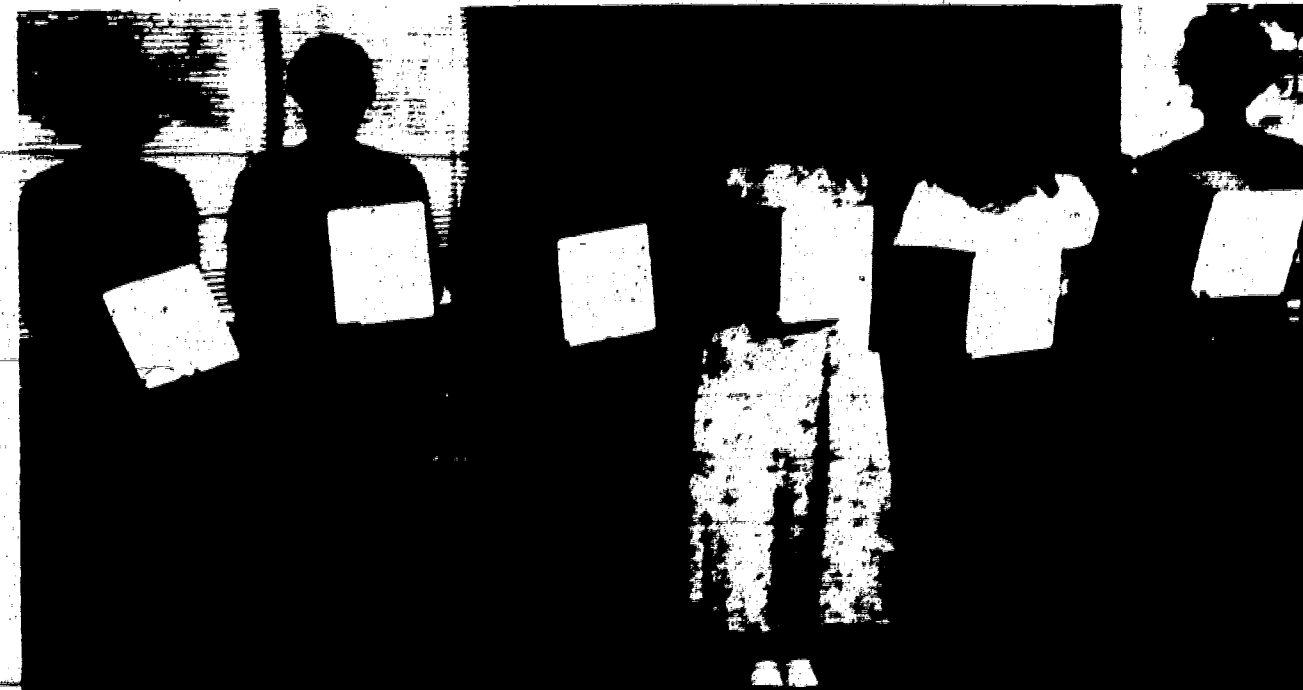
Mountainside: Kenneth Bradley, Karl Kelber and Thomas Ryan.

Roselle: Brian Carne, Michael Chrebet and Richard Gregorio.

Roselle Park: Eric Baraner, Eric Benner, Neal Iaccarion and Craig Vail.

Springfield: Vincent Conte, Summit: Kenneth Jenks, Michael Lardiere, Scott Mallen, Dwight Nichols, Vincent Patti and Louis Vecchia.

Union: Richard Cozza and Henry Siskarra.



Among the Union County Chamber of Commerce 1997 scholarship recipients are, from left: Ersela Kripa of Rahway High School; Siddeeqah Singley of Linden High School; Sharon Garcia of Hillside; Cristina Alves and Marcia Almeida of Saint Patrick High School; and Christy Santo of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

County Chamber of Commerce gives scholarships to 8 grads

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Eight high school graduates were presented with the Union County Chamber of Commerce 1997 scholarships to attend Union County College.

The students received the scholarships on June 11 at Schering-Plough in Union. They were Ersela Kripa, daughter of Reshet and Hida Kripa, and graduate of Rahway High School; Siddeeqah Singley, daughter of Patricia Singley, Linden High School; Sharon Garcia, daughter of Carlos and Anna Garcia of Hillside; Saint Patrick's High School, Elizabeth; Cristine Alves, daughter of Joao and Maria F. Alves, Saint Patrick High School; Marcia Almeida, daughter of Manuel and Estela Almeida, Saint Patrick High School; Christy Santo, daughter of James and Candy Santo, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School; Marci Steinberg, daughter of Marc and Nancy Steinberg, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, and Mayra Paredes, daughter of Victor and Ines Paredes, Plainfield High School.

Jim Coyle, president of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, said the chamber's 1997 scholarship event "is a program that the chamber has sponsored for a number of years. It is a great opportunity for Union County students to pursue technical education.

"Our membership is very supportive, and this year, is contributing 100 percent to the program. We've been doing this for eight years. I had the honor of awarding the scholarships two weeks ago. You know," said Coyle, "this is a very competitive program. Financial need and academic achievement are the basic criteria. I'm proud to be a part of it."

Joe Starkey, chairman of the chamber's Education Committee, and manager of community affairs, added that "the scholarships are given to students who are pursuing vocational training on a two-year college curriculum.

"The Union County chamber traditionally has been giving scholarships to these students because there seems to

be fewer scholarships for them," Starkey said. "I've been doing this for the past three years, and it's gratifying to know that it helps many students who couldn't go to college or pursue plans to go to school if this was unavailable. It's important that they get some assistance, and we have Schering-Plough that thank for it all."

Cristina Alves expressed her feelings about her scholarship. "I'm very grateful," she said. "I'm so happy that I received something — that I'm getting help from someone. I plan to work in the summer and go to Union County College in the fall where I plan to major in computer/business information."

Siddeeqah Singley of Linden, who graduated from Linden High School, said that "As of now, I will be going to Union County College for dental hygiene. I just will do a one-year certificate program. Then from there, dental hygiene. Actually," she explained, "I felt kind of important because I was only one out of my whole high school who got the award. My principal awarded me with the scholarship and made me feel real important."

Sharon Garcia said that during the summer, she will be "babysitting and working at the Toys R Us customer information. In the fall," she said, "I will be attending Union County Technical College in Scotch Plains, where I will major in architecture. It's what I've wanted to do ever since I was a little girl. It's like — my dream. I feel so happy about the scholarship. I can't put it into words."

Another architecture major, Ersela Kripa of Rahway, who graduated from Rahway High School, will be attending Union County College in the fall. "I chose architecture," she said, "because I'm really good at drawing, and it always made me very happy. The construction field is very exciting. I like it."

"I was surprised when I was called for the scholarship," she admitted. "I didn't expect it. I had good grades, but I was surprised when I got the letter. I have an average of 95 in A.P. calculus. I'm planning on going on the honors program. I'll take the best and try for that."

Freeholders foresee roads to prosperity

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

The county government has a new department and, like it or not, it's a big one.

The freeholders announced June 25 the creation of the Department of Economic Development and four large transportation projects, all intended to improve the transportation and economics of Union County.

"The key to success in economic development is a concentrated, coordinated effort," said Freeholder Chairman Linda Stender. "It's time to take out plans and put them into action. With the establishment of a Union County Department of Economic Development, we can now orchestrate the efforts of the various development entities to see tangible results such as job opportunities and increased tax rates. The new department is being created from existing resources and will require no new funding."

The department already has work to do — four large projects, including passenger and freight rail projects, for most of which money had been allocated during the June 26 meeting of the freeholders.

Freeholder Donald Gonçalves, chairman of the new Economic Development Committee, said that "one of the most exciting tools for upgrading transportation" is a Transportation Development District that would stretch along Routes 1&9 from Rahway to Elizabeth, with branches into other areas of Linden and Elizabeth and to the Port Authority seaport in Elizabeth.

According to Ron Weening, the county's supervisory transportation planner, the TDD would coordinate local governments, private businesses and related agencies, such as the Port Authority and Turnpike Authority, to create a 20-year "vision" for this area through transportation, financial planning and land-use planning. According to Gonçalves, the growth in this area will result in an "amazing" amount of development, which means that the county has to make sure that there is no gridlock.

The TDD is meant to attract investment in the infrastructure and redevelopment of the seaport and is geared toward large developers. Existing businesses will benefit, said County Manager Michael Lapolla.

Developers are supportive of the TDD, Lapolla added, because "it eliminates a lot of the uncertainty."

"It's definitely a major undertaking," said Weening. "It's unique. It's a trend-setting measure." He added that this TDD is the second in New Jersey and the first in an urban area.

The county will receive \$300,000 from the state Department of Transportation, with \$80,000 coming from the county. The freeholders approved a \$300,000 contract for consulting services to implement the TDD.

The department will also oversee two rail projects, the Cross County Rail way, which will provide passenger service from Plainfield to Elizabeth, and the reactivation of freight lines in Union County.

The freight line project, called the Union County Intermodal Freight System, would reactivate rail line segments of the Rahway Valley railroad, Staten Island Railroad and other rail segments, mostly in the eastern end of the county. This would provide transportation for light manufacturing and warehousing, said Gonçalves.

This is to stimulate development in these industries in Union County, he said. Union County was once "really one of the engines of the Industrial Revolution," but now it is near the bottom in creating jobs in these industries.

He added that there is about 43 acres of abandoned or underdeveloped land along these lines, giving a "tremendous opportunity" for development.

The freeholders also approved an application to the state DOT for \$4.3 million in funds. This would go toward reconstruction and rehabilitation of these lines.

The Cross County Rail Way would be for passengers and would stretch from Plainfield through Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Westfield, Garwood, Cranford, Roselle, Roselle Park, midtown Elizabeth, Route 1&9 in Elizabeth and the Trumbull Street station in Elizabeth, with a branch along Elmora Avenue in Elizabeth. This would also provide service to Newark Airport's monorail system.

This would tie the county together with passenger service, said Gonçalves, and would provide transportation to and from jobs and traffic alleviation along the county's roads.

COUNTY NEWS

Open Cannonball House

The Osborn Cannonball House, circa 1760, located at 1840 Front St. in Scotch Plains, will be open to visitors on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood, which is celebrating its 25th year, maintains the old Salt Box house as a museum, bringing 200 years of history to the community.

Costumed docents will give tours of the house and surrounding gardens. There is no admission charge.

Parks program

The Board of Chosen Freeholders invites organizations serving individuals with disabilities and/or senior citizens aged 62 years and older to participate in Discover Our Parks, a half-day program in the Union County Parks System.

Accompanied by a Division of Parks and Recreation staff person, organized groups will have an opportunity to visit a county park and participate in one of the following activities: free of charge outdoor swimming, a tour of the Watchung Stable, nine holes of pitch and putt golf, or a nature or planetarium presentation at Trailblazer Nature and Science Center. Groups are responsible for trans-

porting their participants to and from the selected Discover Our Parks site. Appointments will be made on a first-come, first served basis, weekdays, Monday through Aug. 22.

For further information, contact the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900.

RVSA renovations

Aging pump motors, some nearly 30 years old, will be replaced by the end of the year at the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority facility under a capital program approved by the 10-member board of commissioners.

The board awarded a \$57,940 contract to low bidder Longo Industries, Inc., of Morris Plains, for the replacement of 14 controllers servicing existing pumps and motors located in the Service Building and the Pump and Blower Building. The contract, for which three firms submitted bids, includes all new drives and new motors for the pumps. In addition, Consulting Engineer Michael Brinker said there is a five-year warranty on the equipment and the authority can expect to get at least 20 years of service from the replacement parts.

Authority commissioners described the existing plant motors as "vintage 1968-72" and in need of periodic

rehabilitation. Brinker said that the authority recently had to do some work on the system.

The Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority is an autonomous waste water treatment agency serving more than 300,000 residential and 3,500 industrial and commercial customers in Clark, Cranford, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside, Rahway, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Westfield, Winfield and Woodbridge.

Seniors services

The Division on Aging of the Department of Human Services has announced its elderly Outreach Services Program schedule for July. The program allows the elderly to apply for vital services, such as Pharmaceutical Assistance, Supplemental Security Income, gas and electric support, Counseling on Health Insurance for Medicare Enrollees and the Share Food program and Food Stamps. County representatives will provide assistance in the completing the necessary applications for these services, which can supplement the basic needs of the isolated elderly and sustain or improve their lives. Senior staff from the Division on Aging and Social Services will conduct private interviews on request.

Wednesday: 10 a.m. to noon, Peterstown Community Center at Fourth Avenue and Palmer Street in Elizabeth; July 14: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., O'Donnell-Dempsey Center at 622 Salem Avenue in Elizabeth; July 17: 1:30-3:30 p.m., Roselle Borough Hall on the second floor at 210 Chestnut St. in Roselle.

For further information on the Outreach Program, call the Division on Aging at (908) 527-4872.

For any information on Union County's programs or services, call the Customer Information Line at (908) 518-9000.

Nursery school to open

The Union County Vocational-Technical Schools Child Development Program's staff and students will operate a Nursery School Program for children aged 3-5 beginning in October and running until June 1998.

The students enrolled in the program are being trained in the emotional, social, intellectual, and physical growth of children. They are learning the planning and implementations of activities that are typical nursery school experiences.

The Nursery Program will meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

with morning and afternoon sessions. They are from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Only the morning session is still available.

The tuition is \$25 per month since this is a training lab Pre School, with the fee being used to offset the cost of snacks and supplies. Activities will include circle time, story time, pre-reading, pre-writing, pre-math, large and small motor-skill activities, science, art, and music. The children must be between 3-5 and toilet-trained.

The Union County Vocational-Technical Schools are located at 1776 Raritan Road and their facilities are spacious and well-equipped.

Parents interested in having their child take part should call (908) 889-2946 during the hours noted above. Enrollment is limited and the deadline for calling is June 17.

Horseback riding lessons

The opportunity to learn to ride a horse exists this summer at the county's Equestrian Camp.

Equestrians of all abilities, especially beginners, are invited to enroll in one or two of the week-long sessions which includes instructional riding, trail rides, learning general care of a horse and a barbecue. Campers will also be able to participate in a

Horse Show at the end of the summer.

Watchung Stables, 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside, is the site for this opportunity for fun, fitness and learning. Camp is open to boys and girls ages nine to 17.

Enrollment is limited to a maximum of two weeks per child. Scheduled sessions will end the week of Aug. 19. Sessions are Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Participants may register 8 a.m. to noon; and 1 to 4 p.m. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee is \$220 per session for Union County residents; \$260 for out-of-county. All registration must be performed in person. Proof of residency and a birth certificate will be required.

For further information, contact the Watchung Stables at (908) 789-3665.

Tour of stables

Pre-schoolers and day campers are invited to visit the Watchung Stables for a one-hour tour. See more than 50 school horses. Walk into their bedrooms, find out how they shower, what they wear and more. Tours are held Mondays through Thursdays at a cost of \$20 per group. Groups limited to 25 and appointments must be made in advance. Contact Jean Jacobus at (908) 789-3665.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Borge has definitely not mellowed with age

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

The world renowned, unique, veteran musician-humorist Victor Borge entranced a Paper Mill audience Tuesday evening and was embraced and exalted by a delighted, admiring, loving group which filled every seat in the house and even sat onstage, about 40 deep, around the entertainer and his piano. This is the first time this reviewer has ever seen an audience on the stage, but there have been rare occasions in New York City, we were told, that patrons surrounded certain composers. We were also informed that those seats, mere folding chairs, went for \$100 each.

"The Great Dane," as he is known throughout the world, both by his native country, Denmark, and the America that loves him so, could do no wrong Tuesday night. Borge never offers a program because he is known to say that he doesn't know what he's going to do until he comes onstage. But that was all right with his audience, because his humor is genuine and clean and his talent as a pianist has not diminished with age.

In fact, his erratic performance has remained intact, and the only thing Borge doesn't do anymore is fall off piano benches, although at one point he did lean over precariously. His improvisation is clearly defined as beautiful, though unfinished music, and hilarious stories and jokes interspersed with comedic murmurings.

He also is aware of the fact that people would like to know his true age. And he did say that he is as old as the keys on a piano. He doesn't appear to be 88-years-old, but he's close to it. So, who notices it? The Borge that entertained Tuesday night is ageless.

His sense of humor is impounded with his playing excerpts from Mendelssohn, Brahms, Mozart and Beethoven.

He can sit at the piano, ready to play, then talk to the audience in his delightful Danish accent, make a comedic or snide remark about anything, pose his hands over the keyboard, and the interminable wait for the music to come from his magic hands can be nerve-wracking.

But whether he is playing "Clare de Luna" or "Chop Sticks," or, in between, have a personal chat with a member of the audience, the other members sit on the edge of their seat wanting more, more, more.

In Tuesday night's performance, Borge told a funny story about a dream that he had where he had died and gone to heaven and met all the famous composers up there. Apparently, they were celebrating one of the composer's birthday in his dream. So, for the rest of the two-hour — with no intermission — concert, nearly every piece of music Borge played, a little "Happy Birthday" music was interspersed. It was really funny, and the audience had a howling good time.

Appropriately, he played the "Unfinished Symphony" and had plenty to say about it. He also offered a medley of Danish folk songs "about the folks in Denmark," and a touch of "Happy Birthday," Danish-style intermingled.

And then, of course, Borge produced the most outstanding, well-known, strikingly outlandish "reading" in which he emphasized punctuation and added his two-to-one words, and those in the audience who were sitting on the edge of their seats nearly fell off through spasms of laughter. Borge would occasionally talk to



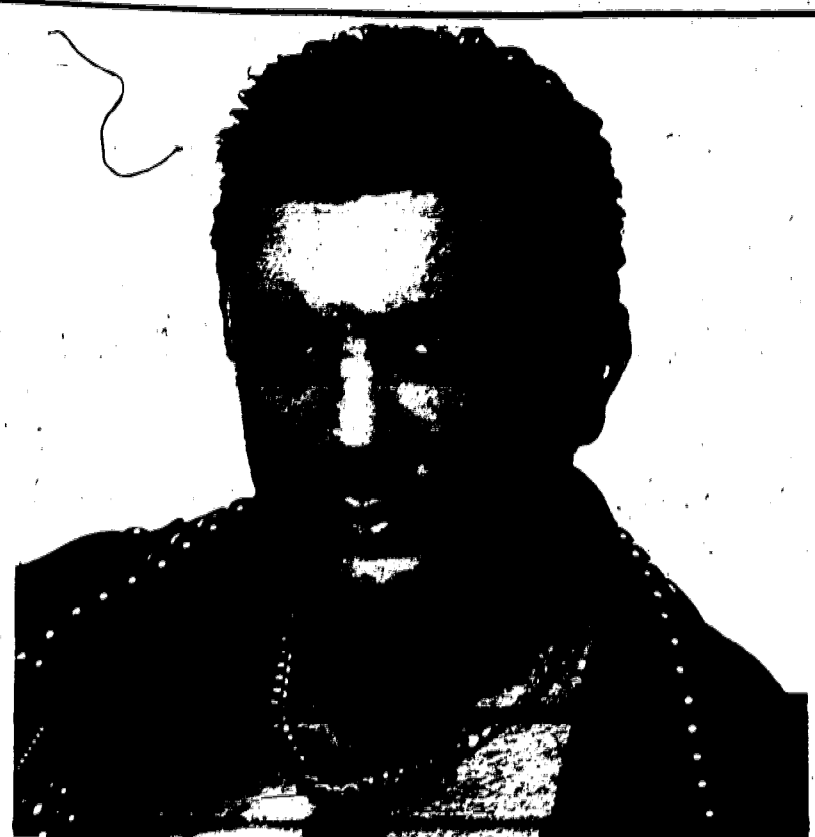
World famous musician-humorist Victor Borge delighted a packed audience Tuesday night at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, when he gave his 'Comedy in Music,' a musical entertainment, on a stage surrounded by patrons.

someone offstage, and that someone was Ronald Borge, his production stage manager — and son, and Jim Colias, assistant.

No matter what Borge did Tuesday night, the adoring audience grasped it with an enthusiasm rarely seen in the theater. So what if Borge's hair is white, and he walks a little slower toward the piano, of which he also

made fun — "too big" — the man is an phenomenal entertainer, a tireless, versatile, exceptional performer. And he seems to appreciate his audience's appreciation of him.

Perhaps he will come back to the Paper Mill next year. And no matter what he does on stage, it will be like watching royalty. Danish. American. International. Without a doubt.



Union resident A.J. DiCaprio portrays a gangster/henchman in the movie 'On the Burn,' a movie to be produced by Miramax Films.

Union resident's career is definitely 'On the Burn'

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

A J DiCaprio is burning up — the big screen, that is. The former Centerfold dancer-turned-work-of-art has been getting a lot of exposure lately, with a big payoff. Fresh from circulation for his recent series of fine art photographs, DiCaprio is slated for a role in "On the Burn," the action/comedy gangster movie currently under consideration by Miramax Films.

In the June 26 edition of this publication, "On the Burn" Director Agustin Fernandez spoke at length about the movie trailer he has been making for the past few months. Both natives of Union, DiCaprio and Fernandez have known each other for many years. Upon hearing about DiCaprio's new artistic direction, Fernandez offered him a role, playing — you guessed it — a gangster.

"Talk about type-casting," said Dan Rowley, assistant director of the trailer. "If his hair was any blacker...he's just the ultimate guido. A helluva nice 'guy, just perfect for the part."

"I am playing a gangster-henchman, the main guy next to the head guy, sort of his counterpart," said DiCaprio, who is excited about the opportunity to work on the movie.

DiCaprio feels that it is more than his Italian background that makes him "perfect for the part."

"They wanted me to make a presentation, not just getting down-and-dirty in the streets," said DiCaprio. "It's based on my look — a sophisticated, polished Italian look." He described his "gangsta" outfit, which included an expensive sports jacket and lots of gold jewelry.

DiCaprio's big scene takes place in Scores gentlemen's club in New York City. His character sits with other gangsters in the V.I.P. section, intimidating the lead characters Sean "Hollywood" Hamilton and "Goumba" Johnny of WKTU-FM radio fame. DiCaprio's character also participates in a shootout scene.

"It's really tough to get a feeling for the movie because it's not shot in sequence," said DiCaprio of his first cinematic experience. He's satisfied that his character, however, is more than just an extra.

"He's definitely not fading into the background," confirmed Rowley, a Rahway resident. Rowley stated that, although DiCaprio's involvement in the trailer is limited, there will be more opportunities for his character in the full-length feature.

DiCaprio has previously been profiled by this publication, first for his work with "Centerfolds" exotic male dance revue, and most recently as a model for fine art photographer John Falocco. These projects have netted DiCaprio opportunities to participate in other performance and visual arts projects, including magazine advertisements, workout videos, and involvement in Falocco's fine art video, "Dreamscapes." The chance to work with fellow Unionite and longtime friend Fernandez, however, hits close to home.

"It's a great opportunity," said DiCaprio, noting that through his role in "On the Burn," he feels like an important part of a team. He stressed his desire for the movie to be a success.

"We're all friends," said DiCaprio, also referring to Rowley and another Union resident, comedian Ron Yacovetti, a producer for the movie, "and we've all gone in different directions trying to make it in the entertainment business. Now, we're coming together. We've all succeeded quickly individually, but when a project comes along where we need each other's talents, we are there for each other 100 percent."

DiCaprio's star is on the rise as well. His fine art prints will be seen in "Overtures on the Harbor" at The Pines, Fire Island, NY from Aug. 2 through Sept. 7. He can also be seen in the grooming section of an upcoming issue of "Men's Exercise" magazine. And if you're interested in sending fan mail to the former "Italian Stallion," the address is A.J. DiCaprio, c/o Atlantic Coast Entertainment, P.O. Box 631, Springfield, NJ 07081.

Arts center shows appreciation for freeholders



Presenting the Award of Appreciation to the Board of Chosen Freeholders are Sylvia Rivera of Rahway, left, president of Union County Arts Center, and Joseph Mancuso, right, the arts center's executive director. Freeholder Linda Stender, center, accepted the award on behalf of the Board.

Union County Freeholder Chairman Linda Stender accepted an Award of Appreciation on behalf of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for their continued support of the Union County Arts Center, a historically significant performing arts facility in Rahway that presents quality programs to individuals of all ages and backgrounds. The Arts Center originally opened as a vaudeville house — The Rahway Theater — in 1928, and has since been preserved as a national landmark.

The award was presented by Sylvia Rivera of Rahway, president of the Arts Center and assistant administrator of the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Division of Parks and Recreation, and Joseph Mancuso, executive director of the Arts Center.

"I am honored to accept this award on behalf of the Freeholder Board," said Stender, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "The Union County Arts Center continues to present outstanding programs and talent, often showcasing artists from our own county. Union County Government will continue to support them, and wish them continuing success in enriching the artistic and cultural programs they provide to our citizens."

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'Underworld' struggles to find its way out from under

A short while back "Underworld" was reviewed on Siskel and Ebert, the television movie review show. Roger Ebert said words to the effect that "Underworld" was an abysmal cinematic failure, none of the characters worked, etc., etc., etc. There are two important points to bring up here. First, "Underworld," though not a brilliant landmark in film history, is not nearly as bad as Mr. Ebert made it out to be. Secondly, Roger Ebert has written two films, "Beyond the Valley of the Dolls," 1979, and "Beneath the Valley of the Ultravixens," 1979. "Dolls" is considered to be average at best and both are about as enjoyable as washing bird droppings off your car. In fact, I recently washed bird droppings off my car and can honestly say that it was a more pleasurable and rewarding experience than viewing either of Ebert's flicks.

"Underworld" is the story of Johnny Crown, a.k.a. Johnny Alt, portrayed by Denis Leary, a criminal just released from prison who is about to hunt down the thugs who put his dad in a coma. He's got a few ideas of who was behind the deed and begins the journey with a visit to his childhood pal, Frank, a.k.a. Richard Essex. Crown picks up Essex outside a downtown hotspot. Frank doesn't really know what the visit is about and is more bewildered when the limo parks in a deserted lot behind a warehouse. Crown begins to explain his intent to Frank when another limo pulls up alongside them. A man gets out and enters Crown's limo. Crown blows his head off and continues his conversion with Frank.

The story continues with Frank and Crown cruising in the limo and bullets and bodies piling up. As Crown sinks more into his desire to do away with

The Video Detective

By Jim Riffel

the six guys who tried to kill his dad, Frank becomes more nervous, leading one to believe he may be the sixth man Crown is looking for.

The film tries hard to put itself in the action league of "Reservoir Dogs" or the suspense level of "The Usual Suspects," but never comes close. The biggest draw for the picture is Denis Leary. If you remember the manic motormouth character he played on those MTV commercials, it's basically that same guy with a gun.

Other Leary films include "Judgment Night," 1993; "The Ref," 1993; "Natural Born Killers," 1994; "National Lampoon's Favorite Deadly Sins," 1994, and "Two if by Sea," 1995.

Trivia Question: Since 1950 only one director has had two of his films nominated for Best Picture in the same year. Who was the director and what were the films?

Answer: Francis Coppola achieved this amazing feat in 1972 when "The Godfather" and "The Conversation" were both nominated. Coppola's "The Conversation" lost the award to Coppola's "The Godfather."

A resident of Mountainside, Jim Riffel is the author of "The Video Detective's Guide to the Top 100 Films of All Time."

High school senior wins award for singing

Jesse David Blumberg, baritone, a graduating senior at Westfield High School, is the winner of the 1997 Westfield Glee Club Competitive Auditions and Scholarships Award. He performed as the Guest Artist at the Glee Club Spring Concert presented on May 10 at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield. In addition to singing the Guest Artist section of the Concert, Jesse was soloist in one of the Glee Club numbers.

Some of Jesse's musical recognitions include: All Eastern Chorus, All State Chorus, Region Chorus, National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts Award, New Jersey Governors Award, and Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award. He has actively participated in the Westfield High School Choral Groups — Concert Choir, Chorale, Choraleers, and Madrigal Singers.

Jesse has been a musical theater performer in school productions and summer programs. He is a performing member of the Westfield Junior Musical Club.

Jesse has studied and played the trumpet in the Westfield High School Symphonic Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, Concert Band and Marching Band. He was the Student Assistant to the Conductor of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra.

The Westfield Glee Club Scholarship Award was presented to Jesse at the Spring Concert. He plans to continue as a music major in college and to continue his active participation and continued study of vocal and instrumental music. For additional information, call Dale Juntilla at (908) 232-0673.

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The Harvest Festival, held rain or shine, is a very popular event, drawing between 5,000 to 7,000 visitors. By participating, vendors and demonstrators will receive excellent exposure, have the opportunity to educate others about their craft or work skill and the colonial time period in general. Examples of craft and work skills being sought are blacksmithing, kick wheel pottery, broommaking, shoe-making and quilting.

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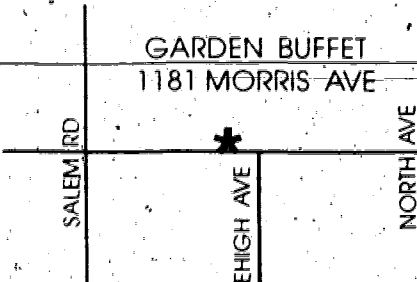
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The Best Of Summer Time Dining

Westfield plans to 'strike up the band' in Mindowaskin Park

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

The Westfield Community Band, which boasts of a unique group of about 80 members, from attorneys to music educators to police officers to students, teenagers to senior citizens, is entertaining the public with a summer Concert Repertoire, five concerts on Thursdays through July 17 at Mindowaskin Park, Westfield.

The band, which is in its 85th season, is conducted by retired music educator Elias Z. Zareva, an exceptionally talented musician who came to this office Monday morning to gloat over his marvelous musicians. He was accompanied by attorney-trombonist Barry Rosenberg, who is president of the band.

"We're a marching band that's never out of step," grinned Zareva. "I started conducting the group in 1979, and Barry was with the band since 1980." Rosenberg explained that "It's history! When one learns about the phenomenon of bands in America, then one readily realizes that this musical group was probably one of the grandest bands breaking records not only in the state of New Jersey, but nationally. Before, the bands' instruments could only play certain notes — now they play the full musical score."

Zareva added, "It's really fertile ground for America's first superstar, John Phillip Sousa. You know, the first concert of his band in 1892 was given in Plainfield."

"Our official group," said Rosenberg, "was incorporated in 1912. But back in 1890, there were two bands, and a man from Philadelphia would come to teach the marching group to play. They took a train to Trenton or to Rahway. These were local guys, not performers. There were 10 to 20 people in the band; 20 tops. Later, the band grew in size to about 35 players."

According to the two musicians, Al Drake organized the first Westfield Band in his mansion in the Stoneleigh Park section of Westfield. It was a marching band directed by E. L. Taylor, who dressed his ensemble in military-type uniforms. In 1912, a group of train commuters and local businessmen decided Westfield should have its own local band to compete with neighboring towns. George W. Frutcher organized the band, which was directed by Harold F. Welch. William N. Bartow took over in 1915 and began his music career in Sousa's Band.

"Bartow was a child phenomenon. He played the silver cornet," said Zareva.

Bartow directed the Westfield Band for more than 20 years and began performing summer concerts on the bandstand in Mindowaskin Park, which has been home to the band since 1918, when the original gazebo was first built. Highlighted were a performance of a concert before 40,000 people during the celebration of the Union County Pageant in Echo Lake Park in 1928 and a performance on WOR radio.

"We've been playing at the same location since the concert began in 1918," said Zareva, "and before that, in local elementary schools." In the late 1930s,

the band was directed by Clarence Andrews, a renowned cornet soloist with the Conway Band. He hired Arthur Pryor to be guest conductor in 1933. He was a former trombonist in Sousa's Band and formed his own band in 1903.

Rosenberg explained that they "built a brand new gazebo in the park. We're up to 80 people. It's the premiere community band. There's nothing like it in this area."

"This is a true community band," said Zareva, "and a very talented group." Rosenberg said, "Because of the quality of this group, they attract quality amateur musicians."

"I've always felt that the existence of the community bands is in the legacy of John Phillip Sousa," said Zareva. "And there are hundreds of community bands across the United States and look for this time of the year as an opportunity for primary musical presentations to the public. Although we do five concerts in the summer, we also play in the fall and winter. For us," he emphasized, "our primary focus is to develop the musicianship of our members to a level of excellence for this presentation of our concert series. Did you know that we began preparing for this series in January? We do a repertoire of more than 60 selections and 20 rehearsals. It's a love of music that the members of the band have. Everybody is a free agent, and everybody is very responsible and dedicated."

Rosenberg mentioned that "during our 100th anniversary, we had some top bands in the state as guests. The United States Army Band, which conducts one of the top American bands, conducted our group. And we were one of the oldest bands in the country. Also, John Phillip Sousa III was there for the tribute. No," he grinned, "he's not a musician."

Of the many traditional musical numbers played by the Westfield Community Band, the one the public loves best is "Stars and Stripes Forever." "You should see the crowd," exclaimed Zareva, "they jump up and down. It's the Babe Ruth of band music."

Rosenberg said that "we also do music from musicals, classics, various solos on different instruments during the course of the year. Some of our musicians have been in the band for at least 25 years. We have lots of fathers and sons, or mothers, sons and daughters. We have a Rahway police officer, Joe Cotignola, and his son, James. We have Andrew Tjang, a fabulous trombone player, who did all the computer programming for us. Our oldest member, Bill Babcock has been with us since 1971."

"And the ultimate success in a mother-daughter couple was with Ruth Schlenker, whose mother Adeline of Kenilworth, is a member of the band. Ruth, who plays the clarinet, is a member of the United States Marine Band, the top military band in the country. We wanted her to do a concert with us. She had played in our band right out of college. You don't know how much red tape we had to unravel in order to get her here! But we did it, and that was on July 10, 1995."

The group rehearses year-round during Wednesday evenings. "Like clock-work," said Zareva. "Our people come from all walks of life and they play the

flutes, the clarinets, the bass clarinets, the saxophones, the French horns, the trombones, the tubas, the trumpets and percussion."

The band has all this and Zareva and Rosenberg, too. Zareva has been in the field of music for more than 35 years as a teacher and supervisor on the public school and college level, and retired in 1994 as director of music of the Morris-town school system. He also is cantor and choral director of the St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church in Dunellen.

Rosenberg had been part of the band during high school and has been with the band for 16 of the last 19 years. This year, he is entering his 10th year as president of the band. He is a practicing attorney by day and has continued with his music by night.

With such a fabulous, dedicated group, all the the musicians have to do is strike up the band — and the band can play on and on and on — for many more years to come.

Arts center recognizes patrons, supporters

Prior to a near sell-out concert presentation of The Lettermen on April 26, Union County Arts Center took a few minutes to thank individuals and corporations who had contributed to the success of the Arts Center this year.

In a ceremony before the large crowd, Executive Director Joseph A. Mancuso presented plaques to Sharon Green of Merck & Co., Inc., Robert Currie, vice president of the Rahway Savings Institution, and Sylvia Rivera, for the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Mancuso took the opportunity to thank Merck & Co., the Rahway Savings Institution and the Freeholders for their efforts. These contributions were all recognized for their tremendous support of the Union County Arts Center and for their continuing efforts toward building and strengthening the community. Artistic Director Marsha C. Watson

Came forward, and in an impassioned speech, recognized three retiring volunteers who had been part of the Arts Center's restoration from its beginnings. Maurice Moran, Stan Sawyer and Paul Szabocsik were given a warm ovation from the crowd as they were told that permanent brass plaques applauding their achievements would be affixed in public areas. Watson commented that future generations would always know the contributions these three men had made to restorations and good health of the Arts Center.

Following the concert, the volunteers and corporation were celebrated with a reception at local restaurant.

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Fun on the Fourth awaits residents

CLARK
The Township of Clark will hold a fireworks display on Saturday beginning at 9 p.m. at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, located on Westfield Avenue. The fireworks display is sponsored by the recreation department and the special events committee. The rain date will be Sunday.

ELIZABETH
The City of Elizabeth will be holding a fireworks show on the Fourth of July at the Veterans Waterfront Memorial Park. The show, scheduled to begin at sundown, will be coordinated by Garden State Fireworks, Inc., a firm which has received several national and international awards for excellence since its inception 107 years ago.

Along with the pyrotechnics display, Melly Mell Productions will also be holding a three-day children's fair at the Waterfront Park. To be held on Friday, from 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday from 2 to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 2 to 9 p.m., the fair will include amusements, rides, clown, magicians, pony rides, food kiosks, arts and crafts, and folkloric groups.

HILLSIDE
The township pool will host a Fourth of July extravaganza. No details were available at presstime.

KENILWORTH
No Fourth of July events are planned, but the borough is celebrating the re-opening of David Brearley High School.

LINDEN
No Fourth of July events are planned.

RAHWAY
No Fourth of July events are planned.

ROSELLE
No Fourth of July events are planned.

ROSELLE PARK
The Borough of Roselle Park will mark American Independence this July 4th with a fireworks display. Spectators of the event are asked to congregate at the Green Acres Complex on West Webster Avenue.

The fireworks display will begin at 9:15 p.m. following sunset. Those wishing to view the spectacle in the night sky should arrive early to be sure of a comfortable location with a good vantage of the display.

As an added attraction, the Roselle Park Fire Department will sell glow-in-the-dark neck "chains" at a cost of \$3 each and \$5 for two. The proceeds from the sale of this festive neckwear will benefit the St. Barnabas Burn Center.

In the event of rain, the display will be presented on Saturday at the same time.

SPRINGFIELD
At Meisel Field, fireworks will begin at 9 p.m., but before, many attractions and food concessions will be open to the public.

UNION
Fireworks, food and lots of fun are all a part of the July 4 celebration to be held at Brientempfel Park. The festivities will kick off with a kiddie program from 1 to 4 p.m. and will include free kiddie rides, pony rides and balloons. Food and refreshments will also be sold with lemon Italian ice, soda, pretzels, sausage and peppers, cheese steaks and much more to choose from.

The Municipal Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. and the fireworks show will begin at dusk.

Any time, not just the Fourth, is a good time to see the past

The Museum Guide is compiled by Worrall Community Newspapers. It is a list of museums and historic sites in Union County and the surrounding area. To add to the list, send the relevant information to Worrall Community Newspapers at 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, NJ 07083.

• **Littell-Lord Farmhouse Museum & Farmstead** at 31 Horseshoe Road in Berkeley Heights. Hours open: 2-4 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month from April through December, or by appointment. Call 464-0961 for more information.

• **Dr. William Robinson Plantation Museum** at 593 Madison Hill Road in Clark. Hours open: 1-4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month from April through December. Call 381-3981 for more information.

• **Crane-Phillips House Museum** at 124 Union Ave. N. in Cranford. Hours open: 2-4 p.m. Sundays from September through June, or by appointment. Call 276-0982 for more information.

• **Belcher-Ogden Mansion** at 1046 E. Jersey St. in Elizabeth. Open by

appointment only. Call 351-2500 for more information.

• **Boxwood Hall** at 1073 E. Jersey St. in Elizabeth. Hours open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Call (201) 648-4540 for more information.

• **Woodruff House/Eaton Store Museum** at 111 Conant St. in Hillside. Hours open: 2-4 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month, or by appointment. Call 352-9270 for more information.

• **Deacon Andrew Hatfield House** on Constitution Plaza, off Route 22 West, in Mountainside. Open by appointment only. Call 232-1553 for more information.

• **The Salthouse Museum** at 1350 Springfield Ave. in New Providence. Hours open: 1-3 p.m. on the first and third Sundays, and 10 a.m. to noon on each Thursday of each month. Call 464-0163 for more information.

• **Drake House Museum** at 602 W. Front St. in Plainfield. Hours open: 2-4 p.m. on Sundays. Call 755-5831 for more information.

• **Merchants and Drivers Tavern** at 1632 St. Georges Ave. in Rahway. Open by appointment only. Call 381-0441 for more information.

• **Abraham Clark House** at 101 West Ninth Ave., at Chestnut Street, in Roselle. Open by appointment only. Call 486-1783 for more information.

• **Osborn Cannonball House** at 1840 Front St. in Scotch Plains. Hours open: 2-4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. Call 233-9165 for more information.

• **The Cannonball House** at 126 Morris Ave. in Springfield. Open by

appointment only. Call (201) 379-2634 for more information.

• **Benjamin Carter House** at 90 Butler Parkway in Summit. Hours open: 9:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays; 1:30-4 p.m. on Wednesdays; and 2-4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month or by appointment. Call 277-1747 for more information.

• **Reeves-Reed Arboretum** at 165 Hobart Ave. in Summit. Hours open: grounds are open daily, from dawn to dusk; office is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. For more information, call 273-8787.

• **Caldwell Parsonage** at 909 Caldwell Ave. in Union. Hours open: 2-4 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month, except December and January, or by appointment. Call 687-8129 for more information.

• **Miller-Cory House Museum** 614 Mountain Ave. in Westfield. Hours open: 2-5 p.m. on Sundays, September through June; and 2-4 p.m. on Sundays in January and February, or by appointment. Call 232-1776 for more information.

• **Edison's Laboratory** on Main Street, at Lakeside Avenue, in West Orange. Hours open: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. Admission is \$2; seniors and children are admitted free. Call (201) 736-5050 for more information.

• **Donald B. Palmer Museum** of the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Hours open: 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays; 1-4 p.m. Sundays, closed Sundays in summer. For information, call (201) 376-4930.

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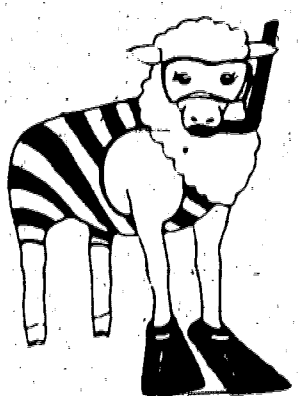
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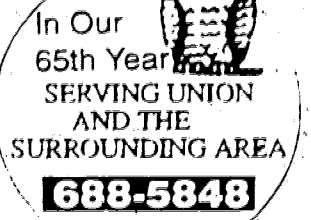
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Rockets' red glare can be dangerous in careless hands

The Fourth of July is a high risk holiday for injuries. July 4 is one of America's most loved holidays. It is a time for family, barbecues and fireworks. However, it is also often a time when someone, usually a child, loses an eye or suffers a serious eye injury because of mishandling or being too close to fireworks.

It would not be July 4 without fireworks, but they should be enjoyed by watching public displays in designated safe areas. Every year, the media runs a story of someone being seriously hurt because they purchased these devices for home use. Although half the states restrict the sale of fireworks to sparklers and other non-explosive types, dangerous fireworks are often brought into these states illegally and into the hands of children. According to the American Academy of Ophthalmology, each Fourth of July causes thousands of accidents and eye injuries.

"Despite everyone's effort to educate the public about the hazards of fireworks, some individuals do not heed the warnings. Fireworks are explosive devices that will and do cause the loss of vision, as well as other serious injuries," said Dr. Jordan Burke, whose eye surge center is a member of the Oupatient Ophthalmic Surgery Association of New Jersey.

Fireworks are packaged and sold to appeal to the buyer's sense of imagination and attention. The American Academy of Ophthalmology lists five major types of fireworks: firecrackers, sparklers, fountains, Roman candles and rockets. Rockets are often called bottle rockets. The bottle rockets are especially dangerous because they have an erratic flight path. According to the U.S. Eye Injury

Registry, the larger bottle rockets can take off at 200 m.p.h. Not only can the rockets blow up in your face as you are lighting them, but often the bottles used as a launching pad also explode.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, an estimated 10,000 Americans are injured annually by fireworks, and one of every five injuries — 1,600 — is an eye injury. This is a low estimate since C.P.S.C. surveillance includes only those injured that are treated in hospital emergency rooms and not those treated in the physician's office. "OOSA will be joining the many national and state organizations this Fourth of July in telling the public about the hazards of fireworks. Each OOSA office will have important literature available for their patients to read and take home," Burke said.

Information published by the Eye Injury Registry of Alabama in a seven year analysis of serious ocular fireworks in Alabama reveals that 80 percent of the injured are less than 19 years old and 97 percent occur during July 4 holidays. Most frightening facts are 71 percent are bystanders and 44 percent result in legal blindness.

"The data in this seven year analysis from EIRA is staggering. The only way we see these types of numbers changing is through education and the media's support in getting the message out to all," Burke said.

To receive a copy of The American Academy of Ophthalmology's "Fireworks Precaution and Restrictions," write to your nearest OOSA member, or call the Summit Eye Group at (908) 464-4600. A copy of the New Jersey's regulations with respect to fireworks may also be obtained by contacting an OOSA member.

After the Revolution, the acts of incorporation formed county

Union County is rich in history, and as time marches on, it gets even more so, with municipalities served by Worrall Community Newspapers — the *Elizabeth Gazette*, *Hillside Leader*, *Union Leader*, *Springfield Leader*, *Mountainside Echo*, *Kenilworth Leader*, *Roselle Park Leader*, *Linden Leader*, *Roselle Spectator*, *Summit Observer*, *Rahway Progress* and *Clark Eagle* — being prime contributors. Let's take a tour through our county.

Union County was part of Essex County since 1683, when the General Assembly, during a meeting in Elizabethtown, divided East New Jersey into four counties: Bergen, Essex, Middlesex and Monmouth. It wasn't until 1857 that Union became its own county. The measure to incorporate Union as a separate county passed the Assembly by a vote of 43-10, marking the largest majority ever given to the incorporation of a county.

When Union was incorporated, the county was comprised of seven communities: Elizabeth, Springfield, Westfield, Rahway, Union, New Providence and Plainfield. While the area was the first English settlement in New Jersey, it became the last of the state's 21 counties to be created.

In 1857, the population of Springfield was 1,020 people, Union Township, 1,812; Elizabeth, 11,567; Rahway, 7,130; Westfield, 1,719; Plainfield, 3,224; and New Providence, 1,308.

The county's boundaries were those of the old Elizabethtown.

The first settlers in Elizabethtown arrived in 1664, after the Dutch surrendered control of New Netherland. A group of English set-

tlers met with several Indian leaders and negotiated what became known as the Elizabethtown Purchase.

Under terms of the sale, the English gained control of a tract of land that extended from the Raritan to the Passaic — a distance of more than 30 miles.

"Almost simultaneously with the founding of Elizabethtown, few settlers pushed south, into the area that is now the City of Linden, and only a short time later, others moved into what is now Roselle. By the 1680s colonists from Elizabethtown and Woodbridge had established themselves along the Rahway River, where the city of Rahway now stands," according to "Union County Yesterday," written by Robert J. Fridlington.

The settlements spread.

Included in their trek north, farmers moved into an area known as Lyons Farms, which evolved into present-day Hillside. A group from Connecticut settled into Wade's farms, which evolved into Connecticut Farms, and then Union. According to the book, "An area of the upper reaches of the Rahway River was known as Springfield," which became the first township in the county.

Striving for a "Sense of Identity," many of the neighborhoods of Elizabethtown succeeded.

Springfield Township was created by the Legislature in 1793. Immediately following were Westfield in 1794, the annexation of New Providence to Springfield, and Rahway Township in 1804, Union Township in 1808 and New Providence Township in 1809.

Union County was the site of

several battles during the American Revolution.

During the Battle of Connecticut Farms, Hannah Caldwell, the wife of the Rev. James Caldwell, was killed.

"While this bitter fighting was taking place, Gen. Washington began moving his army from Morristown toward Springfield. Washington himself arrived here in the afternoon, ahead of his troops. After conferring with Maxwell, Washington directed the New Jersey brigade and the supporting militia units to make a stand at the Rahway River at the very edge of Springfield, while he deployed his forces in two defensive lines behind them," the book states.

Another battle was at Elizabethtown.

The Battle of Springfield followed.

"Before abandoning Springfield, however, the British burned the village, just as they had Connecticut Farms. In all, perhaps 19 dwellings were destroyed. Two or three, thought to belong to Loyalists, were left standing."

The Battle of Springfield was the last "major engagement fought in the northern states during the American Revolution." After 1780, the action moved south.

Linden left Elizabeth, Rahway and Union in 1861; Clark became distinct from Rahway in 1864; the Borough of Mountainside was formed in 1895; the borough of Roselle was created in 1898, and in 1901, the Legislature incorporated the Borough of Roselle Park. New Orange became Kenilworth in 1907. The Township of Hillside was created in 1913.

Springfield Historical Society announces new officers slate

The Springfield Historical Society announced the slate of its officers, executive council members and board of governors for the 1997-98 year who were elected at its general meeting. The new officers are: Margaret Bandrowski, president; Elaine Auer, vice president; Marilyn Stiglitz, recording secretary; Janice Bongiovanni, corresponding secretary; Jerry Bongiovanni, treasurer, and Kenneth Hendrix, curator.

Those serving on the executive council are: Janice Bongiovanni, Howard Casselman, Denise Devone, Hazel Hardgrove, Janet Hartman, Catherine Siess and Howard Wiseman. The board of governors will be comprised of Eleanor Gural, William Gural, Patricia Murphy, Richard Sofie, Louis Stiglitz and Michael Yeshenko.

The Springfield Historical Society is dedicated to preserving all historical aspects and objects of the Township of Springfield and its area. It owns the Historic Cannon Ball House which serves as its headquarters, and the members maintain a museum on its premises. Frequent tours are given to the general public by trained docents.

During the past year, its programs at meetings have featured the history of immigration at Ellis Island, the sesquicentennial year of Thomas A. Edison and his multitude of inventions, "A Day in the Life of Sabra Miller" with Joyce Goldstein portraying a Colonial mother of seven children and her husband who were the first family of Westfield in the mid-1700s, and an exploration of herbs used during the Colonial era as well as today. A host of interesting programs and activities are being planned for the coming year.

All of the fourth grade classes of Springfield and some nearby communities are taken on an educational tour of the Historic Cannon Ball House. On special days, tours are given to the general public by trained docents well versed in the objects on display. Right now, arrangements are being made to obtain grant monies and other funds in order to make much needed repairs on the interior and exterior of this Springfield treasure. Being that this 1740 house is on the Registry for the Preservation of Historic Houses, all work has to be carefully evaluated and done by skilled craftsman.

Currently, some of the members are conducting an informal archeological dig on the site of the old red barn behind the house which was demolished last October. The 1905 structure had deteriorated to the point that it was feared that it might suddenly collapse. It had formerly been constructed to house horses and carriages when the Historic Cannon Ball House was a private residence. A demolition firm was hired to knock it down, and carry away the debris in dumpsters. All that remains is a large area of bare earth. Thinking that there might be a possibility that some Colonial artifacts could be found, members led by Richard Sofie and Denise Devone began digging in the newly emptied plot.

The membership is open to residents and nonresidents who are interested or would like to promote the history of this town and its surroundings. The payment of a modest dues fee will help the society to maintain this stately building even if a member cannot be active. More information about membership and the society may be had by calling (201) 376-4784.

Beware of burns & bites this weekend

Along with the joys of summer comes a host of potential safety hazards, ranging from the mildly irritating to the serious.

The good news is there are easy things anyone can do to take care of themselves this summer — all it takes is a little planning, common sense and, in some cases, common household items.

Here's a list of tips on how to keep your summertime fun and safe:

- Bug stings and bites — for those that don't produce an allergic reaction, ice packs and soaking in cool water will decrease stinging and

swelling. A baking soda paste of three parts baking soda and one part water will provide soothing relief. Apply paste to affected area. Let it dry, and wash it off and repeat if needed.

- Water safety — be careful of all water because children can get into trouble in pools, creeks and fountains and, just as easily as in the ocean or swimming pools. Wear footwear, such as aqua shoes, made of mesh-like material connected to rubber soles to protect feet from jagged rock, glass and stingrays.
- Sunburn — cool sting by soaking in a baking soda bath or applying a

cloth saturated with a baking soda solution — dissolve four tablespoons baking soda in a quart of water.


- Campfire — to extinguish a campfire, toss handful of baking soda at the base of the flames to smother them.

- Barbecuing — don't leave the grill unattended, and never use gasoline to start the fire.

- Foot soak — Treat your feet to a soothing soak in a baking soda solution — dissolve four tablespoons baking soda in a quart of water — to clean away oils, perspiration and soothe the skin.

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Stepping Out

ART SHOWS

TOMASULO ART GALLERY at MacKay Library, Union County College's Cranford Campus, will present a group of abstract paintings featuring three regional artists through today. The show will display works by James Fuess, Al Kaercher and Barrie Samuels.

Gallery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. and again from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday. For further information, call the college and ask for extension 7155.

SKULSKI ART GALLERY of the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark will present an exhibition of paintings by Włodzimierz Szpinger through tomorrow.

Szinger has had a lifelong fascination with the work of Breughel H. Bosch as well as early 17th century Dutch Baroque painters, and manages to incorporate their concepts into a most interesting contemporary approach.

The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway, Clark, just off Exit 135 from the Garden State Parkway. The gallery is open to the public Monday to Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call Alexandra K. Nowak, director, at (908) 382-7197.

COLOR, LINE AND FORM, works by Alice Bryan Hondru, are on display in the Members Gallery at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts through Sunday.

NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS is presenting a Members Show in the Palmer Gallery through Sunday.

NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

DONALD B. PALMER Museum of the Springfield Public Library will present "Protecting the Pinelands Through Art," an exhibition of botanical illustrations by Robin A. Jess, at The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, through July 10. The partial exhibit consists of twenty watercolor illustrations of fascinating Pine Barrens plants including orchids and carnivorous plants.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Library, 66 Mountain Ave. Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. For information, call (201) 376-4930.

BARRON ARTS CENTER will present "Best of Arts" art exhibit, an annual exhibition of life drawing, painting and sculpture by local artists, through July 13.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 2 to 4 p.m. The arts center is located at 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. For information, call (908) 634-0413.

JACOB TRAPP GALLERY will present an exhibit of paintings by Francois Orszag through July 17.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to noon. The gallery is located at 4 Waldron Ave. in Summit. For information, call (908) 273-3245.

SWAIN GALLERIES will present "Zimbabwe Sculpture in Stone," the creative spirit of seven African artists, through July 18.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday to 4 p.m. Swain Galleries is located at 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For details, call (908) 756-1707.

LES MALAMUT ART GALLERY in the Union Public Library will present "The Old Revisionist West," paintings by Michael Sileo of Roselle Park, through July 24.

The library is located on Morris Avenue behind Friberger Park in Union. For information, call (908) 686-0420 or (908) 688-4536.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL announces an exhibit of works created by the "Artists With Disabilities" program at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. The exhibit runs through July 31.

The exhibit will be displayed in the hospital's East Wing. Children's Specialized Hospital is located on New Providence Road in Mountainside. For information, call NJCVA at (908) 273-9121.

RENEE FOOSANER Art Gallery at Paper Mill Playhouse will present the 9th Annual International Miniature Art Exhibition through July 31. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, one hour before performances, through intermission, and Friday from noon to 3 p.m. The Playhouse is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information, call (973) 379-3636, ext. 2272.

SUMMIT FRAME & ART is featuring antique floral chromolithographs from the 1880's, ready for framing.

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SUNNYSIDE BRANCH of Linden Library will feature 11 works by Linden artist George Jarvis. Jarvis's works are bright, colorful and whimsical, frequently featuring children. Jarvis is a painter and illustrator who also designs greeting cards and teaches art to children at the Linden Multi-Purpose Center.

The library is located at 100 Edgewood Road in Linden. The exhibit may be viewed during the library branch's regular hours, 1-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesday and 9-noon and 1-5 p.m. Tuesday and Fridays.

ELIZABETH LIBRARY will present an exhibit of oil paintings, drawings and collage by Jay Dent. The exhibit will be displayed at the Main Branch, located at 11 South Broad St., Elizabeth.

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS will present an exhibit by sculptor and artist Peter Reginato through Sept. 30. The exhibit will take place in the Center's outdoor Art Park.

NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

UNION COUNTY ANNUAL JURIED ART AND CRAFT Exhibition will take place in the Palmer Gallery at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, 68 Elm St., Summit, from July 20 through Aug. 17. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

AUDITIONS

ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE is casting for its fourth season. Rehearsals are 5-7 weeks and plays run 5 consecutive weekends.

The 1997-98 season consists of: "Waltz of the Toreadors," "The Heiress," "Of Mice and Men," "The Real Inspector Hound" and "The Actor's Nightmare." The season will take place on July 11 and 18 at 7 p.m. and July 19 at 2 p.m.

Readings will be from abridged scripts. Pictures and resumes are required. Backstage help is also needed. Auditions will take place at the Playhouse, located at 1100 East Jersey St., Elizabeth. Additional appointments can be made by calling (908) 355-0077.

STONY HILL PLAYERS announces auditions for the Mozart opera "The Marriage of Figaro" on July 12 at 1 p.m.

Roles are: Figaro — bass; Susanna — lyric soprano; Bartolo — bass; Marcelina — mezzo-soprano; Cherubino — soprano or mezzo-soprano; Count Almaviva — baritone; Basilio — tenor; Countess Almaviva — full lyric or dramatic soprano.

Bring an aria from the opera, in English if possible, or any Mozart aria.

Auditions will be held at Oakes Memorial Outreach Center, 120 Morris Ave., Summit. Call (908) 354-2537 for an audition appointment.

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER is holding auditions for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of "Pinocchio" on July 14 from 10 a.m. to noon. Those auditioning should arrive at 10 a.m. and plan to stay the full two hours. The fee for the workshop is \$5.

Some cast members will be asked to stay for rehearsal immediately following the auditions. Those cast will be asked to pay a fee of \$75 for the entire week of rehearsal. The production is scheduled for July 19.

Students K through 12 are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. Assistant Directors will also be cast.

UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call (908) 499-8226.

CRANFORD REPERTORY THEATRE is having auditions for "God Favorite," a Neil Simon comedy, on July 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cranford United Methodist Church, corner of Walnut and E. Lincoln avenues, Cranford.

Needed are five men ages 20-50 years and three women ages 20-50 years. Directed by Jim Ligon, professor of Theater Arts, Montclair State University. Show dates are Nov. 14, 15, and 16. For information, call Kathy Bowman at (908) 925-3382.

CLASSES

DU CRET SCHOOL OF THE ARTS has announced a series of art workshops for the summer. The workshops vary in length and starting dates, and will be offered through Aug. 6. They will include offerings for artists of varied experience and levels from beginners to advanced. Workshops will be available both during the days and evenings.

Offerings include "Photography for Artists," "Mixed Media," "Outdoor Painting," "Acrylic Painting," "Watercolor," and "Pastel," as well as workshops in still life, portrait and figure painting. Fine artists can also learn how to further their careers through a unique course called, "Evaluate, Appreciate and Advance Your Art," taught by nationally known Metuchen artist Joan Arbeliter.

Computer workshops include "MAC

Graphic Intro," "MAC Intermediate," "Advanced Illustrator," "Photoshop 4.0," and "Digital Fine Art and Illustration."

Illustrators have a unique opportunity to work with famed Illustrator Michael Donato, in a self-promotion illustration workshop where students will design and create a self-promotion card.

The du cret School of the Arts is located at 1030 Central Ave. in Plainfield. For further information and a brochure call (908) 757-7171, fax (908) 757-2626 or write: Du Cret School of the Arts, 1030 Central Ave., Plainfield, N.J. 07060.

UNION COUNTY COLLEGE Cranford campus is offering new courses providing critical reviews of films throughout movie-making history to the present.

"Great American Films: 1950 to the Present" will deal with how the advent of major technological advances in color, sound and special effects changed the thrust of today's movies. Movies such as "2001: A Space Odyssey" and "Braveheart" will be reviewed. The course includes industry guest speakers.

Classes will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, July 8 through 22.

GORDON JAMES BAND will perform at Berkeley Heights free summer concert series on Wednesday from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

James has a unique style of music, blending the worlds of jazz, Latin and R&B into contemporary cool jazz.

In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Governor Livingston Regional High School Auditorium on Watchung Boulevard in Berkeley Heights. For information, call (908) 464-0550.

JUKEBOX HEROES, featuring the Mahoney Brothers, will entertain in Echo Lake Park in Mountainside on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is free. Rainsite is Cranford High School, West End Place, Cranford. For information, call (908) 352-8410.

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS will present Daved Post on Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m.

The free concert will be held in Friberger Park on Morris Avenue. In the event of rain, the concert will be held in Burnet Middle School Auditorium on North Third Street in Union.

LYRICA CHAMBER MUSIC will present its 10th anniversary subscription series with four chamber music con-

certs on Sundays at 3 p.m. beginning in September.

All concerts will be held in the auditorium of the Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township, 240 Southern Boulevard. Tickets are \$17 for general admission, \$13 for seniors, and \$6 for students. Discounts are available for early subscription. For information, call (201) 701-1734.

The show is appropriate for children from 4 to 10 years of age and will be held in the Studio Theatre on the university campus, located on Valley Road in Upper Montclair. For information and reservations, call (201) 655-5112.

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WESTFIELD ART ASSOCIATION invites artists and members of the community interested in fine art to join the group and enter their exhibitions.

General meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at the Westfield Community Room, 425 East Broad St., Westfield at 8 p.m. Programs focus on artist's demonstrations, speakers and workshops. A wide range of topics and media, including photography, are covered. One need not be an artist to participate. For further information about membership, call (908) 232-8971 or (908) 232-7058.

Today and tomorrow, the Fair will present 22 minutes of world-class fireworks to celebrate Independence Day.

The Fair is located at Giants Stadium, New Jersey Sports Complex, Route 3, East Rutherford. For information, call (201) 933-0199 or (201) 842-5600.

FILMS

THE LOST PICTURE SHOW movie theater, located at 2395 Springfield Ave. in Union, next to the Union Mark-

etplace, screens art films daily. Senior citizen discounts are available Sunday through Thursday, and Tuesday is Bargain Night, when every seat is \$4. For showtimes, call (908) 964-4497.

NEWARK BLACK FILM FESTIVAL runs through July 30 at several locations in Newark. For more information, call (201) 596-6550.

Wednesday — "Mandala and de Klerk," 1997. A big-screen presentation of the acclaimed made-for-cable movie about the prickly relationship between South African activist Nelson Mandela, played by Sidney Poitier, and prime minister F.W. de Klerk, played by Michael Caine. The film will be followed by a discussion with the film's writer, Richard Wesley, an NYU writing professor and co-founder of the Festival. The film will be shown at University Hall, New Jersey Institute of Technology, 99 Summit St., Newark.

HOLIDAY

NEW JERSEY POPS will play a spirited evening of patriotic favorites tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at Soldiers Memorial Field in Summit. A fireworks display will follow the 50-piece orchestra's two-hour concert.

In the event of rain, the concert will take place at Summit High School, 120 Kent Place Boulevard. For information, call (908) 522-0357.

WESTFIELD COMMUNITY BAND will perform an Independence Day concert today at 8 p.m. in Mindowaskin Park, Westfield.

Admission is free. For information, call (908) 789-4080.

UNION MUNICIPAL BAND will perform tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in Bier-tumpel Park in Union.

For information, call (908) 686-4200.

KIDS

THEATRESPORTS is a program for ages 8 through 12 that combines interactive elements of team game play with theatrics. It will be conducted Monday through Thursday from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Union County College's Cranford Campus. Actors from New York City's Freestyle Theatre conduct the program.

For information, call (908) 709-7600.

PUSHCART PLAYERS will present "Stone Soup and Other Stories," a collection of multi-cultural folk tales from around the world, on Tuesday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The presentation is part of "TheatreFest for Kids," designed for young and family audiences. TheatreFest is a summerstock program in residence at Montclair University.

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The Meadowlands Fair will present world-class fireworks to celebrate Independence Day.

"Hollywood Changes: Films of the 70s" will cover the trend away from making critically acclaimed pictures and more towards making blockbusters, who in Hollywood helped to promote this trend, and what roles did films play in the trend's progression. The course will include film screenings, discussion and industry guest speakers.

Classes will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, Aug. 5 through 19. Those interested in further information should call the College's Department of Continuing Education and Community Services at (908) 709-7600.

PLAYWRIGHTS THEATRE is sponsoring the following summer adult workshops:

"Pitch Your Screenplay" will present the pitching process over the course of four sessions from Aug. 6 to Sept. 3. The class will be held Wednesday nights from 7 to 10 p.m. with a fee of \$200. A fully developed screenplay idea is required in order to participate.

Playwrights Theatre is located at 33 Green Village Road in Madison. For information, call (201) 514-1787.

CONCERTS

LASER U2, a laser concert presenting the music of U2, will take place on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at Trilands Nature & Science Museum.

Admission is \$3.25 per person, \$2.75 for seniors. Children under the age of 10 will not be admitted. Trilands is located in the Watchung Reservation in Mountainside. For information, call (908) 789-3670.

LINDEN RECREATION DEPARTMENT presents Jazz Night with the Frank Grasso Band in Wilson Park on Tuesday from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m.

All concerts begin promptly at 7:15 p.m. and run for two hours. In case of rain, concerts will be held at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St. Information will be available on the Recreation Hotline at (908) 474-8604. Any questions, call the John T. Gregorio Center at (908) 474-8627.

WALTER LESNIAK BAND will perform on Tuesday evening at the Municipal Building in Clark.

Thursdays — Psychedelic Thursdays presents the greatest sounds of classic rock, performed by local bands. Weekend performances include blues, r&bs and rock music. An upscale and traditional blues brunch is presented every Sunday.

The Crossroads is located at 78 North Ave., Garwood. For information, call (908) 232-5666.

JAZZ NIGHT is presented every Sunday evening at Van Gogh's Ear cafe in Union. Van Gogh's Ear is located at 1017 Stuyvesant Ave. For further information, call (908) 810-1844.

MUSIC BOX CAFE of the Donald P. Palmer Museum, located in the Springfield Free Public Library, will be opening weekdays for the summer months. The Music Box Cafe will be open Monday and Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon and Monday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

The cafe serves coffee, juice, bagels, muffins and baked goods and provides an appropriate atmosphere to read a book or just relax while surrounded by the current exhibit in the Palmer Museum.

An extra feature this summer will be "Game Night" in the cafe and library meeting room every Monday evening from 6 to 8:30. Chess and Scrabble games will be available for those interested. Bring a partner or come in and find a partner and have a challenging evening while enjoying a cup of coffee.

Those interested in performing at the Music Box Cafe should submit a resume or letter of introduction to Susan Permahos, Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield, 07081.

OPERA

MET IN THE PARKS series will run through Saturday.

"Carmen" will be performed on Monday in Brookdale Park in Montclair and in Buccleuch Park in New Brunswick on July 3.

All performances are free and begin at 8 p.m. For information, call (212) 362-6000.

POETRY

POETSWEDNESDAY will be held on Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Barron Arts Center in Woodbridge.

Admission is free. The arts center is located at 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. For information, call (908) 634-0413.

RADIO

WBGO, Jazz 88.3 FM programming will present the following shows this week:

Today — "Artbeat," a weekly magazine show covering all facets of the arts, will be aired at 6:30 p.m.

"Marian McPartland's Piano Jazz," 7 p.m.

Tomorrow — "Portraits in Blue," 7 p.m.

Saturday — "Jazz Classics," 6 a.m. "Beale Street Caravan," a one-hour magazine show about the Blues, 1 p.m.

"Jazzset With Branford Marsalis," 8 p.m. Sunday — "Jazz From the Archives," 10 p.m.

Monday — "Billy Taylor's Jazz at the Kennedy Center," 7 p.m.

Tuesday — "Jazz Profiles," 7 p.m.

WFUM, 91.1 FM Free Form Radio will feature the return of veteran free form DJ Bob Rixon of Rahway on Monday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. Featuring spontaneous mixes of jazz, pop, punk, funk, soundtrack music and personal anecdotes, Rixon's programs carry the classic 60s radio style into the late 90s.

TELEVISION

THE ARTS is a half-hour cable television program about the visual and performing arts in New Jersey. Each month the viewer is introduced to the creative people and nonprofit organizations directly involved in upcoming cultural events. An additional feature is the monthly calendar. Each program is closed captioned for people who are deaf or have hearing impairments, as well as for those who may need assistance with the English language.

The program is carried in regular timeslots on five central New Jersey cable systems throughout the state. For more information about "The Arts" and/or for a broadcast schedule, call (908) 745-4489/3888.

THEATRE

MAN OF LA MANCHA will be presented at Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, through July 26. For tickets, call (201) 376-4343.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING opens at the NJ Shakespeare Festival and continues through July 26 at Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey.

Based on a traditional Italian tale, the play is set at the conclusion of battle when four would-be lovers and their scheming foes make much ado and their own "merry war."

The theater is located at 33 Green Village Road in Madison. For tickets and information, call (201) 408-5600.

THE ACTOR'S NIGHTMARE and Other Plays by Christopher Durang, parodies of four short plays, will be performed at Union County College's Cranford Campus.

Showtimes are July 11, 12 and 19 at 8 p.m., July 13 and 20 at 7 p.m. and July 16 and 18 at 8 p.m. For information and directions to the college, call Kathy Longo at (908) 709-7112.

Playwright wins writing competition

"For Tiger Lilies Out of Season," a play by Dr. Andrea Green of Springfield, chairperson of Union County College's English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, won the Critic's Choice Award as a result of the Samuel French One-Act Play Competition held on May 3 in New York City. The prestigious competition selected the play based on its theater quality. "For Tiger Lilies Out of Season" was chosen following its production before an audience of judges at the Harold Clurman Theater, New York City.

The play, which presents a woman's personal experience in dealing with cancer, was performed at the College in February, and again at Kean College of New Jersey, Union, and Caldwell College, Caldwell, during March.

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Unusual version of Bard classic 'shores up' well

If you've ever entertained doubts that The Bard's tales are truly timeless, take a trip to the beach — or a fine reproduction of one, at Playwrights Theatre in Madison. A seemingly unlikely location for a shore scene, it is nevertheless the site of the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival's "Much Ado About Nothing," the second show of this season's "Moveable Feast."

Director Joe Discher has dared to transplant Shakespeare's witty, romantic tale into the early 1950s, complete with music and costume of the period. How shocking, then, to discover the archaic English so familiar to Bard fans coming from the mouths of genteel people from our own century? It boggles the mind.

At least at first, until the charming, sometimes campy, always amusing story of scheming lovers falling prey to each other's schemes takes hold just as it would were the setting merry old England rather than a beachhouse on the northeastern seaboard of the U.S. Naval officers, old friends and dishonored maidens evoke recognition and sympathy no matter how they are dressed, and they are dressed well by costume designer Jacqueline Kirkins. Not as flashy as the royal regalia most Festival productions warrant, the gowns still flow and the uniforms still set hearts a-fluttering, set off by a few cute, very 50s touches via sun and swim wear.

The audience is lulled, almost seduced into the story by the well chosen musical selections, which include such favorites as "Sleepwalk," "Blue

Theater View

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

Moon" and "Since I Don't Have You." The music, accompanied by some all-too-relaxing ocean sounds, help to offset the potential shock of a modern scene juxtaposed with an unfamiliar dialect. To the actors' credit, this cushion is only needed in the very beginning. Lines are delivered with more modern mannerisms and inflections, so naturally that the effect is very easily understood, and not at all distracting.

The only effect which is mildly distracting are the multiple roles assumed by some of the actors, although they are done well and show off good range. Laura Nicholas has a small role as Margaret, but is campy and ridiculous as a Watchman. William Greville plays down Antonio, but plays up Conrade to the manic hilt, and is terrifically entertaining. Michael Daly is effective in three roles — Balthasar, Borachio, and my favorite, the sensitive and wise Friar Francis.

This unique production has provided an opportunity to showcase talents and use effects not typical of the classics. The Doo-Wop interlude fits in nicely, the "silhouette on the shade" is well executed, and brief but sweet dance numbers inspire wistful smiles.



Meg DeFoe as Hero fails madly in love with Coleman Zeigen as Claudio in the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival's 50s-esque version of "Much Ado About Nothing."

Also typical of the Festival's reputation is the bathhouse-cum-lifeguard station-cum-a few other surprises. Setting, music, and style are very effective in the intimate, cozy Playwrights Theatre, a close facsimile of the Festival's own Bowne Theater, currently under reconstruction.

It is obvious that Discher, artistic associate of the Shakespeare Festival,

revels in the unconventional, judging by his success with last season's "The Compleat Works of Wllm Shksp (Abridged)." He is as successful with this leap of faith, which continues through Aug. 2 at Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey, 33 Green Village Road, Madison. For information and tickets, call (201) 408-5600.

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Library benefit garners funds, high praise

By Anthony Giordano
Correspondent

Over 800 adults, teenagers and children packed the Summit High School auditorium last Thursday for the opening night of "The Music Man." They were treated not only to a production of the now-classic tale — who hasn't heard "Seventy-Six Trombones" and "Til There Was You," just two of the hit numbers — of a huckster salesman who attempts to swindle a small Iowa town by selling a non-existent band program, but also to an example of community theater at its best.

In an age when local productions struggle to break even, this production has already earned over \$50,000 toward the Summit Public Library building fund. In addition, most theater groups struggle to find willing volunteers for major roles. Let alone for technical or back stage help. I can only assume that Lois Hageman, producer, must have a bit of Professor Hill's gift of persuasion not only to get so many talented people involved, but also to get them all to donate their time and talents.

Directed in a breezy, fast-paced tempo by Anne Poyner — no easy task when there are over 70 people in the cast — the play moved smoothly from number to number. Large credit must go to the set designer August Ventura and the set construction and crew chief Jim Poyner. Simply, the sets were fabulous: in design, construction and production value. Since high school stages cannot "fly" sets in and out, set changes often disrupt the production's flow. These, however, flowed in and out without a hitch.

Musically, the show ranges from ballads in barbershop to Sousa-like marches. Thirteen musicians, a combination of Summit Symphony members and other volunteers, guided by conductor James Sadevich, filled the auditorium with sounds that captured the score's fun and excitement while striking the delicate balance of supporting the vocal productions without overwriting them.

Musical Director Sherri Strauss Williamson and Choreographer Dolores Hildebrandt-Robertson deftly managed to balance the strong professional voices and dancers in the production with those who were just embarking on their stage careers. So well did they do their jobs that it was impossible to tell which performers were experienced and which were not.

Bill Pierson's portrayal of the scheming Mayor Shinn was a perfect foil to Janet Whitman's very funny Bulala. Susan McDaniel's beautiful voice rivaled the audience on more than one occasion, as did Bill Lubran's captivating huckster speeches as Professor Hill. Chancy Lubran added a poignant touch to the Mrs. Parrish role that often is played in a too-broad manner. Noel Poyner as Winthrop, Manan the librarian's hisping younger brother, and Suzanne Winter as Amariyllis, his secret admirer, both held their own playing opposite some tough adult competition. Lauren Lindner and Nathaniel Cannon as Zaneeta Shinn and Tom-

my Djilas, the young lovers counterpart to Marion and Harold Hill, did excellent work. Both will undoubtedly be seen in future productions.

The different ensemble groups: the barbershop quartet, Pick-a-Little Ladies, the speciality dancers, the twirlers, the tumblers and the Wa Tan Ye Girls all showed the hours of practice that it takes not only to be at the right place at the right time doing the right thing, but make it look easy and natural as well!

A special congratulations has to go to the costume mistresses Clair Colcord and Mary T. O'Connor and their committee members. The costumes were far about the usual in both quality of garment and appropriateness of style. Well done, costume committee!

The only problem I have with the production is that there were so many good performances that I cannot possibly mention them all by name. Suffice it to say that Thursday's performance was one of those rare occasions in theater when talent, desire, effort and opportunity mix just so to produce a magical evening for the audience.

Having said all of the above, allow me a small diversion. The true test of any performance is not what is happening on stage, rather, it is what is going on in the audience. We all have been at concerts that, while technically perfect, left us cold and just a bit too anxious to get to those after-theater steps for a quick snack. As I waited to enter the auditorium, I couldn't help notice all the children in line to get in. There were at least 200 children under the age of 12 or so in the audience. Now, anyone who has to accompany a child to a movie matinee knows how truly critical they can be as an audience — keep them entertained or suffer the constant stream of trips to the bathroom interrupted only by rather vocal "when is it going to be over" and "does he have to sing again?" Couple these children with parents who have seen their fair share of Broadway performances and you have one of the most difficult audiences possible.

I sat in the last row and didn't see so much as a squirm from a child. There was more quiet than at most movie theaters I have frequented!

Perhaps the audience was best exemplified by a little boy, no more than 6 or 7, who was sitting across the aisle from me. About five minutes into the show, he moved from his aisle seat and sat on the steps to get a better view. He sat for the next 40 or 50 minutes transfixed by the performance. Not until the intermission did I see him take his eyes off the magic of a live performance. There can be no harsher critic than a 7-year-old boy on a hot summer night.

Long after the new library addition is weathered and in need of repair itself, the children present in the high school auditorium last Thursday will remember a night River City came alive for one brief, shining moment.

Anthony Giordano, playwright and performance artist, teaches English at Hillside High School.

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BIG & BEAUTIFUL
28 yr old 5'9", 250 to 300 lb black female seeking an intelligent, passionate, creative male with a sense of humor. Enjoys just about anything. BOX 39221

I'LL CALL YOU BACK!
38 yr old 5'7", female artist, n/s, n/d. emotionally stable. Enjoys music, the outdoors, the shore and much more. Seeking an intelligent, professional male, late 30's to 42, n/s, n/d for possible long term relationship. BOX 39275

DON'T BE SHY, REPLY
5'10", full figured, white professional female, playful, spontaneous, amiable, attractive and upbeat. Enjoys art, music, dining, hockey, movies and more. Seeking a white, professional male, 40 to 55, 6' or taller, with similar qualities and interests. BOX 37099

GIVE ME FLOWERS...
29 yr old female, seeking a very mature, outgoing gentleman who loves to Lord and holds a decent job. If you enjoy living life to the fullest extent call. BOX 15981

LET'S ENJOY LIFE...
34 yr old, professional white female a practicing Catholic, seeks an honest, caring man who wants to share his life. Like sports, travel, theater, cooking, computers and more. BOX 16172

FIT THE BILL?
Attractive 40 year old white female 5'7" and 110 pounds. Looking for a healthy, trim professional white male 40 to 55, with a medium build, for friendship and a possible long term relationship. BOX 38568

BEING TOGETHER
50 yr old light skinned full figured black female n/s, n/d. Looking for a black male 48 to 52. Enjoys walks, quiet times and more. P.S. I work 3rd shift. BOX 16427

SIMILAR INTERESTS?
46 yr old, 5'3 1/2", 190 lb, drug free and n/s full figured black professional enjoys dining out, movies, sports and travel. Seek a divorced single black male, 40 to 55, with similar interests for possible long term relationship. BOX 12395

SEEKING A FUTURE?
25 yr old, Jewish professional female, a smoker, independent, family oriented and honest. Enjoys cats, traveling and having fun. Seeking a male to possibly share my future with. BOX 12516

DO YOU FIT THIS?
38 yr old college educated, full figured female enjoys jazz, bowling, health fairs, museums and cultural events. Interested in meeting a male, 38 to 45, 5'10" or taller, with similar interests. Call let's talk! BOX 12609

A GOOD PERSON
White female of Italian descent with a sense of humor and good personality. Enjoys movies, dining out and long drives. Call for more details. BOX 12904

CALL ME.....
32 yr old 5'7" attractive single white female with long brown hair. Enjoys movies, Atlantic City, the boardwalk and music. Seeking a single white male 25 to 39, with thin to medium build. BOX 13110

DON'T PLAY GAMES!
44 yr old 5'8" attractive intelligent and sincere divorced black female enjoys jazz, the theater, the arts and basketball. Seeking a single or divorced black male 5'3 to 6'5, with similar qualities. BOX 11556

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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ONE OF A KIND
5'11" single white professional male who is generous with a sense of humor. Seeking a female who is sensitive and down to earth, for friendship, possible relationship. BOX 32776

CALLING ALL LADIES
30 yr old, single male, built Italian male, good looks, black hair, brown eyes. Seeking female, that is attractive, fit, and can live by the three golden rules, no cheating, no lying and must be loyal. Looking for marriage and family. BOX 11681

TOUCH OF CLASS?
37 yr old 5'7", 160 lb attractive divorced white Italian father of one. Enjoy comedy clubs, dining out, movies, sporting events and more. Seeking a single or divorced white female 28 to 35, who is petite and attractive. BOX 37821

UNION COUNTY AREA
42 yr old 5'9", 160 lb single white male with brown hair and eyes, seeking a female, a former nine romantic caring Hispanic female 22 to 45, for possible long term relationship. Enjoys writing poetry, reading, multi sports, walks, dancing and more. BOX 39672

ONE TO ONE.....
40 yr old 6' 170 lb single white male financially stable drug and disease free smoker. Seeking a female for a long term relationship. Not into the bar scene. Union County area. BOX 39637

PERFECT GENTLEMAN
27 yr old 165 lb attractive and fit Italian professional male, passionate and honest is seeking a physically attractive female with similar interests. Enjoys NYC, working out, quiet and romantic times, the shore and more. BOX 39625

MAKE MY DAY!
34 yr old 5'10" attractive white Jewish male with black hair and blue eyes. Enjoys dining out, dancing, movies and more. Seeking a single white female 25 to 40, n/s, with similar interests. BOX 11363

SCHOOL TEACHER
56 yr old single white male enjoys dinners and plays in New York City. Seeking single white female 45 to 53. BOX 12425

WIFE SEARCHING...
30 yr old 6' 240 lb stocky built Italian male, good looks, black hair, brown eyes. Seeking female, that is attractive, fit, and can live by the three golden rules, no cheating, no lying and must be loyal. Looking for marriage and family. BOX 11681

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
41 yr old 5'9", 195 lb white male never married, clean cut, outgoing and more. Enjoys all sports, tennis, football, movies, music and more. Seeking companionship, friendship and maybe more. Call for more details. BOX 11178

ROMANTIC & CARING
40 yr old 5'8" 127 lbs 180 lb single white male with brown hair and blue eyes. Seeking a female for a long lasting relationship. Enjoys reading, walking, drives to nowhere and much more. BOX 12965

IS THIS FOR YOU?
38 yr old professional athletic single male enjoys motorcycle riding, dining out, the boardwalk. Seeking a single white female 27 to 37, for a long term relationship. BOX 37877

PLEASE CALL.....
Single white male is seeking a single white female 30 to 45, not into the bar or club scene. If this is you, please call me. BOX 11715

SEEKS LADY LARGE
40 yr old thin gentleman, thinks plump is pretty big is beautiful. Seeking a full figured large female 35 to 50. Call my mailbox and leave your telephone number so we can talk! BOX 36745

QUALITY MAN
31 yr old 5'10" attractive employed, light skinned, born again Christian father of one, enjoys playing basketball, church activities, gospel music and more. Seeking a humble well spoken attractive loving goal oriented well maintained female. BOX 38954

CAN YOU PASS...
the test? 46 yr old, professional gay, white male, 5'8", 160 lbs. I am healthy, good looking, sincere, honest, outgoing and passionate. If you are a bi or gay professional white male with qualities similar to mine call! BOX 11228

UNION COUNTY MAN
43 yr old 5'10", 165 lb professional bi white male, healthy n/s and moderate. Drinker. Looking for a discreet friendship with a bi or gay white male, 40 to 55, who is sincere, honest and not cantused! BOX 15783

SINCERE AND CARING
43 year old, single gay white professional male 5'9", 160 pounds, brown hair blue eyes healthy good looking and trim. Seeking a sincere caring friendship leading to a possible long term relationship. Want someone age 40 to 55. BOX 15469

STILL LOOKING
45 year old gay white professional male healthy attractive and drug free 5'10" and 165 pounds. Discreet, outgoing and sincere. Seeking a gay white male age 45-50 who is honest, sincere and seeking a friendship. BOX 13142

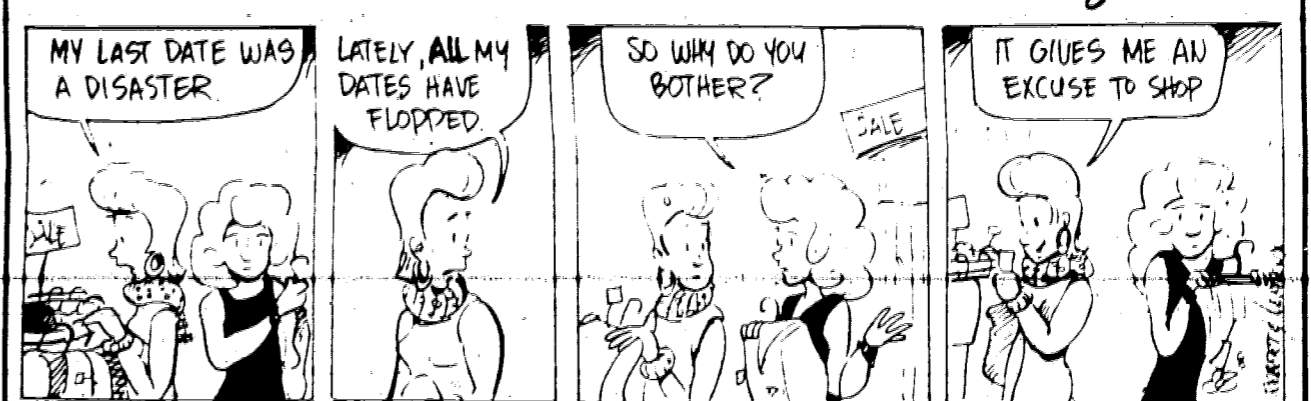
TIRED OF IT ALL?
48 yr old Gay white male 5'9" moderate drinker non smoker. I am good looking, masculine and trim. Seeking a professional Bi or Gay white male 40 to 60. BOX 15039

IF U LIKE GIVE ME A
Call 35 yr old male enjoys the movies, beaches and more. Looking for someone to enjoy some times with. BOX 11121

IN SHAPE MALE
43 yr old 6'11" 195 lb. bi curious, single, clean, discreet and n/s. Seeking a bi or gay white male, 43 or younger to explore. BOX 10722

SEEK A BOYFRIEND
39 yr old white male, loving intelligent and non drinking is seeking other n/s males who are pleasant, easy going, enjoy music and gay groups. BOX 12574

"Miss Adventures" in Dating



INDEPENDENT MOTHER
39 yr old, employed divorced black female seeking a friend, confidant and lover, 40 to 47, 6 plus with average looks. Must be secure, drug free, disease free and not a game player. BOX 37188

COME SHARE WITH ME!
Professional black female n/s, n/d, seeking a single, honest, and passionate male, 55 to 67, to share my interests. Enjoys sports, Atlantic City, travel, movies, long walks and more. BOX 37866

ESSEX COUNTY
38 yr old, 5'4", 108 lb, (non religious), professional female, a Lori Anderson look alike, educated and childless. Seeking a trim, single, n/s and drug free, white male, 40 to 55, for long term relationship. BOX 36499

LOOKING TO MEET MEN
45 yr old woman, seeking men from 45 to 60 years old. BOX 12651

ENVIRONMENTAL BIZ
33 yr old, professional, single, white female, enjoys sports, movies, walks in the park and quiet evenings at home. Seeking someone caring and family oriented, with similar interests. BOX 13015

HONEST & SINCERE
45 yr old female is seeking a male, 40 to 60, for a friends first relationship. BOX 12977

YOU'RE THE ONE
27 yr old female who enjoys the beach, sports and dancing. Seeking a single or divorced white male, 28 to 40, with similar interests. For friendship possible relationship. BOX 37646

PETITE PROFESSIONAL
Petite, professional female with red hair and hazel eyes. Enjoys foreign films, natural food and computers. Seeking a professional male who is active, with similar interests. BOX 38802

ENJOYS SIMPLE THING
47 yr old, 5'8", 140 lb single black female who enjoys reading, walks, bowling and more. Seeking a single black male who is honest with similar interests. BOX 38905

-SENSE OF HUMOR?
49 yr old, 5'2", 112 lb professional single female seeks an independent, sincere, emotionally and financially secure male, 50 to 65, preferably a widower, with a sense of humor. BOX 12392

LET'S HAVE FUN
Tall African American, professional male who enjoys movies, cuddling and more. Seeking a spontaneous, fun, over 37, with similar interests. BOX 10423

VERY PROMISING
40 yr old 5'7" attractive white male with a clean cut, n/s and a social drinker. Seeking a female, 30 to 45, with a sense of humor, for companionship, possible long term relationship. BOX 14594

FIT PROFESSIONAL
Italian professional male who is fit, honest, passionate and romantic. Enjoys working out and more. Seeking a fit female with similar qualities. BOX 14714

LET'S TALK
38 yr old, tall, single white professional male who enjoys movies, theatre, motorcycles, country music and more. Seeking a single white female, 27 to 37, who is fun loving and easy going. BOX 14724

LET ME SPOIL YOU!
Tall, well built, African American male, who is very romantic. Seeking a spontaneous female, who is warm, with a great personality. BOX 37445

APPLY TODAY!
Single professional male, with brown hair and eyes, honest, in great shape. Seeking a physically fit, attractive, passionate female, to enjoy the shore, movies, dining out, quiet times and much more. BOX 38053

PLEASE CALL TODAY!
51 yr old, 6'3", 270 lb, divorced white professional male who is good looking, sincere, honest, passionate and caring. Enjoys sports, movies, candlelight dinners, quiet times and more. Seeking a sincere, professional female with similar interests. BOX 39489

STOP! CHECK ME OUT!!
31 yr old, 6'200 lb single white male, enjoys mini golf, pool, horse racing, comedy clubs, movies, walks and much more. Seeking a single white or Hispanic female, size 14 to 20, n/s with similar interests. BOX 12055

NOT INTO GAMES? CALL
37 yr old single white professional male seeking a fun loving, outgoing, romantic, single white female, 27 to 37, for long term relationship. Enjoys movies, the boardwalk, theaters, quiet evenings and more. BOX 12975

LET'S CHAT
Male who enjoys dining out, sports, movies, plays and more seeks a female with similar interests. BOX 38060

COLLEGE PROFESSOR...
57 yr old, 5'10", 170 lb widowed college professor and father is honest, considerate and caring. Enjoys international travel, theatre, swimming, the outdoors, card games and more. Seek an active, slender, well educated, n/s white female, 36 to 56. BOX 13848

ARE YOU AUTHENTIC?
39 yr old, 5'9", 185 to 190 lb, white male, husky build, n/s, social drinker. Enjoys sports, dining out, watching movies, good music and conversations, parties, malls and flea markets. Seeking an open female for friendship/companionship. BOX 36786

LOVE WOMEN...
with accents! Single very athletic, professional nebian prince seeking a single nebian princess to sit by me on my throne. Enjoys movies, hugging, talking, etc. No flirts, need to apply. BOX 15839

VERY ATTRACTIVE.....
29 yr old, 5'8", 160 lb single white male with long black hair and brown eyes, enjoys body building, music, concerts and more. If you can relate to me... call BOX 12501

DEEP BLUE EYES.....
Exceptionally real and honest! 5'7 1/2", 135 lb, open, down to earth, romantic male loves music, art, literature, martial arts and more. Seeking an attractive female, 35 to 45, who is loving, easy going and sensitive, for long term relationship. BOX 14707

CATCH ME!
37 yr old 5'9", 180 lb, clean cut, good looking single, white male, looking to be caught by an attractive, single or divorced female, 25 to 40, kids are fine. Wants a nice relationship. BOX 12451

LOW KEY TYPE
5'6", n/s, n/d, very quiet, divorced white male seeking a long term relationship with someone who is more like a homebody. Like movies, walks and more. BOX 12557

BIKER SEEKING.....
BIKER BABE! 38 yr old single white professional male looking for a single white female, 27 to 37, who enjoys the outdoors, the shore, the mountains, NYC and more. BOX 11010

THE INSIDE COUNTS
39 yr old 5'8", 185 lb clean cut, n/s, white male is seeking an inter-racial relationship. Enjoys sports, movies, dining out, the outdoors, malls and more. For details, please call. BOX 39892

SENSITIVE.....
20 yr old male college student seeking a female who likes to hang out. BOX 11141

MEN SEEKING MEN

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BIGGER THE BETTER
5'8" attractive gay white male is seeking a gay white male 20 to 25 who is over weight. BOX 15199

ONLY SERIOUS CALLS
5'11" 153 lb gay, white single professional male, romantic, fun loving. Seeking gay black single professional male for friendship, first possible relationship. Enjoys dining out, quiet times and more. Not into the bar scene. BOX 37535

LET'S MEET UP!!
White male, seeking male, race unimportant, for fun, brief encounters. BOX 39841

UNION COUNTY MALE
41 yr old, 5'9", 195 lb bi white male, clean cut, drug and disease free, n/s, rare social drinker. Seeking bi or gay male age and race unimportant for friendship. BOX 39495

PLEASE INFORM ME
33 yr old 5'9", 170 lb, gay, white male with reddish brown hair and hazel eyes, seeking gay white male. BOX 39391

I'M ITALIAN!!!
39 yr old, 5'9", 165 lb, very good looking, gay white male, seeking another white male, 30 to 50, who is willing to give and receive massages. BOX 37369

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!
40 yr old, 6' 200 lb bi curious white male seeking a black male, 18 to 40. BOX 15136

HU GUY!
20 yr old, 6' 175 lb male with slim to medium build is looking to meet other males, 18 to 30, race unimportant, but shape is a give me a call. BOX 38558

WOMEN SEEKING WOMEN

Call 1-900-786-2400 \$1.99 per min. 18 years or older.

MORE DETAILS? CALL...
Bi black female slim, seeking bi black female 18 to 35, 5'6" or taller, n/s, drug and disease free, not into games, serious about the slender attractive with a good personality. No serious relationship. BOX 11308

FRIENDS/SPORTS PARTNERS

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CHESS PARTNER WANTED
Seeking a chess partner in or near Hillside. Neither age race or sex is important. Need to practice to obtain the skill. If you have time to play chess, please respond to this ad. BOX 11655

MALE WANTED!!!
Looking for a theater and movie partner who is 40 something and fun. I like to go to off-broadway shows, off-beat cinema, new wave music and New York City. BOX 10680

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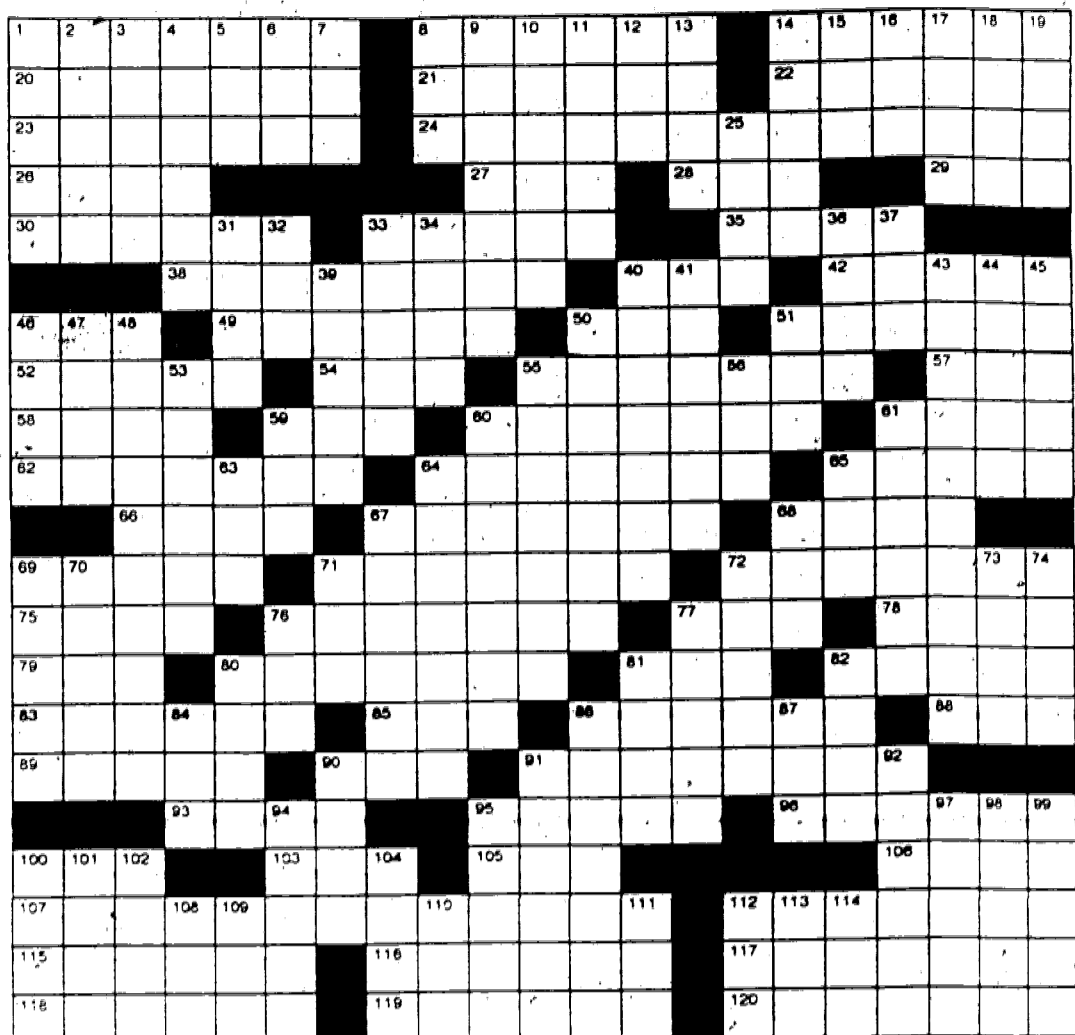
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What's Going On?

FAIR

FRIDAY
JULY 4, 1997
EVENT: Seventh Annual 4th of July Street Fair
PLACE: Held along Ridge Road, North Arlington, NJ
TIME: 10am-6pm
PRICE: Free admission. Over 150 Quality Dealers! Live entertainment featuring Bluegrass, Blues, and more. Kids' rides, Specialty Foods, Crafts, Classic car show and more.
ORGANIZATION: Sponsored by NJ Recreation Department. For information call 201-997-9555

RUMMAGE SALE

THURSDAY MORNINGS IN JULY
TUESDAY EVENINGS 1, 8, 22nd
EVENT: 64th Annual Turnover Sale.
PLACE: Morrow Memorial Church, 600 Ridgewood Road, Maplewood, NJ.
TIME: Thursday mornings, 9:30-12:30 (except July 31). Tuesday evenings, 7-9pm
PRICE: Free Admission. Bargains in clothing, linens, housewares, luggage, books, toys, jewelry, etc.
ORGANIZATION: United Methodist Women. Proceeds benefit charitable projects. For information 763-7676.

OTHER

MONDAY

JULY 14, 1997
EVENT: Wine and Cheese Information Night. Cruise For Catholics Who Happen To Be Single! escorted by Monsignor Bill Hatcher of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.
PLACE: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center, 55 Byrd Avenue, Blufffield, NJ.
TIME: 8pm
PRICE: Free Admission. Information for Cruise: The Deep Canbeath, November 1st thru November 8th, 1997. RSVP 201-743-8100 or 1-800-516-7672
ORGANIZATION: Catholic Singles Travel Club

FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY
JULY 6, 1997
EVENT: Flea Market Outdoors
PLACE: Belleville High School, 100 Passaic Avenue, Belleville, NJ
TIME: 9:30am to 3:30pm. Parade's Sunday, July 27th
PRICE: 1 Space-\$20.00, 2 Spaces-\$35.00. Tables supplied by parish \$5.00 each. For vendor information call 908-351-1515. Vendors needed.
ORGANIZATION: Parish of St. Catherine of Siena

SUNDAY
JULY 27, 1997
EVENT: Flea Market
PLACE: St. Catherine's School, corner of North Broad and King Streets, Hillsdale, NJ
TIME: 9:30am to 3:30pm. Parade's Sunday, July 27th
PRICE: 1 Space-\$20.00, 2 Spaces-\$35.00. Tables supplied by parish \$5.00 each. For vendor information call 908-351-1515. Vendors needed.
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NJN celebrates commitment to education, community

New Jersey Network honored individuals and organizations who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to youth and education, urban development and community building in the Garden State at the 1997 NJN Gala, "A Celebration of Our Children, our Communities," on June 4 at the Brunswick Hilton in East Brunswick.

Honored with Partnership Awards were New Jersey pharmaceutical manufacturer Merck & Co., Inc. of Whitehouse Station; New Jersey Sen. John H. Ewing of Bedminster, and the Rev. Dr. DeForest Soares, community leader and pastor of First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset.

M. Joseph Montuoro of Short Hills, chairman of the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority, received the First Annual NJN Foundation Chairman's Award recognizing outstanding volunteer service to the network. In addition, the evening featured a special tribute to former Governors Brendan T. Byrne and Thomas H. Kean.

Gov. Christine Todd Whitman was honorary chair of the Gala, and E. James Ferland, chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of Public Service Electric & Gas Co., was dinner chairman.

The annual gala is the major fundraising event of the NJN Foundation, the non-profit arm of the network that raises revenue through corporate, foundation and individual giving in support of the state's public broadcasting system. Funds raised at the gala will enable NJN to maintain and enhance its programming and services for New Jersey children and communities.

"NJN is dedicated to increasing its investment in the lives of our children and in the future of our communities through outstanding programming that helps New Jersey citizens lead better lives," said NJN Executive Director Elizabeth G. Christopherson, who also is president of the NJN Foundation.

Gala supporters at the \$10,000 and \$25,000 levels were given the opportunity to select a non-profit community organization dedicated to children and families, education or community building to be highlighted in a community announcement television spot on NJN. This on-air campaign will run through July and August.

NJN is New Jersey's public telecommunication network, encompassing television and radio programming. NJN Television-The New Jersey Channel, a member of PBS, is broadcast over UHF Channel 23, Camden; 50, Monclair; 52, Trenton; 58, New Brunswick, and all New Jersey cable systems; and also is carried in New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Connecticut. NJN Radio, the New Jersey Station, is broadcast on 88.1 FM/Trenton and Berlin and 89.7 FM/Atlanta City.

HOROSCOPE

For the week of July 6 to 12

Aries
March 21-April 20

A friend or loved one can help you achieve a long-desired goal. Keep thinking and planning for the future. Work to stay on course and continue doing what works. Trip or visit with friends or relatives could be just around the corner. Romantic interlude recharges you.

Taurus
April 21-May 21

You'll overcome mental and physical challenges to make a big impact on those in the know. Stay calm and collected to get the best results. Throw caution to the wind and do something a little wild and outrageous. Indulge in a favorite food but know when to stop.

Gemini
May 22-June 21

Take responsibility for your own actions, but refuse to get drawn into a blame game with others. The good things you have done for others will come back to benefit you when it's needed most. Take care of a healthy concern before it turns into something serious.

Cancer
June 22-July 22

Your power and magnetism are at a peak. Know what you want and go after it — chances are good that you'll get it. People will be impressed by your ideas and attracted to your enthusiasm. Business discussion pays off. Take some time off for rest and relaxation.

Leo
July 23-Aug. 23

You're stuck with more than your share of the workload, but you'll come through with flying colors and reap the rewards. Hang in there and don't give up hope. Seek out advice about a major purchase or financial move. Encouragement comes from an unexpected source.

Virgo
Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Seek out advice from others but make the final decision on your own. Others see you as an island of calm in a sea of uncertainty. You may not appreciate that, but supporting others and encouraging them makes you feel better. Make some time for activities with friends or family.

Libra
Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Finish what you begin. Refuse to be

discouraged. An unsuccessful project can be a useful steppingstone to bigger and better things. Planning ahead can make outings with friends or family more enjoyable. You could be pressed into service as a peacemaker at home or work.

Scorpio
Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Projects may seem at a standstill, but it could be the calm before the storm. Keeping your sense of humor will help smooth out the rough spots. Friend or loved one is full of surprises and their skills may come in handy. Keep an eye on money, budget.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23-Dec. 21

This could be a time when social obligations and business events overlap. Friendship may be stretched a little, but it will survive. Someone who seems on the sidelines is actually working on your behalf.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 20

This may be the time to tackle a dif-

ficult task you've been putting off. It will be easier than you think. Talking over your hopes and fears with friends and family is a good way to stay focused. Money matters may be troubling you, but things will turn around.

Aquarius
Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Keep up-to-date with appointments and obligations. You may be caught in the middle-at home or work. Stay neutral and work to bring people together. Your way of working things out impresses people watching from behind the scenes. You may soon get away for a relaxing time with friends or family.

Pisces
Feb. 19-March 20

Pressures are starting to build and you feel others expect too much. Don't be afraid of calling for assistance. You don't have to carry the whole burden, either personally or professionally. Keep your plans confidential for best results. Romance could be heating up for you.

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The Chairman's Spirit Award is presented to the volunteer whose commitment and effort has made a significant impact on improving the quality of life for people affected by arthritis. Geller was selected for the award from the New Jersey Chapter's 700 active volunteers.

The theme for this year's event was "Volunteers: Real People, Real Connections," which spotlighted the pivotal role played by volunteers in the battle against arthritis.

The mission of the Arthritis Foundation is to support research to find the cure for and prevention of arthritis and to improve the quality of life for those affected by arthritis.

For information on arthritis, the Arthritis Foundation and volunteer opportunities, call the Chapter at (908) 283-2300 or (609) 482-0600.

Alzheimer's support group scheduled

Alzheimer's support groups are sponsored by the Northern New Jersey Alzheimer's Association on the second Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. by Westfield Center, Genesis ElderCare Network, located at 1515 Lamberts Mill Road, Westfield. The meeting is open to the public. If you are a caregiver or if you know someone who is suffering from Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia, you will find this group discussion helpful. Guest speakers often address the meeting and provide helpful information. Call (908) 233-9700 for further details.

Heart rehab program held at St. Barnabas

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Elizabeth General Medical Center President David A. Fletcher, center, visits with film star Keanu Reeves, right, and Director Taylor Hackford during the filming of the Warner Brother's movie 'Devil's Advocate.' Seven scenes for the movie were shot at the Medical Center.

The stars come out in force to Elizabeth Medical Center

A movie production crew of 130 — including film stars Keanu Reeves, Judith Ivey and Charlize Theron — descended upon Elizabeth General Medical Center recently to film seven scenes for the upcoming Warner Brothers release, "Devil's Advocate." The movie also stars Al Pacino and Craig T. Nelson, and is expected to be released this summer.

The movie company used a vacant nurses station, several patient rooms and a section of hallway during the four-day shoot. According to EGMC spokesman Doug Harris, the activity was intense, but well worth the effort. "Their visit here was very successful, particularly from an employee relations standpoint," he said. "We felt very honored to be selected from the large number of hospitals that were scouted for these scenes." He added that these positives far outweighed the difficulties involved in arranging parking and supervising security for 130 people.

In the movie, Al Pacino plays the head of a large, Manhattan-based law firm who is eventually revealed

to be the devil. Keanu Reeves plays a young attorney in the film. Kevin Lomax, who becomes obsessed with furthering his career at all costs. Judith Ivey plays Kevin's mother, and Charlize Theron plays his wife. The scenes at EGMC mark a turning point in the film.

"A lot of people asked us how we came to be selected for this film," Harris said, adding that the Medical Center was first approached last year to be part of the recently released movie "Ransom." "Another hospital was ultimately selected for 'Ransom,' however, the location scout remembered the layout of Elizabeth General Medical Center and thought that it would be a perfect match for this movie," he said.

The director of "Devil's Advocate," Taylor Hackford, described Elizabeth General as a "great and positive place." "I am very grateful for the wonderful consideration they afforded our crew during filming," he added. Hackford is best known for his direction of "An Officer and a Gentleman."

The beauty of fireworks is in the eye

Amateur summer fireworks can be devastating, with many eye injuries that often result in permanent damage, says Randolph Brooks, O. D., president of the New Jersey Optometric Association.

"Each year, thousands of fireworks injuries are treated in emergency rooms across the country, and many more are cared for in private offices," states Dr. Brooks. According to Prevent Blindness America, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reported in 1994 that out of 13,185 fireworks injuries, 2,367 injuries involving the eye were treated in emergency rooms.

While New Jersey bans all consumer fireworks, many states do not, making the process of acquiring such products or using them where they are legal fairly simple.

If you do choose to play with fireworks, Dr. Brooks advises that everyone, whether participant or bystander, protect themselves in the following ways:

- Always wear safety goggles or other protective gear. This includes spectators.

- Never allow children to play with any type of fireworks.

- Avoid bottle rockets, the number one source of eye injuries. They can throw shrapnel if they explode on the launching pad, explode too quickly if the fuse is short, leaving users a short time to move away, or fly off erratically, striking onlookers.

- If injury occurs, do not touch the eye in any way, tape or hold a protective cup, such as plastic or styrofoam, against the bones around the eye area and seek treatment at a doctor's office or hospital immediately.

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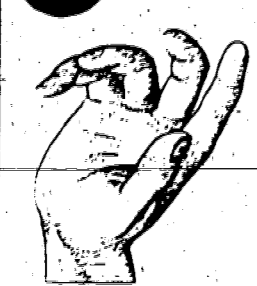
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Clark

Sheriff and County of Union sold property at 19 Cornell Drive to Valley National Bank for \$57,700 on March 13.

Christopher and Maria DeLauro sold property at 24 Hawthorne Drive to Tomas Martinez for \$272,000 on March 17.

William and Ruth Dougan sold property at 9 Loeser Ave., to Edward C. Lambert for \$188,000 on March 19.

Peter and Edwina DeBenedetto sold property at 6 Grand St., to Stephen Steinberg for \$350,000 on March 20.

Elizabeth

Jose and Delma Rizo sold property at 50 S. 2nd St., to Rafael Lazo for \$116,600 on March 14.

Heygo Inc. sold property at 418

Washington Ave., to Armindo Gomes for \$173,000 on March 18.

Vivian Guerra sold property at 816 Monroe Ave., to Pedro Sosa for \$30,000 on March 20.

Roberto R. and Maritza Torres sold property at 455 Franklin St., to Humberto Cuellar for \$110,000 on March 24.

Hillside

Amsouth Bank of Florida sold property at 62 Hillside Ave., to Essex Home Investment Inc. for \$63,000 on March 18.

Julia Grillo sold property at 1221 Salem Ave., to Cesar F. Manata for \$117,000 on March 19.

Francesca Jones sold property at 154 North Ave., to Rui F. Gomes for \$140,000 on March 21.

Jesus and Miriam Puerto sold property at 388 Princeton Ave., to Jose M. Velazquez for \$200,000 on March 21.

Kenilworth

Aluino and Karin Ochoa sold property at 325 N. 17th St., to Raymond Romanowski for \$172,000 on March 11.

John J. Horvath et al sold property at 116 N. Michigan Ave., to Vincent Favata Jr. for \$114,620 on March 12.

Ann Wallas sold property at 55 N. 12th St., to Steven L. Santelli for \$110,000 on March 13.

Evelyn P. Mindas sold property at 574 Passaic Ave., to Brian Howart for \$101,000 on April 1.

Linden

Satish and Sangita Desai sold property at 625 Ercama St., to Mahesh Desai for \$75,000 on March 8.

Robert J. and Tracy A. Nelson sold property at 216 Lutgen Place to Jose M. Ortiz for \$192,500 on March 12.

Michael P. and Eileen Carrano sold property at 2042 Dill Ave., to John M. Paco for \$130,000 on March 14.

Catherine Sasala sold property at 910 Clark St., to Orlando Pelaez for \$119,000 on March 18.

Mountainside

Robert and Lynn Hach sold property at 1276 Poplar Ave., to Michael Carlson for \$236,000 on March 10.

Russell E. and Dorothea Fiedler

sold property at 1264 Poplar Ave., to Dennis Manion for \$242,000 on March 13.

Timothy and Tammy Shields sold property at 865 Hillside Ave., to Kenneth W. Arida for \$450,000 on March 14.

Elizabeth B. Pfeuffer sold property at 303 Central Ave., to Richard R. Granzel Jr. for \$225,500 on March 25.

Rahway

Mary Lewis sold property at 1037 Main St., to Joseph C. Jacques for \$40,000 on March 3.

John K. and Gloria A. Butkowski sold property at 1025 Richard Blvd., to Raul DeJesus for \$135,000 on March 10.

James D. and Charlotte Robinson sold property at 272 Egolf Drive to Sterling Serrant for \$129,000 on March 11.

John C. and Gail A. Mandracchia sold property at 74 Richmond Terrace to Richard Telesco for \$161,500 on March 13.

Roselle

Raymond and Suzanne Romanowski sold property at 236 E. 7th Ave., to Melva Carty for \$105,000 on March 10.


Affordable HMS and New Jersey Inc. sold property at 109 W. 9th Ave., to Rosalind R. Benjamin for \$116,000 on March 12.

Joseph A. and Lorna Carre sold property at 1304 Crescent Ave., to Francisco Familia for \$75,000 on March 19.

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sold property at 310 Stockton Ave., to Kim McNeal for \$95,000 on March 24.

Roselle Park

Frank G. and Sari Heiss sold property at 505 Beechwood Ave., to Ronald J. Carlin for \$125,000 on March 31.

Frederick and Lynn Rizzolo sold property at 15 E. Colfax Ave., to Salvatore DelleDonne for \$140,000 on March 31.

Cecelia M. Gavin sold property at 625 Beechwood Ave., to Lisa Volz for \$142,000 on March 31.

136 Westfield Avenue E.L.C. sold property at 136 E. Westfield Ave., to Rosano Galluzzo for \$205,000 on April 9.

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Carl Kupersmith sold property at 49 Meisel Ave., to Lior Oshri for \$137,000 on March 12.

Sonia Wind sold property at 5 Christy Lane to Wind Atlantis Management Corp. for \$202,000 on April 3.

Carol Dann sold property at 212 Baltusrol Ave., to Patricia A. Bajnowski for \$135,500 on April 15.

Anna Haselmann sold property at 26 Rose Ave., to Richard Haselmann for \$100,000 on April 23.

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Mary V. Pennucci sold property at 722 Springfield Ave., to Mariabella Rodriguez for \$205,000 on March 18.

James H. and Linda G. Bracken Sr. sold property at 4 Evergreen Road to Keith Riggan for \$270,000 on March 21.

Jeffrey M. and Lori A. Warendorf sold property at 27 High St., to Thomas Cummins for \$342,500 on March 21.

Peter and Ann M. Thornton sold property at 20 Rotary Drive to Pat S. Conti for \$559,000 on March 21.

Robert D. and Diane C. Lane sold property at 25 Sunset Drive to Jeffrey M. Warendorf for \$490,000 on March 24.

Ralph and Eileen Grishman sold property at 176 Canoe Brook Parkway to Michael Kaelin for \$365,000 on March 25.

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Marilyn L. Willett sold property at 729 Liberty Ave., to Luis Rocha for \$167,000 on March 5.

Karl and Carol Siedelhofer sold property at 2161 Balmoral Ave., to James Alston for \$135,000 on March 5.

Henry and Norma Surhoff sold property at 611 Thoreau Terrace to Keith S. Surhoff for \$134,400 on March 6.

Robert Purcell sold property at 2620 Reid St., to Loretta M. Freese for \$192,000 on March 7.

Loretta and Powell M. Holland sold property at 116 Carnegie Place to Alice Bailey for \$48,925 on March 10.

Fred R. Recknagel sold property at 1985 Ostwood Terrace to Marcus Negron for \$133,030 on March 10.

Arlene P. Baum sold property at 334 Colonial Ave., to Adelia D. Silva for \$145,000 on March 11.

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30 YR FIXED	8.13	0.00	8.13	APP	7.75	0.00	7.88
15 YR FIXED	7.50	0.00	7.50	FEE	7.38	0.00	7.50
1 YR ADJ.	6.00	0.00	8.40	\$ 350	7.88	0.00	8.00
Banco Popular FSB	800-491-BANK	INFO>>	1768	Loan Search	800-591-3279	INFO>>	1757
30 YR FIXED	7.63	0.00	7.66	APP	7.13	3.00	7.45
15 YR FIXED	7.25	0.00	7.28	FEE	7.50	0.00	7.50
1 YR ADJ.	6.50	0.00	8.10	\$ 100	8.00	0.00	8.00
Columbia Savings Bk	800-962-4989	INFO>>	1758	National Future Mortgage	800-291-7900	INFO>>	1758
30 YR FIXED	7.88	0.00	7.90	APP	6.75	3.00	6.99
15 YR FIXED	7.25	0.00	7.29	FEE	6.38	3.00	6.78
1 YR ADJ.	5.75	0.00	8.18	N/P	3.75	2.00	6.14
Commonwealth Bank	800-924-9091	INFO>>	1771	Penn Federal Savings Bk	800-722-0351	INFO>>	1771
15 YR FIXED	7.38	0.00	7.38	APP	7.88	0.00	7.90
1 YR ADJ.	5.63	0.00	N/P	FEE	7.75	0.00	7.54
FTHB to \$354K	5.00	0.00	5.00	\$ 0	7.13	0.00	7.87
Corestates Mtge Svcs.	800-999-3885	INFO>>	1763	Premier Mortgage	800-288-1762	INFO>>	1763
30 YR FIXED	7.99	0.00	8.06	APP	7.75	3.00	8.12
15 YR FIXED	6.75	3.00	7.31	FEE	7.50	2.50	7.51
5/1-30 YR	6.63	2.88	7.33	\$ 325	4.75	2.50	6.95
First Savings Bank	908-726-9700	INFO>>	1751	Pulse Savings Bank	908-257-2400	INFO>>	1753
30 YR FIXED	7.38	3.00	7.74	APP	8.00	0.00	8.00
15 YR FIXED	7.38	0.00	7.38	FEE	7.50	0.00	7.50
5/1-30 YR	7.13	0.00	7.92	\$ 350	6.25	0.00	8.15
First Union Mortgage	800-332-0599	INFO>>	1742	Source One Mortgage	800-870-4657	INFO>>	1742
30 YR FIXED	7.25	3.00	7.59	APP	5.00	0.00	5.85
15 YR FIXED	6.75	3.00	7.29	FEE	5.00	0.00	5.85
	N/P	N/P	N/P	\$ 375	5.00	0.00	5.85
Genesis Mortgage Svcs	800-304-5757	INFO>>	1750	Sovereign Bank	908-810-9749	INFO>>	1762
30 YR FIXED	7.38	0.00	7.69	APP	7.87	0.00	7.89
15 YR FIXED	6.88	3.00	7.36	FEE	5.87	0.00	7.89
1 YR ADJ.	5.50	3.00	8.83	\$ 377	8.12	0.00	8.14

Automotive

'97 Infiniti Q45t is sure to become the epitome of style

The introduction of the new Q45 flagship luxury performance sedan, continues Infiniti's renowned tradition of offering customers vehicles that are well appointed, providing nearly all features as standard equipment.

Two models of the new luxury sedan are available, the Q45 and a performance-oriented Q45 Touring Model (Q45t). The Q45 was designed to appeal to the premium luxury buyer, with a refined ride and elegant dish-style alloy wheels. The sportier Q45t, equipped with a sport-tuned suspension, performance cast aluminum alloy wheels and an attractive rear spoiler designed to add a hint of athleticism to the vehicle's new styling.

Both models of Q45 are equipped with a long list of standard equipment and features, surrounding the driver and passengers with comfort, convenience and security.

Leather seating surfaces, available in Beige, Stone Beige and Black, and 10-way power front seats invite driver and passengers alike into Q45's elegant interior. The driver's seat includes a two-setting exit and entry memory system that enables the seat, as well as the power-assist telescopic and height-adjustable steering column, to move to fully "relaxed" positions for eased driver entry and exit when the front door is opened. The seat and steering column return to one of two pre-programmed positions when the driver's door has been closed.

Once seated, occupants will find a custom-design eight-speaker Bose audio system with AM/FM/cassette/CD player, a two-way power operated sunroof with tilt feature, an Integrated HomeLink Transmitter for remote opening of gates and garage doors, and an automatic climate control system

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with CFC-free air conditioning system.

Also standard are: rear seat heating and air conditioning vents, an innovative three-way opening center console (able to open toward either the driver or front-passenger side), full complement of analog gauges, and wood-tone accents throughout the interior.

The Q45t Touring Model adds as standard interior equipment two-setting heated front seats and a sportier steering wheel with ergonomically-designed "grips" for added driver control.

Both Q45 models are powered by a new 4.1-liter DOHC 32-valve V8 engine that produces 266 horsepower at 5,600 rpm and 278 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm. This technically advanced engine features aluminum-alloy block and heads, molybdenum coated pistons and Nissan's Variable Timing Control System (NVTC).

Also standard on both models is a 4-wheel independent suspension systems with front MacPherson struts and a rear multi-link design. A 34.0 mm stabilizer bar is used on the front suspension in conjunction with sub-frame mounted coil springs and a strut tower bar. The Q45 uses a 24.2 mm rear stabilizer bar. Q45t is equipped with a larger 19.1 mm stabilizer bar. Vehicle-speed sensitive steering is standard on both models, to provide the driver with more power assistance at lower speeds and more feedback from the road as speed increases.

A standard electronically controlled 4-speed automatic overdrive transmission with DUET-II shift

management produces smooth, controlled shifts that are responsive to driver input via the throttle. Both Q45 models also feature standard traction control system (TCS) and viscous limited-slip rear differential (VLSD).

Stopping power for the flagship Q45 models is provided by 4-wheel disc brakes with large ventilated front and rear brake rotors and a standard 3-channel/4 sensor anti-lock braking system (ABS).

The elegant styling of Q45 features a strong horizontal character line which runs from the slanted aerodynamic front of the car to the distinctively styled inverse curve of the C-pillar. The Q45t takes the look a step further, adding a unique grill with blacked out center brightwork at the front and a body-color rear decklid spoiler with integrated center high mounted stop lamp at the rear of the car. Unique "T" badging further distinguishes the sporty Touring Model from its Q45 stablemate.

The standard dish-type alloy wheels of the Q45 are replaced by performance cast spoke-style alloy wheels on Q45t models, in keeping with the sporting nature of this model.

The new Q45 is available in eight exterior color, Black Obsidian, Bordeaux Pearl, Cabernet Pearl, Cypress Pearl, Espresso, Ivory Quartz, Pewter and Silver Crystal.

The Q45t is equipped with all available equipment standard, in addition to the suspension tuning. Available options on the Q45 include two-setting heated front seats and a dealer-installed trunk-mounted 6-disc CD autochanger.

Standard on every Q45 is a unique commitment to customer satisfaction. The Total Ownership Experience.

'97 Maxima — a big success for Nissan

Since its introduction in 1981, the Nissan Maxima has been the perennial sales leader in the upper middle import sedan segment — a category it helped create. With the introduction of the refreshed 1997 Maxima, Nissan continues to set new benchmarks for its class in styling, performance and value.

For 1997, the Maxima lineup includes the luxuriously equipped GLE model, performance-oriented SE and high-value GXE, providing a wide selection of equipment and features to match the individual needs of each customer.

Nissan's flagship sedan has refreshed styling for 1997, enhancing the sleek, smooth, luxurious shape Maxima's sophisticated, yet sporty, new looks were achieved through a series of enhancements that include a new front grill design (chrome on GXE and GLE), jewel-like multi-parabola headlights, new front and rear bumper fascias, and new taillights.

Other major exterior refinements include new 16-inch aluminum alloy wheels and integrated fog light design on the sporty SE, new wheel covers for GXE models, and distinctive new aluminum-alloy wheels for the fully-equipped GLE.

Maxima retains Nissan's award-winning 3.0-liter DOHC V6 engine. This powerful yet refined powerplant was named "Best Engine" by "Ward's Auto World" for two years running. It is one of the lightest, most compact engines for its displacement ever built for production use, producing a potent 190 hp at 5,600 rpm and 205 ft-lbs of torque at 4,000 rpm.

Among the many technical highlights of Maxima's engine are micro-finishing of the camshaft and crankshaft, a digital knock control system and a cross flow coolant pattern. These attributes help enhance engine performance, reduce exhaust emissions and lower overall engine friction — resulting in improved performance and fuel economy.

The affordable GXE and sporty SE are equipped with a standard 5-speed manual transmission. An electronically controlled 4-speed automatic transmission with overdrive is standard on the luxury-equipped GLE and available as an option on GXE and SE.

Maxima's innovative engine is even more impressive when considering its exceptional fuel economy. The Maxima delivers an EPA-estimated fuel economy of 22/27 mpg city/highway when fitted with the 5-speed manual transmission, and 21/28 mpg city/highway when equipped with the 4-speed automatic transmission.

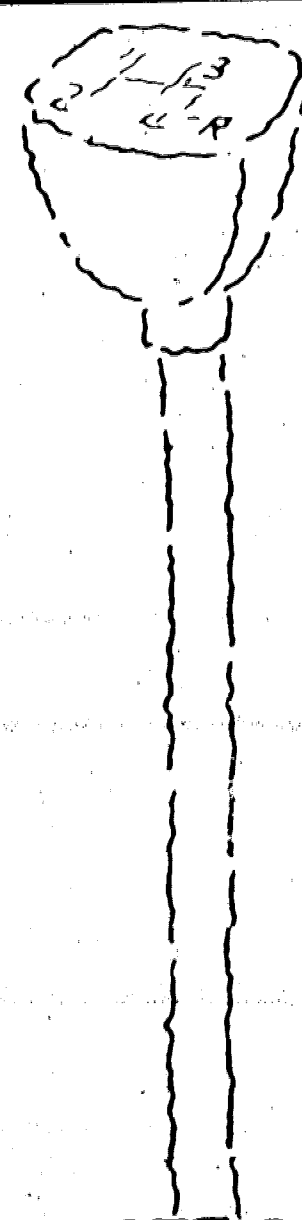
The 1997 Maxima is also equipped with Nissan's patented rear Multi-Link Beam suspension, which offers precision handling and stability by minimizing camber change during cornering. This design provides an enhanced ride — due to the minimal camber change during cornering, softer bushings, springs and shocks are used and suspension friction is reduced.

The Multi-Link Beam's compact design combined with Maxima's long 106.3-inch wheelbase accommodates a large and luxurious interior. Other benefits of Maxima's thoughtful design include a spacious, easily accessible trunk and exceptional driver and passenger visibility.

Maxima's independent front suspension uses MacPherson struts with coil springs and a 21.0 mm stabilizer bar to provide optimum control in a variety of driving conditions.

The 1997 Maxima features an extensive list of standard safety equipment, including dual air bags, 3-point front seat belts with height-adjustable front shoulder belts and a 3-point ALR/ELR front-passenger side and rear outboard passenger seat belt system.

Front and rear crumple zones, an energy-absorbing steering column, child safety rear door locks and pipe-style steel side-door guard beams that help Maxima meet 1997 Federal Side-Impact Safety Standards, provide further occupant protection.



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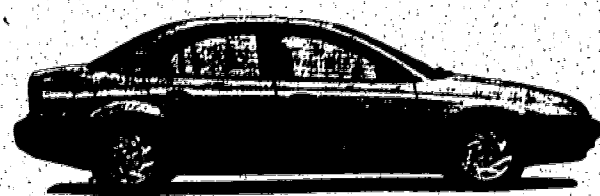
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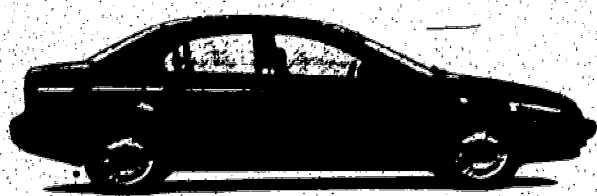
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