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TWO SECT

Borough Highlights

Board meeting

There will be a special meeting of the Board of Education today at 4 p.m. in Deerfield School. There will also be a special meeting tomorrow at 10 a.m. in the Deerfield Media Center. The board will adjourn immediately into private session to discuss personnel matters on both days. The board may or may not take action at this meeting.

Meeting scheduled

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

Stable lessons

Watching Stables 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.

K.I.D.S. Club

All children ages 6 to 12 are invited to participate in K.I.D.S. Club every Tuesday evening throughout the summer ending Sept. 9. This program is being run through the Joy Fellowship, and will include music, games, contests, snacks, and stories. The location is Echo Lake Park, and the program begins at 6:30 p.m. and concludes at 8:30. For directions and further information, call 277-1416.

Volunteers sought

Volunteers are needed to assist with trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteers should meet at the center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, and bring lunch, a mug for beverage, shovel, pickaxe, and gloves if possible. To preregister, call (908) 789-3670.

Little League coming

Through the efforts of Lew Satulsky, a baseball camp owner and operator for 14 years, and NJ No. 9 Little League district administrator, a not-for-profit baseball camp will be held in Williamsport, Pa. Aug. 17-23, concurrent with the Little League International World Series.

Enrollment is limited to children ages 9-12 who are residents of Mountainside. Highlights include viewing Little League tournament games, visiting the Little League Museum, individual and group instruction, videotaped hitting and pitching workshops, daily games against local youth teams, a clinic with Williamsport Cubs pro players, and attending a Cubs game.

Players and staff will be housed in a lakefront lodge, with swimming and boating. Round-trip transportation is provided from Mountainside.

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Terri Di Matteo, left, founder of the Marriage Connection, serves watermelon to John Lazas, center, and Leonard Schwartz, right, during the club's annual summer picnic held in Echo Lake Park Saturday.

Resident helps expand role of elder care group in borough

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

Borough resident Diane Ruggiero has been elected to the Board of Trustees of SAGE, Inc., a not-for-profit organization that serves the needs of the elderly and their families in Union, Morris, Essex and Somerset Counties.

Ruggiero, who is no stranger to volunteering her time, will now focus on letting the residents of Mountainside and the surrounding areas know about all of the services that SAGE provides for families who are dealing with the care of an elderly family member.

"I started out as an honorary chairman for SAGE in Summit who worked with senior citizens and the homebound. In Mountainside we really don't have a program for seniors that have special needs, except for Meals on Wheels which is based out of Westfield. So SAGE was trying to get more of the Mountainside area involved in the programs that they offer," said Ruggiero.

Ruggiero, a former elementary



Diane P. Ruggiero

school teacher, is an alumnus of the College of St. Elizabeth and is a member of the Rosary Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, the Mountainside

College Club, and the Woman's Club of Mountainside. Her past service to SAGE includes two years as an honorary chairperson of the Brunch at a SAGE, an annual fund-raiser for SAGE's Meals-on-Wheels program. "I starting with the brunch program, so they asked if I would run for the board and I figured that since I was getting older and I had more free time, why not. I feel that I have been blessed in my life and if I can help out other than that will be a good thing," said Ruggiero.

According to Anne Marie Sniffen, president of the SAGE, Inc. Board of Trustees, Ruggiero's addition to the board is a welcome one. "Mrs. Ruggiero's experience as a volunteer with SAGE and her knowledge of the Mountainside community will be a tremendous asset for SAGE, and will enable us to better serve the needs of older adults living in Mountainside."

"I am looking forward to working with the community in helping those who are dealing with elderly family members. I don't think too many people know in this area what there is for senior citizens, so I am hoping that I will be able to let people know what help there is out there to help them," said Ruggiero.

SAGE provides a broad range of services for older adults and their caregivers, including Meals-on-Wheels, home health aides, P.R.E.P. Caregiver Support Groups, adult day care, SAGE InfoCare eldercare counseling and companion services.

New teachers hired for Deerfield School

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

The Board of Education met Monday to discuss district business, at which a new assistant principal was appointed by the board. The meeting also touched upon other issues such as hiring of new teachers, accepting of grants, and several maintenance issues in the district.

The board approved the appointment of J. Michael Sutcliffe as the assistant principal for Deerfield School by a 6-1 vote. Sutcliffe is expected to start by the beginning of the school and will be earning an annual salary of \$72,000. Other staff appointments made were the appointments of two new middle school teachers: Linda Banks and Christine Ward; and three new classroom assistants: Charlotte Grett, Maria Bourlotus, and Pat Debbie.

The board also approved the acceptance of three grants for the district. An IASA grant for an undetermined amount was accepted, and an IDEA Part B-Basic Grant in the amount of \$47,000 was also accepted.

Next up on the agenda was the decision to send Superintendent Leonard Baccaro to attend the American Association of School Administrators Educational Conference in San Diego, from Feb. 27 to March 2, 1998. The board voted not to send Baccaro to the conference by a vote of 6-1. The board stated that since Baccaro was planning to retire at the end of the year, there was no point in sending him to attend the conference.

The item for discussion was the results of the roof bids that the district had advertised. The board voted to approve the roofing bid of J. Strober & Sons for the Beechwood School in the amount of \$338,000.

The board also voted to approve the roofing bid of Laumar Roofing Co., Inc. for the Deerfield School in the amount of \$346,000, if the money becomes available in the next 120 days. The disclaimer was attached to the second roof because at the present time the district does not have enough money to complete both jobs in this budget year. It was decided that the district would go ahead and fix the Beechwood School roof and only perform minor repairs to the Deerfield School Roof until the entire cost of the Deerfield roof repair could be afforded by the district.

The board also updated the public on the progress of the Chief School Administrator search. Prior to the public meeting, the board had met with the search consultant and narrowed down the field of applicants to eight. These eight candidates are scheduled to meet with the board on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week, which will constitute the first round of interviews. The board stated that there will most likely be three rounds of interviews before they make a final decision.

School board hires assistant principal

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

J. Michael Sutcliffe has been appointed by the Board of Education as the new assistant principal for the school district.

Sutcliffe, whose appointment was passed by a 6-1 vote by the board, will be in place for the beginning of the 1997-98 school year. Sutcliffe will earn \$72,000 for his first year in the assistant principal position.

According to his resume, Sutcliffe's employment objective was "to obtain a position as an administrator in a quality school system in New Jersey which mandates its programs be improved through effective, innovative and energetic leadership." These are obviously the qualities that the district was looking for in a candidate since they approved his appointment.

Sutcliffe received degrees in education from Wittenberg University in 1972 and Ithaca College in 1977. Sutcliffe also holds Principal's Certification from both William Patterson College and Montclair State College which he obtained in 1986.

From 1992 to 1997 Sutcliffe was the vice principal/administrative assistant in the Ringwood Public School System, and as part of his time there, he served as acting principal of the Peter Cooper School. As acting principal he had full responsibility for scheduling, planning, staff evaluations, discipline and the budgetary operation of the building during an administrative leave and hiring of a new principal.

Members of the Board of Education spoke favorably of Sutcliffe's credentials stated that they are looking forward to working with him.

Suspects sought for borough man's attack

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Authorities are looking for two 19 to 20 year old white or Hispanic males who assaulted a motorist from Mountainside at a Springfield dead end street at about 2:45 p.m. on July 31. One of the pair, according to the victim, stole a gold chain at knifepoint.

The Springfield Police Department is asking the public for help concerning the robbery and assault which occurred at Hilltop Court.

Detective Judd Levenson said the crime started with one car cutting off another while both were driving west-bound on Route 22.

"The victim was cut off by another car and he sounded his horn," said Levenson. "When he noticed that the other car was following him along 22, he began to change lanes and get off at South Springfield Avenue."

Levenson and the victim said that the other car was still following at the overpass. The victim attempted to lose the second car through local streets but ended up at Hilltop Court. The second car trapped the first and the two suspects approached the victim.

"The victim was rolling up his windows and locking his doors when the first suspect reached in and began punching him about the head," said Levenson. "The second suspect took out a knife, pointed it at the victim and ripped a gold chain from around the victim's neck. At that point, the assault became a robbery."

The victim ended the assault by pulling up his drivers side window. The suspects returned to their car and fled back onto South Springfield and 22 West.

Although police are checking the suspects' descriptions with other departments, Levenson called the incident a case of "road rage."



Robbery, assault suspect

"You've heard the term," said Levenson. "It's where a traffic incident triggers a violent reaction by one of the parties."

Levenson released a State Police artist sketch of the driver made from the victim's account. The suspect is a lightly complexioned white or Hispanic male, between 20 and 22 years old, at about 5 foot 10 inches tall and about 210 pounds. He has short black hair with a goatee beard and has dark eyes. Police is working on a sketch of the passenger. He, like the driver, is lightly complexioned with short black hair. The passenger, however, is 19 to 21 years old, clean shaven, is about 5 foot 9 inches tall and weighs about 180 pounds.

Both men, at the time of the assault, were wearing blue denim jeans and light colored T-shirts. The knife the passenger wielded was a 5-inch folding model with a green handle. The car used is a full-sized grey or silver four-door, possibly American made.

People who witnessed the incident or spot the suspects are asked to call (973) 376-0400.

Making a splash



Photo By Milton Mills

Zoran Jecmenica, left, catches his 3 year old son Kristian as the boy jumps into the Mountainside Community Pool.

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Elderly driver flees car accident scene

Springfield
Car thefts highlighted the Springfield Police Department blotter this week.

• The owner of a white 1987 four-door Acura Legacy reported her car missing from the lot of Linens 'N Things on Route 22 West between 8:45 a.m. and 5 p.m. July 31. A Dodge van parked at a Fadem Road business the same day discovered her passenger side window smashed and Pioneer car stereo deck lifted at about 6 p.m.

• A BMW parked along Laurel Drive was the target of an attempted heist before 10:30 p.m. as its driver side door and ignition was punched out and a Motorola cellular phone was taken.

• A similar incident happened to a car parked at the Sports Authority on 22 East at 3 p.m. Sunday, and \$150 worth of jeans, jerseys and "Magic" shorts and tops were stolen.

• A patron at the Olive Garden reported that her pocket book, valued at \$450 including wallet, cash and pager, was stolen at about 8 p.m. Friday.

• A car parked on Millburn Avenue was relieved of six CDs and GSP tokens between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday.

• A Hawthorne Avenue resident reported an envelope with a check drawn out for \$53.82 was taken from her mailbox at approximately 2 p.m. Saturday.

• Police returned to Fadem Road at

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3 p.m. on Friday to take a report of an owner of a Honda Accord who said another person shattered his rear window with a baseball. On a brighter note, a silver spice box thought missing from an Archbridge Lane home Saturday was found.

• A two-car rear-end accident in the vicinity of the Springfield Post Office Saturday was elevated to a more serious incident when one party left the scene. The driver of a Buick Skylark was about to get information from the elderly driver of a tan Mercury when he drove away at 11:18 a.m. Police haven't been able to match the partial New Jersey license plates.

• Another mystery motorist left the scene of an accident at a Troy Drive parking lot Friday. A Toyota driver had parked her car and found damage to the left front corner at 7:05 p.m. Police noticed white paint chips at the scene, which may belong to the offending vehicle, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

• One driver's passing out behind the wheel resulted in a near head-on accident along South Springfield Avenue Friday. A southbound motorist was approaching Beverly Road at about 12:44 p.m. when her Lexus 250 was struck by an oncoming Mercury Tracer which crossed the double yellow line. The Tracer driver said she passed out or fainted.

Fire Department aids residents during storm

Springfield
The prolonged overnight rainfall of July 24-25 kept Springfield's Fire Department and other public safety groups busy into the next day. Township firefighters received water condition calls first at a Walnut Court home 12:13 a.m. and from a Morris Avenue apartment complex 2:05 a.m. As seven inches of rain fell on the township, however, the squad received 45 flooded basement calls between 2:33 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The rising tide began to wash low-lying areas, trapping stranded cars. Fishing occupants from flooded vehicles started 3:21 a.m. in the intersection of Wentz and Kipling avenues. Springfield's towbar was used by Union Township and State Police to retrieve motorists stranded on Route 78 and eastbound traffic was detoured onto Springfield Avenue.

A pumper was rerouted to Overlook Hospital 3:18 p.m. on a mutual aid fire call with Summit. The long day included activated fire alarms at a Morris Avenue business and a Tudor Court apartment complex plus a heavy gas odor report at Meisel Avenue and Laurel Drive.

• Water conditions calls brought units to Laurel Drive at 9:57 a.m. on July 20, Lenape Road at 11:43 a.m. on July 24, and South Maple Avenue 12 hours later. Gaseous reports came from a carbon monoxide detector at 8:56 p.m. on July 21, natural gas at the

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Municipal Building at 11:12 a.m. on July 24 and a second carbon monoxide detector at Avon Road at 6:49 p.m. on July 26.

• The department still puts out fires. The squad's expertise was used on a toaster oven at Berkely Road at 7:42 a.m. on July 21, to check an extinguished blaze at a Morris Avenue apartment 9:15 p.m. on July 24, and a transformer alight behind a Forest Drive lot at 9:38 a.m. on July 26. A car fire report brought a unit out to Route 78 at 2 p.m., July 20.

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Coming events

Aug. 18
• The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the Board of Education conference room at Gaudineer School. An executive session will be held at 7 p.m. with a public session to follow at 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 19
• The Mountainside Borough Council will meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

Aug. 26
• The Springfield Township Committee will meet at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

Sept. 7
• Springfield Elks Lodge 2004 will host a picnic from noon to 5 p.m. The cost is \$12.50 per person. Children younger than 12 are admitted free. Included at the picnic will be hot dogs, hamburgers, corn, chili, chicken, clams, ziti, sausage, meatball sandwiches, watermelon and more.

Sept. 8
• The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the Board of Education conference room at Gaudineer School. An executive session will be held at 7 p.m. with a public session to follow at 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 9
• The Mountainside Borough Council will meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

• The Mountainside Board of Education will meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center.

Sept. 27
• The Sandmeier School, located at 666 So. Springfield Ave., Springfield, will hold an outdoor festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain date, Oct. 4. Sponsored by the Sandmeier PTA, the event will feature vendors offering crafts, books and accessories. The Halloween-themed fair will also include games for children. In addition, the Union County Sheriff's Department will be on hand to fingerprint children. Other attractions include animals from the 4-H Club, the Fire Department, the Volunteer First Aid Squad and an antique fire engine. Food and beverages will be available and admission is free. To receive an application, call Donna Strober at (973) 912-8780.

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- SPRINGFIELD:** 173 Mountain Avenue, Mountain and Morris Avenues
- SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS:** Highway 71 and Warren Avenue
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GREENBAUM

Investigation targets township firm

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

If a mortgage applicant called Target Mortgage, Inc. Monday morning, the voice on the other end will say they're out of business. Visit Target's office on Morris Avenue and one is likely to find it closed and an emergency contact phone number sign posted on its door.

"We went out of the mortgage business Friday," said a Target spokesperson from the main number. "We're reluctant to refer you to another mortgage company at this time. The reason why is a long story."

According to various public officials, that story may be told by home owners and records in Elizabeth, Linden, Roselle, Union and possibly Monmouth County. Target and Heygo, Inc., which share the same office, are being investigated by county, state and federal prosecutors for possible fraudulent transactions.

Word of the investigation first broke when Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage called a press conference about Heygo and Target on July 23. Bollwage accused Heygo of buying homes in his city and quickly reselling them at up to twice the cost.

Bollwage said Heygo bought 38 houses in Union County, including 20 in Elizabeth, for \$2.77 million since July 1996. The firm sold the properties at \$5.45 million, far higher than the estimated market value. The markup would sometimes occur overnight.

"I'm concerned about the unpaid property taxes," said Bollwage. "What is about \$15,000 in back taxes can balloon to \$400,000 in two years before we can sell a tax lien and foreclose. This could inflate sale prices, forcing our residents to pay higher property taxes to the county."

Bollwage met with the Union County Association of Realtors, Heygo attorney John A. Gillespie and members of the Union County Prosecutor and the U.S. Attorney's offices before the conference. The federal prosecutor's office in Newark became involved as the pattern is similar to activities allegedly made by Christo Property Management in Monmouth County which it is also investigating.

Heygo's buyers received mortgages through Target. Target then sold the mortgages to Walsh Securities of Parsippany, which also bought mortgages from Christo.

The State Department of Banking and Insurance said they had no record of issuing Heygo a lending license July 24. County mortgage and deed records indicate that buyers of Heygo properties received first mortgages with Target and, unknown to the buyers, second mortgages from Heygo. Real estate companies are required by law to inform buyers of the option to sign a second mortgage.

"When we heard about the allegations regarding Target, we subpoenaed them for some documents," said DBI Deputy Commissioner John Traier. "We were concerned about Heygo's practices and that Target wasn't licensed as a second mortgage agent. Target returned their first mortgage license, saying they were ceasing business Friday."

Target and Heygo apparently share key personnel as well as an office. Seth Heyman, according to records, is listed as president of Target and vice president of Heygo. Anthony Vispiano, by contrast, is listed as president of Heygo and vice president of Target. Target started business from Springfield last November.

DBI Chief Investigator Leonia Joyner said that Target has no properties in Springfield or Mountainside. Heygo sold properties that were handyman's specials, say officials, in usually rundown areas.

Gillespie said the homes his client sold were indeed starter homes. He said his client is not connected with Walsh nor are any of the Elizabeth properties have defaulted.

"That's interesting about Target's closing," said U.S. Attorney Information Officer Al Ables. "It is our policy, however, to neither confirm or deny whether an investigation is going on. Any announcements will be first made on our World Wide Web site."

"Target's shut down is good news," said Seb D'Elia of Bollwage's office. "We may have news of a development Thursday."

Target Mortgage is not connected with national retailer Target Stores. Target Stores is building an outlet on Route 22 East in Union near the Springfield border.

Moving in for the kill

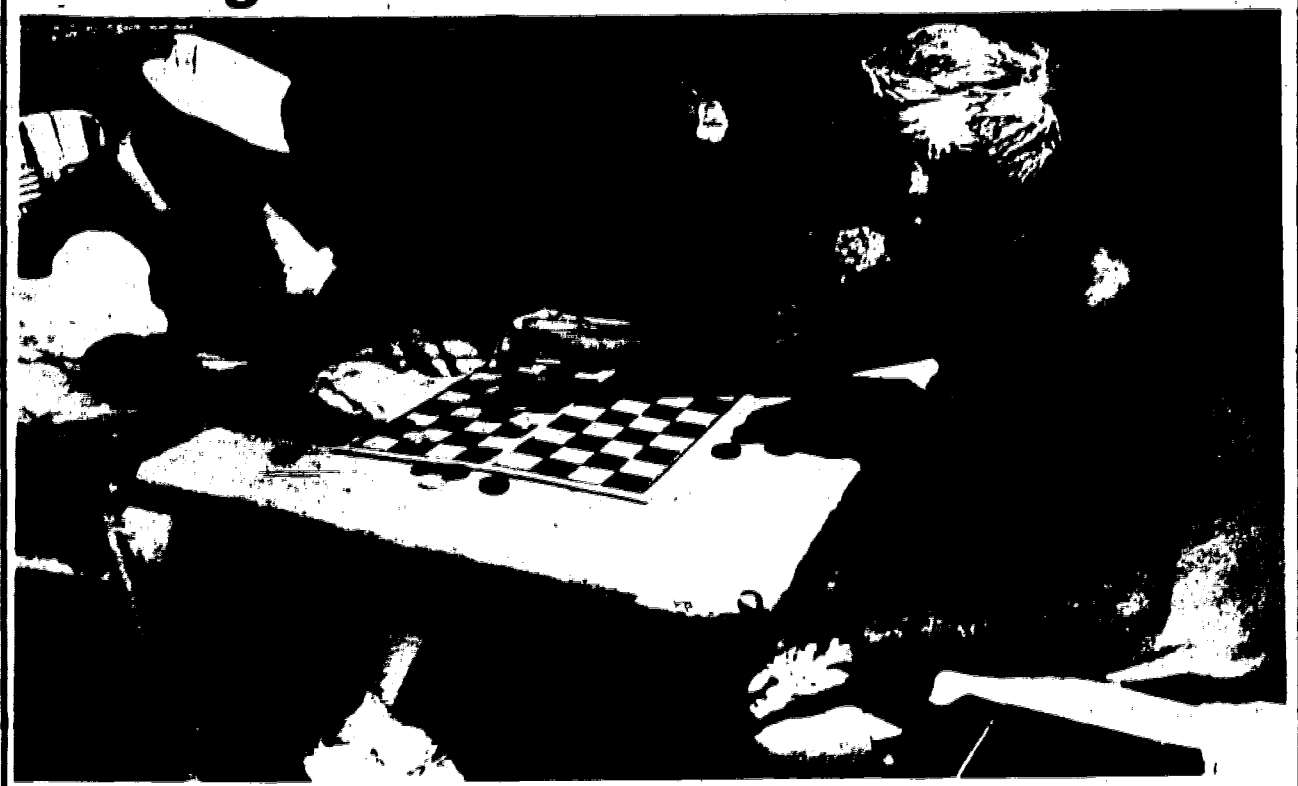


Photo By Milton Mills

Lou Liebowitz, left, and Joe Klarfeld relax with a game of checkers on a Friday afternoon at the Springfield Community Pool.

Springfield's outdoor cafes gain popularity

By Yousha Patel
Correspondent

Restaurant patrons can now enjoy the sights and sounds of summer while dining in front of their favorite Springfield restaurants thanks to the Township Committee. Four restaurants have taken advantage of the committee's ordinance permitting outdoor cafes since May.

Patrons can enjoy the invigorating breeze, the sun's radiance and the hum of passing cars while dining outside of Cioffi's Deli, Dunkin Donuts, Giovanni's Dairy Cafe and Hillside Seafood. The four received outdoor cafe licenses from the Township Committee and are valid for one year.

Most of the restaurant managers have had good results so far. Jerry Cioffi of Cioffi's Deli said, "The outdoor seating accents our business...by increasing awareness and creating a

visual effect." Before outdoor seating was introduced, employees at Dunkin Donuts would watch fathers and sons actually sit outside on the ground to enjoy their treats.

For Giovanni's Dairy Cafe, the seating also serves as "an attraction" which also makes for good advertising. Hillside Seafood House only recently received a permit and for the owner, Michael Manno, it is too early to tell the effects.

The Music Box Cafe in the Springfield Free Public Library also provides outside seating for its customers. When the weather is favorable, people can lounge in the library's atrium. The cafe, though, does not need a license to seat people, since the atrium is located centrally on the property.

The customers also seem to enjoy the new found freedom. One small

youth who was enjoying a drink said, "I like to eat outside because it is nice and cool."

Springfield is following the lead of Millburn, Summit and Cranford in passing ordinances permitting outdoor seating. Township Mayor Roy Hirschfeld said, "The original basis of the ordinance was to enhance the business environment." He wants to follow the ordinance with plants, decorations and other objects to heighten the town's "streetscape." Deputy Mayor Gregory Clarke felt it was due time that Springfield passed similar ordinances to support its small businesses and to increase the general ambiance of the town.

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Bill mandates inclusion of history

Legislation sponsored by Assemblymen Joel Weingarten and Kevin O'Toole, R-Union, that would require certain pre-parole and pre-sentencing reports to include a defendant's psychological history was approved by the Legislature and is now awaiting the Governor's signature.

Specifically, a committee substitute for A-489/A685 would require the reports to include a defendant's civil commitment history, a record of charges, any acquittals by reason of insanity, a defendant's medical history and a psychological evaluation.

The measure would apply to a defendant being considered for a first or second-degree crime involving violence and who has a prior acquittal by

reason of insanity or a suspension of charges; has a prior conviction for murder, sexual assault, kidnapping, endangering the welfare of a child or stalking; or has a prior diagnosis of psychoses.

The legislature is part of the Assembly Republican's Civil Commitment package. Based on a judicial inquiry into the case of convicted rapist and murderer Conrad Jeffrey, the package is designed to bring about sweeping changes in the way the state's criminal justice and mental health systems deal with inmates who have been civilly committed.

Jeffrey had been in and out of prisons and psychiatric hospitals for more

than 25 years before being sentenced in March to two consecutive life sentences, plus 20 years, for the rape and murder of 7-year-old Divina Genao.

Insufficient information in Jeffrey's 1985 pre-sentence report enabled him to serve only little over a year for assaulting a 12-year-old boy, even though he had confessed to stabbing a Newark woman in 1974 and served time at Trenton State Hospital, Weingarten explained.

"The Conrad Jeffrey incident was truly a deadly oversight," said Weingarten. "It is vital that all pre-parole and pre-sentencing reports contain all of a defendant's history, including his psychological background."

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Learning division

Like elementary school students first experiencing long division, the chief administrators of the former regional district's sending towns are learning how difficult it is to perform asset division.

No one said it would be easy or quick, but the accounting and distribution of the regional high school district's money and property poses a bigger challenge than was anticipated. While progress is being made, confusion and frustration follows each step.

Unlike an estate, the deceased in this case left behind no will and testament. Unlike a properly managed government, the dissolved regional district did not finish its task of settling its business.

We're not surprised. We had grown too familiar with the superintendent, board attorneys and administrator — the cabal that best personified the reasons for deregionalization — to expect professionalism and cooperation.

As hard as the accounting and related tasks are, we hope those doing the work will find additional satisfaction in knowing the regional administration is just a memory.

But, as we said, progress is being made. Under the direction of Berkeley Heights School District Administrator William Van Tassel, the work is getting done.

Van Tassel said it will take a year before everything is settled, but we're confident in the accounting firm's ability to take an accurate inventory, pay the regional district's outstanding debts and equally share the physical assets.

And with that, we have only one more comment to make — one we've said before to Garwood officials: Stop complaining. You continue to allege that your constituents are "getting nothing" after paying into the regional district for 60 years. But for those 60 years, your children were educated from the tax dollars of residents of five other towns. That is a lot more than nothing.

With a little help

Speaking of taxes, has the mayor really predicted a tax cut for property owners in the borough for 1998?

That's right. While Mayor Bob Vigilanti isn't known for counting chickens before they're hatched, he has based his prediction on the increase in state aid the borough will receive next year.

According to a law signed by Gov. Christine Whitman last month, Mountainside taxpayers will get back a little of what they send to Trenton. The \$610,000 the borough received this year will be increased by more than \$22,500 next year.

At a time when the state Supreme Court says Mountainside taxpayers must pay for public schools in Hillside, this tax relief really is a relief.

"What the governor has done is help me keep my promise that we are going to have a tax decrease next year. We are shooting for not only the lowest taxes in Union County, but possibly the lowest taxes in central New Jersey," Vigilanti said.

Mark the calendars

Speaking of positive steps taken by our elected representatives in Trenton, there's an event scheduled for next month that we hope you'll make the most of.

On Sept. 24, Mayor Bob Vigilanti will join the mayors of Summit, Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Millburn at a "regional town meeting" at Millburn High School with the legislators of District 21 and 22.

Moderated by state GOP Chairman Chuck Haytaian, the meeting will feature a state of the state talk with Gov. Christine Whitman and discussions of different aspects of state government.

Among those expected to speak are Assemblyman Richard Bagger and state Senate President Donald DiFrancesco, who represent Mountainside, and District 21 Assemblymen Kevin O'Toole and Joel Weingarten.

That's a very deep talent pool, and the opportunity to meet and talk to these men should not be missed. According to Summit Republican City Committee Chairman Elizabeth Cox, who planned the event, people will have that chance; it is not just a night for politicians to talk to each other.

"I don't know about anybody else, but I have been getting tired with the same old thing with regards to political speeches and campaigns. So I came up with the idea of having a regional town meeting," Cox said — and rightly so.

We don't know what will be on the agenda, but keeping in mind the proximity of Election Day, we're hoping the night will not be for self-serving speeches and mutual congratulations.

Education funding, anti-crime initiatives and legislation on solid waste disposal are among the subjects we hope borough residents will raise.

This town meeting on Sept. 24 promises to be an informative event. See you there.



SWIMMING LESSONS — Eighteen month old Silvia Santos is taught to swim by Jose Bello during an afternoon at the Springfield Community Pool.

Cut in energy tax will help all municipalities

Energy costs represent a sizable portion of most household budgets. We pay for energy all year round, whether we're trying to cool off in summer or warm our homes in winter. For those on fixed incomes, higher energy bills can make a huge difference in their quality of life.

New Jersey's 113-year-old Gross Receipts and Franchise Tax gave us some of the highest utility costs in the nation. In fact, our high energy costs have been cited as one of the top five reasons for businesses leaving our state.

New Jersey residents deserve a break, and that's what they will get. Through legislation I signed last month, we have eliminated the 13 percent GR&FT utility tax, replaced it with a 7 percent tax, and thus reduced the state taxes consumers will pay over time for gas and electric by 45 percent.

For the average New Jersey family that heats with gas, that's like getting a coupon for more than \$15 in savings every month during the heating season. Over the next six years, energy customers across New Jersey will save more than a \$1 billion. For businesses, the savings can be used to create jobs and increase prosperity in New Jersey. For municipalities, which will receive a total of \$3.7 billion in revenues over the next five years, these funds can be used to help control local property tax rates.



For municipalities, eliminating GR&FT means that they will get more money from the utility taxes the state collects than they do now. This year, every municipality — every one, guaranteed — will get more money. In fact, the League of Municipalities agrees that the plan will guarantee "growth in property tax relief for all towns."

This legislation makes the system fairer all around. Energy users will pay less, municipalities will get more utility tax money for property tax relief, and all energy producers will pay the same tax.

The GR&FT has an interesting history. It was started in 1884 as a small tax on utilities, but grew to be a large and significant source of revenue for municipal governments throughout the state. A few years ago, when the state began deregulating the energy business, the money collected from GR&FT began to shrink.

With deregulation, businesses found they could get the energy they needed from sources that weren't sub-

ject to the tax, such as out-of-state providers or their own co-generation plants. So, while the tax rate didn't go down, the revenue did.

Of course, this concerned mayors and councils all around New Jersey. If this revenue started drying up, they would either have to cut essential services or raise local property taxes. We couldn't let that happen. We had to preserve this important source of revenue for our local towns and reduce energy costs as well.

So I appointed a Joint Task Force on Energy Tax Policy, and the legislation I signed last month is a result of its efforts.

With the elimination of GR&FT, we're restoring fairness to the system, while guaranteeing more money to send to towns across our state. This is so important because property taxes in New Jersey are too high. Over the past three-and-a-half years, property taxes have been rising at a smaller rate than in years past — an encouraging trend, but it's not enough. I won't be satisfied until we see local taxes actually go down, just as we have actually lowered state income taxes.

Eliminating GR&FT is particularly good news for our senior citizens. No one is hurt more by higher costs than those on fixed incomes. With this tax cut — the 14th tax cut of my administration — we're helping seniors, both by providing property tax relief and by reducing energy tax rates. In

fact, this new law generates more purchasing power for all gas and electric consumers, regardless of their age.

Eliminating the Gross Receipts and Franchise Tax is one more way we are fulfilling the promise I made to fight for property tax relief for all New Jerseyans.

Our record shows that we will have increased aid to local governments and to individual property taxpayers by more than \$1 billion in the four years of my administration. We've provided aid to schools, assumed the costs of the county courts, ensured additional aid for local road projects, increased revenue for Urban Enterprise Zones, and re-established the Property Tax Deduction Act to provide direct savings for local property taxpayers.

Of course, there's more to do, but we've made good progress on reducing the growth of property taxes to the lowest level in more than two decades. Eliminating the GR&FT is another step in keeping property taxes under control and in providing municipalities with revenue that can be used to help control property tax rates.

Once again, we're leveling the playing field, and all taxpayers are the winners in lowered energy rates and controlled property taxes.

Christine Whitman is serving the fourth year of her term as governor.

Taking a vacation wasn't always that easy

By the time the month of July ends, most people are getting ready to go on a vacation, although their plans for it have been made quite some time ago.

If those plans include renting a place at the New Jersey Shore, it was probably necessary to have made those arrangements at the end of last year's vacation, to be sure of having the place this year. Having a relative as owner of the place did not always assure being able to rent it at your convenience.

Years ago, a two-week expedition to the shore was much more of a challenge than it is today. There was no Garden State Parkway nor even four-lane highways to speed a traveler on his way, and many of the roads were barely two-lanes wide and without shoulders to pull onto in order to change a tire. Just a loose layer of yellow pebbles, which was always ribbed like a washboard.

It was not safe to follow closely behind a vehicle, for the dust rose up like a smokescreen, hindering visibility, and the spinning tires frequently threw pebbles at the headlights and windshield of the car behind.

Sometimes a motorist might meet with a maintenance crew attempting to alleviate these conditions with a road scraping machine, but it never seemed to do much good, and always

The Way It Was

By William Frolich

caused a traffic jam, even if there were only a few cars on the road.

On some occasions the road crew might spray a heavy oil over the pebbles, and that would make a better surface after the oil had dried in about two weeks, but in the meantime, that oil would coat the fenders and body of the cars with a sticky film much to the annoyance of the driver.

Another inconvenience to the car-traveling public was the limited number of roadside direction signs, and some of them that did exist were small and difficult to read, especially when traveling at 20 miles an hour. A few even seemed out of place, such as the sign at the intersection of Cherry Street and Morris Avenue in Elizabeth, where the sign indicated that going south on Cherry Street was the way to the shore. Of course, that is no longer the way, for the powers that be have made that street one-way — northbound.

By the early 1930s the state was beginning to do something about the highway system in New Jersey, and while the improvements were welcome, the reconstruction work of the roads added greatly to the problems of the motorists, with traffic jams as lanes were closed and flagmen opened one lane at a time, first for cars moving in one direction, and then for cars headed in the opposite direction.

Some roads that had been barely two lanes wide were widened to three lanes, with the center lane for passing only.

This idea, of course, was a real hazard to motoring safety, for now a driver could start to pass another vehicle and then find himself head-on to a car passing in the same lane in the other direction.

There were also times when the traffic in one direction was so great that there were actually two lanes filled with cars moving the same way, while drivers in the opposing lane had no chance to pass anything. Years later, most of these roads became dual roads, and that problem was eliminated.

Another way to get to the shore in those days was to travel by train, for in the closing days of the 19th century by the railroad companies had been very busy extending their tracks

throughout the state, and had branch lines to most shore resorts.

It was fairly easy to get to towns on the shores of Raritan Bay and down the ocean coastline to Point Pleasant, but beyond there it was necessary to change trains, and even ride a different railroad.

Traveling to Long Beach Island was quite an adventure, such as from Roselle to Beach Haven. First the vacationer would have to catch a train to Elizabethport, where he could change to a train operating on the Long

Branch Division of the Central Railroad. At Red Bank a change to the Southern Division was necessary, and that could take him to Barnegat. Here he could catch a train of the Tuckerton Railroad that was scheduled to switch off at Manahawkin and cross the bay on the long wooden trestle to Long Beach Island, where another six miles of rail travel would bring him to Beach Haven, perhaps in time for supper.

Even after the traveler had reached the town where he was to spend his vacation, he still had to walk, or take a taxi to his rented house or room before he could rest from his journey.

William Frolich is a resident of Roselle and a member of the Union County Historical Society.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Synagogue to honor local couple

Dr. Leonard and Sandy Strulowitz of Springfield will be the guests of honor at Congregation Agudath Achim's annual dinner on Aug. 24 at 4 p.m. at the synagogue. The congregation, located in Bradley Beach, is celebrating its 74th anniversary.

The Strulowitzes founded Congregation Israel in Springfield 22 years ago. Services were held in their home for the first year. Leonard Strulowitz was the congregation's first president, and Sandy Strulowitz the Sisterhood's first president.

In addition to serving as Congregation Israel's founding president, Leonard Strulowitz has served as president for five terms in the past 22 years and is the congregation's present president. The couple has also been honored by Young Israel Synagogue, the Chancellor Avenue Synagogue and Congregation Israel.

Leonard Strulowitz, long active in the Jewish community, served as chair of the Optometric division of UJA/Federation, chaired his synagogues Israel Bonds drive, acted as overall chairman of Springfield's celebration of Israel's 25th anniversary and was treasurer of the Springfield Jewish Community Council.



Sandy and Leonard Strulowitz

An optometrist, he has been the recipient of numerous professional awards. He has received the Public Service Award from the New Jersey Optometric Association and its Scientific Achievement Award, and the Chair of the Year award.

Bausch and Lomb and Ciba Vision both awarded him the Service to the Profession Award.

In the Springfield community, he has served as a participant in project literacy in the United States, served as a member of the Rent Leveling Board, member of the Ethics Review Board.

In addition, Sandy Strulowitz is a member of the Women's American ORT, Jewish Women International, Sisterhood of Congregation Israel and Brandeis University National Women's Committee.

Rothbard attends insurance meeting

Bruce J. Rothbard of Lincoln Financial Advisors, and a resident of Springfield, attended the 1997 Million Dollar Round Table Annual Meeting, June 8 to 12, in Atlanta, Ga.

During the five-day meeting, about 100 professional, nonmember and MDRT member speakers discussed subjects of concern of those in the life insurance industry. Experts in such areas as estate planning, taxes, business, and law shared their knowledge during intense workshops and morning general sessions.

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STUDENT UPDATE

Goldstein graduates with honors

Barbara Joy Goldstein received an associate in arts degree in business during commencement ceremonies May 29 at Union County College's Cranford campus.

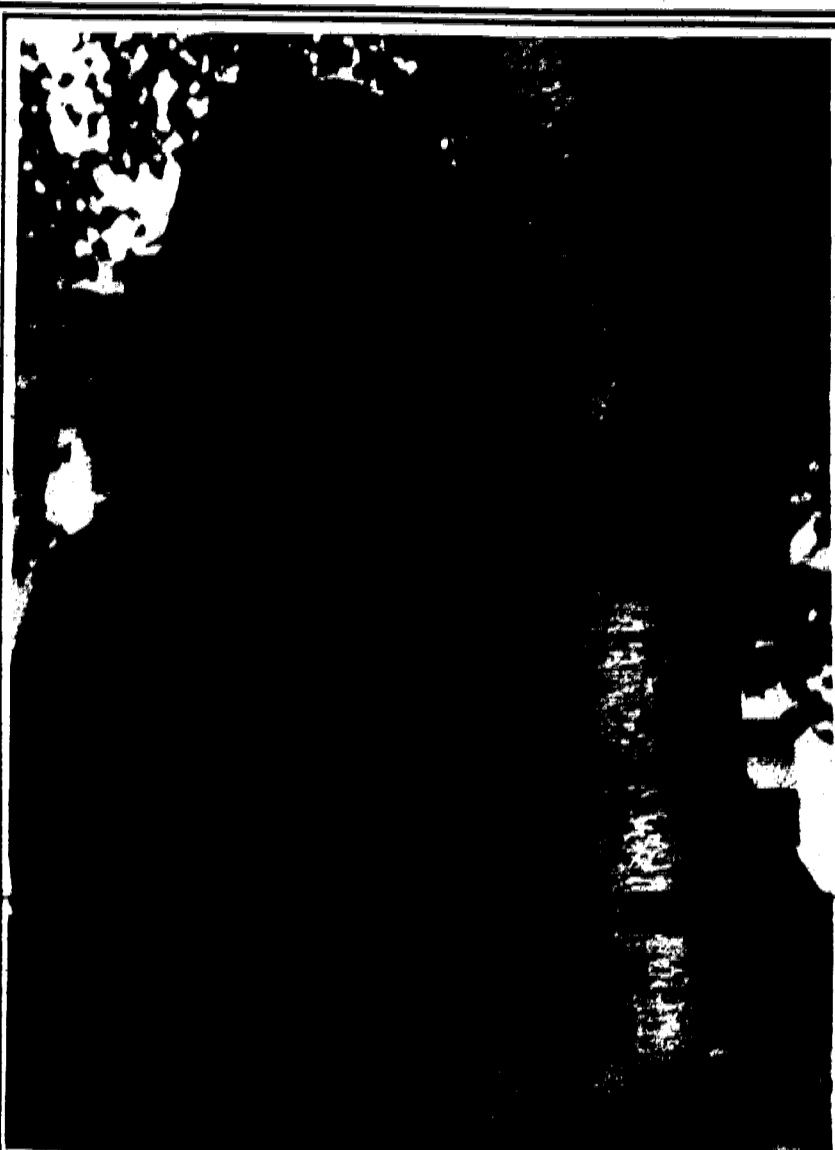
Goldstein graduated with high honors, a cumulative grade point average of 3.850 and was named to the president's honor list and national dean's list.

Goldstein was inducted into the college's Iota Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges and served as the chapter's recording secretary. She organized and ran the honor society's holiday boutique and book sale.

Iota Xi held its annual PTK Awards Dinner. At that time, Goldstein was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation plaque for Outstanding and Dedicated Service to Phi Theta Kappa during 1996-97. She plans to continue her education toward a bachelor's degree in the fall at Montclair State University.



Barbara Joy Goldstein



Christina Florio

Florio receives annual honor

Florence M. Gaudineer School's 'Student of the Year' recipient for the 1996-97 school year is Christina Florio. She distinguished herself during the past four years with her commitment and devotion to the Gaudineer School community. As an eighth-grader, Florio was involved in many activities, among them Peer Leadership, Eighth Grade Committee, Girls Softball Team, co-chairperson of the Principal Liaison Committee and editor of the yearbook. In July, Florio was acknowledged during a dinner at the Springfield Elks Lodge. The program was sponsored by the Springfield Elks 2004 as part of its Youth Activities Program, which recognizes exceptional students who are selected by the teaching staff based on their character, leadership, service, citizenship and scholastic ability.

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The group's first meeting of the fall season will be held on Sept. 18 at 10

a.m. in the library meeting room. Take the last few lazy days of summer to read the selection which will be discussed at this session, "Habits and Will" by John Dewey. The readings for this group are taken from "The Great Books Reading & Discussion Program," Series 3. This 3-volume

set, which sells through the Great Books Foundation at a price of \$24.95, is available for sale in the Springfield library for the reduced rate of \$20.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
TAKE NOTICE that on the 10th day of August, 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 #97-22 on behalf of Jonathan & Angela Eiselein for a variance or other relief so as to permit Reallocate A.C. Unit which violates the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Springfield, located at 38 Ronald Terrace and designated as block 3514, lot 34 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.

Angela Eiselein
 Applicant
 US764 SLR August 7, 1997 (\$9.50)

NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Springfield by Sherman & Sherman, Esqs. (Richard C. Sherman, Esq.) on behalf of Heidi Goldfarb and Larry Goldfarb for a variance from the thirty (30) foot rear yard setback requirement set forth in the Schedule of Limitations of the Land Use Ordinance of the Township of Springfield, together with such other variances as may be required so as to permit the applicant to construct a new rear yard deck, all as evidenced by the plans and application now on file with the Clerk of the Board, or as may be modified at the request of the Board of Adjustment. This application is made for premises located at 8 Jade Meadow Drive, Lot 71, Block 3003 on the Springfield Tax Map. This application is now on file at the Clerk's Office, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, on Wednesday, August 20, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the Rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. All papers pertaining to this application may be seen in the office of the Administrative Office of the Township of Springfield located in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Street, Springfield, New Jersey.

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ANTHONY P. D'ALESSIO, ESQ.
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 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, on the 4th floor of the Bank Building, 24 Elizabeth Avenue, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at 10 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 property to be sold is located in the Township of Springfield in the County of Union, and State of New Jersey, commonly

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known as 17 Cotter Avenue, Springfield, Tax Lot No. 38, in Block No. 72. Dimension of Lot: (approximately) 125 X 60.

Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the Western Side of the Street.
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 SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081
SHERIFF:
 RALPH FROELICH
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 TWO HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY EIGHT CENTS TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT (\$247,175.75)
 August 7, 14, 21, 28, 1997
 US753 SLR (\$80.00)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY IMPROVEMENTS TO HILLSIDE AVENUE CONTRACT #SP7-03 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids for the IMPROVEMENTS TO HILLSIDE AVENUE in the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY will be received at the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, Engineering Annex, 20 North Trivett Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on August 19, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time.

The work generally consists of granite block curb rehabilitation, storm drainage improvements, pavement reconstruction, and pavement overlay, all in accordance with the form of proposal, contract, and specifications prepared by Keller & Kirpatrick, Inc., Consulting Engineers - Surveyors - Planners - Landscape Architects, 900 Landex Plaza, Parsippany, N.J.

Plans and Specifications have been filed in the office of the Clerk of the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD and may be inspected by prospective bidders at the office of Keller & Kirpatrick, Inc., 900 Landex Plaza, Parsippany, N.J., or at the Township of Springfield, Engineering Annex, 20 North Trivett Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey during business hours. Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Contract Documents, Plans, and Specifications at the Office of Keller & Kirpatrick, Inc., Engineering Annex on proper notice. A non-refundable charge of \$35.00 per set shall be paid to Keller & Kirpatrick, Inc. Bidders are notified that they must comply with the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act (Chapter 150 of the Laws of 1963, as amended) and that award will not be made to any bidder whom the Commissioner of Labor and Industry does not certify. Bids shall be submitted on the forms provided in the manner designated therein and required by the Specifications. They must be enclosed in sealed envelopes, bearing the name and address of the bidder and name of the project on the outside, addressed to the Municipal Clerk, TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, and must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond in the form provided of not less than 10% of the amount of bid. Said check or bid bond may not be less than \$500 nor shall it be more than \$20,000 and must be accompanied by a Consent of Surety statement in the form provided from a Surety Company stating that the Surety Company will provide the bidder with a bond for 100% of the Contract amount in the event that the Contract is awarded to the bidder. A Non-Collusion Affidavit and a Record of Recent Contract Awards must also accompany the proposal on the forms provided. Bidders must also comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 Chapter 127 for an affirmative action program for equal employment opportunity. If awarded a contract, your company/firm will be required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 C. 127 (NJAC 17:27). Bidders must also comply with the requirements of P.L. 1977, Chapter 33 amending the Local Public Contracts Law. Bidders must submit a statement setting forth the names and addresses of all the stockholders in the corporation or members of the partnership who own ten percent (10%) or more of its stock, or have a ten percent (10%) or greater interest in the case of partnership. Bids shall be withdrawn for sixty (60) days after the opening of bids. A Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or all proposals will be rejected within sixty (60) days after the opening of bids. The Mayor and Township Committee of the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD reserves the right to reject all bids, to reject unbalanced bids, and to waive any informality in any bid.
 Helen E. Keyworth
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OBITUARIES

Joseph A. McCahery

Joseph A. McCahery, 72, of Summit died July 30 in Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York City.

Born in Orange, Mr. McCahery lived in Upper Arlington, Ohio, before moving to Summit. He was a vice president and general auditor at Borden Inc., New York City, for 23 years and retired in 1992. Mr. McCahery received a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Seton Hall University in 1949 and in 1952, he received a master's degree in corporate finance and management from New York University.

Mr. McCahery was an Army veteran of World War II and took part in the D-Day invasion at code-named Normandy Beach. He also served in the Rhineland. Mr. McCahery was a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors, the Economics Club and the

Financial Executives Institute, all of New York City. He also was a member of the National Association of Accountants, the Canoe Brook Country Club in Summit, the Brookside Country Club in Columbus, Ohio, and the Seton Hall Prep and University alumni associations.

Surviving are three sons, Joseph A., James P. and William D., and a grandchild.

Mary K. Fitzpatrick

Mary Katherine Fitzpatrick of Summit, a museum director, died July 23 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Fitzpatrick lived most of her life in Summit. She was an active volunteer in Summit for many years and served on the Board of Trustees of the Summit YMCA, was past chairperson of Winter Market, a fund raiser for the YMCA, past president of the Summit

Fine Art League and was director of the Summit Historical Society's Museum, the Benjamin Carter House for the past 10 years. Mrs. Fitzpatrick also belonged to the Summit Animal Welfare League, the Daughters of the British Empire, Union County Board of Elections and the American Kennel Club. At Carter House Museum, she planned and acquired the necessary furnishings for the four period rooms.

Surviving are her husband of 46 years, Joseph E.; three daughters, Deborah Duerr, Julie Butler and Jennifer Dane; a son, Joseph E. Jr., and five grandchildren.

Rocco A. Gentile

Rocco A. Gentile, 89, of Mountain-side died Aug. 3 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Newark, Mr. Gentile lived in Elizabeth before moving to Mountain-side 40 years ago. He was self-employed and president of R. Gentile Plumbing and Heating Co., Mountain-side. Mr. Gentile was past president of Master Plumbing and Heating Association of Elizabeth and Vicinity, past president and secretary of New Jersey State Plumbing and Heating Contractors and was on its executive board. He received the Lester Pearlstein Award for outstanding service from the Plumbing and Heating Association.

Mr. Gentile was a member of the American Society of Sanitary Engineering. During World War II, he received many awards. Mr. Gentile was a member of the Elks in Elizabeth and vicinity, a member of the Democratic Party of Mountain-side and served on its election board. He was a member and charter member of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountain-side, and also served as usher and president and trustee of the Holy Name Society. Mr. Gentile was a member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society of Union County. He served as president of the Union County Federation of Holy Name Society.

Surviving are two daughters, Julia M. Gentile and Victoria G. Shark; a sister, Rose Calvo; a brother, Anthony Gentile; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH "CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE" 242 Shurepike Rd. Springfield (201) 379-4251. Reverend Frederick R. Mackey, Senior Pastor. Sunday 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages, interesting exercises for adults. 10:30 AM Worship Service with Nursery care and children's church. 5:30-7:00 PM Sunday evening AWANA program for ages 4-11. 6:00 PM Evening Service with Nursery care provided. Wednesday 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study - Adults and Junior/Senior High Group. Super-Seniors meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 11:00 AM. Adult's Youth Ministry - Junior/Senior High. Wide-Range Music Program. Ample Parking. Church is equipped with a choir loft. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (201) 379-4251.

High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Nursery School, Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for fifth through twelfth graders and a bus-Adult Education program. A Seniors' League meets regularly. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

SUMMIT JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER 67 Kent Place Boulevard, Summit, 07981-1310. 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. Shabbat Friday services are held at 8:30 PM. Saturday Shabbat Services are held at 9:30 AM and Shabbat Mincha and Havdalah are held at sundown. Weekday services, Monday through Friday are at 7:00 AM and Sunday at 9:30 AM. A Family Service is held on the first Friday of each month at 7:00 PM. In addition to regular Saturday Shabbat services, a Young Family Shabbat Services, for families with children ages 2-7, is held every third Saturday from 10:30-11:30 AM, and every second and fourth Saturday from 10:15-11:30 AM. There is a service for preschool children. The SJCC religious school provides instruction for children from Kindergarten through Grade 7 and Post-Graduate classes for Grades 7 through 12. The SJCC also offers a complete pre-school program including a morning and afternoon Nursery School, Wee Two, designed for children 18-24 months and a parent/caregiver and a Parents and Enrichment program for Kindergarten-aged children. A wide range of Adult Education Programs is offered as well as a Sisterhood, Men's Club, Young Couples Group and Senior Adult Group. For more information about programs or membership, please call the SJCC office at 273-8130.

day mornings, after our 8:00 A.M. services, we study Maimonides' legal code, and from 9:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M., we have an advanced program in the study of Jewish law. On Shabbat afternoons we review the weekly Biblical portion in light of traditional and contemporary commentaries between the minhah and ma'ariv prayers. We have a dynamic Sisterhood, vibrant Junior and Senior NCSY chapters, a Boy Scout troop, Karate classes for all ages, a Nursery School and Summer Camp. We are a family oriented modern Orthodox community and we welcome you to join with us for our programs. Rabbi Alan J. Yuter, Dr. Leonard Strulowicz, President.

JEWISH - REFORM

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

LUTHERAN

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 624 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, (201) 261-279-4525. 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. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 p.m.

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

ship Service, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

METHODIST

THE SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located on 40 Church Mall in Springfield, NJ invites 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. We are a warm and welcoming congregation of Christians who gather together to be encouraged in the faith, strengthened in hope, and empowered to be brave and faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Child care and nursery are available following the part of our worship service that is especially geared toward young children. Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday of every month. Know that all people are welcome here! If you have any questions, interest or concerns, please call the pastor, Rev. Jeff Markay at 201-376-1695.

PRESBYTERIAN

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 210 Morris Ave. at Church Mall, Springfield, 07942-2020. Sunday School Classes for all ages 9:00 a.m., Sunday morning Worship Service 10:15 a.m. (July and August 9:30 a.m.), with nursery facilities and care provided. Opportunities for personal growth through worship, Christian education, Choir, church activities and fellowship. Communion first Sunday of each month. Ladies' Benevolent Society - 1st Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Ladies' Evening Group - 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Kaffeeklatsch - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Choir - every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. The Rev. Daniel J. Russell, Jr., Pastor.

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.

ST. TERESA'S OF AVILA, 306 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901, 908-277-3700. Sunday Masses: Saturday, 5:30 PM; Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, 1:15 (Spanish), 5:00 PM in the Church; Children's Mass - 9:30 AM Memorial Hall will resume September 14th. Weekday Masses 7:00, 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM. Saturday weekday Mass, 8:30 AM. Holy Days Same as weekday masses with a 5:30 PM anticipated Mass and a 7:30 PM evening Mass. Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM.

Carl Hector

Carl Hector, 96, of Mountain-side died July 30 at home.

Born in Bremen, Germany, Mr. Hector lived in Metuchen before moving to Mountain-side in 1958. He was a meter engineer for 42 years with Public Service Electric and Gas Co., Elizabeth, and retired in 1965. Previously, he had owned a grocery business and a gas station and repair shop, all in Metuchen. Mr. Hector was a one-man band with an accordion that simulates a variety of instruments and entertained large groups. He was an honorary member of the Public Service Retirees, the Mountain-side and Westfield senior citizens. He also was a member of the Old Guard in Westfield and the Mt. Zion F&AM Lodge in Metuchen.

Surviving are a son, Carl W., and a daughter, Doris A.

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These programs provide assistance, comfort and peace-of-mind to nearly 2,500 older adults and their families living in Union, Morris, Essex and Somerset Counties.

Gina Sideris, SAGE director of Development, stressed the importance of community participation in this annual appeal. "SAGE's Membership is the backbone of all our fundraising programs. The strong outpouring of financial support from our membership shows companies and large philanthropies that SAGE plays an important role in the life of the communities it serves, and provides much-needed assistance to older adults and their families."

Since 1954, SAGE has been an innovator in eldercare resources, and with continued support of neighbors and friends, SAGE will continue assisting the growing population of older adults. SAGE Inc. is a not-for-profit organization, and all gifts to SAGE are tax-deductible.

For more information on SAGE membership or volunteer opportunities, call Gina Sideris in the SAGE Development Office (908) 273-5942. SAGE, a not-for-profit community resource for older adults and their families, is located at 50 DeForest Ave. in Summit.

Driving refreshers can aid seniors

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Mid-summer is the time when drivers of all types seem to be on the road at once. Among the motoring throng are those over 65 years old, a group which experts say have particular driving needs.

"About 10 percent of my students are elderly," said professional driving instructor Bernard Thole. "I may get one every two months on average. They usually come because they have had a spouse who did the driving but died or come from cities where they didn't need to drive."

Thole is an instructor for the Orange Driving School of Summit. Over his 20 years' experience, he considers the psychological limitations a greater block in driving than the physical.

"There are drivers who think they can't do something until something tells them they can," said Thole. "or say they don't see something until they want to. Some older drivers have a latent driving talent and there are a few who don't get the skills down after a year's training."

While Thole works with new or dormant drivers, there are several senior citizen motorists with extensive driving backgrounds and observations. Dan Kalem, whose driving time includes speaking engagements for the Counseling on Health Insurance for Medicare Enrollees service, is one contemporary observer.

"One problem I find with some drivers are those who are driving 20- to 25-mph in a 40 mph zone," said Kalem, of Springfield. "In our fast-paced world, the driver behind the slower driver may get impatient. The faster driver may make a move which can cause an accident by themselves or with an oncoming driver."

Kalem said that one of his CHIME counselors is a member of the 55 Alive defensive driving program. The program, operated by the American Association of Retired Persons, are eight-hour courses held over two days to improve elderly drivers' skills.

AARP's program, said group representative Larry Brundige, is open for a fee to members and the general public alike. The next local session is set for Overlook Hospital in the fall.

- The following are some general tips for the older motorist:
- Check your eyes. While vision is vital for making driving decisions, its strength lessens with age. Examinations should be held at least every two years.
 - Keep you and your car fit. Check any medication for effects on driving. Follow a car maintenance schedule, especially for lights, glass and wipers.
 - Be aware of your surroundings. Consider driving pace, weather and personal stamina. Don't take reaction time and small tasks like parking for granted. Plan ahead.

SENIOR NEWS

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. Monday through Friday. 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.

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.

Generally, residents of public institutions are not eligible for SSI payments. Under the law, SSI recipients or their representative must inform Social Security of the recipient's confinement to an institution. However, Social Security does not always receive timely information from these sources.

State and local institutions that want to participate in the incentive payment provision must sign an agreement with the commissioner of Social Security to provide monthly the following information about all inmates whose period of confinement or incarceration begins March 1997 and later:

Social Security number, name, date of birth, date of confinement or incarceration, and other identifying information about the confinement as required by the commissioner.

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Proper nutrition is necessary for all ages

Good eating habits and proper nutrition are vital for feeling healthy and alert no matter how old you are, but sometimes you can't control how much you eat or when you have time to eat. This makes getting the proper nutrients to stay healthy difficult and if this happens you can become under-nourished.

Taking a look at contributing factors, 18 percent of people over 60 ingest fewer than 1,000 calories a day. Due to a poor diet or other reasons they are not getting proper amounts of vital nutrients that are needed. Here are the main causes of poor nutrition among the elderly:

- Isolation and depression. Seniors who live alone tend to eat faster and consume less food than those who have dining companions. Feeling sad, lonely or depressed may also decrease appetite.
- Acute or chronic diseases or conditions. Illnesses like Parkinson's disease, cancer and heart disease often affect appetite, while arthritis may impair a person's mobility, making it difficult to shop for groceries or prepare meals.
- Poverty. Malnutrition often accompanies economic hardship. Faced with a lack of funds, some seniors sacrifice food to pay other bills.
- Dependence. Those who are physically unable to prepare their own meals risk malnutrition.
- Medication. Some drugs suppress appetite or have side-effects that make eating difficult, such as mouth sores, nausea or vomiting.
- Alcohol abuse. Heavy drinkers tend to eat less.
- Dental problems. Ill-fitting dentures and missing, loose or rotten teeth make it hard to eat.
- Sensory Impairment. There is often a loss of pleasure in eating food when it doesn't smell, look or taste as good as it used to.

"The elderly must counter poor nutrition by adjusting their eating habits," explained Leslie Killeen, coordinator of clinical nutrition at Union Hospital. "Considering that malnourished patients take 40 percent longer to recover from illness and have two to three times more complications, the condition is often easier to prevent than treat. Fairly simple approaches often go a long way toward improving nutritional status."

Killeen suggests the following as possible solutions for increasing appetite and achieving better nutrition.

- Make sure dentures fit properly. Brush and floss your teeth every day and get regular dental check-ups.

Travelers Aid seeks volunteers

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 New-

ark 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.

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SPORTS

Summit standout



Photo by Barbara Kokkalis

Summit team member Lindsey Jordan takes a break during her team's final North Jersey Summer Swim League meet of the season held late last month at the Summit Community Pool.

Summit grid registration upcoming

The Summit Board of Recreation is now accepting registrations for the 1997 Youth Football Program.

This tackle football program is available for Summit residents in grades 4-8.

Players are placed on one of five teams which is determined by their age, grade, weight and ability.

The Paperweight Division is usually comprised of youngsters in grades 4 and 5.

This team practices only on Saturday mornings for 10 weeks, emphasizing warm-up, fundamentals, participation and plays three scrimmage games.

The four more experienced squads, wearing the Summit colors, will play in the Suburban Youth Football League.

The league is made up of teams from Berkeley Heights, Chatham, Cranford, Hanover, Millburn, Perth Amboy, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Westfield and Summit.

These four teams have practices one night a week and Saturday mornings and play their games on Sundays. These teams will meet for 12 weeks.

The D Team is for 5th graders and the C Team for 6th graders. The B Team is for 7th graders and the A Team for 8th graders.

All coaches are NYSCA certified. Each boy is provided with an excellent insurance policy and all participants will be fitted with a NOCSAE certified helmet, game jersey and shoulder pads.

Each player must supply on his own: practice jersey, football pants, football mouth guard, athletic supporter with cup and all-purpose cleats.

The registration fee is \$30 per player.

Registration forms may be picked up at the Summit Recreation Center on 100 Morris Ave. or at the Board of Recreation Office on 5 Myrtle Ave.

A parent's signature and a medical statement signature are required.

The registration deadline is Wednesday, Aug. 27.

The first meeting for all participants will be Saturday, Aug. 30 at 9 a.m. at Tatlock Field.

Mountainside swimmer excels



Photo by Milton Mills

Mountainside swimmer Megan Shanahan was one of the best age 13-18 individual medley performers in this year's North Jersey Summer Swim League competition.

Springfield Minutemen had special summer

The Springfield Minutemen ages 9-10 baseball team made the most of the summer of 1997.

Not only did the Minutemen win their own inaugural tournament by beating a team in the championship game that it had lost to during the regular season, but the Springfield club also reached the Suburban League's District Playoff Championship Game for the first time in 15 years.

Although the Minutemen fell short in their quest for another championship — Springfield was defeated by Clark 13-5 in the title game played in Clark July 30 — they had an outstanding season, finishing with an overall record of 14-10.

Springfield advanced to the championship game by first winning at Roseland 7-2 July 28 and then the next day hanging on to win at Short Hills 11-10. Of the 20 teams that make up the Suburban League, eight of them qualified for the district playoffs.

Springfield, the seventh seed, met second-seeded Roseland in the quarterfinals and snapped a 2-2 tie by scoring four runs in the top of the fifth to take the lead for good.

Kenneth Suarez singled with the bases loaded and then Lee Silverman belted a three-run triple.

Suarez drove in Springfield's final run in the sixth after Cory Berger and Michael Kronert reached base on singles. Berger's hit a perfectly executed bunt.

Justin Catello pitched well, striking out six in a complete-game effort.

Other quarterfinal-round results included top-seeded West Orange eliminating eighth-seeded Mountainside, fourth-seeded Clark downing fifth-seeded Westfield and sixth-seeded Short Hills edging third-seeded Livingston in extra innings.

The hitting of Jesse Fischbein, Steven Tettamanti, Danny Kahoonei and Sara Steinman helped Springfield jump out to a 7-2 lead over Short Hills in the semifinals.

Short Hills tied the score at 7-7 before Springfield scored four more runs. Getting RBI were Suarez, Catello, Fischbein and Kronert.

Suarez, playing shortstop, threw out a runner at the plate after Short Hills had pulled to within 11-10. Lee Silverman played well at first base.

Springfield's season came to an end as it fell to host Clark in the title game. Clark had defeated top-seeded West Orange in the semifinals.

Steinman, Berger, Kronert, Fischbein and Kahoonei had RBI for Springfield. However, Clark scored 11 runs in the bottom of the fourth to break the game wide open.

The Minutemen 1997 season will be remembered for years to come by the players and their families, coaches and fans. One of the things which is special about July is playing baseball and having fun. The Springfield Minutemen did just that this summer.

Minutemen football slots open

Springfield Minutemen football registration is still being accepted at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center in Springfield, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Minutemen program is for Springfield boys in grades 4-8.

Forms are available at the Civic Center, located on 30 Church Mall in Springfield. A non-refundable fee of \$20 and a fee per child of \$55 is required, checks to be made payable to the "Township of Springfield," and "Springfield Minutemen Football."

The Springfield girls' soccer program is still accepting

registration forms. The program is for girls in grades 3-4 and 5-6. Forms are available at the Civic Center.

A non-refundable fee of \$25 per child may be made payable to the "Township of Springfield."

The Springfield Recreation Department is accepting applications for cheerleading coaches for the upcoming football and basketball seasons.

More information may be obtained by calling recreation director Mike Tennaro at 908-912-2227.

Springfield breaststroke star



Photo by Milton Mills

Nicole Greten was an excellent 25 breaststroke swimmer in the 10-and-under group this year for Springfield.

Summit baseball home this Sunday

The following is the Summit fall baseball schedule. All Summit home games will be played at the upper field at Summit High School.

Summit's first game is scheduled for Sunday at home vs. Bernardsville at 4 p.m. and the team's first road game is scheduled at Chester Wednesday at 6 p.m.

- Aug. 10 Bernardsville, 4:00
- Aug. 13 at Chester, 6:00
- Aug. 16 at Hunterdon, 1:00
- Aug. 17 Morris, 4:00
- Aug. 20 Randolph, 6:00
- Aug. 23 at Somerville, 4:00
- Aug. 24 Dover, 3:00
- Aug. 27 at Mountain Lakes, 5:30
- Aug. 30 Mendham, 4:00
- Aug. 31 at Pequannock, 3:00
- Long Valley vs. Summit, TBA
- Sept. 6 Morristown, 3:00
- Sept. 7 Parsippany, 12:00
- Sept. 13 Fall Star Games at Skylands
- Sept. 14 at Ridge, 3:00
- Sept. 20 Preliminary Round
- Sept. 21 Make-Up Day
- Sept. 27 First Round Playoffs
- Sept. 28 First Round Playoffs
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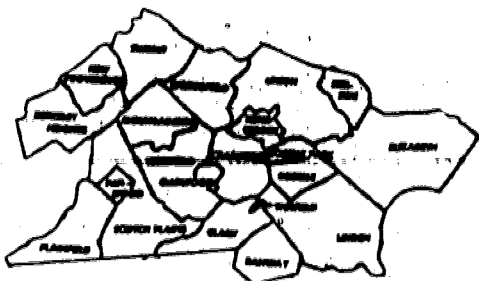
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From The Editor's Notebook

By Tom Canavan
Editor in Chief



Editors do cry.

I was cooking breakfast last weekend when I received the news that a former editor at Worrall Newspapers was killed by an alleged drunk driver in Ocean City, Md. Michael Ketcham, who worked for me in our Bloomfield region, died instantly after the Blazer threw him 300 feet. The driver of the car, according to reports, continued, hitting another vehicle, a utility pole and a fire hydrant before stopping on the back of a truck. He then fled from the car and hid under a pier along the beach road, police said.

When I was told that Michael was in a car accident, the last thing I expected to hear on the telephone from our Essex County regional editor was that "he didn't make it." Without knowing many of the details, since the accident occurred less than 10 hours earlier, I guess I expected Anthony to say, "He's in the hospital, and I'm going down to visit him." I guess I believed, until the time I heard the words "he didn't make it," that Michael would be with us forever.

Although my relationship with Michael was about 98 percent business, I considered him a friend. That was the kind of person Michael was, and anyone who knew him felt the same way. Throughout the entire day after receiving the news, I thought more and more about it and could not convince myself that he really had died. But news articles the following day in New Jersey newspapers, as well as one from a Maryland newspaper, drove everything home.

On Monday afternoon, I read an account of the accident from a north Jersey newspaper where Michael worked after leaving Worrall Newspapers. The details of the accident were so gruesome and created such a vivid picture of the accident scene that I cried at my desk. That should not have happened to him, I kept thinking.

On Wednesday morning, more than 350 family members, friends and co-workers filled a church in Neptune for Michael's funeral. The turnout was an indication of the kind of person Michael was. But there was no wake for Michael. There was only a visitation period for 90 minutes prior to the 11 a.m. funeral. The more than 350 people who attended could only view Michael's closed casket as they expressed their condolences to his family and fiancée.

By the end of the service, which lasted almost two hours, my sadness turned to anger when the pall bearers wheeled Michael's casket out of the church — so much anger that my eyes filled with tears.

I was angry that none of us got to see him one more time. I was angry that his family and girlfriend were so devastated by their loss. And I was angry because the man who did this, according to police, was driving on a revoked license.

A news broadcast last week reported about a study that showed 60 percent of drivers who get their licenses revoked or suspended continue to drive anyway. In California, where an employee of the California Division of Motor Vehicles was interviewed, reports showed that more than 1 million people are driving illegally. Of that number, 12 percent are unlicensed, either suspended, revoked, or having no license at all. The employee said these people are four times as likely to get into a car accident, and that they are in a social high-risk group — usually young, single and male.

The driver of the car that killed Michael is a 27-year-old single male from Virginia who is being held in jail until a pre-trial hearing on Aug. 25. According to news reports, he has six driving violations since 1990.

Our fear is that our justice system, which obviously has failed in the past, will not fully punish this man for what he did and this seventh violation will simply become a part of his record. Our fear is that attorneys, some of

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Franks offers county companies help

New program said to combine private, public efforts

The long-term health of New Jersey's economy depends on a strong and dynamic manufacturing sector, said Congressman Bob Franks to the New Jersey Manufacturing Extension Program.

Joined by other government and university officials at the recent event, Franks, R-7, spoke to representatives of 22 Union County manufacturing companies who came to learn about a new program designed to improve manufacturing competitiveness.

The event was co-sponsored by the Union County Economic Development Corp. and the Union County Alliance.

The New Jersey Manufacturing Extension Program, Inc. is focused on increasing profits and enhancing global competitiveness for New Jersey's small and medium-sized manufacturers in the plastics, metal working/machinery, and electronics/instrumentation industries.

NJMEP, Inc. is a cooperative ven-

ture between New Jersey Institute of Technology, the New Jersey Commission on Science and Technology, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership.

"The long-term health of New Jersey's economy depends on a strong and dynamic manufacturing sector," he added. "Employment in this vital sector has fallen, but productivity has increased. Today, nearly 20 percent of New Jersey's Gross State Product is generated by our manufacturing companies."

Franks co-chairs the Congressional Taskforce on Manufacturing and the Northeast-Midwest Congressional Coalition.

"I have been an outspoken advocate for those programs that are of significant benefit to small and mid-sized manufacturers. I have found the Manufacturing Extension Partnership to be perhaps the most valuable program that the federal government spon-

sors for small and mid-sized manufacturers," he also said.

According to Franks, on average, every MEP center project adds or saves five American jobs, increases sales for program participants by \$360,000, and saves nearly \$43,000 in labor and material costs.

"NJIT's efforts regarding manufacturing and NJMEP, Inc. are a labor of love," said Saul K. Fenster, president of NJIT. "The program is a real example of the new partnering paradigm where industry, government and university entities must function together in a new distributed support system. NJIT is committed to helping the state's manufacturers improve productivity and competitiveness through technology transfer, collaborative research, and marketing assistance."

NJIT's manufacturing initiatives include degree programs at the baccalaureate, master's and doctorate levels, an array of research activities, and an investment in equipment used

by students, faculty and industry such as computer aided design work stations, rapid prototyping, and automated manufacturing machinery. The university's Center for Manufacturing Systems has been working with the state's manufacturing sector since 1990.

Jay Brandinger, executive director of the N.J. Commission on Science and Technology, told the manufacturers that they all have the ingredients to be successful — help from the federal, state and county governments as well as NJIT.

"Manufacturing productivity and product sales are on the upswing and I feel the decline in manufacturing has bottomed out," Brandinger said. "A powerhouse combination of resources and working partnerships are in place to help New Jersey firms survive and grow. The goal is to make New Jersey the preferred location for high-tech manufacturing."

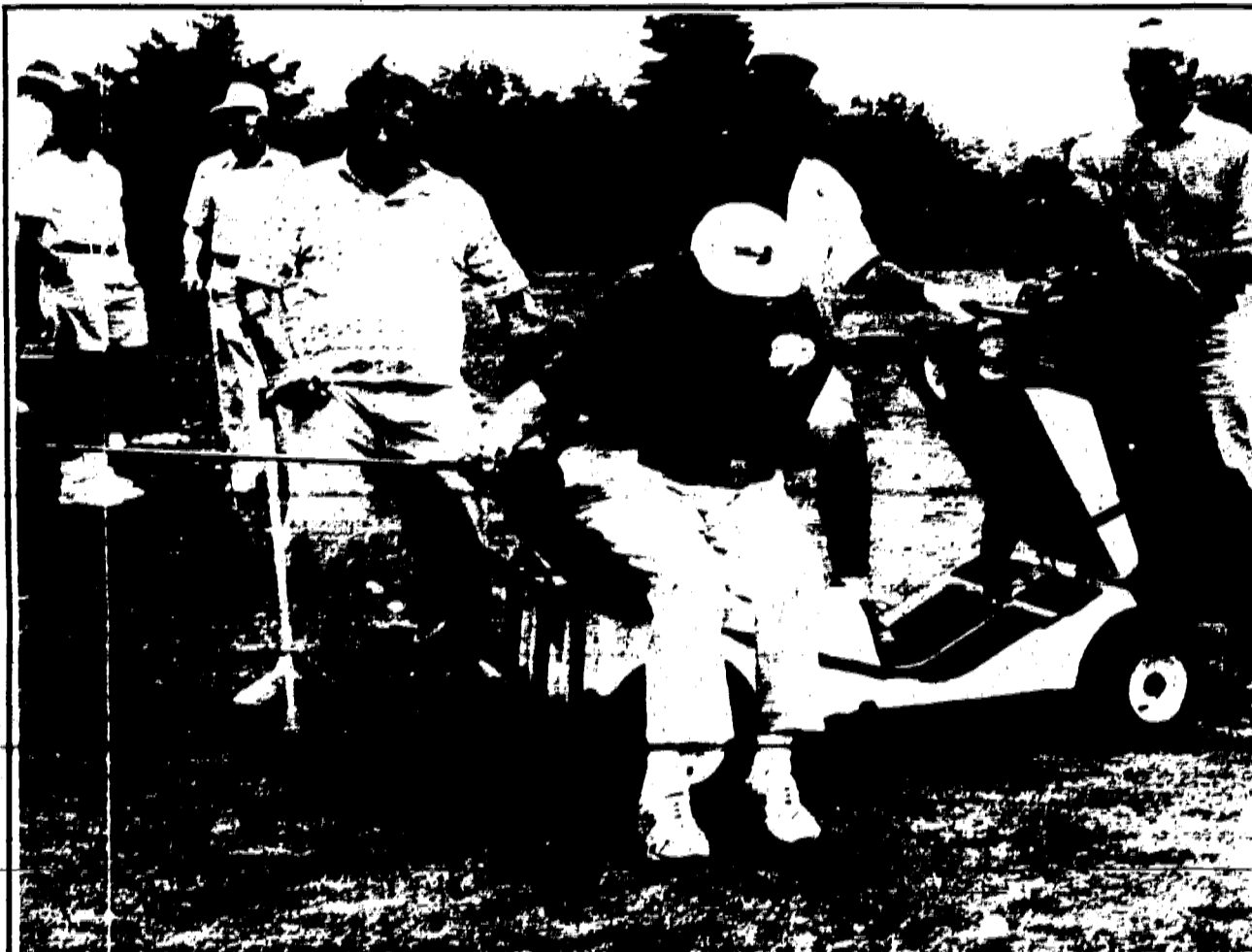
Small manufacturers from all industrial sectors can turn to NJMEP

Inc. for information and expert assistance in using modern manufacturing practices, technologies and techniques.

NJMEP, Inc. provides services primarily through a staff of field engineers who will visit manufacturers across the state.

"The primary task of the field engineers is to establish a working relationship with each manufacturer, developing an understanding of their business needs and serving as a single point of contact to coordinate solutions to their problems," said Robert Loderstadt, executive director of NJMEP, Inc. "Our field engineers will target business problems and solutions that provide profit for our customers and enable NJMEP, Inc. to offset costs."

State Sen. Raymond Lesniak, Union County Alliance President Hank Ross, and former Union County Manager Ann Baran, and Kevin Carr, executive director of the NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership also were in attendance.



Freeholder Ed Force, right, admires the swing of Johnson Potter, of New Jersey Veterans Home in Paramus, as he tries one of the Division of Parks and Recreation's new handicapped accessible golf-carts. Looking on are Robert Colicchio and Billy Smith of the county's Office for the Disabled.

Games for the disabled turns golfer into 'Tiger'

Challenges have always been par for the course. A 5-year-old boy without a lower right leg, and a 70-year-old stroke victim were among the more than dozen people with disabilities who were part of the third annual First Swing Golf Program held recently at the Ash Brook Golf Course in Scotch Plains.

Sponsored by the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Division of Parks and Recreation and the Eastern Amputee Golf Association, with funding from the U.S. Golf Association Foundation, First Swing promoted the sport of golf to people with impediments, and showed how the sport can be a vital part of physical therapy.

"My son loves golf, and he's actually pretty good," said Claire Tucciarone, mother of Connor, 5, who, despite wearing a prosthesis to compensate for his missing knee and lower leg, showed proficiency with a nine-iron and became a crowd favorite. "It was important for him to see others with disabilities having fun, in situations other than in the hospital or in physical therapy. He had such a wonderful time and learned a lot."

Freeholder Ed Force, the freeholder board's liaison to the Advisory Board on the Disabled, called the program "truly inspirational."

"The determination of those with disabilities and the dedication of the professionals involved in the program were heart-warming," he added. "I wish I could play the game with such determination and dedication."

The program, supervised by Debra Judd of the Divi-

sion of Parks and Recreation, included morning and afternoon sessions. Health-care professionals were taught how to incorporate the game into recreational and rehabilitative therapy, golf professionals learned how to work with physically challenged students, and the students improved their game and proved that disabilities do not necessarily hinder abilities.

A stroke two years ago, and resulting in an inability to stand, did not prevent 70-year-old Johnson Potter from swinging a seven-iron and a putter. He played his game from a special swivel seat on an electric golf-cart — one of three owned by the county — that can travel over greens and sandtraps without causing damage.

"I hope to play golf regularly with my son," said Potter, a resident of the New Jersey Veterans Home in Paramus, who has since played nine holes at Ash Brook. "I don't know how well I'll do, but I like it. That's the important thing."

Also participating in First Swing were therapists from Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation and JFK Hospital, as well as Bob Colicchio and Bill Smith from the Union County Office for the Disabled.

Tucciarone said that Connor, who will enter kindergarten at Holy Trinity School in Westfield next month, recently scored two holes-in-one during a miniature golf outing, and shrugs when people suggest he may become the next Tiger Woods.

"Tiger Woods?" he said. "Who is Tiger Woods?"

Bassano's health bills become law

For thousands of developmentally disabled New Jerseyans, life is a constant struggle of disappointment and frustration. It is also a life of dependence and limited freedom.

Legislation, however, signed by Acting Gov. Donald T. DiFrancesco will provide hundreds of developmentally disabled individuals with the opportunity to live independently in a caring, supportive environment.

DiFrancesco, the Senate president, had taken over the executive branch of the state government during Gov. Christine Whitman's trip to Nevada last week.

The first bill provides more than \$31 million for community-based projects designed to reduce the state's developmental disabilities waiting list by up to 450 people and to provide community service-based assistance to the disabled.

The measure, sponsored by Sen. C. Louis Bassano, R-Union, would create grants and revolving loan programs for community-based projects by appropriating money from the state's Developmental Disabilities' Waiting List Reduction and Human Services Facilities Construction Bond Act of 1994.

"With 1,500 urgent cases where the parents are growing too old to adequately care for their disabled children, New Jersey needs immediate and effective solutions to the problem of waiting lists. This measure would enable the state to place over 400 individuals in group homes where they can get the care they need while living happy, fulfilling lives, independent of their families," Bassano said.

In addition, the new law calls for \$4.5 million to be used for de-populating North Princeton Developmental Center and \$7.6 million for de-populating the Marlboro Psychiatric Hospital, which are both slated for closing.

"This money will be used to ensure that there are proper community-based services and programs so that these patients from NPDC and Marlboro can be reintegrated into society or placed where they will get the assistance they need," Bassano said.

Another key aspect of the bill is the \$2.6 million slated for upgrading/maintaining Division of Youth and Family Services group homes and the \$1.3 million that will be used by the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The second bill signed into law and also sponsored by Bassano, S-877, will enable the state to further reduce its waiting list of developmentally disabled individuals awaiting placement in a group home by appropriating \$6.5 million.

Bassano said this bill is a victory for the developmentally disabled of our state.

"In September of 1995, the state appropriated \$10 million for the purpose, but a total of \$16.5 million is needed to serve 500 clients. This bill appropriates the \$6.5 million necessary to make up the shortfall. It gives parents new hope for the future of their disabled children."

This means, Bassano said, that aging parents who for years have been placed under great strain caring for their disabled children will be able to place their developmentally disabled children in group homes this year.

"These loving, dedicated and hardworking parents will finally have peace of mind, knowing that their children will be well taken care of when they are no longer able," he added.

Freeholder not connected to Elizabeth businessman

In the opinion column titled "Common Sense" published in the July 31 edition of this newspaper, Regional Editor Jay Hochberg erroneously identified an Elizabeth businessman.

Tony Goncalves is not related to Freeholder Donald Goncalves, and the freeholder, an Elizabeth Development Co. employee, did not play a role in awarding EDC grant money to the businessman.

It is the policy of this newspaper to correct all significant errors that are brought to the editor's attention. If you believe that we have made such an error, write Tom Canavan, editor in chief, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, 07083, or call (908) 686-7700 Ext. 329 on weekdays before 5 p.m.

'Vintage Views' examines 'easy access' for the aged

This month's "Vintage Views," the county's cable TV program for seniors, will feature how the New Jersey Easy Access, Single Entry program will help elderly citizens receive all the help they might need.

Program Host Lou Coviello discusses the state's newly introduced program with Susan Chasnoff, executive director of the Department of Human Services' Division on Aging.

"Chasnoff points out that the goal of NJ EASE is to create a single point of contact with

a trained professional to access information on services in a way that promotes self-choices, supports personal dignity, and facilitates the use of quality cost-effective services," said Freeholder Ed Force, liaison to the Union County Advisory Council on Aging.

With NJ EASE, callers dial (888) 280-8226 to speak with a trained service person. A message may be left on this 24-hour-a-day phone service between 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. During regular business hours trained personnel will

answer calls. Once in touch with the Union County Division on Aging and the Union County Aging Network seniors will secure the services or assistance they need to maintain healthy and independent lifestyles.

Assistance may be gained during the call itself, by referral to other agencies, by an appointment at the Division on Aging, by visiting staff persons at scheduled outreach meetings in local community centers, or, in cases of

limited mobility, during home visits under the direction of a "care manager."

The "Vintage Views" schedule: Elizabeth, TKR Cable, Channel 12, Monday at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 6 p.m. Plainfield, Comcast Cable, Channel 20, Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Sunmit area, Comcast Cable, Channel 36, Tuesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m.

In other Union County locations, Comcast Cable Channel 57, Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

COUNTY NEWS

Four officers promoted

Four members of the Union County Division of Corrections have received promotions. Director Joseph Ponte announced.

Robert Foley, who was hired by the division as a corrections officer in 1969, then upgraded to sergeant in 1985, was promoted to lieutenant.

Richard Wixon, a sergeant since 1991 after serving as a corrections officer since 1982, was promoted to lieutenant.

John Staba was promoted to sergeant. He was hired as a corrections officer in 1986.

Eric Williams, hired as a corrections officer in 1989, also was promoted to sergeant.

"These men have displayed the utmost dedication and professionalism," Ponte said. "Their promotions are well deserved."

Freeholders on TV

On the August edition of "Freeholder Forum," Union County freeholders will discuss the impact of the proposed Green Brook Flood Control Project on Union County.

The show, featuring Freeholders Linda Stender and Henry Kurtz, and Frank Meeks, a member of the Green Brook Flood Control Commission,

and chairman of the committee studying upper basin problems, will address the county's financial, safety and environmental concerns about the project proposed by the state Department of Environmental Protection and the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

The channels, dates and times of the program are:

TV-36: Summit's Channel 36 — today at noon and on Aug. 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 28.

Comcast Cablevision: Plainfield's Channel 20, at 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 13, 20 and 27.

Comcast Cablevision: Union's Channel 57, at 9:35 p.m. on Aug. 11, 18 and 25.

TKR: Elizabeth's Channel 12, at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 13, 20 and 27.

Open house at stables

The county's Watchung Stables will hold an open house Aug. 23, from 8 a.m. to noon.

This event is designed to introduce the horseback riding programs and activities offered to the public. Guided tours will be given at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Visitors also will have an opportunity to participate in a question and answer period with the stable manager and riding instructors at 10:15 a.m.

The open house is scheduled during the annual Equestrian Camp Show which showcases the achievements of students who have taken part in riding lessons during the summer. Registration materials for fall lessons will be available at the open house as well as during all other regular stable business hours.

Admission is free although those intending to attend are encouraged to pre-register. For further information, or to obtain lesson registration materials, call (908) 789-3665. The Watchung Stables is located in the Watchung Reservation at 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside.

New VVA officers

At its recent monthly meeting, Union County Chapter 688 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. held the installation ceremony for its 1997-98 officers.

Taking the oath of office were President John Ferry, 1st Vice President Jerry Hughes, 2nd Vice President Bob Clark, Treasurer Allen Weingartner and Secretary Joe McCourt. Also installed was the Board of Directors: Jim Donelan, John Hruska, Bill Larsen, Ed Martucci, Frank Schwarzer and Bill Sinkowitz.

VVA Union County Chapter 688

meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at American Legion Post 3 on North Avenue in Westfield. All Vietnam-era veterans are invited to attend the meetings. For membership information, contact Membership Chairman Bob Clark at (908) 499-9796.

Gardener program to open

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County is accepting applications for its 1997-98 Master Gardener Program.

The program gives people with an interest in horticulture an opportunity to become more educated in a variety of horticultural topics and share their expertise with county residents through volunteer programs sponsored by Rutgers Cooperative Extension. The program is open to all Union County residents without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, disability or handicap, or age.

Master Gardeners complete a course that involves attending weekly horticulture and entomology lectures, taught by Extension faculty and staff from Rutgers University. They are also trained to answer telephone inquiries, diagnose plant problems and identify insect pests.

The students complete a team land-

scaping project for a Union County Park; an Integrated Pest Management assignment for their home and a Garden Hotline Training Manual.

The lectures will be held on Friday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County Auditorium, 300 North Ave. East in Westfield. Class will begin on Oct. 17 and run through May of 1998. Applications for the Master Gardener Program can be obtained by calling Rutgers Cooperative Extension at (908) 654-9854.

Forty applicants will be accepted to the program. Upon acceptance to the program a \$90 tuition fee is due. Tuition covers the cost of a textbook, notebook and other class materials.

Students in the Master Gardener Program are committed to 100 hours of volunteer service to Rutgers Cooperative Extension. Master Gardeners provide county residents with information on gardening and maintaining their property through a Speakers' Bureau, Garden Hotline 654-9852, and Garden Fairs.

The volunteers also provide horticultural therapy programs for disabled adults and youth.

Learn tax law

H&R Block is offering a \$25 discount on its income tax course for

those who register before Aug. 15. Anyone interested in more information about the course can stop by the Block office at 1591 E. Second St. in Scotch Plains or call (908) 322-7337.

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whom like to play with the law as if it were a game, will find loopholes and precedents that could reduce this man's crime to something less significant instead of telling him he had many chances before and now he must suffer the consequences. And the anger builds.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

County community theaters receive A.C.T. nominations

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

The third annual A.C.T. Awards Picnic was held on Aug. 2 at Roosevelt Park in Edison, to announce the 1996-1997 Achievements in Community Theater Awards Nominees.

A.C.T. Executive Director Ken Paris welcomed theater company representatives from all over New Jersey. He announced that nominees had been determined based on 138 productions from 48 participating theater organizations. It was also announced that this year's nominations included two new categories — Outstanding Production of an Original Play and Outstanding Production of an Original Musical. A.C.T. Executive Board Members Andrew Gordanier, Christine Maines, Amy Ruth Levine, Joseph Schreck Jr., and Paris announced the nominees to the gathering of excited performance artists.

Several Union County-based theater companies were recognized by A.C.T. Mystic Vision Players of Linden, an offshoot of Linden Summer Playhouse, garnered the most nominations. On the technical side, Mystic Vision Players was nominated in the categories of Sound Design and Musical Direction for "Fiddler on the Roof," and Choreography for "West Side Story." On the artistic side, Mystic Vision netted nominations for Featured Actress in a Musical, Denise Gerona-Fernandez, and Featured Actor in a Musical, Tim Skarbek, for "West Side Story." In the category of Ensemble Performer in a Musical, Michael McEniry, "West Side Story," and Kevin Glackin, "Forever Plaid," will compete for Ensemble Performer in a Play, having both received nominations.

Westfield Community Players were also recognized several times. Michael Iovino was nominated for Ensemble Performer in a Play for "Rehearsal for Murder." Bobby Selig, Featured Actor in a Play, "The Sisters Rosensweig," and Cheryl Frederico, Featured Actress in a Musical, "A Day in Hollywood, A Night in the Ukraine."

Competing with Mystic Vision Players and Westfield Community Players from the Union County area are Bernard J. Solomon of Linden Summer Playhouse's recent production of "Li'l Abner," Ensemble Performer in a Musical, and John Marinko of Carnival Production of Rahway for "The Fantasticks," Featured Actor in a Musical.

Other nominations for county-based theater groups include Barbara Neff of Playhouse Association of Summit's "Lost in Yonkers," Lead Actress in a Play, and Janice Lynn of Cranford Dramatic Club's "The Wizard of Oz," Lead Actress in a Musical.

Due to this year's additional categories for original works, Mountainside's Gemini Theater Group made it into the running with two nominations. Renee Minter is a contender for Ensemble Performer in a Play, and Scott Coffey is one of four nominees for Production of an Original Play, both for "Grasping at Straws." According to Paris, Production of an Original Play is the only category listing only four nominees.

Westfield Community Players is enjoying its third year of recognition by A.C.T., having received multiple nominations in 1995 and 1996. Cranford Dramatic Club was also recognized several times by A.C.T. in 1996, and Ed Chinery of Playhouse Association of Summit was nominated for Featured Actor in a Play for "Later Life" in 1996. In addition to a nomination for Outstanding Choreography for "Jesus Christ Superstar," Mystic Vision Players won the 1995 A.C.T. Award for Outstanding Sound Design for "Nunsense." Carnival Productions, of Rahway, enjoyed multiple nominations in 1996 for "Godspell" and "The Lion in Winter," and took home two A.C.T. Awards, for Outstanding Direction of a Play, Bill Van Sant, and Outstanding Production of a Play.

Statewide competition is fierce. Voices for Life from Bergen County received 12 nominations, Playhouse 22 in East Brunswick follows with 13, Phoenix Productions, of Red Bank, netted 14. Villager's Theatre in Somerset garnered 15, and Sayreville Main Street Theatre Company swept the nominations this year with a total of 17.

The shows which received the most nominations are "She Loves Me," Gil St. Bernard's Community Players, of Gladstone, and "A Streetcar Named Desire," Attic Ensemble, of Jersey City, who are tied with ten nominations each, and "Jeffrey," Playhouse 22, and "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," Somerset Valley Players, of Neshanic, who are tied with 9 nominations each. Five shows are tied with eight nominations each: "Dancing at Lughnasa," Villagers Theatre; "A Grand Night for Singing," Voices For Life; "My Fair Lady," Phoenix Productions, and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and "Oklahoma!," both from Sayreville Main Street Theatre Company.

Each year, A.C.T. awards The Achievement in Community Theater Award to an individual or group for outstanding contributions to New Jersey community theater. Past recipients are director Nick Pelino, Jr. in 1996 and director Donn Gordon of the Rahway Revelers in 1995. This year's Achievement Award, as well as the winners in each category, will be announced on Sept. 14 at the 1997 A.C.T. Awards Ceremony, to be held at The Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank.

The Achievement in Community Theater, or A.C.T. Awards were established "to provide recognition and celebration for achievements in New Jersey community theater." An independent theater forum, the A.C.T. Awards strive to "foster growth of theater, promote awareness of theatrical endeavors, assist in providing opportunities for the development of new theatrical forms, and serve as a diverse, creative, artistic public resource and cultural record."

Community theater companies seeking further information about A.C.T. should contact Ken Paris at (732) 422-6909.

Bill Van Sant contributed to this story.

Best Musical: "A Grand Night For Singing," Voices For Life, Bergen County; "Gypsy," Civic Theatre of Hudson County, Jersey City; "Is There Life After High School?," Voices For Life; "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Sayreville Main Street Theatre Company, Sayreville; "Man of La Mancha," Theatre Guild of Old Bridge, Old Bridge; "My Fair Lady," Phoenix Productions, Red Bank; "Oklahoma!," Sayreville Main Street Theatre Company; "She Loves Me," Gill St. Bernard's Community Players, Gladstone.

Best Play: "Belles," Stonegate Artists Ensemble, Red Bank; "Dancing at Lughnasa," Villagers Theatre, Somerset; "Jeffrey," Playhouse 22, East Brunswick; "Laughing Wild," Blacksheep Theatre Company, New Brunswick; "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," Somerset Valley Players, Neshanic; "A Streetcar Named Desire," Attic Ensemble, Jersey City; "Six Degrees of Separation," Circle Players, Piscataway; "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?," Chatham Community Players, Chatham.

Best Original Musical: "The Envelope, Please," The Not Ready For Broadway Players, North Brunswick; "Let the Good Times Roll," Marlboro Players, Marlboro; "Local Stars IV," Mighty Oak Players, Jamesburg; "Remember Love," Voices For Life; "Sentimental Journey," Stagecrafters, South River; "Ta-dah!," Voices For Life; "Victorian Music Hall," Entertainers Theatre, Bridgewater.

Best Original Play: "Grasping at Straws," Gemini Theater Group, Mountainside; "Nothing Personal," Edison Valley Playhouse, Edison; "Perchance to Dream," Circle Players; "A Wing and a Prayer," Stonegate Artists Ensemble.

Director of a Musical: Todd Aikens, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Phoenix Productions; Paul H. Canada, "She Loves Me," Gill St. Bernard's Community Players; Mark Iardi, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Sayreville Main Street Theatre Company; Gary John LaRosa, "My Fair Lady," Phoenix Productions; Bruce McCandless, "Gypsy," Civic Theatre of Hudson County; Vic Morosco, "Oklahoma!," Sayreville Main Street Theatre Company; Carolyn Newman, "The Sound of Music," ShowKids Invitational Theatre; Joseph Schreck, Jr., "A Grand Night For Singing," Voices For Life.

Director of a Play: SuzAnne Barabas, "Belles," Stonegate Artists Ensemble; Linda Burson, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?," Chatham Community Players; Michael J. Calderone, "Joe Egg," Villagers Theatre; Joann Clarke-Stein, "Jeffrey," Playhouse 22; Timothy Cruse, "Laughing Wild," Blacksheep Theatre Company; Nick Pelino, Jr., "Dancing at Lughnasa," Villagers Theatre; Elaine Wal-

lace, "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," Somerset Valley Players; Michael Driscoll and Bert Hickson, "The Italian-American Reconciliation," Villagers Theatre.

Musical Direction: Michael F. Delaney, "A Grand Night For Singing," Voices For Life; Fred Fochesato, "Gypsy," Civic Theatre of Hudson County; Ken Horn, "Nunsense," Townsquare Players, Rockaway; Mark Iardi, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Sayreville Main Street Theatre Company; Paul L. Johnson, "My Fair Lady," Phoenix Productions; Alan J. Meeker, "Oklahoma!," Sayreville Main Street Theatre Company; Clifford Parrish, "She Loves Me," Gill St. Bernard's Community Players; Tom Pedas and K. Darryl Charles, "Fiddler on the Roof," Mystic Vision Players, Linden.

Actor in a Musical: Frank Andrews, "Oklahoma!," Sayreville Main Street Theatre Company; Frank Malvasi, "Gypsy," Civic Theatre of Hudson County; James Marino, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Phoenix Productions; Scott O'Connell, "Ruthless," Studio Players, Montclair; Paul O'Connor, "Little Me," Villagers Theatre; Michael Paternoster, "She Loves Me," Gill St. Bernard's Community Players; Patrick Starega, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Sayreville Main Street Theatre Company; Dan Vissers, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Civic Theatre of Hudson County.

Actress in a Musical: Sharon Coyle, "Little Me," Villagers Theatre; Frances Giannini, "Ruthless," Studio Players; Janet Greene, "Company," Civic Theatre of Hudson County; Elizabeth Lombardi, "My Fair Lady," Phoenix Productions; Gina Lupi, "She Loves Me," Gill St. Bernard's Community Players; Janice Lynn, "The Wizard of Oz," Cranford Dramatic Club, Cranford; Holly Newman, "The Sound of Music," ShowKids Invitational Theatre; Kimberly Wasserman, "Oklahoma!," Sayreville Main Street Theatre Company.

Actor in a Play: John Boucher, "Bill W. and Dr. Bob," Villagers Theatre; Jared Gertner, "Brighton Beach Memoirs," Theatre Guild of Old Bridge; Wayne Harris, "Joe Egg," Villagers Theatre; Jerry Marino, "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," Somerset Valley Players; Ronnie Marmo, "The Italian-American Reconciliation," Villagers Theatre; Cliff Parent, "Jeffrey," Playhouse 22; Matthew Neil Smith, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Chatham Community Players; Jonathan Wierzbicki, "Beau Jest," Somerset Valley Players.

Actress in a Play: Faith Agnew, "The Miracle Worker," Circle Players; Kathel Carlson Brennan, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?," Chatham Community Players. (See A.C.T., Page B5)

The 'CAST' of 'Oliver' garners praise

During the evenings of July 31 and Aug. 1, first local community drama organization, CAST — Community Actors' Student Theater Inc. — performed an amazing rendition of the musical, "Oliver!" With a cast of almost 40 people, half of whom were in a play for the first time, director M. Rebecca Hubinger really had her hands full. Regardless of the number of people, Hubinger proved that she can take a large semi-experienced cast and create an explosion of talent in the acting and musical aspects.

Based on the novel by Charles Dickens, "Oliver!" is a musical about a young orphan in Victoria, England, who is sold to a funeral director from a workshop because he asked for more food. Running away to escape punishment, he ends up meeting a group of young pick-pockets led by a man named Fagin. While out on his first day of criminal endeavors, Oliver gets caught by Mrs. Brownlow who takes him in and attempts to transform him into a gentleman. However, fearing that he may lead the police back to Fagin and the rest of the criminal gang, Bill Sykes kidnaps Oliver. Once back in the den of London's criminal activity, Oliver and good-hearted Nancy face the dilemma of escaping or being killed.

The show, difficult because of the required accents and Victorian manners, went well. There was an easy flow of music with the acting accents

Theater View

By Joseph Harvey
Correspondent

thanks to Sandra Parker, the musical director and conductor of the orchestra which provided a full sound though it consisted of only two members. Cynthia Chattin on piano and Vinnie Capodice on drums. Capodice helped the cast by providing a clear mood to each piece by varying the intensity with which he supported the melody.

The acting was superb. While most of the actors and actresses are very young, many of them did a great job with the various British accents required and the demeanor of the Victorian lady, gentleman, or thief in the street.

Abby Washuta played the role of the orphan Oliver. She, yes, she, gave an astonishing performance and in the tradition of the actresses who have played Hamlet in the past proved that a girl can play a male role well. Her angelic voice and emotional delivery captured the hearts of the audience in this outstanding performance. The Artful Dodger, another male part performed by a female, was played by Ann Guzevich. She did a phenomenal job as the pick-pocket and righthand man to Fagin.

Fagin, played by John Fay, stole the show. This is his seventh year performing in summer productions for CAST and this veteran performed his role of the leader of the group of

young pick-pockets stupendously. The workshop proprietor, Mr. Bumble was played by Christopher Johnson, who gave a very funny performance as the conniving wooer of Widow Comey played by Ximena Gonzalez. Gonzalez has an amazing voice to complement her fine acting.

The best scenes in this rendition of "Oliver!" were the funeral parlor scenes. The chemistry between the actors and actresses was uncanny. All the actors seemed to gel into a unified presentation. Curtis Cerillo played the funeral parlor owner Mr. Sowerberry and received the crowd's full attention during his comical song, "That's Your Funeral." Karyn Mack played Mrs. Sowerberry and also gave quite a whimsical performance. Judy Murphy as the servant Charlotte and Veronica Friedman as the bully who insults Oliver's mother causing him to fly into a rage did fine jobs. All of these performers did an outstanding job at keeping the chemistry flowing and the energy at an amazing level.

The role of the drunken female who cared for Oliver was played very convincingly by Lindsey Brooks, as was the role of Bet, her often silent friend, played by Jaime Laudati. Old Sally and Old Annie were played by Jaime Ravaoli and Lisa Calabrese with very comical touches. These parts, though not large, were critical as they helped move the plot along.

Take a wonderful set, interesting lighting, period costumes, dedicated professionals, motivated beginners, and hours of hard work and what happens? They combine like hydrogen and oxygen to form a group that refreshes an audience's spirits on a hot summer night.

Jones' popularity is still going strong

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Tom Jones' dynamic voice, after 33 years, is intact, and he can still turn an audience of his followers into a wild, screaming and whistling crowd. In his concert at the Paper Mill Playhouse on July 29, as part of the summer series, it was a real experience to watch him perform on stage with a trio of beautiful women singers as backup and a seven-piece orchestra that included some of the noisiest drums ever.

The Welsh performer, whose repertoire included old favorites and some new numbers, was adorned in pants that seemed a size too small. Let's face it, he has put on some weight through the years, and sweated through two custom-made shirts in the realm of two hours, with a 20-minute intermission.

The indefatigable Jones belted out such numbers as "What's New Pussycat?," which in 1965, was number three on the United States charts; "Green Green Grass of Home," number 11 in the United States in 1966; "I'll Never Love Again," number six and a gold award in 1967; "Delilah," number 15 in 1968; "Love Me Tonight," Top 40 hit in 1969; "Without Love," gold and No. 4 on the charts in 1970, and "She's a Lady," number two in 1971.

As he wriggled and sang and bounced about the stage reminiscent of his stage appearances many years ago, his audience wildly bounced along with the performer. In fact, one patron, sitting next to this reviewer, howled and mimicked and nearly jumped out of his skin as he screamed, "Sing it, Tommy. Looking good, Tommy."



Tom Jones

Later in the show, Jones, holding firm his microphone, asked the audience, "Are we having fun — or what?" And the response was ear-deafening — it nearly tore the walls and ceiling from the theater — it did, in fact, compete with the clash of the symbols and the throb of the drums.

Unquestionably, Jones did sing his heart out, and the other numbers in which he excelled included "Walking in Memphis," "To Make You Make You Love Me," "There You Go" and "Do Right By Me."

When Jones made an attempt to end the concert, his audience really went wild. Everyone stood up, whistled and roared and screamed until the veteran performer acquiesced. Everyone sat down to listen, and one fan tossed a bouquet of flowers on stage. Better flowers than panties. Jones ignored the flowers; perhaps he was too worn out to pick them up.

Certainly, he worked hard — and certainly, it was appreciated. It was nearly like old times. After all, this is Tom Jones. Right?

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Director uses Hitchcock style in 'The Last Seduction'

Film critics across the United States were recently polled to find out who they thought was the greatest director of all-time. This is obviously an extremely difficult question. Charles Chaplin directed many of his own pictures. John Ford and John Huston both have numerous classics to their name including "Stagecoach" and "The Maltese Falcon." Spielberg, Scorsese and Coppola, with films like "Jaws," "Taxi Driver," and "The Godfather" were all in the running. Stanley Kubrick, the director of "2001 A Space Odyssey," "Clockwork Orange," "The Shining" and other landmark pictures, was thought to be one of the favorites.

But when the votes were counted, Alfred Hitchcock was awarded the title. Hitchcock was one of only a few directors who stuck to one basic genre — the thriller. He had a style that kept viewers on the edge of their seats and the scripts he worked with were, for the most part, near flawless.

It's safe to say that John Dahl, the director of "The Last Seduction," is a very big Hitchcock fan. The film is a winding road of suspense and leaves the viewer with the feeling they're walking blindfolded through a minefield. Linda Fiorentino stars as Bridget, the "loving wife of Clay," played by Bill Pullman. Pullman's a doctor who chooses to make his money writing out prescriptions to drug addicts and dealers.

He decides to make a big score and sell a suitcase of pharmaceuticals, pocketing \$750,000. He meets his very dangerous customers under a bridge near the Hudson River and almost gets his head blown off. But he brings home the bacon to his wife with thoughts of a new life in his head. The only problem is, she's got

The Video Detective

By Jim Riffel

some thoughts of her own, which include the money but don't include him.

Moments after he steps into the shower to get ready for their first night out as rich people, she puts the oils in a bag and jumps in a cab. This is doubly troublesome for Clay since he owes a loan shark some serious money. The next day she's farther away and he's been awarded a broken thumb by his money man.

Bridget sets down in a little farm town and displays the charms which make her one of the most heartless femme fatales to grace the screen in years — Madonna would have loved this role. She quickly meets an innocent young Lowmie Mike, played by Peter Berg and uses him like a sculptor uses a chisel. She creates a plan to get her husband, who's ready to dismember her, off her back. The problem for the unknowing Mike is his role in the plan could send him to the electric chair.

Dahl's smooth directing style makes the 100 minute running time virtually fly by. I'd bet if Hitchcock saw the film he'd be giving it the thumbs up.

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

Museum seeks artists, crafters for fall show

The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library will sponsor its first annual Art Show and Sale on Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum is seeking professional artists and craftspeople to participate in the event, which is designed to showcase the area's most creative talent while raising funds for the museum's ongoing exhibitions and events.

A fee of \$30 per table will guarantee an artist a table or up to five feet of wall space. No other fees will be charged to artists. If interested, registration for the event must be made by Aug. 15, and may be done so by contacting Susan Permahos at (973) 376-4930.

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DINING REVIEW
August 7, 1997

ALEXUS STEAKHOUSE & TAVERN
"The place to go for great Steak - Burgers - Sandwiches"

by Renee Illan
The Alexis Steakhouse & Tavern has a new look and new menu. This restaurant includes new cozy dining areas, a 57-foot-long bar, extensive dining and party room for your special occasions. Located just five miles from the Garden State Parkway, this venue provides a perfect setting for casual dining.

The reverberation of upbeat music greets diners as they enter this comfortable restaurant. It's perfect for a family outing, a lunch getaway from the office, or just a place to catch a game on one of their many televisions. Novelty mirrors and neon signs suggest the free spirit of the restaurant.

Alexis is famous for their "Outrageous steaks and overstuffed sandwiches." But there is an abundance of items to choose from their new menu and all are reasonably priced. I suggest you bring a hearty appetite because these portions exceed what you might expect.

The service staff was attentive and friendly, allowing me to control the pace of the meal. Diners are greeted at the table with deep dish bowls stocked with pickles, hot red peppers, and a house salad of cucumbers, carrots, and shredded cabbage. You must taste the pub style Cheddar Poppers, Mozzarella Sticks, or Buffalo Wings, all priced at \$3.95. Other appetizers include Awesome Nachos, Fries Calamari and the Onion Flower. Alexis' Homemade New England Clam Chowder and Onion Soup heaping with cheese will hit the spot.

I tried the famous 24 oz. Delmonico Steak for \$11.95 which came with choice of Baked potato, seasoned rice, or steak fries. A full 24 oz. Sirloin was a flattering size and was mouth watering tender and done to perfection. My partner had the Salmon Fillet also priced at \$11.95 which was baked and served with choice of potato, seasoned rice, or steak fries, and topped with a homemade dill sauce. Again a flattering portion, which was fresh and flaky. To top off this sumptuous meal we enjoyed the strawberry shortcake fresh piled high with strawberries and whipped cream and the old favorite carrot cake. Coffee and cappuccino was a rewarding finish.

Alexis has a new favorite on the menu in addition to the 24 oz. steaks. Introducing the new 14 oz. cut of Prime Rib for only \$9.95. We encourage all to come and give it a try.

The house wines come by the glass, half carafe, or full carafe. Choose from Sparkling Asti, Chardonnay, and many others will compliment any meal. Mugs of domestic drafts at \$1.45 are more than a bargain.

Reservations are not necessary for this colorful and inviting eatery. Alexis Steakhouse & Tavern is located at 1230 Route 22 West in Mountainside. Lunch and dinner hours: 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 11:30 a.m. to midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. On Sundays, dinner is served from 3 to 10 p.m. For more information, call (908) 233-5300.

This column is intended to inform our readers about dining opportunities in the area

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The Best Of Summer Time Dining

The three 'B's make the grade

By Hope A. Kondrk
Correspondent

The Diamond Hill Summer Chorus performed "A Garland of B's" on July 31 at the Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township, for an audience of friends and patrons. What exactly is a "Garland of B's," you may ask? The B's refer to the composers of the evening's selections performed by the Chorus, which included Johannes Brahms, Adriano Banchieri and last but not least Georges Bizet.

Garyth Nair, the group's conductor, served as emcee for the evening introducing the selections. He began by revealing a conversation he had previously with one of the Chorus members about the program. The program, according to the member, ranged from the "sublime to the ridiculous." The music to follow did indeed live up to those expectations.

The Chorus, elegantly attired in traditional black-and-white, performed "Nanic Op. 82" by Johannes Brahms. A truly splendid selection indeed, well deserving of the title of sublime.

The next selections for the program were excerpts from "Festino nella sera del Giovedì grasso avanti Cena" by Adriano Banchieri. Banchieri takes quite a non-traditional approach to writing choral music. The selections used human voices to imitate animals and musical instruments. The highlights of those excerpts was a trio of Chorus members imitating the Jew's Harp.

My favorite was the last two selections, "Capricciata a tre voci" and "Contra-ponto bestiale alla mente," which are traditionally performed together. Nair in his introduction of these pieces translated the titles into English. The rough translations being "Three Scatterbrains Sing" and "Animals Improve Counter-point." The animals named were a dog, a cat, a cuckoo and an owl. The soloist entered from the vestibule dressed in the appropriate costume, much to the surprise and delight of the audience. What could be called the ridiculous was absolutely enchanting to me and also to the younger members of the audience.

Following intermission, the program continued with "Schicksalslied, Op. 54," another Brahms composition. Nair explained that this piece is done in two sections. The first addresses the celestial beings, characterizing their carefree existence and freedom from the restrictions which bind humanity. The second section addresses the human condition, portraying through music and voice the trials and tribulations of humanity.

In order to end on a positive note, Brahms returns his listener to the world of the celestial beings. Nair's passionate and energetic conducting along with the harmonious voices of the Chorus lured me into its depths and then released me to soar into the great vast unknown.

The last 5 selections were excerpts from the opera "Carmen" by Georges Bizet. The program ended with a rousing version of "March — Les Voici." The Diamond Hill Summer Chorus is an offshoot of the Summit Chorale. The members are amateur choral singers who wish to participate during the summer season. This year marks its 19th season. The Chorus was originally founded by Albert Dorhout while he served as choir director at Governor Livingston High School. Nair was recruited by Dorhout in 1976. Nair's credits include his work as the conductor of Summit Chorale and The Chamber Symphony of New Jersey. He is also an associate professor of music at Drew University.

A.C.T. Award nominees are announced

(Continued from Page B3)

Jennifer Douglas, "Rumors," Sayreville; Janet Greene, "A Streetcar Named Desire," Attic; Ann Marie Hattersley, "Noises Off," Studio; Barbara Neff, "Lost in Yonkers," Playhouse Association of Summit; Rose Anne Testa, "Beyond Therapy," Stonegate; B.J. Welsh, "Laughing Wild," Blacksheep.

Featured Actor in a Musical: Robert Duffy, "The 1940s Radio Hour," Trilogy Repertory Theatre; John Marinko, "The Fantasticks," Carnival Productions; Joe Minella, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Phoenix; Greg Moran, "My Fair Lady," Townsquare; Vic Morosco, "Man of La Mancha," Theatre Guild of Old Bridge; Tim Skarbek, "West Side Story," Mystic Vision; Paul Stabile, "Little Shop of Horrors," Studio; Patrick Starega, "Oklahoma!," Sayreville.

Featured Actress in a Musical: Terri Cernitto, "A Grand Night For Singing," VFL; Jeanette Fitzpatrick, "She Loves Me," Gill St. Bernard's; Cheryl Frederico, "A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine," Westfield Community Players; Kimberle Gehring, "Nunsense," Townsquare; Denise Gerona-Fernandez, "West Side Story," Mystic Vision; Leslie Hochman, "Oklahoma!," Sayreville; Helene Reiffe, "A Grand Night For Singing," VFL; Beth Valenti, "Is There Life After High School?," VFL.

Featured Actor in a Play: Kevin Carr, "Six Degrees of Separation," Circle; John Dowgin, "Jeffrey," Playhouse 22; Michael Harr, "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," Somerset Valley; Dennis O'Herlihy, "Perchance to Dream," Circle; Joe Prussak, "A Streetcar Named Desire," Attic; Joe Rapelye, "Barefoot in the Park," Playhouse 22; Bobby Selig, "The Sisters Rosensweig," WCP; Marty Sherman, "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," Somerset Valley.

Featured Actress in a Play: Janet Aspinwall, "Dancing at Lughnasa," Villagers; Ellen Cusick, "Dancing at Lughnasa," Villagers; Diane Gilch, "Jeffrey," Playhouse 22; Lillian Israel, "Six Degrees of Separation," Circle; Pat Lacarubba, "Barefoot in the Park," Playhouse 22; Deirdre MacNamara, "A Streetcar Named Desire," Attic; Joann Smith, "A Streetcar Named Desire," Attic; Rose Anne Testa, "Belles," Stonegate.

Ensemble Performer in a Musical: Staci Beth Block, "Ta-dah!," VFL; Kevin Glackin, "Forever Plaid," Mystic Vision; Louis Mastro, "Gypsy," Civic Theatre of Hudson County; Megan McEnery, "She Loves Me," Gill St. Bernard's; Michael McEniry, "West Side Story," Mystic Vision; Pamela D. Roberts, "Tommy," Phoenix; Darryl Sanks, "Guys and Dolls," Manalapan Community Players; Bernard J. Solomon, "Li'l Abner," Linden Summer Playhouse.

Ensemble Performer in a Play: Rich Ahrens, "Night Watch," Iron Mountain Stage Company, Ringwood; Ana Cammarata, "A Christmas Carol," Playhouse 22; Michael Iovino, "Rehearsal For Murder," WCP-L; Robert Johnson, "Barefoot in the Park," Park Players, Union City; T.C. Leszczynski, "California Suite," West Milford Players, Brian McCartney, "Jeffrey," Playhouse 22; Renee Minter, "Grasping at Straws," Gemini; Mike Procopio, "Jeffrey," Playhouse 22.

Stage Management: Debbie Goncalves, "Man of La Mancha," Theatre Guild of Old Bridge; Mary Beth Griffin, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Civic Theatre of Hudson County; Eric Levin,

"My Fair Lady," Phoenix; Steve Lind, "California Suite," West Milford; Margaret Moore, "Dancing at Lughnasa," Villagers; Amy Richman, "Barefoot in the Park," Playhouse 22; Stephanie Simons, "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," Somerset Valley; Stephanie Simons, "Perchance to Dream," Circle.

Set Design: Bill Biach, "Making a Killing," Edison Valley; James Brennan, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Chatham Community Players; Paul H. Canada, "She Loves Me," Gill St. Bernard's; Tom Martini, "My Fair Lady," Phoenix; Jak Prince, "Man of La Mancha," Theatre Guild of Old Bridge; Brian Waggoner, "A Streetcar Named Desire," Attic; Brian Waggoner, "Gypsy," Civic Theatre of Hudson County; Nick Pelino, Jr., "Dancing at Lughnasa," Villagers.

Properties: Rebecca Migliore, "Night Watch," Livingston Community Players; Stephanie Simons, "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," Somerset Valley; Holly Rhodes, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Sayreville; Joann Smith, "A Streetcar Named Desire," Attic; Hedi Wyckoff, "Oklahoma!," Sayreville; Sara Hoolihan and Christina Hicks, "Man of La Mancha," Theatre Guild of Old Bridge; Tish Lum and Sally Sullivan, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?," Chatham; Cast and Crew, "Noises Off," Studio.

Choreography: Cheryl Davis, "Tommy," Townsquare; Margery Gray, "She Loves Me," Gill St. Bernard's; Barbara-Jude Greco, "West Side Story," Mystic Vision; Gary John LaRosa, "My Fair Lady," Phoenix; Jill Price, "Oklahoma!," Sayreville; Patrick Starega, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Sayreville; Michael P. Lawrence, "Little Shop of Horrors," Studio.

Costume Design: Alexandra Durant, "Night Watch," Livingston; Linda Erickson, "My Fair Lady," Phoenix; Ellen Fitzpatrick, "She Loves Me," Gill St. Bernard's; Wanda Maragni, "A Streetcar Named Desire," Attic; Susan Takacs, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Sayreville; Jennifer Larsen and Robin Cassetta, "The Taming of the Shrew," Trilogy Repertory Theatre; Costume Staff, "Kiss Me, Kate," Spring Lake Theatre Company; Costumer, "Belles," Stonegate.

Sound Design: Brian Alspach, "Barefoot in the Park," Playhouse 22; Jon Ballek, "Dancing at Lughnasa," Villagers Theatre; Judith Moss, "A Streetcar Named Desire," Attic Ensemble; Mark Vollrath, "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," Somerset Valley Players; Merek Royce Press, "Beyond Therapy," Stonegate Artists Ensemble; Joseph Schreck, Jr., "A Grand Night For Singing," Voices For Life; James Tormos, "Man of La Mancha," Theatre Guild of Old Bridge; Willie West, "Fiddler on the Roof," Mystic Vision Players.

Lighting Design: Joe DiNardo, "Dancing at Lughnasa," Villagers Theatre; Richard Hennessy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Chatham Community Players; Alan Levine, "Jeffrey," Playhouse 22; Andrew Martini, "Tommy," Phoenix Productions; Diane Nigro, "A Streetcar Named Desire," Attic Ensemble; Andy Weiss, "Beyond Therapy," Stonegate Artists Ensemble; Suzanne Wengryn, "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," Somerset Valley Players; Jared Saltzman and Lon Jandura, "A Grand Night For Singing," Voices For Life.

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Stepping Out

ART SHOWS

DUCRET SCHOOL OF THE ARTS will present selected works of prize winners of the 1997 Juried Fine Art Student Show through Aug. 16.

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

BARRON ARTS CENTER will present "Anniversary Art Exhibit" through Aug. 17.

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

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, through Aug. 17. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

OPPOSITES a diverse media exhibit by New Art Group, will hang at the Watchung Arts Center through Aug. 30. A reception will be held on Aug. 10 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Gallery hours are 1 to 4 p.m., weekdays and Saturdays. The arts center is located on the Watchung Circle. For information call (908) 753-0190.

VOX GALLERY will present recent works of Danielle Mick and Sy Shames throughout August.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. The gallery is located at 444 Springfield Ave., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-2551.

NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY has opened a major exhibition celebrating the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's 75th Anniversary. "In Harmony for 75 Years — The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, 1922-1997," will focus on many different facets of the Orchestra's rich history.

The exhibit will run through Sept. 6. The library is located at 5 Washington St., Newark. Library hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TRAVELS & REFLECTIONS, photographs by Sheila Lengua of Union, will be on display at Les Malamut Art Gallery in the Union Library through Sept. 22. A reception will be held on Sept. 6 from 3 to 5 p.m.

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

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.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL will present the Third Annual Juried Exhibit by the New Jersey Photography Forum during August and September. A reception will be held on Sept. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m.

The exhibit will be located in the East Wing. The hospital is located on New Providence Road in Mountainside.

VAN GOGH'S EAR CAFE will present an art exhibit by Robert D'Imperial on Sunday. A reception will be held on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Van Gogh's Ear Cafe is located at 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union. For information, call (908) 810-1844.

ELIZABETH LIBRARY will display recent oils, drawings and collage by Dereck Jay Dent on Aug. 27.

This event is scheduled at the Main Branch located at 11 So. Broad St., Elizabeth.

SUMMIT FRAME & ART is presenting a collection of paintings, etchings, lithographs and woodblocks dating from the 1850s to the 1950s.

Summit Frame and Art is located at 465 Springfield Ave., Summit. Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays until 8 p.m. For information, call (908) 273-8665.

GARDENIA: Installation by Cindy Tower runs from Sept. 5 through Nov. 2 in the Palmer Gallery at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts.

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

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS will present art work by Michelle Post, opening Sept. 5.

The exhibit will hang in The Members Gallery. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

AUDITIONS

HEAD CHEESE, Rahway's resident comedy troupe, is looking for a few good stand-up comics — and even a few bad ones, for a comedy revue tentatively scheduled for mid-September. All creative acts, musical or otherwise, will be considered. Experience is interesting but definitely not necessary. If you can make us laugh, you've got what it takes.

Call (908) 382-3692 for an audition appointment.

CARNIVAL PRODUCTIONS will be holding auditions for "All My Sons" by Arthur Miller on Aug. 17, 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. Performance dates are Nov. 7-9 and Nov. 13-15.

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RAHWAY VALLEY JERSEYAIRES rehearse every Monday at 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Men of all ages are welcome. For information, call (908) 925-2629.

BENEFITS

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE will sponsor "An Evening of Food, Wine and Entertainment" on Saturday from 7 to 10:30 p.m. to benefit the Millburn-Short Hills Summer Concert Series. Key attractions are food prepared by area restaurants, wine tastings, and dancing to live music by Gordon James and his band, with their blend of jazz, Latin, rhythm and blues and pop music.

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CONCERTS

ELIZABETH LIBRARY will present jazz guitarist and singer Eddie Hazell today at 1 p.m.

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MAYOR'S CONCERT SERIES will present Smooth — A Motown Revue today from 7 to 9 p.m. outside Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors to Rahway Intermediate School, located on Kline Place in Rahway. For information, call (908) 827-2045.

MINSTREL COFFEEHOUSE will present Open Stage tomorrow at 8 p.m.

Arrive before 7 p.m. to be one of the first seven performers, guaranteed a 15-minute performance slot. Arrive by 7:45 when the remaining 4 performance slots are dispensed by lottery.

The Minstrel Coffeehouse is a coffeehouse/concert series run by the Folk Project, a non-profit folk music and arts organization. The Project is located at the Somerset County Environmental Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road, Basking Ridge. Shows are held every Friday year-round, presenting folk music in its broadest sense. Coffee, tea and baked goods are served, no alcohol or tobacco are allowed. Admission is \$5. For information, call (908) 766-2489.

BLUE GRASS NIGHT with The Blue-tones will be presented on Tuesday from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. at Wilson Park in Linden.

The park is located on Summit Terrace. In case of rain, the concert will be held at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center located at 330 Helen St., Linden. For information, call (908) 474-8604 or (908) 474-8627.

SUMMIT RECREATION will present the Pan Jersey Steel Band on Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The concert will be held on the village green in downtown Summit. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held indoors at the Summit Middle School Auditorium. For information, call (908) 277-4119 after 4:30 p.m.

SMOOTH, a Motown revue featuring the tunes of The Temptations and the Four Tops, will perform on Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Memorial Park in Berkeley Heights.

In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the Governor Livingston Regional High School Auditorium, Watchung Boulevard, Berkeley Heights. For information, call (908) 464-0625 and (908) 464-0550.

UNION COUNTY SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL Concert Series will present "An Evening of Motown" featuring the Sensational Soul Cruisers on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will be held in Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. The rain site is Cranford High School Auditorium on West End Place in Cranford. For information, call (908) 527-4900 or (908) 352-8410.

BILLY ERIC will perform in concert on Aug. 14 at 8 p.m. at Mindowaskin Park in Westfield.

For information, call (908) 789-4080.

ISRAELI FESTIVAL OF UNION will present "Jewish Music Under the Stars" on Aug. 14 at 7:30 p.m. The free concert will be held in Friberger Park in Union. The West End Klezmerim will perform.

The park is located behind the Union Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Ave., Union. In case of rain, the concert will be held in Burnet Middle School Auditorium on Morris and Caldwell avenues in Union. For information, call (908) 687-4124.

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS will present a concert of Jewish music on Aug. 14 from 8 to 10 p.m. in Friberger Park in Union.

The park is located on Morris Avenue in Union. In the event of rain, the concert will be moved to Union High School Auditorium on North Third Street in Union.

MAYOR'S CONCERT SERIES will present country music by Tim Gillis Band on Aug. 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. outside Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors to Rahway Intermediate School, located on Kline Place in Rahway. For information, call (908) 827-2045.

NEW YORK CLASSICAL STRINGS will perform in concert on Aug. 14 at 7:30 p.m. on the village green in Scotch Plains.

In case of rain, all concerts will be moved indoors to the high school auditorium on Westfield Avenue. For information, call (908) 322-6700, ext. 220.

SUMMIT RECREATION will present "The Infernos" on Aug. 19 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The concert will be held on the village green in downtown Summit. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held indoors at the Summit Middle School Auditorium. For information, call (908) 277-4119 after 4:30 p.m.

BERKELEY HEIGHTS free summer concert series will present a concert of vintage country music on Aug. 20 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Memorial Park in Berkeley Heights.

In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the Governor Livingston Regional High School Auditorium, Watchung Boulevard, Berkeley Heights. For information, call (908) 464-0625 and (908) 464-0550.

BIG BAND NIGHT featuring the Sammy Kaye Orchestra will take place on Aug. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Echo Lake Park in Mountainside.

The rain site is Cranford High School Auditorium on West End Place in Cranford. For information, call (908) 527-4900 or (908) 352-8410.

MAYOR'S CONCERT SERIES will present Latin Jazz Connection on Aug. 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. outside Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors to Rahway Intermediate School, located on Kline Place in Rahway. For information, call (908) 827-2045.

THE KEN SERIO TRIO will perform on

Aug. 21 at 8 p.m. in Mindowaskin Park in Westfield.

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WALRUS BAND, a tribute to the Beatles, will perform in concert on Aug. 21 at 7:30 p.m. on the village green in Scotch Plains.

In case of rain, the concert will be moved to the high school auditorium on Westfield Road. For information, call (908) 322-6700, ext. 220.

THE PARTY DOLLS will perform the music of girl groups of the 60s, 70s and 80s on Aug. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Echo Lake Park in Mountainside.

The rain site is Cranford High School Auditorium on West End Place in Cranford. For information, call (908) 527-4900 or (908) 352-8410.

MAYOR'S CONCERT SERIES will present The Fabulous Duprees on Aug. 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. outside Union County Arts Center.

In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors to Rahway Intermediate School, located on Kline Place in Rahway. For information, call (908) 827-2045.

TONY CORBISCELLO ORCHESTRA will perform in concert on Aug. 28 at 7:30 p.m. on the village green in Scotch Plains.

In case of rain, the concert will be moved to the high school auditorium on Westfield Road. For information, call (908) 322-6700, ext. 220.

LYRICA CHAMBER MUSIC will present its 10th anniversary subscription series with four chamber music concerts 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) 761-1734.

FAIRS

JEWISH RENAISSANCE FAIR will be held on Aug. 31 on the campus of the Rabbinical College of America in Morristown. Children's activities, carnival games, an arts-and-crafts village, mini-golf course, hayrides, bumperboats, hands-on workshops, among other activities and events, are planned.

Advance tickets are discounted. Regular ticket prices are \$7.50 for children between the ages of 6 and 12, and \$15 for adults. Children under 6 are free.

Rain date is Sept. 1. For information, call (973) 267-9404.

FILMS

ELIZABETH LIBRARY will show "The Funeral" on Wednesday at 7 p.m. This 1996 film was partly shot in Elizabeth, and was based on a 1930s New York City Italian man and gang life.

On Aug. 27 at 10:30 a.m., "Berth Marks," a 20-minute black-and-white film shot in 1929, will feature vintage Stan and Ollie mishaps in the upper birth of Pullman Car "Saps at Sea," a 60-minute black-and-white film shot in 1940, will feature Laurel and Hardy set out to sea for vacation, only to sail into an escaped convict.

Admission is \$5. The films will be shown in the fourth floor auditorium of the Main Branch located at 11 So. Broad St., Elizabeth.

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

KIDS

ART CAMP will be offered at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts from Aug. 11-15. For one-week, children will have the opportunity to explore painting, drawing, pottery, printmaking and watercolor with expert instructors. To be held Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., children will be exposed to art studios and be able to take advantage of the new Art Park for classes outdoors.

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ALL CHILDREN'S THEATRE will be held at Watchung Arts Center from Aug. 17 through 29. Children will take part in all aspects of producing a musical.

The arts center is located on the Watchung Circle. For information, call (908) 753-0190.

MISCELLANEOUS

CRANFORD CANOE CLUB is open weekdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Cost is 8.48 per hour per canoe. A key deposit is required. Maximum canoe occupancy is two adults and two children. Life preservers are provided, and are required for children.

Cranford Canoe Club is located at the corner of Springfield and Orange avenues. For information, call (908) 709-7285.

CRESCENT GOLF RANGE features miniature golf from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.



Elizabeth Library will show "The Funeral" on Wednesday at 7 p.m., a 1996 film partly shot in Elizabeth, and based on a 1930s New York City Italian man and gang life.

daily Games cost \$4 per person. The golf range is located at 2235 Spring Ave., Union. For information, call (908) 688-9767.

COUNTY POOLS are open through Labor Day, Sept. 1.

John Russell Wheeler Pool, located on Stiles Street and Route 1 in Linden, and the Walter E. Ulmch Memorial Pool, located in Rahway River Park on St. Georges Avenue in Rahway, feature adult and children's pools. A variety of swimming lessons are offered at the Ulmch Pool.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Wheeler Pool swim times will be 1 to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday hours are 1 to 8 p.m. Ulmch Pool's hours will be 1 to 8 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays are 1 to 6 p.m. Weekend and holidays, both pools will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Daily admission fees are \$4 for adult county residents; \$8 for out-of-county adult. Discounted rates are available for youths 17 years and younger, and seniors 62 and older. Ten and 30-visit discount cards are also on sale. Identification will be required before admission or the out-of-county rate will be charged. No one under the age of 12 will be admitted without an adult. For information, call (908) 527-4900.

LINDEN LANES features Laser Light Bowling to the music of the 70s, every Saturday night after 10 p.m.

Games cost \$3 per person. Linden Lanes is located at 741 N. Stiles Ave., Linden. For information, call (908) 925-3550.

PADDLE BOATS are available for rental daily between noon and 6 p.m. at Warnanco Park, located on St. George Avenue in Elizabeth.

Boat rental is \$6. Boats seat up to 5 people. For further information, call (908) 298-7845.

POETRY

POETSWEDNESDAY, sponsored by the Barron Arts Center, will feature readings by published poets and an open-mike session on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

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

OPEN MIKE POETRY is featured at Barnes & Noble Cafe on the third Sunday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Barnes & Noble bookstore is located at 240 Route 22 West in Springfield. For information, call (201) 376-8544.

FAMOUS POETS SOCIETY is sponsoring a free poetry competition open to all persons living in the Union area.

Poets may send one poem of 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Competition, 1626 N. Wilcox Ave., Suite 126, Los Angeles, CA 90028. Deadline for entry is Aug. 18, 1997.

AMERICAN FREE POETRY CONTEST is open to everyone and is free. Every poem entered has a chance to

be published in a hardbound anthology. In addition, \$25,000 will be awarded by the Famous Poets Society.

The poem should be no more than 20 lines, with the poet's name and address on the top of the page. To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style to: Free Poetry Contest, 421 N. Rodeo Dr., Suite 15-544, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. Entries must be postmarked by Aug. 27, 1997.

THEATRE

HAMLET II: BETTER THAN THE ORIGINAL will be presented at Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield. The play tells the story of Hamlet and turns it into a Mel Brooks-esque parody of Shakespeare.

Showtimes are today and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$4 and proceeds will benefit Yes We Care Soup Kitchen of Union County. For information, call (908) 272-1210.

BLITHE SPIRIT, Noel Coward's comedy of manners, will be presented by the Shakespeare Festival at the Community Theatre of Morristown. Dylan Baker, who directed last season's triumphant "Our Town," returns to direct this comedy featuring chic ghosts, uproarious scenes and the paranormal in high style.

"Blithe Spirit" runs tomorrow through Aug. 24. The theater is located at 100 South St., Morristown. For information, call (201) 408-5600.

JERSEY VOICES THEATRE will present its third annual festival of original one-act plays by New Jersey writers tomorrow and Saturday at 8 p.m. Five plays were selected from among the works that were submitted.

A reception featuring informal discussions with the authors will follow each performance. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$7. The theater is located at 23 North Passaic Ave., in Chatham. For information, call (201) 736-5355.

FUNCTION TEN will present "Madam's Been Murdered... Tea Will Be Late" on Aug. 15 at 8 p.m., and Aug. 16 and 17 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Shows will take place at Osceola Presbyterian Church, located at 1689 Raritan Road in Clark. For information, call (908) 602-2173.

TRIPS

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS will sponsor an Artist's Studio Tour of Hoboken on Sept. 23.

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NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS will sponsor a trip to Baltimore to view the Victoria and Albert Museum Collection on Oct. 23.

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Children are in control of WYACT production

Much has been said of late regarding the proper behavior of children and the correct approach to discipline. Westfield Young Artist's Cooperative Theatre has taken this issue to a new level with their presentation of "The Children's Hour" on Aug. 1, 2 and 3. This serious adult story about a young lady whose manipulation of others has disastrous consequences leaves the viewer wondering if a spanking would have had any effect at all.

The time is circa 1940, the setting the Wright-Dobie School for Girls, where the two headmistresses/co-founders are conducting scheduled classes. They are distracted by the actions of Mary Tilford, a rebellious student unwilling to cooperate, and even less willing to accept responsibility for her actions. In the midst of the frustration of dealing with Mary, Karen Wright is caught up in planning her marriage to Dr. Joseph Cardin, Mary's uncle, and bewilderment at the reactions of her business partner, Martha Dobie, to the wedding plans. When the headmistresses become more stern with the difficult Mary, the young lady runs away and devises a malevolent lie to make sure she is never sent back.

The actors were very strong in their roles, which called for a good number of intensely emotional scenes. Meghan Steinbrecher was charmingly over-the-top in her portrayal of Dobie's melodramatic, has-been actress aunt Lily Mortar. Her mincing about the stage kept the audience giggling, although Steinbrecher seemed a bit too young for the role. Ginny Paynter played a consistently sweet and concerned Karen Wright, and Kate Cuca communicated a good deal of under-

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By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

lying emotion — not an easy task in this role — as Martha Dobie. Both actors exhibited great delivery during some highly charged scenes. Linda Giuditta gave an impressive performance as Mary's grandmother, Amelia Tilford.

And let us not forget the "children," for they make both this production and WYACT a success. As the students at the Wright-Dobie School, all players delivered lines well, with appropriate inflections and timing. Margaret Brautigam did a great job as the frightened Rosalie Wells, blackmailed by Mary into participating in the injurious prevarication. Not to be overlooked is the lead player herself, Caroline Moore. Bouncing from whiny to angry to intimidating to patronizingly sweet and back again, Moore's Mary was every parent's nightmare.

Lighting cues were very well done, highlighting important dramatic scenes, especially in Act 2. The sets were impressive, with interesting placement of windows. The play required some cumbersome set changes, which were handled well. The school setting called for two doors, the placement of which would have blocked the line of sight had they been corporeal. Instead, actors used "ghost" doors, with imagination supplemented by well-timed door sound-



WYACT's Caroline Moore spreads a nasty rumor in 'The Children's Hour.'

s. Speaking of sound, all theaters are plagued by technical difficulties now and again, which are only worth mentioning if they become distracting. Although WYACT's sound system worked well overall, this theater company would benefit greatly from a better one, so glitches do not interrupt their fine creative process.

Attention to detail was obvious in this production, from setting and costumes down to the good 40s-ish dic-

tion and delivery. It is obvious that WYACT Artistic Director Cynthia Meryl knows how to manage her students, even if "The Children's Hour" protagonists didn't. It is a testimonial to the talent and insight of WYACT that such weighty subject matter was handled with such aplomb.

WYACT productions are performed at the Cranford Dramatic Club Theater. For information, call Cynthia Meryl at (908) 233-3221.

Plainfield gallery showcases students' 'Selected Works'

Swain Galleries of Plainfield will showcase new talent in a multi-media exhibition, "Selected Works," by 18 award winners from the 1997 DuCret School of the Arts Annual Juned Student Fine Arts Show. The exhibit of 35 works will be on view through Aug. 16.

Judging occurred in 10 categories including oil, pastel, pencil, colored pencil, 3-D, stained glass, watercolor, mixed media, photography and sculpture.

The 18 student winners from 17 N.J. towns include Andrew Engel of Parlin and Chnsy Skubish of Westfield, each capturing four awards. Parlin's works are oils, photography and watercolor. Skubish's oil, pencil, stained glass and 3-D.

Garnering three awards were Clayton C. Demby of Wharton with his pastel, watercolor and 3-D; Michael DiMaio of Roselle Park with a pastel and pencil drawings, and Timothy Jahn of Piscataway with his oils.

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Young performers participating in the Paper Mill Playhouse Summer Musical Theatre Conservatory and 'Life on Earth: The Concert,' include, from left, kneeling, Erica Cenci of Westfield, Allison Siko of Westfield, Heidi Biber of Summit, Tiffany Curt of South Orange and Darren Levy of Westfield; and standing, Rebecca Dolan of Springfield, Nancy Dooley of Mountainside, Jason Kas of Union, Robert Rivera of Linden, Paul Kropf of New Providence, Lindsey Bass of Morris Plains, Diane Foster of Union and Paper Mill's Artistic Director Robert Johanson.

Many 'stars' shine in 'Life on Earth'

A phenomenal stage production, "Life on Earth" the concert, with its equally phenomenal artistic director Robert Johanson, and more than 200 youngsters and adults graced the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn on July 31 in the season's finale of summer concerts. All of these people, in two acts, offered a show unlike any this reviewer has ever seen. In fact, it surpasses last year's magical offering of "Life on Earth."

It could match anything Broadway can offer its patrons — and beyond. The show was an absolutely magnificent vehicle for Johanson and all of his friends to celebrate the environment on the Planet Earth with a variety of musical themes, musical numbers and some of the finest choreography one has witnessed in a long time. There also were some original songs in the format of music and dance written by Albert Evans, composer-in-residence, and Edmund Cronk. And it was all conceived by the gorgeously handsome, multi-talented Johanson.

The cast, a combination of talented New Jersey children and adults, including Nicole Martone selected from Union High School as one of the winners of the annual Rising Star Awards, rewarding excellence in the production of high school musicals. She appeared with Johanson in a skit called "Keepers of the Kingdom." Featured were the Paper Mill's STAR Program — Students Training and Artistic Recognition — guiding the marvelous Paper Mill Playhouse Summer Conservatory Youth Ensemble and the New World Choir — all of whom performed as if they were trained by professionals — as a good many had, in fact.

Additional entertainment which

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By Bob Smith
Staff Writer

thrilled the audience was provided by Laura and Linda Benanti, Veri E. Jones, who appeared in "Man of La Mancha" and who has a deep, resonant voice that will soon be heard in the musical, "Big River," at the Paper Mill Playhouse next season. Anthony Quinn, Susan Spindel, the splendid, gaily-costumed Deirdre Shae Irish Dancers, La Conja, Marcelin Medina, Reyna Sans Alcala, the University of the Philippines Alumni and Friends Rondella.

The theater was decorated on the sides of the stage with lovely butterflies and lovelier children. It also boasted a screen which offered photographs of plants and animals — many of which are growing extinct. And when the "Life On Earth" began its tour de force with Johanson suspended in air, explaining the reason for life on earth and its celebration, a reviewer immediately knew that this was going to be a most unusual production.

In the first act, Johanson appeared with the New World Choir in the "Keepers of the Kingdom" with Martone and others in the company; "Evergreen/Everblue" with the company; "Baby Beluga" with the Conservatory Youth Ensemble and others; "Deep Song," which he had written with Edmund Cronk, and in which he appeared with the New World Choir

and "Gone/Act I Finale" with the company.

The other outstanding numbers with talented children of all sizes included "Butterfly, Butterfly," "Plankton," "Bugz," "The Earth and Man" from a poem by Stopford Augustus Brooke, and "Endangered."

In Act II Johanson appeared with six young boys in "Slick & the Greasers" and with the New World Choir in "Children of Eden," by Stephen Schwartz from the musical, "Children of Eden" which will be another fall offering at the Paper Mill.

Other important musical skits included "New World Coming," "Slick and the Greasers," "Honey, It's Hot," "This Is the Time," and "Cleanup Rap" with the Conservatory Youth Ensemble.

To watch the youngsters perform, sing and cavort on stage and at one point up and down the aisles, there is a conviction in the audience that these beautiful children need a solid life on earth and that the earth should be preserved for this new generation. It has an amazing effect on all.

The Conservatory Youth Ensemble and other singing with all their heart and soul the Howard Ashman-Martin Hamblisch number, "In Our Hands" and following the fascinating World Medley Finale, Johanson and all of the performers sing along with the audience. "In Our Hands" there was a roar of approval from the audience that literally shook the walls of the building.

The reception to "Life on Earth" was one of a kind — one that will remain with a theatergoer forever. It was an enchanting event — a great work of art.

Can Johanson top this one next year? It would be interesting to see.

Arts center subscriptions still available

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center is offering season subscriptions through its Phone Center, which has been in operation since November handling general inquiries and Charter Membership sales.

More than 200 performances have already been planned for the first season in NJPAC's two theaters: the 750-seat Prudential Hall and the 512-seat Victoria Theater, opening Oct. 18, after four years of construction. The New Jersey Performing Arts Center is the culmination of an unprecedented public/private partnership that began more than a decade ago.

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LIKE A CLEAN MAN

44 yr old, 5'2", 152 lb, dark skinned female seeking a nice man. Like cooking, cleaning, washing and more. BOX 10604

SIGNIFICANT OTHER

38 yr old, 5'4", 108 lb, slim, childless very pretty single Jewish professional female, non smoker and drug-free. Seeking a fun, single white male 40 to 55 who is a non smoker for a long term relationship. Essex County, BOX 15110

CAN YOU PLAY POOL?

57 yr old, 5'10", full figured single black female seeking a single black male 22 to 32 who is 5'10" or taller with a medium to large build. Enjoy having fun, watching someone else get adventurous. Good humor. BOX 15510

SOON TO BE DIVORCED

40 something, Italian Catholic female seeking a gentle loving sincere male who is real with integrity, honest, respectful and sense of humor. BOX 15044

WEEKEND FUN

Single black female who enjoys long walks, talks, weekend fun and more. Seeking a Christian male 18 to 28 who is sincere. BOX 39577

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

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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COLLEGE PROFESSOR...

57 yr old, 5'10", 170 lb, widowed college professor and father is honest, congenial, energetic and caring. Enjoys international travel, the sea, swimming, the outdoors, card games and more. See an active teacher, well educated, white female 38 to 55. BOX 13848

ARE YOU OPEN MINDED?

Female, but professional male who enjoys good conversations, laughing and more. Seeking a mature female with similar interests. BOX 39843

LUCKY, BUT NOT IN...

Love... 35 yr old single professional male enjoys romance and is family oriented seeks single white female, 27 to 47, who is outgoing, fun loving and romantic, not into games. BOX 36706

HOOKED ON EBONICS...

works for me, 18 yr old, black male is seeking a female (shorty) to converse with and settle down with. BOX 14358

WILL SMITH DOUBLE

22 yr old, 6' hand, well educated and financially secure black male is seeking a single white or black female who intelligent, beautiful into fitness or body building. Enjoy cooking sports music and movies. BOX 10472

ANXIOUS TO TALK TO U

35 yr old single white male from Essex County area with long hair and blue eyes. Enjoy country music, Harley Davidson's rock music, the outdoors, the beach and more. Seek an open minded female with similar interests. BOX 14388

ARE YOU ENTHUSIASTIC

39 yr old, 5'8", 185 lb, attractive white male, solid well conditioned nonsmoker, social, fun, easy going and outgoing. Seeking a female any age or race. Enjoys the outdoors, spectator sports, museums and quiet times with special people. BOX 11184

THE INSIDE COUNTS

40 yr old, 5'8", 190 lb, never married, no dependents, n/s and social drinking white male seeks female, race unimportant, 26 to 47, for friendship leading to relationship. Enjoy spectator sports, dining out, good conversation outdoors and more. BOX 12951

SOMEONE MORE MATURE

24 yr old, male is seeking an older woman to have a good time. W a n t s o m e o n e 35 to 45. B O Y 15094

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 37355

UNION COUNTY MALE

41 yr old, 5'9", 195 lb, white male, clean cut, drug and disease free, n/s, rare social drinker. Seeking a gay male, age and race unimportant, for friendship. BOX 39405

PLEASE INFORM ME

33 yr old, 5'9", 170 lb, reddish brown hair and hazel eyes seeking gay, white male. BOX 39391

WOMEN SEEKING WOMEN

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PLATONIC FRIENDSHIP

27 yr old single black female seeking a drug free female for a platonic friendship. Enjoys talks, laughter, movies and more. BOX 16373

MORE DETAILS? CALL...

B. black female, 30 seeking a black female 18 to 35, 5'6" or taller, n/s, drug and disease free, no into games, serious about life, sincere, attractive with a good personality. No serious relationship. BOX 11338

10 NEW ADS

"Miss Adventures" in Dating



LOVELY LADY

43 yr old, never married, childless, single black female, non smoker seeking an honest, passionate man for friendship. Enjoys walks, music, travel, movies, quiet times and more. BOX 36702

DOCTOR OR DENTIST...

5'6", professional, kind, caring, down to earth, full of life, Greek American woman, enjoys cultural things, reading and writing. Seeking a non religious, Jewish professional, over 45, for a meaningful relationship. BOX 13440

WANT TO GO OUT?

39 yr old, attractive, professional, white female, financially secure. Seeking a white male, 40 to 50, who is financially secure, honest, down to earth, drug and disease free. Must enjoy going out and have a great sense of humor. BOX 11992

UNDER THE BOARDWALK

32 yr old, 5'7", pretty, single white female, long brown hair. Seeking a single white male, who is sweet and caring with a slim to medium build. Must enjoy music, movies, Atlantic City and the boardwalk. BOX 36597

FIT THE BILL?

Attractive 40 year old white female, 5'7" and 110 pounds. Looking for a healthy, trim professional white male, 40 to 60, with a medium build, for friendship and a possible long term relationship. BOX 38568

VERY PROMISING

20 yr old, single mother who enjoys cooking, movies, parks, quiet times and more. Seeking a male, 20 to 29, who is mature and has no time for games. BOX 14147

WEEKEND COMPANION

40 yr old, single black female who is hard-working. Enjoys indoor and outdoor activities. Seeking a white male who is a n/s with similar interests. BOX 14738

LET ME SPOIL YOU!

Male who enjoys quiet times, cuddling and more. Seeking a mature female, 45 or older who enjoys the company of an old friend and likes to be spoiled. BOX 39852

EXPLORE NEW THINGS

Male is seeking a spontaneous, open minded female who is willing to try anything once. BOX 39855

MAKE MY DAY!

35 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 45, nonsmoker, with similar interests. BOX 11393

A NEW BEGINNING!

40 yr old, 6'3", 195 lb, good looking, romantic, divorced white male; single dad. Enjoys spectator sports, dining out, fireplaces, cooking, quiet times with someone special. Seeking a single or divorced white female, 30 to 40, who is attractive and fit. BOX 38060

OPEN MINDED MAN

39 yr old, 5'9", 185 lb, husky, never married, childless, non smoking white male, a rare social drinker, from Union County. Enjoy spectator sports, dining out, outdoors, museums, etc. Seeking friendship, possible permanent relationship. BOX 38443

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

20 yr old, single white male who enjoys sports and more. Seeking a petite female to have fun with, possible dating. BOX 39701

SHARE MY LIFE...

41 yr old, 5'9", never married white attractive male, no children, husky build, weight proportioned, clean cut, drug and disease free, non smoker, social drinker. Man of many interests. Seek an open and honest female. BOX 13980

TIME IS PRECIOUS

Employed male enjoys jazz, movies, theatre, bowling and more. Seeking a Hispanic or light skinned female, who can share responsibilities and will enjoy quality time. BOX 36699

TAKING APPLICATIONS

Male seeking a good looking, intelligent, fit, fun, professional female who is honest and sincere, to be a friend and lover. Call for more details. BOX 16338

ARE YOU MY WOMAN?

Male enjoys basketball, wrestling, movies, bowling and dining out. Seek an honest female with similar interests who enjoys being together with that special someone. If you fit this description, please call BOX 12111

LET'S SPEND SUMMER

Together, 38 yr old single white professional male is seeking a single white female, 27 to 37, who enjoys the theatre, Atlantic City, movies and travelling. BOX 12578

FRIENDSHIP TO START

37 yr old, 6'7", 250 plus lb Afro American male enjoys basketball quiet times at home, laughing and joking. Looking for female for friendship, possibly a long term relationship. BOX 16242

FUN TO BE WITH

38 yr old, single white professional male, seeking a single white female who enjoys country music, travel, the beach, theatres and more. If you would like to talk sometime call me! BOX 13281

CAN YOU RELATE TO ME

29 yr old, 5'8", 160 lb good looking, honest, financially secure, single white male enjoys body building, the shore, movies, clubs, concerts, dining out and more. If you can relate to me on any level, call me. BOX 13921

RECENTLY DIVORCED

56 yr old, male school teacher seeking a professional white female, 5' to 5'3". Enjoys plays in New York City, dinners, good companionship, etc. Want someone to accompany me to some of these things... BOX 14413

SINCERE AND CARING

43 year old, single gay white, professional male, 5'9", 165 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

SINCERE GUYS ONLY

Healthy 42 yr old male, 5'8" and 165 lbs, with a medium build. Looking for another healthy, trim male, 30 to 50, who is willing to give and receive massages. BOX 37369

MANY INTERESTS...

25 yr old, 5'5", 125 lb, gay white male with long brown hair and eyes, feminine cross dresser. Seeking a gay white male, 21 to 35, for possible long term relationship. Call for more details. BOX 10818

STILL LOOKING

45 yr old, 5'10", 165 lb, gay white professional male, healthy, attractive and drug free. Discreet, outgoing and sincere. Seeking a gay white male, 45 to 55, who is honest, sincere and seeking a friendship. BOX 13422

TIRED OF IT ALL?

48 yr old, 5'9", gay white male, moderate drinker, non smoker, I am good looking, masculine and trim. Seeking a professional, n/s or gay white male, 40 to 60. BOX 15039

YOU'RE THE ONE

28 yr old, 5'5", 125 lb, gay white male, a cross dresser, enjoys swimming, hiking, picnics, ballet, dining out, quiet times and more. Seeking a gay white male for companionship. BOX 15075

BIGGER THE BETTER

5'8" attractive gay white male, is seeking a gay white male, 20 to 25, who is over weight. BOX 16100

LET'S MEET UP!!

White male, seeking male, race unimportant, for fun, brief encounters. BOX 39841

FRIENDS/SPORTS PARTNERS

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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 10880

CHESS PARTNER WANTED

Female is seeking a chess partner in or near the New Jersey Park of Age. Unimportant. BOX 11655

NEW IN THE AREA

32 yr old, 5'11", 135 lb, adventurous male, enjoys music, the outdoors and travel. Seeking a male or female, with similar interests, for companionship only. Must be drug free. BOX 16313

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What's Going On?

FAIR

SUNDAY
AUGUST 17, 1997
EVENT: Flea Market - Outdoors
PLACE: Geriatrics Center, Belleville, 520 Belleville Avenue (corners of Franklin and Belleville Avenue).
TIME: 9am-5pm. Rain date Saturday August 23, 1997.
PRICE: Free admission. Over 100 Quality Dealers! Live
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SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 13, 1997
EVENT: "A Toast To Orange" Community Festival.
PLACE: Orange Park, located at Central and Oakwood Avenues, Orange, New Jersey.
TIME: 11am-7pm
PRICE: Free admission. Food merchandise and craft vendors, live entertainment, children's activities, local talent, art exhibits, health screening, community information booths and much, much more! Vendors wanted, please call 201-266-4078.
ORGANIZATION: City of Orange, Office of Mayor Mims Hackett.

RUMMAGE SALE

SUNDAY & MONDAY
AUGUST 17th & 18th
EVENT: Annual Giant Rummage Sale
PLACE: Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ.
TIME: Sunday, 10am-3pm; Monday 10am-12noon
PRICE: Free Admission. Bargains including clothing, linens, books, housewares, luggage, sporting goods, toys, etc. \$3.00 brown bag day on Monday.
ORGANIZATION: Sisterhood of Temple Sha'arey Shalom

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Cafe adds extra hours for the summer months

The Music Box Cafe of the Donald B. Palmer Museum, located in the Springfield Free Public Library, is open on 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 p.m. 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. In addition, the cafe is currently planning to feature new and upcoming talent in a showcase for late summer and fall appearances. The cafe is seeking poets and musicians to present free programs or readings on Monday evenings in the summer or weekend afternoons in the fall. The space could provide a rehearsal opportunity for up and coming performers seeking some recognition and audience feedback. 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.

HOROSCOPE

For the week of Aug. 10 to Aug. 16

Aries
 March 21-April 20
 When it comes to making plans for this week, use your imagination. Don't let yourself get caught in a rut, either in business or in pleasure. The untrodden path holds hidden charms. Deepen a relationship with an unexpected romantic gesture.

Taurus
 April 21-May 21
 Stick to your tried and true recipes for success this week. Your schedule won't allow you to refine an innovation just yet. Work with a partner to create something that's greater than the sum of its parts. A young person could need a helping hand.

Gemini
 May 22-June 21
 This is a good week for embarking on new ventures, like a new job or starting school. Your energy is running high this week, so clear out a bunch of old chores that you've been neglecting. This weekend, call an old friend and reminisce.

Cancer
 June 22-July 22
 Giving someone a gift does wonders for your mood. This is a good week for traveling. You might want to plan a weekend getaway. Trust the details of a sticky situation to a mate or partner. Their finesse will help you both end up smelling like roses.

Leo
 July 23-Aug. 23
 A friend comes up with excellent ideas early in the week. Be sure not to discard the most valuable ones, just because they seem a little offbeat. Use your creativity to visualize new solutions to old problems. This weekend, deepen your roots.

Virgo
 Aug. 24-Sept. 22
 Your future starts now, so stop procrastinating! There are all kinds of possibilities out there, so don't allow yourself to be sidetracked. This is a good time to learn a new skill, or to deepen your understanding of an old skill. Relax this weekend.

Libra
 Sept. 23-Oct. 23
 Put your plans into action early in the week. If you anticipate opposition, then momentum will be your best ally. The sooner you get moving, the better things will go. A social gathering this weekend could be the site of some surprising revelations.

Scorpio
 Oct. 24-Nov. 22
 Avoid overt conflict with an authority figure. Your negotiation skills will come in handy. Above all,

keep your temper under control. Later in the week, keep your eyes and ears open to correct a minor problem before it becomes a major problem.

Sagittarius
 Nov. 23-Dec. 21
 Someone may try to pin the blame on you for a mistake you had nothing to do with. Keep extra-good records to protect yourself. Then when confronted

frict arises, just let the information speak for itself. Compromise is the key to helping two opposites get along.

Capricorn
 Dec. 22-Jan. 20
 Don't allow a seemingly difficult situation to put you off. With a little effort, the rewards could be vast. This is not a good week to press your luck.

though. You'd be better off setting your spare change aside rather than playing the lottery.

Aquarius
 Jan. 21-Feb. 18
 Look for a new solution to arise for an old problem. Insights come from the darndest places, so keep your mind open to increase your chances of success. Take a hard look at your budget before deciding on an expensive purchase.

Pisces
 Feb. 19-March 20
 Your honesty and candor make you ripe for romance this week. If you're already involved, plan a quiet night with your sweetie and just enjoy the conversation. A distant acquaintance comes up with a great idea for solving a problem that's been nagging at you.

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Last Week's Winner - Ida Ruck

See page B-2 of today's paper for the new Infosource Selection Menu

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HEALTH/FITNESS & MEDICINE

Pathways offers support groups

Pathways invites women who have or have had breast cancer to join one of the organization's support groups. Meetings are free and will be held at one of Pathways' three sponsoring agencies — the Summit YMCA, the Resource Center for Women at Calvary Episcopal Church, or Overlook Hospital.

Call Margaret Meola, director of Pathways, at (908) 277-3663 to register for any of these groups or for more information about Pathways.

"Facing Breast Cancer Together," for women who have been recently diagnosed, is an 8-week series that meets on Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Summit YMCA. Topics will include breast cancer treatments, communication with the health care system, coping strategies, and issues involving families and friends. Vaughan Schwarz, PhD will facilitate.

"Living with Breast Cancer," is a weekly support group for women with nonrecurrent breast cancer that offers a safe, supportive environment in which to share resources and ways of coping. This group discusses living with the ongoing issues of breast cancer. Facilitators are Mary Hill, RN, MSN and Kay English, MSW.

"Adjusting to Recurrent Breast Cancer," meets twice a month and is for women with recurrent or metastatic breast cancer. Discussion will include ways of regaining a sense of control in one's life and education about recurrent breast cancer issues. Virginia Burns, LCSW, MSW will facilitate.

Pathways provides non-medical breast cancer resources to women and their families. It is sponsored and coordinated by Overlook Health System, the Resource Center for Women and the YMCA, all of Summit. The organization sponsors support groups, physical fitness and rehabilitation programs and breast cancer awareness efforts.

HIV/AIDS: Fact/Fiction

Summer Fiction: HIV/AIDS is transmitted by mosquitoes, fleas and ticks.

Summer Fact: Diseases can be transmitted by mosquitoes, fleas and ticks, but HIV/AIDS is not one of them.

Scientists studied how an insect bites and found that it does not inject its own or a previous person's blood into a new person it is biting. It injects saliva. Some viruses, like yellow fever and malaria, are transmitted by the saliva of certain mosquitoes. HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, cannot reproduce in insects so it cannot survive.

Summer Fiction: You'll get HIV/AIDS if you're in a swimming pool or hot tub with an infected person who injures himself and begins to bleed.

Summer Fact: HIV/AIDS is not transmitted through water in a pool or hot tub.

HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, must be present in sufficient amounts to cause infection. Undiluted blood does contain sufficient amounts of virus to be a concern. In a swimming pool or hot tub, however, disinfectants are used and the water dilutes it so much there is no longer a concern about viral transmission.

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The Family Centered Care nursing team at Saint Barnabas Medical Center invites a new family to return to the medical center after discharge for a free informational meeting called 'Parenting Insights.'

Saint Barnabas offers insight into parenting

The Family Centered Care nursing team at Saint Barnabas Medical Center invites moms and their newborns — dads-welcome, too — to return to Saint Barnabas after discharge for a free informational meeting called Parenting Insights. Offered every Tuesday from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Parenting Insights will be held in the Solarium on Unit 3300 of the Medical Center.

This informational gathering is an opportunity to meet other new parents, compare ideas about baby care and ask Saint Barnabas nurses a variety of parenting questions.

"Our concern for new parents does not end when they leave our Maternity Center," says Karen Marino, R.N., nurse manager of the Family Centered Care unit. "This informational meet-

ing shows new families that we are always there when they need us, even after they leave. We want to help parents enjoy their new role and maintain their connection with Saint Barnabas."

During 1996, the Medical Center's Department of Obstetrics once again achieved a record number of deliveries with the birth of over 6,000 babies. Included in this number are 180 sets of twins, 32 sets of triplets and 3 sets of quadruplets. The new Parenting Insights meeting is added to a full selection of pre-birth classes offered, including Lamaze and breastfeeding classes, grandparenting and sibling classes, a pet and babies seminar, a baby safety course and a program for parents of multiples.

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are welcome to attend Parenting Insights, and refreshments will be served. Free parking is available, but allow plenty of time as space is limited. Reservations are required by calling The Department of Maternal Child Health, Saint Barnabas Medical Center, at (201) 533-5000, ext. 2584.

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"While most people consider summer to be a time of vacations, sun and fun, there are hundreds of patients whose lives will depend on those willing to take the time to donate a pint of blood," said Judy Daniels, BCNJ spokesperson.

"The current pool of regular active donors has been dropping and not enough new first-time donors are coming in," Daniels continued. "So, to encourage more people to donate for the first time and current donors to donate more frequently, we are offering a special promotion this summer."

"Between June 14 and Sept. 7, every donor who has given at a specific site — donor center, corporate or community blood drive, etc. — within the last year is asked to bring someone who has not donated at that site," Daniels said. "This can be someone who may have given at another site or may never have given at all. Both donors will receive a unique, one-of-a-kind tee-shirt!"

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Clark

Robert E. Laregina sold property at 173 Orchard Terrace to John B. Bowen for \$187,000 on April 30.

Saul I. Klein sold property at 11 Crescent Parkway to Laurie Edwards for \$227,500 on April 30.

Elizabeth

Marion R. McLain sold property at 9 Raymond Terrace to Rafael M. Navidad for \$124,000 on April 25.

Citicorp Mortgage Inc. sold property at 515 Marshall St., to Sebastiao A. Soares for \$27,000 on April 25.

Hillside

Anthony and Darcelle Womble sold property at 25 Fairchild Place to Thayer Frazier Jr. for \$123,000 on April 15.

Anne Mason sold property at 1412 Franklin St., to Santos Gonzalez for \$75,000 on April 18.

Kenilworth

Nunzio LoCorriere sold property at 59 Park Drive to Suzanne Albaho for \$123,000 on April 30.

Elvina D. Barbarich sold property at 625 Cranford Ave., to Maureen Sheridan for \$120,000 on May 12.

Conventional loan — A loan not guaranteed by the VA or insured by the FHA.

Linden

William S. and Katherine Fox sold property at 38 Pallant Ave., to Carlos A. Reyes for \$132,900 on April 18.

Helena Stepniowska sold property at 231 W. Morris Ave., to Jozef Stec for \$195,000 on April 18.

Mountainside

George L. and Margaret Benninger sold property at 269 Appletree Lane to George L. Benninger for \$70,000 on April 30.

Aldredo L.A.S. and Ana M. Prada sold property at 1455 Whipperwill Way to Valerie Latella for \$275,000 on May 15.

Rahway

Prince and Louise Sinclair sold property at 1816 Rutherford St., to Janices L. Conway for \$115,000 on April 22.

Dean C. and Lois A. Melfe sold property at 2359 Whittier St., to Paul G. Rodrigues for \$72,000 on April 22.

Roselle

Michele Rogers et al sold property at 1030 Frank St., to HMS Affordable for \$25,000 on April 21.

Roy W. and Frances A. Bruning sold property at 567 W. 7th Ave., to Leah E. Jones for \$90,000 on April 24.

Roselle Park

Concetta Carvagno sold property at 322 Sheridan Ave., to Victor Pecorella for \$123,000 on May 12.

John P. and Diane S. Burbella sold property at 119 Dalton St., to Melissa Hampp for \$130,000 on May 21.

Springfield

Ronald Brooks sold property at 28 Stiles St., to Alton S. Brooks for \$70,000 on May 6.

Dominick J. and Jocelyne Olivo sold property at 154 Baltusrol Ave., to Alexis Oliphant for \$215,000 on May 19.

Summit

Edward M. and Deborah M. Graham sold property at 120 Ashland Road to Bernard P. Gropp for \$279,500 on May 1.

Antonia Kitchell sold property at 6 Denman Place to James Tavaglione for \$130,000 on May 1.

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Michael Zelenenki sold property at 1630 Andrew St., to Nicholas Zelenenki for \$50,000 on May 16.

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Cadillac's 1997 Seville SLS offers major enhancements

The Seville SLS, which continues to receive praise for its distinctive styling, receives several improvements for '97 in the areas of structure, suspension, more responsive steering, and interior enhancements.

Seville SLS features Cadillac's Northstar System, with its 275-horsepower dual-overhead camshaft V8, standard traction control and anti-lock brakes, ABS, and other advanced features.

Inside, Seville SLS receives an analog cluster, center console with floor shifter, dual zone climate control, enhancements to the seats, and additional personalization and optional memory features.

Under the skin, Seville SLS benefits from a number of major updates. The body structure has been extensively revised, resulting in a quieter interior and more solid feel. Front brakes have been redesigned for improved stopping and enhanced durability. The front suspension also has been revised to improve handling and reduce harshness.

OnStar, Cadillac's revolutionary vehicle information and communications service, is also available.

Seville SLS competes in the prestige luxury car segment. The median age of target Seville buyers is 45 years old. The average household income approaches or exceeds \$125,000.

For 1997, the Seville SLS receives Cadillac's advanced Continuously Variable Road Sensing Suspension (CV-RSS), which replaces the conventional shocks with four fast-acting computer-controlled dampers.

The dampers feature a continuously variable damper valve, which can switch from limousine soft to race-car firm in the time it takes the car to travel just a few feet at highway speed.

The result is a car that provides even better handling and control, while maintaining the smooth ride that many luxury car customers prefer.

New for 1997, the SLS will offer Magnasteer, a variable effort steering system that uses a special combina-

tion of hydraulics, electronics and magnetics to provide continuous speed-sensitive variable effort power steering, which adapts instantly to changes in vehicle speed.

The body structure for the Seville SLS benefits from a major update for 1997, resulting in a quieter interior and more solid feel.

Engineers working on the 1997 Cadillac Seville continued to refine its already excellent chassis with several key structural changes. Customers will notice and appreciate the more substantial feel and better performance that result from this continuous-improvement program.

Using sophisticated computer analysis and other high-tech tools, Cadillac engineers identified dozens of areas where the body structure of the Seville could be enhanced. The engineers then redesigned key components and added new parts in strategic locations to significantly improve the stiffness of the body structure.

While Seville's enhanced structure increases the overall stiffness of the body structure, its main focus was to make the cars more pleasing to the customer by tuning our noise, vibration and harshness that can disturb the occupants of the car.

The SLS is equipped with the Northstar 4.6-liter, 32-valve dual overhead cam V8 engine. With 300 ft. lbs. of torque at 4,000 rpm, this version of the Northstar offers strong, low-end torque and quick acceleration off the line, going from zero to 60 mph in 7.4 seconds. The engine is rated at 275-horsepower at 5,600 rpm, which allows drivers to easily perform higher speed passing maneuvers accelerating from 30 mph to 70 mph in 7.0 seconds.

All of Cadillac's Northstar engines have a "limp-home" mode in case of total coolant loss. In this mode, the engine can operate on four cylinders at speeds of 50 mph for about 50 miles, giving the driver an opportunity to reach a safe location. The engine does this by alternately delivering fuel to four of the eight cylinders. The

remaining four cylinders do not fire but continue to pump air, which cools the engine.

Another significant benefit of the Northstar powertrain is its maintenance-free design. Other than changing the oil, oil filter and air filter, the powertrain requires no tune-ups until the SLS logs 100,000.

Inside, all 1997 Seville SLS models will be manufactured with an analog cluster, full center console and dual zone climate control as standard equipment. This now moves the driver information center control buttons and the climate control head to the center console. The dual cupholders are now in their specifically designed area on the console along with the transmission shifter.

The modified climate control readouts make the controls more user friendly and understandable. Changes to the climate control panel include:

The fan speed bars have been replaced with the words, LO, LO AUTO, AUTO, HI AUTO and HI.

The MAX COLD and MAX HOT readouts have been replaced with 60 degree and 90 degree displays.

The MODE button no longer has a roll-over scroll feature. Previously, if the MODE button was pushed past the upper or lower limit, it would roll over between the two limits. New for 1997, when the MODE button is pushed to its limit using the arrow buttons it will stop at the last display until the command in the opposite direction.

For 1997, Cadillac will again offer fixed and portable dual-mode (analog and digital) cellular phones as optional equipment in the SLS.

In terms of driver and passenger seating comfort, the seats in the 1997 SLS have been modified to improve styling, comfort and structure.

First engineers added new flex widths to the front seat back and front seat cushion frames. A flex width frame is a stronger frame system that provides greater occupant protection, particularly in rear-end crash scenarios. Second, there is a new headrest system that requires less effort to adjust and an optional memory lumbar.



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The 1997 SLS offers an upgraded anti-lockout feature. Anti-lockout is designed to keep drivers from inadvertently locking their keys in the car when the keys are in the ignition. In prior years, when the driver's door was open, with the key in any position, the driver could not power lock the door.

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Saab autos innovative all through the years

Saab automobiles have been synonymous with innovative technology and advanced engineering since the first Saab was unveiled in 1947. The Swedish automaker has continued to pioneer a long lineup of safety, comfort and performance features, many of which have been adopted by other manufacturers. The following are Saab world innovations, and all of these features — small or large — are available on today's Saab 900 and/or 9000 models.

Although 1972 federal safety standards did not require specific side-impact reinforcement, Saab added steel beams to the side door structure of the Saab 99 model in the fall of 1972. Saab's real-world accident investigation team had found that many collisions involved side impacts. As a result, Saab engineers integrated longitudinally welded beams into the doors, at a height to provide maximum protection for passengers. These type of welded steel beams were an industry first, and are now used in some form by most carmakers.

Side-impact protection is an integrated part of the energy-absorbing Saab safety cage design. Saab was one of the first carmakers to design a car with integrated safety cage construction. Sturdy steel reinforcements surround the passenger compartment, diverting collision forces away from the occupants, regardless of whether the impact comes from the front, rear or side. In addition, the front and rear areas of the car are designed to absorb much of the kinetic energy generated in a collision. These so-called "crumple zones" take the brunt of a crash.

Saab was the first carmaker to introduce impact-absorbing, self-restoring front and rear bumpers in the U.S. The new bumpers debuted on the 1972 Saab 99E, one year ahead of the 1973 federal bumper standard that required all cars be capable of sustaining a 5-mph front and 2.5-mph rear barrier collision without damage "to the safety systems" of the car. The 1972 Saab 99E was the first car that not only met, but exceeded the regulation by suffering no damage at all in the low-speed impacts.

Today's Saab 900 and 9000's foam-core bumpers are still designed to restore to their original shape following a low-speed impact. Each year, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) subjects new cars to a series of low-speed crash tests to check the strength of their bumpers. In the latest round of tests, the 1994 Saab 900 was the only 4-door midsize car to drive away from the 5-mph front and rear flat barrier impacts without damage. In fact, the 900 is one of only four cars tested since 1990 that suffered zero damage in the flat barrier tests.

Saab is synonymous with state-of-the-art turbocharging. Prior to 1977, other manufacturers used turbos only on limited production or very expensive sports cars. Reliability was low and cost was high. Saab revolutionized the concept of turbocharging family cars by applying an adjustable-boost turbo to a small displacement engine, with the introduction of the 1977 Saab 99 Turbo, followed by the new Saab 900 Turbo a year later. Saab's turbo engines were engineered to achieve high torque at low speeds — a desirable characteristic for everyday driving.

The 1980 Saab 900 offered the award-winning Automatic Performance Control (APC), which electronically monitored and adjusted the turbo engine for maximum efficiency and low emissions, and compensated for different octane gasolines.

Saab's next "first" was the 16-valve turbo engine, introduced as the third generation turbo in 1983. This engine was also equipped with an intercooler to lower the temperature of the intake air, which raises the engine's compression ratio and power output.

In 1992, Saab's remarkable Trionic system debuted, which further improved the efficiency of Saab turbo engines. Electronically, the award-winning Trionic system constantly adjusts the engine's fuel/air mixture, ignition timing and turbo charge.

Saab is still a leader in the production of advanced turbo engines. All of today's Saab turbo engines are inter-cooled, use four valves per cylinder, direct ignition and dual overhead camshafts. Over the years, refinements have reduced the feeling of "turbo lag" to virtually nil, and today's turbos are as reliable as a normally aspirated engine.

The use of daytime running lights (DRLs) has been proven to be an effective, low-cost method of reducing car-to-car crashes. DRLs come on automatically when the car's ignition is on, and turn off when the key is switched off. For the 1995 model year, Saab was one of the first carmakers to debut this proven safety

feature as standard equipment on all its new cars sold in the United States.

DRLs are new to the U.S., but Saab has offered a DRL alternative since 1968 — a full 25 years ahead of NHTSA's new regulation that made DRLs possible nationwide. Every Saab 9000 and 900 includes an interlock system that automatically turns off the headlights through the ignition key. Consequently, drivers of earlier model Saabs can simply leave the headlight switch in the "on" position and keep the lights on continuously as DRLs, without fear of running down the battery when they leave the vehicle.

Starting with the 1971 Saab 99, headlight wipers and washers became another Saab contribution to safer driving. Today's Saabs all offer headlight wipers/washers as standard equipment. This innovation is activated automatically when the windshield wipers/washers are used. In 1971, the Swedish Automobile Association awarded Saab a gold medal for this feature, which later became required by law for all cars in Sweden.

There's much more to the rear seat in the Saab 900 than meets the eyes. Called the Saab "Safeseat," the seat incorporates a full-width upper cross-beam that serves both as a load restraint and anchorage point for all three rear headrests and safety belts. All three positions use shoulder belts with inertia reel systems for maximum protection. Another full-width cross-beam is located in the lower seat cushion to add protection against side impacts, plus serving as part of an anti-submerging design to prevent occupants from sliding under the safety belts in a collision.

In addition, a pair of optional integrated child booster seats is available as part of the Saab 900 5-door's Safeseat design.

Saabs are legendary for their cargo-carrying capability. Despite the car's built-in structural strength, the rear seat of the 900 Coupe or 5-door can be folded down in part or fully for 49.8 cubic feet of utility. Plus, the seatback has a pass-through behind the center armrest. Even the rear seatback on the 900 Convertible folds forward to create a full-width pass-through to the trunk — unprecedented among Saab's soft-top competitors.

Other automakers may tout the benefits of their "new" ventilation filters, but Saab drivers have been breathing filtered air since 1978, when Saab became the first car manufacturer to offer a cabin air filter on the new 1990. Saab introduced an even more efficient electrostatic cabin air filter as standard equipment on all models. The filter prevents most dust, bacteria, pollen and soot from entering the passenger cabin.

A driver's comfort is essential to safe and enjoyable driving. If a car is thoroughly cold on a winter's day, it may take 20 minutes or more for the occupant's body heat to warm the seat. This can be particularly troublesome for people who are susceptible to backaches or rheumatism. Saabs, built in the icy climates of Scandinavia, offer a welcome solution to a cold seat: heating elements built into the front seat lower cushion and seatback.

Again, Saab was a pioneer by being first to offer this feature on the 1972 Saab 99. Now, heated front seats are standard on every new Saab.

Saab takes the surprise out of unpleasant weather conditions with immediate access to National Weather Service reports. Saab drivers can tune into the latest weather reports at the push of a button on their 900 or 9000's radio. Saab audio systems integrate a convenient Weather Band feature for 24-hour reports on local conditions in virtually any area. National Weather Service broadcasts are made from more than 370 locations throughout the U.S. The Saab Weather Band feature automatically seeks out the strongest signal in each area.

Concern for the environment is not a recent notion at Saab. For decades, production design and production have reflected the company's philosophy of environmental responsibility. Saab, together with a few other carmakers, introduced the catalytic converter and oxygen sensor in 1976. Saab's APC System in 1980 and Trionic in 1992 were each milestones in reducing engine emissions and fuel consumption through electronic engine management. Emission levels of each of today's Saab turbo engines are low enough to meet California's TLEV (Transitional Low Emission Vehicle) standards.

Saab was the first manufacturer to introduce asbestos-free brakes (1983), and was among the first to phase in CFC-free air conditioning in 1991. Saab has not used CFCs in the manufacturing process for years, and all plastic parts have been marked for easier recyclability since 1989. Today's Saabs are 90 percent recyclable.

The '97 Nissan Maxima — a sales leader

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 microfinishing 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 sta-

bilizer 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.

For added driver confidence and control, Maxima is equipped with standard power-assisted 4-wheel disc brakes. An optional anti-lock braking system (ABS) is available on all three trim levels.

All three 1997 Maxima models come equipped with an unexpected level of standard equipment including a multi-adjustable reclining front bucket driver's seat, power windows with driver-side one-touch auto-down feature, power door locks.

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Potent '97 Dodge Viper is a lethal driving machine

Since its debut as a concept car in early 1989, the Dodge Viper RT/10 has defied the quintessential American sports car - big blocked, attention grabbing, fast, loud, untamed, and definitely a modern standard-bearer for pure American heritage and tradition. While Viper has remained virtually unchanged through 1996, the 1997 Dodge Viper RT/10 will mark the opening of another chapter in an emerging Viper history and tradition with changes in appearance and performance.

"Beginning with the 1997 model, a number of product changes are planned with each successive version contributing to the evolution and tradition of the marque," said Martin R. Levine, Dodge division general manager.

"We believe the original Viper RT/10 roadster, produced from 1992 through 1996, has secured a place in history as a vehicle that defined a new Chrysler way of business by taking on fresh challenges and once again, defining the genre of what a pure American sports car should be." Levine continued. "The 1997 Viper RT/10 will open a new chapter in the legendary Viper story."

The first and most noticeable changes in the 1997 Viper are three new exterior design themes. Customers will have a choice of red exterior paint with yellow five-spoke wheels and yellow Viper logo decals, black exterior paint with a silver center stripe and polished aluminum five-spoke wheels, or stone white exterior paint with a blue pearl center stripe and white five-spoke wheels. All previous color choices will be retired at the end of the 1996 model year run. Interior changes to complement the new exterior color themes include red leather-wrapped steering wheel, transmission shifter knob and hand brake with the red and yellow exterior theme, and blue leather-wrapped steering wheel, transmission shifter knob and hand brake with the white exterior paint and blue pearl stripe. A new all-black interior will be provided with the black exterior paint and silver stripe.

Sliding access side window curtains replacing the soft zipper curtains and available removable color-keyed hardtops are also new for 1997.

The legendary Viper side exhaust has been changed to a rear outlet exhaust system for 1997. It has less restriction for improved performance and a throatier sound due to a redesigned muffler system. Exhaust pipe routing follows the sills as the former system, but turns inboard forward of the rear wheels. The pipes pass over the rear suspension and enter a tandem muffler with dual outlets on the centerline of the car. The muffler outlets have a polished ceramic coating for a long-lasting quality appearance. An aluminum shield protects the trunk floor and fuel tank against heat from the exhaust system.

Viper's 8.0-liter OHV V-10 engine horsepower and torque ratings are increased in 1997 due primarily to the redesigned exhaust system. Horsepower increases to 415 bhp (306 kW) at 5200 rpm, with torque at 488 foot-pounds (661 N-m) at 3600 rpm. Internally, the engine also has a new windage tray to reduce drag due to excess oil rotating with the crankshaft.

The Viper driveline includes a more robust differential and stronger drive shafts capable of accepting up to 500 foot-pound (678 N-m) of torque. There is also a revised differential mounting system to reduce housing movement under heavy acceleration and deceleration.

Aluminum suspension components improve Viper's handling and provide increased ride compliance. High-ductility A206 cast aluminum control arms and knuckles replace welded steel control arms and malleable cast iron knuckles. The change of material reduces the weight of the vehicle by 60 pounds (27kg). At

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the same time, the rear roll center has been lowered and geometry revised to reduce track change during ride motions, this makes the car more stable during hard cornering on rough roads. At the same time, the rear caster angle was increased from -6 degrees to +1 degree, improving straight line tracking.

Front suspension geometry is unchanged but the lower ball joint has been relocated from the knuckle to the lower control arm, reducing the bending movement in the arm under braking. This allows it to be lighter than with the previous configuration.

Front and rear shock absorber effective travel is increased for better control by moving the pickup points farther outboard on the lower control arms than the previous system. Higher rate springs, 18 percent rear and 12 percent front, and new shock absorber valving improve impact feel and increase high speed control. Shock absorber valving has also been recalibrated for better control at low temperatures.

The 1997 Dodge Viper RT/10 will be the first domestically-produced car to use Michelin Pilot MXX3 tires. The carcass, tread and compound of these tires are tuned to the new suspension package to provide more stability. The most notable construction change is a significant increase in sidewall stiffness. Reduced road noise and improved low temperature and wet traction objectives have been achieved along with substantial increases in cornering and braking traction. Wet cornering traction increased six percent in a standardized wet traction test. Peak lateral acceleration on the skidpad increased by over 5 percent. Stopping distance from 60 miles-per-hour (96 km/hr) is reduced by over 13 percent.

A recalibrated power brake booster for Viper provides more pedal modulation. The increased modulation improves low to moderate speed braking pedal feel while maintaining Viper's exceptional high-speed braking performance.

Overall, there are 200 new components, or a 10 percent product change in the 1997 Dodge Viper RT/10 and yet it remains the ultimate American-made, no excuses and no-holds-barred excitement machine.

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Volvo flagship 960 has two models

Volvo's flagship 960 series consists of two models for 1997: a sedan and wagon. Both models share drivetrains, suspensions, most essential equipment and dimensions. They also share the features that characterize Volvo's hallmark concern for occupant safety. All Volvo 960 models are equipped with both frontal and side-impact air bags for both the driver and front-seat passenger, a three-point safety belts and head restraints at all five seating positions, and four-wheel disc anti-lock brakes.

In addition to the air bags installed in both front seats for side impact protection and air bags in the steering wheel and passenger's side of the dashboard, all Volvo 960s feature front seat belts with automatic, pyrotechnically actuated pretensioners to ensure the belts are snugged down in the event of a frontal impact.

Besides being restrained by three-point safety belts, all 960 occupants are protected by Volvo's

Side Impact Protection System, SIPS, which channels impact energy around the vehicle's structure away from the car's occupants.

Wagon models also come equipped with an intergrated child rear booster seat. The feature is optional on sedans.

All 1997 Volvo 960 models have daytime running lights, three-point seat belts with child seat locking, rear doors and tailgate with child safety locks, halogen headlamps, front fog lamps with wipers and washers, and a rear fog lamp.

The 960 is the rear-wheel drive model in Volvo's line-up. Both the sedan and wagon come equipped with the same driveline.

For 1997, all 960s are powered by an in-line six-cylinder engine that produces 181 horsepower at 5200 rpm and 199 lb.ft. of torque at 4100 rpm. All models are equipped with a four-speed automatic transmission that features three driver-selectable operation modes: Eco-

nomy, Sport and Winter/Wet.

By choosing the position of a center-console mounted switch, the driver of a 960 can select between transmission shifting programs that offer either optimum fuel efficiency or enhanced performance. In addition, by selecting the Winter/Wet setting, the driver can ensure optimum starting traction on slippery or wet roads. In the Winter/Wet setting, the transmission locks out First and Second gear and starts the car out in Third. For additional low speed traction, a locking rear differential is available as an option.

The engine is a naturally-aspirated, 2.9-liter with dual overhead camshafts and four valves per cylinder; the block and cylinder head are made of light alloy. The 960 engine features a Bosch Motronic 4.4 engine management system with fully electronic distributorless ignition and electronic fuel injection. The Volvo 960's engine meets OBD-II requirements.

Both the sedan and station wagon have the same suspension system. The Volvo 960 has a MacPherson strut front suspension and Volvo's patented multilink rear suspension.

The front suspension features coil springs mounted asymmetrically over the strut's shock absorbers and a 23-mm diameter stabilizer bar.

All 960s have four-wheel disc brakes equipped with a Bosch anti-lock system (ABS). The front discs are vented and are 11.0 inches in diameter. The rear disc are solid and have a diameter of 11.06 inches. The parking brake is a mechanically operated drum brake system.

In addition, all models have power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering. The steering system's ratio is 16.9:1. It takes 3.5 turns of the steering wheel to get from lock to lock to achieve a turning radius of 31.8 feet.

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The 1997 Chevrolet Corvette offers speed, luxury & power

For only the fifth time in history, Chevrolet has recreated a legend. The 1997 Corvette is a new generation designed to excel in the areas most important to Corvette customers — ride and handling, performance, comfort and overall refinement.

According to Dave Hill, Corvette vehicle line executive and Chief Engineer, designers considered every aspect of the vehicle for potential improvement.

"We examined our weak points, and turned them into strengths," said Hill. "Things that were good, we made great. Things that were great are now even better."

Hill's team designed the '97 Corvette to appeal to a wide range of buyers. According to Hill, "Even those customers who are import intendees are going to take a long, hard look at Corvette."

"Make no mistake," added Hill, "it'll thrill our current owners. It provides more sports car for the money than anything in its market segment. It'll pull nearly 1 g and it starts and stops quicker than you can blink. It truly is the best 'Vette yet."

John Middlebrook, Chevrolet General Manager, concurs with Hill, and points a bright future for the Corvette.

"Corvette is now, and will continue to remain Chevrolet's flagship," said Middlebrook. "It is our technological and image showcase. Even more importantly, Corvette stands as the most singularly dramatic example of what we mean by 'Genuine Chevrolet.'"

"Corvette is much more than just a car," said Middlebrook. "It's a love affair. Words alone fail to convey the passion it inspires."

The enabler for many of Corvette's improvements is its underbody structure, which is several times stiffer for '97. The result: Better ride and handling, usable space and quality.

The heart of Corvette's new structure is a full-length perimeter frame made in part using hydroformed side rails — the largest single hydroformed parts in the auto industry. These side rails are made of a single piece of tubular steel, replacing the 14 parts previously used.

Corvette's stiffer underbody structure helps promote a quieter, more vibration-free environment and

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enhances quality. By stiffening Corvette's underbody structure, engineers were able to radically reduce structural variation and movement, and improve the ride and handling exclusively through suspension modifications.

For '97, Corvette features a brand new, exclusive suspension design, unlike some competitors who use off-the-shelf parts.

The new suspension is height-adjustable. Each car's suspension is adjusted during production according to specific option content. Now, every Corvette off the line is consistent in terms of ride and handling.

At the heart of every '97 Corvette beats a brand new LS1 small block 5.7-liter V8 engine. Engineers retained the small block's 5.7-liter displacement, traditional pushrod design and 440 bore centers, but that's where the similarity ends.

The new aluminum small block V8 is the first of its kind for Corvette. The block's "deep skirt" design helps reduce engine noise and vibration.

Other improvements include a simplified valve train, unique "extended sump" oil pan, redesigned pistons, composite intake manifold, revised ignition system and dual-wall stainless steel exhaust manifold. The LS1 is GM's first gasoline engine with Electronic Throttle Control (ETC), which results in more precise throttle response through all rpm ranges.

New for 1997 is a rear-mounted transmission configuration that enabled engineers and designers to create more interior space. Corvette offers a choice between a standard four-speed automatic or optional six-speed manual.

The '97 Corvette looks like a Corvette. Research confirmed that Corvette must remain true to its heritage. So, designers included thoughtful touches, such as air scoops which

side coves which first appeared in '56, the quad taillamps that debuted in '61 and hidden headlamps characteristic of the '63 Sting Ray.

But under the skin, Corvette features a redesigned architecture that creates more interior space for people and cargo.

For instance, the '97 Corvette features more head, leg and shoulder room than the previous model. Footwell width has been increased on both sides — enough on the driver's side to allow room for a real "dead pedal."

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Corvette's wheelbase is 8.3 inches longer with a wider track equal in the rear to the ZR1, which provides greater stability.

Overall, Corvette is more comfortable and more user friendly. Standard leather bucket seats and power driver's side adjuster have been designed for improved comfort and support. Instruments, switches and controls are strategically located, creating an intuitive environment that is responsive to the driver's needs. Good examples are the ignition switch (mounted in the dashboard for '97) and the parking brake lever (moved to the center console).

A lockable, lighted glove box is standard for the first time since 1993. And, the center console has been redesigned to hold cassettes, CDs, a portable phone, sunglasses or a variety of other small items.

On the outside, Corvette's hood is lighter and easier to open and close. The removable top has been simplified — no special tools are required for removal. Doors are lighter and well balanced, and openings are larger, making it easier to get into and out of the Corvette.

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