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Worrall Community Newspapers' 1992-93 All-Area Wrestling Team features this year's best grapplers, Page B1.

Landscape artist
Susan Puder of Union loves the outdoors, so she photographs scenes as often as she can, Page B3.

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Municipal and education budgets make for tough reading, Page 8.

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Township to bolster its power

By Dennis Schaal
Staff Writer
Power to the people? In a manner of speaking. Actually, it's emergency power to Town Hall.

The Engineering Department will be collecting bids through April 6 to replace the municipal building's back-up generator and switching system with an "uninterruptible power system" that would keep police, fire and other emergency services on-line without a blink in the event of a power outage.

"We want something that will kick in automatically around-the-clock in the event of a blackout," Mayor Philip Kurnos said this week.

Kurnos estimated that a new system would cost the town more than \$100,000, but the Police and Fire departments felt the expense was necessary in order to maintain vital services.

The reliability of the township's power source was brought into question last year when the Township Committee criticized PSE&G, the power company that services Springfield, for what one committeeman deemed an unreasonable number of power outages.

The new emergency generator would impact Town Hall operations but would not affect power at residences. Kurnos noted that during the December 'no' voter, some residences were without power for 24 or 48 hours.

The Township Committee would award the contract after considering the recommendation of the Engineering Department.

Kurnos said he was unsure what a potential installation timetable might be.

A winning work



Casey Santo, a second-grader at the Sandmeyer School, had her painting selected by Channel Thirteen's 1993 Student Arts Festival. It will be exhibited at Sotheby's in New York City before going on a 14-state tour. The painting was one of 100 works selected from over 4,000 entries. Santo, left, and her mother, Vicki, attended the reception at Sotheby's.

Budget sessions continue; tax increase looks certain

By Dennis Schaal
Staff Writer
It's way too soon to discuss precise numbers, but if trends continue the 1993 Springfield municipal budget will contain a tax increase.

The Township Committee conducted two preliminary budget meetings in March and another was slated to take place tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. in the municipal building.

"It looks like we're going to have a tax increase," Mayor Philip Kurnos said Tuesday. "The size of it will depend on the Township Committee and other ways we can possibly go."

Asked to estimate the size of a potential tax hike for the municipal portion of the tax bill, Kurnos replied: "We'll know better Friday."

Kurnos noted that this week's session will consider how to utilize the current \$4.5 million surplus. Committee members and the auditor will likely discuss how using various portions of the surplus to defray taxes will impact the 1994 and 1995 budgets.

It is not clear if the surplus will be used to offset taxes. "We won't be able to generate these kinds of surpluses for the next year and especially the year after," he said. This week's budget session —

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"We'll be looking at the overall picture, trying to determine what will be happening down the road," Kurnos said.

Kurnos argued that the township should have fought the state decrease in rates are in our favor right now," Kurnos added.

which, like the previous ones, is open to the public — will also take up proposals for bonding capital improvement projects like renovating Chisholm School and improving roads and sewers.

Keeping a river clean

By Jeff Jola
Staff Writer
Officials from communities in Union and Essex counties are slated to meet next Wednesday as part of the second Rahway River Regional Conference, which will be held on April 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Union County College in Cranford.

According to Patricia Lynn of the Cranford Health Department, the conference's purpose is to provide updated information for municipalities along the Rahway River about dumping and littering problems along the waterway. She said the focus will aim for regional cooperation on keeping the river clean. Lynn said the township of Cranford will be sponsoring the conference.

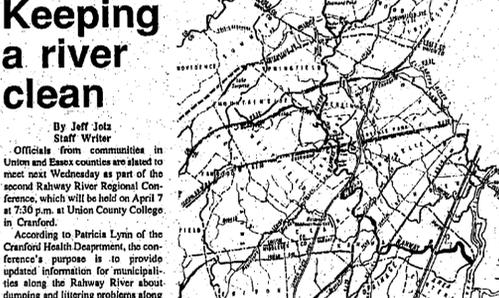
The initial conference was held in 1991 and was attended by representatives from six municipalities in Union and Essex counties. Included in the first conference, said Lynn, were Cranford, Rahway, Springfield, Union, West Orange and Millburn.

In Cranford, she said, "the river is an integral part of our town. We have a very active river cleanup committee."

Lynn said the volunteer Cranford River Maintenance Committee has cleaned up over 35 tons of litter and debris from the river and neighboring land in the township.

"It is obvious that a large majority of the floatables and other debris we find in Cranford are from upstream sources," said Mavis Serafin, co-chair of the township's river maintenance committee. "It requires a lot of hours and manpower on our part to clean up the debris that originated in some other town. It's time to focus on preventing this problem by getting the involvement of other towns in the upstream region."

Above Cranford, the Rahway River originates in West Orange and is watershed in that region comprises nearly 40 square miles in 13 communities in Essex and Union counties. South of Cranford, the river flows southeast through Clare, Westfield and Rahway before emptying into the Arthur Kill.



The Rahway River flows down from West Orange in Essex County through several Union County communities, including Springfield, before emptying out into the Arthur Kill.

Township sets hunt for eggs

The Springfield Recreation Department in conjunction with the Recreation Committee will sponsor a Spring Egg Hunt Saturday afternoon at the Chisholm Community Center on South Springfield Avenue.

Children ages 3½ through second grade are invited to participate in the hunt for eggs hidden by the Easter bunny. There is no cost for the event, which is open to the public.

Registration for children from 3½ to kindergarten begins at 12 p.m. at the community center gym. Registration for first- and second-graders begins at 1 p.m.

The rain date for Saturday's scheduled Easter egg hunt is April 10. Further information may be obtained by calling the Recreation Department at 912-2266.

'Rodeo' to focus on safety

The Springfield Community Conference Group in cooperation with the Springfield Police Benevolent Association, Local 76, and the Union County Traffic Safety Program will hold a Bicycle Safety Rodeo Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the rear parking lot of the Florence M. Gaudioso School.

Recent legislation mandates the use of bicycle safety helmets for all children under the age of 14. Much discussion has been heard on instituting

bicycle safety programs throughout all communities. In conjunction with this the Springfield Police Department offers a bicycle registration program to facilitate the recovery of a lost or stolen bicycle.

During the scheduled event all participants will have the opportunity to have their bicycles, 5, 10 speed, dirt, tri-cycles, etc., registered and inspected and are invited to view a bicycle safety video. Also a safety obstacle course has been designed to

enable a helmeted rider — two-wheeled bicycle only — to practice and master proper bicycle safety procedures. Trained bicycle helmets will be available in sizes infant, toddler, youth, and adult at a cost of \$19.95.

The day promises to be a fun and informative communitywide event with awards, giveaways and refreshments. In case of inclement weather the event will still be held, however the safety obstacle course will be eliminated.

Taxes: plain and simple

The property tax is the largest single source of income for municipalities, school districts and county government. The tax is formally known as the mill levy. A mill, which equals .1 cent, is commonly referred to in terms of mills levied per \$1, \$10, \$100 or \$1,000 of assessed property value. This is the formula used by school districts, municipalities and the county to calculate the property tax rate:

mill levy = taxes to be collected / assessed valuation

For example, if officials need to raise \$1 million in taxes to support a municipal, county or school district budget, and the assessed value of the real estate in the municipality is \$80 million, the mill levy equals \$1 million divided by \$80 million, or .0125. Since the mill levy is commonly expressed against \$100 or \$1,000 in assessed valuation, the property owner in this town would pay \$12.50 for each \$100 in assessed value, \$125 for every \$1,000, and so on.

Each of the taxing bodies — municipal, school district and county — calculate and assign taxes in this manner. While the local and regional school districts have introduced their 1993-94 budgets, the township government is in the preliminary stages of producing its own spending plan.

According to figures released by local and regional school officials, spending in those districts will result in a wealth, with the Springfield education bill jumping about \$75 for the average homeowner over last year. The Regional School district bill will drop by roughly that amount for 1993-94.

Municipal and education budgets must be okayed by county and state officials before tax bills are sent out on a quarterly basis.

Springfield will pilot battery recycling plan

By Dennis Schaal
Staff Writer
The Union County Utilities Authority has tapped Springfield to begin a pilot recycling program April 23 that will go countywide July 1, town Recycling Coordinator Steve Stanback revealed this week.

In addition to the current assortment of recyclables — newspapers, glass, tin and aluminum, plastics, magazines and junk mail, and corrugated cardboard — town residents will be encouraged to recycle household batteries carbide. The alkaline and mercury flashlight batteries and other small batteries used at home should be placed in clear zip-locked bags underneath the string used to bundle newspapers.

Stanback noted that Union County municipalities will foot no costs for the battery recycling program since the UCUA is anxious to remove household batteries from regular garbage pickups.

"Once the resource recovery facility is on-line, they don't want to be burning mercury," he said.

Environmentalists warn that mercury emissions can potentially cause brain damage and that the substance is especially dangerous to children.

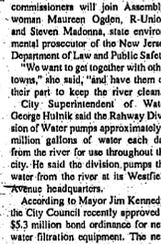
The household battery recycling program is only open to residents — not to commercial businesses. Springfield's recycling coordinator emphasized that town residents can only recycle the batteries carbide; the drop-off depot is not equipped to handle the batteries.

"I think the whole thing is great," Stanback said. "People don't think of Springfield as a big recycling town. I think we were picked to kick the thing off because we're good-sized, not too big and we might be a good representation."

Automobile batteries will not be accepted for this curbside program. Under the existing system, household batteries are placed in the regular waste stream, which gets deposited in landfills out-of-state.

In Springfield, Advanced Recycling Technologies Systems will pick up all the recyclable materials and transfer the batteries to Cycle Chem. The latter company, according to the recycling coordinator, charges some \$660-\$700 for a 55-gallon barrel of batteries.

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Kill between Linden and Carteret, Rahway relies on the river as its primary source of drinking water.

Lynn cited a study funded by the state Department of Environmental Protection and Energy and the township of Cranford which determined that a large amount of debris originates upstream, much of it comprising illegal dumping.

Kennedy also cited local organizations that work to clean up the Rahway River.

According to Andrew Voros of the Rahway River Association, his organization coordinated a 150-ton garbage cleanup of Beechwood Road in Millon Lake Park in 1991.

"The river does not respect municipal boundaries," he said. "What happens to the river in Cranford affects Rahway." Voros said the association is a non-profit corporation which is applying for a \$250,000 state grant and is interested in purchasing the historical Riverview Tea Room on the banks of the Rahway River.

Assemblywoman Ogden, said she is currently researching the problem of litter along the river for the upcoming conference.

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Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

news clips

Springfield ID badges require '93 validation

The Springfield Recreation Department this week announced that photo identification badges must be validated for the 1993 season. At no cost, residents may bring their photo IDs into the Recreation Department at 30 Church Mall, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. after April 15 for validation.

Residents may also mail their ID to the Recreation Department for validation, but should include a self-addressed stamped envelope for its return.

According to township ordinance, all residents must have a photo ID to play on all township tennis courts.

Questions about township ID badges may be directed to the Recreation Department at (201) 912-2228.

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Mountainside Foothills Club sets Easter preview

The Foothills Club of Mountainside will hold its next luncheon meeting on today at noon at the Towers Steak House on Route 22. An Easter preview parade will be presented. Reservations may be obtained by calling 232-0943.

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Today
The Springfield Public Library Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting to discuss personnel today at 6 p.m. in the library, 46 Springfield Ave. The meeting will be followed by the board's regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday
The Union County Regional Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in the auditorium at David Treanor Regional High School, Monroe Avenue, Kenilworth.

Upcoming events
April 20 - Springfield and Mountainside residents will have the opportunity to vote on their respective school districts' 1993-94 budgets, as well as regional high school district's.

Recycling schedule
The Union County Utilities Authority will pick up recyclables in Springfield on April 23.

Residents are requested to set out their recyclable materials by 7:30 a.m. the day they are scheduled for collection. Questions or problems with recycling may be directed to the Recycling Hotline, (908) 862-0101.

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Planning the party

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Library continues sale

The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library Book Sale Committee is asking members of the community to donate books for their 22nd annual sale to be held through April 4 at the Westfield library located at 550 East Road St. in Westfield. All profits from this sale are used to finance library programming and benefit the entire community.

Classics, fiction, non-fiction, novels, paperbacks, cookbooks, and books on travel, sports, art and music are welcomed. Children's books are especially appreciated. The Friends are seeking all types of books except sets of encyclopedias, condensed books, textbooks and magazines.

The group's Mother's Day luncheon will be held May 12 at the Mountainside Manor. Albertin Rollis, who handled public relations for the Papernill Playhouses, will relate some highlights of her time there.

Registered Nurses from Overlook Hospital's Nutrition Center, Lynn Lind and Joyce Jukowicz, will address the group on nutrition and weight control May 26.

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Life guard course slated

A Lifeguard Training course will be offered by the Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross on Thursday evenings through May 18, from 6 to 8:30, at the Summit YWCA, 72 Maple St.

Candidates must be at least 15 years old, with excellent swimming skills, and current certification in one of the following: Standard First Aid, four hours First Aid plus four hours CPR; Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care; Emergency Medical Technician.

A fee of \$125, \$90 for YWCA members, is due at the time of registration at the Summit YWCA. Enrollment is limited to 16 people. The instructor is Dena Mallich.

Spring schedule set
The Mountainside Seniors this week announced its spring schedule:

April 14, a program on dog training will be presented by Christine Haycock. She and several dog owners, accompanied by their canine friends, will demonstrate what they have accomplished.

The group will sponsor a mystery bus trip on April 20, according to bus chairperson Rose Siejk.

On May 24, a bus will be available to take members to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see the comedy, "When We Are Married." Call Siejk at 232-4043 for details.

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Moskowitz, a Springfield resident and employee of the library, works in acrylic and oil. He strives for a style reminiscent of the Impressionists. Kevin Heller lives in Hillside where he maintains his studio. He is a graduate of Kean College, having received a bachelor's in visual communications and a master's in fine arts education, ceramics.

He currently serves as assistant supervisor of the Junior Museum of the Newark Museum, where he is also a pottery instructor. His pottery classes are also held at the Maplewood/South Orange Adult School.

The Palmer Museum show will include pottery and sculpture made from clay and some new paper sculptures.

Museum hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10-9; Tuesday, Friday and Saturday 10-5; and Sunday 1-4. The Museum is located at 65 Mountain Ave. in Springfield. For further information, phone (201) 376-4930.



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Kahl Golorth, Ilene Willis and Christopher DeGulio, students at the Walton School in Springfield, learn how to make peanut butter from scratch. Sally Van Buskirk, center, gives them a hand.

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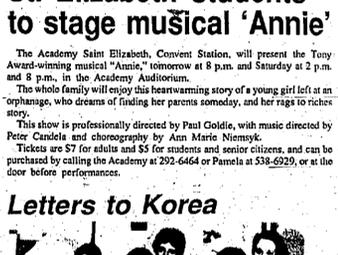
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The whole family will enjoy this heartwarming story of a young girl left in an orphanage, who dreams of finding her parents someday, and her rage to riches story.

This show is professionally directed by Paul Goldie, with music directed by Peter Casalela and choreography by Ann Marie Niemysk.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens, and can be purchased by calling the Academy at 292-6464 or Pamela at 538-6929, or at the door before performance.



Letters to Korea

Linda Shanahan's eighth-grade language arts classes at the Deerfield School in Mountainside, have been corresponding with students in Korea in a pen pal exchange program designed to share thoughts, experiences and lifestyles. Participating students are, from left, Gina Schlegel, Zach Crenszak, Christine Klaskin, Monika Szymorski, Elizabeth Segal, Tony Santos and Elizabeth DeAnna.

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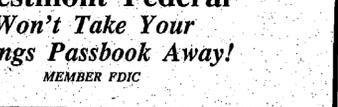
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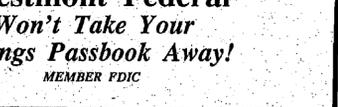
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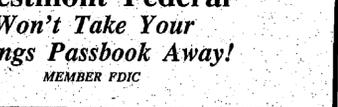
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Secretaries to meet

The Union County chapter of Professional Secretaries International will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday at the Westwood restaurant in Garwood. Social begins at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a business meeting.

A program will be presented by Berna Stronach of Circle Training Associates in Ramsey, who will speak on "Certified Professional Secretaries — Your Bridge to the Future."

Professional Secretaries International meets the first Wednesday of the month. Prospective members interested in attending the meeting or receiving information on the organization can call Pat Rutledge at (908) 687-6349, evenings, or Connie Digioso at (908) 527-2497 between 2 and 4 p.m.

NAMI sets meeting

The Union County affiliate of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill will meet tonight at 7:30 at the Cranford Library, Walnut-Streets.

NAMI works to promote health services, public education, housing, research and family support groups to improve the prospects of those who are seriously mentally ill. For further information, call Carol at (201) 232-3865 or Boia at (201) 467-9278.

Forum targets prostate

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among American men and their second leading cancer killer. Prostate cancer is also one of men's most ignored and least talked about diseases. As a result, prostate cancer will strike nearly 165,000 American men this year and kill about 35,000, according to American Cancer Society projections.

But there is good news: If detected early, prostate cancer is potentially curable. Even during later stages of the disease, new life-extending therapies are available.

Rahway Hospital will offer a free forum on the detection and treatment of prostate cancer on Wednesday at 7 p.m. The featured speaker is Dr. Franklin Morrow, a Westchester urologist who is a past president of the hospital's Medical/Dental Staff.

There is no fee for attending and no pre-registration is required. For further information about this or any of Rahway Hospital's community health programs, call the Education Department at 499-6193.

Prostate cancer often develops without noticeable symptoms until it reaches the advanced stages. Some warning signs may include difficulty in urination, frequent urination (especially at night), weak or interrupted urine flow, and the presence of blood

or pus in urine or semen. In the advanced stages, additional symptoms may include persistent pain in the bones, weight loss, fatigue, anemia and urinary obstruction.

Early detection is key because prompt diagnosis may lead to a potential cure. The American Urological Association and the Prostate Cancer Education Council recommend that all men over age 40 get a special exam as part of their annual physical check-up.

Treatment options during the early stages may include surgery and radiation. New life-extending therapies for advanced stages of the disease are now available which relieve pain and control spread of the disease.

Social Security targeted

The April "Vintage Views" Union County's cable television program for seniors, will feature the range of Social Security services available, said Freeholder Elmer Ertl, liaison to the Advisory Council on Aging.

"Lou Covello of the Division on Aging, Department of Human Services, which produces the show, will discuss Social Security offerings and options with George Darras, district manager, and Ed Dross, operations officer, of the Elizabeth Social Security Office," Ertl said. "They will cover benefits regarding retirement, disability and surviving spouses. A toll free telephone number also will be provided."

Vintage Views can be seen on TKR Cable in Elizabeth on Channel 12 on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m.; Plainfield Star Cable, Channel 20 on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.; Summit area Suburban Cablevision, Channel 36 on Mondays at 12:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.; other Suburban Cablevision areas, Channel 32 on Thursdays at 7:55 p.m.

Call Lou Covello at 527-4872 for information, or comments on programming.

Loans to new districts

Legislation that would provide no-interest loans to newly formed regional school districts was approved this week by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

The bill, A-2006, sponsored by Assemblyman Bob Smith, would make \$15 million of the \$45 million deposited into an account of the Economic Recovery Fund, available to new regional school districts for renovation and alteration.

"The areas in which new school districts are being established are in need of state loans to repair and convert existing buildings for educational purposes," Smith said. "The process of excavating and repairing buildings for instructional use is essential

providing an environment conducive to learning."

Smith explained that the local districts that propose to regionalize and apply for a loan would include the facilities plan for renovation, repair, alteration and conversion of existing school buildings in the region.

Any new regional school district that receives a loan is required to include that amount in its budget as an effort to repay the loan, Smith added.

Chamber hosts breakfast

The Union County Chamber of Commerce is offering a breakfast seminar on "Increasing your chances for a positive response from your lender" on Wednesday at the Ramada Inn, Clark.

Jim Strangfeld, senior vice president of Chemical Bank, one of the metro area's largest banks, will cover all the facts necessary to help participants secure a loan, including a discussion on marketing plans.

Anyone interested should reserve early to assure seating. Call or write for reservations. Registration is at 7:45 a.m. The meeting is from 8 to 9 a.m. A \$15 fee includes meeting and buffet breakfast. The Union County Chamber of Commerce is located at 135 Jefferson Ave., Elizabeth, 07207. The telephone number is (908) 352-0900.

NOW schedules meeting

The Union County Chapter of the National Organization for Women will hold its monthly meeting April 8 at 7 p.m. at The First Congregational Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer St., Westfield. Attendance should use the women's school entrance. Guests are welcome.

Burnet is the author of many articles on history and "Bokerville: 150th Anniversary Historical Highlights, 1839-1989" and "Pictorial Guide to Victorian New Jersey."

Meetings of the Union County Chapter of NOW are held the second Thursday of every month. For more information, call Mary Ann at (908) 862-4833.

Historian to speak

Robert B. Burnet of Linden will speak April 18 at 3 p.m. to members and guests of the Union County Historical Society at the Abraham Clark House on Chestnut Street and West Ninth Street in Roselle on "Sports and Leisure in Victorian New Jersey."

Burnet, who will illustrate his talk with slides of period illustrations from such sources as "Harper's Weekly" and Frank Leslie's "Illustrated Newspaper," will examine the century's changes wrought by such phenomena as organization, transportation and industrialization. He will explore such pastimes as hunting and fishing, ocean bathing, baseball, cricket, boat racing, tennis, polo and bicycling.

He also will highlight the development of the Jersey Shore resorts and will describe how recreation became a business and how modern leisure-time activities and attitudes were born.

Burnet holds degrees in history from Albright College and the University of Delaware. He teaches history at Elizabethtown College and the County College of Morris. He is the former director of publications for the New Jersey Historical Society. He formerly taught at Stevens Institute of Technology and at Elizabethtown College.

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Essex-Union health board proposes changes to plan

The Essex and Union Advisory Board for Health Planning Inc. has proposed recommendations and changes in the State Health Plan to the New Jersey Health Planning Board to reflect local health service needs. One of six local advisory boards set up by the Department of Health, the advisory board is funded through a grant from the state Department of Health and is sponsored by the Center for Public Service at Seton Hall University.

The report to the state emphasized changes in the areas of maternal and child health care, surgery and renal dialysis, mental health and addiction. A local advisory board's role in making recommendations on the State Health Plan is part of the Department of Health's effort to encourage more public input into the health planning process.

In its report, the local advisory board stated the "improvement of primary and preventive care is needed to provide for better access, cost-effectiveness, and overall improvement in the quality of health care."

The report contains recommendations that a future long term care needs reflect a population-based methodology, rather than the current institution-based methodology, noting that long term care is needed by people who are functionally disabled and require assistance in areas such as health care, social services, housing, income, security, transportation and employment for extended periods of time (more than 30 to 90 days).

John Steen, executive director of the local advisory board, noted that a new method of evaluation for long term care with an emphasis on differences in the level of dependency by age, sex and race is based on the com-

plex that "people receive services at the most appropriate level and setting in order to maintain their independence." He reported that all the six local advisory boards support this new direction in bed need methodology.

The report recognized that a need exists to develop nursing homes that are "culturally congruent with minority and older populations to provide true access to such populations." Data shows that African Americans utilize nursing home beds at a rate which is less than 70 percent of that of the white population, and Latinos at a rate less than 10 percent of the white population.

The report states that thousands of alcoholics and drug addicts go untreated in New Jersey because of their inability to pay for treatment and that the situation is particularly acute in Essex and Union counties.

Essex County leads the state in drug-related deaths, including deaths from drug overdoses and HIV. Union County ranked third in the state for the number of arrests for possession of a controlled substance, a primary indicator of late stage alcoholism.

The report states, "We would like to see in the Health Plan's subsequent revision, a detailed plan to fund a comprehensive additional treatment system. We think it makes no sense whatsoever to discuss developing widespread early detection and screen programs to locate untreated alcoholics and addicts if our current system is already overburdened."

March of Dimes WalkAmerica set for April 25

Union County employees are gearing up to take part in the annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica Walk for Healthier Babies, which will take place April 25, announced Freeholder Chairman Linda-Lee Kelly, honorary chairman for the Union County walk.

"I am honored to be the honorary chairman for the March of Dimes WalkAmerica in Union County. This is an extremely important charity. Our children are our future and they deserve every opportunity to lead a healthy life," Kelly said. "I am also extremely pleased at the response of our county employees to help out in this worthy cause. At last year's walk, our volunteers were everywhere — from walkers to volunteers — and I understand they are the backbone of the Union County walk. I think them."

WalkAmerica is the single largest source of funding for the March of Dimes and its campaign for healthier babies. Individuals and teams get friends, family and co-workers to sponsor them on the walk, which is 15 kilometers in Union County, or 9.3 miles.

The Union County walk will start at Union County College, Springfield Avenue in Cranford, at 9 a.m. Kelly will start the walkers, and lunch will be served, sponsored by the Union County employees team, and rest stops are provided along the way.

The Union County Paramedic System will provide relief vehicles to pick up anyone not able to finish walking, but 9 miles is nothing compared to the 18.5 miles it used to be years ago, according to some of the "old timers" of the walk.

Music will be provided by Elizabeth's WJDM Radio, and a massage will soothe the walkers' aching muscles. "Mr. Mouse" will entertain and palm faces from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Union County College, and Living Well Lady and JoAnn's School of Dance will warm up the troops with aerobic exercises.

Last year volunteers raised almost \$100,000 in Union County, and \$1 million total in North Jersey. "Come out and enjoy a day in the sun, some exercise, meet new friends and help those little ones who cannot help themselves," Kelly said.

To register, call the March of Dimes at (201) 882-0700.

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\$513.5M to travel into transit coffers

By Jeff Jets
Staff Writer

NJ Transit's board of directors adopted the largest capital expenditure budget in its 13-year history last week, earmarking \$513.5 million in state and federal funds for fiscal year 1994, which the agency says is designed to improve existing mass transit systems in the state's urban areas while ensuring public transportation for New Jersey's suburban and rural communities. NJ Transit estimates the budget will create 15,000 jobs statewide.

This capital program will benefit thousands of commuters," said Governor Jim Florio, "by providing a more convenient public transit system that will better serve all of their needs."

The budget must now be approved by several regional planning organizations around New Jersey and be ratified by the state Legislature.

Local projects highlighted in the capital program are:
• \$14.4 million for environmental and engineering studies for the Newark-Elizabeth Rail Link, which is designed to connect the downtowns of two cities and provide transportation to Newark International Airport;

• \$36.74 million for partial construction of the Secaucus Transfer, which will permit commuters to travel between the Main/Bergen and Passaic Valley Lines in Bergen County and the Northeast Corridor Line. Total funding for the transfer station is expected to be \$74.7 million, which will be partially paid by Allied Junction, a developer which wants to build an office complex on the site; • \$6.6 million for supplemental funds to purchase land for a new Northeast Corridor train station and bus garage at Route 295 in Hamilton Township;

• \$5 million for repair of platforms, restrooms and the installation of an emergency generator at Newark's Penn Station.

In Union County, the Northeast Corridor and connecting Raritan Valley Line serves Rahway, Linden, Elizabeth, Fanwood, Plainfield, Cranford, Roselle Park, Westfield and Garwood. The agency also earmarked \$22 million in contingency spending for an improved connection between the Raritan Valley and Northeast Corridor lines.

The capital program also includes \$19.5 million to replace worn rails and ties and rehabilitate grade crossings and \$10.5 million to upgrade signals and communications systems. Being earmarked for bridge and tunnel rehabilitation is \$24.4 million. State Transportation Commissioner Thomas Downs had high praise for NJ

Transit following announcement of the spending plan.

"Finally," he said, "through this capital program, these projects can become reality — tangible links in New Jersey's transit system that will serve thousands — more New Jerseyans."

The agency's board also voted to approve its five-year spending plan last week which would appropriate \$3.27 billion in capital spending through fiscal year 1998.

According to Linda Maurice of NJ Transit, the agency will receive approximately \$650 million as a result of a federal highway and mass transit bill approved by Congress two years ago. The bill, sponsored by former Rep. Robert Roe, D-8, was part of a \$153 billion bill to be spent over a six-year period.

In addition, said Maurice, NJ Transit may gain if Congress passes a \$16 billion supplemental spending bill supported by President Bill Clinton to stimulate the economy. She said the agency may receive between \$24 and \$52 million in added monies if the bill is approved.

Approximately \$3.3 billion has been spent by NJ Transit in the past 13 years, with almost one-third of that amount spent in the past two years.

An Open Letter to New Jersey's Citizens

From Schering-Plough Corporation

[Second in a Series]

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- Pharmaceuticals frequently displace many higher-priced alternative treatments such as prolonged hospitalization and long-term care.

- Pharmaceuticals avoid surgeries that were mandatory just a few years ago, and permit surgeries that were previously impossible.

Pharmaceuticals are part of the solution. Without future new prescription drugs, today's health care costs will escalate even more sharply.

For New Jersey, an economic "reality check" is particularly crucial. The health products sector, led by pharmaceuticals, pays \$137 million in state, county and local taxes that help provide schools for

our children; essential police, fire and sanitation services; and other needed programs — a 58 percent increase in such tax payments over just three years.

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The pharmaceutical industry is a "crown jewel" of America's leadership in technology and trade, with an enviable record of creating cost-effective medicine and quality jobs.

As a member of New Jersey's No. 1 manufacturing industry, we want to join with members of Congress and the President's Task Force on National Health Care Reform to ensure patient access to necessary medicines at affordable prices to consumers.

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OPINION PAGE Edison's genius enhanced county's growth

The following is the last of a three-part series and the beginning of a regular column by William Fritch, a Roselle resident who is a member of the Union County Historical Society and the chairman of the Roselle Centennial Committee.

The changes leading up to and following the Civil War would be unprecedented, but none so profound as the influence of Thomas Edison whose successful experiments in Union County would change the world. The electrical genius in nearby Menlo Park, Middlesex County, was busy inventing things which would have a profound effect on Union County. His creation of a practical incandescent electric light bulb was chosen to be the first use in the world to be "lighted" from a central generating station. Set up as an experiment to prove it could be done, when the generator at Locust Street and West First Avenue was started on Jan. 19, 1883, it lighted a store, railroad station, 35 houses and 150 street lamps. The successful experiment, witnessed by hundreds of people, proved the desirability of electricity in every building.

On March 12, 1888, the famous "Edison" Union County was lit up anywhere. The swiftness of the current nowrids 10 feet high in some places. A passenger train was stalled on its tracks for two days in Elizabeth, and more roads were impassable, some until spring. Another of Edison's inventions was

The Way It Was By William Fritch. The electric locomotive, which made possible the street railway, or trolley car. Horse-drawn cars had been around for many years, but the trolleys were much bigger and faster. They were more practical for intracity transportation than the steam railroads and soon trolley tracks appeared on main streets in the cities and towns. By 1907, a passenger could travel from Plainfield to the west end of Union County through Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Westfield, Garwood, Cranford, Roselle, Elizabeth and Hillside to Newark without the need to change cars. It was soon possible to travel almost anywhere in the county using connecting street car routes.

This increase in the transportation industry brought with it a need for added safety, particularly in the middle of Elizabeth, where the Central Railroad crossed the tracks of the Pennsylvania in the intersection of Morris Avenue, Broad Street, North Broad and East Broad streets. The famous Elizabeth Archway were built by eliminating the Pennsylvania tracks over the Central, and digging out the streets underneath. Trolley tracks laid in the roads carried street cars to Morris Avenue and North Broad Street. In Cranford, a high, wooden trestle carried the trolley tracks over the Staten Island Railroad.

In the eastern side of Union County, Elizabeth became known as the "Hall and Harbor City." Coal from Pennsylvania was delivered by the Central Railroad to its coal docks on the shore of the Arthur Kill, to be barged to consumers along the waterway. The railroad also built a large car and locomotive repair facility in Elizabeth and in 1875 the Singer Manufacturing Company moved into its new building across the tracks. Sewing machines of all types and related items were to be made here in this huge industrial complex for more than 100 years. A nearly self-sufficient as possible, this factory made its products from raw material, doing pattern-making, molding, casting and machining within its many buildings. Its finished sewing machines were sent world-wide, some even by steamer from its own wharf.

On Front Street the Crescent Shipyard built John Holland's first practical submarine for the United States Navy. When World War I engulfed this country, the shipyard built submarines for the British, one can see the results of more than 300 years of toil by the residents of Union County. From the County Court House tower in Elizabeth one can see the modern appearance of the first English settlement in New Jersey. Here and there can still be seen some of these early homes. If they could talk, what tales they could tell!

With the return of peace the activities of the county turned to many directions. Yet another of Edison's experiments in 1919 proved that he could pour an entire house of concrete in a single day. His houses on Ingersoll Place in Union Township still stand as proof of his idea and building material.

The county government saw a need for recreation and preservation of nature, and created the Union County Park System. Parks have been developed throughout the county, with Warinanco Park in Roselle as a showpiece. The Watchung Reservation in Berkeley Heights preserves woodlands with hiking trails and bird paths. Within its boundaries are the Trailside Museum and Planetarium, as well as the Deersong Village of Feltville.

From the high ground of the city of Summit, where beacons fire one called the Minuteman to action against the British, one can see the results of more than 300 years of toil by the residents of Union County. From the County Court House tower in Elizabeth one can see the modern appearance of the first English settlement in New Jersey. Here and there can still be seen some of these early homes. If they could talk, what tales they could tell!

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The Highlands is home to lots of plant and animal species needing large contiguous areas of forest flourish. That includes black bear, coyote, bobcat, otter, and more than 100 species of migratory songbirds. The latter spend their winters in tropical rainforests, but raise their young in the disappearing woodlands of northern New Jersey. Alarming declines in songbird populations are resulting from habitat loss here as well as in the tropics.

Public understanding to save nonhuman species is minimal

Despite the growth of environmental awareness in the United States, I'm afraid public understanding of the need to preserve the myriad of nonhuman species around us remains minimal.

State We're In

By David F. Moore

While there are still many wooded areas left, getting various landowners to agree to manage large contiguous blocks in some consistent way is ever more difficult. That is because we tend to subdivide land at every opportunity, selling the pieces to different owners, or to propagate the critics in us, or to shoe people away from endangered species' nesting sites in the wild.

What we need to protect is habitats where animal and plant species can remain interdependent. Losses of species due to human competition are nothing more than early warning alarms for you and me.

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We need to keep some places as free as possible of human intervention, to salvage genetic material so we can forge new tools to fight the diseases and various tiny life forms which imperil our human species. We don't have the high time to deal with saving the Highlands; it is already late.

David F. Moore is executive director of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation.

Avoid being an April fool this tax season

Money Management

To avoid being an April fool this tax season, the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants urges you to take note of these tax stories. You may just learn some valuable lessons that can save you tax dollars and prevent you from running into trouble with the IRS.

The pressures of working and raising children do not allow you to claim a tax deduction for hiring someone to clean your home. Brian and Suzanne Knutson, who both work full time, learned this during "appearances before" the Tax Court.

Brian, an accountant, and Suzanne, a teacher, have three children. They contracted with a cleaning service to have their home cleaned on a weekly basis and included their payments to the cleaning service in computing the child care credit on their tax return.

The IRS disallowed the credit to the extent that it was based on payments to the cleaning service. That's because qualified child care expenses are limited to those that enable parents to be gainfully employed. Although Brian testified that he and his wife were too busy with the children, their jobs, and household improvement projects to clean the house, the Tax Court sided with the IRS. The house-keeping expenses did not enable those taxpayers to be gainfully employed, but merely made their lives easier. (Brian Knutson, TC Memo 1990-440)

Suspecting that staff at an Atlantic City casino were not reporting tip income, the IRS watched cocktail servers from 1980 through 1990 and developed statistics on average tip income. It then used these statistics to pursue possible tax evaders. One person the IRS tried to snare was Judith Krause, a cocktail waitress who reported \$6,473 in tips for one tax year. Using its statistics as a guide, the IRS claimed she failed to report \$5,852 of additional tip income. Krause fought the IRS. Her defense? A daily log of tips that she regularly submitted to her employer. The Tax Court ruled that her records more accurately reflected her income than the IRS statistics, and the IRS claim against her was dismissed. (Krause, TC Memo, 1992-270)

Even if you have been found guilty of household status if you allow your spouse to spend the night during the last six months of the year, Laura Hopkins, a divorced mother of two, found this out during a tax audit. Although Ms. Hopkins and her husband were not living together in June 1987, she allowed him to occasionally spend the night while she was looking for an apartment. Despite the fact that she was the sole support for her children, the IRS and Tax Court denied her the head of household status on the premise that her husband lived with her during part of the year. (Hopkins, TC Memo, 1992-326)

Even if you have been found guilty of tax deficiencies, it doesn't mean you owe the IRS penalty payments — or must pay for unnecessary legal fees. Take the case of Dennis and Kathleen Heasley. Although they did not challenge the IRS's contention that they owed more than \$10,000 in tax shelter deductions and a \$20,000 investment credit claim, they felt the IRS was unjustified in charging them penalties totaling \$7,420. They had limited education and investment experience and had relied on the advice of a financial consultant.

The Fifth Circuit Court agreed with them and said the penalties were not justified or should have been waived by the IRS. What's more, the Circuit Court enabled them to recover more than \$7,000 of court costs and attorney fees which the Heasleys incurred while disputing the IRS penalties. (Heasley, CA-5-720/92)

If you're unsure of your taxpayers' rights or how the law affects your particular situation, consult a tax adviser. This may help you to avoid costly and lengthy disputes with the IRS.

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

Bank provides \$1.5 million in mortgage refinancing

The Union Center National Bank has provided \$1.5 million in mortgage refinancing to Community Access Unlimited Inc., an Elizabeth-based social service agency which supports individuals with disabilities.

According to John J. Davis, president and chief executive officer, the bank has provided the funds to replace existing financing for 26 properties owned by the agency in Elizabeth, Linden, Hillside, Plainfield and Roselle. Twenty-five properties are residential, providing housing for approximately 70 individuals, and one is zoned commercial.

The transaction is a part of the bank's commitment to provide support for affordable housing in its home county of Union. The bank has offices in Union, Springfield and Berkeley Heights.

"We are delighted to assist Community Access Unlimited in its commendable efforts to help people with disabilities find and acquire suitable housing that is affordable," said Davis. "Moreover, helping people with handicaps is a sound investment in at least two ways: it enables them to become productive members of society; and, it makes economic sense from a banking perspective," he concluded.

Sidney Blankfort, executive director of Community Access Unlimited, 83 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, N.J. 07207-1447, said that the bank's help was "exemplary corporate citizenship. Not only has this transaction helped lower our costs for providing affordable housing, but also it facilitates the acquisition of additional units to accommodate others in need."

Community Access Unlimited was founded in 1979 as the Association for the Advancement of the Mentally Handicapped, a non-profit agency geared toward broadening the opportunities for individuals with handicaps to live, work and socialize in the community. Last month, the organization moved its operations to a recently refurbished 40,000-square-foot office building located at 80 West Grand St. in Elizabeth. At the same time, the name was changed to Community Access Unlimited, which better reflects the work being done and the individuals served.

Today, more than 1,500 New Jersey residents are benefiting from a variety of agency programs and support services. Community Access members include individuals with learning disabilities, neurological impairments, mental and emotional illness, cerebral palsy and orthopedic handicaps. Information about their services may be obtained by contacting Community Access Unlimited, 83 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, N.J. 07207-1447.

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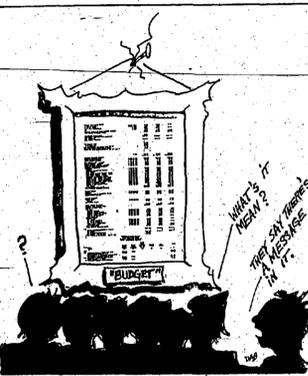
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More understanding

Municipal and school district budgets will not be read by the average taxpayer. Maybe that's because they cannot be understood by the average taxpayer. By law, municipal and school budgets are printed in full — many in these pages — for the public's perusal. The law of common sense, has, however, been somewhat neglected in favor of "generally accepted" accounting methods which seem to be understood by only a specific group of professionals.

Total Balances Unappropriated? General Fund Grand Total? Total Undistributed Expenditures? Debt Service? These terms — and there are many, many more — mean little to the untrained eye. While we as journalists have assumed the role of translator to the common taxpayer of this accounting jargon, there is no reason why these scads of numbers cannot be presented in a more simple, forthright manner.

At risk of being presumptuous, this is probably what the average taxpayer wants to know each year at budget time: How much money is the school or town proposing to spend? How much of that total will be funded through property taxes? To get a rough idea of the amount of the check I'm going to have to write, how much will this budget cost the average property owner in my town? How has this year's tax rate changed over last year?

Are there any extraordinary projects that have affected this budget? If so, what are they? How much money does the town or school district have in the bank for a rainy day or in case of emergency? What spending is under the control of the school district or town, and what spending is required by state law?

True, school districts and municipalities are only following orders, publicizing their budgets in the format required by law. The letter of the law is followed, but the intent is missed.

We have one suggestion: Design a simple budget fact sheet that answers the questions posed above and others that give the common taxpayer a quick and simple explanation of how much is being spent, and on what.

Some school districts and municipalities provide a variation of this already. And while we do not question the integrity of those elected bodies to provide the public with an overview of their budgets, bad news tends to get lost in the fine print — or not mentioned at all. School boards and municipalities have an obligation to spend funds in the most judicious manner possible. With that comes two obligations: to inform the public of what money is being spent where, and to communicate that in a way that we can all understand quickly.

'Smaller' government: the rhetoric vs. reality

I was watching Christie Whitman the other night on a viewer call-in program on NJN-TV. A caller from Perth Amboy was complaining about "how much government spend" and wanted to know what Christie was going to do about it. It elicited:

Without missing a beat, she responded by criticizing a proposal by her GOP primary opponent Cary Edwards to create a state auditor. "That's the problem. We don't need more government," she said. "We need smaller, leaner government."

A few minutes later, a woman from South Jersey called and asked the gubernatorial hopeful about the Pentagon's proposal to make drastic cutbacks at McGuire Air Force Base and Fort Monmouth. Again Whitman was ready with an answer, saying she was adamantly against the proposal. She also added that she was confident our congressional delegation would "continue the effort to stop the closing" of the base.

Both statements were made with conviction. Both callers seemed satisfied. These two seemingly contradictory responses, given only minutes apart, capture the schizophrenic dialogue going on between citizens and politicians on the subject of cutting the size of government and, in turn, our massive deficit and crippling debt.

Screening New Jersey

The rhetoric is easy. The painful reality of cutting the budget seems virtually impossible, particularly when I come to politicians and citizens protesting in the streets. "Cut the budget, of course. But don't do it with us. What about the other guy?"

Christie Whitman isn't the issue here. Virtually any politician would have given the same response, except one running for governor, "New Jersey First." We're talking about thousands of New Jerseyans losing their jobs if McGuire and Monmouth get the ax. The Pentagon plan also calls for the closing of the Naval Air Center. In being the elimination of reservists centers at Fort Dix and in Perth Amboy.

No one wants to see people lose their jobs or the economy in the areas around the bases hurt. But in the rhetoric about "cutting the size of government" we conveniently ignore the impact of what it means. It's about federal employees losing their jobs and their families feeling great pain. It's about devastating poverty state economies built around government spending in concentrated areas. (Bill Clinton prefers the rhetoric of "investing" to spending.)

Countless politicians here at home are working tirelessly to protect our military bases. They argue that the hits taken by McGuire and Monmouth are unfair and unjust. Some of their arguments may have merit. But it's not like New Jersey is being singled out. Hundreds of other politicians, in states all across the country, are also fighting like hell to save their home bases. The Pentagon plan calls for shutting down 31 bases and scaling back 134 others. That's a loss of more than 80,000 military and civilian jobs. It's due to say "We're all in this together." But do we really mean it? Again, rhetoric and reality can be miles apart.

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Now's the time to think about summer and camps

As spring approaches, working parents are beginning to think about the summer — and how their school-age child will be spending the long, hot days of July and August. Many working parents who do not require child care during the school year, supervised activities for their child during the summer break. Summer camp, in a wide variety of forms, may be the first place your child will spend the summer.

Community Coordinated Child Care, a nonprofit child care services agency based in Hillside, has prepared a checklist for parents who are seeking a summer program for their child. The agency operates a free referral program to help families find suitable summer programs for their children so no child has to spend the summer unsupervised while parents worry at the office.

Think to your child. Involve your child from the start when considering summer care arrangements. What are the child's special interests and personality? Do they want a full summer of planned activities, or would a caregiver or relative be a better choice? Think about the family. What is your budget for summer care? Do you need adult supervision for the entire summer, or can family vacation time be scheduled during the summer? What are your concerns for the child?

Study your options. There are a wide variety of summer "camping" programs for school-age children. Carefully evaluate each option, understanding the cost, scheduling and transportation arrangements, before deciding.

Day camp. Day camps can be operated by various organizations and can run as long as a school day, or to meet your particular work schedule. Many school districts offer low-cost summer programs that combine athletics and academics right in your own community. Depending on the sponsoring organization, the camp may or may not have to follow state regulations or be required to be licensed.

Resident camp. Thousands of camps operate across the country providing a residential camping experience for children as young as 7 years old. Stays can last for five days or up to two months. Many camps are focused on a particular interest, such as baseball, nature, dance or computer, to match the prevailing interest of the child and family. You must consider the independence of your child and not just his age when considering a "sleep away" camp. You may want to check if the camp is accredited by the American Camping Association, or if it follows the particular licenses and regulations of the state where it is located. "Sleep away" camps have already begun accepting registrations, so if a resident program is best for your child, you should sign up soon.

Adventure camps. Normally conducted for the older child and teen-age, travel or trip camps move throughout a region offering a wide variety of sites and activities for the child.

It's your right

Under New Jersey's Open Public Records Act, you have a right to inspect most documents of local, county, and state governments and their subdivisions.

The law says that except in certain circumstances any record that is required to be kept by government is a public record.

You have a right to copies of public records within a reasonable amount of time and for a reasonable fee. There are exceptions, of course; for example, to protect personal privacy and the integrity of a criminal investigation.

To illustrate, you have a right to see the resume of the superintendent of schools, but you do not have a right to the superintendent's medical records.

The Purpose of the Open Public Records Act is to ensure that public business is conducted in public.

It's your right. Use It. Protect It. Sponsored by the Editorial Committee of the New Jersey Press Association and the Newspaper.

obituaries

Stephen B. Karlik

Stephen B. Karlik, 42, of Kenilworth died Sunday in the Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center, New Brunswick.

Born in Sherradoah, Pa., Mr. Karlik lived in Kenilworth and Roselle Park before returning to Kenilworth. He was a truck driver for United Parcel Service, Brook Brook, for 20 years. Mr. Karlik was a member of Local 177 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Irvington.

Surviving are his wife, Susan; a daughter, Susan A.; two sons, Stephen A. and Daniel T.; his mother, Margaret Karlik, his father, Stephen F.; two brothers, William Karlik and James McCafferty, and a sister, Beverly Clark.

Stephen Kedzierski

Stephen Kedzierski of Toms River, formerly of Kenilworth, died Friday in the Community Medical Center, Toms River.

Born in Perth Amboy, Mr. Kedzierski lived in Kenilworth before moving to Toms River five years ago. He was a machinist for General Motors, Clark, for 30 years before retiring in 1973. Mr. Kedzierski served in the Navy during World War II.

worship calendar

ALLIANCE

THE ORCHARD PARK CHURCH 1264 West Ave., Union, 672-0242. Pastor: Rev. Frank Kravitski, Jr. Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour, 10:30 a.m. Morning Service with Nursery and Junior Church available. Small Group meets weekly on Tuesdays. "All's Well" devotionally oriented and engaged couples learning how to develop relationships. Sunday 7:00 p.m., call 332-4455. "Young Families" (families with small children) meeting twice a week with the Rev. Dr. Dennis of Family Life, Thursday 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. All ages of young families are welcome and encouraged to bring their children. 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Service. "All's Well" devotionally oriented and engaged couples learning how to develop relationships. Sunday 7:00 p.m., call 332-4455. "Young Families" (families with small children) meeting twice a week with the Rev. Dr. Dennis of Family Life, Thursday 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. All ages of young families are welcome and encouraged to bring their children. 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Service.

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EPISCOPAL

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 243-0815 SERVICES: Holy Eucharist, Sunday 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY ACTIVITY: Sunday 9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Bible Study for all ages, multiple adult classes are offered each quarter on relevant topics, nursery care is a children's department (for support ministry). 11:00 a.m. - Fellowship of Worship. We offer a children's department (for support ministry) and a children's department (for support ministry).

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Jessie Longfield

Jessie Longfield, 82, of Holland, died March 19 in her home.

Born in Govan, Scotland, Mrs. Longfield lived in Irvington and Springfield before moving to Holland last year. Surviving are two sons, Robert N. and J. Neil; a daughter, Claire Kennedy; a brother, John W. Adams, and six grandchildren.

Ann Klimko

Ann Klimko, 76, of Ramsey, formerly of Springfield, died March 22 in her home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Klimko lived in Springfield for many years before moving to Ramsey five years ago. She had worked for General Electric, Springfield, for 35 years. Mrs. Klimko was a member of the St. Paul Sisters and the Leisure Club in Ramsey.

Thomas F. Elbertson

Thomas F. Elbertson Jr., 74, of Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Edith M. Bell

Edith M. Bell, 70, of Barre, Vt., formerly of Springfield, died Saturday in the Rowan Court Nursing Home, Barre.

Born in Westfield, Mrs. Bell lived in Springfield before moving to Barre seven years ago. She was a multi-grandchild.

Mary Gotthoffer

Mary Gotthoffer, 84, of Springfield, died Friday in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Poland, Mrs. Gotthoffer lived in Newark and Irvington before moving to Springfield 13 years ago. She and her late husband, Max, were the owners of Spilly Cleaners, Irvington, for 10 years and retired 15 years ago. Before that, they owned Grant Cleaners, Newark, for 20 years.

Joe Brooks

Joe Brooks, 93, of Somers, formerly of Union and Springfield, died March 23 in the Central New Jersey Home for the Aged, Somerset.

Born in Poland, Mr. Brooks lived in Newark and Springfield before moving to Somers two years ago. He had been a fruit and vegetable peddler in Newark for many years before his retirement 18 years ago.

John Ferreira Sr.

John Ferreira Sr., 92, of Springfield died Saturday in his home.

Born in Portugal, Mr. Ferreira lived in Springfield for 45 years before moving to Springfield 45 years ago. He had been a supervisor in the Hyatt Roller Bearing division of the General Motors Corp., Harrison, for 40 years before his retirement in 1966. Mr.

Terreia played professional soccer

Terreia played professional soccer for 10 years with the Spaworth American Football League of Fall River, Mass. He was a member of the Portugal Club of Fall River and Newark.

Surviving are a son, John

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stork club

James Patrick Tsipas

A 9-pound, 11-ounce son, James Patrick, was born March 17 in Overlook Hospital, Summit, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tsipas of Union. Mr. Tsipas, the former James Gogolian, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gogolian of Springfield. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Tsipas of Nantux.

Sarah Fenton McCartney

An 8-pound, 11-ounce daughter, Sarah Fenton, was born March 5 in Overlook Hospital, Summit, to Thomas and Meghan McCartney of Somerville. She joins a brother, Thomas F. McCartney.

Eric Shawn Ross Kerstein

A son, Eric Shawn Ross, was born March 3 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, to Cary and Karen Ross Kerstein of Springfield, formerly of Union.

Ben Colandrea

A 9-pound, 10-ounce son, Ben, was born March 3 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, to Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Colandrea of New Providence.

Amanda Filippone

A daughter, Amanda, was born March 17 in Overlook Hospital, Summit, to Mr. and Mrs. John Filippone Jr. of Kenilworth.

Megan Nicole Coe

An 8-pound daughter, Megan Nicole, was born Nov. 2 in Rahway Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Coe of Linden. She joins a sister, Amanda.

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Arts center concert series aids hospital

A large audience of Rahway Hospital Foundation patrons was on hand last month to hear the first in the spring concert series performed by the renowned Orchestra of St. Peter by-the-Sea held at Union County Arts Center.



Rev. Alphonse Stephenson

The concert was fully underwritten by The Rahway Savings Institution with all proceeds going to projects for the growth and development of Rahway Hospital. The evening coincided with the unveiling of plans for a new chapel at the hospital. These renderings were on display in the theater lobby for viewing by the patrons of the evening.

The 42-piece Orchestra of St. Peter by-the-Sea is conducted by the Rev. Alphonse Stephenson, who attained national acclaim as the musical director of Broadway's "A Chorus Line." Stephenson has conducted 2,000 performances of the musical.

A composition for the Broadway stage was performed as an opera at the Metropolitan Opera House, George Gerhart's "Porgy and Bess" and was celebrated as the orchestra performed a medley of its music.

education Interpreting pasta?



F.M. Gaudineer students in Discovery program headed by Pam Gray and Sandy Einhorn received recognition from a local restaurant recently for their creative interpretation of "pasta exploration." The Olive Branch in Springfield participated in a challenge to encourage student creativity.

Processing the prize



Documenting their prized possessions for a grade in word processing composition at the Deerfield School in Mountaintop, are, from left, eighth-graders Jacob Zawitzak, Brett Davis and Michelle Grunberg.

school lunches

- Jonathan Dayton Regional High School: Friday Pizza — plain, sausage, pepperoni, peppers and onions; manager's garden salad with dressing; hot vegetable, chilled fruit, yogurt-assorted cold sandwiches, desserts, milk.
- Monday: Chicken nuggets with favorite sauces and roll, sloppy Joe on bun, potatoes, hot vegetable, all natural fruit punch, soups, assorted cold sandwiches, desserts, milk.
- Tuesday: Frankfurter on bun or matzo, potatoes, hot vegetable, chilled fruit, cheese ravioli with tomato sauce, coated garlic bread, hot vegetable, chilled fruit, soups, assorted cold sandwiches, desserts, milk.
- Wednesday: Tacos, taco shells or matzo, served with strozzata pasta, fruit juice refresher, fresh fruit, fish hodge on bun with tartar sauce, potatoes, soups, assorted cold sandwiches, desserts, milk.
- Thursday: Pizza parlor — plain, sausage, pepperoni, peppers and onions; turkey fajitas in pita or with matzo, carrot and celery sticks, hot vegetable, chilled fruit, soups, assorted cold sandwiches, desserts, milk.

Call the editors

Ever want to talk about something you think should be in the paper? Know something that might make a good story? Do you know someone who might be the subject of an interesting feature? Do you know of a sports story we don't? If the answer is any or all of the above, it's you, call the editors at 686-7700.

SPORTS

All-Area Wrestling Team a special unit

By J.R. Parachini and Susan Krakowiak
There's no doubt that some of the best wrestlers in the state hail from the Worrall Community Newspapers' readership area. Many of them come from District 11 and Group 1 Roselle Park (13-2), Group 3 Rahway (13-1) and Group 1 Roselle Park (13-6).



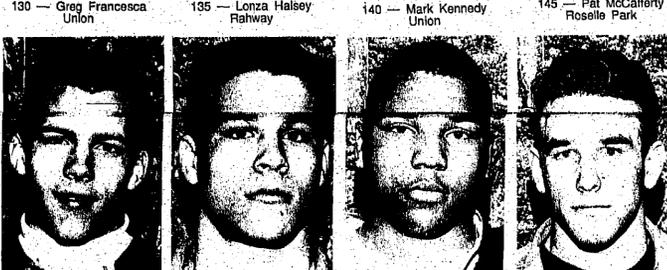
103 — David Bubnowski Union; 112 — John Gaviria Johnson Regional; 119 — Frank Tarantino Roselle Park; 125 — Chuck Ott Rahway

McCaferry and Johnson Regional's Andy Troczynski are repeat selections on this year's All-Area Wrestling Team. McCaferry, this year's 145 selection, made his 140 last year. Troczynski, the pick at 145 last year, is this year's 152 selection.



130 — Greg Francesca Union; 135 — Lonza Halsley Rahway; 140 — Mark Kennedy Union; 145 — Pat McCaferry Roselle Park

Union won the District 10 championship and Rahway the District 11 title. The two tangled in Rahway on Jan. 15 when both were unbeaten. Rahway won a 32-28 decision when Tom Keat pinned Corey Caldwell in 1:29 of their heavy-weight bout.



152 — Andy Troczynski Johnson Regional; 160 — Keith Appello Roselle Park; 171 — Dan Halsley Rahway; 189 — Bill Kouropas Union

McCaferry, a four-year varsity wrestler who grappled at 130 his freshman year, 135 his sophomore season and 140 last year, finished with an overall record of 85-29. He was a first-team selection last year at 140 when he reached the state tournament and finished 27-2-1.

Danny is only the second wrestler to have won titles in all four tournaments. Steuber said, "Carlos Garay was the only other one to do it, so Danny is in some great company."

HONORABLE MENTION

- 103-Andy Hsu, Rahway
- 119-Dom Tripodi, Bearley
- 119-Scott Rayvek, Rahway
- 125-Bob Tremplini, Dayton
- 125-Craig Mahon, Johnson
- 130-Chris Sapientza, Bearley
- 130-Mike King, Roselle Park
- 130-Adam Wicks, Rahway
- 135-Kevin Kennedy, Union
- 135-Wayne D'Angelo, Johnson
- 140-Frank Costanza, Rahway
- 145-Bob Hunt, Bearley
- 152-Anthony Barra, Roselle Park
- 152-Mike Jakubowski, Union
- 152-Dave Kromkowski, Rahway
- 160-Stave Amerling, Union
- 171-Bob Harris, Roselle Park
- 171-Roy Pitts, Johnson
- 189-Ryan Vandroozey, Roselle Park
- 189-Stave Ralskiak, Rahway
- HWT-Tom Keat, Rahway

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FLEET LIMOUSINES SALES LEASING

Ulrich, Restivo set for Nationals

Union High School swimmers Paul Ulrich and Donna Restivo will be competing at the YMCA National Swimming and Diving Championships which will be held next week in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Ulrich and Restivo are among a dozen swimmers who will be representing the Westfield YMCA Devilsfish.

Ulrich, a senior, will be competing in the 100 and 200-yard backstroke, the 200 and 400 freestyle relays and the 400 medley relay events.

Restivo, who holds the 13-14 age group Devilsfish records for the 100 and 200-yard backstroke, will compete in her two specialty events. She will also swim in the 200, 400 and 800 freestyle relays and the 400 medley relay.

"Donna has a good chance of scoring," Devilsfish coach Bruce Scheffer said. "It would be nice if she could place (Top 10). She'll have to swim tougher races than down, but I think she can give it a good shot."

Last year Keith McKane of Union dominated the competition by defeating his YMCA National 100-yard butterfly title, placing in the Top 14 in four individual events, setting two Devilsfish records and missing the YMCA National 100 butterfly record by only 11 hundredths of a second.

McKane is still swimming in college and has recently made the Senior Nationals in the 100 butterfly, placing him with world class competitors.

All-MVC hoops
Two Roselle Park High School boys' basketball players and one Dayton Regional player earned all-conference honors this year in the Mountain Valley Conference.

Marc Leonardis was a first-team selection and Kevin Kirby a second-team pick for Roselle Park in the MVC-Valley Division.

Ryan Huber was a first-team selection for Dayton in the MVC-Mountain Division.

Here are each division's first and second teams:

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sports scene

13 years and the maximum 15 years inclusive, based on age as of July 31. More information may be obtained by calling Jack Camsal at 908-686-5075.

Mountainside softball seeks teams

The Mountainside Recreation Commission sponsors a women's softball league which plays weekday evenings from mid-June through early August. Any Mountainside teams interested in joining the league are asked to call the recreation office at 908-232-0015 before Monday.

Card Show

The Roselle Catholic High School Men's Association will host its fifth annual Comic, Sports Cards and Collectible Show Saturday, April 17 in the Roselle Catholic gym. The show will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2 and all proceeds will benefit the Roselle Catholic athletic program.

Former Major League players Jake Wood, Bobby Shantz and Bobby Richardson will be on hand to sign autographs.

Those interested in directions or additional information may call Joe at 908-245-3279 or Red at 908-241-3377.

Umpires needed

The Springfield Recreation Department is seeking umpires for its Girls' Softball Program. Candidates must be at least 14 years of age and have basketball/softball experience. Umpires earn \$12 per game.

Anyone interested or seeking further information may call the recreation department at 908-212-2266.

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STATE CHAMPS HONORED — State Senator G. Louis Bossano, center, presents NJ Senale regulation to Union High School football captains Tim Kelly, left, and Brian Sheridan commemorating the team's North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 championship. Union winners of 22 straight, has won nine sectional titles.

Endler made her mark at Moravian

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

There are many area athletes who are succeeding both academically and athletically on the college level. The area athletes who are going to continue to receive notoriety are the ones that let their sports information directors know who their hometown newspaper is.

Three area athletes, Amy Endler of Roselle Park, Donna Mills of Union and Jennifer Dehn of Union, have all made or are beginning to make their mark at their respective colleges.

Senior guard Amy Endler of Roselle Park will be remembered as one of the greatest all-around women's basketball players ever to wear a Lady Greyhound uniform at Moravian College, a Division 3 school located in Bethlehem, Pa.

The 5-8 Endler finished her career in third place on the school's all-time career scoring list with 1,524 points and in fourth place in career assists with 233.

For the 1992-93 season, Endler was third on the team in scoring, averaging 13.6 points. She was second in assists with 71 and had a school-record 107 assists.

Despite a disappointing 80-57 season-ending loss to SUNY Geneseo in the NCAA Division 3 Eastern Sectional semifinals, Moravian had an outstanding season as evidenced by its 24-5 record, continuing the program's tradition of national prominence.

The Lady Greyhounds captured their 10th consecutive Middle Atlantic Conference Southeast Section championship with a 12-0 mark and

College Corner

Deln earns letter
Freshman Junior Dehn of Union earned a letter for her contribution to the 1992-93 Juniata College varsity swimming program. The school's men's team finished 10-3 and the women 7-7.

Dehn made a strong debut with three individual race victories during the regular season. She was the only freshman on the Juniata (Huntingdon, Pa.) roster to earn a letter this season.

Under the direction of head coach May Beth Spink (six seasons, 149-29-837), Moravian has developed into one of the nation's perennial Division 3 women's basketball powers.

Over the past three seasons the Lady Greyhounds have posted an outstanding 82-10 mark. (891). That record includes three consecutive MAC Southern Division titles, NCAAs in 1991, 1992 and 1993 and a 1992 Final Four appearance, where Moravian lost the NCAA Division 3 title game to Alma College, Mich. 79-75.

Moravian has received four consecutive NCAA Division 3 Tournament invitations.

Mills a hit
Freshman second baseman Donna Mills of Union belted a double and single for Lehigh University in a 5-2 loss to Canisius last week in college women's softball action. The Canisians of Canisius, Pa. earned last weekend's play with a 5-6 record.

Last year Mills was one of the best ball players in the state for the county champion Femora. She was also Union's Scholar-Athlete for the 1991-92 school year.

The program, "Beloved Chorus," will include works by Palestrina, Scarlatti, Puccini, and Stravinsky.

The program is unusual for the variety of musical styles represented, ranging from the Renaissance, to the 20th Century, it was announced.

A special feature of the concert will be the performance of a work called "She walks in Beauty" by Michael Montgomery, chairman of the music department.

The program also will include folk songs and spirituals, and feature soloists from the Kean College Division of Voice, Administration in fee, and the public is invited to attend.

Students' work to be exhibited
A "Major Work" exhibit is being presented at the James Howe Gallery of Kean College of New Jersey, Union, through tomorrow.

The annual show displays a collection of student work from across the spectrum of the Fine Arts Department at Kean. The spectrum includes painting, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry design, drawings and design pieces.

Among the students presenting work are Hilliard H. Davis III of Hillside and Alexander Carreno of Union.

For further information one can contact Eugenio Tasi at 527-2307 or 2347.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'Outdoors' are Puder's true 'love'

By Dea Smith
Lifestyle Editor
It's a delight to be able to utilize and do something constructive with a special hobby that you love. And Susan J. Puder of Union is lucky enough to do just that — with her love of the outdoors. She's a photographer who cannot get enough of the outdoors, changing seasons, landscapes and flowers.

And what's even more delightful is the fact that her photographs of flowers and landscapes will be exhibited from April 18 through May 20 at the Les Malamut Gallery, Union Public Library, Friberger Park, Morris Avenue, Union. "There will be about 35 pictures, all in color — 8 1/2 x 10 and 11 by 14s. Most will be exhibited for sale."

She even does her own printing of transparencies and uses the Chroma process and the Kodak print process for enlargements of negatives.

Puder is employed as a senior analyst at the Equitable Financial Co., New York City, but in search of her spare moments she makes for subjects to photograph, attends photography classes at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit, and devotes time as president of the Board of Directors of the YWCA of Eastern Union County for Project Protect.

She also is a past president of the Board of Health in Union and is listed in the *Magnific Who's Who in the East*. "I felt I was qualified to exhibit at the Les Malamut Gallery," Puder said last week during a chat. "I'd already had some of my exhibits at the Millburn Library and at the NYAC, and last year I was photographic judge for the Chatham Community Art Show. I also had gone to some photographic exhibits at the Les Malamut Gallery, and since I had won multiple awards, I brought my work to a woman named Viola Meakin, who runs the gallery. She looked at my work, then booked an exhibition for June of this year.

"I was very politically involved in Union for many years and had served on various commissions. I was president of the Board of Health in the late 1980s.

"I was interested in politics way back in the 1960s and very involved in the McGovern campaign. I was co-chairman in Union. In 1972, I wanted to get on the Union County Democratic Committee and I beat out former Assemblywoman Mildred Burns Hughes. We were called insurgents at the time. She also was interested in running, and I won eight votes to her five votes. I guess I had more supporters," she laughed. "There was a lot of publicity about that at the time."

Puder said that she does most of her picture taking during vacations and trips. "During the summer or on vacations, I seek out Europe and out West. Next week, I'll be going to Phoenix, Ariz."

After she was graduated from Union High School through Trenton State College, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in education, she taught as a substitute and tutored for a while. Then I got interested in the industrial field and a few years later, went to work with Chubb, where my mother now works. I have been with Equitable in New York since 1985.

Considering her work, what makes her most proud, she explained, "is my photograph of a Columbine flower. Since flowers are my favorite subject, I've used the Columbine flower for several years for pictures on Christmas cards and other holiday cards.

"The most rewarding thing about that is when relatives and friends send letters or call me to tell me how much they love these cards and keep them. And they already have many other fine collections. That's the best part of being a photographer and an artist. Really, more than anything else, this is the most rewarding."

Puder said that she's "looking forward to the reception at the Les Malamut Gallery on April 18," which will also be the celebration of the fifth anniversary of the opening of the gallery. Local, state and county officials will be there as well as past exhibiting artists and art collectors.

For ticket information, one can call the box office at 922-9226.

The Jerseyaires, directed by James Bazzovio, will feature its quartet, "Happy Medley," "Yesterday's Melodies" and "Perfect Alibi." The second half of the show will feature the Suburban Sounds Chorus, directed by Aliso Lomnick.

Last April, Suburban Sounds Chorus was a special honor, placing first in the annual Region 15 Sweet Adelines competition. Suburban Sounds Chorus will represent the region, which includes the New York/New Jersey metropolitan area, in international competition in Indianapolis, Ind. in November, where they will compete against the best female barbershop singers in the world.

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Tickets can be purchased by calling the NISO ticket office at 201-624-8203 or 1-800-ALL-EGRO.

The concert will include Borodin's "Polovtsian Dances" from "Prince Igor."

The informal concert will be introduced and conducted by Peter Rubin, whose commentary has helped school children throughout New Jersey understand the music of the NISO over the past three years.

NISO Resident Conductor Rubinstein also is the music director of the Rutgers University Orchestra and the Nova Filharmonia Portuguesa in Lisbon.

The Kean Choir, under the direction of Stephen Alcock, will present a concert April 23 at 8 p.m. in the Wilkes Theater on the Union campus.

The program, "Beloved Chorus," will include works by Palestrina, Scarlatti, Puccini, and Stravinsky.

The program is unusual for the variety of musical styles represented, ranging from the Renaissance, to the 20th Century, it was announced.

A special feature of the concert will be the performance of a work called "She walks in Beauty" by Michael Montgomery, chairman of the music department.

The program also will include folk songs and spirituals, and feature soloists from the Kean College Division of Voice, Administration in fee, and the public is invited to attend.

Students' work to be exhibited
A "Major Work" exhibit is being presented at the James Howe Gallery of Kean College of New Jersey, Union, through tomorrow.

The annual show displays a collection of student work from across the spectrum of the Fine Arts Department at Kean. The spectrum includes painting, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry design, drawings and design pieces.

Among the students presenting work are Hilliard H. Davis III of Hillside and Alexander Carreno of Union.

For further information one can contact Eugenio Tasi at 527-2307 or 2347.

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Biegel has performed in-symphonic concerts in several United States cities and in Europe and Asia. His appearance at the April 17 concert is made possible, in part, by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Tickets for the event, which will be underwritten by Merck & Company, are \$19, general admission, \$16 for senior citizens, and \$10 for students with high school or college identification.

The 1,300-seat Union County Arts Center, a restored vaudeville-movie place, has previously had concerts by other orchestras including the New Jersey Symphony, the New Jersey Pops, and, most recently the Orchestra of St. Peter By-The-Sea.

Tickets can be purchased at the Arts Center's 1601 Irving St. box office or reserved by calling 499-8226.

Award-winning photograph displayed. Susan Puder of Union poses with her "Ancient Forest," taken last year at the Petriford National Park in Arizona. It will be among the photos displayed at the Les Malamut Art Gallery, Union, April 18 through May 20.

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'My Fair Lady' musical opens this Wednesday at Paper Mill

Lerner and Loewe's record-breaking musical, "My Fair Lady," will be at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, Wednesday through May 22. Based on George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," the musical stars Simon Jones as Professor Henry Higgins, Judy Blazer as the Cockney flower girl who transforms into a lady, and George S. Irving as her flamboyant father Alfred P. Doolittle.

Jones first appeared on Broadway as Max in "The Real Thing" and went on to star in "Benefactors" opposite Glenn Close. His films include "Reds," "Green Card" and the soon-to-be released "American Friends."

Blazer, who made her Broadway debut as Sally in "Me and My Girl," a role she also played at the Paper Mill Playhouse, has appeared on television in "The Performance" on "White House" on PBS and for 2 1/2 years as Ariel Aldrin in "As the World Turns."

Irving, who appeared at the Paper Mill Playhouse as Parlane in "Penny" and as Sir in "The Rose of the Cross," is the Smell of the Crowd, was in the original company of "Oklahoma" on Broadway and won a Tony Award for his performance in "Hairspray." He is also the stage manager of the production, and Tom Helm is

Judy Blazer

musical director of a score which includes "Wouldn't It Be Lovely," "The Rain in Spain" and "On the Street Where You Live" and "I've Gone Accustomed to Her Face." Daniel Petric is choreographer. Set designs are by award-winning Michael Annen, lighting is by Timothy Hunter, and Gregg Barnes has designed the Edwardian costumes. In addition, the Paper Mill's production will feature Cecil Beaton's



Christopher Cogan of Clark will play the leading role of Tevye in Fiddler on the Roof, which will be staged tomorrow and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Union Catholic School, Scotch Plains. Tickets can be obtained by calling 889-1600.

Events set for month

An assortment of children's activities have been scheduled during the month of April by the Montclair Historical Society. A special tour of the second floor of the Irela Crane House will be offered by Beth Malmon, docent and instructor in the furnishings of the house, on Sunday. Tours are continuous from 2 to 4:45 p.m.

The Irela Crane House is located at 110 Orange Road, Montclair. Admission to the house on Sundays is \$2 for adults; 50 cents for the child. Sunday programs with the exception of workshops and classes are free with admission. For further information, call 784-1796.

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'Holocaust' film slated

A movie about the Holocaust survivors, "The Quorum," will be shown April 26 at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Elmore Theater, Elizabeth, courtesy of Bob Janssen, theater owner, and the YM-YWHA of Union County, Union.

Arrangements for the film showing were made by Peter Kenol, director of the Y. He is the son of Moses Kenol, who was one of the survivors of the Holocaust.

It was announced that the Y's special speakers to assist in financing the cost of the film are participants are asked to attend at a minimal cost. Advance reservations are encouraged as seating is limited.

'Save the Earth' puppet circus set

Admission to the "Save the Earth Circus" at Rahway's 1,300-seat Union County Arts Center at 3 p.m. on April 18, will be free for several hundred school children, kindergarten through 8th grade and their parents.

"Thanks to the generosity of three area sponsors—Northville Oil and Safety-Kleen Corp., both of Linden, and the Union County Education Association," it was announced.

The circus, presented by the Connecticut-based Children's Puppet Theater, will feature life-size puppets as reporters, clowns, jester, acrobats and animals in extravaganzas aimed at teaching children about conservation and the environment.

The circus closes over, 15 clowns in a Volkswagon, death-defying stunts and precision tumbling acts will be featured. Sponsorship includes the nonprofit Union County Arts Center to reward local school children for their environmental efforts in connection with Earth Day, April 22, and Earth Week, it also was announced. For all other admissions to the "Save the Earth Circus" is \$5.

The Union County Arts Center is a recently restored vintage vaudeville-movie palace situated at the junction of Central Avenue and Main and Irving streets in Rahway's historic restoration district. For more information, one can call 499-8226.

Nominations taken for Jewish students

Nominations are being accepted for the annual Chaim Bloom Memorial Award for Jewish college students. The Chaim Bloom Memorial was established by the family and friends of Chaim Bloom, who until his death, was a student leader at Rutgers University/Newark, and actively involved in the Jewish life of the MetroWest community. The fund is being used to present a cash award of \$250 each year to a Jewish college student served by the Alliance of Jewish Student Organizations. The award recognizes and encourages Jewish student commitment and communal involvement of individual Jewish college students.

Candidates may have demonstrated leadership potential and commitment to higher Jewish community and to Jewish life. Nominations must be submitted by rabbi, professional or faculty advisors of Jewish student organizations, presidents or directors of Jewish communal organization.

Four musicians chosen for Young Artist concert

Four young musicians have been chosen to perform in the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's 1993 Young Artist Addition Awards concert. The concert, which is free and open to the public, will be conducted by Peter Rubardt April 16 at 8 p.m. at the State Theater, New Brunswick.

The musicians selected in the semi-final auditions are pianist Haing-Ay-Hsu, 16, of Claitwell; pianist Jihwan Kim, 15, of Englewood; violinist Yoon-Kyung Kwon, 13, of Fort Lee, and pianist Yuka Mielchuta, 13, of Cliffside Park.

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reunions

Planning a reunion? There is a brochure available which gives complete information on how to go about it. For information, call 677-6555. Thomas Jefferson High School, Elizabeth, Class of 1953 is having a class reunion in October 1993 at the Grand Century in Clark. Alumni or anyone knowing former classmate should contact Andrea Layne-Richel, c/o Reunion, P.O. Box 368, Scotch Plains 07076.

Wachusett High School Class of 1938 is planning its 55th reunion for May 1993. Alumni who have not been notified or who know the whereabouts of former classmates should contact Eleanore Whaley Barry, 1551 Dell Ave., Linden 07036 or call Anne Peinberg Green at 908-353-6734, or Barry at 908-925-2386.

Irvington High School Class of 1928 is planning its 65th reunion, Alumni or anyone knowing the whereabouts of former classmates should contact: Reunion Committee, 10131 W. Sunrise Blvd., 206, Plantation, Fla. 33322.

Thomas Jefferson High School, Elizabeth, Class of 1943 is planning a 50th reunion for 1993. Classmates should contact: Reunion Committee, 118 Elmora Ave., Elizabeth, 07208.

South Side High School Class of 1938 is planning its 55th reunion for May 1993. Alumni or anyone knowing the whereabouts of former classmates should contact SSSHS 1968 Reunion, 47 Ross St., East Orange 07033.

Central High School, Newark, Class of 1943 is planning a reunion for the spring. Alumni or anyone with information on class members should write to P.O. Box 23, Linden 07036 or Loraine O'Brien at (908) 688-7561.

Orange High School Class of 1938 is planning its 55th reunion for May 1993. Alumni or anyone knowing the whereabouts of former classmates should contact: Reunion Committee, 341 Parker St., Newark 07104.

West Side High School, Newark, Class of 1973 is having a 20th reunion. Alumni or anyone knowing the whereabouts of former classmates should contact: Reunion Committee, 341 Parker St., Newark 07104.

Irvington High School Class of 1943 is planning its 50th reunion for June 26, 1993. Alumni or family members with information on former classmates should contact: Reunion Committee, 293 St. John Place, Union 07083.

West Orange High School Class of 1943 is planning its 50th reunion. Alumni or anyone knowing the whereabouts of former classmates should contact: Reunion Committee, 293 St. John Place, Union 07083.

East Side High School Class of 1943 is planning its 50th reunion. Alumni or anyone with information on former classmates should contact: Reunion Committee, 293 St. John Place, Union 07083.

Colonia High School Class of 1968 is planning its 25-year reunion for May 22, 1993. Contact: Dan Nigro, 673-8687, Janet Masano, 748-1306, or Art Fryer, 857-3621.

Colonia High School Class of 1973 is planning its 20th reunion for November 1993. Anyone with information on alumni should write to CHS Class of '73, P.O. Box 87, Colonia 07057.

East Orange High School Class of 1983 is planning its 10-year reunion for Sept. 18, 1993. Alumni or anyone with information on former classmates should write to: Class of '83, EOHS Reunion, c/o Dawn Marabito, 151 Linden Ave., Irvington 07111.

Orange High School Class of 1934 is looking for alumni for an upcoming reunion. Graduates should contact: Reunion Committee, 10131 W. Sunrise Blvd., 206, Plantation, Fla. 33322.

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State sets record-low interest rates for homebuyer mortgages

Homebuyers shopping for a mortgage will get an added incentive under a special mortgage offering by the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency—the lowest interest rates in the agency's 25-year history, Governor Jim Florio announced.

The American dream of owning a home has been deferred for too long for too many people, said Florio. "This new offering is part of our effort to help home building and home buying. They are both very important parts of our economy."

This spring, New Jersey families who may have been thinking about buying a home will have an added benefit of two new mortgage rates offered through the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, said Governor Jim Florio.

"This announcement is indicative of our commitment at the state level of providing the kind of assistance New Jerseyans are asking for."

By remarketing Housing Revenue Bonds, HMFJA will provide \$60 million at two low-interest rates: a three-point, 30-year mortgage at a fixed interest rate of 5.95 percent; and a zero-point, 30-year mortgage at a fixed rate of 6.75 percent.

The rates will be available to qualified homebuyers and homeowners under HMFJA's Home Buyers Program, Community Home Buyers Program, Buy-and-Fix-It Program, and the HOPE Program, an employer-assisted housing program.

Under the Home Buyers program, which is for first-time buyers, income limits are determined by county of purchase and family size. A small family includes two or fewer household members, a large family is described as having three or more household members.

Income limits for small families are \$47,200 and \$54,200 for large families if income is below \$50,000. For those who are purchasing a home in Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Hudson, Monmouth, Ocean, Salem and Warren counties, income limits are set at \$49,400 for small families, \$56,810 for large families for purchasers in Essex, Morris, Sussex and Union counties.

For potential homebuyers in Mercer County, income limits for small families are \$50,600 and \$61,055 for large families. In Bergen and Passaic counties, income eligibility for small families is capped at \$53,900 for small families and \$62,790 for large families. In Hunterdon, Middlesex and Somerset counties, income eligibility for small families is capped at \$53,900 for small families and \$62,790 for large families.

Under HMFJA's Urban Target Area program, which is open to all homebuyers, income limits range from \$35,640 to \$76,440 for homes purchased in one of 41 targeted cities.

More than 35 lending institutions in New Jersey offer the agency's program. A list of those lenders and information on the agency's programs is available by calling the HMFJA toll-free hotline, 1-800-NJ-HOUSE, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The announcement of the new rates follows HMFJA's renewal of down-payment and closing cost assistance as of March 1, which is part of the Welcome Home Mortgage Financing program for middle-income families.

Christiana Foglio, HMFJA's executive director, said the announcement also represents the first time the agency has offered two rates with different point structures.

"Activity in the interest-rate market continues to challenge the agency and its goal of continually providing a below-market interest rate to New Jerseyans. With market rates remaining low, we intend to remain competitive so that qualified households know that they can turn to the agency for a low rate."

The New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency is the state's largest non-profit provider of housing loans for low- and moderate-income households. More than 100,000 persons live in agency-financed apartments and over 30,000 New Jerseyans own homes. The agency has been able to buy a home mortgage from the proceeds of mortgage revenue bonds issued by the agency.

Schmidt named to committee

James M. Weichert, president, has announced that Louis G. Schmidt, a sales associate with Weichert, Realtors' Union office, has been named to the Issues Mobilization Political Affairs Committee of the Greater Eastern Union County Board of Realtors.

An experienced real estate professional, Schmidt has been listing and selling homes for three years. Prior to entering the real estate industry, he was a department head at Toys R Us in Union.

Schmidt, a four-year resident of Union, received a bachelor's degree in communications from Seton Hall University. He is a coach for the Union Little League. Schmidt may be reached for real estate transactions at Weichert's Union office at (908) 687-4800. The office is located at 1307 Shuyvesant Ave.



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Baby boomers good for housing industry

Aging baby boomers will have a positive impact on housing demand during the turn of the century, according to Gene Azzalina, president of the New Jersey Association of Realtors.

Azzalina cites the results of a recent study by the National Association of Realtors, "The Effects of Demographics on Future House Prices," written by Dr. Dowell Myers and John R. Pijan of the University of Southern California.

The NAR study found that the baby boom population grows older, people in that age group will continue to buy homes, resulting in steady sales and stable home values throughout the next decade. The study refutes predictions home purchasers by baby boomers will taper off as the generation grows older.

According to Azzalina, as baby boomers grow older, their housing needs will continue to change, causing an actual increase in housing demand and in home prices. "Baby boomers will not stop buying homes just because they are older," Azzalina, broker/owner of Century 21 Centennial in Elmwood Park. "There will be an ongoing need to meet vastly

diverse housing requirements, for affluent trade-up couples, baby boomers replacing rental, and growing numbers of non-traditional households."

The report contends shifts in population composition, not just population growth, often drive change in housing demand. It evaluates the housing consumption of cohorts — people who are born in certain time periods and that move through age groups as they grow older. The study notes measures of life cycle changes in housing demand, derived by tracking generations of Americans over a 30-year time span, provide a sound basis for forecasting future activity.

Tracking the home buying patterns of the same group over different periods of time, the study found, regardless of age, home expenditures increased at the end of each time period. "At least since 1960, per capita housing consumption has, on average, increased for all cohorts in the United States as they have aged to at least 70," Azzalina reports.

Based on the performance of their predecessors, cohorts in the baby boom generation will continue to create activity in housing markets for years to come. "The importance of this finding is its implication for the larger baby boom generation."

According to Azzalina, the research cohorts "doomsday" reports claiming home values will drop due to the smaller size of the generation following the baby boom group. Such dire predictions are too simplistic, and fail to consider the continuing impact the baby boom generation will have, he said.

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Weichert helps newcomers launch successful real estate careers

With its independence, unlimited income potential, and many personal satisfactions, real estate is a career with wide appeal.

Helping newcomers "learn the ropes" and launch a rewarding career is an important function of a Realtor, according to James M. Weichert, president of Weichert, Realtors.

He explained, "People are our single most vital asset. Just as we devote substantial resources to promoting the success of our experienced people, we closely nurture new salespeople, to help them gain confidence and be productive from as early on as possible."

A solid first step, Weichert suggested, is to meet with the manager of a local Weichert office to gain realistic insights as to what a real estate career entails.

Next comes attendance at a real estate school, a prerequisite for taking the state licensing examination. Officially licensed, the new salesperson may join Weichert, Realtors, where the excitement of building a customer base and establishing a satisfying new career begins in earnest.

The Weichert president said, "We've developed an all-encompassing system of training and support, which has an excellent track record for helping new people develop their full potential."

For a solid foundation, new salespeople attend Weichert's intensive orientation program. Company-supplied announcement cards are mailed to friends, family, and other potential sources of business. Personal publicity goes out to the salesperson's local newspapers.

Weichert's "mentor program" is especially popular with newcomers, who find that working alongside an experienced Weichert salesperson advances their skills considerably. Advice and guidance also come regularly from the office manager, who takes a personal interest in the new salesperson's progress.

In those busy first weeks of launching a career, the new Weichert salesperson will be shown how to become the specialist for specific neighborhoods, how to conduct effective open houses, and how to utilize Weichert, Realtors' family of support companies and proven systems, marketing tools, and programs to achieve career goals.

More detailed information is contained in two new Weichert brochures: "Get Started on Your Career in Real Estate" and "Weichert, Realtors Support Systems and Tools," both available at any Weichert office. Those interested in a career are invited to arrange a meeting with the manager of their local Weichert office.

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NEW JERSEY MORTGAGE RATES

Lender	City	Phone	APR	30 YR FIXED	15 YR FIXED	OTHER
Action Mortgage Corp.	Bloomfield	201-426-2300	10.99	7.00	5.00	7.30
American Federal Mtg. Union	Union	908-882-8800	10.99	7.125	5.00	7.18
America's First Mtg. Hackensack	201-488-8282	8285	7.250	5.00	7.58	6.625
Arbor Nat'l Mortgage, Clark	908-382-8800	8395	7.250	5.00	7.58	6.625
Bankers Savings, Perth Amboy	908-442-4100	8350	7.375	2.75	7.88	6.875
Berkley Fed. Savings, Millburn	201-467-2800	8295	7.375	3.00	7.69	6.750
Central Mortgage Svcs., Watchung	908-786-3000	8350	7.250	1.50	7.48	6.875
Chelsea Fin'l Svcs., Hackensack	201-482-8800	8285	7.125	2.00	7.45	6.625
Coastal Federal Mtg., Freehold	908-772-8278	8190	7.125	3.00	7.45	6.750
Concorde Mtg. Corp., Livingston	201-922-2070	8250	7.250	3.00	7.81	6.875
Consumers Mtg. Corp., Red Bank	908-578-8850	8350	7.250	2.50	7.51	6.625
Countrywide Mortgage, Westfield	908-788-4500	8350	7.250	2.75	7.53	6.625
Crestmont Federal Savings, Clark	908-827-0800	8300	7.375	2.50	7.69	6.750
Dime Savings BK of NJ, Somerset	908-808-3300	8200	7.250	3.00	7.58	6.625
Directors Mtg. Loan, Rochelle Pk.	908-874-2200	8350	7.125	2.00	7.45	6.625
Empire Mortgage, Somerville	908-874-4446	8350	7.250	3.00	7.58	6.750
First Nat'l Mtg. Exch., Jersey City	201-768-5900	8100	7.875	0.00	7.98	7.375
First Savings Bank S.A., Edison	908-228-4456	8325	7.375	3.00	7.73	6.875
Genesis Mtg. Svcs., E. Brunswick	908-287-8700	8375	7.250	3.00	7.58	6.750
Hudson Mortgage Co., N. Bergen	908-876-2274	N/P	7.625	0.00	7.69	7.250
Imperial Credit Ind., Parsippany	901-887-8800	8345	7.000	3.00	7.30	6.625
Ivy Mortgage Corp., Belle Mead	908-874-7722	8275	7.250	2.89	7.58	6.750
J.S. Financial Mtg. Co., Lyndhurst	201-462-8002	8250	8.000	0.00	8.00	7.500
King Mortgage Corp., Clifton	908-385-5090	8300	7.000	3.00	7.31	6.500
Manor Mortgage Corp., Parsippany	901-884-0646	8225	7.750	0.00	N/P	7.500
Monarch Svcs. Bank, FSB, Iselin	908-344-9005	899	7.250	3.00	7.58	6.750
Morgan Carbon Financial, Ridgewood	908-802-2716	80	7.125	2.88	N/P	7.125
Mortgage Acceptance Grp., Milltown	908-328-8244	8160	7.250	3.00	7.58	6.500
Mortgage Money Mart, Edison	908-848-6423	80	7.125	2.75	7.40	6.825
National State BK, Elizabeth	908-474-1000	8295	7.125	3.00	7.48	6.825
New Century Mtg. Co., E. Brunswick	908-300-4800	8375	7.000	3.00	7.30	6.500
Paradise Mortgage Svcs., Warren	908-581-3332	8350	7.125	3.00	7.47	6.750
Premier Mortgage, Union	908-887-2000	8325	7.125	3.00	N/P	6.625
Pulsaki Savings BK S.A., Springfield	901-884-8800	8350	7.125	3.00	7.45	6.500
Pulsaki Savings Bank, Cranbury	908-393-0088	8350	7.800	3.00	8.20	7.100
Royal Mortgage, Morristown	901-884-9900	8285	6.825	0.00	N/P	7.125
Source One Mtg. Svcs., Cranford	908-705-1800	8300	7.125	3.00	7.43	6.500
Stirling National Mtg. Co., Clark	908-882-8278	8195	7.000	3.00	7.30	6.500
Sullivan Financial Svcs., W. Orange	908-385-8800	8350	7.250	3.00	7.58	6.750
United Jersey Bank, Ridgely Pk.	908-283-2811	8225	7.250	3.00	7.58	6.500
Valley National Bank, Wayne	201-385-8800	N/P	8.250	2.00	8.40	7.250
Williams International, W. Orange	908-854-2270	8250	7.875	1.00	N/P	7.600

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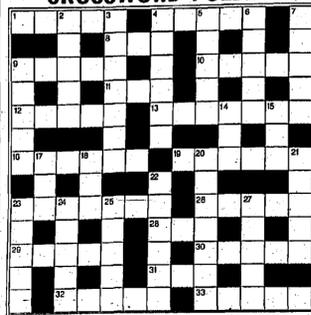
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- 16. Deep ditch
- 19. Daring
- 23. Adjusted
- 26. Insubtle
- 28. Clamor
- 29. Grieve
- 30. Vacant
- 31. Can
- 32. Sticky
- 33. Rejuvenate

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- 2. Toss
- 3. Filly
- 4. Impudent
- 5. Fire-raising
- 6. Scottish landowner
- 7. Vapor
- 8. Separate
- 9. Alcoholic spirit
- 15. Night bird
- 17. Discard
- 18. Planch
- 20. Nestle
- 21. Way in
- 22. Strangeness
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- 24. Grow up
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- 27. Intimate

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horoscope

For week of April 4-April 10
ARIES (March 21 to April 20) You could be involved in a change in your home life. This could be as minor as redecorating or as drastic as a move to another city. You will do well when handling money and important paperwork. The best feelings of a loved one are difficult to manage.

TAURUS (April 21 to May 21) You may be feeling a bit restless, but the least to postpone trips just now. Somebody else's answer will be the best solution to a financial decision. In matters of love, some changes are in store, and you will be pleasantly surprised. You will be spending a lot of time with a Libra of the opposite sex.

GEMINI (May 22 to June 21) A shake-up at work will benefit you, although a co-worker or superior could store rivalry. You will be surprised and impressed with the amount of inner strength you possess. If extra spending is indicated for the weekend, try to contain during the week.

CANCER (June 22 to July 23) Be wary of getting advice on your love life from others. The only one who knows what's best for you is you. A business associate will call on you for your expertise and experience. Money will go quicker than it arrives, so you'd better take great care. Rest and relaxation is something you need in order to be more productive.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 23) You will need to pay a bill that you hadn't bargained for. Carry any unnecessary spending. If you're feeling overwhelmed at work, don't be afraid to delegate some of your heavier responsibilities. If you were involved in unscrupulous behavior at work, you will be paying dearly for it now.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 to Sept. 23) Don't feel overwhelmed by new situations; you will be able to cope with ingenuity. Fly a stroke of luck, you will fall into some extra money and will probably treat your family to something special. The end of a long-standing relationship is likely.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 23) A phone call you receive this week could have a major impact on your future. This will be a positive change for you. You should be doing well financially as long as you resist

the urge to over-spend. New relationships formed now will be significant.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24 to Nov. 23) A long-term problem will finally be solved. This will be a great weight off your shoulders. You will now be able to lay solid foundations for the future this week. Your partner could become demanding. Don't let yourself be led into any awkward situations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 to Dec. 21) Everything should go smoothly when love is concerned. You and your partner are in for some romantic evenings this week. You will get a warm welcome at a social gathering where others will seek your opinion. Keep an open mind when it comes to making summer travel arrangements.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Financial news lightens the heavy load, but avoid any major purchases. If single, this could be the time to find someone who meets your lofty standards. You could be the victim of a family dispute this week; watch what you say! A surprise will come in the mail.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 18) You will find it especially easy to express yourself this week. It may be a good time to initiate the relationship conversation that you've been wanting to have with a loved one. If you are unattached, now is the time to get out and socialize. An Aquarius of the opposite sex wants to meet you.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You may feel a surge of energy this week, and it is probably a good time to unwind and relax. Meditation and a healthier diet are ways to put you back on track. You will receive a lot of social invitations for the weekend. Only accept the ones you really want to attend.

Your birthday this week could be an excellent year for you. You just have to keep one thing in mind: Think before you act. Many Astor get themselves in trouble because of their quick decisions. However, if you think things through, you could be rewarded with financial gain, career advancement and many other wonderful opportunities. You will be traveling quite a bit this year, especially during the summer months. You could meet a very special friend in a far away country. This could be a good year for personal growth.

FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1993
EVENT: Big Indoor Flea Market
PLACE: Roselle Catholic High School, Roselle Rd., Roselle
TIME: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
ORGANIZATION: Roselle Catholic High School

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 1993
EVENT: Big Clearance Sale Flea Market
PLACE: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 124 Prospect St., Irvington
TIME: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
PRICE: Donations wanted. \$15.00 for will come in the mail.
ORGANIZATION: Redeemer Lutheran Church

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1993
EVENT: Indoor Flea Market
PLACE: Roselle Park High School, Roselle Park
TIME: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
PRICE: Donations wanted. \$15.00 for will come in the mail.
ORGANIZATION: R.P.H.S. Class of 1966

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY
MARCH 26, 27, 28 and APRIL 2, 3, 4, 1993
EVENT: Holiday House Boutique
PLACE: Lambertville, Valley Rd./Garett Mountain, Gilroy/Paterson border
TIME: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
PRICE: \$2.50 admission (3 visits). For information call 201-861-2761.
ORGANIZATION: Passaic County Historical Society

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APRIL 21 thru MAY 26, 1993
8 Week Series, Every Wednesday
EVENT: Smoking cessation program, using the watch and behavioral support. Led by Linda Posner MSW & Dr. Robert Posner.
PLACE: Rahway Medical Building, 63 Westfield Ave., 2nd floor, Clark
TIME: Daytime series 12:20 p.m. Evening series 6-8 p.m.
PRICE: Free consultation. Oral cancer screening. Space limited, register early. Call 908-368-7600.

AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1993
EVENT: Service, Travel and Gift Auction
PLACE: Seton Hall Prep School, 120 Northfield Ave., West Orange
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PRICE: \$7.50 per person, free to holders of Mercedes-Benz raffle ticket. Complimentary wine, beer & hors d'oeuvres. Information call Joe Walsh, 201-251-4550.
ORGANIZATION: Seton Hall Prep Fathers' Club

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1993
EVENT: Fish/Video Dinner
PLACE: First Congregational Christian Church UCC, 1240 Clinton Ave. at Olive St., Irvington
TIME: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
PRICE: Donation: \$7.00 adults, \$3.00 children under 10. Reservations required. Call 908-975-6863.
ORGANIZATION: The Board of Trustees

OTHER
SATURDAY, SUNDAY
APRIL 3, 4, 1993
EVENT: Easter Extravaganza
PLACE: Hillside Presbyterian Church, 545 Oak Ave., Hillside
TIME: Sat. 10am-5pm; Sun. 12pm-1pm.
PRICE: Homemade cakes, cookies, pies, chocolate, eggs, plus toys, gifts, raffles & Buy Nothing (bring your camera).
ORGANIZATION: Hillside Presbyterian Women

reunions

Planning a reunion? There is a brochure available which gives complete information on how to go about it. For information, call 677-0565.

South Side High School Class of 1938 is planning a reunion on May 16. The reunion committee needs assistance in locating classmates. Contact Leonard Morvan, P.O. Box 771, Millburn 07041; 762-3331.

U.S.S. Forrestal is having a reunion on Sept. 22-26 in Virginia Beach, Va. for all former and present crew members/air group and marine detachments. For information, contact Thomas O'Brien, 2325 Calvin Ave., Norfolk, Va. 23518; 804-583-1070.

Weymouth High School Class of 1943 is planning its 50th reunion. Call 763-0213.

East Orange High School Class of 1949 is planning its 45th anniversary for Oct. 22, 1994 at the Holiday Inn in Livingston. Alumni or anyone knowing the whereabouts of former classmates should contact Susan Flores, 10 Cornell Road, Cranford 07016.

Hillside High School Class of 1972 is seeking alumni for its 20th high school reunion. Anyone with information on alumni should contact Lori Fischer Pignebaum, 14 Shelley Terrace, West Orange 07083.

Union High School Class of 1943 is planning its 50th reunion for June 26. Alumni or family members who know the addresses of class members should write to: Jennie Hamill, 293 St. John Pl., Union 07083.

South Side High School, Newark, Class of 1943 is planning a 50th reunion. Alumni names and addresses are needed. Contact Florence Amster Bernstein, P.O. Box 233, Keasbey 08823-0233.

East Orange High School Class of 1943 is having a 50th reunion. Alumni or anyone knowing the whereabouts of former classmates should contact the Alumni Committee, P.O. Box 57, Clifton 07830.

Battin High School, Elizabeth, Class of 1958 is having a class reunion on Oct. 22 at the Grand Contrition in Clark. Alumni or anyone knowing of former Battin classmates should contact Andrea Legros Richel, c/o Reunion, P.O. Box 366, Scotch Plains 07076.

Clifford J. Scott High School Class of 1941 is planning a reunion. Alumni should write to: Doris Galloway, 41 Mountain Ave., Bloomfield 07003.

Colonial High School Class of 1972 is having its 20th class reunion in November. Anyone with information on alumni should write to: CHS Class of '72, P.O. Box 87, Colonia 07067.

'Robin Hood' planned

"Robin Hood," the classic children's adventure tale, will be performed April 18 at Keam College of New Jersey, Union, at 2 p.m.

The performance, an American Family Theater production, is one in a series of children's programming offered by the college's Children's

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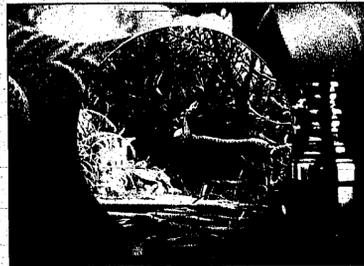
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