

Automotive

'Partners in management' at Chevrolet

Chevrolet has forged a new partnership with its dealers, built a new streamlined, customer-focused sales and service organization, and has a host of new products for the marketplace of the 90s and beyond.

At a news conference in conjunction with the division's national dealer business meeting, Chevrolet National Dealer Council Chairman Jerry Schmitt reported, "Chevrolet dealers now are true partners with the management of the division."

He said the new partnership with Chevrolet management that is happening sooner or later, because dealer input will help speed the return of Chevrolet to leadership in the marketplace.

Schmitt said the fact that he was participating in the news conference "tells you a lot about the changes taking place at Chevrolet." He said dealers have been involved "for some time" in Chevrolet's product development activities, working with plant engineers and quality-based status groups of the customer in building future generations of Chevrolet.

Chevrolet General Manager Jim Perkins said five products Chevrolet

has introduced "have been home runs in the marketplace," and that GM's largest marketing division "is up to us to get it all."

Perkins said Chevrolet's new S-Series compact pickup trucks will be available in the 1994 model year "with again in the 1994 model year" with trucks jumping more than 100,000 to 1,266,000 trucks.

"I would sell about a million cars again in the 1994 model year," he said, "with sales of about 100,000 to 1,266,000."

Perkins also said Chevrolet expects to have 120,000 of the all-new Camaros available for sale in 1994, up considerably from the limited 1993 volume of the new car, adding that he figured the new Camaro convertible would account for a bigger share of Camaro sales than it has in the past.

"I would retain its 'Most Dependable, longest-lasting' truck advertising theme, and 'Get to know Geo' theme for the successful Geo lineup."

"I would continue to phase out the 'Heartbeat of America' advertising theme used for the past several years and replace it with a new theme in 1994."

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Most cars more than 10 years old have a carburetor, which may never be replaced.

Options set for those old cars

Options set for those old cars

You're buying a new car. What do you do with the old one? You have three choices: keep it, trade it or sell it.

If you don't want the old car, you'll probably get more money if you sell it yourself, said Rick Town, assistant vice president of automotive services at the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club.

Car dealers typically offer about one-third less than the average retail value for a trade-in. Trading a car is convenient. But most car buyers, unless they're better off negotiating the best price without a trade-in. Then, ask the dealer what he'll give you for your used car. If that doesn't equal what the car is worth, sell it yourself.

Town recommends the following guidelines to consider before you put your car on the market:

- To determine the value of your used car, look up the year, make the model in a used-car pricing guide, check prices for similar models in the classified ads or call a used-car pricing program like AAA's Auto Pricing Service. Consider the car's condition, odometer reading and optional equipment.
- Whether you trade or sell, it's important that your car looks its best. Vacuum the interior and shampoo or replace the floor mats. Clean cloth upholstery thoroughly and use a vinyl cleaner on the dash, door trim and upholstery. Remove all unnecessary items from the trunk, glove compartment and other storage areas. Eliminate rattles by tightening loose screws and bolts.
- Thoroughly wash and wax the car. Clean the windows, polish the chrome and remove the grime and brake dust from the wheels.
- Be sure the car runs well, but don't make expensive mechanical repairs if you can avoid it. Repair the car as if it were mechanically perfect and offer a discount for needed repairs.
- Avoid cosmetic cover-ups such as rust repairs or a cheap paint job. The higher price probably won't cover the investment. Recent body work or new paint also makes potential buyers suspicious. Gain the buyer's confidence by communicating honestly about the car's problems.
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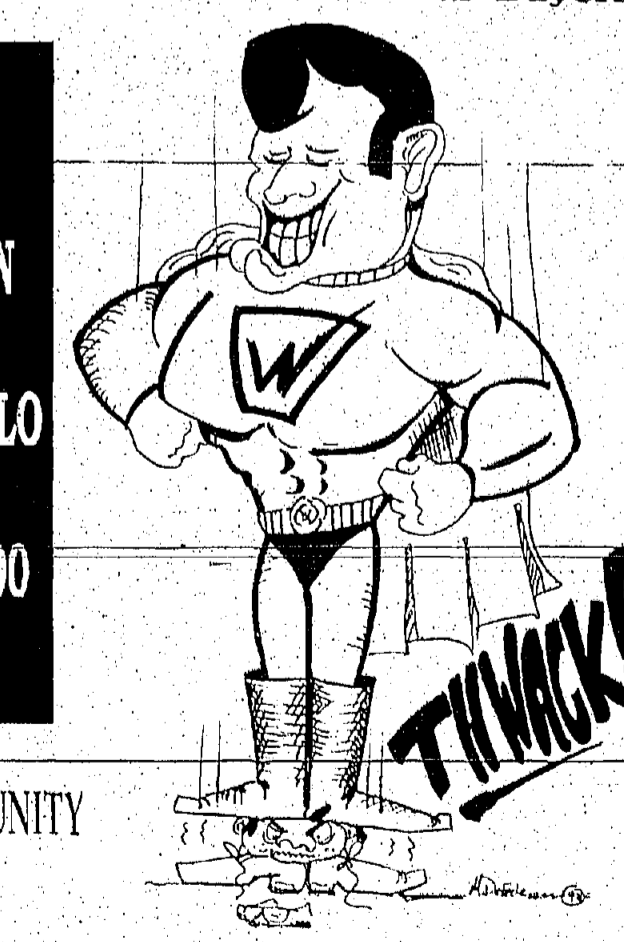
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Community Update

Literacy: Pass It On
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Literacy Volunteers of Union County will be holding a four-day training workshop for English as a Second Language (ESL). The six-session workshop will be held on the following Saturday mornings: Feb. 5, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. These sessions will be at the Summit Library, 75 Maple St., Summit. The workshop will be taught by a certified ESL teacher.

Volunteers age 18 and older are currently needed to tutor non-English speaking adults in Union County. No foreign language or previous teaching experience is necessary. There is no charge for the workshop. To register, call (908) 255-7755, or write to Literacy Volunteers of Union County, 626 N. Walnut Ave., Larkfield, N.J. 07066.

Tim Gillis' band helps support bicentennial

By Dennis Schaal
 Staff Writer

For members of the Bicentennial Committee and their supporters, fundraising has been as easy — or difficult — as a county two-step on a successful note.

The committee conducted a graceful, county-wide fund-raising drive this week that the group raised more than \$2,300 toward the May 14-15 Springfield bicentennial events.

The Holiday Inn event featured the Tim Gillis Band, a disc jockey and soundlights. Ernest noted that the band has a following: "about half of the tickets were from out of town."

Contributors to the event included the Super Foodstore and the Olive Garden restaurant as well as the Holiday Inn event, which donated use of the room.

The bicentennial celebration itself is expected to include a re-enactment, a heritage festival, health screening, a parade and an ecological symposium.



Leo and Charis Moschisin share a dance while the Tim Gillis band plays in the background as part of a bicentennial fund-raiser which was attended by more than 420 people and raised more than \$2,300.

Deer season 1994 opens in reservation

By Heather MacGregor
 Managing Editor

The Division of Parks and Recreation, in the proposal, had any deer killed must be transported from the parking area to their home in the reservation, however some reservation residents in the vicinity of the reservation, including Randy Curran, 236 N. Walnut Ave., Larkfield, said the proposal was not followed. There were dead deer carried out of the reservation in the week of the opening.

As for the actual procedures involved with the hunt, there are not any expected changes to take place for next week's hunt because last year's was successful, said Capt. Thomas Grady of the Union County Police.

"It went so damn good there is no reason for any change. It surprisingly could not have gone any better," Grady said. "Hunters and citizens alike were very cooperative."

Thirty officers were on duty around the reservation during the hunting hours who patrolled the borders, entrances, command posts, parking lot at the Trailside Nature and Science Center, and others were on reserve patrol, Grady said.

Some of the officers remained after the end of the hunt, including the night shift, which was manned by the general area patrol, Grady explained. Approximately 20 of the number of officers who were working overtime.

Postpartum is topic

The New Jersey Association of Women Therapists will hold its winter general meeting Feb. 4, at 7:15 p.m. at Christ Church in Springfield.

Lynn Madick is scheduled to discuss "Postpartum Distress: Mothers, Mothering and Being Mothered." Madick is in private practice in Westfield and Cranford.

Childbirth is almost universal, but anticipated with great joy. Unfortunately, the birth of a child is often followed by psychological distress. Social, family and biological factors may combine to contribute to postpartum dysfunction or depression.

The presentation will describe the various postpartum disorders, and their treatment, using psychoanalytic, cognitive and systems-oriented techniques.

The New Jersey Association of Women Therapists was organized in 1976 to provide an educational and networking forum for women practitioners in all areas of mental health. For membership information, contact Claudia Seidel at (201) 326-6588.

Bagel breakfast set

The Elm-Lincoln Post 273, Jewish War Veterans of the USA will be host to its first bagel breakfast meeting of the year Feb. 6 at 9:30 a.m. at the Sarah Bailey Building, 30 Church Hill, Springfield.

Speakers for the morning's program will be financial planner, Jerome Rosenberg, executive vice president, and Michael Rosenberg, president, representing Creative Financial Solutions.

The Jewish War Veterans of the USA is the oldest veterans service organization in the United States celebrating its 100th year in 1996. For additional information contact Past Commander Murray Weinstein at 376-0837.

Emergency Management prepares operational plan for disaster

By Heather MacGregor
 Managing Editor

This year's winter has begun in full force around the county in East. Great snow storms that have been hitting the area sporadically were, marked by California's recent earthquake which measured a 6.6 on the Richter scale.

Not to let local, county and state emergency management services be prepared for just about any natural or man-made disaster, the emergency management area — all in the emergency operating plan.

Springfield emergency management services, which include the auxiliary police, have been seen in abundance during the past few weeks as members clear roads, check power lines and direct traffic throughout the township to ensure the safety of residents and visitors, Springfield Mayor Marcia Furman said.

The Springfield Police Department would be the first channel for residents to alert in case of an emergency and they would decide if emergency management should be activated, a police official said. If the incident is sudden, such as a power outage or road closure because of massive snow drifts, radio and television stations

Sedlak prepares for new position

By Dennis Schaal
 Staff Writer

She's now qualified to sign off on all three vital documents: budgets and financial statements that shape the municipal bottom line.

The Township Committee last week promoted Treasurer Marie Sedlak to chief financial officer, following her certification for the post by the State Department of Community Affairs in December.

Sedlak, a resident for 24 years, had passed a series of eight courses, offered through Rutgers University, to qualify for the certification.

"I'm thrilled to be in a position to help the township," Sedlak said. "I did well."

The requirement that municipalities use a chief financial officer for certain duties first came into being in 1989 through a state law, 19A Deputy Director Mike Hall said this week, and it's been updated in the interim.

"The purpose of the law was to ensure that municipalities have trained, professional financial officers in place to promote financial stability and accountability," Sedlak said. She said that the law had previously been based on "OKing."

The township had "been under budget" for the last two years, said Sedlak, and the certification exam Dec. 17 and "got the call" before New Year's that she had passed, she said.

The new title boosts Sedlak's annual salary \$2,000 to \$8,551.

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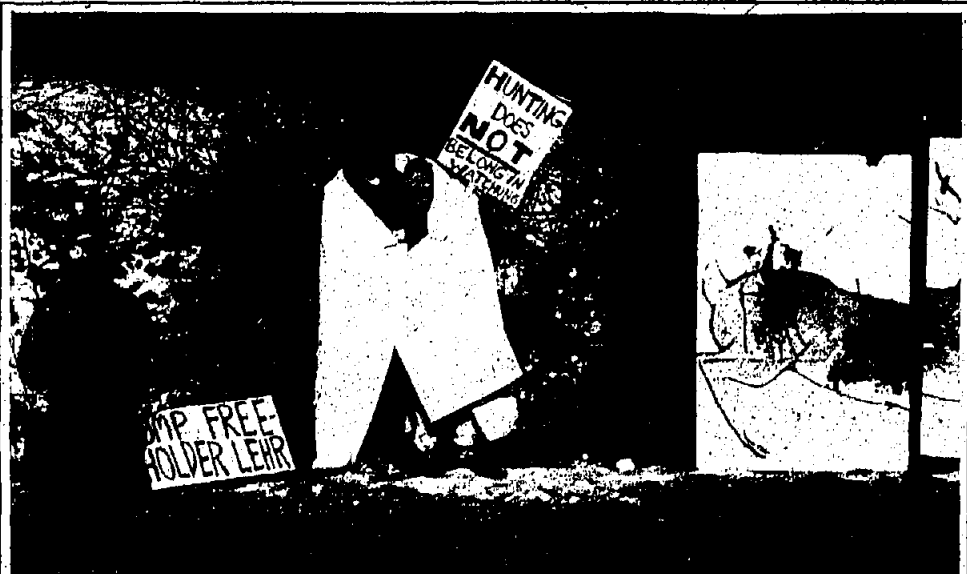
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Top, more than 30 anti-hunt protestors brave the cold and line Route 22 and Now Providence Road on Saturday.

Hunt scheduled for weekend

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December decision to conduct a four-day hunt in the reservation to reduce the deer herd and preserve the ecosystem of the area was approximately 30 strong throughout the weekend.

"The protestors were very loud and they did their thing and the hunters did their thing," Henner said.

Some area residents however did not agree with the "massacre" of the hunt, including Casar, who said she made several calls to the police to report "after hour" gunshots through Monday morning.

She said she called county and local police departments and was told to write down the license plate number of any vehicle that appeared suspicious, however, they informed her nothing could be done unless they witness someone transporting a deer out of the area, Casar said.

County police reports, however, said only one report was filed on Friday and another on Saturday.

"There may have been some, but the police officers who were there did not hear any. And certainly if they did hear them, they would have been out there," Gately said.

Henner said the only problem, unconnected over the weekend of the hunt was alleged protest vandalism of signs and barricades, which required early morning assistance from the division of traffic and engineering. "Nothing was accom-

Board to undertake study

By Joseph Niedzelski
Staff Writer

The Union County Regional Board of Education has decided to pursue its own feasibility study into the deregionalization of the district. The board decided on the action at its regular monthly meeting on Jan. 11.

"What the board did was to pass a resolution to direct the administration to contact approximately three firms that would be willing to submit proposals which would determine the educational and financial impact of a possible deregionalization," said Tom Long, spokesperson for the regional district.

Long stressed that concrete action would not take place until the regional Board of Education met with representatives from Deloitte and Touche next week to discuss its study.

"Representatives of the region's board and the administration will be meeting next week to learn more about the Deloitte and Touche report. Once that is completed, the administration and regional board will really know what needs to be done and in which direction they should move regarding its own study," Long said.

The intent of the regional board, Long said, is to ensure the best education for students of the regional district. He added the regional board was meeting in the spirit of cooperation agreed upon in December at a meeting with Union County Superintendent of Schools Leonard Fitt.

Ruth Brinen, chairman of the board, said the study will be completed by the end of the year. He has chosen a period of time which appears to be in conflict with the other time lines set by the Bagger Bill, Brinen said.

"Taking one full year allows any municipality or Board of Education who opposes deregionalization to stall the process. In fact, at the meeting with Dr. Fitt on Dec. 26, even some of those boards that are opposed to deregionalization were equally opposed to the length of time put on the feasibility study," Brinen said.

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plished by the vandalism. It only added to the expense of the whole thing," he said.

Cost records and overall results of the productivity of the hunt will be available until late this week or early next week, officials said.

The next hunt is scheduled for Friday and Saturday from approximately 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., or sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, according to a preliminary report issued by the County Division of Parks and Recreation. Two groups of 40 hunters who will be allowed to shoot deer and introduce male deer on the first day and either does or bucks on the second day, officials said, the same as last week.

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Muskus tapped for board slot

By Sean P. Carr
Staff Writer

The regional high school board appointed Virginia K. Muskus, a former board member, to fill the vacant Clark position on the body, board spokesman Thomas Long announced this week.

Muskus, who previously served on the board from 1974 to 1992, holds the seat vacated by Robert Della Salla, who resigned in December, after moving out of the district.

She will serve at least through April, when an election will be held for the remainder of Della Salla's three-year term, which runs through April 1996.

Muskus, who lost her seat to current representative Don Paris in 1992, said Paris told her about the vacancy and urged her to apply.

"I'm very pleased to see somebody with such a wealth of experience in my counterpart on the board," Paris said.

Commenting on the move toward deregionalization by several municipalities in the Union County Regional High School District, Muskus said, "I believe in the regional district. I'm a little concerned about what's being going on."

"Out of the selection that we were given of those Clark people who respected interviews for the open position, Ms. Muskus was the most qualified and I support that appointment," said Kenworthy's representative to the board, Robert E. Jean.

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By Anthony Puglisi
Staff Writer

If you want something done, give it to a busy person.

This is a perfect description of Liz Fritzen. In addition to filling the roles of wife and mother, she is the township clerk of Maplewood and a resident and member of the Springfield First Aid Squad.

She can now add another title to her resume, having been elected by her peers as president of the Municipal Clerk's Association of Essex County.

Fritzen, who had been treasurer of the clerk's association the last two years, was elected to the one-year term Thursday night during the association's meeting at Meyer's restaurant in Mulley.

"I feel greatly honored," Fritzen said the day after becoming president. "It was an honor even to be just considered for the post." As president, she is responsible for organizing and running the association's meetings and arranging the association's programs.

"She said the organization is 'vital' because it allows clerks from the county's 22 municipalities to just come to our faces. We're here to help and exchange ideas about their jobs. While the municipalities in Essex County may be diverse, clerks basically perform the same duties as election officials, secretary to the governing body and attending meetings of the governmental body.

The organization is like a support group for its members. They can't help you enough," Fritzen said about the outgoing nature of the clerks who have always been willing to share their "wealth of wisdom."

"As president, I just want to continue the great tradition of the organization," she said.

The Springfield resident has been Maplewood's township clerk for six years and a member of the Municipal Clerk's Association for five and one-half years.

In addition to her duties as township clerk, Fritzen believes her job is important because her office is usually the one residents come into contact with first and most often. She gives a lot of credit to her staff for how efficient and courteous her office is operated.

"The clerk's office is the first office people see when they come into town. We answer their questions, with a smile on our faces. We're here to help the township people," Fritzen said.

Prior to becoming township clerk, Fritzen worked in the Maplewood Recreation Department as a program supervisor and senior citizen coordinator for nine years. She graduated from Kean College in 1979.

She and her husband, Jim, adopted their first child, Patrick, one and one-half years ago, and she has been a member of the Springfield First Aid Squad for 20 years and captain of the squad for the last decade.

"I've always been an involved person," Fritzen said.



Liz Fritzen

Dinner honors women around county

The Union County Commission is sponsoring its second annual dinner honoring 10 women in Union County. The honorees are selected based on their significant contributions to the occupation and/or community. All honorees must live or work in Union County.

The 1994 honorees are: Keiko Harvey for Business/Corporate, Mary C. Segers in Education, Brenda Rhodes as Entrepreneur, Linda Lee Kelly for Government/Elected Officials, Ella Teal in Human Services, Mary Ann Spoto for Journalism, Ann Kluecker in Law, Pat Leonard Regal for Law Enforcement, May Jo Rice in Medicine, Kathleen Di Chiara for Volunteerism.

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Civic Calendar

The Civic Calendar is prepared by the Springfield Leader and Mountainide News. To avoid conflicts in scheduling local events, please post dates, times and places as early as possible and send to P.O. Box 3105, Union, 07083, or call (908) 688-7700.

Monday
The Springfield Township Committee will hold its executive session meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Tuesday
The Springfield Board of Education scheduled its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the media center of Gannett School.

The Springfield Township Committee scheduled its regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

The Union County Regional Board of Education will hold a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the instructional media center at Governor Livingston Regional High School.

Feb. 11
The Mountainside Borough Council scheduled an executive work-session meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Feb. 18
The Mountainside Borough Council will hold its regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the municipal building.

Support group forms

Union County family members - friends of individuals with mental illness. Guest speakers will also be scheduled.

The next meeting will be held today.

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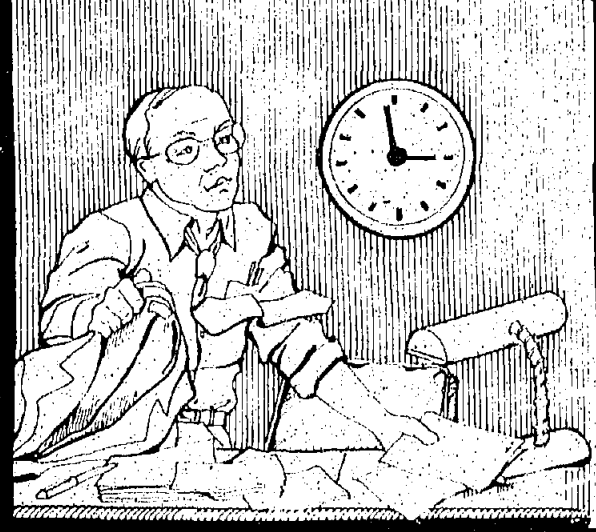
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Stahl to address banker association in community

Lecley Stahl, co-editor of the CBS news magazine "60 Minutes," will keynote the 11th annual regional conference of Mortgage Bankers Association, the nation's largest regional meeting of mortgage experts.

According to E. Robert Levy, executive director of the Springfield-based Mortgage Bankers Association of New Jersey, host of the conference, Stahl is scheduled to speak at the opening session of the residential portion of the program on March 24. Her address is titled "Television, Politics and the Economy."

The conference, sponsored by mortgage bankers associations from New Jersey, Delaware, New York and Pennsylvania, runs March 21-26, at The Taj Mahal Casino Resort in Atlantic City.

"Lecley Stahl is recognized as one of the nation's foremost journalists. We look forward to her keen insights into Washington politics, which will surely have a tremendous impact on the mortgage industry," Levy said. "Participants will also benefit from her working knowledge of the media, which plays a large part in shaping consumer confidence as well as the nation's overall attitude toward the economy."

Prior to joining "60 Minutes," Stahl was CBS News' Chief White House correspondent since January 1989, where she returned after serving as CBS News' National Affairs Correspondent since 1986. Stahl filed the White House beat from 1978 to 1986. In 1990 she was honored with the prestigious Dennis Kauff Journalism Award for lifetime achievement in the news profession.

"As one of the nation's most experienced journalists in network television, Lecley Stahl has covered stories ranging from Watergate to the attempt on President Reagan's life in 1981. She has reported on every U.S.-Soviet summit meeting since 1978, and every national political convention and Election Night since 1974," Levy said.

The 11th annual regional conference of Mortgage Bankers Association will include income property and residential lending programs; breakout sessions; a lender and purchaser marketplace; keynote speakers; an exhibit hall featuring more than 100 displays; and a special workshop by Debra Jones — known in the mortgage industry for her books, lecture series and motivational programs.

"The theme for this year's conference," Levy said, "is 'Don't Let Your Business Practices Become Extinct.'"

Registration fees remain the same in 1994. For the residential program, the fee is \$395 for MBA members, \$495 for nonmembers. Registration for the income property program is \$235 for MBA members, \$310 for nonmembers. Combination registration is \$595 for MBA members, \$725 for nonmembers.

Registration does not include hotel reservation fees. Further information may be obtained by contacting the MBA of New Jersey, 385 Morris Ave., Springfield, 07081, (201) 379-7447.

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Committee keeps students, parents aware

Effective communication is a key ingredient to the success of any institution, particularly a school. That's why the Committee on School Issues at Governor Livingston Regional High School is being hailed as a positive influence on school life.

Established at the outset of the 1992-93 school year, the Committee on School Issues provides Governor Livingston students, parents, teachers and administrators with a forum to discuss important issues which face the school community. Currently, the committee is comprised of 15 students, including at least two from each grade level; nine parents, five teachers and four members of the Governor Livingston Regional District administrative staff. The group meets once per month between October and May.

"The committee was formed to foster communication and openness among different constituencies within the school," said Rosalie Lamonte, principal of Governor Livingston.



Rosalie Lamonte, principal at Governor Livingston Regional High School, second from left, discusses the work of the school's Committee on School Issues with committee members, from left, Melissa Statile of Mountlanside, Len Semon and Lois Jenner, principal of Governor Livingston.

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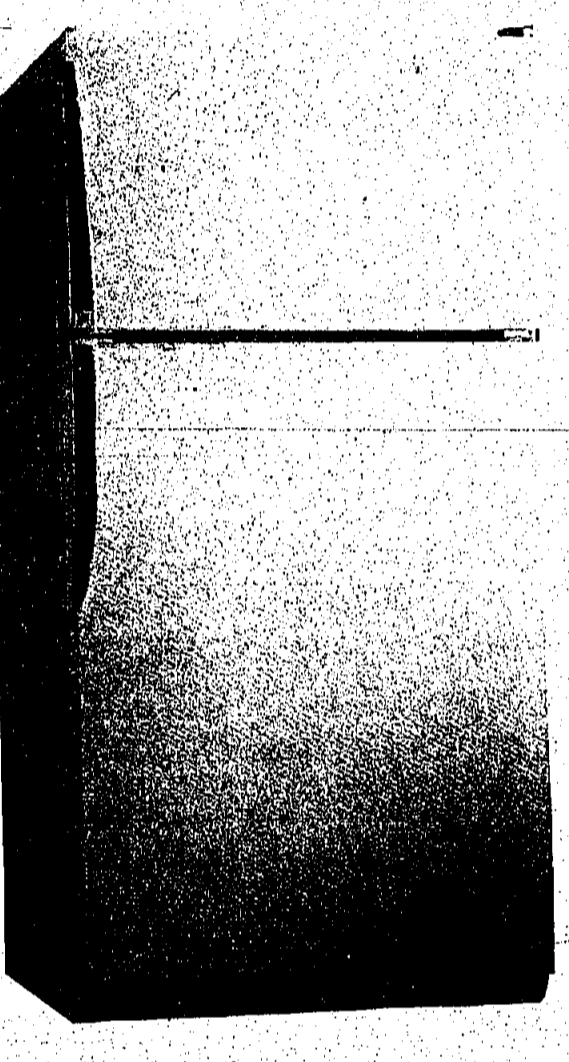
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OPINION PAGE

Poor decision

The Union County Regional High School Board of Education demonstrated a lack of concern for students in the district when it cancelled summer school without providing an alternative.

The board's action was part of a cost containment philosophy it has been trying to follow for the last year. However, there is a difference between smart fiscal management and simply disregarding the needs of the students that a district is trying to educate.

School officials once again have served their own interests and given the students no choice but to adhere to the decision.

The board members who voted in favor of discontinuing summer school neglected to recognize the overall result of their purpose as educators and decision makers — the education of the students. They are entrusted to provide quality in education and prepare the students for the future.

The board decided that having a tutoring program available for students in math would fill the void created by discontinuing summer school because it would provide a service throughout the year at a much lower cost. This is unrealistic because there are other courses which pose an equal amount of difficulty to students, including English and foreign languages.

Another consideration which the board has conveniently overlooked is that students do not want to fail or repeat a grade because they missed the objective of a major core class. These representatives give the impression that students who are required to attend summer school did not care during the year and carried a "poor attitude" and, therefore, failed a course.

No one wants to fail. The board should encourage and support the student body with pilot programs throughout the year in addition to offering summer school to give students every opportunity to do well.

Students need to become active in the decision-making process which affects their education because the board is not paying attention to their needs. And the students will be the ones who suffer in the end.

Who's to blame?

As a result of a Dec. 22 article, "Police request \$3,000 for emergency repairs," the editorial page has become a forum for debate over the condition of the Police Department and the attitude of the officers toward their chief. The article stated that video equipment has been in need of repair since June because of damage done by a power surge and a delay in insurance claims, according to Police Chief William Chisholm. The chief claimed that he informed the proper channels to make the repairs, but received no response.

Committeeman Jeffrey Katz said he was never officially notified of the situation. And although he acknowledged the repairs needed to be addressed immediately, they should not have gone unattended for six months.

Former Mayor Philip Kurnos took the opportunity to create a few more waves and began the series of letters which have covered the Opinion Page for the last three weeks. In his letter, Kurnos blamed Katz for being the root of any discontentment in the Police Department. For the past two years, Kurnos said the department has been rebuilding a working relationship that Katz destroyed while he was mayor.

Since the initial letter from Kurnos, Committeeman Harry Pappas and Katz, in addition to the former mayor, directed blame to each other for any problems in the Police Department.

Everyone is entitled to opinions, and the newspaper is the perfect forum for the viewpoints. However, the chief and members of the police force have been somewhat quiet during the letter-writing campaign. Is there something they are trying to hide by not attempting to protect the integrity of the department?

Residents need to know the situation in the Police Department and those parties owe it to the community to set the record straight. If there is a problem, the safety of the community, along with the safety of surrounding municipalities that rely on Springfield for mutual aid, could possibly be in jeopardy.

sound off

Sound-off directed to residents

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Cost comparisons telling a different story

For the past several years, I have been hearing and reading projections by district administration that the reporting of the inordinately high per pupil cost of operating the Union County Regional High School District is unfair and misleading because:

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Be Our Guest

By George Scholten

divided by the resident enrollment. Federal aid, debt service and tax levy, special projects, inflation and miscellaneous revenues are excluded from this calculation.

The data books identify 48 limited purpose regional high school districts, in addition to the Union County Regional District, in operation in New Jersey. Comparison of the per pupil costs of these 49 districts, however, is the argument against uniformity in comparisons — with K-12 or K-8 districts.

Analysis of the data for these 48 districts for the 1992-93 school year produces the following:

• Range of per pupil cost: \$7,338 to \$13,297. Average \$10,137. Median \$10,137. First Quartile \$8,773. Third Quartile \$11,850. Union County Regional per pupil cost \$15,750.

The data books report the number of full-time equivalent residents pupils and the net school budget per pupil. This term is a calculation introduced under the OEA legislation and is equal to the current revenue available per pupil plus specific state formula aids — foundation, transition, transportation, special education, at-risk, bilingual and vocational — \$15,127.

It should be noted that in the 1991-92 school year, the reported per pupil cost of the Union County Regional District was \$5,315 above the average and \$2,431 above the highest of the other 48 districts. In the 1992-93 school year, with cost containment a priority in board discussions, these differences increased: \$5,613 above the average and \$2,543 above the highest.

It should also be noted that the average per pupil cost for the 14 regional districts in the high-cost, north-eastern portion of the state was \$11,392 in 1992-93, \$4,368 below the Union County Regional cost.

Again, using the reported enrollment and per pupil costs for the Union County Regional District and the six surrounding districts, similar high school districts, in the so-called high cost area of the state, or, when considered as part of the K-12 operations in conjunction with its six surrounding districts, when compared to other surrounding and competitive K-12 districts.

I invite your response to me, either setting my data and conclusions or acknowledging that your administration's projections against the cost comparisons are without merit.

George Scholten is a member of the Kenilworth Board of Education.

letters to the editor

Ignore Kurnos' babblings

To the Editor:

Mayor Furman was correct when he said in last week's Springfield Leader that a lack of communication among last year's governing body freed "a lot of feelings" and that "we are finally getting to the point where we can communicate and learning to trust each other." I fully agree with Marcia, however, without question there are those who would like to see the fighting continue. We are all working together, all striving for unity to move Springfield's agenda ahead.

As for the new committee being formed, I am not sure if it is necessary. Phil Kurnos has his head and is now chewing up everything in sight. This last week Kurnos turned his venom and attacks on Committeeman Jeff Katz. You may recall that not so long ago Phil went after me and attacked Mayor Furman calling her the worst doing nothing committeewoman ever elected in Springfield. Everyone thought he had finally lost his marbles when he made that statement.

Frankly, Phil, you should be reminded that those who live in glass houses should use Windows. In your case, you must be purchasing Windows by the truckload. For those in our community who don't know it, Phil Kurnos tears his head and is now chewing up everything in sight. This last week Kurnos turned his venom and attacks on Committeeman Jeff Katz. You may recall that not so long ago Phil went after me and attacked Mayor Furman calling her the worst doing nothing committeewoman ever elected in Springfield. Everyone thought he had finally lost his marbles when he made that statement.

Kurnos also stated that he is "just a concerned citizen who has always had a deep feeling for this town." If anyone believes this statement, please contact me because I have never from property in Iowa for sale. Phil has always followed the motto of "All for one and one for all." He has used his "concern" for Springfield each and every time he made a move to use Springfield for personal gain for himself or for his family.

How do we forget how he jammied his son-in-law on the public paid in town, worked his claws to become mayor, placed his wife on a board and just this past Jan. 1 collected his 30 pieces of silver by pulling in the strings to have himself appointed to the Planning Board. An appointment, as one Democrat put it, cannot be questioned in the Democratic Party, but Committeewoman Helene demanded it for Phil. Now he is their representative and their responsibility every time he says something or for whatever action he takes. Kurnos is fast becoming an embarrassment to our town.

I am not a resident of Springfield. I am a resident of the credit for everything in Springfield from inventing noise to selfishness spread. The truth is that under our form of government, one committeewoman cannot accomplish much as an individual. Whatever Phil takes credit for was a result of other committeewomen working together to make it happen. He had the money to take credit for the newly established veterans park. When the project was first suggested, it was embraced by the entire Township Committee and everyone worked together to make it happen. Kurnos slapped the committee in the face when he attempted to suggest that without him it would not have happened.

Phil left public office without clearing up a few items, and if he really cares "deeply" about Springfield he will clear this air. The most important of the allegations made against Kurnos was that he may have used his elective office to secure a position for his daughter in a Springfield bank. If this is true, this can be very serious and have far reaching ramifications. The Prosecutor's Office was advised and to my knowledge the matter is being reviewed. Even the Springfield Leader in its editorial called for the prosecutor to look into the matter. Perhaps they will move slowly.

If any of these allegations are true, they must be brought out and dealt with. On the other hand, if they are incorrect, Phil's name should be cleared and I call upon him to move to do so. I truly believe he owes it to Springfield and every taxpayer.

Lastly, Committeeman Katz and I will make every effort to work with the few majority for a better Springfield. As long as politics are kept out of the day to day business of Springfield we will move Springfield ahead. Should politics be brought into play, problems will develop. We will respect the residents to help us complete the goal. I am assuring that the babblings of Phil Kurnos be ignored and for all residents to read between the lines when he takes pen in hand. He is a very bitter person who will say or do whatever is necessary to see his name in print or gain attention. I will not permit him to speak his venom without a copy-print or gain attention. I will not permit him to speak his venom without a copy-print or gain attention.

Harry Pappas
Township Committeeman

Bergen concerns understandable

To the Editor:

At the last meeting of the Township Committee, a question was raised about the propriety of Bruce Bergen retaining his position as chairman of the Democratic Party while serving as township attorney. This is an understandable concern.

Three of us on the Township Committee are declared Democrats: two are declared Republicans. There has been no suggestion that we should renounce ties to our respective parties or change our registrations at the polls as a symbol of dedication to no one except the office. Indeed, the adherence to party lines, while of minor philosophical differences in our small community, nevertheless contributes to the competition to be worthy of office and, as a result, to remain in office, to the benefit of the community.

Mr. Bergen is a capable and dedicated public servant. He has been and continues to be chairman at the pleasure and with the confidence of the Democratic Party. If replaced, he would be no less a member of the party leadership, which illustrates how empty

the gesture would be. Bruce Bergen serves as township attorney in accordance with the ethics of his profession, his oath of office and his personal morality. None of those abuse the standards of either political party or the best interests of Springfield. There is no legal conflict — there is no ethical conflict.

Herbert Slone
Township Committeeman

Kurnos can waste his own time

To the Editor:

I wrote two weeks ago that Phil Kurnos' bitterness would cause him to spew venom wherever he could and that we could expect more of it. I was right. Now that Kurnos is off the committee, the use of his still is beginning to rebuild relationships and to address the business of government. Kurnos, on the other hand, has the luxury of idle time — which he can spend constructively or destructively as he chooses.

I don't have that luxury. As an elected official and as a volunteer, I chose to devote a large portion of my time, energy, skills and talents to the people of Springfield. To waste even a minute with another of Kurnos' weekly "greeting cards" would be a distraction from more important things. Kurnos can continue to waste his own time. He will no longer waste mine.

Jeff Katz
Committeeman

Let's assume a helpful heart

To the Editor:

When ice and snow cover our front walks, let's counter the outer jerkiness with inner warmth of heart and a helpful attitude. Let's show we care and are responsible.

Clearly, it is not easy to remove ice and snow from walks and driveways, but owning a home, like owning a car, a boat, or even a pet, carries with it a certain responsibility. The home owner has a responsibility to clear the walk in front of his home, not only because a town ordinance requires it, but also because he should be a good neighbor and a good citizen.

Our walks are used by children walking to school, neighbors walking to buses and stores, mail carriers delivering our mail, and delivery people bringing us packages and supplies. All these people, and others, deserve our courtesy, consideration, and yes, our hard work. Not that advanced age, infirmity, winter vacations, etc., do not absolve the home owner of this responsibility; in such cases, one must obtain a surrogate to complete the chore. The responsible, caring home owner who considers others does not subject them to injury or danger. Home owners who leave ice and snow on their walkways display an inner jerkiness — communicate with the outer chill.

Don Hartman
Springfield

"Freedom of the press is based on a principle which the whole world must practice if we are to have peace, and that is the principle of tolerance — of being able to stand criticism and of realizing that nobody has the infallible truth."

—Henry Cabot Lodge Jr.

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Reservation is less desirable

To the Editor:

I personally would like to thank the many people who worked so diligently to try to stop the deer hunt in the Watching Reservation Jan. 14-15 and Jan. 21-22.

To those of us who live in the area, whether you are for or against the hunt, we now have another concern. Any house that is listed for sale in our area always has the notation "located in the Watching Mountains" or "A view of the Watching Reservation. No longer will this be such a desirable place to live.

Families with young children will not be anxious to relocate to an area where deer are shot as a solution to the failure of the Parks Department to replenish trees that are dying at a rapid pace, investigate a lake that is dying — Surprise Lake, and reduce the speed limit through the reservation.

The speed limit on the main road through the reservation ranges from 35 to 40 miles per hour. Cars speed through here well in excess of this. No one cares.

Perhaps this is the time to have our homes reassessed. We pay extremely high property taxes to Union County to live in such a dangerous area.

Thanks to Frank Leht and the rest of the freeholders who pushed this deer hunt through when they thought the people would be too busy with the holidays to notice, we will all suffer. Turn the volume on your radios and television sets up high on Friday and Saturday and you won't hear the sounds of deer being killed among the dead trees and dead lake.

Lois Russell
Scotch Plains

Freeholders will be hearing more

To the Editor:

I read your article Jan. 13 on the deer hunt. In it, there was the subtle intimation that the Union County freeholders might consider legal action against those residents who had submitted affidavits to stop the hunt. In your policy of being fair, by printing it you may have fallen into a trap.

They obviously want to intimidate anyone else trying to take legal action. But they won't. Even they realize this is a free country, and any citizen who feels the politicians are wrong can use the system to try to rectify it, however fruitless that may be. I am one of those who submitted an affidavit of complaint, an affidavit that was virtu-

ally ignored in a "name town decision."

"But again," the freeholders know that a citizen trying to show in a court or in public forum that a group is wrong, self-serving, corrupt or arrogant, that it makes decisions that serve their own needs, that their group has been accountable to nobody — is an inalienable right. All of the above can still be said, punned, even submitted to a court without fear of legitimate legal retaliation.

Because this is the United States of America, a place where dissenters are free to express and use the system to fight a wrong, everyone so inclined should feel free and be unafraid to place to live.

Hunters should speak in opposition

To the Editor:

Although I am not a resident of Union County, I am eminently qualified to comment on the recent Watching Reservation hunt.

I am a hunter. I have hunted bear, deer and pheasant. I hunt some animals in such a small and controlled area that I am not an excessive hunter and will only hunt a few animals, the type of "hunter" who gives hunting a bad name, and who will, and probably has already, poached after hours, and who will now be a danger to your community.

I have a doctorate in pharmacy and master's degrees in public health and infectious diseases. Scenarios involving

take to court their grievances, to complain to the local health department if their fear of gunfire and the sound of gunfire is injurious to their health in any way, particularly if they have a heart condition, free to write to their local, state and national representatives, free to use the polls to vote and/or recall — that procedure is now in place in Union County — and being to account the responsible parties.

There is always action to be taken. The freeholders will be hearing more and more from the astounded citizens of Union County.

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Gordon to chair Walk

Sean P. Gordon, assistant director of Ryan College of New Jersey's Office of College Relations, has been named chairman of the March of Dimes WalkAmerica Committee in Union County.

Gordon, a Union resident, has served as board member and team-lead chairperson for the Union County Chapter since 1990. He replaces outgoing chairperson Ron Keisman of the Elizabethton Gas Company.

As chairperson, Gordon will oversee the activities of the Union County committee. Her responsibilities include sponsorship, school recruitment, promotion, raising over monthly meetings, participating in pre-walk publicity events, and serving as media spokesperson.

"I am pleased to lend my continued support to such a worthwhile organization and look forward to increasing and improving participation among walkers in Union County in what is the March of Dimes' largest fund-raising event," Gordon said.

Proceeds from WalkAmerica fund the March of Dimes Campaign for Heart Health, programs of medi-

Arc offers help

The Arc of Union County is having open enrollment in the Senior Outreach Service Program provided by its family support system. Parents or guardians of a person with developmental disabilities may be eligible for certain home-based services to assist them as they face the continuing demands of caring for their adult children even as their own ability to provide the necessary care diminishes.

SOS, under the direction of Lois Goldberg, provides in-home information in the following areas: family

Sessions for literacy

Literacy Volunteers of Union County will hold a two-night workshop for English as a Second Language. The six-session workshop will be held on the following Saturday mornings: Feb. 5, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 1994 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Legal secretaries meet

The Union County Legal Secretaries Association will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Inova's Restaurant, 400A Amsterdam Ave., Roselle.

The speaker for the evening will be Officer Matthew Agostini of the Union County Sheriff's Office, who will introduce "Lucas the Pig."

All secretaries, attorneys, members of the bench and bar and friends are welcome at every UCLSA function. Reservations or information may be had by contacting Iris Epstein at (908) 964-1717.

Superbowl party

The American Cancer Society will hold its second annual "Kick Off Against Cancer Superbowl Party" on Jan. 30 at 8:30 p.m. at the Grand Round on Route 22 East in Springfield.

The purpose of the event is to raise money for the programs in cancer research, education and patient services. Tickets are \$25 each and include hot and cold buffet, one hour open bar for beer and wine only, 54-ounce all night, and the chance to watch the Superbowl on a large screen.

Ticket holders must be 21 and over with identification. For more information, call the Union County unit of the American Cancer Society at (908) 964-7173.

Scholarships available

Applications for the Suburban Catholicism scholarship program are available to high school seniors living in any of the 42 communities served by Suburban. The cable company serves 238,000 customers in Essex, Hudson, Middlesex and Union counties.

Scholarship applications and detailed information may be obtained through high school guidance offices. A maximum of three applications per student, determined and submitted by guidance counselors, will be accepted by the Scholarship Committee.

All applications must be received at Suburban's offices in Union by April 22 at 5 p.m. More information is available by calling the scholarship coordinator at (908) 851-8839. Suburban Catholicism is a New Jersey's largest cable company.

CPR course offered

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Bassano's certification bill signed

Legislation sponsored by Senator Louis Bassano, R-Union, that would establish a statewide certification and training program for workers involved in inspecting or removing lead-based paint was recently signed into law.

The establishment of the certification program, one of the first of its kind in the country, would help protect the public from the potential health danger posed by unscrupulous and inexperienced contractors attempting to remove lead-based paint.

Bassano said, "Enactment of this bill is only a small but critically important beginning toward the goal of protecting the public from one of the most dangerous and most under-looked forms of environmental illness among children."

The Centers for Disease Control estimates that between 3 million and 4 million American children have blood lead levels of 10 or more picograms, the level defined by the CDC as diagnostic of lead-based paint poisoning.

Ogden chosen for environment/energy

Assemblywoman Maureen Ogden, R-Union, was selected by Assembly Speaker Garbarino "Chuck" Hayatian last week to chair the newly formed Environment and Energy Committee.

Previously, energy policy and environmental policy were divided between two committees, Ogden, who formerly chaired the Assembly Environment Committee, said the merger makes implementable sense.

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sources including gasoline emissions, industrial sources, municipal landfills, drinking water, soil, and food or liquid ingested from lead-soldered food cans or poorly glazed ceramic containers.

In the most serious cases, the disease can cause coma, convulsions, kidney and liver disease, heart disease, hypertension, strokes, reproductive disorders, permanent brain damage and even death.

Even at relatively low levels of exposure, lead poisoning can cause decreased intelligence, speech disorders, reading disabilities, shortened attention spans and behavioral disturbances.

The Centers for Disease Control estimates that between 3 million and 4 million American children have blood lead levels of 10 or more picograms, the level defined by the CDC as diagnostic of lead-based paint poisoning.

Under the legislation, no contractor engaged in lead-based paint abatement will be allowed to perform lead evaluation or abatement work, or to represent himself as specializing in this area, without obtaining certification from the Department of Community Affairs.

Such certification would be based on the employing of sufficient numbers and types of personnel certified according to standards established by the Department of Health to perform lead abatement work.

While the legislation provides \$80,000 to initiate the program, Bassano also included provisions designed to create a self-funded certification program through fines of \$1,000 to \$10,000 on violators and by authorizing the DCA to assess fees for the certification and recertification of workers.

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Parent involvement



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Union pins down win over Rahway

Farmers claim 6 of final 7 bouts to hand Indians their first defeat

By Steve Brown

Correspondent

UNION — Two of the top high school wrestling programs in the area met last Friday when Union hosted Rahway in their annual Watching Conference match.

Rahway enjoyed success in the lower weights, but Union gained control of the match by winning six of the final seven bouts from 140 through heavyweight to post an impressive 41-26 triumph. Union won five bouts by pin and Rahway three.

"I thought we used good technique and I thought we hung in there pretty tough against a team that beat last year," Union head coach Al Lilly said.

"We're working on getting better. Rahway was going to be a big match for us without me yelling or screaming about it."

"I didn't have a kid out there who didn't do what I thought he could do for us," Rahway head coach Fred Stember said.

"We knew where we were going to get beat and we knew where we should win. Every kid made it interesting."

Last year, Rahway, which went undefeated during the regular season, was defeated during the regular season, pinned a 32-28 defeat on visiting Union by winning the heavyweight bout by pin. Rahway went on to post a 13-1 record and were winners of the

watch with Jim Lopez. This may have been the most evenly matched bout.

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begin the Rahway surge by pinning Jeff Komolida in 3:24 of their 112 bout.

Lino Torres followed by winning a decision over Victor Conza 20-10 at 1:19.

"Torres is superior on his feet," Stember said. "He cut him, he cut him and took him down again."

Tom Wysocki defeated Joe Costanza 10-0 at 1:25 to give Rahway a 14-1 tie in the match.

Union was able to break the momentum with a win by Dan Zuzica in his fiercely contested, 1:30-point

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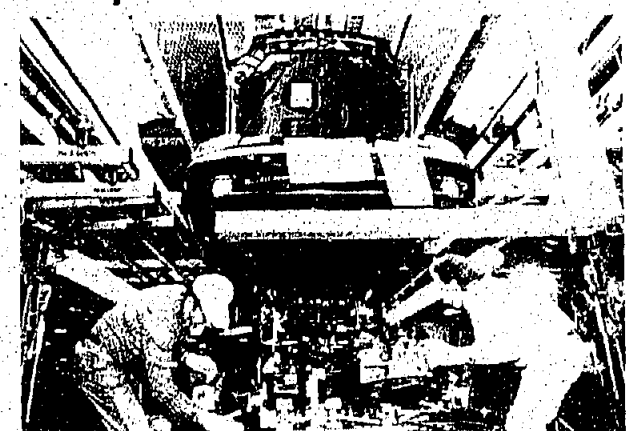
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Neon packs power into sub-compact

It may seem unimaginable to consider the performance profile of the new sub-compact 1995 Dodge and Plymouth Neon sub-compact sedan in the same context with the brute power of the Dodge Viper sports car. Yet, there are valid reasons for such a comparison, including that the manual transmission-equipped Neon, next only to the limited-edition Viper, will be the second quickest Chrysler-built car on the market.

Powered by an all-new 2.0-liter, 16-valve, single-overhead cam, multi-point, fuel-injected, four-cylinder Chrysler engine mated to a five-speed manual transmission, the Neon is capable of reaching 60 miles per hour from a standing start in just 8.8 seconds. That level of performance is available in every Neon, not just a limited-edition, top-of-the-line performance version.

The Viper is much faster than Neon with its thunderous 400-horsepower, 8.0-liter V-10 engine, and has a 0-60 mph rating of 4.5 seconds.



A 2.0-liter engine is inserted at Chrysler's Boliviere, Ill. assembly plant, which produces the 1995 Plymouth/Dodge Neon.

It's just that such outstanding performance has been absent from the small car segment of the market where owners historically were forced to tolerate fuel-efficient, but unresponsive engines simply because there was no other choice.

Neon, with its 2.0-liter engine that delivers best-in-class base engine output with 132 horsepower at 6,000 rpm and 129 pound-feet of torque at 5,000 rpm, is a clear departure from the norm in this regard. A double-overhead cam version of the same engine will be introduced on Neon in November 1994 and it will be even stronger.

An important reason for the Neon's spirited performance is its power-to-weight ratio — 17.7 to 1 — which makes the new little car — 2,320 pounds at curb weight — better in this regard than any of its competitors.

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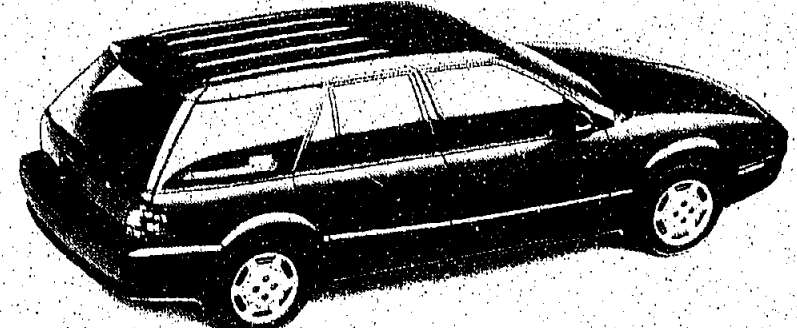
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Towns seeing a light at the end of recession tunnel. See special tab.

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Springfield youngsters sparked the Summit Seals swim team to 4 consecutive victories. Page B1.

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Community Update

Three vacancies

The term of office of three Springfield Board of Education members will expire in April 1994. The three vacancies are for three-year terms. Springfield residents who wish to obtain nominating petitions should contact the board office at 376-1025, Ext. 210, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on days that schools are open.

Candidates filing a nominating petition for board membership must meet the following qualifications: a citizen of the United States of America, at least 18 years old to qualify for office, able to read and write, a resident of the municipality from which he or she is to be elected for at least one year, preceding the date of the election, not be directly or indirectly interested in any contract with or claim against the board, possess the qualifications of membership prescribed by law, including a specific declaration that he is not disqualified as a voter pursuant to R.S. 19:4-1 and a qualified voter of the school district which the candidate shall represent on the Board of Education.

Completed nominating petitions must be filed with the secretary of the board on or before 4 p.m. Feb. 24. The board office is located at Florence M. Quailier School, South Springfield Avenue, in the rear of the building. The days, dates and business hours during which the office is open for receiving petitions are between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. during regular scheduled school days.

Literacy: Pass It On

Join the growing number of volunteers who are making a difference in bettering lives. Become a Literacy Volunteer.

Literacy Volunteers of Union County will be holding a tutoring workshop for English as a Second Language. The six-session workshop will be held on the following Saturday mornings: Feb. 5, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19 from 9 a.m. to noon.

These sessions will be at the Summit Library, 75 Maple St., Summit. The workshop will be taught by a certified ESL teacher.

Volunteers age 18 and over are needed to tutor non-English speaking adults in Union County. No foreign language or previous teaching experience is necessary. There is no charge for the workshop. To register, call (908) 925-7755, or write to Literacy Volunteers of Union County, 926 N. Wood Ave., Linden, 07036.

Bagel breakfast

The Elm-Unger Post 273, Jewish War Veterans of the USA, will be host to its first bagel breakfast meeting of the new year Feb. 6 at 9:30 a.m. at the Sarah Bailey Building, 30 Church Mall, Springfield.

Speakers for the meeting's program will be: financial planners, Jerome Rosenberg, executive vice president, and Michael Rosenberg, president, representing Creative Financial Solutions Group Inc. will present an introduction to their seminar on money savings ideas.

The Jewish War Veterans of the USA is the oldest active veterans organization in the United States celebrating its 100th year in 1994. For more information, contact Past Commander Murray Nathanson at 376-0837.

Appellate panel overturns ruling against Pappas

By Heather MacGregor, Managing Editor



Harry Pappas

A panel of three Appellate Court judges unanimously agreed in a decision handed down Monday, to overturn a \$264,000 judgment against Springfield Township Committeeman Harry Pappas because his lawsuit against the county and six officials was not frivolous.

The panel ruled that Pappas does not have to pay the legal fees, which stemmed from a 1989 lawsuit against the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and a former county manager.

Pappas brought the lawsuit against the county because he said he was fired from his position as county director of social services for political reasons.

Superior Court Judge Lawrence Waterman tossed the case "year-long" on frivolous grounds and required Pappas to pay the county's legal fees.

The panel wrote, "A prevailing defendant is entitled to counsel fees only if plaintiff's civil rights claim was unreasonable, frivolous or without foundation. We are satisfied that it was not a mere exercise of judgment to award counsel fees to defendants, because plaintiff's cause was not so groundless, frivolous or unreasonable as to justify the award of counsel fees."

The panel also wrote, "If the relatively modest fees generated by defendants' counsel during the initial two months of the litigation are a guide, plaintiff's fees would also have been relatively modest. Defendant's counsel fees grew to exceed \$264,000 only because of the protracted litigation caused by entitlement and the freeholders' continued unsuccessful efforts to challenge plaintiff's appointment."

Pappas said he predicted the outcome of the case because there was "never any doubt" that the case was justified.

"There was never any doubt that my case was not frivolous. Just like there was never any doubt that once we got the case moved out of Judge Weiss' court that his decision would be reversed. And I certainly would be entitled to my attorney's fees if I did not think the three appellate judges for taking their responsibility seriously and taking my case in proper perspective," Pappas said after learning about the ruling.

"It became very clear early on in the case that politics was the moving factor that perhaps clouded sound judgment. It was the Republicans who tried to resolve this case, but it was the Democrats who adopted the philosophy of damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead and hit me if it hurts," Pappas said. "In doing so, they squandered hundreds of thousands of taxpayers' dollars foolishly."

"Lucky, to say I have been vindicated is an understatement. Especially with a 3-0 unanimous decision by three appellate judges," he said.

Pappas brought the lawsuit against former Democratic Freeholders James Welsh, Neil Cohen, Michael Lapolla, Jeffrey Maccarelli and Gerald Green and former County Manager Joseph Martin in October 1989. Pappas alleged in the suit that the freeholders were receiving Martin to have him fired. And he filed against Martin for failing to remove his "acting" title, which was a condition of his appointment after passing the necessary test requirements for the post.

County Counsel Jeremiah O'Dwyer said the board has not yet read the decision and, therefore, no discussion has been made whether or not the freeholders will appeal the ruling.

Committee retains current contract bargaining system

By Heather MacGregor

The Township Committee agreed Monday during an executive session to retain the current system of employee contract negotiations, despite a push from Mayor Marcia Forman to consider an outside mediator.

Committeeman Harry Pappas vehemently rejected two resumes from potential negotiators submitted by Township Attorney James Bergen, because he said it would be a waste of money, an insult to the employees in town and appeared to be "distasteful political."

"Springfield doesn't need to hire an expensive negotiator because we as a Township Committee have always enjoyed an excellent relationship with our employees. Springfield is not so big that it cannot sit down with its employees face-to-face and be up front and honest with one another," Pappas said.

"I believe very strongly, honestly and openly that Bruce is going to be taking place soon, according to the contract negotiations, which should be taking place soon, according to Township Administrator Helen Maguire Keyworth. Township employees scheduled a meeting for yesterday and have considered taking action against the committee for 'unfair labor practice' because they 'are not bargaining in good faith' as a result of delayed negotiations," Maguire said.

Committeeman Herb Slovic said he was sure that other people share Pappas' concern, but added that the problem is determining by what means contract will be negotiated.

Committee member Kathleen Kait said she has seen both methods used for contract negotiations and the most effective measure was between committee members and employees and not a professional mediator.

Forman said she was skeptical about using the "face-to-face" method of negotiating because there are other factors which come into play in addition to salaries. She cited health insurance and other employee benefits.

Pappas said that as a member of a previous township bargaining unit that it worked out well and there was not a need for an outside mediator.

Committeewoman JoAnn Holmes said she would be willing to try negotiations between committee members and employees under the condition that if problems arise, a mediator would be hired.

Members of the committee suggested that former Township Attorney Rebecca Donington be considered as the special attorney.

Man wanted for robbery

By Heather MacGregor, Managing Editor



Police composite sketch of suspect in Jan. 10 robbery.

Authorities are looking for a man wanted for stealing the purse of a 47-year-old woman in a parking lot of a Route 22 East business on Jan. 10 at 7 p.m.

The suspect allegedly approached the woman on foot, grabbed her pocketbook and fled to a waiting vehicle with a driver, and proceeded down Route 22 East, police officials said.

The vehicle, described as a blue Chevy van, was reported stolen earlier in the day out of Newark and was recovered in front of a housing project in the city. A surveillance camera picked officers from Newark and Springfield was set up near the parked van and led to the arrest of a suspect not involved in the incident, but for attempting to drive the stolen vehicle, police said.

That suspect led police to the identification of two men allegedly involved in the Jan. 10 incident, authorities said. There is a warrant pending against Edwin Tucker, 18, of Newark, who allegedly acted as the driver. The second suspect, not having been identified by name, is wanted for robbery and is a fugitive, police said. The police have released a composite sketch on the second suspect.

He is described as a slender black male with dark hair and complexion, between 15 and 22 years old, 140 to 150 pounds and approximately 5 feet and 7/8 inches tall.

Board reschedules days

By Rose K. Manzo, Correspondent

Although they may have enjoyed not being in class during recent snow storms, students in Springfield will be staying in school a few extra days at the end of the year and will have no days off next month now that the Board of Education has revised its calendar to make up the snow days.

Schools Superintendent Gary Fricland said, at the board's Monday meeting, that students will be attending school on the scheduled Feb. 21 and 22 holidays and will be staying in school until June 24, three days longer than originally planned.

"I think that this calendar represents a balance," Fricland said. He said the board could have opted to take all of the January snow days, five in total, out of the April vacation but that such a decision would have been more of an inconvenience to all involved.

"I think this is an easy calendar to adapt to," Fricland said.

Board member Benito Scavato agreed with Fricland and said that he supported the calendar change.

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Hunt mounts 88 at first count

By Heather MacGregor, Managing Editor

The hunt which harvested 88 deer from the Wachung Reservation was labeled "very successful" by county officials, even though a final analysis is not scheduled to be completed and submitted to the Board of Chosen Freeholders until February.

Daniel Bernier, chief of the county Division of Parks, said the number only five were antlers, he said. A and brought down a total of 89 deer in his final study of the number of deer to decrease the herd by between 80 and 100 deer in the first year, in spite of terrible weather conditions.

"The hunt was very much consistent with the goals of our program. There were indications from the check station that the deer were going to reproduce as they have in the past, despite a reduction of available food in the reservation. Which kills the theory that nature will take care of the population," Bernier said.

The first recent deer hunt in the area was in 1982, when 122 deer were harvested, and of the 22 males, 10 were antlers, he said. A and brought down a total of 89 deer in his final study of the number of deer to decrease the herd by between 80 and 100 deer in the first year, in spite of terrible weather conditions.

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Digging out



Crail Sitor tries to make the sidewalk in front his Mountain Avenue house safe for pedestrians by chipping away at some ice Monday afternoon as warmer weather fell over the area.

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