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TWO SECTIONS

Community Update

Protecting bicycles

As the summer weather continues to be on the rise, more children and adults are using two-wheeled vehicles as exercise and enjoyment. But as residents take advantage of the summer weather, others are taking advantage of their bicycles.

The Springfield Police Department Crime Prevention Unit and Juvenile Bureau remind adults and children not to leave bicycles unattended outside homes, stores and play areas. Bicycles also have been taken when left inside open garages.

Residents should use the bicycle racks provided at the township pool, library and parks with a properly secured lock to safeguard themselves from the threat of theft. In today's economy, the loss of a bicycle can be an expensive one.

Women sought

Union County women aged 50 to 79 who are postmenopausal may volunteer for a major study regarding the cause and prevention of diseases that threaten the health of older women.

The study, called the Women's Health Initiative, is part of a nationwide investigation funded by the National Institutes of Health. It is based at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey—New Jersey Medical School, Newark.

Volunteers will be questioned about their medical history to determine initial eligibility. Based on the results, they may undergo further screening to be admitted into one or more of three programs, all of which are free to participants.

The programs will test the effects of a low-fat diet on heart disease, breast cancer and colorectal cancer; the effects of hormone-replacement therapy on heart disease and osteoporosis; and effects of supplemental calcium and vitamin D on colorectal cancer and on bone fractures that result from osteoporosis.

UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School, the largest of the University's seven academic units, is the oldest medical school in the state. Its campus and core teaching hospital, UMDNJ-University Hospital, are in Newark.

Service for seniors

Minor repair service for senior citizens is now being provided to Union County's seniors.

The work is provided at no cost by senior volunteers and includes minor repairs including but not limited to: window panes, chains and locks, fuses, fixtures and switches, leaking faucets and tub caulking and light capacity. The volunteers will not perform emergency service, yard work, exterior house repairs and house cleaning.

The client is responsible for the cost of materials and the program is open to Union County residents 60 years and older. To request service or to volunteer as a handyman, call 351-4070. This program is provided by Catholic Community Services of Union County.

Stop & Shop controversy is building

Attorney awaits variance interpretation

By Mark Devaney
Staff Writer

On Aug. 16, Stop & Shop will get in answer to a request for an interpretation of the variance on the property the company has purchased at 92 Millburn Ave.

That action was prompted when Stop & Shop's initial request that a use continuance be granted was denied by the Springfield Board of Adjustment, according to attorney Harvey Fruchter.

On May 11, Anthony D'Alesio, a Springfield attorney who represents Stop & Shop, wrote a letter to Morris Sarno, the Springfield Township Zoning Officer. The purpose of that letter was to persuade the Board of Adjustment that the existing use variances that had been issued to Saks Fifth Avenue should be extended to the new owner of the property.

"In 1956, the Springfield Board of Adjustment granted a use variance to permit the existing retail use on the site. In 1968, an additional use variance was granted to expand the building," D'Alesio stated.

The attorney then cited three precedent decisions from the Appellate Division of the Superior Court. In *Rumsey Associates vs. Bernardsville Board of Adjustment* from 1972, it was concluded that "when a use variance is granted, the use permitted thereby becomes a conforming use."

In the second case cited, *Industrial Leases Inc. vs. the City of Garfield*, also from 1972, the court ruled that

"the appellant has a clearly implied statutory right to rebuild its structure if essentially duplicative in all respects of that previously in existence pursuant to the variance."

And in the third case mentioned by D'Alesio, *Farnell vs. Essex Manor Zoning Board of Adjustment* from 1984, the court held that "a variance is not personal to the owner to whom granted, but is available to the grantee's successors."

For an explanation of conforming use, Fruchter had a blunt but effective example.

"It's the proverbial pig farm in your neighborhood, something that is not permitted but was there before the zones for the town had been set or changed," said Fruchter.

In other words, if there were a pig farm in Springfield and that pig farmer wanted to sell his land to another pig farmer, the residents of Springfield could not block the transaction since the "pre-existing non-conforming use" was going to continue.

Fruchter's answer to D'Alesio hinted that the two entities were not similar enough for a continuance to be granted.

"Saks, way back when, sought a variance to allow for a department store on the split zone," said Fruchter.

"A department store and Stop & Shop are not the same thing. The intent or common meaning are not the same."

"Saks is known as a split zone because part of the property is residential while the other half is commercial," Fruchter explained.

In his reply letter to D'Alesio, Fruchter pointed out three alternatives Stop & Shop could choose to follow.

First, to "solicit the Township Committee to merge the two zones into the general commercial with retail sales being permitted."

Second, to "seek an interpretation from the Board of Adjustment itself, which may well differ with my determination."

Third, to "apply to the Board of Adjustment for a use variance consistent with your client's new use," Fruchter outlined.

Stop & Shop elected to proceed with the second option.

"If the Board of Adjustment says yes to them, then Stop & Shop goes before the Planning Board," Fruchter said. "If the Board of Adjustment says no to them, then Stop & Shop may seek what is known as a D variance that will permit a zone of their nature on the property."

"Then if a D variance is granted, the Board of Adjustment retains control for planning purposes but they could send it back to the Planning Board for their expertise," Fruchter said.

The Board of Adjustment is comprised of seven members and two alternates. They are not paid and must reside in Springfield.

"In theory, they're immune from the day to day politics because they sit for an extended period of time," Fruchter claimed.

Millburn concerned about Stop & Shop possibility

By Mark Devaney
Staff Writer

In the film "It's a Wonderful Life" the main character learns that the decisions he made in his life dramatically affected the lives of those around him. The same can be said for towns.

"It's Springfield's town, and we don't want to tell them what they can have or what they can't have in their town," Gordon said. "But when that development has an impact on our roads, we don't feel that it's fair to say that we don't care."

In two weeks, the Springfield Board of Adjustment is expected to reach its decision as to whether or not Stop & Shop can occupy the property at 92 Millburn Ave., under the same use variance that Saks Fifth Avenue was granted long ago.

While that decision could reshape the face of northern Springfield, it also will change the way of life in southern Millburn.

"The concern that Millburn has is one of traffic congestion," said Tim Gordon, Millburn Township's business administrator.

Gordon was particularly troubled about the intersection known as Morris Turnpike, where four or five lanes come together.

"The traffic pattern is poor at best. Depending on what access the store gets, it could exacerbate the problem," he said. "With Stop & Shop, it is going to be more severe because you have more visitors to a

food store, especially truck traffic."

Based on a published report, Millburn has had an attorney, Paul E. Flanagan of Pinney Harlin Kipp & Szych, to monitor the Springfield proceedings.

"They have the same interests. It's a county road. We believe the applicant will have to go before the Essex County Planning Board," Gordon stated.

Asks from traffic worries, many residents of both towns are concerned about the type of store Stop & Shop proposes to set up as well as the nature of its operations.

"Saks & Shop was contacted at its Roston headquarters, but officials declined to make a comment about their plans at this time, promising a thorough description of their intentions by the end of the week."

Scouts explore summer camps

By Mark Devaney
Staff Writer

An old species of woodland creature has returned once again to the Watchung Reservation in record numbers. They are short, swift, energetic, always hungry and thirsty, and most importantly, prepared.

We're talking Cub Scouts, droves of them.

The Watchung Area Council is in the midst of its summer camp program, which is broken into three segments: Wehelen Overnite Camp, Cub Scouts Overnite Camp, and Cub Scout Day Camp.

It was the last group that was spotted taking part in enough activities to wear down any adult. Crafts, field games, BB guns, archery, and boating were just some of the events each scout participates in during the course of a normal day.

Education is also stressed in the program. One portion of the day is devoted to talking about nature and the scouts hike through the park scoping up any litter they find on the trail.

But although the Cub Scouts demonstrated their concern for nature and their sharpness with identifying insects and pine cones, their favorite activities involved running, jumping and laughing.

One area of the camp featured relay race games like those highlighted on Nickelodeon's "Find the Turtle Egg" was a big hit mainly because it required getting wet and splashing opponents.

The Watchung Area Council Day Camp operates for five weeks in the reservation rain or shine. Boys from just about anywhere can join the fun. Mountatrade and Springfield Cub Scouts have been folklicking in the woods for the past two weeks.

Attendance is limited to the first 110 Cub Scouts per week who apply and make the full \$110 fee. But those miles and dollar amounts could change next summer.

For any questions, contact the director of the summer camp, Sandie Hilliard, a Springfield resident. Hilliard could not be reached for comment at this time.

Guarding your life



The staff of the Springfield Municipal Pool was honored recently at Staff Appreciation Day. Staff was recognized for performing well under trying circumstances. From left, Michelle Rozan and Jessica Clayton were recognized for their work at the pool's day camp. Kristina Saliceti was honored for responding admirably during lifeguard drills. Shannon Farrell and Bill Hilliard were awarded for having saved a drowning victim, Mike Rehels was recognized for his performance in the lifeguard drills, Karin Ferraro was the third lifeguard who had made a save this summer, and Greg Gebauer was also honored for his performance in the drills.

Township plans litter cleanup program

By Ray Lehmann
Managing Editor

Litterbugs beware. The exterminators are coming.

On Oct. 8 and 9, starting at 9 a.m., the Springfield Clean Communities Program will conduct its second annual Clean Communities Day, a volunteer resident litter cleanup focusing on streets, parks and roads that are magnets for careless trash.

The volunteer pool will be comprised of participants from every strata of community life, from youngsters to senior citizens, with groups from schools, service and religious organizations, and families and individuals. Last year, more than 250 residents came out for the event, and Clean Communities Coordinator Ray Ching expects a similarly large turnout this year.

"At this point, the dates are somewhat tentative, but it's beginning to look like we won't have too much of a problem doing it on those days," Ching said. "We are going to be contacting groups and individuals who registered last year, as well as organi-

zations that were involved in the Springfield bi-centennial festivities this May, so we expect a good turnout."

Each day, volunteers will assemble at the municipal pool off Morrison Road to register and receive instructions, appropriate tools, gloves, trash bags and healthy refreshments. According to Ching, this year's focus on roadside, street and park cleaning will serve a dual purpose.

"The cleanups will not only restore a pristine quality to the town of Springfield, but they also serve the purpose of keeping this litter from ending up in the township's woods and waterways, which can pose a threat to wildlife and marine animals," Ching said.

In conjunction with Clean Communities Day, several awareness-highlighting programs are being scheduled for the school district. In late September, performances will be given by the Peppermint Playhouse Puppeteers at Caldwell and Sandy meier schools. The two primary puppeteers, Carroll Saks and Lois Met-

ter, are sanctioned by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection as educators about recycling and litter prevention. They have performed their series of three shows throughout New Jersey and the other mid-Atlantic states.

"I think that heightening awareness among kindergarten through fourth grade students about caring about the environment, especially in an entertaining way that they can relate to, will increase participation in events like this down the line," Ching said.

Funding for the program comes from the Clean Communities Grant from the DEP's Division of Solid Waste Management. The grant is derived from a small tax assessed on litter-producing businesses, such as fast food restaurants and convenience stores.

Free T-shirts emblazoned with a Clean Communities logo will be distributed, at once identifying the participants as they cover their assigned areas and providing the volunteers with a souvenir memento.

All interested can contact Ching at (201) 912-2222.

Grab & drag grips woman on Route 22

By Mark Devaney
Staff Writer

Yet another grab and drag robbery has taken place in Springfield.

On Tuesday morning, a woman walking in the Echo Plaza parking lot in the area of Autoland near Route 22 was bumped by a car and knocked to the ground, according to Police Chief William Chisholm.

The attackers then grabbed the fallen woman's pocketbook and fled east on Route 22 in their black Honda. The two men were described as black males.

Officer Cook responded to the scene and assisted the victim to Overlook Hospital, where she received treatment for an injured knee.

An investigation is under way led by Officer Ed McNany of the Springfield Police Department. It will not be the first time such an investigation has been initiated.

"Grab and drag is a crime that is happening all over, in every city that has the same type of shopping areas," said Captain James Hietala.

"People are warned to be careful. Keep your pocketbooks secure. Be wary of where you are, especially in all shopping centers," Hietala advised.

Also this week, a woman was arrested for shoplifting in the same Echo Plaza parking lot on July 27.

Officer Mitch Fenon was checking out an illegally parked vehicle, when Kathy Blanchard came out of Acme carrying a bag loaded with various suspicious-looking items. While providing identification for Fenon, it was discovered that Blanchard had stolen the items, police said.

Blanchard was charged with shoplifting and possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

Finally, a Newark man was arrested on July 28 at the Springfield Department of Motor Vehicles. Steven Geovorkin of Newark attempted to use a fraudulent immigration card in order to obtain operator credentials.

Geovorkin was arrested by Officer McLoughlin of the Springfield Police Department.

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CURIOUS PHOTOGRAPHER *By Ray Lehmann*



Elaine Ortiz
"I have been aware of it. I read a public service announcement about it in my utilities bill. I probably got out and watch, but I don't know if it will do anything."



Theresa Murphy
"I've heard of it. I don't really think it will do anything to stop crime, but most likely I will still participate."



Rosa Lee Winfield
"I think it is a wonderful idea. Large groups of people need a place to sit around, going back to the community. I wonder how it would work with apartment complexes."



Karen Alisante
"I never heard of it before, but why not? It can't hurt, but I really doubt it would help anyone past tonight."



Grace Bace
"They did the same thing last year and we took part in it. The good part is that you really get to know your neighbors."

Question: What do you think of National Night Out, which Springfield took part in Tuesday night?
Where asked: Springfield Municipal Pool, Tuesday afternoon.

Regional District reports jump in vandalism rate

By Cheryl Holt Staff Writer
Violence and vandalism is up for the sixth consecutive year in the Union County Regional High School District.

Since the 1986-87 school year, the number of acts of violence and vandalism has steadily increased, and so has the cost to taxpayers. This year, for instance, the total cost of all vandalism was \$132,596.80 compared to last year when the board expended only \$7,274.43. However, the board actually expended \$16,680.80 because some costs were recouped, or it was a personal loss to a student.

Nevertheless, in comparison to 1989, when the board cost was \$3,672.24, the cost of vandalism has almost tripled. Superintendent of Schools Donald Merachuk said the increase is "to be expected." But what he was "struck" by when he reviewed the report was the increase in theft in the three high schools.

While this could be attributed to the merging of four schools into three, or after the closing of David Brearley High School in Scotch Plains, said the superintendent, he still expressed concern about the increase. But in the same vein, he explained that the district substance and vandalism prevention plan addresses this problem with students and parents.

During the 1993-94 school year, there were 80 incidents, eight more than last year. And 37 more than the 1991-92 school year. In fact, the district has not had this number of vandalism acts since the 1986-87 school year, when there were 79 reported.

Although unwilling to speculate who was committing the acts of vandalism, Merachuk suggested that the schools being open after hours — for athletic programs and adult school in the evenings — could have played a role in the increase.

acank said, "but when you put kids in a high school situation, some of this is to be expected."
Some of the ways the district has tried to discourage vandalism and violence is by bringing in the police, calling parents into the school for a meeting, or suspension. Another method is to require students to attend school on Saturday.

With the closing of Brearley, the number of students at Arthur L. Johnson increased by almost 200, while at Jonathan Dayton in Springfield and Governor Livingston in Berkeley Heights, each only increased by 100 to 125 students.

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In other incidents, students at all three schools were apprehended for smoking marijuana, displaying alcohol, or carrying a controlled dangerous substance.

Vandalism incidents ran the gamut, with many students reporting thefts of personal property up to \$300. One staff member reported \$100 missing from her pocketbook.

In addition to broken windows, doors, ceiling block tiles, and other vandalism of this type, there were several unusual thefts. Two large speakers, mounted by face above the auditorium floor, were stolen from Johnson high school, at a cost of \$750.

At Dayton, \$2,912 worth of recording equipment was reported missing during the summer months, in addition to assorted other thefts involving \$1,655.

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Incidents of violence and vandalism
Comparison of data for 1989/90 to 1993/94

School	1989/90	1990/91	1991/92	1992/93	1993/94
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DB	7	20	14	15	22
GL	19	19	19	40	31
Total	36	39	40	72	85

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Local writes stained glass manual

Artist and author Kay Bain Weiner, a Mountaineer resident, recently completed her eighth book, "Stained Glass: A Guide to Today's Tiffany Copper Foil Technique," published by Watson Gupit of New York.

The book comprises a comprehensive guide for a range of stained glass techniques, especially those using the copper foil method developed by the famous glassworker Louis Comfort Tiffany. According to Weiner, the copper foil method, which is favored by many craftspeople, is a fascinating, yet easy-to-learn procedure.

Beginning with a brief history of the art of glasswork, "Stained Glass" continues with an overview of contemporary techniques. After presenting basic instructions on how to create stained glass objects, it then proceeds to describe the various types of glass, the kinds of projects for which each is best suited, and the tools and supplies available.

Weiner explains how to choose and cut glass and how to use patterns. Step-by-step directions are presented to guide readers in constructing mirrors, windows and panels, as well as lamps, boxes, jewelry and fantasy items.

"Stained Glass" contains 16 pages of patterns as well as more than 250 color and black and white illustrations featuring some of the most noted stained glass artists on the glass art scene.

Weiner lectures on stained glass techniques at national stained glass trade shows and teaches workshops throughout the United States and internationally, having visited Israel, Australia and Puerto Rico. She is the author of eight glass and craft books, three videos and audio tapes, and is a frequent contributor to several stained glass magazines.

She has completed many public demonstrations, including the wall in the Springfield Public Library and the window panels at the back entrance of Temple Emanuel in Westfield. Weiner has received high praise from many respected peers in her industry.

Kay Bain Weiner has introduced scores of new glass enthusiasts to the imaginative uses of copper foil, lead, and solder," stated Joe Porecchi, glass artist and publisher of Professional Stained Glass Magazine. "Kay has proven that there are still new territories to explore, new images to create, and new techniques to develop in this special world of creative glass art."

"Her book provides an in-depth look at one very exciting avenue of stained glass crafting, copper foiling. It will inspire glass enthusiasts of every age and skill level," said Matthew James, reviewer and editor of Glass Patterns Quarterly.

"Stained Glass" is a textbook that is meant to be used by new stained glassworkers who are being introduced to the options available to practitioners of the copper foil method.

To act, perchance to dream



Oak Knoll Lower School students, under the direction of sixth grade teacher Christine Shanley of Berkeley Heights, celebrated the completion of their study of the works of William Shakespeare with a performance of "Hamlet." Pictured from left are Chris McCullum of Summit, Gabriela Lujan of Berkeley Heights and Alan Poppo of Springfield.

Gardeners accepting applications

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County is accepting applications for its 1994-95 master gardener program.

The program gives people with an interest in horticulture an opportunity to become more educated in a variety of horticultural topics and share their expertise with community residents through volunteer programs sponsored by Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

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

The lectures will be held on Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County auditorium, 300 North Ave., East, Westfield. Class will begin on Sept. 16 and run through April 1995. Applications for the master gardener program can be obtained by calling Rutgers Cooperative Extension at (908) 654-9854.

Every applicant will be accepted to the program. Upon acceptance to the program a \$80 tuition fee is due. Tuition covers the cost of a textbook, notebook and other class materials. Students in the program are committed to 100 hours of volunteer service to Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

Master gardeners provide community residents with information on gardening and maintaining their property through Speakers Bureau and Garden Fairs.

The gardeners assist hundreds of gardeners annually through their "garden hotline" which operates week days from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. and Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. The hotline number is (908) 654-9852.

Master gardeners are also involved with horticultural therapy programs. They are currently working with the Cranford Senior Housing Apartments and the Eagle Center, adult day care program in Roselle Park. A horticulture therapy program has been planned for September at the SAGE! Spend-a-Day program in New Providence.

Another volunteer project master gardeners are involved with is community beautification. Master gardeners recently planted trees, shrubs and the acres at the Railway Public Library. The new landscape was designed by Volunteer Master Gardener Marie Bruker of Roselle. The project was funded by Merck & Co., Inc.

Civic Calendar

The Civic Calendar is prepared by the Mountaineer Echo and Springfield Leader. To avoid conflicts in scheduling local events, please post dates, times and places as early as possible and send to P.O. Box 3109, Union, N.J. 07083, or call (908) 686-7700.

Tuesday
The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will hold a work session at 6:30 p.m. in the Freeholder meeting room, sixth floor of the administration building, Elizabethtown Plaza.

Aug. 11
The county Freeholders will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Freeholder meeting room, sixth floor of the administration building, Elizabethtown Plaza.

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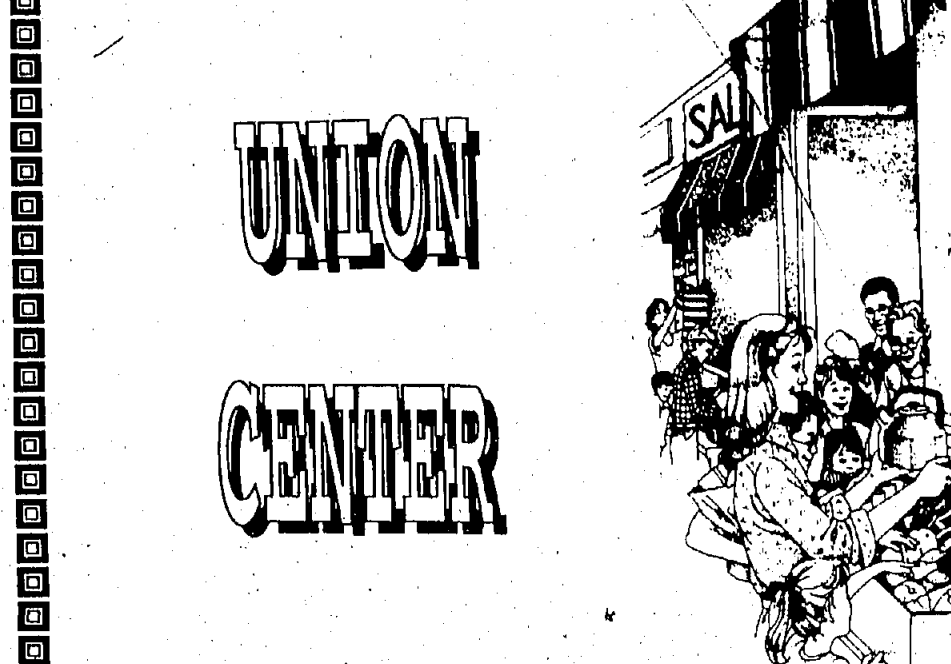
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Students from Springfield on the list are Lindsay Whalen, grade 7; Rajika Vannakota, grade 8; Gregory Stevens, grade 9; Rahul Vannakota, grade 10 and Mary Niu, grade 11.

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Blake Haggerty

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Veronica Belezza

Government Association President Blake Haggerty, son of Rox-son and William Haggerty of Mountain-Beard, addressed the graduating class. He received the Student Leader Award, the Frederick Cross Remington Service Award and the Hitler Citizenship Award.



Jamie Kuperman

He and Veronica Belezza, daughter of Elizabeth and Donald Belezza of Mountain-Beard, were recipients of the Presidential Award for Academic Effort.

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Study astronomy
Trailside Nature and Science Center still has openings in its nature and astronomy programs this summer. For children who have completed third to fifth grade, "Challenge Hikes," a series of theme hikes will be offered. On Aug. 12, The Great Speckle is designed to explore the nature water cycles as participants hike to find clues.

Trailside seeks vols
Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainville is seeking hard-working volunteers to help with trail-work in the Watchung Reservation. Trail maintenance days are Aug. 6 and Sept. 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Trails are in need of erosion control methods, pruning and general maintenance. The fee for all hikes is \$10.50. To register, call Betty Ann Kelly at

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Unnecessary forces

You see them parked along county roads with their radar meters set, ready to snag any lead-footed motorist who has the audacity to speed through their domain. They are the bane of every teenage couple who foolishly think privacy could be found in the sylvan majesty of Echo Lake Park or the Watchung Reservation. That flash-light and knock on the window will get them every time. But beyond this, they are, for the most part, unnecessary.

The "they" being referred to is the Union County Police Department, a true tribute to the excesses of the county form of government. Unsatisfied with merely concocting ever more hair-brained schemes to waste money on county parks — be it the millions of dollars spent on reservation management studies that will never be looked at anyway or taking it upon themselves to construct a driving range at Galloping Hill — the freeholders continue to perpetuate a costly law enforcement system with little or no visible benefits.

The first question we must ask is: What do the county police do? Their name would imply some kind of greater jurisdiction than municipal police, just as the Federal Bureau of Investigation has greater jurisdiction than the state police departments, but the scope of their powers is actually more limited. Even more mindless, their areas of jurisdiction overlap with the equally effective municipal police departments.

When a crime is committed across state lines, the FBI has jurisdiction over the matter. So you'd think that when crimes are committed across municipal lines, the county police would also cover that department, but that's not the case. While they retain police power whenever they witness a crime in progress, just as a Mountainside cop would if he saw a crime being committed in Springfield, they have no true jurisdiction beyond those stretches of road and acres of parkland owned by the county.

Conversely, if a hit-and-run were to be committed on, say, Mountain Avenue in Springfield, the Springfield police would not have jurisdiction in the matter. Even though Mountain Avenue is clearly within the boundaries of Springfield and probably a more convenient patrol for a Springfield cop than a county cop, it is a county road and under county jurisdiction.

Does this system make any sense to anyone? Union County Sheriff Ralph Froelich and the county department do a fine job with the jurisdiction they have, but do we really need them? The police departments of each of the individual municipalities certainly could do just as good a job patrolling these county roads, thereby eliminating the financial burden of the entire department, from the cops on the beat to the ones behind a desk down to every last secretary and coffee boy.

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We must reharneass power Edison grasped

In 1876, a fourth grade dropout from Ohio decided to open something he called a "brain factory" on a hill in Menlo Park.

Thomas Edison had a lot on his mind. The following year, he invented the phonograph.

But Edison was after bigger game; he wanted to do nothing less than capture the power of electricity and put it to work for the men and women of this state and this nation.

Three years after moving to Menlo Park, Edison reached his goal. On Oct. 19, 1879, after trying thousands of alternatives, he perfected an electrical light "so cheap that only the rich will be able to burn it." Then he went out and invented a system to deliver a cheap, safe and efficient electric power to those who wanted to use his lamp.

Cheap, safe power gave New Jersey businesses a tremendous competitive advantage. It made the Garden State glow with prosperity. It powered the expansion of our economy and the creation of jobs from Cape May to High Point.

More than a century later, the energy and power are still there, but New Jersey's competitive edge has dimmed somewhat. Energy costs a lot more today. That means some of New Jersey's businesses can't compete as easily with businesses in those states where electricity and gas are cheaper.

One doesn't need to be a genius like Thomas Edison to realize that power-hungry businesses make for a weaker New Jersey economy.

The answer, then, is to help those businesses. I introduced legislation that would help keep the lights burning, the computers humming, and the engines running by making New Jersey more competitive through lower energy costs.

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Be Our Guest

By Richard Bogger

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remains in New Jersey. If a business can demonstrate that it is suffering under current rates, the BPU could lower those rates. In addition, the BPU could approve discount rates to entice new businesses to open, and existing businesses to expand, particularly in urban areas.

Just as important, these discounts would not come out of the pockets of residential customers and other businesses, but rather from the utilities themselves. Under my proposal, the power companies will make an investment in New Jersey's future by investing in these businesses.

We are entering an age of revolutionary power producers as the one ushered in by Mr. Edison. The very same utilities which he helped make possible now face competition as never before. Competition comes from clean, environmentally prudent cogeneration as well as from interstate power markets. In 10 years, we might see power producers competing for residential and business customers just as Sprint, MCI and AT&T now compete for long distance telephone customers.

In light of this, the time has come to reconvert our entire regulatory District.

Assemblyman Richard Bogger represents the 22nd Legislative District.

letters to the editor

We are country's jet noise leader

To the Editor:
Because of the Federal Aviation Administration's Expanded East Coast Plan, New Jersey, once admired as the Garden State, is now nationally ridiculed as "the jet noise capital of the country." To resolve this environmental crisis, the FAA, as ordered by Congress, is obliged to consider various options in an Environmental Impact Study.

Other than rollback of the EICP, the only other statewide solution offered to date is the NJ Citizens Against Aircraft Noise Ocean Rowing Plan. The wide perspective of this approach is significant since, historically, the FAA's techniques have been confined to small operating changes that shift noise from one community to another.

It is to the benefit of all New Jersey citizens to have this plan fairly evaluated and enhanced for inclusion in the EIS. The brief extension to the EIS comment period is insignificant in comparison to the long-term benefit to be gained. Releasing the EIS at this critical time will place the resolution of this environmental crisis entirely in the hands of the FAA. History has shown that this is a very difficult prospect. For example, at a cost of \$4.5 million, the draft EIS offered no solutions and erroneously concluded that New Jersey has less aircraft noise because of the EICP!

The FAA cannot legally indicate what solutions of their own, if any, are now being considered in the EIS. Thus, anyone claiming that the EIS should be released because it will provide relief is making a statement that is, at best, inaccurate, or, at worst, illegal.

For those with a long-term vision to live and work in our towns, the first objective of the NJ CAAN Ocean Rowing Plan and a brief extension of the EIS for its inclusion is the only viable option for resolving the New Jersey aircraft noise problem.

Frederick Cheek
Seotch Plains

College doesn't guarantee good job

To the Editor:
Having the opportunity to speak to a few high school graduates recently, friends of my grandson, I was very saddened to hear their side of the story regarding higher education. These young boys threaten to leave home if pressured by their parents to attend college.

For two decades, it has been accepted as gospel in the United States that a person has little chance to make a good living without a college education. Now we are discovering the truth: many campus rejects have been preaching the lie. In 10-12 years — that a college education is no guarantee of a satisfactory job.

Going back about 10 years, the U.S. Office of Education was warning young persons that, within a few years, only about 20 percent of all the annual job openings will require the equivalent of a college education.

Government officials admit that government bureaus seriously miscalculated the educational requirements of industry, commerce and professions in recent years.

The St. Louis Regional Industrial Development Corp. has launched a campaign to "unsell" youth on the idea that college is absolutely necessary. For more youngsters need up-to-date vocational or technical training than need college from the standpoint of job careers. Speaking of enrolling for technical and vocational careers, the big problem is to avoid training them for jobs that already are becoming technologically obsolete. To avoid this, make certain that private technical schools as well as public schools' "training programs" are geared for the future.

Personally, I am not anti-college. It's fine for kids to go to college for self-fulfillment, and many will find their careers there. But the notion that college automatically opens doors to careers is a myth that ought to be laid to rest, Mary Cole Hillside

cannot have it both ways. Either demand meaningful criminal prosecution right up to and including the death penalty, prepare to defend yourself or be the next victim to be "whacked." Why not the death penalty? In the case in point, if the officer had been luckier and had shot and killed both assassins, would that have been a death penalty acceptable to the New Jersey Supreme Court? The lawyer-induced justice for criminals — white and blue collar — for profit system plagues our lives and property in jeopardy. Write to me if you want to know how to correct the system or how to defend yourself.

Charles F. Russell
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Deer dilemma doing damage

To the Editor:
Four years ago, I moved from Mountainside to the small town in South Jersey where I grew up. I enjoyed living in Mountainside because it reminded me in many ways of home.

Seven or eight years ago, I did the children's pre-school programs at Trailside. Dan Bernier was a co-worker. He was a very sensible naturalist. He was well versed in all matters concerning ecology and did many little extra projects to benefit animals. I am shocked to see him mangled in connection with the deer controversy. Although I haven't seen him in a number of years, I would certainly ask him what to do about my deer problem, and know that if it wasn't the answer I wanted to hear, it was a sensible, well thought out solution.

The damage the deer controversy is doing the community truly concerns me.

Pat Rowland
Sewell

Farcher's Grove: the way it was

To the Editor:
On Friday nights, after a week at work, I always enjoyed going to young adult singles dances to relax, ease people and listen to music.

Over the years, however, I discovered that most of the music was very repetitive. The crowds got younger and wilder, and the music louder. The dancing wasn't very romantic.

In fact, it was downright dangerous. On one place a young lady was doing some high stepping, as if trying out for the Rockettes. A stray kick narrowly missed my chin. A huge young fellow, resembling someone from the World Wrestling Federation, broke into a spirited dance with wild enthusiasm and earth shaking fury. Apparently attempting to display his graceful work, his movement instead suggested a wailing ball scoring through a china shop.

The dance floor was packed. My chest pounded from the deafening drum beat, and while trying to avoid crushed feet and pokes in the ribs, I stepped in a big wad of chewing gum. Someone's cigarette had also burned a hole in my jacket.

Instead of a relaxing evening dance, I felt as if I'd just gone through Wild Kingdom.

Then I happened to learn of the Friday- and Sunday-night dances at Farcher's Grove, right here in town.

It features a more intimate crowd and the music, provided by a disc jockey, is quite varied. You might hear waltzes, fox trots, cha-cha, a tango, polkas, merengues and some light disco. There is also live dancing.

It is certainly nice to ask a lady to dance and not hear, "Nah, this song runs." Then, if you're dancing to a particularly lovely waltz, with the Alpine backdrop on stage behind the DJ, it's almost like being in old Vienna.

news clips

Stamp expo slated

New Jersey's largest and most popular stamp collecting event will once again take place during the weekend of August 27-28, at the Holiday Inn at Springfield in Springfield.

The Expo will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$20 for adults. Children and retirees are admitted free of charge. A special "Dealers Only Room" will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. each morning prior to the show's opening to the public.

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The Holiday Inn at Springfield is located on Route 22 West in Springfield, and is accessible from all roads and highways.

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Residents honored

One Springfield resident and two Mountainside residents were cited recently by the Board of Chosen Freeholders for 25 years or more of service to the county during the first Union County Employee Service Anniversary Program at Union County College in Elizabeth.

Employees had an anniversary date from Jan. 1 to July 31.

The Springfield resident was Carol Cohen, who has worked for 31 years in the Department of Operational Services, and Josephine Pinto, who has worked for 27 years in the Probation Office.

"There are approximately 115 of our employees whose anniversary date of 25 years or more falls in the first six months of this year. Employees with anniversary dates from Aug. 1 to Dec. 31 will be honored in the fall," said Freeholder Chairman Frank Latta. "We appreciate their loyalty and longevity."

Freeholders Linda-Lee Kelly, Elmer Ert and Walter McLeod also attended the ceremony, and helped present certificates.

Union County Manager Ann Baran detailed the history of the program.

"In 1992, I began an employee recognition program to honor outstanding job performances that save money, and I would like this program to become permanent," Baran said.

Summer fun
"Summer Fun at the Movies" is being featured by the Springfield Film Unit and Temple Beth Ahim at 60 Temple Drive, Springfield.

The movies will feature "Cast A Giant Shadow" with Kirk Douglas, Yul Brynner and Frank Sinatra. This will be shown Aug. 14 at 8 p.m.

Resident works his way up
Summit Bank announced that Jim Cantalupo of Springfield was promoted to vice president of private banking at Summit Bank Corporation's Chatham headquarters. Earlier, he was associated with NationsBank of South Carolina in Columbia, S.C., as an assistant vice president of commercial bank.

Raised in Union, Cantalupo is a graduate of Union High School. He received a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Cantalupo is a member of the board of directors of the Union Hospital Foundation in Union. He and his wife, Jean, are residents of Springfield.

Here they roar



The Springfield Lions Club donated an Audio-Link Unit for the hearing impaired to Springfield Senior Citizens Housing. The unit was supplied and installed by Hersh's Hearing Aid Center of Springfield. From left are Richard Colandrea, president of Springfield Senior Citizens Housing; Judith Kroll, social coordinator of Springfield Senior Citizens Housing; Richard Hersh of Hersh Hearing Aid Center; and Charles Wagner, president of the Springfield Lions Club.

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Officials urge caution in E. coli breakout

By Catherine King
Correspondent

Local health officials differ on whether the E. coli outbreak could spread to Union County, but all suggest that a little preventive medicine couldn't hurt.

With 17 cases of the E. coli bacteria infection reported throughout New Jersey, Union County health officials concentrated their efforts on prevention of the food-borne disease which usually is transmitted in undercooked hamburger meat.

Symptoms of the infection include vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramps and bloody stools, and pose the most danger to children and the elderly.

A person infected with the E. coli bacteria, said officials, is encouraged to force fluids to cleanse the body of the disease as well as maintain strict personal hygiene to prevent reinfection. But the best prevention begins in the kitchen.

"Most food-borne illnesses occur at home because people don't have their thermometers to tell how well cooked

especially chopped meat," said San Filippo.

Although state law requires the internal temperature of meat to be 140 degrees, he said, 165 degrees provides additional protection for consumers. Most temperatures can be monitored with a stick thermometer, which can be purchased at local supermarkets for under \$5.

"This increases the prospects of killing the bacteria," said the health officer, suggesting consumers continue to cook meat that is blood red or juicy until the color is white and there are no running juices. But one of the most important safeguards is often ignored by those planning an outdoor event.

For every 15 to 20 minutes meat is out in temperatures above 45 degrees, E. coli bacteria splits in half by a process known as mitosis. Warmer temperatures create favorable conditions for bacterial growth, where colder temperatures simply slow the growth process. Some bacteria, such as staph, are more heat resistant, which makes them difficult to kill, San Filippo explained.

Aside from a food management certification program being offered at Union County College in Cranford, the local health department assumes the most active role in promoting health awareness. And that includes the private and retail service sectors.

County palsy league names principal

The Cerebral Palsy League of Union County announced the appointment of Debra Haugland as the principal of the private school.

Haugland has served as the supervisor of education as well as an education specialist since 1986 at the New Jersey Association for Retarded Citizens of Essex County. Prior to that, she worked as a teacher of the handicapped. She earned a master of arts in educational administration and a bachelor of arts in special education from Kean College.

Among her published works are "Reaching the Odds at ARC/Essex Day Training Center: New Curriculum at ARC/Essex Means Difference Between Existing and Living," Guardian, January 1994 and "Integrating Theory and Community Services: A Recipe for Success," Occupational Therapy Forum, June 1992.

Haugland belongs to The Association for Persons who are Severely Handicapped and has received an award from President George Bush for Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Protection Services, for a community outreach recycling project.

The CPL of Union County serves more than 140 persons who have cerebral palsy or other severe physical disabilities from three months through 60+ years of age. These persons receive services through CPL programs such as The Adult Vocational Center, Day Care/Medical Day Care Services, Early Intervention Program, Private School, Health and Clinic Services, Social Services and Transportation.

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First important thing is to look for the agent who takes his/her business seriously. The commission that you pay is a lot of money, so you need to be satisfied. You deserve a high level of service since your home is possibly the greatest investment you have. You should expect your agent to advise you on how to get the most out of the transaction from the day you list, until the day you close.

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NUI reports financial loss for 1994

NUI Corporation reported a third quarter loss of \$2.2 million, or 25 cents per share, for the quarter ended June 30 compared with a net loss of \$1 million, or 12 cents per share, in the third quarter of fiscal year 1993. The third quarter is historically a period of seasonally low demand for natural gas heating.

The \$1.2 million increased net loss from year-ago levels reflects a \$400,000 net loss from the addition of Pennsylvania & Southern Gas Company, which was acquired in a merger in April following the conclusion of the heating season.

In addition, there was \$1.1 million of additional costs associated with increased plant investment and workforce, as well as higher general taxes. These losses were offset, in part, by a \$500,000 net increase in operating margins. The 1994 third quarter results also include the benefit of a \$220,000 reversal in tax reserves.

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sheet and Chief Executive Officer. "In addition, we had expected higher margins growth in New Jersey, which did not materialize in the third quarter because of lower than expected sales to commercial and residential customers."

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YMHA mini-camp registration under way

The YM-YWHA of Union County is accepting registrations for its Mini Camp Extension Program, which is designed to bridge the gap between the end of the Y's official camp season and the start of the new school year.

The program offers parents three camping options geared to meet the needs of children of varied ages and interests.

Kidly Club for preschoolers ages 3-5 will be offered Aug. 24 through

Sept. 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for eight days.

Mini Club Med, specifically designed for children in grades 1-6, runs a parallel schedule to that of Kidly Club with more advanced activities and the addition of off-premises trips on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Kidly Club and Club Med offer early and late camp extended hours for parents.

Early camp hours are from 8 in 9 a.m.; late camp from 4 to 6 p.m. The

fee per child and per day is \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Basketball camp will be held from Aug. 29 through Sept. 2. This is a week-long, intensive basketball experience which focuses on technique and rules. Participants meet with experienced players who offer first-hand instruction. The fee for members is \$125 and \$150 for nonmembers.

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Union awards scholarship funds to local

A Union resident was among 10 students awarded scholarship funds during a ceremony held by the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 68-684-685 at La Grande Maison in West Orange.

The ceremony, attended by more than 300 members, featured the distribution of the union's nine-year-old Scholarship Fund which has distributed \$576,000 to students since its inception. Scholarship recipients were presented with funds totaling \$60,000.

Winners include: Kelly Radcliffe of Union; Vasko Gubovski of Stanhope; Amette Peitzman of Menmor; Tina Brown of Somers Point; Jennifer Khamasewski of Levittown, Pa.; Michael Miller of Succasunna; Doucen Lounge of Little Falls; Dustin Mabe-

ney of Newton; Shannon McGinley of West Orange; and Christopher Bayne of Edison.

The ceremonies recalled the history of the scholarships which began in 1985 and 1986, in which each year eight students received the \$6,000 prize and through 1987 to present where 10 recipients each year have been recognized.

"The Local 68 Scholarship Program was started over nine years ago to offer assistance to those who wish to insure their future through education. In today's economy, it is no small task sending your children to college and we know that Local 68 has made a difference. Today marks a proud day for organized labor. We have given over \$550,000 directly to the education of

our youth and we have only begun our fight," said Thomas P. Giblin, president of Local 68 IUOE.

The 1994 winners — all high school seniors — were selected on the basis of academic standing during four years of high school, college entrance examination scores, extra-curricular activities and letters of recommendation from school officials. Scholarships require that a winner be a son or daughter of a Local 68 member in good standing with four years of service.

Local 68 Business Manager Vincent J. Giblin stated, "The caliber of students that have been awarded our scholarships, since its inception in 1985, are second to none. Local 68 is proud of its families and children who

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Pie bakers wanted
 Cornell Hall Nursing Home needs bakers for its summer carnival Pie Baking Contest. Pies will be judged by four Cornell Hall residents and two volunteers.

A prize will be awarded to the most delicious entry. "This is a great opportunity for the Union community to contribute to some summer fun," said Cornell Hall Activities Director Shirley Spornman.

For more information or to donate a pie to the contest, contact Shirley Spornman at 687-7800. The deadline to register is Aug. 12. All entries must be delivered to Cornell Hall, 234 Chestnut St., on Aug. 17 by 10 a.m.

Softball benefit
 United Jersey Bank and Z-100 radio station are getting together Aug. 17 for a charity softball game to benefit the Cerebral Palsy League of Union County.

The game will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Rabkin Field on Swanson Place, Union. Tickets are \$5 and proceeds will benefit the Cerebral Palsy League of Union County.

The Cerebral Palsy League of Union County is a nonprofit organization established in 1958 to provide educational, therapeutic, rehabilitative and related services to persons with cerebral palsy and other disabilities.

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obituaries

Olga Almsy, 76, of Springfield, died July 26 in Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Almsy was a licensed practical nurse in Newark, Mich's Medical Center, St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark and St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Newark. Born in Newark, N.J., she lived in Springfield for many years. Surviving is a brother, James.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the funeral home of Mrs. Donna Blair, in South Hampton.

Grace Maddella
Grace Maddella, 74, of Cranford, formerly of Springfield, died July 25 in the home of her sister, Mrs. Donna Blair, in South Hampton.

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Temple welcomes new members

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Individuals and families interested in affiliating with a congregation and interested in learning more about Temple Sha'arey Shalom are invited to attend.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform Jewish congregation, affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Membership is for a social, educational and religious focal center for the community, with an outdoor, well-stocked active sisterhood and brotherhood, and a social action program.

For more information about membership or to make a reservation for the tea, contact Helen Scherz at 201-437-5167, or the temple office at 201-437-5167.

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Teen arts exhibit moves tour ahead

The Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Division of Park and Recreation, announced that the Hartmann & Reimer Contemporary Art Exhibit will be held at the Union County Teen Center for the month of August.

The exhibit consists of 25 pieces of art selected from the 300 visual artworks shown at the 1994 Union County teen festival in March.

The exhibit is open to the public by appointment only. Contact Mary Ann Dorin at (908) 851-4445.

Linda Lee Kelly, member of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board, said, "We are pleased to have the Hartmann & Reimer Contemporary Art Exhibit at the Union County Teen Center. It is indeed encouraging to have the business community show such support for our talented young artists."

Those artists include: Clark Jason LeHolland, Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School; Lenice de Rocha, Mother Seton Regional High School; Shelley Palma, Carl E. Kumpff;

Elizabeth Joanne Demerocery, Benedictine Academy, Alhambra, Calif.; Terence C. Kelly Middle School;

Linden Gabriel Lopez, Linden High School; Luis Mender, Lincoln High School; Robert Hopkins, Deerfield School;

Rahway Monica Quinn, Rahway High School; Johnny Ehrig, Rahway Intermediate School;

Abraham Clark High School; Elizabeth Kadin, Roselle Catholic High School;

Roselle Park, Tara Bogota, Roselle Park High School;

Springfield, Jody LaFrenza, Jonathan Dayton Regional High School; Daniel Tamm, Middle School; and

Union County, Cheung Sui Lin, Union High School.

The Union County teen art program is supported by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders; Panasonic Company; Seacurus; PNE&G; Cranford Education Board; Education City, Calif.; Summit, Lincoln Jersey Bank/Central N.A., Princeton; Allentown Bank; Home, Elizabeth; Suburban Cablevision; Union; Summit Bank; Chadam; Summit Bank; Jersey Bell; Union; Brunel-Kramer-Walder-Kane Insurance Agency; Union; Hartmann & Reimer Corp., Springfield; The Union Center National Bank; Union; TechnoTechnology Corp.; Union; Leisure Arts Center; Lincoln; Tucson Dairy Farms, Inc.; Union; and MacArthur Fuel Co., Calif.

Major funding is also provided by the Institute for Arts & Humanities Education through a grant from the New Jersey State Department of Education and other private donors.

For information about the Union County teen art program, contact the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, (908) 558-2550. TDD users call 1-800-852-7899.

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Pete's does the best Trucking

Finishes spring/summer season with league-high mark of 11-1

Pete's Trucking shifted into full gear and ran over its competition this summer to post the best record in the Kenilworth Women's Softball League. Pete's defeated M.J. Hoag Contracting 9-4 at Brearley last Sunday to finish the spring/summer season with a league-best 11-1 record.

In other season-ending games it was Mastepeter Funeral Home beating Lefty's Hardware 15-7 at Black Brook Park and Cutting Crew edging Kenilworth PBA 4-3 at Harding School.

Here are the final standings:
Pete's Trucking (11-1), Mastepeter Funeral Home (9-3), Kenilworth PBA (8-4), M.J. Hoag Contracting (7-5), Cutting Crew (4-8), Lefty's Hardware (2-10), Blue Sky Masonry (1-11).

Here's a look at last Sunday's final three games:
Pete's Trucking, 9, M.J. Hoag Contracting 4 at Brearley: Pete's scored three runs in the first as Diana Limaire and Chris Moe reached base and scored on a double by Barbara Legg. Jennifer Gandel hit a triple that scored Legg. Hoag scored in the second when Holly Lampe brought in Peggy Hoag with a single.

Pete's added four more runs in the third to take a 7-1 lead. Limaire and Moe singled and Legg doubled in both. Gindel reached on a single and Legg and Gindel scored on a double by Mary Pat Kopyta.

Hoag came back with three runs in the fifth to cut the lead to 7-4. Peggy Hoag and Pat DeCamp reached base and were driven home by a Lisa Duffy single. Kim Reanne, who reached base after being a double, scored after Flo Hoag singled.

Pete's added single runs in the fifth and sixth innings. Legg had an RBI-triple in the fifth and Vivian Hoff an RBI-double in the sixth.

Kenilworth Women's Softball

Rosa Alutto singled in two runs and Rudowski and Alutto scored on singles by Jackie DePalma and Kathy Schielke. DePalma and Schielke then scored on a walk, a fielder's choice and single by Patti Rudowski loaded the bases.

Mastepeter increased its lead to 7-2 in the third when Lynn Baruka reached on a fielder's choice and scored on a double by Alutto.

Lefty's scored in the fourth on a triple by Kelly and single by JoAnne DeMichele, making it 7-3.

Mastepeter answered with a run in the fifth as Baruka tripled and scored on a single by Rudowski.

Lefty's closed the gap in the fifth when it scored four runs to close to within 8-7. A walk and singles by Kelly and Sue Smith preceded a run-scoring double by Ruglio and two-scoring triple by Helen Paster.

Mastepeter took the lead for good in the bottom of the fifth when it scored five runs for a 13-7 advantage. Karen Stallings, Grace Rappi, Baruka, Rudowski and DePalma (triple) all hit safely and Schielke had a sacrifice fly.

Mastepeter scored its final two runs in the sixth on a two-run single by Alutto.

Stallings was the winning pitcher.
Cutting Crew 4, Kenilworth PBA 3 at Harding: PBA took a 3-0 lead in the first, but could not reach the plate the rest of the game.

Donna Fodney and Gail Russo singled and Cathy Woodring reached on a fielder's choice. Fodney and Woodring scored on a single by Sandy Vitale and Russo scored on a fielder's choice.

Crew scored its first run in the bottom of the first when Debbie Gibney reached base and scored on a double by Dawn Joyce.

Crew cut the lead to 3-2 in the fourth when Karen Weatherall walked, advanced on a single by Joyce and scored on a single by Karen Aller.

Crew tied the game at 3-3 in the sixth when Laurie Mooman reached on a fielder's choice and scored on a single by Mooman.

JoAnne Jankunas was the winning pitcher.

It was a personal-best week for some

Many improve times in meets against Mountainside, New Providence

Springfield split its final two meets in North Jersey Summer Swim League action last week to finish Division 4 competition this year with an even 4-4 mark.

Today Springfield swimmers will be competing in the annual League individual championships, which are being held at the Springfield Community Pool beginning at 4 p.m.

The Division 4 team championships were scheduled to be contested Tuesday at New Providence.

Springfield was defeated at Mountainside 217-193 July 26 and then beat New Providence 230-208 at home last Thursday. Springfield posted 38 personal-best times against Mountainside and 53 more against New Providence.

Here's a look at how Springfield swimmers performed against Mountainside and New Providence:

The MOUNTAINSIDE meet opened with the freestyle events, eliminating the individual meet events in which Springfield excels. (Mountainside has a 50-meter pool, which changes many of the features of the standard meet. In addition to eliminating the 100-meter IM events, the younger swimmers who normally swim a 25-meter lap must swim to a rope stretched across the middle of the pool. The older swimmers, who normally swim two 25-meter laps with a turn, had to swim a single 50-meter distance.)

Carla Galante and Jennifer Karl opened the 800-meter events, taking second and third for the girls. Andrew Elkes was the lead swimmer for the boys, in fourth. Tara Corigliano finished fourth for the 910 girls, while Bryan Denberger and David Filipp took second and third for the boys. Helene Jeselle and Barbara Maul took first and second for the 11/2 girls, while Nathan Denner and Ryan Farrell took second and third for the boys. Leah Denberger won for the 13/4 girls, with Matt Reheis doing the same for the boys. Laura DiCocco and Meg Malara were first and third for the 15/17 girls, while Mike Reheis and Greg Gebauer went 1-2 for the boys.

Colleen Spadora placed second for the 800-meter girls in the backstroke, while Alex Vengovsky and Louis Pospolito placed third and fourth for the boys. Kate Spadora was second for the 910 girls, while teammate Bryan Denberger won for the boys. Helene Jeselle led a 1-2 finish with Nicole Siano for the 11/2

girls, followed by a 1-3 finish of Ryan Farrell and Dennis Tappier for the boys. Leah Denberger took the 13/4 girls event, while Chris Siano and Chris Behar took second and third for the boys. Chris Johannsen won the 15/17 girls event.

Andrew Elkes took first for the boys. Karen Bocian won the 11/2 girls event, with Drew DeCagna and Tim Higgins taking second and third for the boys. Barbara Maul and Christina Spadora were first and third in the girls 11/2 event, while Mike Quirk and Sean Babby were second and third for the boys. Jennifer Roggenman and Leticia Perez placed first and second for the 13/4 girls, with Matt Reheis winning for the boys. Meg Malara and Chris Johannsen went 1-2 for the 15/17 girls, with Greg Gebauer finishing third for the boys.

Springfield Youth Swimming

Jalie Martinez and Christine Grywalski finished fourth and sixth in the 50-meter butterfly, while teammate Matt Sigliano won for the boys. Karen Bocian placed second for the 910 girls, while David Filipp won for the 910 boys. Nicole Siano was the lead Springfield swimmer for the 11/2 girls, in third place. Nathan Denner and Mike Quirk took second and third for the boys. Leticia Perez and Jennifer Roggenman were second and third in the girls 13/4 butterfly, while Matt Reheis and Adam Gebauer finished first and third for the boys. Chris Siano took the event for the 15/17 girls, while teacher Tom Stracey and Mike Reheis placed second and third for the boys.

Springfield then went on to take two of the relays. The 91/2 boys freestyle team of Mitchell Hollander, Bryan Denberger, Mike Quirk and Joe Andrasko brought in the lead victory. In the closing race of the meet, the Springfield 13/17 freestyle team of Danny Riva, Chris Siano, Chris Johannsen and Laura DiCocco were winners.

Returning home for the final meet of the season against NEW PROVIDENCE, Springfield began quickly with a strong showing in the IM events. Barbara Maul opened with second for the 12/100 girls, while Nathan Denner and Ryan Farrell went 1-2 for the boys. Chris Johannsen and Laura DiCocco were first and second for the 15/17 girls, with Mike Reheis and Tom Stracey taking first and second for the boys.

Springfield closed out the meet by taking four of the relay events. The 91/2 medley was won by Ryan Farrell, Drew DeCagna, Bryan Denberger and Joe Andrasko. The 13/17 medley was won by Chris Behar, Danny Riva, Jen Meisch and Kim Kaczor.

The boys 91/2 freestyle was won by David Filipp, Mitchell Hollander, Mike Quirk and Nathan Denner. The 13/17 freestyle was won by Matt Reheis, Chris Siano, Chris Johannsen and Laura DiCocco.

Roselle Park's A-1 Cleaning wins second straight crown

A-1 Cleaning defeated C.R. Vail 5-4 to capture its second consecutive Roselle Park Youth Baseball League Minor Boys' Division championship.

A-1 scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth to erase a 4-2 deficit. Before it came to bat, Gabe DeLorenzo made a spectacular defensive play in the top of the seventh when he threw a runner out at first to end the inning and prevent C.R. Vail from scoring any additional runs.

Drew Terpin, Pat Wilcox and John Wright had consecutive hits for A-1 in the last inning to start things off. With two outs and two strikes on him, Holiday Appello drilled the game-winning hit down the third base line.

A-1, coached by Ricky Basilio and Carl Heckel, completed its season at 11-1.

In other news ... Roselle Park's Pop Warner Football League began practice Monday. Any one between the ages of 6-13 who has not already signed up, may do so at the football refreshment stand between 6-8 p.m., any evening until Aug. 31.

Tracy Salafino honored Tracy Salafino was last week's Mountainside Recreation's youth tennis team's Player of the Week. Salafino was a finalist in the individual team tournament and a steady member of the team leader.

"Tracy is a true competitor and fighter," Mountainside coach and sister Wendy Salafino said.

"I had to work very hard to prove to my sister that I deserve this honor," Tracy said.

Last week's team tournament was played at the first Parent-Player Playoff. Chris Schenkerberg and Sarah Drake played hard and won the title against Tracy Salafino. Their three-set match lasted two hours and 30 minutes.

Trophies were awarded to both the finalist and the champion.

Seniors softball results: The Nilson Detective Agency of Elizabethtown defeated by Suburban Coblenton 34-15 and by Crownsey's 7-0 in Union County Senior Softball

Suburban Cablevision 22

Suburban Cablevision 22, Krowick-Gorway Memorial 10, E. Bob Antonio's Pub & Grill 6, Don Leo LoBello (four hits) and Tom Dick (three hits) both tripled for the winners. Mick McNichols and John Gouglan also had multiple-hit games, with Gouglan belting a home run. Ed Obregon blasted a grand slam.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Bard is given a 1950s flavor

Think of the innocent fun and exuberance of the "I Love Lucy" television show raised to the tenth power and set to Shakespearean verse, then you can begin to imagine the high-energy, playful entertainment provided by the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival's staging of "The Merry Wives of Windsor."

Center Stage

By James C. Shell
Staff Writer

... which opened last week and runs through Aug. 13.

Set in a 1950s Catskills resort, the fifth offering of the winning NJSF season is the strongest and most thoroughly enjoyable of the summer.

Updating Shakespeare can be a dangerous road to tread: the potential pitfalls are many. But "The Merry Wives," like last year's superb NJSF translation of "The Comedy of Errors" as an ode to 1950s filmmaker Federico Fellini, is a safer bet than some of the weightier dramatic plays. There is no heavy-handed message here for our times, short of a warning for lascivious would-be adulterers and an admonishment to jealous husbands who should know enough not to mistrust their faithful, though merry, wives.

One of Shakespeare's most popular farces since Elizabethan times and one of the most adapted of his works, "The Merry Wives" is a pure entertainment, perfect fare for a hot summer evening.

Set at the birth of the television age in a Catskills Mountain resort, this recasting of "The Merry Wives" evokes a comic nostalgia for the more naive times, days when pop songs, conversations, family life and personal conduct were prescribed by a greater prudence and better manners than in the decades to follow.

The 1950s still an age of innocence, is a fitting frame for this farce and sets a more believable stage than our own for the naughty interplay between the wives and the excitable Falstaff as well as for the jealous husband, the erstwhile cuckold.

"The Merry Wives" is full of exuberance and opportunities for frolicking, teasing and having fun. The NJSF scores first on the occasion of the second half during a gut-busting romp on the resort's dance floor, a prelude of the eventual all's-well-that-ends-well full circle the comedy will take when both



Bob Kirsh, at left, as "Frank Ford," frolics with Paul Mullins as "Doctor Caius" in the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival production of "The Merry Wives of Windsor."

Diva raises her voice for charity

By Lisa Ann Battito
Staff Writer

When critics proclaim that Springfield resident Rose Baum Sencerchia could be as large as Luciano Pavarotti, they are referring to her voice, not her girth.

Opera singer Sencerchia will be performing at Avery Fisher Hall in Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts on Aug. 24 in a concert titled, "A Night of Beautiful Music." The proceeds from the show will benefit We Care About New York Inc., an organization devoted to removing graffiti and litter in the five boroughs of New York. The event will also feature singer Vic Danese.

"I was doing the Bob Hope Desert Classic in February and Vic was also on the program," said Sencerchia, adding that she is on the board of directors of We Care About New York Inc. "I told him about the concert and he expressed a desire to perform at it."

"Vic just closed at Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City and he was the first person to be a complete sell-out for two weeks," she said. "He will sing his old stand-by hits like 'An Affair to Remember' and 'You're Breaking My Heart.' These are wonderful tunes that people will remember forever."

Sencerchia said she will perform selections from popular operas and from the Broadway musical "Phantom of the Opera," in which she had a one-year stint. She said she and Danese have some surprises planned for the audience and that Pavarotti may come by and perform some duets with her. Also on the bill is Joey Adams, and the event will be hosted by radio personality Stan Martin of WQEW-AM in New York.

The joining together of Sencerchia and Danese may be more than a one-shot deal. The duo is in negotiations with the Boston Pops to do a concert.

While some may wonder how the two singers will be working together, Sencerchia is a popular singer — Sencerchia maintains that they blend well together.

"Frank Sinatra said 'Vic Danese has the best pipes in the business,'" she said. "Vic sings closer to my style than any pop singer today. He is classically trained, and he has a warm, beautiful voice with no gimmicks."

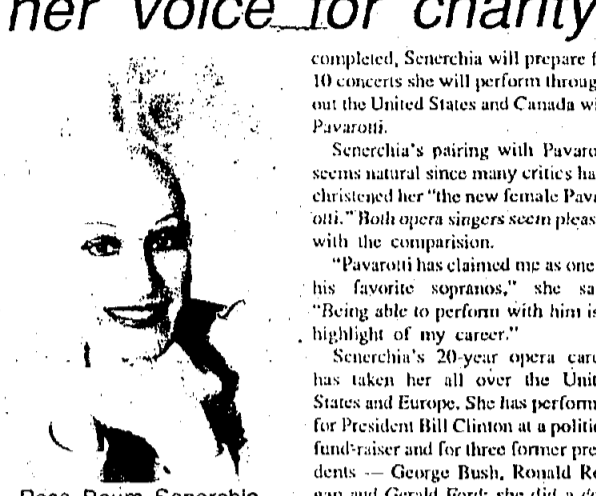
Sencerchia will promote the concert throughout the month of August on 17 South Ave., Cranford, today at 9 p.m.

Hand members include Bill Sincox, John Schuster, Fern Wozniak, and "Sam men" Willie Favelli and George Antonio.

Concert slated

"Listen Up!" will perform its style of blues and jazz music at The Office, 1-7 South Ave., Cranford, today at 9 p.m.

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Rose Baum Sencerchia



Left to right: Renata Lopez, customer, John T. Gregorio, Mayor, Krystyna Tomaszewska, Miraculous Tomaszewska, owner, Pastor, St. Theresa's Church. On July 13, 1994 Mayor John T. Gregorio cuts ribbon at the celebration of the opening of Krystyna's Restaurant, 112 South Wood Avenue, Linden. Krystyna is open Tuesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. Maria Korobowicz serves original and tasty dishes, specializing in seafood.

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Sound Tracks

By Bob Cianci
Music Correspondent

Lucky 7, "One Way Track," Didge Records

There's a lot of interest today in genuine Louisiana music, be it jazz, R & B, country or zydeco, that most enthusiastic folk music of the cajun people. Lucky 7, a New York-based band featuring accordionist-keyboardist Kenny Margolis, a former resident of Monclair, is one of the leading proponents of rocking zydeco, although one could say their music falls squarely in between Lafayette, Louisiana and Memphis, Tenn. Guitarist Billy Rouse (rhymes with "blue") has a strong rockabilly influence that seers Lucky 7 slightly away from straight zydeco, and that helps their new album, "One Way Track," succeed handsomely.

Among the best tracks are "You Got It Comin'," "Rebel Heart," "Rosalia," "Couda Shouda Wouda," "Cajun Man," Nick Lowe's "Half A Boy Half A Man" and "I Ain't Broke I'm Shattered." All

spotlight Margolis' strong accordion or keyboard virtuosity and Rouse adds tasty guitar licks and vocals as well.

If you have trouble locating "One Way Track" by Lucky 7, write to Didge Records, P.O. Box 1522, Scarborough, Maine 04070. Bluesiana Hot Sauce, "Bluesiana Hot Sauce," Shamachie Records

The Bluesiana series, all star jam sessions featuring quite a few well-known and a few less-known musicians, is now on its third album, the brainchild of producer Joe Ferry. The latest, released on Shamachie Records of Newton, contains stellar performances by Allen Toussaint, Michael Brecker, bassist Eddie Gomez, drummer Will Calhoun of Living Colour, and legendary harmonica virtuoso Toots Thielemus. Brecker's saxophone playing is nothing short of incredible on Dr. John's "I Walk On Gilded Splinters." Equally hot are cuts such as "My Last Meal," "Don't Mow



Kenny Margolis of Lucky 7

traditions and presents them splendidly. Shamachie will donate 50 percent of all proceeds from this album to the Coalition for the Homeless.

Diva sings for charity

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States, she said there is a definite difference between the way her craft is practiced in this country and abroad.

"Opera is appreciated more in Europe," she said. "Every major city has an opera house and the atmosphere is very cultured."

Although Senerchia has garnered much critical acclaim for her singing, her first foray into the arts was through dancing. And it was while growing up in Irvington that her talents as a ballerina first became evident.

"I lived in Irvington all of my life until college and I graduated from Irvington High School. I was in all of the high school talent shows—that is where it all started," Senerchia said.

Senerchia was a ballet dancer with the American Ballet Theater, the Royal Ballet in London and the Metropolitan Opera Ballet Company. She said that while performing at the famed Metropolitan Opera House in New York, she became intrigued with opera. Senerchia believes her years as a ballerina helped her become a successful singer.

"To be an opera singer, you need discipline, and the fact that I studied ballet first helped me achieve the role of a diva," Senerchia said, adding that she still dances occasionally. "I make sure I keep one day aside where I can trip the light fantastic."

In addition to her shows, with Pavarotti, Senerchia has other projects in the early stages and she is presently negotiating a recording contract. She credits her manager, Peter Bennett, with helping her come so far in her career.

"My manager has worked with all the greats—the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Nat King Cole and Bob Hope. He is fabulous," she said.

Despite all of her successes, Senerchia and her family remain firmly rooted in Springfield. Her husband's dental practice is there and her daughter attends Jonathan Dayton Regional High School. Also, Senerchia is sharing her love of performing with Springfield youth through a dance studio she runs called Dance Fanatics.

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Dining Review

Tiffany's

By Lillian Abbracciamento
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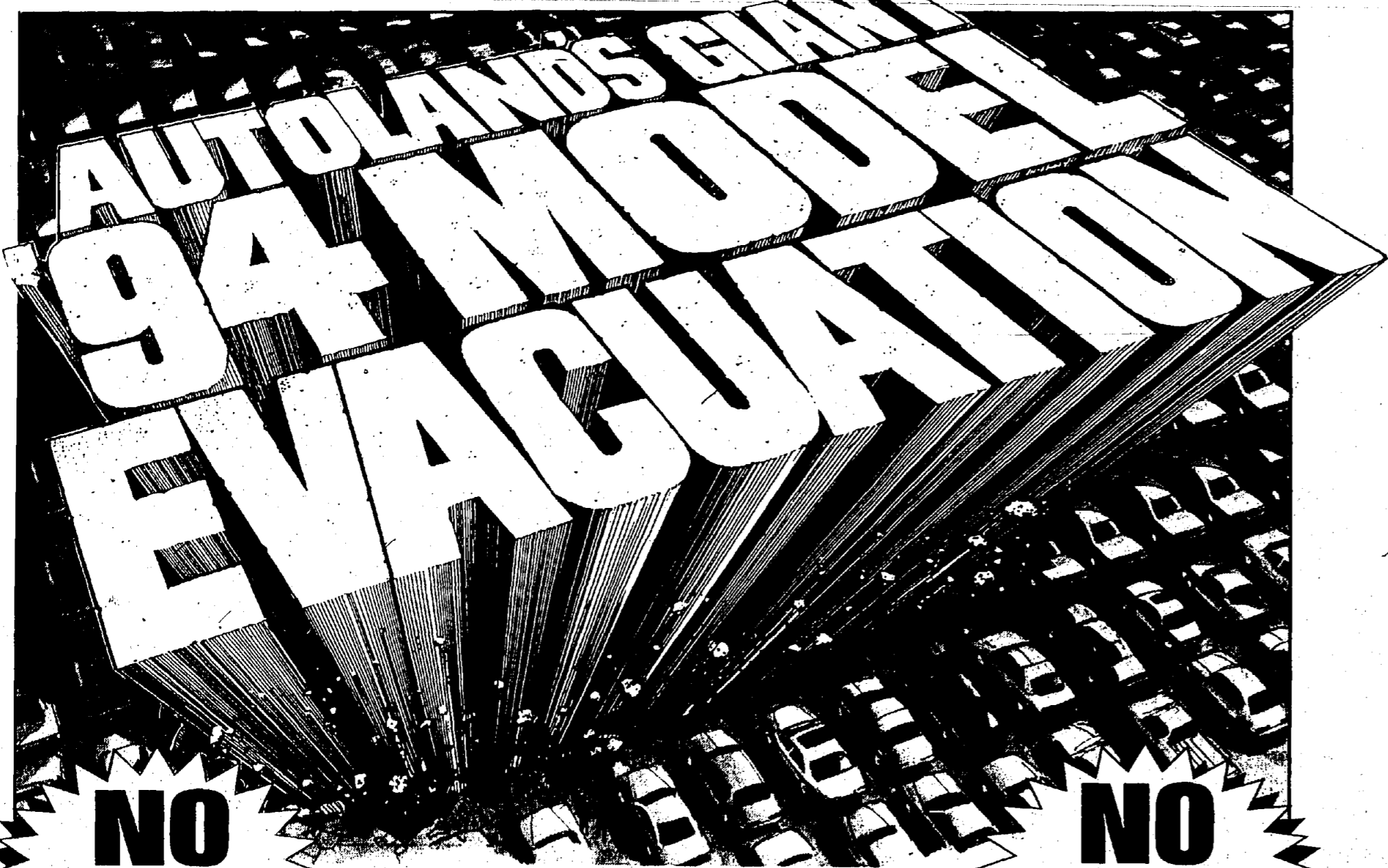
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Agent cited
Springfield general agent Robert E. Stone was cited July 25 during the 11th annual meeting of agents of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Milwaukee, for sales during the year ended May 31.

The Stone agency was runner-up for the Class AAAA Michael J. Cleary Award. The award is for development of new agents and is named after a former president of Northwestern. Awards are given to winners in four size categories ranging from AAAA to A among the company's 103 general agencies nationwide.

Protecting bicycles
As the summer weather continues to be on the rise, more children and adults are using two-wheeled vehicles as exercise and enjoyment. But as residents take advantage of the summer weather, others are taking advantage of their bicycles.

The Springfield Police Department Crime Prevention Unit and Juvenile Bureau reminds adults and children not to leave bicycles unattended outside homes, stores and play areas. Bicycles also have been taken when left inside open garages.

Residents should use the bicycle racks provided at the township pool, library and parks with a properly secured lock to safeguard themselves from the threat of theft. In today's economy, the loss of a bicycle can be an expensive one.

Free rentals offered
Read all the latest best sellers? Springfield Free Public Library patrons who donate a recent hardcover best seller to the library will receive a free video rental from the library's video collection. Books donated under this program should be in good condition so the books may be added to the circulating collection of recent publications. All donations will be evaluated by the adult department.

The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library also are accepting donations of paperback books for their ongoing book sale. All other books in saleable condition will be accepted for the annual book sale beginning in September.

Fun planned
The Springfield Recreation Department will sponsor a day of fun and excitement at the Bowers Art Amusement Park in Scotch Plains.

The trip, which is open to young people ages 5 and older, will depart from the Chisholm Community Center at 9:30 a.m. and return to the community pool at 2:30 p.m.

The cost for the trip will be \$8.50 per person, which includes transportation and four hours of unlimited use of the rides.

Anyone needing more information or to register should contact their counselors at the Chisholm Playground, the pool camp, or the Recreation Office at 912-2227.

The trip is scheduled for Aug. 14.

Three make dean's
Three Springfield residents recently have been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the spring semester.

Students recognized for this honor include Charles M. Mattioli, Debra L. Neischaer and Elliot S. Porter.

Locals search for way to restore Meisel Pond

By Mark Devaney
Staff Writer

Bodies of water, like human bodies, can die, and the sight of the decay that takes place in either organism is not at all pretty.

The corpse being referred to is Meisel Pond.

Once, the charming little lake was the focal point for many an eye-pleasing stroll. Now it is an eyesore that most walkers feel the urge to run from.

If in fact Meisel pond was a human body, it should have been buried long ago.

But parks and recreation experts and the Springfield Environmental Commission believe Meisel Pond can be resurrected.

Ray Hirschfeld, chairman of the commission, feels life can be breathed back into the pond.

"It seems the problem can be resolved if they place an aerator type system and clarify why there's no rain," Hirschfeld stated.

Hirschfeld has been in touch with Union County officials, but is dissatisfied with their responses. "According to them, Meisel has always been a problem because it's stagnant. They believe that an aerator might help but there's no guarantee," he explained.

The county already has opted for another method of treatment for Meisel Pond.

"We got complaints a while back in June," said Dan Bernier, chief of Union County Parks and Recreation. "Since then, we placed Meisel on a list as one of the 12 or 13 lakes that are part of a regular treatment plan that we contract out to Allied Biological Services, a company that specializes in treating lakes and ponds for aquatic plant growth," he said.

"On July 25, Allied performed a chemical treatment that has killed the algae and duck weed. But the dead weeds haven't been flushed," Bernier said.

Washing Reservation, there is a constant flow of water. Meisel sits off to the side of Van Winkle Creek. Because it's separate from the stream, you don't get a real good flushing action to wash out the debris," Bernier further explained.

When asked what the next step was, Bernier had a pragmatic solution. "We're waiting for rain," he said.

Hirschfeld, however, was not at all content with relying upon the weather.

"A dead pond can become a breeding ground for bacteria, fungus and mosquitoes," Hirschfeld said.

"The people of Springfield who use that area have a right to a clean and pleasant looking pond. You need to see grass and ducks there, but now there's no life," Hirschfeld said.

"Why doesn't Van Winkle connect for effective run-off? What is the chemical they used to kill the weeds?" asked Hirschfeld.

"To them it's fine. If it doesn't rain, we can have the Fire Department pump water into it. But I'm sure the Springfield Fire Department has better things to do with its time," Hirschfeld declared.

"We need a long term solution and a Band Aid solution," said Hirschfeld.



Meisel Pond, which is the target of cleanup efforts by parks and recreation experts.

Report shows increase in township crime rates

By Ray Lehmann
Managing Editor

There were 268 larcenies and 106 motor vehicle thefts in Springfield in 1993, both jumps over the previous year, it was revealed this week with the issuance of the Division of State Police's Uniform Crime Report.

The report, compiled from the findings of municipal police departments throughout the state, indicates crimes by category and tables them with comparative figures.

The township's total crime index last year was 509, up from 486, resulting in an increase in the rate of crime per 1,000 residents from 30.3 to 37.9. Union County's total crime rate was 52.1 per 1,000 residents, a slight decrease from the 54.2 the year before.

Crimes were categorized along the lines of violent crimes — murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault — and nonviolent crimes — burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft. Also listed were the rates of arson, domestic violence and bias crime in each district.

There were 15 violent crimes in Springfield last year, compared with two in 1992. Among these were two rapes, five robberies and eight aggravated assaults.

Non-violent crimes, there were 40 burglaries, actually down a little from the year before, 268 larcenies, up from 249, and 106 motor vehicle thefts, a serious jump from the 96 of the year before.

Domestic violence cases also exploded this year, growing from 65 to 93. However, this was a statewide trend which resulted in a 27 percent increase overall.

According to the U.C.R., since the Domestic Violence Act was introduced in 1982 to protect battered victims and study the social problems that spark such aggressive behavior, most victims have come forward to report the crime.

But since the DVA was enacted, other factors contribute to the increased reporting of this crime, including revised investigation and reporting procedures by police, improved processing of domestic complaints by the courts, and mandatory in-service training for police and court personnel.

Assemblyman Victor Jay Lushbader, R-Union, applauded the statewide decline of crime in general, but remained concerned about the increase in violent crimes.

Lushbader, who sits on the Assembly Judiciary, Law and Public Safety Committee, is the sponsor of several "crime fighting" bills authorizing the state to spend \$150 million in state bonds for juvenile correctional "boot camps" and harsher sentences for repeat juvenile sex offenders.

"We are not only witnessing an increase in the number, but there is a growing shadow of more random and mindless violent acts," said the assemblyman.

"In addition to the good works of police, members of our communities must be involved because in the end, to succeed, it must be a partnership," Lushbader said. "Whether it is a 911 call to report a suspicious person, or participating in a neighborhood watch or similar events, anything residents can do to pitch in will make a difference."

Stop & Shop presents their story

By Mark Devaney
Staff Writer

Stop & Shop has spoken, and they have Springfield with them. The Colonial Association, local merchants, and just about anyone who has sweated through traffic on Millburn Avenue can finally get a better idea as to what Stop & Shop has in store.

The New England based conglomerate is well aware of its corporate image and its spokespeople want to assure residents that Stop & Shop will improve, rather than destroy, the communities that surround what is now Saks Fifth Avenue.

"We don't run a chain of super markets. Each store is its own small business," said Terri Vandewater, director of Public Affairs for Stop & Shop.

Vandewater said Stop & Shop's target market is adaptable. "We have stores in the most affluent communities of Connecticut — Westport, Wilton, Ridgefield and Fairfield.

"We also have a store in downtown Boston near Northway, a highly diverse location, and we have a product mix to match the area," Vandewater stated.

"Stop & Shop values every single customer. It doesn't matter if it's an affluent customer, middle of the road, or smart shoppers. We cover the whole socioeconomic range," she said.

She also said Stop & Shop has an extensive community service record and has participated in numerous charities and fund raisers. Food for Friends collected 91 tons of food for food banks last year. The Triple Winner Contest has raised some \$3 million for the Jimmy Fund at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Vince Baglio, Stop & Shop's local liaison, said Stop & Shop does not own the property, but it has an executed holding contract with Springs Holdings Inc. The actual closing and purchase of property is contingent upon a variety of factors, he said.

"We're at a very preliminary stage in the project. Until they own the property, there will not be any work done on it," Baglio said.

However, he did speak about the basic look of a Stop & Shop facility. "There's a commonality of look as in the case of Home Depot and Quik Check interiors of signage, but the actual size of the store has yet to be determined," said Baglio. He said Stop & Shop offers its operations according to the immediate surroundings, and community input is sought.

"Stop & Shop will schedule deliveries at hours acceptable to the community. The time of deliveries and access routes can be determined by Stop & Shop," Baglio said.

"Typically their parking lots are shared between 5 and 6 a.m., but based on the logistics of any given situation, Stop & Shop can change the schedule provided it's at off peak hours."

"Right now Stop & Shop does not see or anticipate any detrimental impact on Millburn Avenue. They're going to be conducting traffic studies. Until Stop & Shop gets feedback from those studies, we'll have to wait," Baglio said.

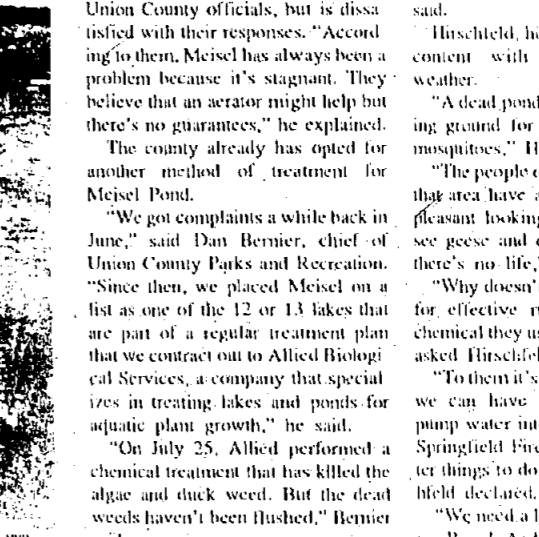
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By Ray Lehmann
Managing Editor

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Stop & Shop plans to convert the former Saks Fifth Avenue property into a superstore along the lines of this Boston outlet.

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"That building is an absolute eyesore, and it was my understanding that

it was condemned and would be torn down well over a year ago," resident and neighbor Charles Hoyer said.

"Then I see that it was sold, for only \$27,000. That won't even buy you a couple of beers. And the people who own this property just take care of it whatsoever."

Several neighbors mentioned that, prior to the property being sold, there was a condemned sign posted outside the property.

"The property in question was purchased by developer Jeffrey Briggs, who owns a number of other properties in Springfield, including a number on Morris Avenue. Residents had complaints about the upkeep of a number of his properties, but had an even greater concern as what they perceived to be favoritism on the part of the township," Hoyer said.

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