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Springfield's Junior Baseball League is looking for bids on youth league baseball shirts. Interested vendors may contact the league at P.O. Box 312, Springfield, NJ 07081, or call Joe Caroleo at (201) 376-5754. The deadline is tomorrow.

Racing tortoises

The Trailblazer Museum in Mountaintop invites the public to a two-legged tortoise race Sunday at 2 p.m. Make and decorate a racing tortoise, and see how quickly you can make it move in the race. There will be a \$1.50 fee per tortoise.

Open houses

St. James School will continue observing Catholic Schools Week with one final open house on Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. The event allows the public to tour the facilities and to register their children for the pre-K through eighth grade classes for the 1995-96 academic year.

Stars come out

Each Sunday in February, the Union County Department of Operational Services will host planetarium shows. A stellar journey into the winter skies will take stargazers past the Pegasus, Pisces, Perseus, Cassiopeia and Orion constellations, as well as Saturn and Mars. All participants will receive a star chart to take home.

Middlemarch set

George Eliot's novel "Middlemarch" will be the subject of the next book discussion at the Springfield Public Library, Tuesday at 7:30. Subtitled "A Study of Provincial Life," the book tells the story of a small English town in the 1830s, featuring many characters in interlocking plots.

Living with deer

Are deer driving you crazy? If so, come hear Holly Hoffmann, director of the Trailblazer Museum, speak on living with deer. The speech will be delivered at the Springfield Garden Club's meeting Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. The club meets at the Presbyterian Parish House at 37 Church Mall. A \$2 donation will be requested.

Planning ahead

Bartles & Noble will host a seminar on planning estates, wills and trusts on Feb. 9 at 7:30. Renee Oelsh of Dean, Winter and attorney Carol Fedursky Cohen will also speak on taxes and investments. The event is located on Route 22 West at Hillside Avenue.

Belgian poet to read

Coléto Inez will read her poetry at the Palmer Museum in the library on Feb. 16. Inez is nationally published and teaches at Columbia University. Preceding the reading, which begins at 7:30, the library will host a writing workshop, which begins at 4 p.m. Seating is limited to 20 for the workshop, so registration is required. Call St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, (615) 376-6030 for information.

Swearing in school



Union County Regional Board of Education Attorney Lawrence Schwartz swears in Judge Monaco as Springfield's new representative to the board. During the Jan. 17 meeting, Monaco joined the nine-member board, filling the vacancy created when 17-year veteran of the board Margaret Hough resigned in December.

Parking rules altered

Along the horizon, the Township Committee passed last week a plan to provide curbside parking and to juggle funds among departments. The committee agreed to petition the state Department of Transportation to amend the parking availability of the downtown area.

Conducting the change is needed since Route 24 has almost no traffic that formerly flowed along Morris Avenue, the committee agreed. The following alterations should be made: The no-parking zone on the south side of Morris Avenue, between Caldwell Place and Mountain Avenue, should be eliminated.

A no-parking zone should be created on the north side of Morris Avenue, opposite Center Street. At that same meeting, the Township Committee also approved the purchase of two 1995 Ford dump trucks from the Warnock Fleet in East Hanover. Warnock is the vendor authorized by the state to provide cars, trucks and cargo vans to governments.

The cost of the two vehicles was not expected to exceed \$121,000. The Township Committee voted to allow Emergency Management coordinators John Cottage and Scott Street to spend \$200,000 on equipment made available at the New Jersey Federal Surplus Property Program sale and the Dayton Hamvention in Ohio.

The surplus property sale allows governments and nonprofit agencies to purchase federal and state surplus items at a discounted price. The "Hamvention" is an annual ham radio operators convention, where equipment and supplies that are not commercially available are sold.

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St. Jude fund-raiser scheduled for today

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital announced that Hwang Karate Studio in Springfield will be conducting a martial arts fund-raiser to benefit the hospital today. Locally, Paul Debono has volunteered to coordinate the program.

The funds raised in this martial arts fund-raiser will help to ensure that children with cancer and other life-threatening diseases will have a better chance to live. To participate in this program, registration information is available by contacting Hwang Karate Studio, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, located in Memphis, Tenn., was

Park Place housing plans may be facing challenge

By Jay Hochberg
Managing Editor
When the Planning Board convenes next Wednesday to discuss its latest proposals to solve Springfield's affordable housing mandate, it will be faced with allegations of illegality and impropriety.

A resident of the Park Place neighborhood who is also employed by a community planning consulting firm, distributed a memo to the board Monday night that details several mistakes the township allegedly has taken in its effort to meet the court-imposed deadline for submitting a plan.

Jason Kessler of Kessler Associates said he submitted copies of the memo to the board because the public had not been allowed to speak during the past two Planning Board meetings — an act he said in the memo to be unlawful.

Quoting "New Jersey Zoning and Land Use Administration" — a book that interprets the Municipal Land Use Law — Kessler said he objected to the board's refusal to let residents speak at this or any other meeting regarding proposals that will affect the Township Master Plan.

Addressing specifics in the Planning Board's affordable housing blueprint, Kessler said he found fault with the process used in determining how

the Park Place property will be developed. According to the memo, any change to the Park Place site located at 995 S. Springfield Ave. hinges on a vote by the existing residents to amend the property's Master Deed. Quoting the deed, Kessler wrote any amendments must be approved by 80 percent of all unit owners eligible to vote. The developer may vote on behalf of unsold apartments, but not in matters pertaining to amending the Master Deed.

According to members of the Planning Board, the owner of the Park Place land may develop the land as he sees fit; Kessler stated otherwise in his memo.

Quoting the Master Deed of the site, he wrote, the owner "shall have the right to sell and convey, lease or otherwise dispose of each such unit" but may not rezone the land without first securing the approval of 80 percent of the residents.

Another obstacle facing a developer is the probability of partitioning "common elements" currently existing on the site. According to Kessler's memo, any construction of townhouses — as proposed by the developer and recently agreed to by the board — would require partitioning to meet

the neighborhood's parking needs, and would violate the Master Deed. Kessler also said the township contradicts the Municipal Land Use Law by not stipulating in precise language the terms for preapproving the construction plans prior to breaking ground, and the completion of that construction.

"Citing the ordinance for Springfield's housing plan, Kessler said: "Where the development is intended to be phased over a number of years, there shall be an explanation, including appropriate maps."

In contrast, he quoted the M.L.U.L. which mandates planning boards to protect the interests of the public and of the residents, occupants and owners of the proposed development in the total completion of the development.

The fault Kessler said he found with the township is based on a partial rezoning of the property as a planned unit development. If Springfield does rezone the PUD from a commercial to a townhouse-ready zone to meet the affordable housing requirements, the Master Deed of the property would be violated.

Such "piece meal" rezoning, Kessler said, violates the "very nature" of a PUD.

School superintendents debate effects of possible deregionalization on TV

In a relaxed debate of the proposed dissolution of the Regional High School District, Regional Superintendent Donald Merachnik incorrectly cited legislation when discussing the costs that would be assumed by constituent school boards if dissolution were to occur.

Representatives of three boards of education gathered off on a TV-3 talk show last Thursday evening to discuss the facts surrounding the possible dissolution of the regional school district.

Merachnik and Regional Board of Education member Joan Toth argued in favor of maintaining the district; Springfield Board of Education Superintendent Gary Friedland and Berkeley Heights Board of Education member James Kurland dissented, favoring dissolution.

As he did in a Springfield Leader "Our Guest" column last week, Merachnik said that according to state legislation enacted last summer, Springfield would have to compensate Mountaintop and Garwood for their past investment into Jonathan Dayton High School, if the township assumed control over the school.

The legislation applies to the distribution of school buildings, real estate, equipment and other property following the withdrawal of a school board from a regional, when that board creates its own K-12 district.

That law, Chapter 96, Senate No. 234, was written regarding a school district in Camden County. It stems from New Jersey Superior Court ruling in Winslow Board of Education vs. Rowen Board of Education.

The law, complete with Winslow Township school district located in Camden County to withdraw its high school and middle school students from the Lower Camden County Regional High School, and pay the regional district an agreed sum for the properties.

The law, in its present wording, would not apply to the dissolution of the Union County district. The dissolution of the district would set a precedent in New Jersey; there is no existing legislation that would regulate the policies of former member municipalities.

Another point of disagreement between the two sides involved taxes in constituent districts. According to Merachnik, who cited the Towers Perrin study commissioned by the county, the Township of Springfield would face a tax increase of nearly 2 percent if the regional district were disbanded.

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Kids of all ages



Students from Kean College work with Walton School children on their winter fun mural. The Kean students, who are also members of the community service groups Crisis Intervention Hotline and Circle K International, came to the preschool last month to help the children express themselves in crafts projects.

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Clark phrasing on deregionalization remains unclear

By Andrew J. Stewart
Staff Writer

While the Clark Board of Education took over an hour last month to make its position clear on the project of dissolving the Union County Regional High School District, that position is not clear to the people of Clark, other towns in the district, or the regional district itself.

The regional district, the borough of Garwood and the four other municipalities in the region — including Springfield — have sent letters to Clark saying they interpret the board's Dec. 13 resolution as being in favor of deregionalization, Clark Mayor Robert Ellentrop said. The board debated over the wording of a resolution forwarding the results of a feasibility study to the regional district, Deloitte and Touche and Education America to Union County Superintendent of Schools Leonard Pitts so as to appear in favor of deregionalization.

"Whether it's their intent or not, that's how the region is viewing it, that's how Garwood is interpreting it, and that's how the other towns are interpreting it," Ellentrop said.

Ellentrop said he has a copy of the resolution and he thought it was "a bit ambiguous."

The resolution clearly states that the Clark board wants the deregionalization process to continue, according to Union County Regional High School District Superintendent Donald Merachnik.

"I read the resolution and I personally took the resolution to mean 'go on with the process,'" Merachnik said.

In a meeting in Pitts' office on Dec. 21, Clark Superintendent of Schools Paul Ortenzio said the board's intention was to allow the process to continue as stated in the resolution, according to Merachnik.

After hearing that and reading the resolution, "we had to assume that the Clark Board of Education has voted in favor of the deregionalization process," Merachnik said.

The subject was raised at Tuesday's board meeting after Merachnik sent a letter home with students claiming the board supported deregionalization. Board President Martin Axelrad repeated the board's position on the Deloitte and Touche study.

The Clark Board of Education moved to vote on the resolution to submit the report to the Union County Superintendent of Schools as was required of us," he added. "I know this was going to come up today, but it's not true."

Ortenzio also denied that the resolution gives any support to dissolving the regional district. The intent of the resolution was simply to comply with law and submit the report to Pitts, and that was very clear and understood, he said.

"I don't know how you have diagnosed it as you did," Axelrad said.

Board member Andrew Turner, who voted against the resolution along with Dennis Linken and Kathleen Borten, said the district should take some of the blame for the confusion because the resolution itself didn't actually state their opinion that the Deloitte report could not be used as a basis to make a decision on the issue.

"We drafted a resolution that is extremely difficult for people to understand what we're saying," Turner said.

The resolution itself states that the report by Deloitte and Touche has "a number of discrepancies," but the board recognizes its duty to submit the report to Pitts. The last paragraph of the resolution reads that the issue should be sent to the next municipal level and ultimately the voters.

Former Councilman William Caruto has also said he believes the resolution is in favor of deregionalization.

"I'm starting a group to fight against the proposal. Both the current Township Council and last year's council have spoken out against backing up the regional district, but the board seems to be taking a different approach, he said.

"They're not coordinating policy with the town fathers. They're taking a different decision than we are," Caruto said.

Cancer society holds events

The Union County Unit of the American Cancer Society has scheduled several events and programs for early 1995.

The 1995 New Jersey Golf Pass is now available at your local American Cancer Society. Eighteen of New Jersey's public golf courses have been generally donated a free round of golf to each holder. The cost of the pass is a minimum \$25 donation to the American Cancer Society. Treat yourself, a friend, or fellow golfer to a great deal and at the same time help support a worthy cause.

The annual Spring Fashion Show will be held on April 26 at 12 Afton in the Mountainside Crafts, including but not limited to quilts, wreaths, embroidery, or hand-made cosmetics, will be part of the fund-raising event. The group is looking for creative individuals or sewing groups who are interested in donating crafts.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based volunteer health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives from cancer, and relieving suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service. For more information on these events, or to become a volunteer, call the American Cancer Society, Union County Unit at (908) 686-7373.

The American Cancer Society is looking for friendly, energetic people who are willing to devote their time to help out in the Discovery Shop, located at 311 South Ave. in Westfield. The shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and various shifts are available. The Discovery Shop is an attractive retail store with soft-clothing, jewelry,

Parks and Recreation begin hiring for summer

The Springfield Department of Parks and Recreation is looking for personnel to help with their spring and summer programs and activities.

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A deal with the Devils



The New Jersey Devils' mascot takes a timeout with Cassandra Holt of the Union County Regional Ice Hockey team. Holt, a student at Dayton, attended a recent sports cards and comic show held as a fund-raiser for her team, which pays all of its own expenses. The team members are from ALJ and Dayton.

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Appreciating children



Deerfield students Tess Perrin, Jordan Doombleg and Phillip Vitale display the Deerfield Pride Pictures they were given as part of Children's Appreciation Week last month. The Mountaineer PTA treated students to loops and sugar cookies, had fun trying to match their classmates with the pictures.

Resident wins trip to Disney World

"This is really the first time I've ever won anything," said Springfield's Laura Holland.

She and her 6-year-old son, Andrew Nadel, won a trip for four to Walt Disney World, courtesy of WonderCamp Entertainment Company.

Holland entered the WonderCamp Wonderful Summer Sweepstakes and was recently notified of her prize.

"Andrew was so excited, he ran outside to show his friends the letter," Holland said.

The trip to Disney World is a trip to the Magic Kingdom with Holland's sister's family, Scott Miriam, Evan and Casey Joling.

Holland and her son, Andrew, visit WonderCamp several times a month. "It is very convenient because it's only five minutes from our home."

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"I have left him in the WonderCamp program for up to three hours at a time. He loves it."

"His favorite part is the Karaoke," she added. "He loves singing 'Take Me Out to the Ball Game'."

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"I'm excited and optimistic about this reorganization plan because we are adapting to an Editorial Department that has seen a great deal of growth during the last two years," Worrall said.

Worrall Newspapers publishes 12 weekly newspapers in Union County, including the Union Leader, Springfield Leader, Mountaineer Echo, Kenilworth Leader, Roselle Park Leader, Linden Leader, Benite Spectator, Rahway Progress, Clark Eagle, Hillside Leader, Elizabeth Gazette, and Summit Observer.

In Essex County, Worrall Newspapers publishes 10 weekly newspapers, including the New-Record of Maplewood and South Orange, Irvington Herald, Kinnburg Leader, West Orange Chronicle, Orange Transcript, East Orange Record, Independent Press of Bloomfield, the Glen Ridge Paper, Neshanic Journal and Belleville Post.

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Editorial Department restructures

Worrall Community Newspapers has undergone a restructuring of its Editorial Department to meet the needs of the company's growth during the last two years and to serve better the readers of its 22 weekly newspapers in Essex and Union Counties.

According to Raymond Worrall, a vice president of Worrall Community Newspapers Inc., and executive editor of the company, the plan adds a new layer of management to direct a growing Editorial Department.

Tom Civanov, who had served since January 1991 as the editor in chief of the company's 12 Union County newspapers, now will serve as editor in chief of the company's 22 newspapers in both counties.

Civanov is no stranger to the Essex region. He is a resident of Verona and a native of Irvington, where he had lived for 22 years.

Civanov began with Worrall Newspapers in March 1987 in the company's Essex region, serving first as managing editor of the Irvington Herald, before a brief stint as managing editor of its Neshanic Journal and Belleville Post. Civanov was promoted in 1988 to regional editor of the company's New-Record of Maplewood and South Orange.

Since assuming the role of editor in chief of Worrall Newspapers' Union County region, Civanov has instructed in the birth of two weekly newspapers — the Elizabeth Gazette, which began in March 1994, and the Sumner weekly, which debuted in that city in October 1994.

Civanov, 34, is a graduate of Mountaineer State College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in English with a journalism minor. He also holds an associate's degree in business administration from the County

College of Morris. In 1991, he received a first place award from the Working Press Association of New Jersey for a two-part series he had written while editor of the New-Record about Margaret Kelly Michael, a former preschool teacher in Maplewood, who was convicted of sexual abuse against some of the state's best and served more than five years in prison before an appellate court overturned that decision in 1994.

"I look forward to adding our Essex County newspapers to my duties," Civanov said. "While the make-up of Essex and Union counties is somewhat different, they are both similar in that they are ripe for news and feature stories, and are a spring base for good community journalism."

The additional layer of management is the creation of two regional editors who will serve immediately behind the editor in chief. One regional editor will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the Essex County region, while the second regional editor will be responsible for similar duties in Union County.

Worrall Newspapers' Essex region will be run by Anthony Puglisi, who had served as managing editor of the company's New-Record of Maplewood since December 1993. Puglisi has been with Worrall Newspapers since September 1991, when he began as a reporter with the West Orange Chronicle. Puglisi was promoted to managing editor of the Chronicle before advancing to his position at the New-Record.

Puglisi is a graduate of Boston University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and a bachelor's of arts degree in urban studies.

Worrall Newspapers' Union County region will be run by Chris Gatto,

Help wanted at Trailside Science Center

The Trailside Nature and Science Center is in need of volunteers. The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders desires that the Trailside Science Center be filled with the following programs:

- After School Skywatchers, the Starry Science Discovery Days, hold March 3-18. This annual observance preschool through second-grade children to explore various sciences.
- The center also needs volunteers to help set up and clean up stations between events. Training will be provided.
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Wilderness offers lessons in human nature

By Mark Devany Staff Writer
This month men with guns will enter the Watchung Reservation and kill deer.

I like writing simple sentences like that. Men with guns will kill deer in the Reservation. Really simple, fire-

It has been argued that men will be killing the deer in order to save the forest, for the insipid hunger of the deer is killing the forest.

It reminds me of the clandestine operation that was passed in reaction to the Tet Offensive in 1968 during the Vietnam War, which basically consisted of ground troops to burn villages in order to save villages.

That's the sort of reasoning men cling to when they cling to guns. While the military edict that eventually led to the My Lai massacre ought to be remembered and con-

demned, the current plan to exterminate 50 deer within our county park must be looked at differently.

Yes, peaceful creatures will come to a most brutal end, and animal rights activists will surely be in the right when they say the deer do not deserve to die for a problem that we humans have, in fact created.

But if you believe that history is a large determiner of the future, and I do, then the current minor "removal" of deer is but part of what has taken place in the slightest history the moment man set foot in the wilderness.

Man, the strongest of mammals, has been the least able to live within nature. In fact, he has, and always will be, exterminated by nature. But rather than accept the magnificent power nature possesses, man, like

some envious child, has always wanted to usurp his creator's power, and in time, slowly, then quickly, nature has been conquered and reshaped in man's image. I suppose, we ought to call nature something else.

No doubt, however, it is our savage sublings' own nature that have caused its decline. A few well-intentioned humans protest the wholesale destruction of nature, which merely includes the murder of deer, but the parcels of lands we call parks bear only the slightest resemblance to the learning forests that once flourished here.

We call them "preserves" and "reservations" because our society senses that we have wasted something irreplaceable, and because unconsciously we suffer from a guilt complex over what our ancestors did, and what we do even today.

Indeed, we kill a little bit of the natural world every day simply by the way we live. Our cars, our garbage, our sties. Our existence depends on an ambiguous premise — no matter how much we profess an admiration for things natural, together we are incapable of protecting those same almost things from the inexorable force of what we call civilization.

To bring it back to the deer dilemma. The deer were here first, so were the deer's natural predators, but we could not live with wolves, bears, panthers, cougars and the like, so they had to go. And now that the deer have no one to kill them, and we have continually crowded them into smaller and smaller plots of land, we have set into motion their own slow suicide.

Because of us, the deer are losing themselves to death and they're taking what remains of the forest with them.

So now men with guns will go in and put them out of their misery. In a sense, the sharpshooters are on a mercy mission. And it's all being done so that we can tinge onto the altered vestiges of what once was a pristine forest.

While I may sound nihilistic, let me express that I am perfectly aware of the ambiguity that has controlled our history and that I consider my own opinion to be ambiguous.

I don't think the forest can be saved, but I don't think that we should merely to save it. I think only to walk a wooded trail to understand why what's in the woods must be protected at all costs.

Consider Surprise Lake. Here are some recollections. I wrote, this summer, "You must tread softly along a water trail if you want to really see nature. In the silence that preceded me, the animals of the lake sensed safety and perched themselves on limbs for one fallen tree in the lake."

"I forgot to keep my eyes peeled, and my sup-light and for the first hundred feet or so, I failed to see anything, save the ripples upon the water's surface created by creatures diving into the lake to avoid my approach."

"But eventually I got back in touch with my tripod of the trail and soon, instead of seeing signs of death around Surprise Lake, I was rewarded with signs of life. There were bluegills, darters, bass, yellow jackets. Indeed, bugs were the least fearful of me; perhaps because of the lake's condition. Insects understood that the lake is only there."

"Yet bugs are by no means the sole inhabitants. Ducks, Canada geese, frogs, and especially turtles, all could be seen. The sight of three football-sized turtles on a log was memorable. But even that was topped by a 4-foot-long snake. I swam swimming itself on a log."

"I was tempted to step on the log to see the creature move and it seemed to be daring me to make it move. I suppose there is something in the story about serpents, serpentine and gardens."

"Then I thought, Making such animals move is exactly what we humans have always done. In the end I

decided to spare the snake from creeping away, instead, I killed her. "It was then that the sounds of cars speeding on Route 78 suddenly filled my head reminding me that noise pollution is one of that's definitely been overlooked in this matter. But then again that's only because other forms are so obvious."

"Arizona feed 1 1/2 cups, Budweiser and Coors cans, Wendy's paper cups, Styrofoam cups, and plastic lids, shards of broken glass, discarded clothing, a Frisbee, misplaced wooden planks, and for some reason, ribbons and bows, the kind found decorating Christmas gifts. I spotted the brightly-colored cloth snagged in brambles along a log trunk trickling down from the rock above."

"I figured all that littered cloth was from a present torn open and forgotten, just like the lake it was about to spill was quiet and abandoned. And that led to my most dramatic revelation."

"What does a person think when he forces garbage into nature? The answer came to me as if from nature itself. The litterer doesn't think anything because the litterer is incapable of thought."

Surprise Lake, despite its deplorable state, is still a place where lessons can be learned. It taught me that the more carefully we push into nature, the more quickly nature will pull away from us, just like the way creatures that plunged into Surprise Lake at the sound of my clumsy steps.

Am I saying that little jams like mine into the woods are worth more than a deer's life? No, I could not kill a deer any more than I could any other creature that has done me no harm, but I am part of the tribe of creatures that will always and always will kill deer.

And that's exactly what's going to happen this month in a splendidly civilized fashion. One more time: Men will enter the Watchung Reservation with guns and kill deer.



Surprise Lake may be suffering from a slow death, but its inhabitants can still teach all of us lessons about life. When the sharpshooters enter the Watchung Reservation to thin the deer population this winter, human nature will be bluntly revealed to those who live in the wilderness.

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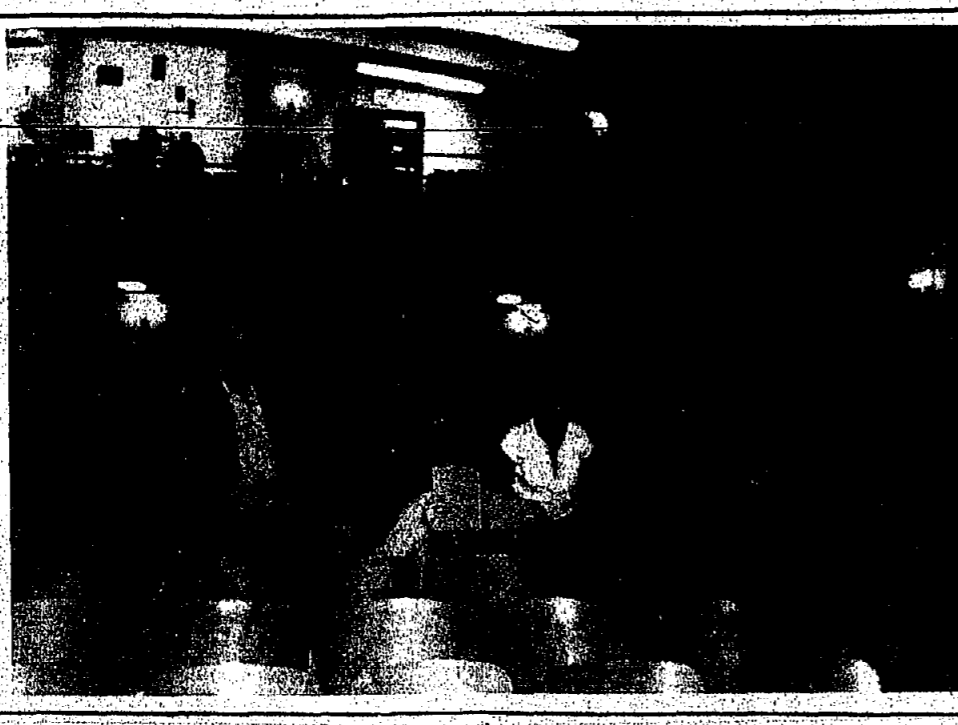
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PLENTY OF SEATS UP FRONT - Springfield residents prepare to leave the auditorium of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School following adjournment of the Planning Board meeting Monday night. Attendance at the Planning Board meetings, where the township's blueprint for affordable housing construction is shaped, has dropped drastically since December. In early December more than 300 residents attended a meeting at the Municipal Building, prompting fire department officials to cancel the meeting and evacuate the building.

"I believe in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, which guarantees the freedom of speech and press. A free press is one of this country's major strengths, and the right to protect the source of information is fundamental to a newsman in meeting his full responsibilities to the public he serves."

—Ronald Reagan

New neighbor NIMBY

As the township of Springfield approaches its deadline for submitting an affordable housing plan to the state for approval, the Not-In-My-Back-Yard attitude still finds its way into the debate.

It would be impressive if that sentiment could be channelled into one municipal policy, turning Springfield into a collective back yard, but that can't happen. In the meantime, some civic solidarity is in order to enable neighbors to live as equals. It isn't only good fences that make good neighbors. It is the ability to work together in times of adversity to overcome a common problem.

For the past two Mondays, the Planning Board has convened in the auditorium of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, these meetings were considered work sessions in which the members would discuss options and alternatives in accommodating the township's future residents.

The public was invited to attend, but to ensure orderly discourse among the board members, was not allowed to speak. That's understandable, but what's hard to grasp is the attendance.

Where were the hundreds of Springfield residents who piled into the Municipal Building in December to vote their protest?

Did they stay home, deterred by the pay rate to effect during those meetings, or was it so they had to sit on "Melrose Place"?

These meetings were not supposed to be the final hearings on any point of the township's strategy, but as the cliché goes, money talks, etc., etc., etc., considered work sessions in which the members would discuss options and alternatives in accommodating the township's future residents.

The monetary controlism act was performed by John Johnson, attorney for real estate developer Frank Racioppi. Commenting on his client's eagerness to break ground, Johnson told the Planning Board, "That's what we're in this business for: to build."

Again, fair enough. We applaud fair play in the free market, and award Johnson-bonus points for not seizing the opportunity to quote Calvin Coolidge.

Racioppi will pay Springfield \$340,000 for the right to build 81 townhouses on the Park Place site. Springfield will build that money and give it to the city of Linden to assume responsibility for 17 affordable housing units at \$20,000 each.

This contingency has not been secret among those delecting Springfield's plan of action. Racioppi offered this deal weeks ago, and in a Dec. 14 letter obtained by this newspaper, Linden Mayor John Greco expressed the city's willingness to take part in the transaction with Springfield and Racioppi.

Even better than the outward appearance of the Racioppi plan is its educational value. With Racioppi in mind, Springfield residents can be better prepared to open the Trojan Horse of this battle.

It was revealed that Mykala Bojczuk, the owner of the Bojczuk Stone property, had purchased a 69,100-sq-ft stone structure — for further access to Route 22 and Springfield Avenue — approximately two years ago.

Residents of the neighborhood surrounding that area are circulating letters to complain to each other about the possibility of the Stone property being used for at least 300 new housing units, with perhaps 60 reserved to meet the affordable housing requirements.

Any driver familiar with the area can attest to the steel nerves and cunning needed to negotiate one's way through the existing traffic in the area. The volume of automobile traffic to be added to the neighborhood, with the 81 units to be built on the Park Place site and the likelihood of 300 new Stone property units, would cause a New York cabbie to tear up his license.

Although the Planning Board flatly stated on Jan. 23 that Becker Road will not be opened to accommodate additional traffic, these same pamphlets said the township government's guarantees are unbreakable and that the street will be used.

These fears are partly rooted in the office-space market. According to Becker Road-area residents, the current pit in office-square-footage renders the Racioppi deal suspect. Because that site was zoned for office buildings, its use as housing isn't a marvel of innovative business dealing, but is a quick fix to solve several problems simultaneously.

As evidenced by the Racioppi deal, money talks, but this Bojczuk arrangement need not be a similar fair accomplish.

If these same concerned citizens come to the next Planning Board meeting, their complaints, if voiced loudly enough, just might preempt the expected Bojczuk proposal to open Becker Road.

That next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Dayton auditorium.

See you there, neighbor.

First and last comments about the OJ trial

Wish I didn't have to do this now, but I must since everyone else under the sun has said something about the O.J. Simpson case. This is the last of it you'll see in this column.

Had it not been for that dramatic, eye-catching cocky car chase last June, this extravaganza might not have happened at all. It was like a coming attraction of what to expect as the cases developed.

The case had all the trappings of a modern trial: witness and cross-examination, all-American football hero, who rang up records like a super-market checkout clerk riding a wild horse, who was on the ground for several days, and who was everywhere. When the trial was in progress, you could see him waving over viewers' heads to catch a plane, you would see him in the broadcast booth providing the game's color action. Simpson seemed to embody everything we think is macho and cool. He had the life of a celebrity. He worked on his stove and in every way he did. But it came crashing down.

Whether Simpson is guilty or innocent is up to the jury to decide. If he's guilty, he might do a couple of years just like all the other years of injustice. If he's found innocent, it won't do him any good anyhow. He won't do jail time, but his life will be totally ruined. No more jumping over counters as an advertising executive, since there will be many who think he is guilty and wouldn't give him the time of day, much less a lucrative contract. He'll be broke and only be able to live in a case like this since the main characters in the case are famous, the chemistry is just right for the moment. He'll be broke and only be able to live in a case like this since the main characters in the case are famous, the chemistry is just right for the moment. He'll be broke and only be able to live in a case like this since the main characters in the case are famous, the chemistry is just right for the moment.

Read the reports and see the difference

Be Our Guest

Janet Glynn

Letters to the editor

Speed limits would ensure safety

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board hosted the people who run the parks and the Washington Reservation, and one comment that struck me was a suggestion to put safety reflectors on roads that cross the roads, to ensure that they are safe.

I addressed them concerning the speed limits on surrounding the reservation as most are much higher than the limits of most county roads.

Clare Sigmond, who is in Parks and Recreation, member, suggested that the board subsidize the advertising this issue and would make recommendations and take action where needed.

I then questioned members on both sides of the limiting issue. All stated that the speed limits were never addressed, or that it was not an issue to be concerned about.

I feel they should be addressed. As fast cars cannot slow down in time to avoid hitting a deer. Neither can they then avoid hitting a horse or a person.

P.S. With all this controversy about Springfield Mayor Marcia Foran twisting the arms of others to get her way, I wonder if she ever would have gotten her way if good ol' Harry Pappas was still around.

Vincent Lelchsky
Linden

Earthquake relief

Dear Editor:

I think it would be a good and noble gesture on the part of former President Ronald Reagan to return some or most of the \$2 million he received from speaking engagements in Japan.

Considering the present situation in Kobe, such a move would put Reagan in a good position to help the people who are suffering, just expressing my personal view.

George Ginsberg
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letter to the editor

Celebrate our town's centennial

Dear Editor:

In 1995 Mountainside celebrates its 100th anniversary as a borough. There will be many events in which I encourage the residents of Mountainside to participate. The Gala Ball, on April 29, the parade and picnic, on June 3, the second annual golf outing, on June 12, and the three-day Heritage Day Fair beginning Sept. 14.

I have the privilege and honor of being a native-born and life-long resident of Mountainside. Believe it or not, I was a participant in Mountainside's 50th anniversary in 1945. As a Cub Scout, I participated in ceremonies held in Echo Lake Park.

I particularly remember the Fire Department's demonstration on containing

'Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight' comes to town

The ongoing saga over Bruce Bergen and the potential conflict he is involved in with the incorrect information on the certification has now become a major factor for a new Keystone Cops movie being produced in Springfield.

Many believe that the script is really about "The Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight." At each week goes by and each township meeting passes, the five members of the Township Committee: Mayor Emeritus Bruce Bergen, Acting Mayor Marcia Foran, Deputy Mayor Herb Slovic, Commissioner Hirschfeld, and Clarke, continue to dig themselves deeper and deeper.

When I attended the Jan. 24 Township Committee meeting, it marked my fourth request for public information which was first requested from Mr. Bergen on Jan. 10.

Even though he had stated he would supply the information, he did not, ignoring several requests. I had questioned several items on the bill he submitted for the month of December. Only after Mr. Bergen was ordered by the committee did I receive answers to my week-to-week questions.

With one item, Bergen charged taxpayers \$85 for one hour of his service, however, couldn't explain to me or the Township Committee what it was for.

Dominay, I again asked Mr. Bergen to take a second or two and think because he had a full week to find out. He replied, "I don't know what was for I can't find any notes on it." Commissioner Clarke looked at his hand, Commissioner Hirschfeld closed his eyes, and Commissioner Helms did a double take.

Would anyone believe that when I asked Marcia Foran if the word "open" meant to be open to the public, Mr. Bergen to refund the township for a charge he couldn't identify, she said, "If he listed it, he must have done the work." Is this the blind leading the blind?

My second request for public information, that he refused to give, was for another body item on his bill that had no details attached to it. Mr.

Medical research pays

To the Editor:

February is traditionally thought of as a time for hearts and flowers. It is also a special time for the millions of Americans who have been touched by cardiovascular disease. February is "American Heart Month."

Medical scientists have made tremendous progress in fighting cardiovascular disease. Nonetheless, recent statistics show that in New Jersey, more than 29,000 people died in 1992 from CVD, and nearly 2 million individuals suffer from it.

The economic cost alone of CVD in the United States this year is estimated at \$138 billion. This includes physician and nursing services, hospital and nursing home services, the cost of medication, and lost productivity due to disability.

This year's theme, "Life Is Now: We're Fighting For," focuses on the importance of medical research. Without it, deaths from heart disease and stroke would not have declined by 24.5 percent during the last 10 years.

It is difficult for most people to recognize that the everyday treatments used by physicians were actually researched, produced, and tested by scientists themselves are unable to envisage the far-reaching and global benefits which usually result from some of their efforts.

The AHA is the largest funder of cardiovascular research in the United States, next to the federal government. Projected expenditures for 1995 indicate that the AHA will spend \$100 million to support 3,000 major research projects nationwide. In New Jersey, the AHA will spend more than \$1 million to fund 43 research projects.

Much more needs to be done, however, and continued funding is crucial for life-saving research.

Ultimately, successful research leads to progress.

Dr. Trevor Atherton, President
American Heart Association
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The Presidential Search Committee of the Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting on Friday, February 3, 1995 at 3:00 p.m. in the William B. Dreyfus Theatre. The agenda will be a forum during which members of the College community may give input on the composition of the College-wide Search Committee and the methods desired in the new Kean College President.

Marty Pappas is a former member of the Springfield Township Committee.

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Retracing Summit's church history

By Norman Rauscher
Correspondent

Sometime ago said that Summit had more churches per capita than Brooklyn, a New York City county known as the "Borough of Churches" since it had more per capita than any other geographical location in the United States.

The time given to be true. By the time Gen. George Washington was beginning his first term as president in 1788, clusters of religious meeting houses had been constructed on isolated bits of land.

In 1875, 14 Baptists, meeting in West Summit's Union Chapel, held services with the Rev. A.B. Woods.

The beginning of a synagogue dates back to about 1803. It was not until the 1900 Day of Atonement, however, that action was approved to

hold future High Holy Days at various public halls, including a room at 34 Maple St., approximately where United Counties Trust now stands. In 1929, the Unity Club became the Jewish Community Center. The congregation ultimately built a synagogue at the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and Morris Avenue. Rabbi A. Levy was the first to occupy the pulpit there.

The Community Church, affiliated with the American Unitarian Association, was organized in 1906. The present building at the corner of Springfield Avenue and Walden Avenue was dedicated in October 1913.

The first Lutheran Church was founded on Summit Avenue across from Ridge Road in an old house which was refurbished to accommodate the new congregation. The first Lutheran Church was organized here in 1897 as the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church. The church, which was built in 1898, required major renovation as a result of a fire in 1930. The church moved from Summit in the late 1950s and relocated to Murray Hill when it changed its name to Faith Lutheran Church. The old Faith Lutheran Church, adjacent to Overlook Hospital, is now occupied by Mt. Olive Church.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized in 1908. A permanent building was erected in 1910 at the corner of Beechwood Road and DeForest Avenue. The church moved to find new and larger quarters in the 1960s across from the Summit Hotel. The old church was razed, but the parsonage was saved and is presently used by the Summit Bank.

The first Christian Science Society began here in November, 1909, over the First National Bank, now the

home of Roos Men's Shop. Incorporated in 1907 as First Church of Christ, Scientist, activities were transferred to a house at Springfield Avenue and Ruthven Place, where the present church was built in 1938.

The Pilgrim Baptist Church on the corner of Woodland and DeForest avenues in downtown Summit, is a nonprofit, nondenominational organization offering programs and services to all area women.

The Wallace Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church was formed in June 1923. From the old Lincoln YMCA, services were transferred in 1928 to a house at the corner of Broad and Orchard streets.

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news clips

Black women and business

Issues confronting black women in the business world will be the topic of a discussion held on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Resource Center for Women, located in Summit. Esther Silver-Parker, vice president of Public Relations, Eastern Region, from AT&T will lead this exploration of the gender and racial issues facing black women as they move increasingly into the business world.

Such issues include confronting stereotypes, feeling that one must work harder than everyone else in order to prove oneself, managing the stress that comes from juggling many roles, and being comfortable with power. Participants will have a chance to share their experiences, successes, and strategies.

The fee for this session is \$10, \$5 for members. The registration fee for Center members. The registration fee is Feb. 2. Those interested in more information should call the office at (908) 273-7253. The Resource Center for Women, located in Calvary Episcopal Church on the corner of Woodland and DeForest avenues in downtown Summit, is a nonprofit, nondenominational organization offering programs and services to all area women.

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Overcoming death

The death of a mother has a profound effect on a woman's sense of identity. "Motherless Daughters: The Legacy of Loss" will be the topic of an informal discussion tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Resource Center for Women in Summit.

Moira Burns, a therapist who specializes in family relationships, will lead the discussion using Hope Edelman's "Motherless Daughters" and Marsha Robbins' "Mid-life Women and the Death of a Mother" as references. The evening will provide an opportunity to explore those aspects that are unique to early mother loss, as well as the commonality of experience and its effects, whatever the age of the daughter.

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Kondracki joins Summit Bank

Summit Bank announced that Robert Kondracki has joined the bank as vice president and manager of financial reporting. He is responsible for administering the preparation of financial statements for The Summit Bancorporation, Summit Bank's parent company, and its subsidiaries as well as other regulatory and management reports.

Kondracki was earlier associated with Constellation Bank, N.A. in Newark as assistant controller and with First Fidelity Bank, N.A. in Newark as a financial accounting officer.

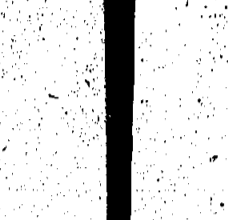
Raised in Linden, he is a graduate of Linden High School. Kondracki received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Kean College in Union. He is a certified public accountant with the state of New Jersey.

Kondracki is a member of the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

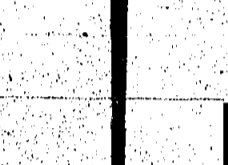
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Graveyard shift

Club Scouts Brian Mulligan and Danny Denison of Franklin School's Den 9 are cleaning the great known as "The Elephant's Graveyard" on Oak Ridge Avenue. Caring for the environment is part of the Cub Scout curriculum for the kids in Pack 260 of the Watchung Council.



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Burley-Waltzinger is VP of bank's Trust Division

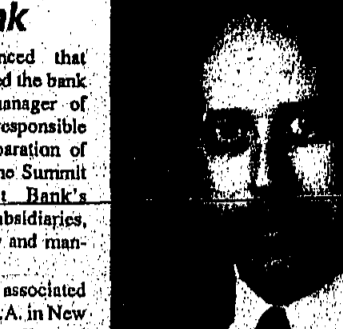
Summit Bank announced that Marjorie Burley-Waltzinger has joined the bank as vice president with its trust division, located in Summit at 50 Beechwood Ave. She is responsible for administering large and complex agency relationships, including custody, investment management and investment advisory services, as well as coordinating business functions for corporate and large family agency relationships with Summit's commercial and corporate banking departments.

Waltzinger was previously associated as an officer with J.P. Morgan in New York as the private banking custody manager.

Raised in Summit, she is a graduate of Summit High School. Waltzinger received a bachelor of arts degree in communications from Villanova University in Villanova, Pa. She and her husband, Bill, are residents of New Providence.

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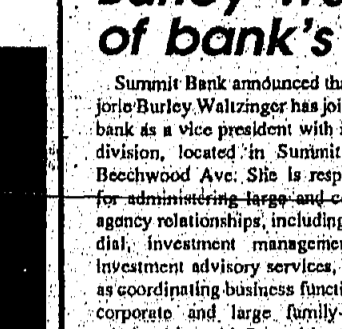


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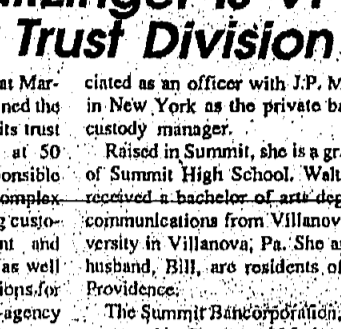


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Tax Time advertisement for April 15th. Includes services for Marvin Blum, Ira A. Ginsberg, William Mc Clintock Associates, Walter Nistorenko, and David A. Zimmer.

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Senior Lifestyles

Springfield native lands in Normandy, returns home a hero

By Jeffrey C. Turbit
Staff Writer

The journey from North Africa to Sicily to Normandy and back to Union has been a long one for Harry Michaelson, a war veteran who recently donated a painting and other artifacts from his war experiences in World War II to Union Township. Michaelson, born in Springfield and now an Elizabeth resident after a long time living in Union, was honored last week by Union Mayor Greg Muller and the Township Committee for his service to his country and his community. Michaelson donated a painting commemorating the landing at Normandy, which Michaelson received as part of the 50th anniversary festivities held last summer.

Michaelson was invited to return to Normandy to take part in the ceremonies, but he declined the offer. "I was too old," he explained. Michaelson recalled the landing as "pure hell," but he noted that his division was one of the best prepared. "We were prepared to live in the open and walk off and fight. We weren't barracks soldiers," said Michaelson, who also had a hand defending Field Marshall Irwin Rommel and the vaunted Afrika Corps in North Africa before taking on the Desert Fox again in France. Union Mayor Greg Muller had high praise for Michaelson. "Harry is a real nice guy. He truly suffered some catastrophic experiences, and yet he is a kind man. He has quietly contributed



Harry Michaelson

to the community over the years and he has never sought any glory. Michaelson, who has spoken with ROTC officers and area social studies classes about his experiences, said students don't realize the scope of a full armored division. It has 14,000 combat soldiers and it stretches out 75 miles, he said. Michaelson also said the students weren't aware that the fighting in Africa and Sicily preceded the Normandy Invasion. Michaelson said one of his memorable experiences was meeting and speaking with Gen. George S. Patton on two occasions. He said Patton, who openly criticized the Russian-American alliance during the war, was a soldier, not a politician, and he was misconstrued by the press because of it.

Known as "Old Blood and Guts," Patton was one of the most feared commanders in American history. He was also the subject of the movie with George C. Scott playing the role. Michaelson, the owner of detailed notebooks and other materials marking his time overseas, said the movie was actually a bit thin in describing what it was really like to serve under Patton. "He was a tremendous individual," Michaelson said. "He was a military man. He demanded perfection. He was there to do a job and was going to get it done. He was a tremendous individual."

After the incident, Michaelson was put on medical discharge. He then worked in the shipping business for a number of years before finally retiring. The scope of the miles and the difficulty in what he has faced is not lost on Michaelson. As he poked up his scrapbooks, he said, "It's been a long, hard road."

Approaching age 65? Prepare for the benefits of Medicare

The number of people heading into retirement has continued to grow. Today, about one in eight Americans is age 65 or older, compared with one in 25 at the turn of the century. If you're about to celebrate your 65th birthday, you may have some decisions to make about whether to continue working or to sign up for Social Security and begin collecting benefits. Even if you decide to continue working and don't collect retirement benefits, you should sign up for Medicare. And you'll need to decide if you want Medicare Medical Insurance.

If you're already receiving benefits under the Social Security program or "Railroad Retirement" benefits, you'll receive a Medicare enrollment package in the mail. It will tell you that you're automatically enrolled for both Hospital Insurance (Part A) and Medical Insurance (Part B). If you want both, simply sign the Medicare card and keep it with your Social Security card. However, Part B costs money and you have a choice about buying this coverage. If you decide you don't want Part B coverage, you must return the card in the envelope provided, and you will receive a new card showing that you have Hospital Insurance only.

Some people delay signing up for Part B because they don't want to pay the monthly premium. If you or your spouse continue to work and the employer's group health plan satisfies your health care needs, this decision may be appropriate. For other individuals, this choice could be expensive, because the premium increases if they delay enrollment. Under Medicare, the two parts of the program pay for different services. Part A (Hospital Insurance) helps pay for inpatient care in a hospital or skilled nursing home and for home health and hospice care. If you are working, Part A can supplement your employer's health plan.

Part B (Medical Insurance) helps pay for doctors' services, outpatient hospital care, and a number of other medical services and supplies. Although most people do not pay a monthly premium for Part A coverage, enrollees do pay deductible and coinsurance amounts. In 1995, for the first 60 days of a hospital stay, the deductible is \$716, for days 61-90, you will pay \$179 per day. Part B enrollees pay a monthly premium plus the deductible and coinsurance amounts. The premium amounts are set each year by law. For 1995, the monthly premium for Part B is \$42.10.

A seven-month "initial enrollment period" for Part B coverage begins three months before your 65th birthday day. If you enroll during these first three months of your enrollment period, your medical insurance protection will start with the first month you are eligible. If you enroll during the last four months, your protection will start one to three months after you enroll. If you don't enroll during this "initial enrollment period" each year, you are given another chance to sign up during a general enrollment period. Once you're enrolled for Part A, you will receive a copy of the Medicare Handbook, which explains in detail what the Medicare program includes. Information about changes in premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance costs is mailed to Social Security beneficiaries.

If you do not sign up for Part B when you are first eligible because you are covered by a group health plan based on your current employment or that of your spouse, you may be eligible for a seven-month "special enrollment period" for Part B coverage. It will begin with the month you or your spouse stop working or are no longer covered by the plan, whichever comes first. You will not pay a premium "surcharge" for delayed enrollment. If neither you nor your spouse is currently working and covered by a group health plan, you need to be aware of what to expect if you don't sign up for Part B as soon as you are eligible for coverage. Your private insurance company may convert your coverage to a Medicare supplement policy because it expects you to sign up for Part B. As a result, you may be without full health care coverage until you can sign up for Part B during a "general enrollment period," and you will pay a higher monthly premium for this delayed enrollment.

Some or all of your Medicare expenses, including buying Part A coverage, Federal law established two programs — Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) and Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) — to help those with income near or below the national poverty level. If you qualify for the QMB program, your state may pay your Medicare premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance. If you qualify for the SLMB program, your state may pay only your Medicare Part B monthly premium. Only your state can decide if you're eligible for help under either program. If you think you qualify, contact your state or local medical assistance (Medicaid) agency, social services office, or welfare office. Call the toll-free number, 1-800-638-6833, for the telephone number of your medical assistance office.

If you think you qualify but you have not filed for Medicare Part A, contact Social Security to find out if you need to file an application. Further information about filing for Medicare is available from your local Social Security office or from Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on business days.

The preceding article was submitted by the Social Security Administration office in Elizabeth.

Museum offers gift ideas

Those looking for unique Valentine's Day gifts will find the perfect selection in the Crafters' Corner of the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Donald B. Palmer Museum, the Crafters' Corner features fine handcrafted works including pottery, handwoven baskets, refrigerator magnets, dolls, jewelry, handpainted stationery and other fine gift items. The modestly priced unique gift items are on display in the Palmer Museum.

The museum is located in the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield.

Seniors, local AARP to meet in February

The next regular meeting of the Senior Citizens Club of Mountaintop will be held Feb. 10 at noon at the Presbyterian Church, located at Deer Path and Meeting House Lane. The scheduled guest for this meeting is the "Angel Lady" Diana Freeman, who will address the group on angels used in a St. Valentine's Day theme.

The following scheduled meeting will feature Springfield resident Dan Kalen. Kalen, who has addressed the group on previous occasions, will speak on changes in the Medicare system. But chairperson Rose Sijek has announced that she will be running a trip to the Evergreen Dinner Theatre in Mountain Lakes on March 21, to see "The Will Rogers Follies."

On April 25 the group will travel to Strasburg, Pa., for the "Sight and Sound Splendor of Easter." On May 10 the seniors have planned a mystery bus trip. Registration for these events will be held at the meeting next week. The Westfield-area chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will be held on Feb. 6 at 1 p.m. in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, located at 414 E. Broad St. The guest speaker will be James E. DeMartino, an attorney who will discuss Living Trusts and related subjects. These meetings are held monthly from September through June on the first Monday of the month, excepting legal holidays. Guests are always welcome.

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HFS Borago Oil 240 30c Reg. \$13.95 **\$929**

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Help for homeless



Lita Horsh, chairman of the Committee for the Homeless of Temple Beth-Elm, Springfield, is shown receiving a check from Springfield B'nai B'rith Lodge to support and help pay for lodging and food for the homeless. The money was raised by donations from the temple congregants and a series of films shown last summer by the local B'nai B'rith. From left are Irving Maloratsky, treasurer of Springfield B'nai B'rith, Joseph Tenenbaum, lodge president, Horsh and Haro Ross, lodge co-president.

religion

Chapel Choir slated - The West Temple Jewish Chapel Choir will perform Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Temple Beth-Elm, Springfield. The choir is directed by...

Charge for pictures

Charges for pictures of a group of children taken on a field trip at the University of Wisconsin are being billed to the parents of the children.

worship calendar

- ASSEMBLIES OF GOD - Springfield Temple Beth-Elm, 2815 S. Maple St. Services: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 7:00 PM.
METHODIST - Springfield Methodist Church, 1012 N. 1st St. Services: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 7:00 PM.
LUTHERAN - Springfield Lutheran Church, 1100 W. 1st St. Services: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 7:00 PM.

lifestyle



James and Kirsten Wilson

Pedersen-Wilson wedding

Kirsten Pedersen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rod Pedersen of Springfield, was married Feb. 23 to James John Wilson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilson of St. Peter, Minn. The ceremony was held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Springfield. A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents.

obituaries

Julius Fischman, 95, of Springfield died Jan. 19 in St. Barnab's Medical Center, Livingston. Born in New York, Mr. Fischman lived in Springfield for 20 years. He had been a butcher many years ago. Mr. Fischman was a member of the 66-67 years of the Knights of Pythias Roth Lodge 117 in Union, where he had served in many official capacities, including chancellor, commander. He also was a volunteer and member of the Daughters of Israel Center Center's Herr Adult Day Care Center, West Orange. Surviving are a son, Arthur, a daughter, Phyllis, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

death notices

BRENNAN, Edward J., Sr., on Sunday, January 20, 1985, age 70, of Union, husband of Rose Brennan, nee Collins. He was born in St. Paul, Minn. He was a member of St. Mark's Catholic Church, Springfield. He was a member of the 52nd and 53rd degrees of the Knights of Pythias, and a member of the 32nd degree of the Odd Fellows. He was a member of the 32nd degree of the Odd Fellows. He was a member of the 32nd degree of the Odd Fellows. He was a member of the 32nd degree of the Odd Fellows. He was a member of the 32nd degree of the Odd Fellows.

OUR LUCKY DAY - Friday for Deerpark, Middle School students. The Mountaineer PTA sponsored an evening of games, dancing and pizza for sixth, seventh and eighth graders to enjoy.

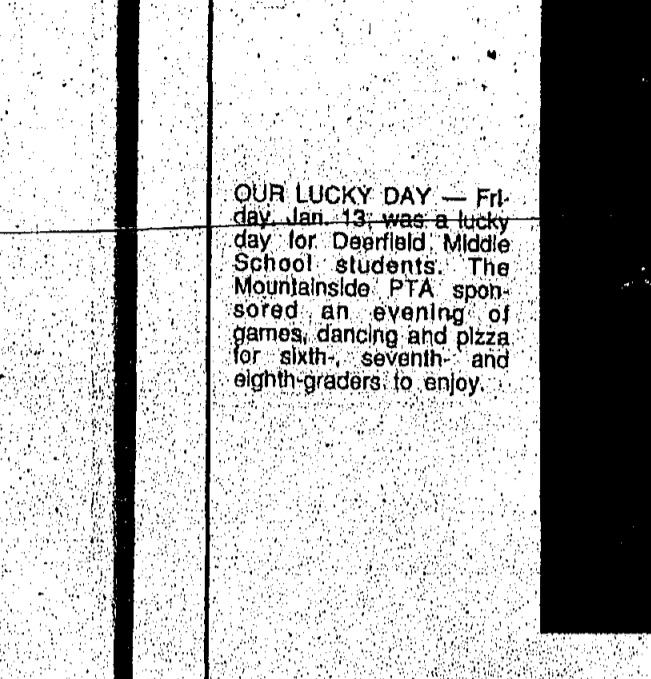


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Blood supply is dangerously low



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The blood supply for the New York metropolitan area is running dangerously low level. Those who are eligible to donate blood are urged to call the New York Blood Center at 1-800-931-2566 for information about locations to give blood today, or to make an appointment to donate blood during the next few weeks.

Trailside to host Astronomy Sunday this month. According to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Trailside Nature & Science Center will host its annual Astronomy Sunday on Feb. 26 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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BLACK MAN WANTED Single black female, age 18. Seeking a black male, age 18 to 25. Looking for a man who is intelligent, professional and has a good job. BOX 1234

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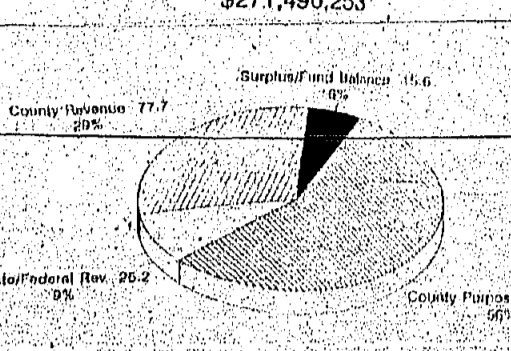
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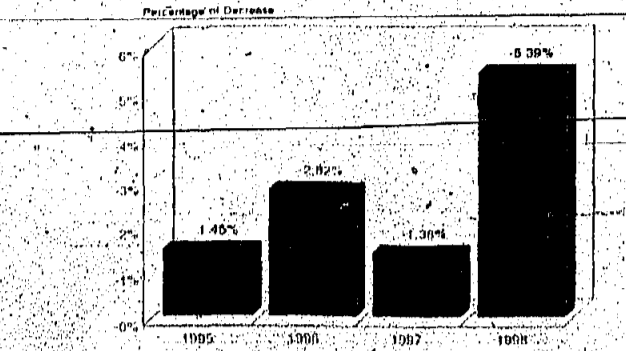
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Tax Levy Reduction Due to Court Takeover



UCUA, county to share in truck check costs

Under an agreement approved by the Union County Board of Freeholders, the Union County Utility Authority and the county will share the funding of a special enforcement unit designed to control the flow of trucks carrying commercial goods through the county.

The new enforcement unit, called the Truck Route & Weight Enforcement Unit, will operate as part of the County Police Department. One of the primary responsibilities of the unit is to enforce the county's truck route and weight enforcement program established for water haulers traveling to and from Union County's Resource Recovery Facility.

The residents of Union County and only those living in the vicinity of the resource recovery facility, but not any part of our county, should not have an illegal string of over-sized trucks on the road, said UCUA Chairman Hiroe, Hasekawa.

"It is essential that an appropriate mechanism exist to enforce weight and traffic regulations governing truck traffic in order to protect the interests of our residents," Hasekawa said.

While it is the power to establish weight limits, the responsibility for enforcing the regulations will be shared by the county and UCUA. The county will be responsible for enforcing the regulations, while UCUA will be responsible for enforcing the regulations on the roads and bridges that it maintains.

The agreement was approved by the Board of Freeholders on Monday night. The county will be responsible for enforcing the regulations, while UCUA will be responsible for enforcing the regulations on the roads and bridges that it maintains.

County manager proposes 1995 spending package

(Continued from Page B1) over 15 years, said Freeholders Chairman Linda Di Giovanni.

Lehr, Di Giovanni and Freeholders Ed Force and Linda Stender serve on the county's budget committee. The budget is to be presented to the county in May.

The budget will be required to have a 25 percent reduction in spending over the next 15 years, said Di Giovanni.

The county's budget committee will be responsible for enforcing the regulations, while UCUA will be responsible for enforcing the regulations on the roads and bridges that it maintains.

Watching troop registration to begin on Saturday

Registration for spring troop at the Watchung Stables will get underway Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon, and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. for troopers who rode during the spring and fall of 1994. The session will begin the week of March 17.

On Feb. 11, registrations will be held for new troopers as well as those who did not ride in their riding spring and fall 1994, may enroll between 9 a.m. and noon. Non-residents who are new to the program, or did not ride during the spring and fall of 1994, may also register on Feb. 11 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Troop level will be determined by the stables' management. Riders with experience may be asked to demonstrate their ability to ensure proper placement. All applicants must be 9 years or older. Senior troop members must be 13 years or older.

Rewards offered to combat racist graffiti at Kean College

Continuing incidents of racist and anti-Semitic graffiti at Kean College of New Jersey have prompted local residents to offer rewards for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for the graffiti.

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Correction

In the Jan. 10 article, "Kankowek's Road Shopping Mall to be heart of a 'garage' restaurant," and "AMS Traveler Station in Hoboken will be a new addition to the city."

The article was incorrectly referred to as "Magical Theatre."

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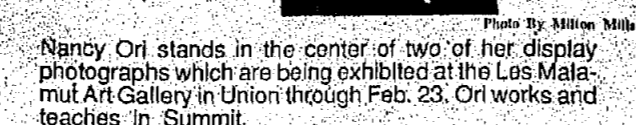
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Nancy Ori has very busy 'careers'

By Bea Smith, Lifestyle Editor
Nancy Ori is a very busy, very professional photographer who has an exceptionally busy agenda and loves every minute of the time she spends exhibiting, instructing...
The last day of her exhibition of photographs in black and white and color, "Shadows and Memories," which is being displayed at the Les Malin Art Gallery, Union Library, Filiveter Park, has been extended to Feb. 23. She travels around quite frequently, and tracking her down to talk about the exhibition is a feat in itself.

Summit's Visual Arts lists agenda

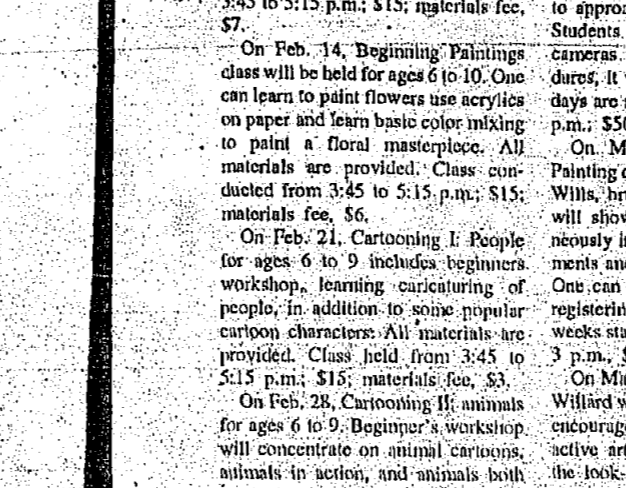
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Nancy Bell

Local singer welcomed



New singers rehearsed with the Westfield Glee Club on Monday nights in Presbyterian Church, Westfield, in preparation for the spring concert to be performed May 6 at Roosevelt Intermediate School, Westfield. Evelyn Biecko, director, welcomed from left, Mark Duran, Connor Anderson of Mountainide, Cliff DeBarr and Dan Metroka. For more information, call Dale Jumlille at 292-0372.

Double film event is set

The double feature, a miniseries of the 1940s and 1950s films, will be presented at the Les Malin Art Gallery, Union Library, Filiveter Park, on Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. It will have a new twist.
Where the old style double feature usually consisted of first-run films, one or both of them of the low budget variety, the Feb. 11 Valentine's Day Special at the gallery will consist of two classic films. The 1934 popular movie featuring Tom Hanks, and "An Affair to Remember," the 1957 Cary Grant-Dorothy Kerr widescreen romantic hit that inspired "Sleepless." Also included in the program is the original preview of the 1957 film.

Artist Joe Hing Lowe to present oil painting demonstration Feb. 9

Joe Hing Lowe of Cranford will present an oil painting demonstration to the Westfield Art Association Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Westfield Community Room, 425 East Broad St., Westfield.
Lowe has been a professional artist for 40 years since he came to the United States of America in 1950 from Mowson, China.

Gloria Rodill of Elizabeth to appear in 'Anne Frank'

Gloria Rodill, daughter of Alida and Wilfredo Rodill of Elizabeth, will appear in the Elizabeth Children's University production of "The Diary of Anne Frank" in the role of Margot. She is a sophomore majoring in mass communications radio and television at the school in Oklahoma City.

'Anne Frank'

Performances are set for 8 p.m. on the weekends of Feb. 17 to 18 and 24 to 25 in the Judd Theater. For free ad advice call 674-8800.

Bea Smith, Editor

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Advertisement for Elizabeth Sports Club Carnival featuring a masquerade dance on Feb. 11th.

Advertisement for Star of India restaurant featuring Indian cuisine and a lunch buffet for \$9.95.

Advertisement for Margo's restaurant featuring innovative American cuisine and a \$9.50 plain pie.

GOPA musical bows

The Gospel Performing Arts will perform the musical "The Streets Can't Have My Son" at the Renaissance Conference Center in Elizabeth.
According to 23-year-old writer and Elizabeth resident Carl Hicks Jr., the production is about the relationship between a mother and her son, who struggles between the death of his wife and the responsibility of moving on. "His mother became a cocooned about his dilemma who he turns to 'live on the streets,'" said Hicks. "But, he hears everything and his praying, mother prays: 'The streets can't have my son'."

CORTINA REVIEW

By Mark Devaney, Staff Writer
If, after dining at the Cortina restaurant in Cranford, you are utterly satisfied, perhaps you should no longer dine out, because I cannot think of a better evening dining experience than Cortina's.
Nestled snugly in the heart of downtown Cranford, across from the train station, the Cortina Restaurant is easy to find, and it is easy to find safe, well-lit parking, but once you're inside the restaurant, it's hard to leave.

Advertisement for Gaslight restaurant featuring a 15% off promotion on all takeout orders.

Advertisement for Fuddruggers restaurant featuring a 'Kids Eat Free' promotion.

Advertisement for Cortina restaurant featuring a banquet room for 70 people.

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Advertisement for Cortina restaurant featuring a dining room and banquet room.

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PUBLIC NOTICE table with columns for COUNTY OF UNION, CITY OF NEW JERSEY, MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS, and MEETING TIMES.

'Show-Off' is presented at Elizabeth Playhouse. The Show-Off, the George Kelly comedy, which concerns an egotistical character, opened Jan. 27 at the Elizabeth Playhouse, 1100 East Jersey St., Elizabeth. Producer Marlow and Karen Ferguson have announced that this is the final production in the newly-revamped 1850s Third Presbyterian Church and facilities on New Jersey Street. The first play was Philip Barry's "Holiday" and the second play, "Kind Lady." All three plays were directed by Marlow Ferguson. Ferguson was involved with the New York theater for 30 years. He was an Equity actor, a director, a writer for the Bilt and his work won several awards. His wife, Karen, studied at New York University's Tisch School of Dramatic Writing, Columbia University and the New York University's in fine arts degree in playwrighting. "The Show-Off," which will run weekends through Feb. 26, features Patricia Calne, Murphy Grams, Lorraine Hernandez, Jani Kirsh, George Lester, Kathy Mattingly, Dennis Parker, Kim Rosenthal and Gil Ron. Performances are Friday nights at 7:30, \$8 general admission; Saturday nights at 7:30, \$6 for seniors and students, and Sunday matinees at 2 o'clock. Reservations can be made by calling (908) 355-0977.

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horoscope

February 5-11. ARIES - March 21/April 20. If you find it hard to focus on your work this week, you should probably try to focus on your personal life. Something for yourself for a change. Indulge in a favorite hobby; read a novel; relax in front of the television. Sometimes you need to step back in order to forge ahead. TAURUS - April 21/May 21. Difficulties may arise at home, but a little patience is all you'll need to get things out. Don't let anybody get in the way of an important relationship. Remember, when you're happy for others, it's easier to feel happy about yourself. A business deal will benefit you. GEMINI - May 22/June 21. If you're feeling somewhat irritable, it's probably because you need more rest. Instead of taking your frustrations out on others, do yourself a favor and sleep in one morning. A social invitation will come from an unexpected source. On Friday you'll learn something new. CANCER - June 22/July 22. A long-term problem with a work associate will be resolved. You'll wonder why it took so long. A weekend getaway gives you something to look forward to. Outdoor activities will help you relax and recharge your batteries. A letter from an old friend lifts your spirits. LEO - July 23/August 23. Don't let the lion pride stand in the way of an important friendship. If you're wrong, you're wrong. Don't make a career move? This may be a friend will help you in some way. Don't ignore taxes; no matter how mundane a task, pay attention to it. VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 23. Hold your sarcastic tongue this week or you could end up in a heap of trouble. Not everyone understands your unique sense of humor. A long-awaited and very important document will arrive this week. A family member will send you some good news. LIBRA - Sept 24/Oct 23. A week-end will serve as a nice break from routine. You'll find out that you work too hard and should leave more time for yourself. Your trip will need your attention. Pay attention to the details. SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22. Don't let your head get ahead of your heart. If something is bothering you, talk it over with a friend for a while. An adventurous friend will pique your interest in a new activity. Go for it. Now is a good time to take on bold adventures. A future love will be in your mind. SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21. A series of unforeseen mishaps could disrupt weekend plans. You'll realize that some things are just out of your control. A money-making venture is not what it seems to be. Read all small print before making any type of agreement. Lack will be on your mind this Friday. CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20. It will be an interesting week. If you're in the communications field, you could find yourself in the limelight. An opportunity to make more money could come your way. Just be sure you have the time before making any commitments. You may be called upon to help a friend in need. AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Febr 18. Romance will be the highlight of the week. Whether you're looking for love or have been married for years, this week's musings may have been craving will be satisfied. For opportunities in social settings, you could be the one to make a stronger connection. Perhaps marriage? PISCES - Feb 19/March 20. Watch your spending this week! Although you are fond of the finer things in life, you're not a spender. You're a saver. You're a planner. You're a realist. You're a romantic relationship, especially if you're involved with an Aries. Stand up for your rights, and articulate your feelings. You're a realist and articulate your feelings. PLEASANT AND HEALTHY ARE A FACT THIS WEEK. THE NEXT 12 MONTHS: There will be periods at the beginning of this year when you feel as if life is going too fast and your energy is being used slowly. Take your time. You'll catch up by the end of spring. Use the slow period to collect your thoughts and decide where you want to be in the future. A new skill you learn this year will be extremely beneficial later on. It could lead to extra income and could help you move more quickly in your career path. A family member will reach a milestone this year, and you will be proud to share in it. You will have a big role to play in organizing the festivities. Fitness and health are a focus this year.

What's Going On?

FLERA MARKET

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1995. EVENT: Flea Market. PLACE: Redwood Lutheran Church, 134 Prospect Ave., Irvington. TIME: 10AM to 1PM. ORGANIZATION: Redwood Lutheran Church. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1995. EVENT: Flea Market. PLACE: St. George Catholic High School, 2001 St. George Ave., Roselle. TIME: 9AM to 4PM. ORGANIZATION: St. George Catholic High School. SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 1995. EVENT: 25th Anniversary Flea Market. PLACE: Woodstock Rd., Maplewood between 97 Woodstock Rd. and Woodstock Rd. TIME: 10AM to 4PM. PRICE: Free admission. Snack lunch and balloons available. County Dealers Wheel! \$20.00 reserved. 25th Anniversary of this show, we have a special offer. ORGANIZATION: C.F.W.C.M., 201-762-9119.

THEATRE-PLAY

WEEKENDS. JANUARY 27/FEBRUARY 25, 1995. EVENT: "The Show-Off," by George Kelly. PLACE: The Elizabeth Playhouse, Elizabeth, NJ. TIME: Fri, 7:30PM; Sat, 7:30PM; Sun, matinee 2PM. PRICE: \$8 general admission; \$8 seniors & students; group rates available. Reservations: 908-355-0977. ORGANIZATION: The Elizabeth Playhouse. REUNION. SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1995. EVENT: 25th Class Reunion. PLACE: Gallop Hill Inn, Coler, 5 Points, Union. PRICE: Dinners not previously notified should contact Carolyn Piccoli, 908-686-5275. ORGANIZATION: Union High School Class of 1945 Committee.

SOCIAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1995. EVENT: Valentine's Tea and Banquet. PLACE: Hilton, United Methodist Church, 205 Boyden Ave., Maplewood. TIME: 1PM to 4PM. PRICE: \$4.00 donation. ORGANIZATION: Women's Society of United Methodist Church. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 and 5, 1995. EVENT: Indoor Boardwalk Weekend. PLACE: St. Agnes Church, 332 Madison Hill Rd., Clark. TIME: Sat, 10:30AM-4:30PM and 7PM-10PM; Sun, 10:30AM-4PM. PRICE: Free admission. A family fun-filled weekend. Games, prizes, food, family entertainment. Information: 908-388-7063. ORGANIZATION: St. Agnes Church.

Students display art

An exhibit of artwork by students from the Westfield public schools is on display at Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside throughout this month. The students, ranging from kindergarten through high school, are invited to share their talents and creativity. The exhibit, which is open to the public Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., can enter the hospital's art gallery. For a complete list of participating schools, contact the hospital's art gallery at (908) 233-3720. The artists' works are for sale, with a portion benefiting Children's Specialized Hospital. Children's Specialized Hospital, reportedly New Jersey's only comprehensive pediatric rehabilitation hospital, is located on New Prevost Street, Jersey City.

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'Bach' set in Summit

The focus will be on Bach, both chorally and orchestra, at the Calvary Chorale concert to be held Feb. 5 at 4 p.m. in Calvary Church, 31 "Woodland" Ave., Summit. The chorale, under the direction of James S. Little, will perform two seasonal cantatas and Little also will conduct and play the Brandenburg Concerto No. 5. Cantata No. 78, "Jesu, der du meinst," will feature soloists, David Kimball, baritone, and Scott Williamson, tenor. Both men are students at Westminster Choir College, Princeton.

Paul Leibow art set in Watchung Gallery

"Some art, such as Paul Leibow's," was reported, "is not meant to merely hang on a wall. It projects from various surfaces, enveloping and transforming the room itself. Thus the enclosing chamber becomes part of the work, and the room is art." Leibow's installation, "Evidences of the empty" will transform the Watchung Gallery of the Watchung Arts Center into a walk-through work of art. The controversial exhibit is being displayed through Feb. 28, with no admission charge. Gallery hours are weekdays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m. A reception for the artist, an opportunity to meet him and discuss his work, will be held Feb. 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and there is no admission charge. All pieces are available for purchase, if so announced. The art of Paul Leibow is both art and social commentary. A book-jacket designer by day, he manipulates faces and symbols in multimedia. "The art of Paul Leibow is both art and social commentary. A book-jacket designer by day, he manipulates faces and symbols in multimedia. It was announced that the artist's work is available on MCA records and still photos worldwide. It went Platinum in Australia and has sold heavily in South Africa, Germany, Scandinavia and other European countries. Your business can grow with more customers. Reach the potential customer in your newspaper with an ad by calling 1-800-561-8011.

Commitments' stars due

The Clubhouse at 116 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, has announced that it will feature the stars from the movie, "The Commitments" Feb. 5. Doors will open at 7 p.m. Tickets will be sold for \$12 each in advance, and \$15 at the door. The stars of Alan Parker's movie about a group of working class kids dedicated to making the big time at a Soul band will offer songs from the MCA sound track album with a 10 piece band. Among the songs will be the United Kingdom's hit single, "Try a Little Tenderness." The movie, originally released in 1991, reportedly broke box office records in Ireland.

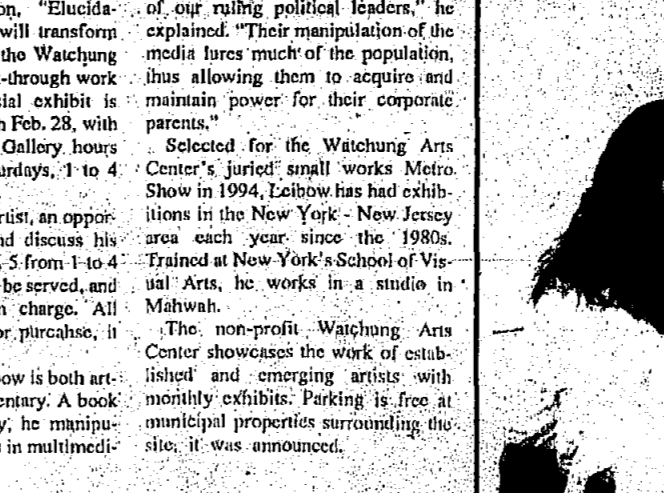
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Screaming 'Flowers' shown

Elizabeth artist, Kat Blok, who is nearing alongside her favorite painting called 'Flowers That Scream,' now being shown at the L&M Art Gallery, Elmer Avenue, Elizabeth, through Feb. 9, also teaches art and models.



Abstract art is on exhibition in Mountainside hospital

A show of abstract art created by members of the Westfield Art Association is on view at Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside, through March 30. Paintings will be exhibited by Gladys Aronson, Stephen D'Amico, Judith Hancox, A.T. Kacher, Edmund Spino and Barbara Zlotnick. The public can view the exhibit by entering at the ambulance entrance. For weekend viewing one can call Susan Baxter at 232-3720 Ext. 379. A percentage of each sale is donated to the hospital; by the artist, it was reported. Save your newspaper for recycling.

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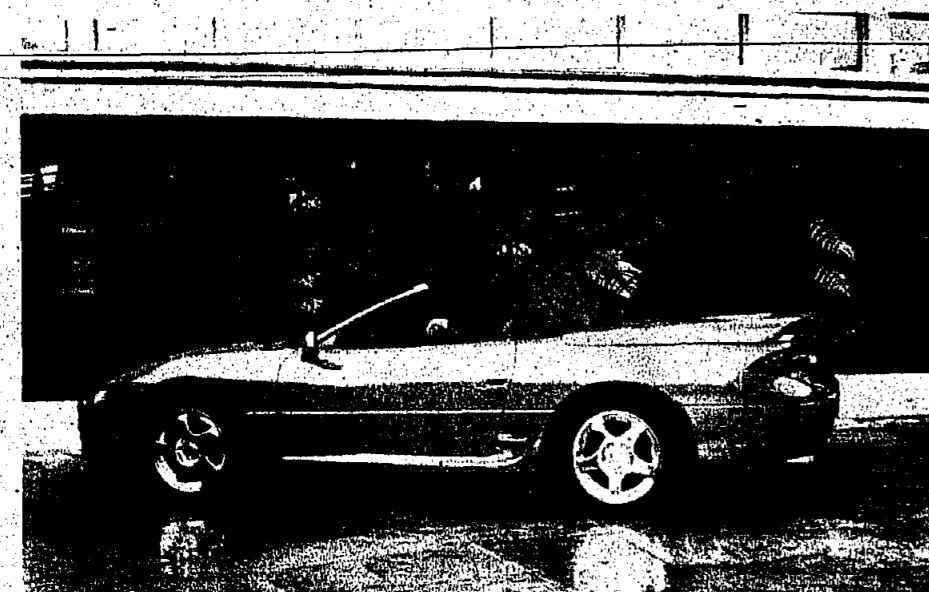
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Mitsubishi Motors' 1995 3000 GT Spyder VR-4 provides occupants with the best of both driving worlds—the aggressiveness and style of a world class grand touring sports coupe, or the civility and thrill of the world's only one-touch retractable hardtop convertible.



The 1995 Ford Thunderbird, foreground, and the original 1995 street model. Today, Thunderbird competes in the mid-specialty segment where it has been sales leader for five consecutive years.

Sunroofs are back despite hardships in the seventies

It was 1966 when Heinz Precher founded the American Sunroof Company. A year after sunroofs were scarce and convertibles were common. After only two years in business, Precher had developed a reputation as a clever engineer with an eye for unique automotive designs. By 1967, he represented the end of an era in new ways than ever. At the same time that convertibles were beginning to lose ground to legislative pressures and diminishing consumer interest, a 23-year-old engineer from West Germany was already laying the ground work for the convertible's revival here in the States.

By the mid-'70s, ASC was supplying original equipment sunroof kits for factory installation, creating a remarkable demand for the sliding panel kit. At the same time ASC sunroofs were growing in popularity, convertibles began fading away. Through barely intentional, Precher's first glass panel sunroof seemed like a call in the convertible's coffin. Introduced in 1975, the ASC glass sunroof debuted a year before the death of the American convertible.

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A legend celebrates its 40th anniversary

(NAPS)—It's the fall of 1954. Stage Alton hosts the debut of the "Tomball" show. While Mays sits at the New York Giants swoop the Cleveland Browns and the Cleveland Indians in the World Series. Bill Haley and the Comets with "Rock around the Clock" are the hit of the decade. The '53 model gave the public its first look at the innovative "jet" styling that was to become Ford's signature for the rest of the decade. The '53 model gave the public its first look at the innovative "jet" styling that was to become Ford's signature for the rest of the decade.

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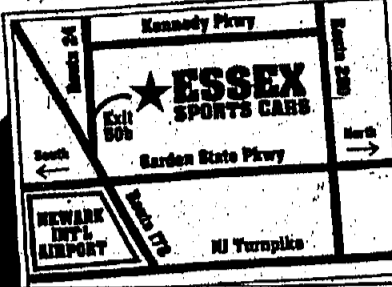
Driving, especially for long distances, reveals your true level of sleepiness. At the start of a trip, excitement makes a driver feel alert, but the alertness wanes off once the trip is underway. The New Jersey Automobile Club Foundation for Safety offers these tips to avoid driving tired.

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