

Community Calendar

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

Saturday
• The Westfield/Mountaineer Chapter of the American Red Cross offers Infant/Child CPR from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Monday
• The Westfield/Mountaineer Chapter of the American Red Cross is holding the fifth annual golf outing at Plainfield Country Club. This year will be a double shotgun start with a tee time of 8 a.m. or 1 p.m. For reservation information and questions concerning the Golf Outing, call the Westfield/Mountaineer American Red Cross at 232-7090.

May 10
• The Mountaineer Newsweek Club sponsors "Memory & Me Father's Day Old Fashioned" where each child, with mom's help, will make a custom-made gift for dad during after enjoying their bag lunches.

May 11
• The Mountaineer PTA will hold its annual fair from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Deerfield School. There will be home baked goods, plants and crafts for Mother's Day, games, children's rides, a magic featuring Clubby the Clown, a petting zoo and pony rides. Proceeds will go to benefit the students of Deerfield School. For more information, call Maynard at 654-4913.

May 14-15
• The Westfield/Mountaineer Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering "Community First Aid and Safety" from 6-10 p.m. This course will help identify ways to prevent injury and illness. Techniques associated with adult, infant and child CPR and basic care for injury or sudden illness.

May 18
• The Football Club of Mountaineer has scheduled a bus trip to Mt. Haven in Millford, Pa. for the Polka Fest. There will be a buffet breakfast, Polish dinner, four-hour open bar, shopping and activities and live entertainment. For more information, call 232-5808 or 232-7113.

May 19
• Mountaineer Newsweek Club sponsors a very special viewing of "Oliver and Company" on "Mommy/Daddy & Me Movie Day." For information on joining, call Pat Colwell at 233-8414 or write to Mountaineer Newsweek Club, P.O. Box 1155, Mountaineer, N.J. 07092.

May 22
• The Mountaineer Newsweek Club presents Ladies Night Out Movie Night. Time, theater and movie will be decided by those attending. A chance for an evening out to see a great movie with Newsweek friends.

Chisholm School renovation nears

The Biber Partnership AIA, Architecture, Planning and Interior Design of Summit has been awarded the contract to prepare a preliminary master plan and to design the renovation of Chisholm School, at Shumpke and South Springfield, Avenue in Springfield.

The Biber Partnership is to present the master plan to the township, with budget considerations in hand.

Chisholm School has been used for recreation activities since 1983. The master plan will recommend schemes for continued use of the facility. The Biber Partnership plans to determine the best use of Chisholm School by interviewing the fire and police departments and township administration, the recreation committee, the superintendent of schools, as well as community groups to determine the best use of the site for the needs of the community.

The Biber Partnership is a full-service architecture, planning and interior design firm located in Summit.

Door-to-door

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STUDENT UPDATE

Band thanks community

The Highlander Band of Governor Livingston Regional High School will perform an eight-hour music marathon May 10 at 6 p.m. at the school. Admission is free, as this program serves as a way for the Highlander Band to thank the community for its continuing support, especially during its recent fund-raising efforts.

The highlight of the performance will be a concert at 8 p.m. In addition, the Governor Livingston Band will present a stand-up variety of its field show and there will be ensembles representing the various instrumental groups in the band. Also featured will be highland dancing and performances by the bagpipe section. The formal concert, ensembles and dancing will be held in the David Hall auditorium, with the field show will be performed in the main gymnasium.

Students in the Highlander Band have been busy raising funds, which will enable them to travel to England and Scotland this August and perform in the Festival Civalcanta Parade in Scotland. This is the first time the band from Governor Livingston has been invited to perform in the parade, which is annually viewed by 200,000 people and is the opening ceremony for the largest music festival in the world.

For more information about the Highlander Band's "Music Marathon," call band director Daniel Kopchick at 232-7100.

Students win prizes

Two Union County students have won prizes in the Israel Independence Day poster, poem and essay contest sponsored by the Israel Program Center of the United Jewish Federation of MetroWest, the Waldor Memorial Library, and the MetroWest Jewish News.

In the category of posters, grades 6-8, Rachel Mandel of Springfield won second prize and Erica Magert of Mountaineer third prize. Both are seventh-graders and are students at the school of Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield.

Awards were presented April 23 at the Metro West Celebration of Yom Ha'atzmat at the Aley Aidskman Family Jewish Community Campus in Whippany.

The United Jewish Federation of Metro West raises funds through its United Jewish Appeal annual campaign, provides resources and educational programs and services on behalf of the Jewish Community of Union, Essex, Morris, Sussex, Warren and parts of Hudson counties. As the key Jewish philanthropic organization, the federation and its 24 local agencies strive to fulfill the communal and social service needs for the MetroWest community.

Student earns honors

Benjamin Wei, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tsongger Wei of Mountaineer is one of the Tandy Technology Scholars, Champion of the Classroom, at the DeBorja School for placing in the academic top 2 percent based on grades 9-11. He also received the additional designation as Outstanding Student 1995-96, Champion of the Classroom.

With the scholar awards, the Tandy Corp. rewards academic excellence in mathematics, science and computer science in the classroom.

Gaudineer honor roll

Florencia M. Gaudineer Middle School announced its high honor roll and honor roll students for the third marking period.

Fifth grade
High Honor Roll: Kaitlin Albiez, Jenna Alfante, Jonathan Au, Theresa Bacon, Brett Berger, Todd Bernattin, Dean Chancherik, Kevin Dash, Devan Dom, Arnie Faigenbaum, Maach Finston, Marjorie Fish, Sean Frank, Darryl Ginty, Anthony Gruber, Sherryl Gruber, Timothy Hough, Stephanie Lai, Allison Lau, Michael Martindale, Staci Max, Claudia Pardo, Nicholas Perrotti, Casey Santo, Matthew Schachtel, Brian Sperber, Juliana Strevato, Andrew Tello, Elina Toboni, Chad Wolf, Mikoy Zanolata, Marisa Zolotarev.

Honor Roll: Sean Apicella, Lindsay Beckelman, Giuseppe Bilanco, Steven Chang, Nicholas Cullio, Steven Cohen, John Cosage, Megan Dauter, Sarah Dorcin, Jessica Friedman, Jennifer Glunas, Susanna Gill, Rachel Glesberg, Erin Greider, Joseph Kabanoni, Madeline Kaplan, Jeremy Kovacs, Rachelle Leonardo, David Lewis, Claudia Lewis, Jillian Marks, Robert Mial, Robert Moiseev, Jake Morano, Janis Neville, Michael Nitolio, Justin Ortiz, Svetlana Polyakova, Yury Portugal, Justin Popson, Jennifer Rego, Gabriel Sanchez, Louis Saracino, Phillip Saracino, Jeffrey Schultz, Michael Siska, Nevea Solberg, Matthew Sziglano, Rachel Sullif, Lisa' Sim, Kathryn Torzewski, Catherine Tuma, Elissa Walters, Jay Westhampton, Jessica Wolfkoff, Theodore Young, Simon Zaltsberg, Gregory Zinberg.

Attention churches, social clubs

This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities. Releases should be typed, double-spaced, and include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day. Send information to Kathryn Fitzgerald, managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, N.J. 07083.

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Budget: not perfect, but it's yours

One of the major issues in the battle for and against deregionalization is money. Certainly the education of the high school students — and the possible disruption thereof — is paramount, but if you talk to anyone who is concerned with either side of this most volatile subject, the conversation will more often than not swing around to money — How much will be saved, how much will be lost, how much taxes are being paid and by whom, how much property taxes are affected, etc.

The center of much of this debating and grousing is the regional district budget. Passed this year for the first time in many years, the figures for the district stand in excess of \$34 million for the 1996-97 academic year. As impressive — and imposing — as that may seem, one must realize that it is the result of massive budget crunching including, but not limited to, the selling of some facilities, the existing of unfilled positions and the deletion of 41 classes from the curriculum.

And yet, despite the enormity of the number, the majority of voters in the district communities approved the budget at the polls.

Without branching the subject of dissolution at this venture, we see this as a step in the right direction. Instead of battling with the district over pittance and forcing them to strip the budget bare, the public gave the titanic budget the go-ahead.

Perhaps it was a reaction to the enormity of the cuts that were made to the curriculum, and to save off any further decimation of their high school children's educational opportunities. Perhaps the voters grew tired of fighting a battle that would only end up as bare bones of whatever plums the district may have had.

We applaud the decision. After all, regardless of your opinion of the regional district, it's yours unless voters decide to deregionalize. It only makes sense to fund the district that holds the educational career of your high school students in its grip.

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Three cheers for continued excellence

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Food, folks and fraternity

When representatives of James Caldwell School say they're like a family, believe them. They aren't kidding. Members of this school stick together like school paste and provide for the needs of their school and children on command. Evidence to this effect would certainly include the school's recent Multi-Cultural Food Festival, which yielded funds to purchase gymnasium equipment and a new public address system.

The money raised, however, was secondary to the true nature of this gorge-fest, which provided some of us with some much-needed nourishment on a long night. Organized by the school's Sensitivity Committee, the festival was part of a year-long series of programs to teach the students how to get along with each other and respect their peers and adults.

April is themed "To Have a Friend, Be One" at Caldwell, and it's obvious that the school is one of the best friends its students could have.

"Books are good enough in their own way, but they are a mighty bloodless substitute for life."

—Robert Louis Stevenson
Scottish author
1881

By supporting dissolution, we bring Jonathan Dayton High School into our school district. The residents of Springfield will decide the budget, the residents of Springfield will decide what direction the education of Springfield will take and that there will always be a high school in Springfield.

Kenneth Faigenbaum
Steven Fischbein
Keith Kurzer
Springfield Board of Education

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OPINION



Courtesy of Children's School

Local officials have been less than honest

Suppose you discovered someone you trusted had been lying to you. Would you be disappointed? You bet, and if it was someone you trusted with the education of your kids, you'd be enraged. Well, that's how I feel right now. The more information I gather, the more I realize the Springfield Board of Education and its superintendent have been putting everyone on. Here are their big lies:

• The glibly "Springfield School Days" brochure mailed to us by the board is the way our local board runs itself on the back for giving our kids a "great education." The board wants to continue their programs by taking over the high school.

• The truth: The state requires all eighth-graders to take a series of tests called the Early Warning Test. They measure basic skills in reading, writing and math. Among the six towns that make up the Regional High School District, Springfield's kids ranked fifth in both reading and writing. They're dead last in math — almost 60 percent of our kids fail to meet competency standards and high-achieving kids "changed" over the past five years. If our local board insists that a full high school curriculum can be provided at Dayton with fewer than 400 students, the board and Superintendent Gary Friedman insist that 500 to 600 students will be in the high school.

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rich and varied curriculum for 750 students cannot be duplicated in a school with fewer than 400 students, without significant added costs. One of the leading reasons for closing Beersley was to ensure a full curriculum for the remaining three schools by increasing their student populations. Big Lie number 3 — The local board insists that the cost of the Regional High School District is too high and that the local board can provide a better education at less cost.

• The truth: We know from the EWT scores that our local board is not providing a better education, regardless of cost. And a quick look at our tax bills shows that the amount we pay to run our local schools is the largest single item on the tax bill. The Regional High School District is the smallest item — smaller than local schools, county government or municipal government. Over the past four years, the Regional District has reduced its tax bill by 28 percent. Furthermore, according to the New Jersey Department of Education's "School Report Card" data, Springfield's local school cost structure is substantially higher than the state average. Administrative salaries alone are more than \$25,000 higher than the state average.

• Big Lie number 6 — If the local board takes over the high school, we can rid ourselves of Dayton's high salary faculty and administration, as well as the benefits paid to them.

• The truth: The law that allows for dissolution of our regional high school district fully protects the jobs of teachers, high school faculty and administration, except the superintendent. And their salaries and benefits cannot be reduced. If dissolution occurs, the local schools and the high schools within each local community become a single, combined system. Length of service in either system is carried forward. The average length of service for local school teachers is 11 years, while the average length of service for teachers

in the regional high school system is 25 years. Staff reductions as a result of dissolution will affect local school teachers and administration, who will be displaced by high school faculty and staff with longer service. Furthermore, the major conflict of the larger group, in this case of the regional district, will become the governing contract for the newly merged local districts. Local school teachers will receive the salaries and benefits under the current Regional High School District contract.

• Big Lie number 7 — The local board has characterized Dayton Regional as this year, "less than 80 percent of the graduating senior class goes on to a four-year college or university." This is intended to imply that educational quality is lacking and that Dayton's reputation is poor.

• The truth: The true measure of Dayton's quality and reputation is the percentage of Dayton's graduating senior class that is accepted at four-year colleges and universities. That figure is over 90 percent. Seniors may ultimately decide not to enroll in a college that accepted them, especially for economic reasons. That is not a reflection on Dayton or the regional district. Recent graduates have been accepted at, among other institutions, Princeton, Brown, Cornell, Syracuse, University of Pennsylvania, Duke, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Johns Hopkins, Brandeis, Villanova, and the University of Michigan.

• To dissolve or to keep the regional high school district is a decision that will affect our kids for years to come. It is one thing for a local board to educate voters so they can make an informed choice. It is quite another to lie and distort facts.

The fact is our local board isn't educating our kids properly in K-8 and we're paying an arm and a leg for it. How can we reward them with a high school?

Theresa Liccaul is one of Springfield's two representatives on the Union County Regional High School Board of Education.

Reading Honors — The James Caldwell School in Springfield recently held its annual Reading Club Awards Night sponsored by the PTA. Together with principal Eric Rosenbaum, left, Nicole Coniglano, Raul Fumagalli and Joseph Fumagalli, PTA chairperson, for this year's Reading Club activity and Principal Kenneth Bernabe.

Be Our Guest

By Theresa Liccaul

Regional High School located in Springfield, does not have under its control, it will be the next high school to close. The board claims that discussions on the subject already have occurred and it attributes that claim to "elected officials."

The truth — I challenge the local board to identify the "elected officials" who made that statement. The only "elected officials" empowered to make any decision on that subject are the members of the Regional High School District Board of Education. No such discussions have occurred. In addition, because the state mandates so many special programs, the classroom space needed to run those programs and the regular curriculum requires that all three regional high schools continue to operate.

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led" Rucco and Billzer as to the cost of the project. From the beginning, I reported — the figures are not mine — that the entire cost was covered by three grants, one dated back to March 11, 1993. There is no cost to Springfield. This was and remains a simple fact.

By refusing to acknowledge the evidence in his possession, the Springfield Leader joins Rucco in a lie which is both deliberate and stupid because it is so easy to prove that it is a lie.

To your readers, I say welcome to another season of Springfield politics which is as destructive of our own's interests as it is morally and intellectually degrading of its citizens.

Truth is the first and final casualty of the Republican campaign and of its ally, the Springfield Leader. For what sleazy purpose have you sold your honor?

Herbert Slotz
Deputy Mayor
Springfield

We will see 'bridge' work done

To the Editor:

In witnessing and reading the latest statement by Deputy Mayor Herb Slotz in last week's Springfield Leader, Commissioner Rucco and I must comment. At the last executive meeting of the Township Committee, there was a discussion over repairing the bridge that one must take if any of our children want to use the playing field at the pool.

The Springfield Leader printed the following: "Informed that the bridge is 'theoretically unsafe,' particularly with spring athletics being scheduled, Slotz said that in the event of any emergencies that may occur on the field located on the other side of the bridge, the First Aid Squad, 'can walk them across on a stretcher.'"

Committee member Bill Rucco and I were shocked when he made that statement and even Township Attorney Bruce Bergen made several different comments when Herb made that most irresponsible statement.

Committee members Rucco and I want the public to know that we will make it our business to see that whatever work is needed to be done on that bridge, it will be done long before anyone has to be carried "across on a stretcher."

John Billzer
Township Committee member

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We must control the high school

To the Editor:

I have been following the deregionalization debate in the Springfield Leader, and these facts have led me to strongly support deregionalization of the Union County Regional High School District.

First, the regional district has cut more than 40 courses from their curriculum for the coming year. Since the dissolution movement has begun, opponents of dissolution have cited curriculum cuts as a reason to keep Springfield from running its own Pre-K-12 school system. I now find out that the high school has reduced its elective selection. In fact, at a recent Springfield Board of Education meeting, a discussion of the proposed curriculum of the high school offered also more courses than is offered currently.

Second, I was amazed to read that while the regional district has promised cost containment by budget reductions, the reduced budget actually costs the taxpayers of Springfield a 4 percent increase this year. Only by finishing the regional district cut we are in control of our taxes. Ironically, even with an increase, Springfield still overwhelmingly supported the regional budget because the people of Springfield support education.

I wish the other towns in the district had the same philosophy. The regional budget passed by only 80 votes, largely due to Garwood and Clark, which have only passed regional budgets since their dissolution issue surfaced. If dissolution fails, will they go back to their old habits of defeating the budget?

What if another budget default leads to another \$2 million budget cut? What is the fate of the regional system as we now know it? More curriculum cuts? Another school closing? I don't know the answers to these questions, but I do know the answer for Springfield: Support dissolution to control our taxes and our schools. Only by getting control of our high school will we, the people of Springfield, know the answers.

Pam Friedman
Springfield

Board meeting raises questions

To the Editor:

I submitted the meeting regarding the possibility of deregionalization held at Gaudinier School April 25. I did not use the microphone to ask questions, mainly because many people were waiting on line. However, there were many questions I'd like answered.

• Figures were cited regarding the cost per pupil for the K-8 Springfield student and for the 9-12 high school student. Could someone state an approximate cost per pupil for a K-12 Springfield school system student?

• What is the current total enrollment of the K-8 Springfield school? What is the current enrollment class by class in Caldwell School, Sandziner School and Gaudinier School including kindergarten? Are there any figures available regarding the total projected enrollments for the schools?

• The Springfield superintendent of schools mentioned at this meeting that the sixth and seventh grades might be transferred to the high school. I do not think that he mentioned the eighth-grade students. Would they also have their classes at the high school? Could someone give more details regarding as to how this would be accomplished? Would this involve bus transportation? If so, what would the cost be?

• The Springfield superintendent of schools mentioned he had a staff of administrators with salaries ranging from \$83,675 to \$99,700. Could someone list their titles and a five-line description of their duties?

• How many full and part-time teachers are there in the K-8 system and how many in the high school system?

• Regarding the bumping of teachers based on seniority, there was an example of a high school teacher with less seniority teaching seventh-grade in a K-12 system. Could this be explained more fully, such as could a high school science teacher teach seventh-grade? Or could a seventh-grade science teacher go to the high school?

• Since Kenilworth students are now combined with Springfield students at Dayton, how many Kenilworth students are enrolled there? What is the total enrollment of K-8 Kenilworth? How many schools are in Kenilworth and what is the individual class enrollment in each school?

• Are there any projections in Kenilworth regarding an increase or decrease in K-8 student population during the next five years? What is the cost per pupil in the Kenilworth K-8 system?

• Could someone fairly define approximate figures stated regarding an increase or decrease in my real estate taxes with a K-12 system under the present K-8 system with the regional 9-12 system?

• It is assumed that all students are receiving good basic educations in the local K-8 system, the Kenilworth K-8 system and the high school system, but what are the testing scores now for each system and what would they be after dissolution?

• How would a separate K-12 system affect the class offerings in all of the required curriculum classes in different phases of English, math, history, science, etc.?

• How would sports and teams be affected? It was mentioned that if there were a K-12 system, the sporting students in the lower grades, high school gender and Recreation Department could be coordinated. Why can't that be done now?

• No mention was made Thursday night regarding the costs and teaching of computers or the effect on art, music, modern languages and homemaker classes which are usually the first to be cut.

• I learned for the first time on Thursday night that Springfield offers a preschool program. For what ages? How many children are enrolled? What is the cost per pupil? What is the tuition charged per pupil? What portion is charged to Springfield taxpayers?

My mind is open, but I very much would appreciate answers to these questions. My feelings are that each child should be afforded a quality education at a reasonable expense.

Hazel Hardgrove
Springfield

Students will suffer without regional

To the Editor:

My thanks to the Leader for printing some eye-opening details in the April 18 issue pertaining to a matter that truly affects all township residents.

It's very disturbing that the Springfield Board of Education, with the Kenilworth Board of Education, has been campaigning to dissolve the Regional High School District — a system that is educationally sound and without question one of the best in the state.

The Union County Regional High School District provides choices for every student. Be they college bound or vocationally oriented, at Governor Livingston, Arthur I. Johnson, and Jonathan Dayton High Schools.

Will deregionalization help improve the education of the students, social activities, the opening of new friends, or the experience and challenge to learn with students from within the regional district?

The answer is no, the students from all communities will suffer.

Regarding the crucial aspect of space, Dayton has the capacity to educate 1,500-1,600 students; there will be many empty classrooms with a student body of approximately 450. How else will empty classrooms be filled? Will Springfield be looking for a sending district to fill the empty classrooms or maybe consider sending younger children from sixth, seventh, and eighth grades to be educated in a facility with older students if deregionalization takes place?

How can the Springfield Board of Education consider dissolution at a time

when many communities in the state with low enrollment are looking to regionalize and share services?

Let's not deprive the students in the high school district the opportunity to receive quality academic, social, and athletic opportunities. The students at Dayton voted against dissolution by a large majority.

On May 14 we must join those smart students by voting no on deregionalization.

Joe Papp, Sr.
Springfield

One vote won't keep Dayton open

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the letter by Terri Liccaul in last week's Springfield Leader.

No one in favor of deregionalization believes that Ms. Liccaul would vote to close our school, but it is unfair to be continually reminded that Dayton will never close. As things stand right now, the only thing Ms. Liccaul can promise is that she will not vote to close Dayton. There is a very big difference. If the regional district finds that it cannot continue to operate its school system with the current budgeting process, it will have no choice but to drastically cut programs or close another school. It only takes five votes to close another high school.

Ask yourself, if you were in a community where your school was not going to close, would you vote to cut programs or would you vote to close someone else's school?

Three regional board members raised the possibility of closing another school as recently as the February board meeting.

Are the citizens of Springfield willing to take the gamble that someday they too will have an empty building where there once was a high school? If, for one, no not willing to gamble on this town's future, one thing is certain: If we deregionalize, no one will be able to close our high school.

Rochelle Deming
Springfield

Letter writers

Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor expressing views on topics of interest. Letters should be typed, double spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than 274 pages. The deadline for letters is 9 a.m. Monday.

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Fund means outstanding service to area children

The Valerie Fund, New Jersey's largest provider for children with cancer and blood disorders, recently honored outstanding individuals and corporations for their contributions to the continued development and support of the Valerie Fund Children's Centers.

The 1996 award recipients were announced during the Valerie Fund's annual "Dine For Louie" benefit dinner, held recently at the Essex House in West Orange.

In 1993, these awards have become a much-anticipated annual Valerie Fund tradition and recognize the organizations and individuals whose commitment to "Hope, Care and Compassion" over the past 20 years have helped to make the Valerie Fund one of the most advanced pediatric oncology/hematology networks of its kind in the country.

Rolando and Jackie Castillo of Hillsdale, were honored with the Valerie Fund's 1996 Service to Centers and Families Award. This award is given to the person or persons who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment and provided unlimited emotional support and aid to children and families of The Valerie Fund.

On May 24, 1992, Jackie and Rolando Castillo of Hillsdale learned their oldest son, Louie, had cancer. Diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia at age 3, Louie and the entire Castillo family came face to face with tragedy. Through sheer determination and will, however, the Castillos were able to turn a tragedy into a challenge. Jackie and Rolando became active in The Valerie Fund's Parent Group of Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, where they visited parents and provided emotional support to those families recently confronted with childhood cancer.

From organizing "Dine For Louie" — a team of more than 20 participants who walked in The Valerie Fund's Walk Run — to coordinating Louie's participation in the Fall Fashion Show, to helping with the holiday party, to organizing the collection and giving their unconditional commitment. Both Jackie and Rolando have participated in all family-based fundraisers that The Valerie Fund has initiated and have raised in excess of \$20,000 for The Valerie Fund.

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County students a natural sell

Six Union County College students are conveying a marketing message with the help of a natural talent — their own voices.

The students are embarking on the training effort to get a bird's eye view of what it's like to sell a service and a competitive edge environment. Each Wednesday, they spend half the day applying sales techniques learned in the classroom to the practical workplace setting. Participating in two-member teams, they enter their way through the marketing process.

At day's end, they all join for lunch to discuss their day's results in a brainstorming session. They talk about promising leads and "hot leads" when prospects show interest in their services. They discuss how to pinpoint the appropriate contact within a company, how to circumvent gatekeepers, and what to do when there's no direct contact with the decision maker.

Those participating in the internship from UCC are as follows: Michael Cazzola of Westfield; Laurent Freeman of Summit; Mark de la Cruz of Scotch Plains; and Alyson Wolff of Scotch Plains. These students are learning under the tutelage of Richard Scuderi, the "Holiday Inn North's" senior sales manager, and under the overall direction of the college's marketing program coordinator, Dr. Toby Groder.

It's hands-on training, which is the only way to really learn marketing skills," said Groder of the internship's concept. "It reinforces what they do in the classroom as a partnership in learning."

At the start of the spring semester in January, the interns got a tour and overview of the upscale hotel facility, located across the highway from Newark International Airport. It is frequented primarily by business travelers, yet it is situated amid a corridor of other hotel facilities offering similar services. The interlocking effort, the Holiday Inn North's interns are to reinforce to prospective guests just how its services are distinguished from those of its competitors.

Scuderi developed a script to which the students refer initially, but now adapt their personal style to enhance the message conveyed. Each is given a list weekly of active and inactive hotel accounts with other leads generated through mail, directories, and the firm's own solicitations. Other lead sources include business cards obtained by Scuderi and trade show contacts that he had developed.

"The leads are pre-qualified," he said. "The goal is to get the students focused and confident on the telephone."

Roleplaying is featured as one participant of the two-member teams serves as the "devil's advocate," of members, while the other critiques his/her classmate's telephone presentation. All interns dress in proper business attire, the men with shirts and ties and the women with either a dress or dressy jacket and blouse.

The sales manager notes his interns' progress and enthusiasm during the past several months, with most of them initially expressing trepidation at first, but they would forget their fears or were yet, that day's results in a brainstorming session. They talk about promising leads and "hot leads" when prospects show interest in their services. They discuss how to pinpoint the appropriate contact within a company, how to circumvent gatekeepers, and what to do when there's no direct contact with the decision maker.

"They (students) learned to overcome the script to sell their own personalities," said Scuderi. "They have developed an ability to assess the individual with whom they are talking, knowing almost instinctively what approach to use on which people. The students have become more aggressive."

Groder selected the participating interns based on their overall grade-point average, level of demonstrated maturity, conscientious study approach, and interest in exploring marketing as a prospective career field.

At the end of the internship, students must submit a 10-page paper evaluating their experience, which will be evaluated by Groder and Scuderi.

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Reverse mortgage offers 'just like mom used to make'

By Ben Smith, Staff Writer

How many old world recipes from immigrants of many foreign countries are lost and forgotten when the elderly mothers pass away?

So, when recipes are recorded on an inexpensive cassette, just as Ralph Stein did 35 years ago, when he and his wife, Helen, were still in their school teacher days, it's a great idea to get the recipes from soup to nuts.

Stein, interviewed by Jewish World, "he said when a sponge cake is taken out of the oven you have to place it on a pillow. She also has recipes for red horseradish, chicken fat, matzo balls, challah and strudel with walnut and raisin, pineapple jam, honey graham crackers and orange and lemon filling. It is absolutely mouth-watering."

Stein mentioned that "we hope to sell them to people who shop in Springfield and Union, to local organizations and eventually to Jewish periodicals nationally. There is something so touching about it. It's oral history made with a little nostalgia."

"Both my mother and father were members of the Workmen's Circle — the Newark branch," said Stein, "and I'll be a member. Mom used to cook for affairs there, and I was a musician and had a band, and I played Klezmer music."

"It was 35 years ago," said Sid Frank, "that we went down to our friend Ralph's cellar in Cranbury. It was also his studio, and at that time, a precious thing happened. We recorded my wife and his mother discussing Jewish recipes — and we forgot about it."

"I pulled it out a couple of months ago," said Stein, "and listened to it. You know, even when we did it, we knew we were recording something precious. At the time, we knew it. Sid and I, who were long-time friends and had a long history of collaboration on many projects — we made over 40 children's records and were producers of children's records."

With Helen Frank's husband, Sid, a professional playwright and recording producer, and Ralph Stein producing the cassette, and Helen Frank, who has also acted in her lifetime, interviewing Mom Stein, writes "heavy Jewish accent" renditions of one of Jackie Mason's comic explanations, the trio has felt that they have a "hit record" with accompanying songs. Sid Stein, Springfield and Union chapters of Hadassah, B'nai B'rith and synagogue and temples in the area, has views on the project, and if they haven't already purchased the package, they will soon.

"Ralph Stein's mother was a very good cook and a terrific list maker," said Sid Frank, when the three senior citizens visited this office last Friday afternoon. "I wanted to just let her recipes go to waste, but when we did it, we knew we were recording something precious. At the time, we knew it. Sid and I, who were long-time friends and had a long history of collaboration on many projects — we made over 40 children's records and were producers of children's records."



From left, Ralph Stein, whose mother's recipes are going public, discusses them with Helen Frank of Springfield, who interviewed Mom Stein 35 years ago, and her husband, Sid, who is producing the package.

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"Unlike most senior proms, this will be for a different type of senior citizens," said Frank O. Mazza, director of student activities for Elizabeth High School and advisor to the Key Club, conceived the idea with the Union County Advisory Council on Aging. Tickets, which have been donated, will be distributed through all Union County municipalities, and will be required for admission to the prom. They can be obtained by calling the Elizabeth Office on Aging at 527-4870, or the Union County Division on Aging at 527-4870 or 527-4872.

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Wallace Kleinman

Wallace Kleinman of Cedar Knolls, formerly of Springfield, died April 22 in Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Born in Newark, Mr. Kleinman lived in Springfield and in Bloomington before moving to Cedar Knolls. He was employed with Rip Aid of New Jersey for 10 years before retiring in 1983.

Surviving are his wife, Zara; three daughters, Heidi, Rosa, Bebe Bowly and Nancy Sainbury; a sister, Miriam Moss; and seven grandchildren.

Josephine Masciola

Josephine Masciola, 90, of Mountaintide died April 24 in her home.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Masciola lived in Newark before moving to Mountaintide 19 years ago.

Surviving are a son, Ralph; two daughters, Angelina Gizzi and Tessa Miele; two brothers, John and George Lombardi; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Lillian M. Cardinal

Lillian M. Cardinal, 81, of Springfield died April 27 in the Manalapan Convalescent Center.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Cardinal lived in Springfield for many years.

many years. She was a bookkeeper, and she and her husband, Edward A. Cardinal Sr., owned Cardinal Garden Center, Springfield, from 1971 to 1973.

Also surviving are two sons, Edward G., a retired captain of the Springfield Fire Department, and Chairman Police Chief Donald N.; a brother, George Sigmond; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

John N. Carris

John N. Carris, 61, of Mountaintide died April 28 in Sussex Hospital, Sussex.

Born in New York City, Mr. Carris lived in Bridgeport, Conn., before moving to Mountaintide in 1963.

Surviving are his wife, Eleanor J.; a son, John N. Jr., and a sister, Anthea Sakalis.

Nancy Palermo

Nancy Palermo, 87, of Berkeley Heights, formerly of Springfield, died April 27 in Ronalds Specialized Hospital, Berkeley Heights.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Palermo lived in Springfield for 15 years before moving to Berkeley Heights six years ago.

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The Middle East peace process and its historical background are the topics for this year's Sylvia Margolis Memorial Lecture at Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield on May 19.

May luncheon

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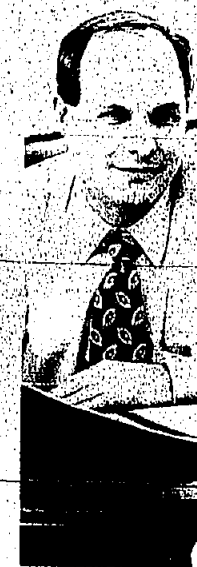
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This publication aims to provide you with the most current information on cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

Articles are authored by leading cancer specialists from Saint Barnabas, many of whom have regional and international reputations. These experts are eager to share their knowledge with you and to make you aware of the multitude of advances in our understanding of this disease.

Please write to us with your ideas for topics to be addressed in future issues. You can direct your correspondence to: Lydia Dorsey, Public Relations Department, Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Old Short Hills Road, Livingston, NJ 07039. Please call (201) 533-5200 for further information about the Cancer Center of Saint Barnabas or for additional copies of this newsletter.

Sincerely,

 RICHARD MICHAELSON, M.D.
 Chief Medical Officer
 THE CANCER CENTER

What Women Need to Know About Screening for Ovarian Cancer

THAD DENNEY, MD,
Assistant Director
 DIVISION OF GYNECOLOGY & OBSTETRICS

Ovarian cancer has received unprecedented media coverage since the coroner's inquest into the death of Gilda Radner from this disease. Nationally renowned authorities have charged that her death was preventable had she received proper diagnostic tests, especially in light of her strong family history of ovarian cancer.

As a result of this media coverage and the fact that most ovarian cancers are diagnosed at an advanced stage, women are often urged to undergo routine screening and to have blood tests measuring the level of a protein called CA 125 in an attempt to improve early detection. Unfortunately, these recommendations have not been based on scientific studies.

The average woman has a one in seventy (or 1.4 percent) lifetime risk of ovarian cancer. To put this in perspective, every woman has a one in nine chance of developing breast cancer. Gilda Radner's death has heightened concern over the hereditary aspects of ovarian cancer; however, these cases only comprise approximately five to ten percent of all ovarian cancers.

Having one first degree relative with ovarian cancer (mother, sister or daughter) increases the lifetime risk in three to five percent; having two first degree relatives increases the odds to seven percent. A very small number of women (three percent of women with first relatives) have a hereditary syndrome that places them at extremely high risk (up to 80 percent) of developing ovarian cancer. These women may carry a gene called BRCA1 and generally have a strong family history of breast and ovarian cancer.



Factors that suppress ovulation, such as prolonged use of oral contraceptives, having children, breast-feeding as well as tubal ligation reduce the risk of developing ovarian cancer. Factors associated (but not proven) with increased ovarian cancer risk include diets high in animal fat, ingestion of lactose, type A blood, childhood mumps and the use of talc in feminine hygiene.

The CA 125 antibody is elevated in 80 percent of ovarian cancer cases in all stages and in approximately 50 percent of patients with early disease. However, this tumor marker is frequently elevated in a variety of benign conditions such as endometriosis, fibroids, pregnancy, ovarian cysts, cirrhosis, pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), pneumonia or pericarditis. CA 125 screening in low-risk women could cause more harm than benefit by subjecting them to the risk of surgery.

While ultrasound imaging is helpful in defining the nature of pelvic masses, studies have shown that it is not useful as an initial screening technique. According to an April 1994 consensus statement issued by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), there is no current evidence that routine ultrasound screening and CA 125 testing are effective in reducing the mortality from ovarian cancer. The NIH recommends that those women at exceedingly high risk for ovarian cancer have transvaginal ultrasound screening and CA 125 determinations, in addition to a complete physical and gynecological examination. In these high risk women, consideration should be given to removal of the ovaries when childbearing is completed, or at least by age 35.

Brachytherapy Offers Promising Results for Prostate Cancer

ANDREW L. ZABLOW, M.D.,
Assistant Chairman
 DEPARTMENT OF RADIOLOGY & ONCOLOGY

For many years, the treatment of prostate cancer was limited to radical prostatectomy, surgical removal of the diseased prostate and seminal vesicles. Now, physicians have learned that both surgery and radiation therapy offer excellent



survival rates for patients with early stage disease. With the development of high energy linear accelerators in the 1950's, physicians began to give radiation from outside the body to the prostate with acceptable side effects. In the 1970's, investigators theorized that if radiation could be placed within the prostate gland it could potentially deliver higher doses with less complications. This, hopefully, would translate into higher cure rates.

The procedure, known as brachytherapy (brachy is Greek for short), involved the placement of radioactive seeds or pellets within the prostate gland. The radiation would travel a short distance from each source to deliver a potentially lethal dose to the malignant cells within the prostate. Utilizing an open surgical technique, physicians would place radioactive iodine-125 seeds in the prostate gland. It was a somewhat crude technique by today's modern standards.

Retrospective analysis showed that the seeds were not accurately placed and left some areas with "cold spots" or under-dosed. The improvements in survival were not realized and the procedure fell into disfavor.

ULTRASOUND IMPROVES TECHNIQUE
 During the 1980's, a newer technique called transperineal implantation was developed. Utilizing ultrasound guidance, the radioactive sources could be more uniformly and accurately placed in the prostate. A large amount of experience and data has been accumulated indicating that this form of brachytherapy has much promise. Also known as radioactive seed implant therapy, brachytherapy has been used in at least 10,000 men in the United States today.

Once a patient has been diagnosed with prostate cancer,

and determined to be a possible candidate, he must undergo a volume study to determine the size of his prostate. If the gland is too large, he may receive hormonal treatment for several months to shrink the gland prior to implantation or be referred for external radiation treatments. Once the gland is judged to be adequate for implantation, a team of physicians and physicians determines the type of radioactive seeds, how many seeds will be needed and how they will be placed in the prostate. Pretreatment planning is performed to assure an even distribution and avoid "cold spots". This is accomplished with a computer program that performs a 3-D reconstruction of the prostate to plan the seed placement.

QUICK AND PAIN-FREE PROCEDURE

The procedure is performed in same day surgery under general or spinal anesthesia prior to the implantation. The technique takes approximately one and one-half hours, and no pain medication is required.

Acute side effects are minimal and very tolerable. Five percent of men complain of fecal irritation and may note occasional bleeding. During the first two months, there may be a mild burning upon urination with increased urinary frequency. Long-term side effects have been reported in a small percentage of patients. These include urinary stress incontinence in 10 percent of patients, and the onset of impotence in 25 percent. The latter appears to be related to age, other medical problems and medications. This compares to impotence rates of 30-50 percent with external radiation and higher rates with radical surgery.

Although the procedure is relatively "new" with follow-up of patients ranging from four to six years at various institutions, early results look promising. One study, for example, reported 97 percent of patients with elevated PSA prior to treatment had postimplant PSA levels of less than one at five years. These rates are comparable to those reported from surgery or external beam radiation studies.

The procedure is appropriate for patients who have early-stage disease, a favorable pathology prognosis and no previous history of prostate surgery. Each patient should have a consultation with a urologist and radiation oncologist to discuss various treatment options. Together they can decide which method of treatment is best for him.

Successful brachytherapy requires close cooperation between experienced urologists and radiation oncologists. Saint Barnabas offers this innovative treatment option to men with prostate cancer.

For more information about the procedure, please call (201) 533-5632 or discuss it with your urologist.

Clinical Research Programs at The Cancer Center of Saint Barnabas

Clinical research is an integral component of a comprehensive cancer center. Patients for whom the best, most advanced and possibly more effective treatment is not readily available, and possibly more effective treatment is not readily available, are the focus of our clinical research programs. The purpose of our clinical research programs is to evaluate new treatments, drugs, and procedures, and to determine the most effective and least toxic treatment for our patients.

The Clinical Research Program at the Cancer Center of Saint Barnabas currently offers a variety of clinical trials. These include: new treatments for breast, prostate, lung, and colorectal cancer; new treatments for advanced stages of breast, lung, and colorectal cancer; and new treatments for advanced stages of breast, lung, and colorectal cancer.

Most of these clinical trials are sponsored by the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Others are sponsored by the pharmaceutical industry. The following are highlights of some of our programs:

The Women's Intergroup Study of Tamoxifen (WITS) - A phase III study of Health Habilitation, a systemic drug to decrease the adverse effects of tamoxifen. In addition, hormonal therapy in the management of patients who undergo tamoxifen therapy. Patients are randomized to either tamoxifen or tamoxifen plus Health Habilitation. The purpose of the study is to determine if tamoxifen plus Health Habilitation is superior to tamoxifen alone. The study will include a quality of life evaluation. The study will include a quality of life evaluation. The study will include a quality of life evaluation.

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Experimental Treatments Offer Hope to Cancer Patients

"Some spots are fading and some have disappeared," he said. "I'll have another CAT scan at the end of March and I'm hoping for even more improvement."

Walsh is making plans once again, and is looking forward to traveling to Ireland with his wife this spring to visit their son, who is studying in Galway.



Dr. Richard Michaelson, Chief Medical Officer of the Cancer Center of Saint Barnabas, and a patient, Mr. Walsh, who is participating in a clinical trial.

"I suppose there was a time when I felt I could make age 80," he said. "Once you're hit with something like this, you realize the frailty of it all."

Walsh's study is measuring the effectiveness of oral chemotherapy as opposed to intravenous administration of the drugs. It's one of about 45 trials in which Saint Barnabas is participating.

"We have several different kinds of trials for all kinds of cancer," said Dr. Richard Michaelson, Chief Medical Officer of the Cancer Center of Saint Barnabas.

Along with research into more traditional areas of chemotherapy, surgery and radiation, studies on breast cancer, for instance, include the use of synthetic hormones or monoclonal antibodies, which target cancer cells, to treat relapses. Another study is looking at anti-sense drugs to treat a side effect of chemotherapy. Still others are examining the role of nutrition, Vitamin A and aspirin in cancer prevention, he said.

Most of the studies are funded by grants from the National Cancer Institute.

For many people who have undergone conventional measures, experimental treatment is all that's left. For example, Walsh had surgery to remove part of his intestines.

Walsh, who takes the drug along with a vitamin to increase the drug's efficacy, said that the only side effect he's experienced is feeling cold.

"That," he said, "is something I can live with."

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Smoking Cessation: A Process of Change

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Lung cancer is the nation's leading cause of death in men and women, and the mortality rate is estimated to reach two million by the year 2000.

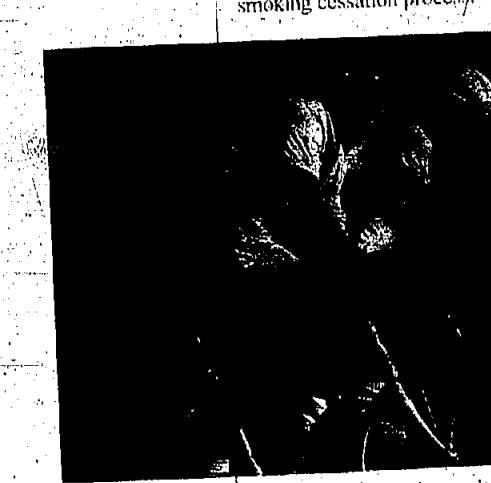
Quitting the cigarette habit is the best defense a smoker has against developing lung cancer. Cigarette smoke contains approximately 43 carcinogenic substances as well as the highly addictive drug, nicotine. Lung cancer occurs when cancer-producing substances create genetic changes in the cells.

But quitting is not easy. In fact it is so difficult that many people make at least five attempts before succeeding. Research has proven that the more attempts one makes, the greater the chance is for success the next time.

More than 23 million Americans stop smoking every year. Withdrawal may be difficult but never dangerous and is certainly attainable. The withdrawal symptoms are temporary, usually lasting one to two weeks. As one progresses through the first week, third month, ninth month, and finally one year, the odds for relapse decrease significantly as time goes on.

STAGES OF CHANGE

The Smoking Cessation Network of Saint Barnabas is based on the knowledge that a personal, staged strategy to quitting is the most successful. Our Network program embraces the National Cancer Institute's stage-matched, patient-centered model that identifies five stages of change during the smoking cessation process.



A smoker passes through these stages at different times, but not necessarily consecutively. **Precontemplation**, the time before consideration of quitting. **Contemplation**, a time when quitting is considered within the next six months. **Preparation**, planning to take action within the next six months. **Action**, when the smoker is currently enrolled in a formal smoking cessation program or steps by him/herself; and **Maintenance**, when the new "nonsmoker" has remained abstinent for six months and continues to use nonsmoking strategies. An individual may take several years to proceed through the process of change before reaching maintenance.

The Network encompasses a multidimensional approach to quitting. Some of the methods offered include acupuncture, hypnotherapy, nicotine patches or gum and group support programs. For more information about the Smoking Cessation Network, call (201) 533-5772.

TEAM

Highlights of Cancer Center Professionals

BRITTA D. SUTHERLAND, M.D., JAMES J. BRINE, M.D., and JESSICA S. TORO, M.D., were among 55 physicians from Saint Barnabas Medical Center who were listed in the April 1994 issue of *New Jersey* as top doctors in the fields of oncology, obstetrics-gynecology and facial surgery, respectively. The listings were based on a survey of 5,000 doctors throughout the state.

ROBERT V. H. ITR, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Pathology, is editor-in-chief of *Cancer*, an international journal of the American Cancer Society. He also serves on the editorial boards of a dozen professional journals.

MURRAY H. WEISS, M.D., Saint Barnabas' oncologic breast surgeon, recently published a paper in *International Surgery* on the safety and benefits of performing partial mastectomy as a same day treatment for breast cancer. He is also one of the few surgeons in the United States performing this surgery on a same day basis.

LISA V. PARSINSKI, M.D., Director of Division of Support Services at the Cancer Center, recently gave two presentations, "Stress and Coping in the Medical Setting" and "Techniques for Coping with Anticipatory Grief and Mourning" at a professional course at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York.

SHI-MEI F. LITNER, M.D., of Cancer Center oncology, recently published a study in *Cancer*, which identified factors that are useful in predicting the likelihood of recurrence in newly diagnosed early-stage breast cancer patients.

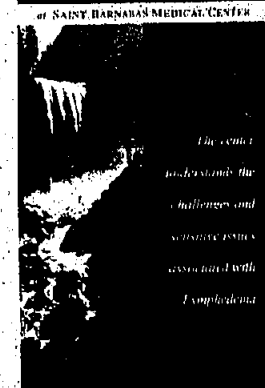
ANDREW Z. BLOOM, M.D., Associate Chairman of Radiation Oncology and LESLEY BUCKNER, M.D., Director of the Cancer Registry and Chief of Research Programs, were awarded the best scientific poster presentation at a recent meeting of the National Cancer Registrar Meeting. The poster presentation reported on results of a study at Saint Barnabas that revealed a 98 percent five-year survival rate for patients diagnosed with early-stage breast cancer, compared to the national rate of 82 percent.

ALLEN D. ROSEN, M.D., *Medical Physician in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery*, who specializes in post-mastectomy breast reconstruction and also serves as President of the American Cancer Society (Oncology Unit), recently was featured in a national broadcast on MTV News on the safety of breast implants.

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CENTER



The Lymphedema Center



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New Lymphedema Center Offered at Saint Barnabas

Lymphedema, the abnormal collection of lymph fluid which causes swelling of one or more limbs, may occur after certain types of surgery, especially those involving the removal of lymph nodes. It can reduce an individual's ability to function and alter body image, sometimes leading to an impairment in quality of life.

With an understanding of the challenges and sensitive issues associated with lymphedema, Saint Barnabas Medical Center has developed a comprehensive program including evaluation with a physician, an individually designed treatment plan,

monthly interdisciplinary follow-up sessions, and ongoing individual and group education sessions.

Each treatment plan is customized to the individual, and might include manual massage, bandaging and compression of the affected area, specialized elevation, topical skin care, as well as other new forms of therapy.

The Lymphedema Center team is directed by Kathleen D. Francis, M.D., of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Other team members include specially trained nurses, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and social workers. For more information on the Lymphedema Center, please call (201) 533-5464.

Saint Barnabas Opens Cancer Center in Union

The Cancer Center of Saint Barnabas, which treats more newly diagnosed cancer patients than any other health care facility in New Jersey, has opened a state-of-the-art facility in Union.

Located at the Saint Barnabas-Union Hospital Medical Building at 1050 Gallatin Hill Road, the facility offers the highest level of care in all aspects of cancer—from prevention and early detection to diagnosis and treatment. The Center combines the experience of professionals from Saint Barnabas Medical Center and Union Hospital.

"As part of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System, we will have access to all the services offered in Livingston, such as clinical research protocols and

a complete psychosocial program," said Lillian F. Piner, M.D., Medical Director of Diagnostic Services at the Union Center. Dr. Piner is also Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine (UMDNJ), New Jersey Medical School in Newark. She is joined at the Cancer Center by First Lt. Stephanie, D.O., Attending Physician in Medical Oncology.

Also located in the same building is a new Mammography Center, which offers screening mammography.

For information about The Cancer Center in Union, call (908) 810-6470.

For information on Mammography Services in Union, call (908) 810-6490.

Lung Cancer Program Offers Team Approach to Care

Offering one of the most comprehensive and compassionate lung cancer programs in New Jersey, Saint Barnabas recently has established the Comprehensive Lung Cancer Service. The program offers a unique concept by providing an environment where a patient and his or her family members can meet in one setting with a group of highly trained specialists to discuss diagnosis and treatment options.

The new program is offered in the Center's outpatient facility for individuals who have a confirmed or suspicious diagnosis of lung cancer.

This unified team approach expedites treatment by avoiding the need for multiple appointments with various professionals. The team of specialists includes: medical oncologists, thoracic surgeons, pulmonologists, radiologists, pathologists, radiation oncologists, social workers and oncology nurse specialists. For more information on the program, please call (201) 533-5827.

New Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders Opens

Saint Barnabas Health Care System announces the opening of a Valerie Fund Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders this May. The new center, located at 101 Old Short Hills Road—offers highly personalized and comprehensive medical care for infants, children and adolescents with cancer and blood disorders.

The new Center is a joint partnership of United—The Children's Hospital of New Jersey and Saint Barnabas Health Care System. This alliance is called The Children's Health Network. In addition to having access to the most advanced therapeutic and diagnostic procedures, patients have immediate access to Saint Barnabas Medical Center's inpatient facilities at the pediatric unit if hospitalization is necessary.

Richard Sills, M.D. is the director of the new Center as well as another Valerie Fund Center at United—The Children's Hospital of New Jersey.

For more information on the Children's Center, please call (201) 325-6700.

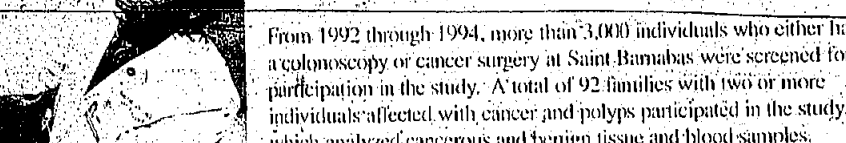
Research Provides New Insights into Colon Cancer

First, virtually all colon cancer begins as a benign growth called a polyp. Removal of the polyp during a relatively simple outpatient procedure called colonoscopy will prevent the polyp from changing into a cancer.

Second, colon cancer and also polyps tend to occur among members of certain families. About 10 percent of all colon cancer is linked to inherited genetic disorders in which family members suffer multiple polyps and cancers. The other 90 percent is classified as "sporadic" colon cancer, in which the incidence of polyps and cancer within families occurs about two to three times more commonly than for the general population. Within these families, many individuals are unaffected and have neither polyps nor cancer.

STUDY EXAMINES GENETIC LINK

In an effort to understand whether certain chromosomal changes—specifically in the APC gene—are found in each polyp and cancer within a family, researchers at Saint Barnabas Medical Center recently have collaborated with the Imperial Cancer Research Fund of Great Britain to evaluate the genetic changes of these sporadic familial cases of colon cancer.



Marlene Subbitt, M.D., Ph.D., Senior Lecturer, Immunology, and Stephen Marino, M.D., above, director of the DNA laboratory, from a selected family participating in the research study.

The molecular genetic analysis was performed in the Diagnostic Molecular Laboratory, under the direction of Marlene Subbitt, Ph.D., in the Department of Pathology.

Preliminary results from the study show no consistent pattern of APC gene mutations within families, suggesting that there is no causal role for the APC gene in "sporadic" colon cancer. Evaluation of the APC gene among additional families is ongoing. Other genes which have been linked to colon cancer will also be studied with the accumulated tissue samples.

Although similar studies have been conducted at other hospitals and universities around the world, they have not looked at family member/relative groupings. The researchers at Saint Barnabas believe that this study and future investigations will help physicians to better understand the relationship and evolution of benign polyps into cancer.

Psychosocial Programs

A cancer diagnosis impacts many people in a world of unfamiliar and perhaps frightening practices. Because there are many ways to cope with these feelings, the Cancer Center of Saint Barnabas offers a variety of services designed to help individuals and their families cope effectively with diagnosis and treatment.

Individual counseling and support groups are available, including: Primary Cancer Support Group, Group for Women With Newly Diagnosed Breast Cancer, Living With Recurrent or Metastatic Breast Cancer, The Us-Two Prostate Support Group, Coping Through Creativity Group for Family and Friends, The Post-Treatment Support Group, The Children's Circle and the Patient-to-Patient Volunteer Program. For information about support programs, please call (201) 533-8414.

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COMMUNITY

Join the Fun for The Good Air Gang Family Walk



Children of all ages and their families are invited to join together on Saturday, May 12, for The Good Air Gang Family Walk, to be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Verona Park, Verona (corner of Lakeside and Bradford Aves.). The event will include an aerobic warm-up, a one-mile walk around the park, music by 95.5 WPLJ radio station, clowns, a puppet show and refreshments.

The Good Air Gang is a smoking prevention program developed by the Saint Barnabas Cancer Center in cooperation with the American Cancer Society. The interactive program for elementary age children aims to teach students the importance of breathing fresh air and to empower them to keep their environment free of cigarette smoke.

The Family Walk is jointly sponsored by the Saint Barnabas Cancer Center, the American Cancer Society, the Manneen L. Santanara Memorial Fund and 95.5 WPLJ. To register for the Walk, please call (201) 533-5772.

National Cancer Survivors Day Festivities Planned

On Sunday, June 2, Saint Barnabas will join communities throughout America in a celebration of life as part of the National Cancer Survivors Day (NCSDD).

The celebration, to be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the East Wing Parking Lot of the Medical Center, will include presentations on various topics related to cancer survivorship, and exhibits on cancer patient advocacy groups, yoga and relaxation techniques, smoking cessation and prevention, nutrition, and techniques for coping with body changes due to cancer therapy. The event also offers an opportunity to meet other cancer survivors.

Activities are planned for children including coloring, arts and crafts and games. Food and refreshments will be served. For information, please call (201) 533-5784.

Free Skin Cancer Screening Planned in May

The Dermatology Department and the Cancer Center will be sponsoring a free skin cancer screening on Wednesday, May 8, 1996, from 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 p.m., coinciding with National Melanoma Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month.

The screenings are part of a national campaign to encourage early detection and teach prevention of skin cancer. The number of persons with skin cancer is increasing, with more than 700,000 new cases of skin cancer expected to be diagnosed this year.

At last year's screening, 23 people with unsuspected basal cell carcinomas and three people with malignant melanomas were diagnosed. Their

early diagnosis resulted in prompt and in some cases, life-saving treatment.

The screening, which is open to the public, will take place in the employee health area of the medical center, located on the first floor.

To register for the skin cancer screening, please call (201) 533-5784.

Calendar

For more details on any programs, please call (201) 533-5772.

MAY	
8 ... Skin Cancer Screening Day	1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. ... Saint Barnabas Medical Center
11 ... Good Air Gang Family Walk	9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ... Verona Park, Verona, NJ
13 ... Community Breast Cancer Workshop	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. ... Saint Barnabas Medical Center
Featuring presentations on hormone replacement, genetic mutation and detection of breast cancer.	
11 ... Symposium on pain management for Oncology Professionals	9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. ... Saint Barnabas Medical Center
Presented by Margie McCallister, R.N., M.S., F.A.A.N. Pre-registration required.	
JUNE	
2 ... National Cancer Survivors Day	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ... Saint Barnabas Medical Center

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A win-win situation could fail

It seems as if we've all gone a little too far in concerning ourselves with environmental matters. I think some of us have to rethink our positions.

I've always thought of myself as somewhat of an environmentalist, although I wouldn't put myself in the same category as Congressman Ted Kaczinski. But, during the past five years or so, I've either changed my views somewhat or others have just become extremists.

County Seat

By Chris Gatto, Regional Editor

Everything, it seems today, comes under scrutiny when it involves the environment. What has not to be understood is how some people value human life less than they do a few trees. A case in point is pro-environment extremists who have put metal stakes into trees designated for cutting, thus causing either death or serious injury to lumberjacks who find themselves men with the brutal kickback of a saw chain.

I suppose the individuals who do such things consider themselves the self-appointed "environmental protectors," and have convinced themselves that the end justifies the means. Perhaps in their warped minds they believe that preventing a tree from being chopped down will save the human race from pollution. Perhaps they just like the trees. It's hard for me to say since I don't live far from omnipotence. But, whenever their belief, I find it difficult to justify means of killing someone to save a tree.

And, in the case of Kaczinski, the alleged "backwoodsman," I can't even begin to comprehend his actions. I was just as perturbed at Exxon over the whole Alaska oil spill as anyone, but the "don't justly" sending a mail-bomb to an advertising executive who was trying to polish up the company's tainted image. Prior to this happening, I used to joke that the most difficult job in the world would be serving as the "PR" person for Exxon. I didn't realize how bad it would really be.

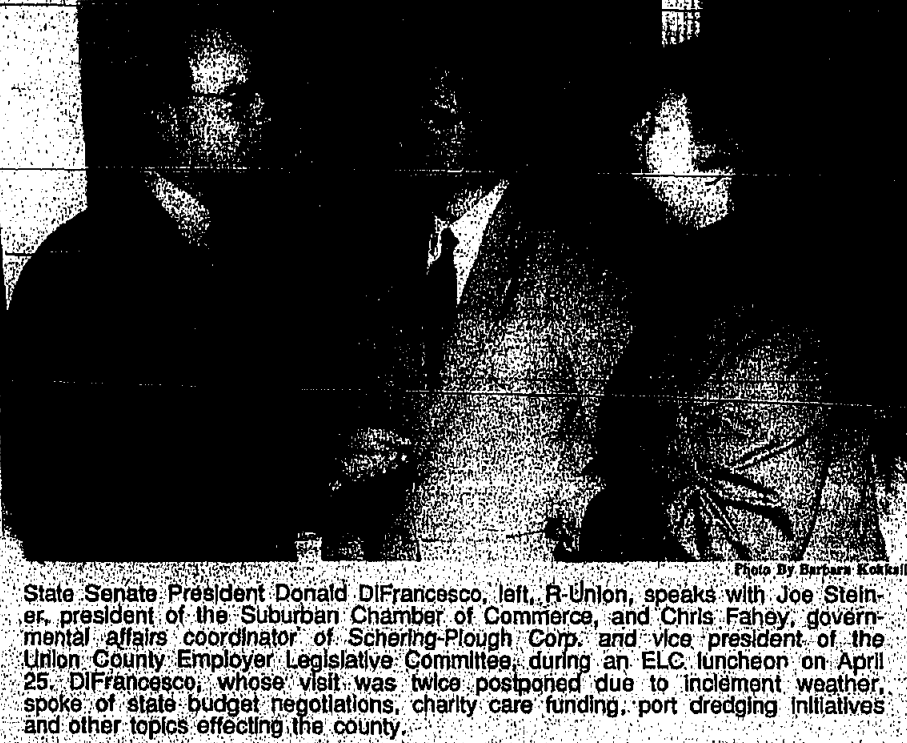
While "liberals" like to blame right-wingers for fueling the mind of Tim McVay, the alleged Oklahoma City bomber, they resent any link made between their views and those of Kaczinski. I say, and I'll have to borrow someone else's words, what's good for the goose is good for the gander.

Although I have considered the subject many times, what made me consider it most recently was the situation with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The Port Authority plans to use silt from Fort Elizabeth as fill at the Monro-Mill site in Elizabeth. There is a debate going on as to whether the silt-in-lake solution should be used as the former landfill, which is being converted into a mega-mall near the city's I-95A site.

The Port Authority figures using the silt at the site will be a win-win situation, because not only does Monro-Mill need the silt but the port badly needs to be dredged to accommodate boat traffic. The state, which has been desperately searching for an alternative to dumping the silt in an off-shore pit near Shady Hook, is using the project as an experiment. What's odd with the current situation is that many environmental groups have supported beneficial reuse of contaminated substances, but they have not taken kindly to this proposal.

The Rev. Joseph Parrish, for one, opposed a proposal by the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties to incinerate human waste, and endorsed an alternative — the beneficial reuse of this material. In a recent meeting, which decided to recycle the waste, has talked about marketing the waste as a fertilizer. Hey, even Kaczinski would have vetoed this. After all, he used his own waste to fertilize a garden he

Third time's the charm



State Senate President Donald DiFrancesco, left, R-Union, speaks with Joe Giammarino, president of the Suburban Chamber of Commerce, and Chris Fahay, governmental affairs coordinator of Schering-Plough Corp. and vice president of the Union County Employer Legislative Committee, during an ELC luncheon on April 25. DiFrancesco, whose visit was postponed due to a state budget negotiations, charity care funding, port dredging initiatives and other topics affecting the county.

Household waste disposal is scheduled by authority

Berkeley Heights and Hillside locations to accept materials from county residents

Berkeley Heights will host the second of six Household Special Waste Disposal Days sponsored by the Union County Utilities Authority this year.

UCUA Chairman William Ruocco announced that the Berkeley Heights Municipal Swimming Pool, located Avenue, Berkeley Heights, will be the site of one of these days on May 11 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The first spring event will be held at the Hillside Municipal Swimming Pool on Central Avenue in Hillside on June 8 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There is no cost to participate, however, pre-registration with the UCUA is necessary. The event is open to county residents and proof of residence is required.

Public and private Union County schools also will be able to dispose of their waste at these events. In order to participate, schools must contract the UCUA at least two weeks prior to the event for more information and registration.

Acceptable materials include oil-based paints and varnishes, pool chemicals, corrosives and cleaners, pesticides and herbicides, caustics, solvents, linens, aerosol cans, asphalt sealers, fire extinguishers, flammable liquids and solids, automotive products, batteries, propane tanks, unbroken fluorescent bulbs, thermoses and mercury switches. Only materials in their original containers will be accepted.

A special fee has been added to reduce the improper disposal of certain, a toxic heavy metal. Rechargeable batteries contain nickel cadmium. Small sized cadmium batteries should be recycled along with other batteries. Rechargeable appliances contain nickel cadmium batteries which cannot be removed.

The authority will accept small rechargeable appliances, such as cordless tools and flashlights, during its Household Special Waste Days. Rechargeables should bring only the part of the unit which contains the battery.

Unidentified materials, explosives, radioactive materials, gas cylinders or materials containing PCBs will not be accepted.

For more information or to register, residents may call the UCUA at (908) 382-9400 Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 1 and 4:30 p.m.

Symposium aiming for cooperation

A county-wide symposium on ways to improve school-police relationships was the topic of a recent joint meeting between the 23 police chiefs in Union County and county school superintendents.

Acting Union County Prosecutor Edward M. Neafsey said Friday's three-hour session, "Rekindling the Spirit of Cooperation," included presentations regarding more than 25 "proven programs" that work to help stem violence in the schools as well as a perspective from Paul Donnelly, the executive director of the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission.

"It's hard to think about a more pressing topic when it comes to the best possible safety in our schools," Neafsey said. "When law enforcement and educators team up at such an innovative program, the results can often be felt immediately."

As an example, he said, some districts such as Elizabeth invited police officers to be stationed outside their high schools on a full- or part-time basis and the result has been a marked decrease in assaults and fighting inside building and on school grounds.

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County budget OK'd despite opposition

Democrats aligned against plan, but GOP freeholders say 'yes'

By Chris Gatto, Regional Editor

The county budget will cost \$12.2 million in local taxes, the same figure as last year, without any loss in services.

Freeholder Chairman Edwin Forer, Vice Chair Henry Kurz, and Freeholders Linda DiGiovanni, Linda-Lee Kelly and Frank Lake voted in favor of the budget while Democrats Linda Stander, Walter McNeil, Carol Cohen and Daniel Sullivan opposed the GOP freeholders of presenting the

County branch to close as result of PNC merger

By Chris Gatto, Regional Editor

PNC Bank officials will be closing one of its Union County branches to eliminate overlap that came as a result of the merger with Midland's Capital Bank. The branch proposed for closure, one of 62 branches statewide scheduled to be shut down, is located in Westfield, and its operations will be absorbed by a First Nationalwide Savings Bank also located in that township.

The branch which is consolidating in Westfield is a Midland office, said PNC Public Relations Manager Jay Hartmann. "We recently purchased four offices from First Nationalwide Savings. We are consolidating the Midland office into the First Nationalwide office in Westfield."

In November, PNC announced that it would close approximately 85 offices in New Jersey and Pennsylvania as a result of its merger with Midland. But that number has since escalated to 90, noted Hartmann.

"That includes Midland offices, PNC bank offices, former offices of Chemical Bank that PNC had bought in the southern part of New Jersey earlier. The 90 extend across the whole two-state market," he said.

In Essex County, a pair of Midland banks will be consolidated in Fairfield.

Hartmann said he was informed that "every teller and every individual" that worked as a platform service assistant throughout the organization had a job offered to them. "None of them did not have a job offered to them as a result of the closing," he said.

Police look to educate teens on drunken driving

Armed with a brand new video highlighting the dangers of drinking and driving at prom and graduation time, the Union County Juvenile Officers Association is teaming up with the prosecutor's office and the county's police chiefs to educate teen motorists.

Acting Prosecutor Edward M. Neafsey and Clark Detective Sgt. Robert Sarnecki said copies of the new 17-minute video, "Death in the Fast Lane," were previewed Friday by the school superintendents and the chiefs at a job session at the Union County Police Headquarters.

Arts education program a 'catalyst' in learning

An ambitious arts-in-education initiative called CATALYST will introduce educators to innovative ways to teach through the arts has been developed by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

CATALYST, developed in collaboration with Artsgenesis, Inc. and The Carter G. Woodson Foundation, is based on Dr. Howard Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences. Most school systems emphasize verbal and mathematical intelligence as students' most important assets. Gardner's theory proposes seven equally valid intelligences — linguistic, logical/mathematical, bodily-kinesthetic, musical, spatial, interpersonal and intrapersonal. The CATALYST program gives students and teachers the opportunity to use all their intelligences in learning through the arts.

The CATALYST project begins on May 7-9, when Artsgenesis' artistic director Kathleen Gaffney will train creative and interpretive artists in Multiple Intelligences Theory. These artists will become candidates for artist-in-residence programs during the coming school year.

Classroom teachers and administrators will participate in the eight-day Artsgenesis Institute for Multiple Intelligences and the Arts of Keon College from July 8-18. During those professional development days, educators will discover their own intelligences and artistic abilities in a dynamic interactive framework, teamed with the specially trained artists in dance, music, theater and visual arts.

The Artist-in-Residence program is an extension of the summer institute. During the school year, artists will be placed in residence in Union County schools where they will continue to work with institute-trained teachers to create alternative learning strategies for their students.

According to Freeholder Linda-Lee Kelly, the CATALYST project will benefit all students, whether they are conventional or unconventional learners. "CATALYST offers teachers and administrators a truly extraordinary opportunity to influence the way children learn," she said, "while at the same time enhancing the value of the arts in New Jersey schools."

Anyone interested in the CATALYST program may contact the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at (908) 538-2552. For more information, fees and registration material, CATALYST is being funded in part with contributions from Merck & Co., Inc. and the Arts Challenge Fund.

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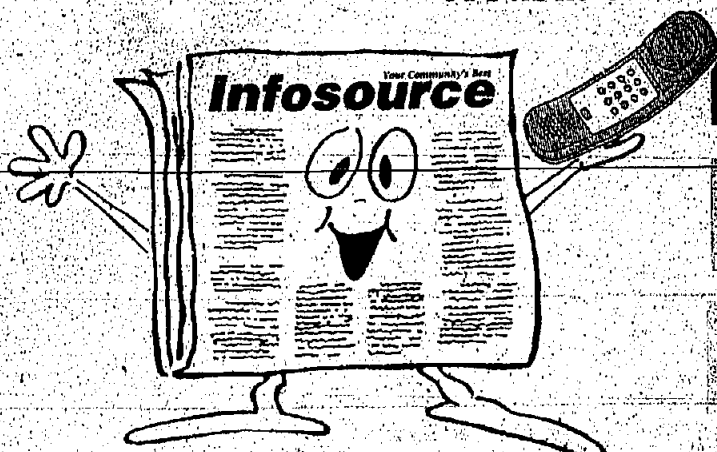


Taking Union County's new robot on a test run are, from left, Lt. Jeffrey Foulks of the Union County Police, Chief of Investigations David J. Hancock and Lt. William Moylan of the Union County Prosecutor's Office, Sgt. Richard Fuschel and Chief Richard Mannix of the County Police and Acting Prosecutor Edward M. Neafsey. County law enforcement officials last week unveiled a new bomb squad vehicle and its remote-controlled passenger, a high-tech robot that can disassemble explosive devices, intervene in a hostage situation or move inside an environmental disaster scene.

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Poster winners gain recognition

The winners of the Union County Constitutional Officers Annual Poster Contest were recognized during a recent reception at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabethtown... The four-grade winners of the contest were: First place, St. Basil Elementary School, Newark; Second place, St. Theresa's School, Kenilworth; Third place, St. Lawrence School, Kenilworth; and fourth place, St. Elizabeth's School, Newark.



Frank Budzinski, second from left, and Edwin Forch, chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, congratulate the poster winners.

Budzinski's heroism doesn't go unnoticed

The morning of Feb. 16 probably started out normally for Frank Budzinski, road supervisor for the Union County Division of Public Works... He was the first of the crew of a motor vehicle accident on Mountain Avenue in Berkeley Heights. A school bus was transporting two students when it flipped over, trapping the occupants inside.

Gardeners design decorative park entrance

Students in this year's Master Gardener Class from Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County planned a low maintenance landscape... The site is the entrance to Ulrich Pool in Rahway River Park. Planting took place on April 17. The greatest contributor to the designing of the landscape was from Piasecki, after meeting with the entire group for ideas.

Vo-tech offering 'alternative' training program

The Union County Vocational-Technical Schools are collaborating with the Union County Family Development Program and the Union County Department of Human Resources to implement an alternative work-experience training program... The program is designed to provide the number of instructional hours required for eligibility to take the New Jersey state examination for certification.

A win-win situation could fail

It's important that this issue be closely examined before it is blown out of proportion - the county's future is at stake. The school chiefs and police chiefs also heard from David S. Livingston, acting Union County superintendent of schools, as well as former school superintendent Vito Gagliardi.

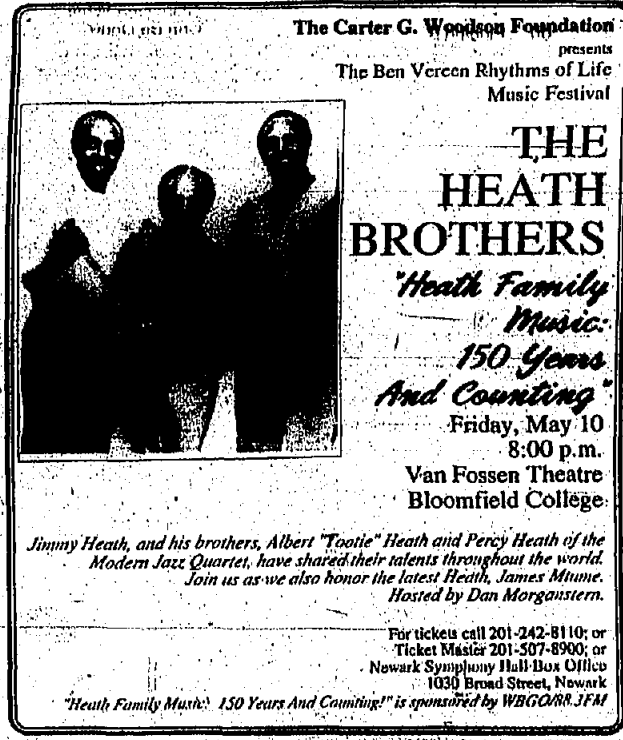
Cooperation key to cops, schools

The program at the John H. Stamber Police Academy in Scotch Plains featured explanations of arrest and bias protocols, bond call procedures, anti-drug programs, in-school suspension alternatives, and a juvenile law update, according to Acting Executive Assistant Prosecutor Robert P. O'Leary.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Illustrator to judge local contest

Mountainside resident Harry Devlin will be juror at Spring Art Exhibit

The Office Center at Short Hills will be the site of the 1996 Spring Art Exhibition of the Millburn-Sort Hills Arts Center.

The show will run through May 21, and an opening reception will be held today at 4:30.

Awards, determined by artist and juror Harry Devlin of Mountainside, will be given at 5:30 p.m. by exhibitor Neilson Longmire of Westfield.

Devlin is a graduate of Syracuse University and has a variety of experience as a World War II naval artist, cartoonist, advertising, magazine and book illustrator, author, portrait artist and painter.

He is a past member of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the New Jersey Committee for the Humanities and is an elected member of the Advertising Hall of Fame, and honorary chairman of the National Cartoonists Society. He is a recipient of an honorary doctorate in humane letters from Kean College in Union.

Among other books, Devlin authored "To Grandfather's Home We Go," a children's book of architectural styles and periods of America's architecture from its north-central and southern New Jersey and other spots in the tri-state area. A 1991 retrospective of his artwork was exhibited at the Morris Museum and Rutgers University's Jane Voorhies Zimmert Art Museum.

With his wife, Wendy, Devlin has written and illustrated more than 30 children's books. Their first book, "The Old Black Witch" with 100 pictures, sold more than 1.5 million copies.

There will be 12 awards, including the Helen Knick Keene Memorial Award for excellence in drawing, the William H. Miller Award for excellence in painting, and five awards of excellence and five awards of merit.

The public is invited, free of charge, to view the exhibit Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Office Center at Short Hills is located at 51 JFK Parkway. For information regarding this show, call 233-1158.



The All That Dance troupe will be among the performers at the Westfield Dance Company's "Dance in the Park" spring concert, scheduled for Saturday at noon. The ATD dancers have performed in Russia and Italy, and their director has choreographed a half-time show at a Glenside football game. Dance in the Park will be at Mindwaski Park at 245 East Broad St. in Westfield. A rain date has been set for Sunday at noon. For more information, call 789-3011.

Troupes of youngsters to dance in Westfield

The Westfield Dance Company will hold its Spring Concert, "Dance in the Park," Saturday in that township's Mindwaski Park. The performance will begin at noon. The group is a young people's dance company that offers dancers an opportunity to perform, attend dance competitions, and study with world-renowned choreographers and teachers, said Jenny Logan, artistic director.

'Madam' continues run

"Call Me Madam," starring Leslie Uggams, directed by Charles Repold, with an Irving Berlin score and a book by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse, continues its run at the Paper Mill Playhouse through May 26.

"Call Me Madam" is the musical inspired by societte Pearl Meta's exploits as European ambassador. In the musical, Pearl Meta has become "Dames with the swagger" as they "Adams who dance by President Harry Truman to the tiny European country of Liechtenberg. She plays matchmaker, confidante, and party giver, with just enough time left to call her old friend Henry."

The Berlin songs "You're Just in Love," "It's a Lovely Day Today," and "Something to Dance About" have earned "Call Me Madam" its place in the pantheon of classic Broadway musicals.

Uggams received the 1968 Tony Award for best actress in a musical for "Hallelujah, Baby!" Her portrayal of Kizis in "Rocky," the most watched musical drama show in television history, won her the Critics Choice Award for best leading actress. Additionally, Uggams won an Emmy Award as co-host of the NBC-TV series "Fantasy."

A first-of-its-kind arts and humanities program, "The Music of Irving Berlin" will be held May 21 at 7:30 p.m. and will examine the life and work of Irving Berlin, one of America's most prolific and popular composers. For information, call (201) 379-3636, ext. 2773.

The Paper Mill Playhouse is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. Performances of "Call Me Madam" have been scheduled for Wednesdays through Sundays at 8 p.m., Thursday matinees at 2 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Special added matinees will be May 8, 15 and 22 at 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$31 to \$46. Visa and MasterCard are accepted, and 510 student tickets may be available 15 minutes before curtain. For tickets and information, call (201) 376-4343. For groups of 10 or more, call (201) 379-3636, ext. 2438.

Hospital fundraiser planned
The Fairwood-Scott Plains Twigg Children's Specialized Hospital will hold its annual theater party fundraiser May 16 at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn.

Members and guests will see Tony Award winner Leslie Uggams in "Call Me Madam." All seats are located in the orchestra section.

The cost of each ticket is \$69, and proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to purchase equipment for the Children's Specialized Hospital Outpatient Center on South Avenue in Fairwood. The center is the principal site for many of the hospital's outpatient services and educational programs.

For ticket purchase and information, call Mari McDevitt at 233-8513 or Josephine Kelly at 233-1521. TWIG membership may be obtained by calling Geri Barcellona at 889-6190.

Theater group releases new seasonal calendar

The New Jersey Theatre Group's new theater Season Calendar is now in cases upcoming plays at New Jersey's professional theaters through September, complete with box office numbers for ordering single tickets and offers New Jersey's only low-cost, multi-theater ticket package that can now be charged by phone.

As an associate of New Jersey's professional theaters, NJTG's Theater Season Calendar describes dozens of plays in this one, easy-to-use package and makes it easy to select a Theater Sampler Series. The Sampler Series allows you to pick three plays, one at each of three different theaters, for a package price of \$55. Adding to the convenience of this package, Sampler Series can now be charged by phone on Visa or MasterCard.

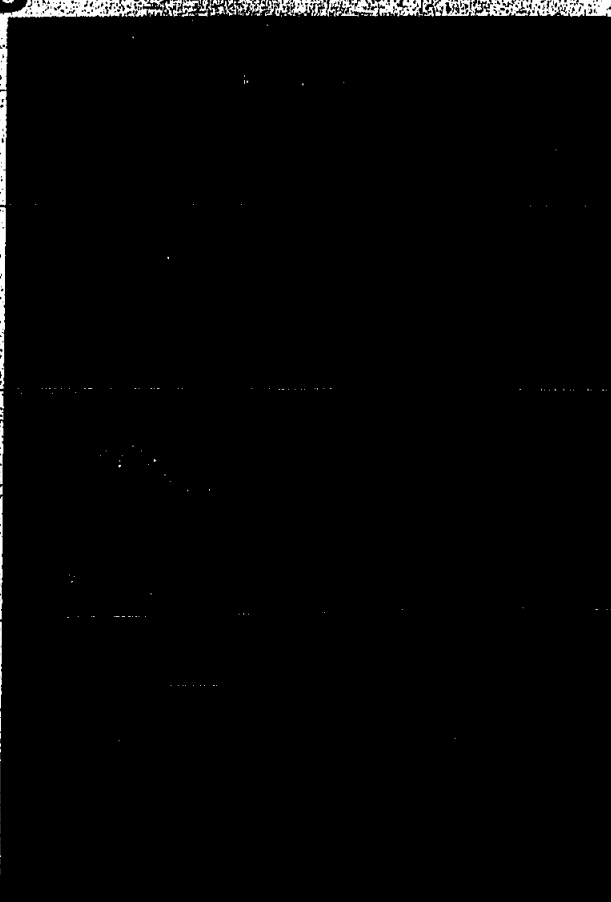
In northern New Jersey, American Stage Company's season continues with "All My Sons" and Arthur Miller's drama of family conflict, patriotic duty and personal greed in the aftermath of World War II.

In Millburn, Paper Mill Playhouse continues in the musical fast lane with Irving Berlin's "Call Me Madam."

Moving west, Steppenwolf Theatre in Summit will present a new stage adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women" in Madison.

West Coast, the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival will offer its first full-scale musical presentation with the Tony Award-winning "Two Gentlemen of Verona," based on Shakespeare's play of the same name.

To receive a free copy of the Season Calendar and more information on the Sampler Series, contact Anne Sullivan, New Jersey Theatre Group at 17 Cook Ave., Madison, NJ 07940, or call (201) 939-0189.



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'Godspell' cast chosen for production in June

Players to include Rahway, Garwood residents

Carnival Productions of Rahway has announced the cast for its upcoming production of "Godspell" which will open in June.

Starting in the role of Jesus is Clinton L. Scott, of Hawthorn. Scott is a familiar face to Carnival audiences, having been seen in "Cafe d'Angelo" and the company's recent production of "The Lion in Winter."

Garwood resident Stuart Harkowitz, who appeared in Rahway at the Union County Arts Center in "Phantom," will play Judas. Rounding out the cast are Franco Libano, of Rahway; Liz Adams, of Berkeley Heights; Steven Richard Fekelman, of Wilfield Park; Liz Mahon, of Atlantic Highlands; Tracey Ruffinelli, of Whippany; and Paula Weekes, of Bayonne.

Bill Van Sant, of Rahway, Carnival Productions' artistic director, will direct the show, and Charles Alexander Hay, of Cranford, is musical director. Company General Manager Wendy Chiquina, also of Rahway, is producer.

Van Sant said he expects audiences will be caught up in "Godspell's" infectious excitement.

"The show, by nature, relies heavily on the improvisational skills of the actors," he added. "The energy level in such a production is always more immediate. Add to that the show's message of the power of love and hope and you've got a package that's bound to make people feel good."

Conceived by John-Michael Tebbel, the show is highlighted by a score by Academy Award winner Stephen Schwartz. Among the musical numbers is the popular "Day by Day."

"Godspell" will be presented June 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22. All performances will begin at 8:30 p.m., with the exception of the 2:30 matinee on June 9. Tickets for the show cost \$10 for general admission and \$8 for students and senior citizens.

Lunch and dinner theater packages are available for \$20 and \$25, respectively. In addition to group rates, special packages are available for fund-raising opportunities and social events.

For information, call Carnival Productions at 388-0647.

NEWS CLIPS

Philathallians 'View' to open

The Philathallians production of "A View From the Bridge," by Arthur Miller opens tomorrow, at the Carriage House, located at 129 Watson Road in Fairwood.

The play centers on the relationships that develop between a tough, hard-boiled, and his wife's foreign cousin, who have come to live illegally with the family. There is internal turmoil fueling the combustible mixture of love and family responsibility.

Directed by Lea Mizak, additional performances of "A View From the Bridge" have been scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, and 25 at 8:30 p.m. A matinee also has been scheduled for May 11 at 2:30 p.m.

The cast includes Carl Barbee Steele, Gordon Wiener, Grishen Melinda Roth, Robyn Mandelakis, Victor LaMantia, Fred Canzaro, David Babcock, Terence Blackburn, Francine Hason, Michelle Kaplan, and Tony Carls.

Reservations can be made by calling 322-6586. Tickets cost \$10 at the door, \$8 for senior citizens.

LuPone show rescheduled

Due to scheduling conflicts, the date of this season's George Street Playhouse benefit concert, starring Tony Award winner Fela LuPone, has been changed to May 11.

This concert, scheduled for June 1, will take place at the State Theatre, located at 19 Livingston Ave. in New Brunswick, at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$20-\$50 and may be purchased by calling the George Street Playhouse box office at 246-7717.

"When we learned Ms. LuPone had a scheduling conflict with our original concert date, we opted to accommodate her needs in order to keep her involved," said George Street Playhouse producing artistic director Gregory S. Hurst. "We have great admiration for Ms. LuPone and we are honored that she will perform to benefit George Street Playhouse."

LuPone received the 1980 Tony Award and Drama Desk Award for her performance in a musical for her performance as Eva Peron in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Evita."

She also received Tony Award nominations for her performances in the 1988 revival of "Anything Goes" and for "The Robber Bridegroom." More recently, she was seen on Broadway in "Falsetto."

Tickets to this performance have been priced at \$20, \$30, \$40 and \$50. For ticket information, call the George Street Playhouse box office at 246-7717.

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DINING/ENTERTAINMENT

Union Municipal Band to perform Monday



Tuba player Matt Walters and trumpet player Jack Trager of the Union Municipal Band prepare for the band's performance scheduled for Monday. Both will be showcased as soloists at different points during the show, which will be held at Burnet Middle School on Caldwell Avenue in Union.

The annual spring concert of the Union Municipal Band will be presented Monday at 7:45 p.m. in Burnet Middle School, located on Caldwell Avenue in Union.

Admission to the concert is free. Band director John Brunell has designed this year's program to feature a variety of band classics. Among the highlights of the concert will be three marches by Robert Browne Hall, often referred to as the "New England March King."

Among the selections on the program is Hall's "10th Regiment March," which is a kind of "March King."

The other two Hall compositions are the "Dunlap Commandery" and "Second Regiment Patriarch Military March."

Broadway show music on the program will feature selections from "Annie." In addition, eight of the tunes from the current Broadway hit "State Fair" also will be presented.

Four of the band's soloists will be featured, including Jack Trager on trumpet playing "El Tumbador" during the first half of the concert. Following intermission, Matthew Walters on tuba, Frederick Morris on piccolo, and Edward Sarajillo on bass clarinet will be soloists during the playing of "Tubby the Tuba."

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DINING REVIEW

May 2, 1996

Alfonso's Seafood & Steak House

None have even come close



Those who enter Alfonso's Seafood & Steak House on Hillside Avenue, above, may be tempted to stay a while.

The bar is modest in size, though very pleasant. The dimly lit environment combined with a glass of the house wine, makes it the perfect spot for a couple.

Alfonso's has a wide variety of foods ranging from appetizers such as Seafood, Chicken and Sausage, Broiled Veal Chops, Filet Mignon, Shish Ka Bob Lamb and Beef with Shrimp, and my personal favorite, Veal Marsala.

And for dessert lovers, I strongly recommend the Hazelnut Cappuccino Cake, although a wide variety of desserts will be brought to your table on the dessert "truck."

This delightful dinner and pleasant service costs less than I ever expected. Dinner entrees range in price from \$10 to \$20. Appetizers may be ordered for a price ranging from \$4 to \$7.

A vegetable soup or a house salad also is included with every dinner and it is homemade. The table's decor is elegant, with a flower placed on each table. It is very clean and a good choice for any dinner guest.

Owner Julio Resende greets guests at the door and makes his way about each and every table to make sure everyone is enjoying themselves.

The new Alfonso's has been around for 15 years but according to Resende, it was established many years ago and is well known by residents that have lived in Hillside for a long time.

Alfonso's may be reached at (908) 686-8919 and is open for lunch or dinner. It is, however, closed on Monday's.

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

NEWS CLIPS

Artist to lead demonstration

The Westfield Art Association will host a local artist who will give an oil painting demonstration on May 9 at 8 p.m.

Plainfield resident Brian Townsend, who graduated from the National Academy of Design, and the duCret School of the Arts, will lead the demonstration, which is open to the public.

He has had a number of exhibitions at the Swain Gallery and at duCret and the NJ Center for the Visual Arts. He has received the grand prize of the Atlantic City Annual Show, the Memorial Award at the National Academy Student Show, and first place in the 24th annual Victorian Festival of Art.

His art is in private collections as well as MOC Corp. in Murray Hill, Century Sports in Lakewood, the Atlantic City Art Center, and the Church of the Holy Comforter in Vienna, Va.

Townsend has taught at duCret, Somerset Art Association and the NJ Center for the Visual Arts.

The Westfield Art Association meets in the Westfield Community Room at 425 East Broad St. in Westfield.

Guests met by lady in lobby

There's a lady sitting in the lobby of the Watchung Arts Center. A woman of few words — none at all, in fact — but no one ignores her.

Joan Canger's life-size sculpture often gets talked to, marred, possibly even kissed. Two of his realistic pieces will inhabit the entry lobby of the Watchung Arts Center throughout May and June.

The building is open from 1-4 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays, allowing visits to the two galleries there.

Canger, who has been sculpting since 1952, has achieved a high level of realism and has been included in shows in New York and on the West Coast.

He's been a practicing artist for much longer, having done freelance illustrations since 1976. His illustrations are shown at the Newark Museum.

But sculpture is the vehicle through which Canger is conveying his message these days. His work was featured on the "Museum Williams Show" just a year after he'd switched to sculpting.

Center hosts photography salon

This month, the Watchung Arts Center is hosting the Garden State International Photography Salon.

The judging will be performed this weekend, and a public reception has been scheduled for May 11. The hours are 7-11 p.m., with a showing of artist centers at 8 p.m.

Noteworthy prints will hang in the gallery until May 28. There is no admission charge. Gallery hours are 1-4 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays.

Artists to compete for shows

To give area artists a chance to reach a larger audience, the Watchung Arts Center will hold a series of juried shows next year.

Seven one-person shows will be awarded in a competition open to all artists throughout the area. Those solo shows will be scheduled during the next year in the Lower Gallery at the Arts Center.

Artists wishing to enter the juried competition must submit up to three clearly labeled slides by the deadline May 20. A check for the \$25 entry fee must be included, plus a resume and a sturdy self-addressed envelope, with return postage. Entry material should be sent to Juried Competition, Watchung Arts Center, Watchung Circle, Watchung, NJ 07060. A full prospectus may be registered with a SASE or by calling 753-0190.

The jurors will be Susan Givony, director of exhibitions at the Morris Museum; Stacy Smith, curator of collections and exhibitions at the Noyes Museum; and Allison Weld, an artist and assistant curator of the New Jersey State Museum. In addition, all submitted work will be eligible for inclusion in exhibits planned for the center's main gallery during the 1997 season.

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Scenes of the city



"59th Street Carriage" is among the oil paintings by Robert Leber included in the "City Life" exhibit set to open Saturday at Swain Galleries. Most of the paintings in the show have been completed within the past year, and all depict scenes of New York City, from the ethnic neighborhoods around Canal Street to Central Park. An opening reception will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday. Swain Galleries is located at 703 Watchung Ave. in Plainfield. For more information, call 756-1707.

Bank displays works of Westfield Art Association member

The works of Westfield Art Association member Joan Polshnick will be on display until the middle of May at the Elm Street branch of Midland Bank in Westfield. A retired educator, Polshnick is artist-in-residence at the JCC Nursery School in Scotch Plains, where she has devised an arts awareness program for children.

Polshnick's floral watercolors and pen and ink woodcut scenes have earned her numerous awards, the latest being an honorable mention at the recent Westfield Art Association Show.

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To get started on your walkway, you'll need the following tools and products: one 50-pound bag of pre-mixed concrete for each 2-by-2-foot section, one heavy duty plastic concrete mold, plastic mixing tub or wheelbarrow, trowel, shovel and cement color.

Add clean water to the concrete mix, and mix until you achieve a workable consistency. Don't get concrete too wet. Place the concrete mold level on the ground. Fill the cavities of the mold with pre-mixed concrete.

Once the cavities are filled with concrete, smooth the surface on all edges with a trowel until even. When cavities of the mold are smoothed, pat the surface to prevent any air bubbles.

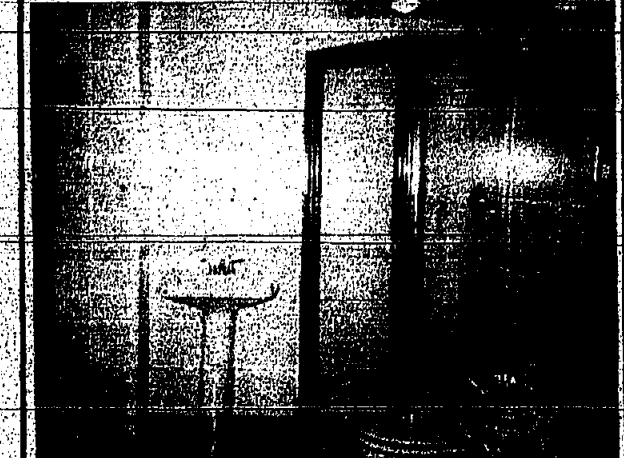
Remove the mold immediately and let the concrete block or section harden on. Place the mold adjacent to the section just completed and repeat the process until the entire length is finished.

When the entire walkway is completed, the concrete has hardened, set the walkway by sweeping mortar mix or sand between the bricks or stones.

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Rooms to grow



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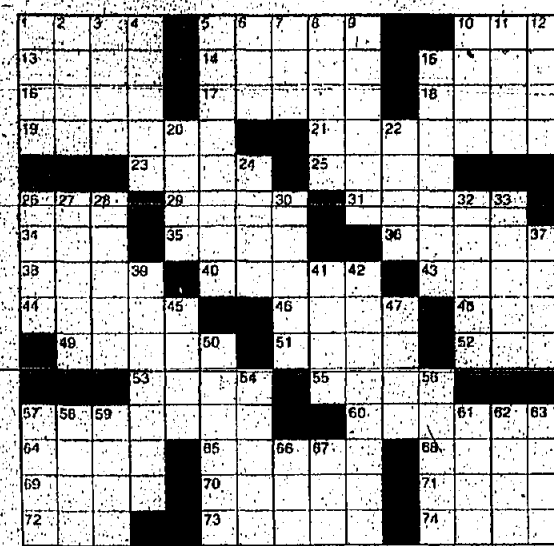
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Exhibit at Swain will close today

An exclusive gallery exhibit from a private New Jersey collection of 18th and 19th century English and Scottish paintings, a number by master painters will close today at Swain Galleries in Plainfield.

'Ancestral Strivings' continues its run at the Gallery

Lennie Pierno's exhibition of paintings, "Line Sans Libros Line: Ancestral Strivings," continues at the Gallery of South Orange.

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SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL to begin this month

The New Jersey Shakespeare Festival will begin its 34th main stage season with the production of "The Merchant of Venice" on May 5.

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Arts Center plans contest

The Washington Arts Center is hosting the annual Garden State International Photography Salon.

These local photographers are among the judges who will select the best of each category.

The winners will be announced at the reception, where hundreds of prints will be displayed.

Those with a deep interest in photography may wish to witness the judging, which will take place Saturday.

This year's panel of judges includes Union resident Fred Reiss.

Students' works displayed

The James Howe Gallery at Kean College in Union will display its Master Thesis Exhibition 1996.

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NEWS CLIPS

Joan's group to meet tonight

The next meeting of "Ask a Joins Team Member," a new series featuring Joins diabetes specialists offering advice, will be tonight at 7 o'clock.

Lyme Disease talk planned

Dr. Paul Ruggieri, Cooperative Extension of Union County master gardener, will discuss how to identify and protect against Lyme Disease, as well as what to do when bitten by a tick.

Cancer screenings offered

The Dermatology Department and the Cancer Center of Saint Barnabas Medical Center will sponsor a free skin cancer screening on Wednesday, May 2, 1996.

Asthma seminar scheduled

A community education program on allergy and asthma conditions, effects, treatments and prevention will be given Wednesday by Donald B. Periman of the Asthma and Allergy Care Center.

Support groups meet

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HEALTH/FITNESS & MEDICINE

With 'neck check,' doctors can prevent stroke

If you're age 50 or older, ask your doctor to listen to the carotid arteries in your neck. The sound could signal an impending — and preventable — stroke.

House Calls

By Dr. Robert W. Hobson II

Blockage. A simple ultrasound test often gauges the blockage and indicates whether medication or surgery is necessary to treat it.

With coming of spring, allergens thrive in air

Spring is in the air, and so are many of the allergens that accompany the change of season.

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Dr. Jay Jacobson, chiropractor, representing Tiger's Tae Kwon Do School in Edison, was the recipient of the silver medal, placing second in the senior division of the 1996 American Open Tae Kwon Do Championships held at Drew University in Madison, N.J. on March 30, 1996.

On the left is his coach, Master Lee Chang, second degree black belt and on his right is his Grandmaster Tiger Cheung, seventh degree black belt of Tiger's Tae Kwon Do School.

At 52 years of age, Dr. Jacobson believes that in order to meet the challenges and stresses life presents, chronological age is not as important as being in top physical condition.

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Attractive, 37 year old female. 5'6", 120 lbs. and blonde. Looking for a tall, professional, honest white male, 40 to 50. BOX 16287

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Jewish widow, 55 years young, 5'7" with a medium build. I'm attracted with good sense of humor. Looking for a male widow, preferably Jewish, over 5'10", 40 to 45, who enjoys 50's music, dancing, Atlantic City and life in general. BOX 15376

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40 year old attractive, single black female, 5'5" with a medium build. Looking for a male, non smoking, 5'9" and taller, for good times. Enjoy dining out, movies and a good conversation. BOX 36434

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

36 year old attractive lady. Drug, alcohol and smoke free. Energetic and outgoing. Seeking a nice gentleman. BOX 15744

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30 year old, single, professional female. Looking for a male, 30 to 40, who enjoys 50's music, dancing, Atlantic City and life in general. BOX 36462

SINCERE FEMALE

23 year old, single, professional white female, 5'5" with brown hair and eyes. Looking for a very special guy with good family values and ready for a serious relationship. Enjoy traveling, sports, fishing, walking and more. I would like to share these things and more with someone. I'm also learning how to cook. BOX 15040

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Professional black female, age 30. I am very attractive, 5'6" and weigh 120 pounds. Seeking a professional white male age 33 to 37. Must be active and working, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 14721

SINCERE FEMALE

Single white female, 29, 49, but looking younger. Enjoy movies, dining, dancing, long walks and being with that special someone. Seeking a single white male who is a non smoker and easy going. Looking for a long term relationship. Please call and leave a message. Looking for that special man who is open to a long term relationship. BOX 14718

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Looking for a lady white male, 58 to 60. Love reading, walking, art, music, dogs, etc. I'm a 5'2", 120 pound, attractive female. BOX 15770

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Community Update

Place your vote

Residents seeking to cast their votes for or against the dissolution of Union County Regional High School District 1 should report to the following polling places:

- Districts 1 and 4 - Presbyterian Parish House (upper floor), Church Hill.
- Districts 2 and 3 - Fire House, Caldwell Place.
- Districts 5 and 6 - Caldwell School, Caldwell Place.
- Districts 7 and 8 - Garden School, South Springfield Avenue.
- Districts 9 and 10 - Chestnut School, Stranquist Road.
- Districts 11 and 12 - Sander School, South Springfield Avenue.
- Districts 13 and 14 - Walton School, Mountain Avenue.

Polls close at 9 p.m.

Play ball

Anyone interested in seeking a position on the board of the Springfield Junior Baseball League should send a letter of interest to the Springfield Junior Baseball League, Inc., c/o Nominating Committee, P.O. Box 444, Springfield, N.J. 07081.

Health Day

The Board of Health has announced that it will sponsor Health Day Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at the Sarah Bailey Center, 30 Church Hill.

The health program, open to residents of Springfield, Ruswood, Cranwood, Mountaineer and Westfield will offer an extensive blood screening consisting of SMA/C26, a Complete Blood Count and a High Density Lipoprotein (HDL) test.

Pre-registration for the blood test is mandatory and will be conducted by the Westfield Health Department at 405 East Broad St. in Westfield weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. beginning Monday. Registration is not required for the blood test but may be discontinued if program capacity is reached before.

The SMA/C26 costs \$16. Other tests may be done for additional charges. All fees must be paid at the time of registration. For more information call the Health Department at 789-4070.

A Blood Pressure Program also will be offered.

Extended day offered Congregation Israel of Springfield announced an extended day for its nursery school. The new, longer hours are 8:30 a.m. and 2:4 p.m. The hours will be available on a yearly, monthly and drop-in basis. The Nursery School combines traditional Jewish education and secular learning. For registration and information, call the synagogue office at (201) 467-9666.

InfoSource: 686-9898 Time and temperature - 1000 Lottery results - 1000 Local scores - 7401 Sports schedules - 7401 Like of the Day - 3218 These selections appear on a 24-hour voice information service provided by Worral Community Newspapers. For more selections, see Page B2.

Holy quacamole!



James Caldwell School fourth-graders Frank Micelli left, Brett Yanow and Rachel Millman prepare quacamole for the Kids' Table at the Multi-Cultural Food Festival on April 25.

Stop & Shop suspends Saks site development

By Kathryn Fitzgerald, Managing Editor

The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company has suspended its efforts to locate a supermarket on the former Millburn Avenue site of Saks Fifth Avenue.

"We're a very aggressive company and we have other locations we're very excited about," said Stephen Reid, public relations representative for the supermarket chain.

On May 1, a company representative disclosed that the supermarket chain would be concentrating its resources on "other active projects in northern New Jersey." Those remarks were contained in a letter written to Springfield and Millburn municipal officials by Stop & Shop Senior Vice President Michael Blazowski.

Developer takes on COAH

Federal suit claims bias, stalling in affordable housing plan

By Kathryn Fitzgerald, Managing Editor

Attorney Jonathan M. Pezaro filed suit in U.S. District Court on May 15, charging that the allocation of housing units is undermining his client's interests.

The developer is seeking declaratory and injunctive relief as well as monetary damages and also has alleged that "its constitutional rights have been violated by the taking of its land without return, eradication of its investment-backed

expectations and possibilities and causing him financial harm by weakening his financial ability and credibility."

Pezaro asserted that the numbers are "discriminatory racially and in violation of the Fair Housing Act both on their face and as applied to plaintiff's case."

He claims that the plaintiffs are "discriminated adversely, capriciously and without reason."

Previously, COAH established that every municipality has the "right" to "allocate" housing units.

COAH's "right" to "allocate" housing units was calculated when Pezaro filed his initial complaint in 1991. The new, current and progressive need for 1992-99, according to Pezaro's complaint, is 157 units for Springfield.

The current number, the total need was assessed at, over 145,000 units, although "certain housing advocates"

have estimated the need to be approximately 675,000. The new figure estimates that 83,000 units are needed, a reduction of approximately 43 percent.

Pezaro's previous litigation alleged that Springfield, Union County and the Department of Transportation had conspired to ignore and foster avoidance of the township's obligation to provide affordable housing.

"I'm alleging that COAH shows a hostile and political force to be the adversary of a developer like myself," Pezaro said. "The numbers are but a means to allow this to become a political issue rather than one of planning and providing the community with affordable housing."

Pezaro added that he believes that this federal suit could be a "cleaner, better way to get to the truth through discovery."

Survey shows more support dissolution

By Jay Hochberg, Associate Editor

An anonymous poll conducted by Worral Community Newspapers is an indication of the future of the Regional High School District, dissolutionists "might" be approved by the voters on Tuesday.

Counting Down

Seventhr in a series

In total, votes in favor of dissolving the regional educational district were supported by more than 100. From among those four municipalities, 236 votes were cast for dissolution; 127 were cast against.

In Springfield, 94 votes were cast in favor of the referendum; 70 were cast against.

In Mountaineer, 13 votes were cast in favor of the referendum; 2 were cast against.

In Cranwood, 174 votes were cast in favor of the referendum; 25 were cast against.

In Westfield, 174 votes were cast in favor of the referendum; 5 were cast against.

In Clark, 30 votes were cast in favor of the referendum; 5 were cast against.

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Getting a leg up



Courtney Castell demonstrates the Computer Keyboard Mat Game to other Weston School kindergarten at the Math, Science and Technology Fair on April 30. In this activity, students reviewed parts of the keyboard, took turns hoping to spell their names, choose cards representing the keys and moved to the corresponding keys and hoped to spell familiar words or names. For more on the Early Childhood Center's Math, Science and Technology Month '96, see Page 14.

Regional board rewards 'outstanding' teachers

By Charles Bivona, Staff Writer

The Regional High School Board of Education held its regular meeting at Governor Livingston High School Tuesday night when it presented three Outstanding Teacher of the Year awards.

Barbara Otending, a foreign language teacher, Lay Anderson, a science teacher, and Monica Louis, who works with the deaf and hearing impaired, were named by their respective principals before receiving framed certificates from the school board.

"It is a pleasure to have such excellent teachers," said Regional Board of Education President Joan Toth as she congratulated each recipient. "We are so very proud to have you working with us."

In other board business, Board Secretary Peter Lani's report presented a record when Berkeley Heights representative Alok Chakrabarti

requested information about a water and heating bill.

"We have to give those questions," he said. "It is our responsibility to question - what is good for the taxpayers."

But Toth criticized what she said was his lack of preparation, saying, "I would advise you in the future to check into these things prior to the meeting. It will save us a lot of time."

"Not Sunbur school Toth, saying 'you have to do your homework. I think the meetings will run a lot smoother that way.'"

Some of the board members, however, agreed with Chakrabarti's point and defended the right to allow open questions and answers to be exchanged at the meetings in order to clear up any confusion that may arise.

"I want my questions on the record," said Kenneth representative Robert Jean. "I want my constituent Alok Chakrabarti"

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