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Paving the way
School board makes plans for K-12 athletics program
By Kathryn Fitzgerald
The Board of Education of the Township of Livingston is planning to launch a K-12 athletics program in the fall. The board voted 11-2 to approve a resolution that authorizes the school district to enter into a contract with a private contractor to provide the program. The contractor will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the program, including the hiring of coaches and the scheduling of events. The board also voted to allocate \$100,000 for the program. The program will include a variety of sports, including basketball, soccer, and tennis. The board expects to begin the program in the fall of 1996.

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Former resident wins '96 Miss NJ contest
By Andrew Boas
She would have thought that a woman who claims to have been "popped" as a girl would be surprised to win the Miss New Jersey 1996 title. That's exactly what happened to Christina Augustayo, a former resident of Springfield, who won the title on Sunday night. Augustayo, 23, is a graduate of the Livingston High School. She is currently a student at the University of New Jersey. She has been crowned Miss New Jersey since 1996.

Assembly passes pursuit bill
District 21 Republicans push for 'Monroe's legacy'
By Blaine Dillip
A bill sponsored by Assemblyman Joe Wengert that would limit the liability of police officers who cause injuries during pursuits was passed by the Assembly Monday. The bill would restrict the liability of police officers who cause injuries during pursuits to the amount of the officer's salary. The bill would also require the officer to be found negligent before the officer can be held liable for the injuries. The bill is expected to be signed into law by the Governor.

Dayton's Young Entrepreneurs wear success well
By Christine Eas
Students at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School are getting an early introduction to the business world. They are participating in a program called "Young Entrepreneurs." The program is designed to help students develop their business skills and to provide them with a real-world experience. The students are working on projects that range from starting a business to developing a marketing plan. The program is being run by the school's Business Education Department.

Dayton's Young Entrepreneurs wear success well
The Dirty Dawg Active Wear team, responsible for the Project Graduation T-shirts, poses with some of the items they produce. Pictured are Todd Benniger, standing left, Joe Sarno, Kristin Penny packer, Jon Gordon, Brian Turner, Veronica Escobedo, Feusto Malute, Rich Olson, Tara Neumeyer, Gary Sufin, Tara Krosner, John Novak, Alonzo Herran, Roza Nakhulin, Denis Vaeth, Steve Walker, Andy Siler and Secretary Mariela Kobuk. Seated left: Vice President La-Quinn Plinio, President Shane Rahmani, and Marketing Vice President Anthony Basile.

OPINION

Think before you dump

Nothing spoils a beautifully suburban landscape like refuse carelessly dumped hither and yon. To stumble upon trash discarded improperly is nothing short of a disaster in most neighborhoods.

Although not as obviously insidious as household garbage or toxic waste dumping, the recent depositing of grass clippings along roadways has not only brought out the anger of residents, but has garnered the attention of the Township Committee as well.

At the most recent committee meeting, Mayor Greg Clarke explained to the public that this practice of depositing grass clippings on the side of township roadways is "destroying the ambience of the neighborhoods." In addition, it is creating more work for the Department of Public Works and is "difficult to monitor."

Not only is the dumping of grass clippings unsightly, it is illegal and unnecessary. The township, in its deal with Union County, deposits all its grass clippings at the Houlihan Quarry property for proper disposal.

Since infractions are frequent, Clarke has requested that anyone who witnesses dumping to inform officials at the Municipal Building. Although it may seem extreme for residents to squeal on their neighbors, it may be the only key to solving this problem.

It is every citizen's duty to help keep their neighborhoods clean. With all the advances toward a cleaner, healthier environment Springfield gains through grants, programs and projects, citizens should make it their business to properly dispose of their own refuse, be it garbage or grass clippings, and not leave it for Public Works to handle.

Accountability

A recent bill sponsored by Assemblyman Joel Weingarten would limit the liability of law enforcement officers for injuries suffered during pursuit of a suspect. The measure, A-1888, amends the "New Jersey Tort Claim Act" by stating that a law enforcement officer involved in a motor vehicle, foot, bicycle or horseback pursuit of a fleeing suspect would not be liable for injuries sustained as a result of that pursuit. This is to say, the officer cannot be sued by the poor bystander he injures during a high speed chase. We question the assemblyman's thinking on this.

Weingarten said that "law enforcement officers are given the responsibility of upholding and enforcing the law to the best of their ability," adding that, "it is unfair to ask these public servants to put their lives on the line and then subject them to lawsuits while they are carrying out their duties."

There is a tremendous contradiction in this statement. If law enforcement officers are given the responsibility of upholding the law, are they not to do this while following the law themselves? Aren't they equally responsible for their actions? For the proper operation of a motor vehicle they drive?

If any one of us were to engage our cars in the kind of speeding, swerving and passing that suspect pursuits involve, and then had an accident which injured someone, we would be in a significant trouble.

The New Jersey Supreme Court ruling on this matter states that a law enforcement officer engaged in a motor vehicle pursuit is not liable for injuries arising from that pursuit unless those injuries were the result of "willful misconduct on the officer's part. Sure. If the officer deliberately engages in reckless behavior that injures another person, the officer is held to task. But what about those times when things go wrong without any willful misconduct at all? We call them accidents. A willful, reckless act with an automobile is a punishable act. But unwilful acts that result in the injury of another person but, just as much while not necessarily being punishable. Depending on the nature of the act and the extent of the injuries, they at least warrant accountability.

Some will say the Weingarten bill isn't that bad; that it might even be a good thing, encouraging officers to carry out their duties more aggressively, without hesitating from fear of a lawsuit. But isn't a little hesitation a good thing when you carry a gun, and can greatly exceed speed limits without too many people asking why you did it? Is this really a reduction in fear, or in accountability?

As this measure, A-1888, has been unanimously approved by the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee, it now heads to the full Assembly for consideration. We encourage the Assembly to think through what individual rights means, and to recognize how a bill like the one sponsored by Weingarten hinders these rights.

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LIFE'S A BEACH — Caldwell School third-grader Rachel Greenberg, left, gathers shells while her classmates, Jillian O'Leary, Jesse Weatherston and Jacqueline Weiss talk to a guide during their grade's annual trip to Sandy Hook.

Many athletes need to be cut down to size

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher
For as long as I can remember, professional athletes had an unwritten agreement that they would not purposely injure opponents whether it be on a baseball diamond, football field, basketball court or hockey rink.

The games would be rough and there was always plenty of action but any injuries were accidental or unintended. The idea behind this agreement was simple: We're all in this together trying to make a buck. After a game was over, winners and losers would get together at some bar and have fun at each other's expense. There would be no vendettas. All would relax, have a good time and go home as friends.

Of course, even back then, there was the exception who didn't conform to the unwritten agreement: Ty Cobb. The Ty Cobb who would slide into second base, spike high and head for the second baseman's face in an effort to gasp it open. Cobb was one of a kind who was a genius at the game, but who had a stingy element that was to hurt an opponent on purpose. He wound up being the most hated and loathed athlete of his time. But Cobb was the exception. Dick Bartoli of the New York Giants was another.

But in the last few years, we have a trend which we could call "Cobbism." There's a lot in Texas who want to trade a baseball bat — which Belle wears for another weapon. Belle has been willing to undergo immediate amputation to try to gain his "vicious" reputation. If Belle is mentally fit, he is fit to play baseball, but who makes too much money and never learned to behave in a civilized society.

Lentini was suspended for the first two games of the Stanley Cup playoffs and fined \$1,000 for a kind, albeit, attack on Kris Draper. The assault caused Draper a broken nose, severe facial lacerations and a fractured jaw that required surgery and he was out for two to three weeks. Now that's sportsmanship.

The Detroit Red Wings think Lentini's penalty is too lenient for such willful violence. I agree, I think the National Hockey League should have suspended Lentini for the entire Stanley Cup series, fined him \$50,000 and made him pay for Draper's doctors' and hospital costs. Perhaps Lentini didn't realize that the assault could have ended Draper's hockey career. Again, this kind of unsportsmanlike behavior is an example of another spoiled brat with too much money who thinks common decency is beneath him. Wasn't Lentini next year when the Colorado Avalanche made the sacrifices necessary to be an effective elected official, that he best is in the right place.

What I don't understand, however, is how she can take a stance without knowing the facts. Her gratuitous remark about having another election in May of each year reveals that she has not studied the issue. The major item considered by the ad hoc committee was the desire not to have elections yearly, but bi-annually at least.

The ad hoc committee took testimony from the last five mayors of Springfield. Additionally, there were two ex-mayors, of which I was one, on the committee. The committee was bi-partisan. The decision of the committee was that there should be such a study. It was not a political decision. It was a recommendation to the governing body that such a study be undertaken. The governing body is well advised to follow the recommendation.

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Headmistress Arlene Joy Gibson, left, and Board of Trustees President Ginger Worden, right, congratulate the winners of Beverly Jeanne Welsh Scholarships, from left, Susan...

City's young women receiving scholarships for college aid

Arlene Joy Gibson, headmistress of Kent Place School, announced the recipients of the Beverly Jeanne Welsh Scholarships...

Paramedics receive excellence honors

Durham hospital paramedics Eric Martin and Anne Padgett were among the recipients of the 1996 Paramedic Team Excellence Awards...

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Ramp & Circumstance

Thomas L. Gonsky, elementary school in Springfield, celebrated the May 17 graduation of the Class of 1996...

Mountainside Police reroute traffic around downed trees, power lines

On June 11 and 12, Mountainside police were called out to reroute traffic to different locations on Route 22 to divert traffic which was backed up due to downed trees and power lines...

OBITUARIES

Alice M. Shiel, 85, of the Corcoran Nursing Home, died June 11. Leslie Joan Wilson, 50, of Springfield, died June 11. Alexander Warner, 67, of Mountainside, died June 15.

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SPORTS

Some of state's best right here Collins, Schroeder and Hawkins are cream of the crop

Many of the most talented high school baseball players in the state reside right here in the Woborall Community Newspapers' readership area.

PAT COLLINS, Union: The Gloucester Circle of Champions New Jersey Player of the Year was 7-2 with a sparkling 0.91 earned-run average. The standout senior pitcher also batted .071 (39-for-55), hit three home runs, scored 25 runs and drove in 37. A 24th-round pick by the Atlanta Braves on the second day of this year's Major League Baseball Amateur Draft, Collins will attend Clemson University on a baseball scholarship. His three-year varsity pitching record was 18-8.

STEVE SCHROEDER, Summit: Another standout senior pitcher headed to the Atlantic Coast Conference, the Hilltopper lefty will continue his baseball career at Duke. Schroeder was 4-3 with a 1.11 ERA and finished his varsity career with 17 wins, tying the school record shared by two others. He also set school career records with 220 strikeouts and a 1.04 ERA. Schroeder batted .339 and drove in 23 runs and hit 50 innings struck out 68.

AL HAWKINS, Elizabeth: Last week this standout senior pitcher signed a contract with the Milwaukee Brewers, the team that drafted him in the 15th round this year. He was 5-2 with a 1.12 ERA and 82 strikeouts in 50 innings. Hawkins batted a team-high .339 in 1995, including a double play and a 4-2 win during an 11-1 sophomore campaign. One of Elizabeth's top three-sport athletes, Hawkins signed a letter of intent to attend Maryland on a football/baseball scholarship. He batted .516 this year with 36 RBI and finished his career with a .446 average, 104 RBI and 10 homers. Finished with 1,06 BBA and 312 strikeouts and 43 walks in 210 innings.

RYAN GRADY, Johnson: This super sophomore pitcher was one of the top hurlers in Union County and he still has two more years remaining. Grady was 6-0 with a 1.02 ERA. He also batted .592, scored 15 runs and drove in 25. **RAFAEL ARROYO, Rahway:** A high-schooler who behind the plate, this senior catcher threw out 15 runners attempting to steal. He drove in a team-high 24 runs and batted .311. He hit nine doubles, a triple and scored 16 runs.

BILL PETTE, Johnson: This senior catcher was one of the best all-around backstops in the area. He batted .360 and threw out 12 runners attempting to steal. Displaying speed for a catcher, Pette had a team-high four triples and stole four bases in four attempts. He scored 23 runs, hit two home runs and drove in 15.

TIM CONWAY, Gov. Livingston: The standout senior catcher from Mountainside delivered the game-winning hit in GL's 5-4 11-inning victory over Johnson in the UCT semifinals. Headed to Seton Hall University, he drove in a team-high 26 runs, batted three home runs and two doubles.

MIKE CICHOWSKI, Linden: A very good defensive first baseman, the senior batted .486, batted six doubles, one home run and drove in 32. He will continue his baseball career in the Patriot League next year for Division I-AA Lehigh.

STEVE MAJOCZA, Johnson: This senior second baseman batted .427, with a team-high 32 hits and five doubles. He had 22 RBI, 25 runs and one home run.

DON BUPE, Union: The Farmers' most consistent batsmen, this senior third baseman batted a team-high .522 (38-for-67), had three home runs and 32 RBI. He also scored a team-high 21 runs.

CRAIG CONWAY, Gov. Livingston: The younger brother, this Mountainside resident struck out just once in 84 at-bats, batted two home runs, two triples and 10 doubles. The senior shortstop was also 3-0 as a pitcher and stole 12 bases.

MARK MORAN, Union: A scholar-athlete, this talented senior outfielder batted .425 (34-for-80), had six doubles, three triples and 18 RBI.

TYREE CRAWFORD, Union: A speedy centerfielder, this junior was one of Union's better hitters during the second half of the season. He batted .352 (25-for-71), batted seven doubles, two home runs and drove in 23.

SHANE WALSH, Roselle: This junior outfielder also played first and third and batted a team-high .475, striking out only twice. He batted three home runs, three triples and six doubles and drove in 19.

ALVIN CRITTELL, Summit: This standout senior played catcher, first base, third base and shortstop and was the team's No. 2 pitcher. He batted an area-best .592 (42-for-71), breaking the school record of 469 set by Chris Cherry in 1988. Crittelli signed a letter of intent to attend Seton Hall University on a baseball scholarship. His 78-game high school career included a .414 average, 101 hits (sixth best school record), 13 home runs (school record), 89 RBI and 66 runs.

MIKE VIRGILIO, Linden: This junior was Union's No. 1 pitcher and his mound performance helped the Tigers reach the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 playoffs. He also batted a dramatic three-run homer in the bottom of the seventh to beat Roselle Park in Union County Tournament play.

See BEST OF THE BEST list on previous page.



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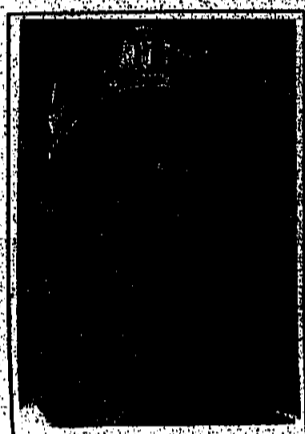
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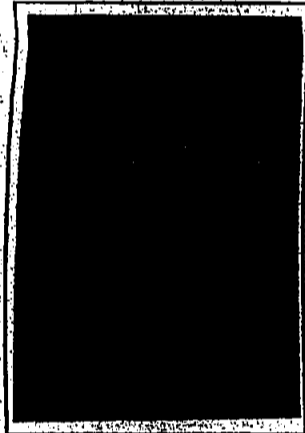
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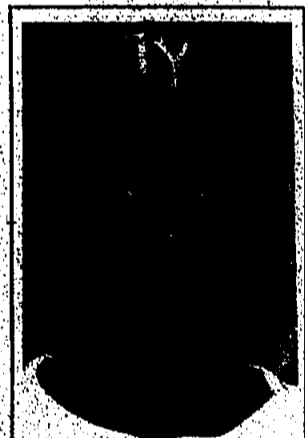
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UHS volleyballers outstanding

Farmers' varsity team finishes with 15-10 record

The Union High School varsity volleyball team completed the 1996 campaign with a winning record of 15-10, reaching the semifinals round of the Union County Tournament for a second consecutive season.

Union was defeated in the UCT semifinals by eventual county champion Westfield two games to one.

"The girls were very devoted to the team," Union coach Sue Lorenzo said. "Most of them never missed a game or practice. They are a great group of kids and it was a pleasure to coach."

Union's five graduating senior starters included scholar-athlete Christine Rowinski, Allison Weaver, Silvy Pagan, Evangelina Evangelista and Tazetha Thomas.

Rowinski was a first-team All County selection and an All-Tournament selection at the Davaco Regional Volleyball Tournament. An excellent all-around player and a strong hitter, Rowinski led the team in spikes (12) and blocks (4).

Rowinski was selected to play in last Saturday's annual NISCA All-Star Game at Montclair State.

Weaver was a second-team All County selection and an NISCA All-Star.

Queen's varsity player. She was team setter for 6-2 offense and a strong spiker and server.

Pagan was a third-team All County selection and was selected to play in the NISCA All-Star Game as well. A very strong defensive player, she led the team in digs with 111.

Evangelista was second on the team in digs with 109 and the club's leading server.

Thomas was a very strong spiker and blocker.

All five seniors were 1995-96 varsity letter-winners.

Varsity sponsors that will return next year include Kate Mankovich, Cheryl Corpey, Kaitie Corpey and LaTonya Fowler.

Medawich was second on the team in blocking shots.

Others who participated this year included: Juniors' Alina Ansel, Julie Baratta, Catherine Pastorek; Sophomores' Celine Rosales, Elise Matuszewska, Susan Rodriguez, Devin Makar, Sharrita Wheeler, Cheryl Wolensky; Freshman Maria Dimitrakaki, Marie Quasis, Karolina Zaczewska, Rainie Paganon, Andrea Yu.

Suffragettes Libras impress

The following are Union Suffragettes' Libras results from games played last Saturday:

SENIOR DIVISION: Libras 46, Pleasant 17. Tom Costello led a three-run homer, Lisa Ragucci assisted on a double play and Jen Thomas, Christine Speders and Kim Madala also played well for the Libras. Kelly Ford pitched well and blasted a three-run double for the Pirates. Jessica McGee had a two-run home run and drove in two runs. Signe will hit the ball well.

COACHES' DIVISION: Coach's 17, Zodiaca 6. Angela Di-venti, Nicole Siano had two hits and three RBI and Kim Weaver drove in two runs for the Coaches. Katie Madala was 3-for-3 and drove in four runs and Sandra Milton, Katie Permosa and Jessica Speders also played well.

Capricorn's 4, Aquarians 3. Jennifer Roggenman pitched well, Lauren Willis played well at catcher and Kristina drove in two runs.

CLUB DIVISION: Virgo 22, Gemini 6. Lisa Gochman batted a home run and drove in four runs. Sherry Krasinski had two hits, scored twice and drove in two runs and Kaitie Permosa had two RBI.

LEAGUE DIVISION: Virgo 22, Gemini 6. Lisa Gochman batted a home run and drove in four runs. Sherry Krasinski had two hits, scored twice and drove in two runs and Kaitie Permosa had two RBI and Katie Della Sella also hit the ball well for the Leo's.

JUNIOR DIVISION: Pollietas 14, Explorers 6. Zindy Minnie blasted four hits, Laura Blument had a home run and Janine Burns hit the ball well for the Pollietas. Gina Timiras and Janie Fast no played well defensively.

COMPETITORS 10, Diplomats 7: Laura Maloney batted a great defensive play at third and threw to Katie Speders at first for a double play. Andrea Brand and Jessica Thomas combined for several four-outs at second. Casey Nicolli played well for the Competitors. Colleen Shanahan, Michelle Tommaso and Melissa Cefalo played well for the Diplomats.

Other girls who played well in other games included: Victoria DiLore, Caitlin Colaneri, Bethany Assisi, Tracy Cwikala, Jill Wojciechowski, Jessica Penzinger, Kayla Kaplan, Samantha Curran, Kelly DiStefano, Lauren Wojcik, Denise Klotz, Nicole Wade, Jennifer Frier, Kristian Roggenmann, Jessica Pizzo, Daniela Castellani, Kara Wade, Darin Zengari, Gloria Armbrist, Priscilla and Tanya Antoga, Lindsay Hunt, Maria Perez, Malissa Dowling, Kristina Gallagher, Agostina DiMico, Danielle Babbitt, Lauren Miller, Samantha DeMarco, Katherine Ferrise and Carolina Odom.

Union Little League
The following are Union Little League results:

White Sox 9, Cubs 4: Danny Hayes had three RBI and William Hernandez two hits for the Sox. Chris Almorales and Danny Villone played well for the Cubs.

White Sox 8, Tigers 5: Mike Pol, Brian Koch and Mike Paroli played well for the Sox. Matt Smith had two hits and two runs for the Tigers.

Others who played well in other games included: Brian Dennis, Scott Della Sella, Tom Chisholm, Anthony Loria, Joe Catalano, Eric Moore, Thomas 12 and behind batting (winning homer), Kevin Magliero, Thomas Hahn, Nick Zimmerman, Kevin O'Neill, Joe Ellis, Josh Ellis, Steve Lombardi, Mike Caruso, Ryan Halverson, Jeff Katz, Michael Curran, Peter DeMarco, John Demicco, Chris DiBella, Michael Pagan, Mike Dennis, Brian Wilson, Ryan Ruhl, Bill McMillan, Andy Imbimbo, Rich Chicarello, Pete Bongiovanni, Scott O'Grady, Mike Rivers, Matt Chomsky, Tyli Margonilotti, Robert Sokol, Brian Hahn, Shawn Struass and Robert Sokol.



The Union High School varsity volleyball team finished 15-10 and the junior varsity 10-12.

Clark Sharks repel

The following are Clark Soccer Club results from games played last week:

INTER-COUNTY: Clark, Sharks 1, Scotch Plains 0; Coachkeepers Billy Weynberg and Marcell Cassanova played well and scored for the shutout. David Egner scored the goal and played well along with Jodie Socha, Mike Reilly, Chris Reilly, James Scholonek, Matt Kinball and Timmy Basile.

The following are Linden Recreation Men's Slowpitch Softball League standings as of June 13:

A DIVISION: Sun Tavern (7-0)

1. Papa's Deli (6-2)

2. Westfield K of C (4-2)

3. Snylen Inn II (3-4)

4. Bayview Liquors (2-3)

5. Snylen Inn (1-5)

6. Papa's Deli (0-2)

7. Snylen Inn (0-2)

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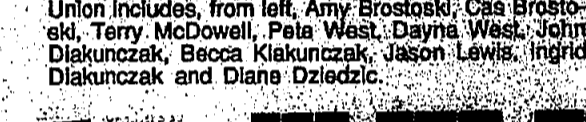
19. Snylen Inn (0-2)



Family Fitness Day at Kawamoch Middle School in Union includes, from left, Amy Brostolki, Cag Brostolki, Terry McDowell, Pats West, Jayna West, John Diakunzack, Becca Kikunzack, Jason Lewis, Ingrid Diakunzack and Diane Dziedzic.



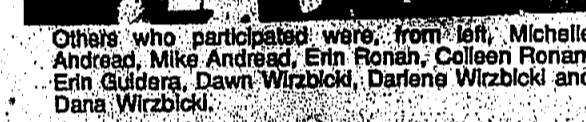
Others who participated were, from left, Michelle Anderson, Mike Anderson, Erin Fiorini, Colleen Fiorini, Erin Goldberg, Dawn Wirzbicki, Darlene Wirzbicki and Dana Wirzbicki.



And then there's Jennifer, Grace and Dana Covino.



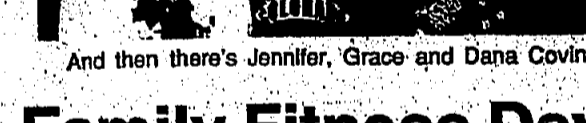
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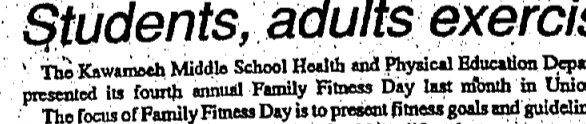
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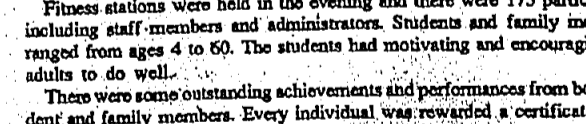
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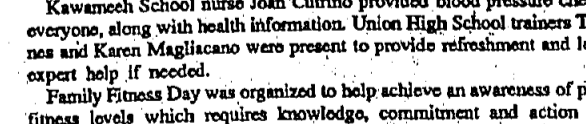
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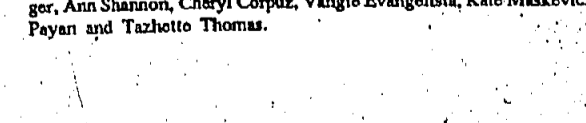
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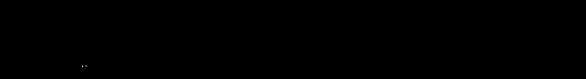
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Mountainside Cubs top Pirates, Orioles

The Cubs defeated the Pirates 2-0 and then beat the Orioles 11-4 in Mountainside Youth Baseball League playoff action that took place last Friday night. Jimmy Doolery pitched well for the Cubs as did Danny Drake, who struck out 11 for the Pirates. Chris Perez-Santalla batted a two-run double in the fourth inning, scoring Doolery and Isaac Krawczyk. Doolery and Krawczyk reached base on singles. Justin Polce in the outfield and Krawczyk at shortstop played well in the field for the Cubs. Joe Speranza hit safely for the Pirates as did Joe King and Nick Peter-Santalla for the Cubs. Chris Perez-Santalla went 4-for-4 including an inside-the-park home run to spark the Cubs past the Orioles. King also homered. Alex Callow drove for Sean Wisard. Caryfy and non-Cary made a great play in left field with a throw that saved two possible runs. Orioles pitcher Tim Birn hit a double.

Springfield Marlins victorious

The Marlins defeated Heyco 10-6 and the Cubs 22-21 in Springfield Field's "Pirates' Playoffs" action.

Steven Tolman's three hits paced the Marlins against Heyco. Louis Saraceno earned the mound for the Marlins and Adam Fornal had two hits. Nicky Maccero and Ed DePaola had two hits for Heyco.

Joseph Misurac was the winning pitcher against the Cubs, hurling the sixth inning. Tim Czuback had five hits and Fornal won. Mike Ties and Jonathan Denning had two hits for the Cubs.

Park Baseball School

The Park Instructional Baseball School will take place the week of July 8-12 at the Roselle Park Youth Baseball League fields.

Boys and girls in grades 3-7 are eligible to participate.

Brochures may be obtained at the Roselle Park High School main office or at one of the RPYBL fields.

Crescent Yanks win

The Crescent Yanks, sponsored by the Crescent Bating Cages of Union, won their only game played last week in Essex County Baseball League play.

Crescent defeated Millburn 7-5 at its home park in Kenilworth.

The standings as of Monday: Cranford (8-5-1, 17), South Orange (8-1, 10), Yankees (7-5-1, 15), Ballwin (5-5-1, 11), Millburn (3-8, 6), Livingston (1-8-1, 3).

Crescent is scheduled to play Cranford at Union High School tonight at 6 and then return home to host Belleville tomorrow night at 6. The Yankees are scheduled to play at Millburn Sunday at 4.

Starting pitcher Brian Zink earned the mound victory in last week's triumph over Millburn.

More information may be obtained by calling Bruce Best at 908-272-3738.

Union swimmer Dimond excels

Tracy Dimond, 7, of Union competed in last Sunday's N.J. Swimming Long Course Meet No. 2 at the Paramus Municipal Pool.

Dimond, a member of the Tidal Wave swimming team, placed fourth in the 100-meter butterfly.

Dimond also competed in the age 10-and-under events. Dimond achieved personal best times of 1:51.70 in the 100 butterfly and 1:56.77 in the 100 freestyle.

North-South June 29

The 18th annual New Jersey North-South High School Football All-Star Game is set for Saturday night, June 29 at Rutherford Stadium in New Brunswick.

Area players include Quinton Spottwood and Ray Rodzinski.

County opens customer information center to draw public

Due to popular demand, a repeat performance of the first open house will be held at the new Union County "One Stop" Customer Information Center at the County Complex in Westfield, according to Freeholder Linda Di Giovanni.

Horse riding is available

The opportunity to learn to ride a horse exists this summer at Union County's Equine Camp sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders through its Division of Parks and Recreation.

Other commitments during the day can take advantage of this special event, said Di Giovanni. "It will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at our Westfield complex, 300 North Ave. East, and there will be something for everyone. Visitors to our first open house really benefited from the personal advice the Master Gardeners gave them about plants and shrubs, and in identifying insects from their gardens and homes and discussing healthy pest steps. They will be on hand along with our Mosquito Control experts, who are working hard to show residents how they can eliminate certain conditions on their property that attract mosquitoes to breed and live there. It is important to help residents protect their families and neighborhoods from these biting nuisances.

"Our free blood pressure screenings by representatives from Renaissance Specialties Hospital were also a big hit, and will be available again, as well as demonstrations using durable models to teach breast self-examinations. We want our residents to know how to keep themselves as healthy as possible. Residents can pick up additional information on many different topics from other county representatives, including service for seniors and the disabled, mental health issues, drug abuse and

prevention, camping, activities and events being held throughout the summer at our county parks, art center and facilities, consumer affairs, Medicaid, food stamps, rotary public certification, environmental affairs, property deeds and passports. The list goes on and on," said Di Giovanni.

"Many of our county departments, divisions and agencies will participate in this event," said Freeholder Carol Colon. "Representatives will be on hand to answer questions and address individual needs, including Public Safety, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Rutgers Cooperative Extension and the offices of the Sheriff, County Clerk and Surrogate."

This first Customer Information Center will continue tomorrow from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and provides residents in the central and western part of the county easier access to the information and services the county provides — all under one roof. Additional sites and the purchase of a van are currently being evaluated. Residents looking for information or assistance but are not sure where to call can now call one number — (908) 518-9000 — to reach the county's new "one-stop" Customer Information Line, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Individuals with hearing impairments can call the TTY line at (908) 686-9900 for assistance.

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Jazz pianist to play Arts Center

The Jazz Series at the Watching Arts Center will continue tomorrow with celebrated jazz pianist Johnny Varro making his annual visit. "This year he's assembled a trio for the occasion, including pianist Kenny Davern and drummer Tony DeNicola. The concert will start at 8 p.m. with tickets priced at \$10.

Joe Sullivan and others grew up playing them, Bobby Hackett, took over the keyboard at Eddie Condon's famed club, first as interim pianist, then as part of the house band. Varro worked New York's other prestigious jazz rooms before settling in Miami to work for Jackie Gleason and others. These days he tours the festival circuit whenever possible, as well as flying off to please his Bayshore fans and keeping up with recording sessions.

Kenny Davern is perhaps the most sought-after pianist. His aggressive improvisational style is recognized on the many recordings he has made as leader and sideman. As co-leader of Soprano Summit, he produced some of the most original jazz recordings of the decade, exploring and expanding the horizons of the smaller reed instruments.

Drummer Tony DeNicola is more than just a timekeeper. He is supportive of the more delicate instruments in the band, always with a deft touch. Drummers are not often included in Jazz Series concerts due to the intimacy of the space, but Tony DeNicola is a welcome exception.

Crime thriller pairs DeNiro and Pacino

The Video Detective

By Jim Riffel

One of the most highly anticipated films of 1995 was "Heat," a tightly crafted crime thriller directed by Michael Mann, the man who created "Miami Vice."

There had been other suspense films that year that dealt with the criminal world, but this one had a major hook that none of the others could lay claim to: the first on-screen pairing of Robert DeNiro and Al Pacino since "The Godfather, Part II."

DeNiro plays Neil McCauley, a sophisticated, intelligent thief who uses high-tech equipment and weapons to pull off his daring robberies. The film opens with his team of specialists going after an armored car filled with millions in bonds.

McCauley has orchestrated the entire heist down to the second, but his major snag when one of his new recruits, Watson, goes trigger-happy and brutally guns down two cops. The bang gets away, but not without the police's victim Hanna (Al Pacino) jumping on the case. Hanna begins to track McCauley, and his cohorts (including Vin Diesel, Jon Voight, and Tom Sizemore) as they plan one last job that will set all of them up for life.

New on video: "Mighty Aphrodite," comedy, "Sudden Death," action, and "Richard the Third," drama.

A resident of Mount Laurel, Jim Riffel is the author of "The Video Detective's Guide to the Top 100 Films of All Time."

Groups unite to plan for first Irish parade

After years of waiting and longing while other areas celebrated their Irish heritage, a congregation of Gaelic organizations and Irish-Americans are uniting to plan the first parade ever to honor Saint Patrick in Union County.

The Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, which is comprised of representatives from eight organizations, is looking for volunteers to work on the parade effort. "We need to have the roots and culture of the Irish people celebrated right here at home in our county,"

said Joseph O'Connell, chairman of the parade committee. "The idea for the parade began last year. Other groups participating include the Irish Society of Union, the County Emerald Society, the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, the Irish American Association, according to county Assistant Prosecutor Robert P. O'Leary."

"The Irish and the Irish-Americans in the county have given a lot to the people of the county in terms of community and public service, fire protection, labor projects and law enforcement," said Joseph O'Connell, president of the Joseph Rogers Sr. Association. "All of us thought it was time to give something back."

Exhibit of miniature art continues

Containing examples of miniature art, the Ronco Passmore Art Gallery at the Paper Mill Inn continues its annual International Miniature Art Exhibition.

With their trademark characteristics being an extreme attention to detail, these miniature artists have been selected as a maximum of one-third the actual size.

The gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday, from one hour before performance through the intermission and on Fridays from noon to 3 p.m. For more information, call (201) 378-9636, ext. 2272.

Music mission

Freeholder Linda-Lee Kelly, left, presents a resolution honoring music for all seasons to Rena Frutkin and Brian Callow, two of that organization's directors. The group brings live entertainment to hospitals, nursing homes and homes for children.



University offers summer courses in painting skills

Seton Hall University is offering two "hot-credit" summer painting courses. Lonic Hiza will teach watercolor technique on Wednesday and June 26, from 1-3 p.m. Randy Schweitzer will teach oil painting on July 10, 17 and 24, from 9-11:45 a.m.

The watercolor course will cover drawing and composition, color and value contrast, and "wet into wet" and dry brush techniques. Hiza has taught at the Bloomfield Art League, the Morris County Art Association, Morris County College and Montclair Art Museum, as well as at Seton Hall.

Enrollment is limited for both courses. For more information, call Seton Hall University Continuing Education at (201) 761-9763.

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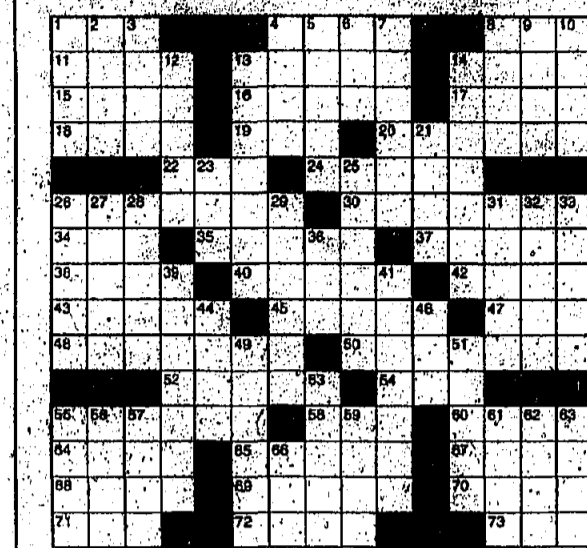
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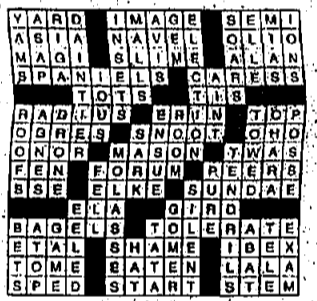
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1. Cuts a peg
 4. Lulls
 8. Herringbone sound
 11. He had a good time
 13. Sign on the beach
 14. Sandcastle
 15. Maltipoo
 16. Flute's accompaniment
 17. Delicacy
 18. Color of the sea
 19. Dip
 20. Frown
 21. Capital of the Netherlands
 24. Flower
 25. Historic places
 26. Confront
 27. North Pole wader
 28. Whimsical
 29. Shyly fluffy poopy
 30. Subliminal
 31. Character on Star Trek: The Next Generation
 32. Mashed
 33. Prayers end
 34. Union letters
 35. Head
 36. Good lady
 37. Country's top
 38. New location
- DOWN**
1. March
 2. Hand to hand
 3. Ma. Viet of Peter Gunn
 4. More
 5. Japanese poet
 6. "Yes" by Bill Van Sant
 7. Had occasion for
 8. Former Dutch colony
 9. Scientific suffix
 10. Legend
 12. Feltow of medicine
 13. Shire
 14. Reunion
 15. Three M... Baby
 16. Cries
 17. Freeway shield
 18. Material
 19. Country's top
 20. Alpine animal
 21. Many times
 22. Equine
 23. Luncheon
 24. What Acaulapha was changed to
 25. Socks for you
 26. Perfumed
 27. (Asian song)
 28. Broad
 29. Probable concern
 30. Pil. Joy author
 31. Dill
 32. Boobying word
 33. Tense-voiced guttural
 34. The Dal
 35. Turkish region
 36. The Father
 37. Megaphone role
 38. Actor Gerard

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Performances of "Godspell" have been scheduled for today, tomorrow and Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Tickets for the show cost \$10 for general admission and \$8 for students and senior citizens.

Luncheon and dinner theater packages are available for \$20 and \$25, respectively. For information, call Carnival Productions at 388-0647.

HOROSCOPE

For The Week of June 23-29

ARIES March 21-April 20
An old friend calls with some exciting news. Resist the temptation to share what you've learned—no one wants to steal your friend's thunder. A casual evening with a group could be just the cure for the blues you've been feeling.

Taurus April 21-May 21
Don't be shy about asking a mate or friend for the support you need. If it's a difficult time today, seek out a change of pace or scenery to reinvigorate your attitude. Ask an experienced person to help you navigate a complicated situation.

GEMINI May 22-June 21
Don't waste your time taking questions if you want to learn about something, be prepared to get your hands dirty. Take a whole look at household finances. There could be a drain on your resources that you're not aware of.

CANCER June 22-July 22
Stretch your abilities by taking on an ambitious project. Marshall all your resources, and you could be pleasantly surprised at the results. A large investment begins to pay off. Begin making plans for a family get-together.

LEO July 23-August 23
To correct an old mistake, go right to the source of the problem. Don't delay. A visit with a friend leads to the opportunity to take a little off-nouveau. Appreciate the past but don't dwell on it.

VERGO August 24-September 22
You're extremely lucky when it comes to matters of the heart this week. Follow your romantic impulses, and you'll reap the rewards. Don't allow your resolve to gain the upper hand at work, though. They could lose your judgment at a critical time.

LIBRA September 23-October 23
A starlight period is coming to an end. Focus on the little pleasures life has to offer in recharging your batteries. A longtime acquaintance has a proposal to make that could change your relationship. Consider carefully before giving your answer.

SCORPIO October 24-November 22
Instead of employing high-pressure tactics to get what you want, try to apply just a little pressure—in the right place. You'll meet your mate's trial and make a big impression. Family matters take precedence toward the end of the week.

SAGITTARIUS November 23-December 21
Focus your attention on the jobs that are ahead. If your mind wanders, you could miss out on some important information. Be sure to check out all the options before making a commitment. In romance, you're blessed with a partner who's clear on what he or she wants. All you have to do is listen.

PISCES January 22-February 19
Setting your sights a little higher will yield big dividends, so don't be afraid to take a new step. These weeks are making things happen. It takes effort and commitment to make a lasting change. Working together on a project strengthens a romance.

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ORGANIZATION: Baton Hall University

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JUNE 24, 1996 (RAIN DATE SUNDAY, JULY 7)
EVENT: Flea Market and Craft Show (Outdoors)
PLACE: (C66) Gateway Center, 520 Bellevue Avenue (off Franklin Avenue), Bellevue
TIME: 9am-5pm
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CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20
Look to someone quiet for inspiration. A great goal may be hidden in an unlikely place. Discussions toward the end of the week may border on the spiritual, and you could reach a new understanding.

Attention producers and performers

This newspaper encourages producers and performers of musical, theatrical and artistic events to tell our editors about scheduled activities. Releases should be typed, double-spaced, and include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day. Send information to: Lifesize Editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, N.J. 07083.

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PURSUANT TO THE provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Hearing Act, the following public hearing will be held on the subject of the proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance of the Township of Union, New Jersey, as follows:

DATE: June 27, 1996
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Union Township Office, 1000 E. Livingston Avenue, Union, N.J. 07083

PUBLIC HEARING: The public hearing will be held on the subject of the proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance of the Township of Union, New Jersey, as follows:

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DINING/ENTERTAINMENT

Photos and paintings are included in exhibit

Display of words by three artists are on exhibit at Children's Specialist Hospital in Mountlake Park this month.

Patricia Cleary Rappa's clown images, among other works, are included in the exhibit.

Rappa, who has been painting and drawing for 23 years, paints to tell stories of her past, present and future. "Sometimes the story is recognizable to me. At other times, the story is told in images which are clues that slowly take on meaning as I look at that painting year after year," Rappa explained.

A display of photography by Stanley M. Nowakowski is on display also.

Nowakowski is a self-taught photographer who has been behind the camera since 1945. At that time he joined the Crawford Camera Club, where he was able to meet fellow enthusiasts and learn the basics of photography.

Since that time, Nowakowski has exhibited his work throughout New Jersey including at the New Jersey Audubon Society at Schramm-Hoffman Succursals in Barnegatville and at the Hagerly Education Center on the grounds of the Fairleigh-Dickinson University in Raritan.

His works have received various awards and recognition including first place in the photography category at a competition sponsored by the Union County Senior Art Council. From there, he went on to represent Union County in the state competition where he was again awarded first place honors.

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DINING REVIEW
JUNE 20, 1996
LIBERTY PUB
Home atmosphere surrounded by friendly staff.

By Rande Bayer-Spittel
Staff Writer

Looking for a bite to eat in a honey atmosphere surrounded by friendly staff? Try Liberty Pub. The pub is located in downtown Hillside in the same building as Liberty Manor, just off Liberty Avenue.

The pub is a true sports bar with two pool tables, a dart board and sports murals painted on the walls. It also features a good selection of beer, with everything from Budweiser to Molson in bottles and a good selection of beer up including Red Wolf, Wyanite and Coors as well as full drink service.

But what is new at the pub is Carol's Kitchen.

The kitchen now offers lunch and dinner at the pub with daily blackboard specials and a menu featuring sandwiches and delicious hot buffalo wings.

Last Thursday, the special was homemade meatloaf, believe it or not, not an easy dish to make well. This old staple of the suburban kitchen gets people opinionated, and I must say Carol's is better than my grandmother's. Not an easy thing to do.

The special had a generous serving and, at under \$6, was just the right price. But for those in the mood for more traditional bar fare, try the buffalo wings. The wings were hot and spicy, just right to be washed down by a good mug of cold beer.

Carol's Kitchen has been open only a few weeks, so look for the menu to expand and change to suit the needs of the crowd.

A quiet place to get a good sandwich for lunch, the pub turns into a rowdier place at night. Featuring drink specials and live entertainment on Thursday,

The menu features traditional sandwiches and burgers, and there is nothing on the menu over \$6.

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Nadine, left, and Melissa Galika are bartenders at Liberty Pub in Hillside.

Friday and Saturday nights, the bar offers a good place to get away from the grid with friends and, best of all, no cover charge.

So if you can't get down to the shoe but you feel the need for good music, good friends and good food, head across town to the Liberty Pub, where a good time is had by all.

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

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Freeform toys promote creativity and imagination, research says

What helps a young child develop imagination and dexterity, and language, math, and problem-solving skills? Here's a hint: You don't plug it in or turn it on, and to use it, your kids don't need a manual.

Not that educational computer programs don't have a place in children's lives these days, but experts say young children should have opportunities for freeform play. Stacking and construction toys challenge kids' creativity and imagination as they arrange and rearrange the pieces in dozens of ways.

But when choosing toys, make sure they're appropriate for the child's age. For instance, the LEGO toy company has recently introduced the new DUPLO baby line, designed for children between 6-24 months.

The stacking sets for babies feature a bumblebee and jellyfish that make rattling sounds, a car and colorful stacking blocks with rounded edges. One set includes an elephant and a mirror block. Another has a rock-and-roll piece. A rattling chicken joins the bumblebee and jellyfish.

In addition, the new FreeStyle freeform building set for children ages 3-12. They come with lots of brightly colored LEGO bricks, along with special pieces to spark a child's imagination.

Some sets include wheels, propellers, doors and windows. One even has flowers.

Whatever toys you choose, be sure to read the manufacturer's labels before you buy. Toy labels are based on an age group's physical, mental and developmental needs, as well as safety.

For instance, toys marked for kids over 3 generally have small parts that may be a hazard for younger children. And toys that are too simple or too advanced can be frustrating for children.

And that defeats the purpose of the toy. After all, playing should be fun — and educational. When young children play with construction toys, they often make up stories as they go.

And they learn about math concepts as they decide whether they need more pieces or pieces of a different color.

Research shows that children who play often become more creative and imaginative than those who don't. As the expert says, "Play is a child's work."

Toys for preschool kids build coordination, skills

As preschoolers learn to walk, they learn to hold a pencil, use scissors, and use a hammer. And they can develop eye-hand coordination and problem-solving skills.

Now experts have a new skill to add to the list. When researchers asked kids to test a new line of games in 30-minute play laboratory, they discovered that playing games together teaches important social skills.

Even kids who didn't know each other were soon giggling together as they joined in a focused activity, shared a mutual interest in the outcome and learned to take turns.

While most games are age-graded for older children, Fisher-Price's new line is designed especially for preschoolers. One of the new games is *Hold the Phone*, an interactive coloring game. After providing 16 minutes of quiet time, the players join hands with each other and Tommy the Talking Telephone. When the phone rings, Tommy prescribes a special recipe to tell children which dice to roll. For instance, Tommy might say, "Roll that snowflake, Fisher-Price has been thinking about dice 120, when Fisher-Price said to roll 8. Fisher said to roll 12, and Fisher would capture children's attention and imagination through interesting shapes and expressions and bright colors. Fisher believes children need toys that are educational, fun, and safe."

Childhood is more complicated today, but Fisher-Price is still making "friendly" toys in cheerful colors. For this season, several educational toys, including a *Write with Light Ray Dots*.

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Ballets are available for approximately 50 young people of all ages. There is a \$5 registration fee and a \$75 tuition fee for the six-day workshop. For more information, call 499-8216.

HWA RANG DO BLACK BELT CEREMONY



On Sunday April 28, '96 at City Hall in Union, N.J. the World Hwa Rang Do Association East Coast Headquarters in the Union held by Grandmaster Ki Nam Yum the Black Belt Ceremony deemed this year's event the biggest one yet.

Awarded 2nd degree Rogelio Benito, Rich Kelly and Andrew Yum from Eastover Headquarters and Joseph and Anthony Spaturo from Egg Island, Long Island, N.Y. under supervision by Chief Instructor Larry Simeca and 20 others reached their goal in the beginning of becoming a Black Belt. Also crowned Miss Hwa Rang Do Lyndsey Swidler from H.Q. and Miss Queen Jillian Chen from Old Bridge School under supervision by Headmaster Ki Tae Yum.

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New guide helps parents select software appropriate for children

There's a wealth of children's computer software available, so help youngsters become more computer literate, but choosing from thousands of titles is time-consuming and frustrating.

Likely, a new guide sets some standards. "The Parent's Guide to Children's Software '96" saves parents time, money and frustration while trying to select the best CD-ROM software for their children aged 2-12.

Compiled by the editors of "Newsweek," the guide sets standards for parents and children to see what's best before they buy.

"Newsweek" editors evaluated nearly 300 software titles and gave Editors' Choice Awards to the top 50.

This is the first exhaustive and objective guide that the top parents and children see and how the best products actually work," said Michael Rogers of "Newsweek."

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Hospital expands programs to reach two urban areas

The need for outpatient services at Children's Specialized Hospital continues to grow. To accommodate these patients, CSH is renovating and expanding its Ambulatory Services Center, scheduled for completion early this summer.

When it opens, the Ambulatory Services Center will feature twice as many treatment and exam rooms currently provided. Programs will grow simultaneously, with the further expansion of the existing Early Intervention Program into two urban communities and the growth of Day Hospital Services to meet the needs of additional patients.

Renovation of the center, which began Dec. 4, 1995, has been made possible through gifts from Fairbank Stores Inc., in Woodbridge, which donated \$75,000; a \$100,000 bequest from the estate of Evelyn M. Wilson; and the CSH Golf Classic Committee, which raised \$66,041.

The renovated center will feature all of CSH's pediatric specialty services including orthopedic, ophthalmology, genitourinary, physical, eye, dental, audiology, otolaryngology and ear, nose and throat as well as the Child Development Center.

Dr. Martin DiMartino, director of Outpatient Services and director of the Division of Pediatric Psychiatry will head the Ambulatory Services Center. DiMartino treats children and adolescents whose growth motor skills have been impacted by a variety of major medical, neurological disorders and those who exhibit or experience problems with crawling, walking, sitting and other physical developmental milestones.

Other professionals providing diagnostic and therapeutic services through the center are: Dr. Uday Mehta, director of Developmental Pediatrics and associate medical director; and Dr. Lewis Milrod, pediatric neurologist. Mehta evaluates and treats patients with a variety of developmental disorders, while Milrod provides diagnosis and treatment of pediatric neurological disorders.

'Cord blood' storage can later save a life

Placenta said to be valuable in cancer treatments

There's something a parent can do for a newborn baby that may save its or her life. Arrange for the infant's umbilical cord blood to be collected and saved.

"Cord blood" is the blood that remains in the placenta and umbilical cord following birth and is normally discarded.

In the late 1980s, researchers found that cord blood is a rich source of stem cells and can be used in place of bone marrow for transplantation in cancer treatments. The only time these cells can be collected is immediately after delivery of the baby.

One of the greatest tragedies in modern medicine is when a life can be saved, but no matching marrow donor can be located. We have all seen the tragedy of a donor trying to find a match for a child with a life-threatening disease. Presently, one half of the patients searching for a bone-marrow match die while waiting.

By collecting and storing your baby's cord blood, you ensure immediate availability of exactly matching stem cells for your child should they ever need treatment. This "biological insurance" eliminates the risk of disease progression while trying to find a match, as well as complications from using donor cells.

The cord blood cells may also provide a match for the mother or sibling. Individuals with a family history of cancer or genetic disease are quick to see the benefits of cord blood collection and storage.

In terms of the procedure, the blood is collected in a five-minute procedure that amounts to little more than drawing blood.

The blood is then shipped overnight in a laboratory for processing and cryogenic storage in a securely vault. No one but the parent or child can access these cells.

For information about cord blood storage and how it can benefit your child and family, contact Cord Blood Registry at (800) 588-6377.

Kids can learn about life by acting

Children love to pretend, to enter the world of make-believe by putting themselves in the place of others and enacting familiar scenarios.

Parents don't need theater experience to help a child enjoy dramatic play. The American Alliance for Theatre and Education suggests these 10 tips for parents:

- Encourage your child to play.
- Enter into the game and take cues as to your role from your child, depending on what role the child wants to play.
- Read aloud and tell stories. Good literature suggests many possibilities and encourages imitation of situations from television.
- Provide a place for creative drama — a corner of the child's room, a play area.
- Provide "props" from the simple and commonplace. Hats can denote different characters. A scarf can become a dress or a sail. Rubber-band plastic dishes are useful props.
- Enjoy these spontaneous moments for their pure fun.
- If creative drama isn't offered in your child's elementary school, check into community theaters or religious organizations.

Take your child to children's theaters or puppet shows. Good sources of information are local or state arts councils, regional arts agencies that may support touring theaters for young audiences, university theater departments, newspaper reviews or articles.

Children's play with your child to encourage critical thinking. Some questions to ask: Was it a good story and why? Did you learn something new? Were the characters believable? Did the scenery, costumes or lighting transport you to the time and place of the play? What did you learn about other cultures? Were you moved to laugh, cry, feel sad or glad by the play?

Ask open-ended questions to encourage discussion: What was a particular character trying to do? What did you get out of seeing?

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New technology helps parents pick TV shows

StarSight identifies adult programs

As many parents today know, making informed choices about appropriate television programs for children isn't child's play.

Today, the average cable-television household receives 47 channels and up to 14,000 programs each week. So, many cable viewers will receive more than 200 channels and 25,000 programs.

Fortunately, a new category of products called interactive television program guides are coming.

Interactive program guides appear on the television screen as a color grid and work with a remote control. Interactive program guides allow viewers to easily and quickly find and select programs.

Instead of passing the scrolling on-screen guides, these new guides allow viewers to find and select programs at the touch of a button.

The world's first on-screen interactive program guide is marketed under the name StarSight. StarSight is embedded in Zenith and Mitsubishi televisions, as well as Samsung and Goldstar VCRs.

In addition, Philips offers a stand-alone StarSight receiver that works with any television VCR. Every major consumer electronics manufacturer plans to offer StarSight-equipped televisions and VCRs.

Consumer's purchase StarSight by subscribing to it in the same manner as a printed television guide. The monthly subscription fee is about \$4.

StarSight and other interactive program guides help parents make program choices for children in two ways:

- Interactive program guides organize television shows by theme, category, channel or site. For example, StarSight organizes programs into 11 major themes and 66 subcategories. With StarSight's theme search, parents can sort by "Children's Programming" to obtain a listing of all the children's programming available for the next seven days.
- Interactive program guides provide program descriptions so parents know whether the content is appropriate for children. StarSight provides ratings, plot descriptions and evaluation indicators — of nudity, adult language and violence, for example — for all movies that will be shown in the next seven days.

StarSight also is working with Cable in the Classroom, an effort sponsored by cable operators to provide educational programs.

StarSight offers its service free to schools who are using Cable in the Classroom. StarSight also gives parents access to Cable in the Classroom programming in the home.

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Automotive

Camaro Z28 yet again sets the pace — literally

It's a familiar sight. A massive pack of high-performance automobiles madly crisscrosses the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, each car ready to make its move at the drop of the green flag. Out to fight a white 1997 30th Anniversary Chevrolet Camaro Z28 kept the vehicles in check.

Over the radio comes word for the Camaro driver to let the racers loose, and suddenly the racetrack is a combination of controlled chaos and raw power.

It's likely that the beginning of the Third Annual Brickyard 400 will look something like this — for the third year, a Chevrolet leads the pack as the official pace vehicle.

This is truly a proud moment for Chevrolet, said John Middlebrook, general manager of Chevrolet and Vice President of General Motors.

"This is no better way for us to celebrate in 30-year heritage than on a racetrack in front of race fans."

An impressive 1997 Camaro Z28 Pace Car supplied by Chevrolet will converge on Indianapolis on August 3. Two of the vehicles will be responsible for official pace car duties, while the rest will be used for support services.

To fully understand the significance of the Camaro Pace Car, one needs to look deeper — under the hood and gold Brickyard 400 graphics, the Z28 is a special edition 30th Anniversary Camaro. In fact, it's technically identical to the new 1997 Camaro. The legs it makes around the Indy Speedway will make the first time a 1997 Camaro will be driven by a champion.

To commemorate the 30th birthday of Camaro, Chevrolet will produce the vehicle in a special trim package for sale in the 1997 model year.

The 30th Anniversary Camaro Z28 features an Arctic White Metallic exterior, including bodying, grille, door handles and aluminum wheels. Two eye-catching colored "bugger" orange stripes running the length of the car, white appointments and special foundation seats with the 30th Anniversary embroidery on the headrests and floor mats round out the 30th Anniversary package.

The 1997 30th Anniversary Chevrolet Camaro Brickyard 400 Pace Car features:

- 5.7-liter V8 engine with SEI rated at 285 horsepower at 5000 rpm, with 325 lb.-ft. of torque at 2400 rpm.
- Four-speed electronically controlled 4L60E transmission with computer-controlled, fourth gear overdrive.
- White cast alloy aluminum wheels, Goodyear Eagle GS-C P245/50ZR-16 steel-belted radial tires.
- Four-wheel disc brakes with GM's award-winning ABS VI anti-lock brake system.
- Power rack and pinion steering.
- Light bar and aerobically designed brake and cooling lamps.

The Camaro Z28 Pace Car has some big shoes to fill. Chevrolets have served as the official Brickyard 400 pace vehicle in each year of the race's history. A Chevrolet Monte Carlo paced the first-ever Brickyard 400 race in 1994, followed by a full-size Chevy Caprice in 1995.

In 1995, it appeared that no matter where you looked, the red hots had left a major impression. Chevrolet won the SCCA Manufacturers Championship with Camaro, and Monte Carlo captured the Busch Grand National Drivers Championship and Winston Cup Drivers Championship. Finally, Dale Earnhardt's win in Atlanta last season marked 300 NASCAR wins for Chevrolet in the modern era.

It's well known that Chevrolet pro-

duces the cars and trucks Americans just love. This comes as no surprise to the folks at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. For five decades, they've trusted Chevrolet cars and trucks to set the pace. And, Camaro has handled this responsibility more frequently than any other model, by way of manufacturer. For 1996, a Camaro was again being put in charge of this task for the Third Annual Brickyard 400.

What follows is an overview of the Camaro heritage at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway:

1967 Chevrolet Camaro SS — Three-time Indy winner Mauri Rose was behind the wheel of the Erlinde White Camaro SS Convertible as it led the pack. This was the first year of Camaro production, and the crowd in Indianapolis definitely approved.

While the stock V8 engine delivered a very impressive 375 horsepower at 4800 rpm, the pace car was modified by the Chevrolet Special Department. Chevrolet sold 100 pace cars to replace the stock Camaro Convertible.

1969 Chevrolet Camaro — Two years later, Camaro returned to active duty, this time with 1900 Indy-winner Jim Rathman in command. While the Erlinde White exterior remained, it was enhanced with Bright Orange lettering and twin "jaguar" stripes extending to the rear of the car. Other notable features on the '69 Camaro included a V8 engine, 15-inch Rally Wheels, front and rear air spoilers, sported, steering wheel, push-button radio, floor console, power convertible top, special instrumentation, Custom Deluxe seat, front wheel-tilt, safety belts and trim pads. A total of 3,675 replicas were made available to the public.

1982 Chevrolet Camaro Z28 — With the 1982 Camaro Z28, Chevrolet introduced a new breed of car for a race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. It is the third year in a row that a Chevrolet vehicle has set in this capacity during the Brickyard 400. Featured to pay attention to in this vehicle are a 3.7 liter, LTI V8 engine (285 horsepower at 5000 rpm) with SEI, a four-speed electronically



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Also in the interests of safe vehicle operation, it is now necessary to depress the brake pedal before shifting the automatic transmission from park to any forward or reverse gear.

A sophisticated all-wheel-drive system also known as full-time four-wheel-drive, became available mid-way through the 1995 model year. Jimmy 4-Door models. A Borg Warner transfer case contains a planetary system which differentially splits torque to take no action to benefit from the enhanced traction of this system because it is permanently engaged. All-terrain tires offer superior traction, and the resulting pressure waves

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